



FEEL-GOOD FACTOR

Actor Sayani Gupta feels that portrayal of women in the Hindi mainstream cinema is moving in the right direction **LEISURE P2**



HEADACHE FOR MVA

Parth Pawar, son of Maha Dy CM Ajit Pawar, calls upon agitated Marathas to ensure they 'get justice by reservations' **TWO STATES P7**



CHINA ON THE MOVE AGAIN

Millions of Chinese hit the roads as the country celebrates anniv of the founding PRC **INTERNATIONAL P10**

Outrage over women's safety in UP

Hathras woman not gangraped: Police

THE UP POLICE CLAIMED THAT A FORENSIC REPORT OF HER VISCERA HAD PROVED THAT SHE WAS NOT RAPED

AGENCIES

Hathras (Uttar Pradesh), Oct 1: Amid the national outrage over the "gangrape", torture and death of a young woman from Uttar Pradesh's Hathras, the police, quoting her autopsy report, Thursday said that the victim was not "gangraped". The "final diagnosis" does not mention rape but the report refers to tears in her private parts.

The Uttar Pradesh police claimed Thursday that a forensic report of her viscera had proved that she was not raped or gangraped. "The post-mortem report says the victim died due to her neck injury. FSL (Forensic Science Laboratory) report hasn't found sperm in samples, making it clear that some people twisted the matter to stir caste-based tension. Such people will be identified and legal action will be taken," said Prashant Kumar, a senior UP police officer. Experts point out that samples were collected days after the incident and sperms would not be present.

The woman died of "injury to the cervical spine by indirect blunt trauma," according to the autopsy report accessed from the Delhi hospital where the 20-year-old died Tuesday. It mentions that there was an attempt to strangle her with her dupatta but clarifies that was not what caused her death.

The woman had been assaulted by four upper caste men from her village September 14. She was found by her family in the fields, naked,



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi being stopped by police personnel while he was on his way to Hathras along with party workers, Thursday

Minor stoned to death in Bhadohi

LUCKNOW: A 14-year-old girl, belonging to the Scheduled Castes, was found murdered in Bhadohi in eastern Uttar Pradesh. The police said she was attacked with stones and her head was bashed in. It is not yet known who are the attackers or what is their motive. Police say they are pursuing all leads. The body has been sent for postmortem.

bleeding, with multiple fractures and a gash in her tongue. The police claimed her tongue was cut because she bit it while her attackers were trying to strangle her. She gave a formal statement September 22.

The autopsy report dated September 29 refers to "rape and strangulation" in her medical history and says she had suffered from cervical spinal injury. The report's "final diagnosis" lists "alleged post-strangulation with cervical spine injury with sepsis with cardiopulmonary arrest". She was given CPR, the report said, and "despite all resuscitative efforts", declared dead at 8.55 a.m. Tuesday.

The injury to her neck had left her paralysed and struggling to breathe, according to her family.

Outrage over the incident spiraled after the UP police took away the woman's body and cremated it near their village in the dead of night against her family's wishes,

with her parents and brothers locked in their home. The family had begged to be allowed to take her body and perform the last rites the next morning, but they could not even get a last glimpse before her cremation.

Meanwhile, Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were Thursday detained by the Uttar Pradesh police after they were stopped on the Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida while walking towards Hathras to meet the rape victim's family.

Sources said they were taken away in a police jeep and kept in a guest house for sometime after which they were released and later headed back towards Delhi escorted by the UP police, they said.

Another gangrape victim dies in UP's Balrampur

BALRAMPUR: A 22-year-old Dalit woman died after allegedly being raped by two men in Uttar Pradesh's Balrampur district, succumbing to critical injuries on the same day as the teen from Hathras in the state who breathed her last in a Delhi hospital two weeks after she was gangraped.

The two men accused of assaulting the woman from Balrampur have been arrested, police said amid outrage over the death of the 19-year-old Dalit woman from Hathras.

The Balrampur victim's mother told reporters Wednesday night that the rapists broke her daughter's legs and back, a charge denied by the police.

"My daughter had gone to take admission in a college Tuesday. On her way back, three-four persons abducted her, took her to their room, gave her an injection and raped her. They later sent her back on an e-rickshaw, which dumped her outside our house. They broke her legs and back. She could not stand or talk," the woman said.

Quoting the victim's family members, Balrampur Superintendent of Police (SP) Dev Ranjan Verma said the woman worked in a private firm and returned home Tuesday in a serious condition. She looked dazed and had a cannula, medically known as Vigo and used for administering an injection or other fluids in the body, inserted in her hands.

She was rushed to a nearby hospital but died on the way, the SP said. When the matter was reported to the police by the hospital, her parents alleged she was gangraped, he added. Acting on the family's complaint, police identified the accused as Shahid and Sahil and arrested them.

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GST mop-up rises 4 pc to ₹95,480 crore in Sept

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: The country's GST collections grew 4 per cent to a high of ₹95,480 crore in September, indicating that economic recovery is in sight.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) mop-up in September 2019 stood at ₹91,916 crore. The Finance Ministry in a statement said the gross GST revenue collected in September 2020 is ₹95,480 crore, out of which Central GST is ₹17,741 crore, State GST is ₹23,131 crore, Integrated GST is ₹47,484 crore (including ₹22,442 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is ₹7,124 crore (including ₹788 crore collected on import of goods).

In September 2020, the tax collections from import of goods and domestic transaction were 102 per cent and 105 per cent, respectively, of the revenues from these sources during the same month last year. The collections in September 2020 are higher by 10 per cent over August mop up. The GST revenue in April was ₹32,172 crore, May (₹62,151

crore), June (₹90,917 crore), July (₹87,422 crore) and August (₹86,449 crore). PwC India Leader (Indirect Tax) Pratik Jain said with the festive season coming in, though muted, one would hope that collections would improve further. Measures such as e-invoicing should also help plug the tax leakage, he added. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co Partner Rajat Bose said: "The increase in the collection is an encouraging sign for the economy. It is expected that the revenue collection should continue to improve as we approach the festive season".

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



I wanted to know Gandhi. So, I started reading Godse recently.

Man holds mom hostage at knife-point near Assembly

PNN & AGENCIES

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: High drama unfolded near the Assembly here Thursday, when a youth held his mother hostage at knife-point before security personnel deployed in the area rescued her safely, police said.

The man, having psychiatric ailments, was arrested and sent to a hospital, police said.

While walking on Sachivalaya Marg near the state Assembly building, the youth suddenly took out a knife and placed it on the throat of a woman who was accompanying him, from behind.

As the area is under thick security cover in view of the ongoing Assembly session, police personnel rushed to the spot and started talking to the man who was still holding his mother. At one point, he was overpowered.

He was talking about activities of some politicians but his statements were not coherent, police said.

Later, the woman identified him as her son.

"A youth, with known psychi-



atric ailments, held her mother hostage outside the security perimeter of the state Assembly. Police Officers patiently dealt with the hostage situation & safely rescued the woman," Commissionerate of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack, said in a Twitter post.

"The concerned police officers will be suitably encouraged for patience & professionalism. The youth is being sent to the Psychiatry Department of SCB Medical College. There has been no security breach," it said.

After being rescued, the woman said her son had asked her to accompany him to a hospital for a check-up and the incident occurred all of a sudden when they were passing through that area.

RAINING IN BHUBANESWAR



A couple shares an umbrella as the Capital city witnesses drizzle, Thursday

STATE ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR UNLOCK 5.0

POST NEWS NETWORK

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: The State government Thursday issued fresh guidelines for Unlock 5.0. The fresh rules released by the office of the Special Relief Commissioner state that religious places, places of worship for public, cinema halls and swimming pools will continue to remain closed.

The government has, however, granted partial freedom in the light of Tirtol and Balasore by-elections, but put a ceiling on the number of people who can participate in any political assembly.

"...political meetings and other functions in connection with the said by-elections... shall be allowed within the jurisdiction of the said Assembly constituencies subject to a ceiling of 100 persons with mandatory wearing of face masks, physical distancing, provision of thermal scanning and hand wash or sanitizer," the new rules said.

It, however, said that if a meeting is held in closed premises, a maximum of 50 per cent of the hall capacity should be allowed subject to maximum of 100 persons. Permission for all such meetings/functions/gatherings in open spaces should be given keeping the size of the ground/space in view so as to ensure proper physical distancing subject to maximum of 100 persons.

Ban on opening of schools will remain, but teaching and non-teaching staff can be called to school for official work. The government has allowed PhD and post-graduate students to attend lab and technical sessions if the Higher Education department allows the same in consultation with the Home Ministry.

The list of banned places includes international travel, social, political, entertainment, academic, cultural function, cinema halls and swimming pools. Open air theatres and swimming pools of sports department will be opened.

MARKET WATCH

INDEX	VAIATION
SENSEX	38697.05 ↑ 629.12
NIFTY	11417.00 ↑ 169.50
DOLLAR	73.56 ↓ ₹0.59
EURO	86.25 ↓ ₹0.35
GOLD	₹50,640 ↑ ₹236
SILVER	₹59,980 ↑ ₹61

WEATHER

	BHUB	CTK
TEMP. MAX	27.8°C	29.4°C
TEMP. MIN	24.0°C	22.5°C
Humidity	85%	97%
	8.2mm	1mm
	1mm	3mm
Forecast	Generally cloudy sky	

EU begins legal action against UK over Brexit deal

The UK had been put on formal notice over the Internal Market Bill, which would override a part of the agreement

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Brussels, Oct 1: The European Union (EU) Thursday started a legal action against the UK after it refused to ditch plans to override sections of the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement.

In a statement, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the UK had been put on formal notice over the Internal Market Bill, which would override a part of the agreement when it came to goods and allow the country to modify or re-interpret "state aid" rules on subsidies for firms in Northern Ireland, in the event of the two sides not agreeing on a future trade deal.

She said the UK would have until the end of November to respond to the EU's concerns over the draft legislation, reports the BBC.

She the bill was a "full contradiction" of previous UK commitments over how a hard border on the island of Ireland should be avoided. The EU had given UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson until the end of September to ditch the contentious clauses, but "the deadline had lapsed", von der Leyen was quoted as saying in a Guardian report.

"We had invited our British friends to remove the problematic parts of their draft internal market Bill, by the end of September.

"This draft Bill is, by its very nature, a breach of the obligation of



good faith, laid down in the withdrawal agreement. Moreover, if adopted as it is it will be in full contradiction to the protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland."

not been removed. Therefore 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," she added in the statement. Meanwhile, the UK said it would respond "in due course", the BBC reported.

A spokesperson for the Johnson government said the bill was a necessary "safety net" to protect trade between different parts of the UK.

Thursday's announcement came after Maros Sefcovic, Vice-President of the European Commission for Interinstitutional Relations said Monday that the EU was mulling legal options if the UK breaches the Brexit deal.

FORTUNE FORECAST

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ARIES
You have your hands full today. There will be planning, meetings and a lot of work to do. You may feel tired and dejected due to insufficient inputs from others. However, Ganesha says things will become clear slowly as matters come to a conclusion.

TAURUS
Ganesha is happy to say that you will acquire yourself well in whatever you do or undertake today. You will show outstanding caliber in handling the responsibilities given to you. If you are participating in a competition, you are likely to be way ahead of others.

GEMINI
You need to bear in mind that you need to concentrate on your own image and standing in society rather than worry about the actions of others. Those in the retail business will see an unprecedented spurt in their profits today, says Ganesha.

CANCER
Ganesha advises you to watch your back today. However, he wants to make it clear that you may be at the receiving end of others' actions. Anyway, your cautious and watchful approach will save you from needless discomfiture. In short, life will teach you priceless and precious lessons today, predicts Ganesha.

LEO
You will get good cooperation from your colleagues and subordinates. In your personal life also you will gain the support of your spouse and your friends. Other people will be accommodating of your problems and will try to solve them for you.

VIRGO
You may relieve all the tension and pressure inside you today, a day which will be full of light and relaxing moments. Ganesha foretells a beneficial and progressive day for you. You will receive many invitations to social gatherings and parties.

LIBRA
Ganesha says that you will try to enhance your skill regarding new technological inventions and will want to learn about the same in your spare time. Ganesha says that if you wish to gain success you need to first leave your ego behind. Only then will you be able to stride ahead on the path to progress.

SCORPIO
Today, Ganesha is in the mood to give you health tips. Cultivate healthy eating habits and exercise regularly to stay away from disorders like obesity. Irregular eating habits and unhealthy lifestyle may lead to many other troubles. Eat healthy, stay happy.

SAGITTARIUS
You are on a high today and a feeling of ecstasy surrounds you. You are performance driven and shall give your best in anything you take up. Listen to your inner voice, it will guide you to the correct path. Ganesha showers His benevolent blessings on you. Make the most of this day.

CAPRICORN
Things may just fall in to your lap today. You will help those in need but will get extremely upset when the outcome is not as per your expectations, feels Ganesha. It is not an encouraging sight and it will affect your confidence adversely. But, you are over-reacting, as these disappointments are not as big as they seem.

AQUARIUS
You want to spread peace and joy all around, and today you may achieve that. You, however, may have to sacrifice your own preferences and interests to ensure that the problems get solved. It is a noble thing to play the role of peace maker, but people may take you for granted, feels Ganesha.

PISCES
You need to nurture your personal relationships carefully today, and give them the attention they are due. You need to control the outbursts of your temper and stop arguing with your partner or spouse over insignificant matters.



SANDLER'S 'DISGUSTING' BEARD

Actor Adam Sandler is spotted sporting a beard lately, and the actor reveals the new look is for a basketball flick he is shooting in Philadelphia. "It's disgusting. I'm sorry. It's not a beard. It's a mask," joked Adam, according to a *dailymail.co.uk* report.

TEIGEN, LEGEND 'IN DEEP PAIN'

Star couple Chrissy Teigen and John Legend are mourning the loss of their son one month after announcing the news of her pregnancy. Model Teigen and singer-songwriter Legend took to their Instagram and Twitter accounts to share the tragic news.



'I would never lighten my skin'

Mumbai: Suhana Khan, daughter of superstar Shah Rukh Khan, has revealed how she was told she is ugly because of her skin tone since she was 12 years old. Suhana said she has not get her skin lightened, adding that she would never do it. She revealed her 'comments on her appearance' in her recent Instagram post along with a picture. "There's a lot going on right now and this is one of the issues we need to fix!! this isn't just about me, it's about every young girl/boy who has grown up feeling inferior for absolutely no reason. I've been told I'm ugly because of my skin tone, by full grown men and women, since I was 12 years old," she wrote. "Other than the fact that these are actual adults, what's sad is that we are all Indian, which automatically makes us brown - yes we come in different shades but no matter how much you try to distance yourself from the melanin, you just can't," added Suhana. **ANS**

Abhishek's sarcastic response to troll

Mumbai: Actor Abhishek Bachchan had a sarcastic retort for a troll asking him if he possesses hash, on his verified Twitter account. This comes at a time when the Narcotics Control Bureau is investigating several film stars for alleged drug links. Commenting on a tweet by Abhishek Bachchan late on Wednesday, a Twitter user wrote: "Hash hai kya (do you have hash)?" To this, the actor tagged the official account of Mumbai Police and replied: "No! Sorry. Don't do that. But will be very happy to help you and introduce you to @MumbaiPolice am sure they will be very happy to learn of your requirements and will assist you." Replying to another user who asked him how he bagged his next films after the 2008 debacle of *Drona*, Abhishek replied: "I didn't. Was dropped from a few films. But we live in hope and keep trying, hoping and working towards our goals. You have to get up every day and fight for your place under the sun. Nothing in life comes easy." **ANS**



'Mainstream cinema moving in right direction'

New Delhi: *Four More Shots Please* actress Sayani Gupta feels that portrayal of women in the Hindi mainstream cinema is moving in the right direction, thanks to more women storytellers coming to the forefront and bringing with them a 'female gaze' that counters a 'male gaze' prevalent for the longest time. She made her feature film debut in 2012 in *Second Marriage Dot Com* and has appeared in supporting roles in films such as *Fan*, *Jolly LLB 2* and *Article 15*. Her latest web series, which was a popular success, has recently been nominated at the International Emmy Awards. Asked about the critique of how women are portrayed in the mainstream cinema, and if she finds it changing at all, Sayani said: "It is, and it should be critiqued, especially in Bollywood and in Hindi mainstream cinema. It's extremely problematic, you don't have representation of all kinds of woman. It's only a very skewed version of what a woman should be, and what she's doing." **ANS**



SAYANI GUPTA

Interactive sessions on Gandhian philosophy today

POST NEWS NETWORK

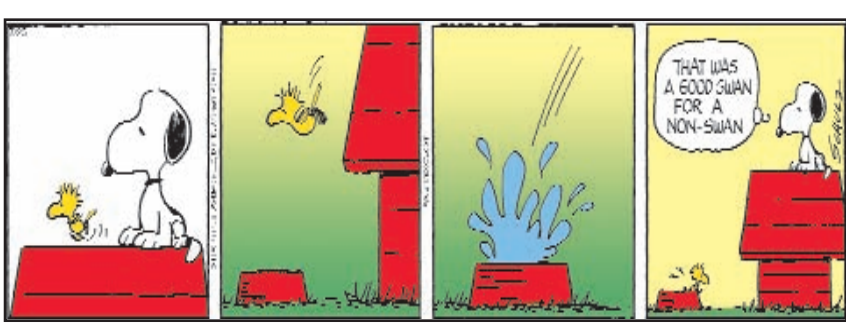
Bhubaneswar: Bhava Samvad, a digital dialogue platform of Kalinga Literary Festival (KLF) will host several online interactive sessions on Mahatma Gandhi's life on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti Friday. KLF is organised every year with the participation of best minds of India in the world of literature. A session on *Gandhiji aur Swachhata: Ek Vimarsh* will have public policy expert and author Atul K Thakur in conversation with Yugal Joshi, author and the Director of Ministry of Jal Shakti Government of India, said the organisers. The second session will have au-

thors Vandana Rag and Ashok Pandey discussing the book on *Gandhiji* by the latter. The third session will have renowned journalist and author Prabhat Ranjan in conversation with author and civil servant Nishant Jain on *Ruk Jaana Nahi* & non-fiction writings in Hindi. The fourth session will have the recitation of Jayadeva Goswami's *Gita Govinda* and Gandhi Bhajans by renowned vocalist Pt. Kunj Bihari Mishra along with author Kamal



Mohan Chunnu. KLF launched Bhava Samvad during the lockdowns to promote dialogue among creative minds which has reached more than one million viewers in four months' time. Devdutt Pattanaik, a renowned mythologist and a best-selling author will grace the KLF's popular digital dialogue platform Bhava Samvad October 3 to discuss Oda Ramayans and connect them to the national and international trends in Ramayan studies, informed the organisers.

PEANUTS



CALVIN AND HOBBS

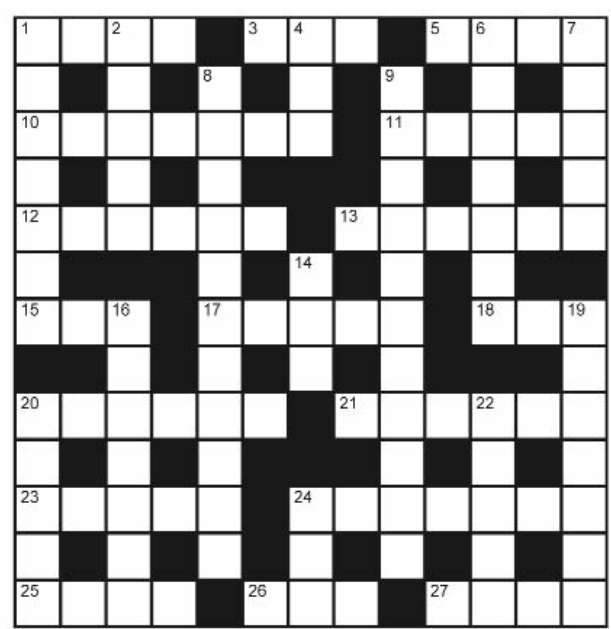


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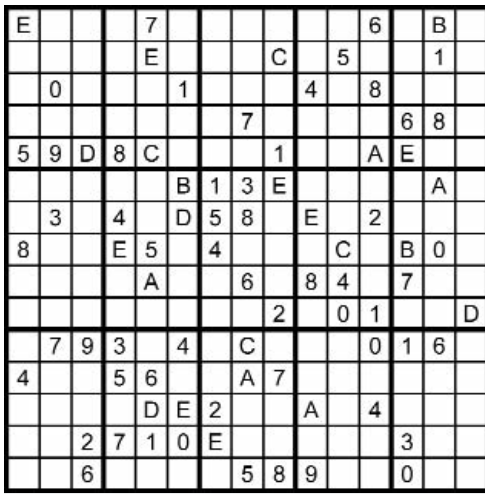
CROSSWORD



- Across**
- 1 Keep ___ on (watch)
 - 3 Cave dweller
 - 5 Discharge
 - 10 Short missions
 - 11 Young hooter
 - 12 Beef on the hoof
 - 13 Bring back to life
 - 15 German resort
 - 17 Sri Lanka export
 - 18 Brownie
 - 20 Sacred beetle of ancient Egypt
 - 21 Artist's workshop
 - 23 Utopian
 - 24 Sahara sight
 - 25 Orchard unit
 - 26 Bluebird
 - 27 Style of poker
 - 4 Commercials
 - 6 Listlessness
 - 7 Sir or madam
 - 8 Hard to upset
 - 9 Messages of endearment (4,7)
 - 14 Wild blue yonder
 - 16 Kind of cat
 - 19 Scowled
 - 20 Pink-legged bird
 - 22 Fairway cavity
 - 24 Half a dance
- Down**
- 1 Molasses
 - 2 Military wear

SUDOKU

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to E.

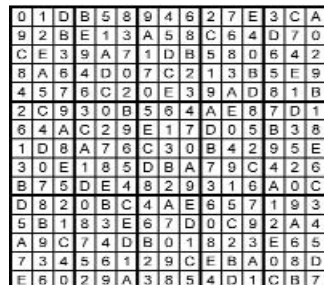


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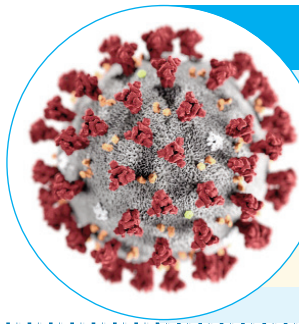


CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW



DAY FOR ELDERLY

Dignitaries attend the observance of International Day for Older Persons organised by Jobra Baristha Nagarika Sangha in Cuttack, Thursday



COVID-19 TRACKER

Table with 4 columns: Region, Infected, Recovered, Dead. Rows include World, India, and Odisha.

Congress wants Jagatsinghpur Collector shifted

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: Senior Congress leader and Jatni MLA Suresh Kumar Routray and some party members Thursday met the Chief Electoral Officer demanding the transfer of Jagatsinghpur District Collector.

NCRB report sets House on boil

Cong says 'matter of shame' that the state has been placed at the second spot for molestation cases by NCRB report

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: The state Congress, during Thursday's Assembly session, expressed concern over the rise in crimes against women, and said that it was a 'matter of shame' that the state has been placed at the second spot for molestation cases by an NCRB report.

Odisha came second in molestation cases after Uttar Pradesh, and leads in cybercrimes, said Congress leader Narasingha Mishra

Speaker asked the Health and Family Welfare minister to inquire into misbehaviour of a woman at a COVID-19 facility in Bolangir

Bill passed to allow e-payment of court fees

DEBATE OVER UNIVERSITIES AMENDMENT BILL CONTINUES IN ASSEMBLY

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: The Assembly Thursday passed Court Fees (Odisha Amendment) Bill, 2020 to facilitate online mode of payment of court fees.



Court Fees (Amendment) Bill will enable litigants to have easy access to judicial process at all the times including the present crisis

In view of COVID-19 pandemic, the Orissa High Court and other subordinate courts are functioning in restricted manner.

Debate over Odisha Universities Amendment Bill, 2020, which was introduced in the House Wednesday began Thursday and remained inconclusive as Speaker adjourned the House till 10.30am Saturday.

objections made by the Law department, Mishra said, adding, "The file was closed in 2018. But, now once again miscellaneous file has been opened by the Higher Education department."

nalise administrative functioning of all state-run universities bringing all universities under one Act.

Din in Assembly over power tariff hike

OPPOSITION DEMANDS ROLLBACK OF THE HIKE IN VIEW OF COVID-19 CRISIS

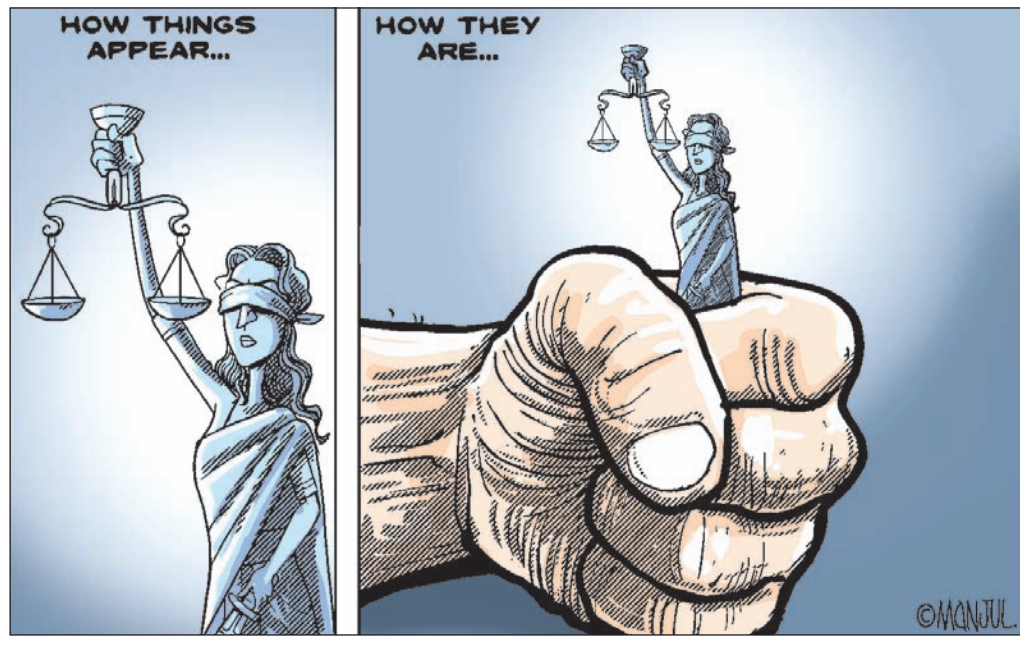
Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: Pandemonium prevailed in the state Assembly Thursday as opposition BJP and Congress created a ruckus over the power tariff hike by 20 paise per unit with effect from October 1.



selling electricity at ₹3.21 per unit to other states, while purchasing the same at ₹3.81 per unit from the power generating states.

tion, Energy Minister Dibya Shankar Mishra said the OERC takes a decision after considering the interest of all the stakeholders.

POLITICKLE by MANJUL



CEO HOLDS ALL-PARTY MEET FOR BYPOLLS

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: Ahead of the bypolls for Balasore Sadar and Tirtol Assembly constituencies, Odisha Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) SK Lohani has convened an all-party meeting here Thursday to sensitise political parties about the election norms.



Miscreants attack lady

Bhubaneswar: A woman Thursday sustained grievous injuries after falling off her scooter when some miscreants attacked her at Rasulgargh Canal Road here.

OJEE to be held in three shifts

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: The Odisha Joint Entrance Examination 2020 (OJEE 2020) will be held in three shifts between October 12 and 19, an official said Thursday.

schedule released by the OJEE. For Lateral Entry (LE) Tech (Diploma), the examination will be conducted in six sittings (in two days), whereas for admission into B Pharm course, the OJEE will be held in four sittings.

According to sources, as many as 79,800 candidates have registered themselves for this year's OJEE, a state-controlled centralised test for admissions to various private and government medical, engineering and management institutions in Odisha.

AMID PANDEMIC THE CEO APPRISED THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES ABOUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF BYELECTIONS FOR THE TWO ASSEMBLY SEATS ISSUED BY THE ECI, LAST DATES FOR FILING NOMINATIONS, VERIFICATION, WITHDRAWAL, VOTING AND VOTE COUNTING

the same through electronic or print media for at least three times. In view of COVID-19 pandemic, postal ballot facilities to senior citizens (above 80 years of age) and persons with disability, COVID positive voters, suspected COVID-19 persons and the people who are under home isolation, he said.

Poor show by cops in tracing missing persons

Bhubaneswar, Oct 1: The performance of Odisha Police in tracing missing persons during 2019 was found to be dismal as compared to other states - this despite being successful in tracing more missing persons in 2019 than in the previous year.

NCRB DATA MISSING Odisha Police registered a recovery rate of below 20 per cent of the total persons who were reported missing while many states achieved above 90 per cent success

shone Odisha in female persons' recovery percentage in 2019. On the other hand, the sleuths of state police were tasked to trace the whereabouts of as many as 5,503 children below 18 years of age which also includes 1,165 minors whom the cops failed to trace during previous years.

conduct of the byelections. It may be mentioned here that the Model Code of Conduct has come into force in the two constituencies

after the announcement of dates. If any candidate has any kind of criminal case against him/her, he/she has to declare/disseminate

ceeded in tracing as many as 5,339 persons in 2019, while 4,481 missing persons were found in 2018.

ing quite good recovery percentage. The cops in state achieved success in tracing only 19.3 per cent missing persons which is second worst in India during 2019.

It was the lowest in the country as compared to states like Kerala where around 95 per cent missing children were recovered during the same period.

FOCUS ENERGY

COOKING THIS PLANET



The 2016 Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Destroy the Ozone Layer aims to reduce HFC production and consumption by over 80 per cent by 2047. If implemented, this could avoid 0.4°C of global warming this century. But while the Kigali Amendment provides a pathway to address refrigerants, the world must now tackle the problem of air conditioners' energy intensity

Air conditioning (AC) may be cooling us, but it's cooking our planet. Countries around the world have experienced scorching temperatures this summer. This August was the second hottest on record. Global warming and more intense summer heat waves, coupled with increased urbanisation and rising incomes, are driving a dramatic increase in demand for AC units.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) predicts that the number of ACs in operation globally will increase from 1.6 billion now to 5.6 billion by 2050. Over the next 30 years, ten air conditioners will be sold every second. Air conditioners contribute significantly to the greenhouse-gas emissions fueling climate change, both directly, owing to the hydro-fluorocarbon (HFC)-based refrigerants they contain, and indirectly, given the energy they consume. A recent report by the IEA and the UN Environment Program is the latest to highlight the threat, describing it as "one of the most critical and often neglected climate and development issues of our time."

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Most AC units sold today are 2-3 times less efficient than the best commercially available products. This is largely because consumers buy the lowest-priced units, with little or no understanding of the lifecycle cost implications of their purchase. The IEA estimates that widely diffusing the most efficient air conditioners on the market today could cut cooling energy demand by half.

While the AC industry needs to continue making units more efficient, we can, and must, take steps to drive the adoption of the best products already available. That means flipping the way we address the efficiency issue, which in turn will require policymakers and the industry to come together and show bold leadership.

One way to boost energy efficiency is through policy intervention, specifically regarding minimum energy-performance standards (MEPS). Currently, MEPS are set just above the level of the worst-performing AC products, in order to keep them out of the market and provide some protection to consumers.

But with market growth continuing to accelerate, policymakers should instead set MEPS with reference to the best commercially available products – meaning that the MEPS would be just below the technology ceiling, rather than just above the technology floor. This significant change would not only protect consumers; it would also considerably reduce the lifecycle costs of owning and operating air conditioners. At the same time, it would still allow sufficient space for product competition, thereby bringing down the purchase price of more efficient units.

Such a policy could emulate and build on Japan's Top Runner program, launched in 1999, which effectively advances the country's AC market while delivering energy savings and reducing lifecycle costs. The scheme encourages consumers to purchase the best-per-

forming available units through a labeling program, which in turn increases economies of scale and lowers costs. And by demanding more efficient AC technologies from the market, Top Runner also bolsters investor confidence.

Targeting maximum efficiency in this way worldwide would decrease the lifecycle cost for consumers of owning an AC unit by a factor of two to three and eliminate the need for over 1,300gw of electricity generation capacity globally. It would also avoid 157-345gt of carbon dioxide emissions over the next four decades.

Establishing policies based on the best commercially available AC products rather than the most commonly sold ones would thus avoid emissions, reduce government spending on power generation, and save consumers money, all while continuing to incentivise the market to develop better performing products.

Better yet, such a policy shift would prepare the market for AC products with even greater efficiency potential that are already on the horizon. In 2018, an international coalition launched the Global Cooling Prize to identify a residential room air conditioner

that uses dramatically less energy and contains refrigerants with little to no effect on the climate. Eight teams have developed technologies that potentially could have five times less climate impact than standard AC units on the market today. Following testing this fall, one winner will be awarded a prize of \$1 million in March 2021 for their innovative cooling solution.

Scaling such a cooling technology globally could save consumers \$1 trillion in operational costs in the next 30 years, and avoid up to 0.5°C of warming by the end of the century. And that includes only the residential sector.

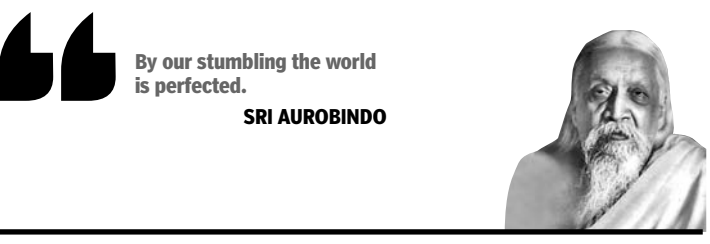
A single change in our approach to energy efficiency can enable more people around the world to stay cool, benefit consumers, and flatten the curve on cooling-related energy demand and emissions. If we want climate-friendly AC, we need to leap toward the technology ceiling.

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A win in defeat

The Vodafone case has refused to go from the public memory. The latest episode in the 13-year-old saga has come in the form of a ruling by the International Court of Arbitration at The Hague in favour of the British telecom major. The ruling, if not challenged by the Indian tax authorities, will spare Vodafone Group Plc of having to pay Rs20,000 crore in tax (including related interest and penalties) to the Income Tax Department towards capital gain and withholding tax. The arbitration court has ruled that using retrospective legislation is in clear violation of the fair and equitable treatment protections provided under Article 4 (1) of the Bilateral Investment Treaty between India and the Netherlands. We expect the ruling should end the bruising litigations. However, the government seems to be digging its heels. It has refused to acquiesce with The Hague court's ruling. It is exploring options on how to canalise the resources to undo the ruling. The Vodafone case dates back to 2007 when Indian tax authorities raised a demand on Vodafone International Holdings BV pursuant to acquisition of a 67 per cent stake in the erstwhile Hutchison Essar Ltd from Hutchison Telecommunications International Ltd for \$11 billion. This included the mobile telephony business and other assets of Hutchison in India. In September that year, the Government of India, for the first time, raised a demand of ₹7,990 crore in capital gains and withholding tax from Vodafone, saying the company should have deducted the tax at source before making a payment to Hutchison. Since the stake purchase transaction took place outside India between two overseas entities, Vodafone refused to comply with the tax demand.

Vodafone challenged the order in the Bombay High Court which ruled in favour of the Income Tax Department. Subsequently, the telecom major approached the Supreme Court, which in 2012 ruled that Vodafone Group's interpretation of the 1961 Income Tax Act was proper and the company did not have to pay taxes for the stake purchase. Unfortunately, the story did not end there. The then Finance Minister late Pranab Mukherjee circumvented the Supreme Court ruling by proposing an amendment to the Finance Act. The amendment gave the tax authorities the power to retrospectively tax such deals. Parliament passed the Act the very year and the company was asked to carry the onus of paying the tax with interest. The case had by then become infamous as the retrospective taxation case. There has been a lot of hue and cry over this. Global companies have created lots of concern for the government's stance on claiming retrospective tax and have since put on hold their India investment plans. The country has lost a lot of business because of this decision. Every successive Finance Minister has gone on record to assuage the fears of foreign investors on this count. But all have steered clear of the Vodafone case.

The government should take The Hague court's ruling on the chin and pull the curtains on the protracted legal battle. The matter must not be allowed to linger any further. It has created enough antipathy among foreign investors against the government. This would also give a lot of credence to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's attempts to woo foreign investments. Failure to do so would undermine foreign companies' faith in India's commitment to international treaties and rule of law. The Hague ruling should be construed as a win in defeat.

WISDOM CORNER

- Be a lotus flower. Be in the water, and do not let the water touch you. OSHO
- We cannot fight new wars with old weapons. ACHARYA VINOBA BHAVE
- A diamond with a flaw is better than a common stone that is perfect. PROVERB

WORDSWORTH

Trove

The Guardian was a minor treasure-trove in early March 2015 for enquirers into matters of English language. An item in the Corrections and Clarifications column on Monday 2 March reported that grammar pedants (tactfully described there as "linguistic purists") had been upset at the use of the phrase Snowden trove for the thousands of documents leaked by Edward Snowden. They asserted, and the Guardian's style guide agrees, that trove may not be used on its own, but must always form part of the compound noun treasure-trove. The idea that valuables that had been abandoned or hidden by persons unknown could be claimed by the state goes back at least to Roman times. The Latin was thesaurus inventus, which strikes modern non-Latinists as peculiar, since for us a thesaurus is a special form of dictionary, while to invent is to create something new. But thesaurus in Latin could mean a treasury and the concept of a book being a storehouse of knowledge has led to the word being used in English at least since the sixteenth century. And Latin inventus could as much mean discovered as invented. The Latin thesaurus inventus continued to be used until the end of the medieval period. After the Norman Conquest it existed alongside the Anglo-Norman tresortrové. This was gradually Anglicised into treasure found. Legal English, with its liking for old French terms, preferred to turn it into English in a different way; a legal textbook of 1567 explained that valuable abandoned property belonged to the queen and was called treasure-trove. Since the concept was a legal one, this form ousted the other one. Treasure-trove follows a pattern of compound terms derived from French in which the adjective follows the noun; others are governor-general, poet laureate, court-martial, heir apparent, letter patent and knight errant. Careful users of English, and the Guardian style guide, seem to be correct when they say that trove has no independent existence. At least, until we start to look at the evidence. People started to use trove by itself to mean a hoard or a valuable find at least as far back as the 1880s: "The value of her trove struck her, and she cast about for the best method of using it." By the 1920s, it was moderately common, though still not recognised by the linguistic authorities. When in 1950 Leonard Gribble published an anthology of tales for children under the title Story Trove, it clearly wasn't regarded as hopelessly bad English. Shortly afterwards, this well-known example appeared: "The Wise may have good reason to believe that the halfling's trove is indeed the Great Ring of long debate, unlikely though that may seem to those who know less." Nowadays it is unremarkable, though often expressing a broader sense of a hoard of intangible valuables. An Australian newspaper database, for example, is called simply Trove. Language has moved on. Trove is now too widely used to be dismissed as bad English. Dictionaries include it (the Oxford English Dictionary has had an entry for it since 1989), though some refer the enquirer to treasure-trove. American ones are readier than British to accept that trove is now a noun and a valid abbreviated form of treasure-trove. The Guardian itself acknowledged this in its Corrections and Clarifications item: "Perhaps we should now accept that it's a useful word on its own." Indeed.

LOL DOUBLE DECKER

Santa Singh and Banta Singh landed up in Bombay. They managed to get into a double-decker bus. Santa Singh somehow managed to get a bottom seat. But unfortunately Banta got pushed to the top. After a while when the rush is over, Santa went upstairs to see friend Bannta



Singh. He met Banta in a bad condition clutching the seats in front with both hands, scared to death. He says, "Are Banta Singh! What the heck's going on? Why are you scared?" I was enjoying my ride down there?" Scared Banta replies. "Yeah, but you've got a 'driver'.

SPECTRUM WORLD

Reforms in UN and UNSC membership

Prime Minister Modi made an impassioned speech on September 22 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. The crux of his speech was its reform and expansion and India's membership of the UNSC. He implored, "How long would a country have to wait particularly when the transformational changes happening in that country affect a large part of the world?"

It goes without saying that the geopolitics in the world has changed, the post-war power configurations have changed and it's a different world. The peace-keepers on the UN Security Council have become a threat to world security and the 'villains' of war have become champions of peace and democracy. I am referring to China, which is anti-democratic and anti-peace. How can it be UNSC member with a veto power? Japan and Germany are democracies, how can they be kept out of the UN power structure.

The veto power itself should be done away with. The decisions should be taken on majority vote. One country standing against the

values of UN could not be vested with a veto to torpedo the collective will of the world. India, as the largest democracy in the world, can no longer be kept out of UN decision-making process.

But India's foreign policy has faltered too. Let us see how. It may be recalled that, in 1955, India was offered the membership of the UNSC by the US and others to come in from the Asian region. Jawaharlal Nehru declined it and suggested it should be reserved for China. Ever since, we lost the opportunity.

In the current scenario, the UN, the highest body of the world clearly lacks legitimacy as UNSC remains under-represented. Jeffery Sachs of Columbia University, a leading expert and commentator of world politics, says "Asia's inadequate representation poses a serious threat to the UN's legitimacy, which will only increase as the world's most populous region assumes an increasingly important global role." He suggests that one possible way to resolve the problem should be to add at least four

Asian seats: one permanent seat for India, one shared by Japan and Korea, perhaps on a basis of two-year or one-year rotation, one for the ASEAN countries, representing the group as a single constituency and fourth rotating among other Asian countries.

Let us look at arguments in favour of India's permanent membership of the Security Council. To start with, India has been a founding member of the UN, although its permanent membership has been elusive, since Nehru denied the offer for some inexplicit reasons. However, the arguments in support are many. To cite a few, India is the second most populous country with 1.3 billion, and is likely to overtake China to become number one. So it's incongruous that the biggest country in terms of population, one-sixth of the world humanity remains unrepresented in the highest body of the world.

Second, it is the largest democracy in the world. One of the missions of the UN is to foster democracy in the world, and India has remained a beacon light for coun-

tries in the whole of Asia as an unflinching democracy. Third, India has been a non-permanent member of the UNSC for six terms spanning 12 years, and has been overwhelmingly re-elected once more to start a new term from January 2021. It's time that it becomes a permanent member.

Fourth, India is the 7th largest economy in the world, growing steadily with minor hiccups. It is expected to contribute to world trade and economy, as in 20 years' time or so, it is expected to overtake the Chinese economy. Fifth, India is already a member of the groups of rich countries like G-4 and G-77, which produce goods and services for the entire world. Sixth, India has the 3rd largest army in the world and has contributed so far 160,000 soldiers to 50 UN peace keeping missions to difficult conflict areas. Indian soldiers have laid down their lives for the freedom and security of countries under domination or in war.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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Strange verdict

Sir, This refers to the verdict of CBI court in Lucknow on Babri demolition after 28 years of the incident, acquitting all the living accused in the case and holding that the incident was spontaneous and not pre-planned, and that sufficient proof could not be submitted by the prosecuting agency, the CBI. Evidently such a decision could not be reached just on the day of verdict, and as such presence of the accused ones in present days of corona-crisis in the court just for listening to the verdict should have been avoided. Moreover, such court decisions attracting huge public interest should be telecast live and be read right at beginning of court-hours.



Subhash Chandra Agarwal, DELHI

Polls in Myanmar

Sir, The upcoming elections in Myanmar, which is going to be held on November 8, 2020, is seen as a step towards Myanmar's transition from military rule which ended in 2011 to full democracy. It will be Myanmar's second freely contested election since end of 50 years of military rule. The military will still wield enormous power. It's guaranteed 25 percent of the seats in Parliament and retains control of three important portfolios. Some 75 percent of the seats in Parliament are up for polls, effectively giving the military the veto power over any constitutional change. Many analysts believe that the governing party - the National League for Democracy (NLD) is still expected to win but possibly with a smaller majority than in 2015. The party won a landslide victory in 2015 and tried to amend the Constitution but failed to obtain the vote needed. The NLD has failed on many fronts. It has failed to stop the fighting between the army and the ethnic armed groups despite a nationwide ceasefire agreement in 2015 and several rounds of talks. The government had also come under pressure internationally over a military crackdown on the Rohingya minority in Rakhine state in 2017. A 'no vote campaign' has also worried NLD, as there would be a probability of lesser voter turnout because of the coronavirus.

Animesh Mishra, DHENKANAL

Free speech 'can't' override others' rights

A BOMBAY HC BENCH WAS HEARING A PETITION FILED TO QUASH AN FIR REGISTERED OVER TWEETS AGAINST MAHA CM UDDHAV THACKERAY AND HIS SON

AGENCIES

Mumbai, Oct 1: The Bombay High Court Thursday said that in democracy a person has the right to express views, but it does not confer a license to violate the constitutional rights of others.



that those holding public offices must be thick-skinned, the lawyer added. The bench, however, disagreed. "Sometimes we also receive very harsh criticism. We know if we ignore it, eventually it will pass. But can we expect everyone to react in the same manner? Someone holding a public office might be very sensitive," the HC said.

Advocate Chandrachud also argued that IPC Sections 499 and 500 which deal with defamation were slapped against Thakkar, but the complaint had been filed by a private person and not the Chief Minister who was allegedly defamed.

People now think they can get publicity if they post something against the PM or CM. You know now even judiciary is not immune. Before pandemic every day we used to keep getting so many letters
THE BENCH OBSERVES

The judges, however, said that the dignity of a public office should be maintained. "The rights of your client can not violate someone else's constitutional rights. Everybody knows these rights are not absolute...if criticism is fair then the person who occupies public office should have the capacity to accept it. But criticism can't be unfair and abusive," it said. The High Court also observed

that it has become very easy to criticise someone on social media. "People now think they can get publicity if they post something against the PM or CM. You know now even judiciary is not immune. Before pandemic every day we used to keep getting so many letters," the bench said.

Additional Public Prosecutor SR Shinde said the police had issued a notice to Thakkar under Section 41-A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, but he was yet to appear before them to record his statement. Such a notice is issued where arrest is not necessary and the maximum punishment for the offense is less than seven years.

Advocate Chandrachud said his client was willing to record his statement, but he did not do so fearing arrest. "Our understanding is that there is no need for arrest when 41-A notice has been issued. You inform investigating officer of the same," the court told the government lawyer.

It directed Thakkar to appear before the police October 5 and asked the government to inform the court if the police decided to book Thakkar under any additional charges that would warrant his arrest.

RAJ'S APOLITICAL COVID CAMPAIGN FROM OCT 2

AGENCIES

Jaipur, Oct 1: With Rajasthan witnessing a whopping rise in the number of coronavirus cases, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has appealed to leaders of all parties, MPs, MLAs to make the 'public movement against corona' starting from October 2 successful.



Saving life is our top priority. There will be no shortage of funds to curb the infection. Masks will be distributed to people during this campaign
ASHOK GEHLOT | CHIEF MINISTER, RAJASTHAN

Till Wednesday, Rajasthan had 20,581 active cases, while cumulative cases in the state were 1,35,292. The state has registered 1,486 fatalities out of which 408 have been registered in Jaipur itself. Since last few days, the number of Covid-19 patients in the state has been continuously touching the 2,000-mark, confirmed health officials. Gehlot said that all leaders rising above the political ideology should participate in this public movement in keeping the virus at bay. The Chief Minister was discussing with public representatives across all political lines over the public movement via video conferencing from his official residence Wednesday. He called upon everybody to take a pledge to make the movement an effective weapon against the on-

Full cooperation will be extended in publicity during the campaign from our side, no matter what
GULAB CHAND KATARIA | LEADER OF OPPN, RAJASTHAN ASSEMBLY

going coronavirus war. He said, "If the number of corona positive cases surge then it will be a big challenge for us." "Saving life is our top priority. There will be no shortage of funds to curb the infection. Masks will be distributed to people during this campaign," said Gehlot adding that he himself will kickstart the campaign from Albert Hall in Jaipur at 4:30 pm October 2. The next day October 3 all Ministers will visit the districts under their charge to initiate and monitor the campaign. Assembly Speaker CP Joshi said the 'apolitical Covid-19 campaign' will set an example in the country. Former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje said that the corona infection is in its most dangerous phase now. In such a situation everyone has to work together rising above politics and party interests.

Hathras-like incidents won't be tolerated in Maha, says Uddhav

Thackeray was speaking while virtually inaugurating the newly-formed Mira-Bhayandar Vasai-Virar police commissionerate

AGENCIES

Thane, Oct 1: Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray Thursday said that Hathras-like incidents will not be tolerated in the state and those indulging in crime against women would be dealt with severely.

the Maharashtra police manual of 1935 has not been revised and a new version is pending approval of the government.

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar said the proposal for the new police commissionerate remained on paper during the previous government and it was brought to reality by the MVA government.

Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said Rs25 crore would be allocated for the new commissionerate soon.

Deshmukh blasts Yogi Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh Thursday targeted Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath over the Hathras and Balrampur rape victims' deaths. Taking to Twitter, Deshmukh said that instead of commenting on the affairs of other states, Adityanath should focus on ending the jungle raj in Uttar Pradesh.

A 22-year-old Dalit woman died Tuesday after allegedly being raped by two men in Uttar Pradesh's Balrampur district. She succumbed to critical injuries on the same day a 19-year-old woman from Hathras in UP breathed her last in a Delhi hospital two weeks after she was gangraped. Both the women were cremated Wednesday.

"A day after heart-wrenching #Hathras gangrape incident in UP yet another heinous crime has been reported in Balrampur. Victims in both incidents were brutally assaulted by culprits. Instead of commenting on other states @myogiadityanath Ji should focus on #UP's law & order"

There should be fear of police and they should crush criminal activities in the region, he added.

"Policing should be such that even if the police personnel are present everywhere, they are not visible, but people feel safe," Thackeray said.

He observed that the need to have a separate police commissionerate for Mira Bhayandar and Vasai-Virar was long-pending. State DGP Subodh Jaiswal said



WHAT SOCIAL DISTANCING



Office-goers wait to board buses ferrying between Dombivali and commercial areas of Mumbai, in Thane, Thursday. Huge crowds are being witnessed at the bus stops as the suburban trains are allowed only for the people serving government organisations and other essential services

NCPCR takes cognizance of Baran incident

AGENCIES

New Delhi, Oct 1: The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Thursday expressed concern over the abduction and sexual assault of two minor girls in Rajasthan's Baran district. It took suo moto cognizance of media reports of sexual crimes against the two minors in Baran.

hours," the Commission said in statement. In addition to this, the Commission took cognizance of sexual crimes against a 14-month-old girl and a four-year-old minor in Alwar district of Rajasthan and asked for the action taken reports in these cases from the Superintendent of Police in Alwar within seven days.

Meanwhile, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot Thursday hit out at a section of the Opposition and media for "misleading" the public by comparing the incident in Baran to the gruesome gangrape of a Dalit woman in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras.

According to police, two minor sisters went missing from their home in Baran district September 19. They were later found in Kota September 22. The girls were handed over to their families after recording their statements, police said, adding that medical examination of the girls did not confirm rape. "Unfortunately the incident in Baran is being compared to the incident in Hathras. Girls in the (Baran case) have given their statement before the magistrate that they had gone with the boys on their own," Gehlot said in a tweet in Hindi.

Why Parth Pawar may give MVA headache

KNOWN TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT MIND, PARTH, THE 30-YR-OLD SON OF STATE DEPUTY CM AJIT PAWAR, CALLS UPON THE AGITATED AND AGITATING MARATHAS TO ENSURE THEY 'GET JUSTICE BY WAY OF RESERVATIONS'

AGENCIES

MUMBAI, Oct 1: The fiery but unpredictable Parth Pawar—grandnephew of Nationalist Congress Party president Sharad Pawar—Thursday stirred up Maharashtra politics by giving a 'wake-up' call to the Maratha community.

Maratha leaders have to wake up and fight for this cause.

"The future of an entire generation is at stake...Requesting Maharashtra government to step in to solve the crisis," Parth urged, and announced his intention to move the Supreme Court by filing an intervenor application in the pending Maratha reservations matter cases.

"I am ready to carry the burning torch of Maratha agitation in my heart and knock the doors of justice for Vivek and millions of other helpless 'Viveks'. Jai Hind, Jai Maharashtra," assured Parth to the Maratha youth.

In a suicide note, Rahade said that he had appeared for NEET exams to pursue the medical stream, but since the Maratha quotas were recently stayed and as his family could ill-afford education in private medical colleges, he was "ending his life". He further said that after his



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
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In August, Parth shocked the MVA and the Pawar clan by seeking a CBI probe into the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput

PARTH HAS ALSO HAILED THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY FOR THE RAM TEMPLE IN AYODHYA

death, the Centre and state governments may take note of the Maratha youth and his sacrifice would be worthwhile. Marathas ac-

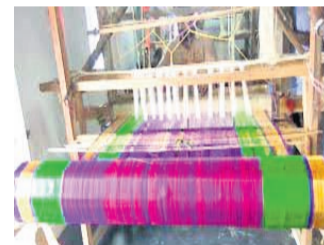
count for nearly 33 per cent of the state's population of 11.50 crore. Partha's sympathy for the Maratha boy came at a time when

the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) allies Shiv Sena-Nationalist Congress Party-Congress, along with Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party, have moved the apex court to get the stay on Maratha reservations vacated after it was referred to a larger bench September 9. This is not the first time that the 30-year-old Parth has created ripples in state politics with his comments or stand on certain issues. In August, he shocked the MVA and the Pawar clan by seeking a CBI probe into the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput and also hailed the foundation stone laying ceremony for the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. It invited a public snub from Pawar Sr. who dismissed him as "immature" and the party did not give much importance to his statements. The MVA or the NCP have not yet reacted to Parth's latest venture in support of Maratha youth and plans to move the SC.

Make people 'greedy' for handlooms, khadi

AGENCIES

Jaipur, Oct 1: On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, the FICCI Rajasthan State Council organised a webinar on 'Future of Handloom & Khadi'.



We need to look at development of handloom and khadi from an economic activity perspective
DR ARVIND MAYARAM | ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO RAJ CM

Speaking as Chief Guest at the webinar, Dr Arvind Mayaram, Economic Advisor to the Chief Minister of Rajasthan mentioned that consumerism drives the world and there is a need to create demand and make people greedy for handlooms and khadi.

"We need to look at development of handloom and khadi from an economic activity perspective." Dhiraj Srivastava, Commissioner, Rajasthan Foundation said that there is also a heightened interest and demand for handloom products like never before and time is ripe that we strengthen the entire value chain especially designing and marketing to unleash the real value and potential of the sector.

Laila Tyabji, Chairperson, Dastkar, stressed on bringing khadi beyond Khadi Bhandars. According to her khadi and handloom should be highlighted through nationwide campaigns, media, advertising, etc and given the reach to new markets and showcased at all kind of platforms so as to increase the consumption.

Presenting the concept of 3D - Decentralised, Diverse and Democratic framework for the development of Khadi, Kishore Shah, Co-Founder and Director, Khadi London suggested for setting a transformative target of development of 400 successful clusters and increase in market share for handloom and khadi from 5 to 25 per cent by 2025.

Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI mentioned that the handlooms have a long tradition of excellent craftsmanship and acclaimed globally for their weaving and printing elegance. It is important to ensure sustenance of our cultural heritage.

Welcoming the participants, Randhir Vikram Singh, Co-Chairman, FICCI Rajasthan State Council & CMD, Mandawa Hotels said that the handloom sector plays a crucial role in generating employment and revenue. It is one of the few sectors that preserve and promote Indian culture.

Wandana Parmami, Chairperson, FICCI Ladies Organisation - Jaipur Chapter said there is an increased sensitivity towards environment today due to which sustainable fabrics are in demand and the importance of sustainability would play a crucial role in the resurrection of handlooms and khadi.

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“A tractor was burnt. What is its logic? As weapons are sacred and respectable for soldiers, similarly tractors are to farmers. And I know this being a farmer, in any eventuality a farmer will never burn his tractor. This was done by a political party for its political interest
RAJNATH SINGH | UNION MINISTER

RAILWAYS TO INTRODUCE 200 MORE TRAINS

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 Thursday



of the day quote

On this auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, let us resolve to rededicate ourselves to the welfare and progress of the nation, to follow the mantra of truth and non-violence, and to build a clean, capable, strong and prosperous India, and to make Gandhiji's dreams come true
RAM NATH KOVIND | PRESIDENT

The city government will launch a mega anti-air pollution campaign on October 5, and a centre is being set up in Najafgarh to produce a chemical to deal with stubble burning
GOPAL RAI | DELHI ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

Shiromani Akali Dal, 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
KAPIL SIBAL | CONGRESS LEADER

Covid super-spreaders drove explosive outbreak: Study

The researchers, including those from the Government of Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh, found that over 70 per cent of Covid-19 infected patients in the country did not infect any of their contacts, while 8 per cent of infected individuals accounted for 60 per cent of observed new infections

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: The transmission of COVID-19 in India has been driven mainly by super-spreaders or a small percentage of infected people, according to the largest contact tracing study in the country which also shows that children are key to the spread of the novel coronavirus. The researchers, including those from the Government of Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh, found that over 70 per cent of COVID-19 infected patients in the country did not infect any of their contacts, while 8 per cent of infected individuals accounted for 60 per cent of observed new infections. The study of over half-million people in India found that both cases and deaths due to the disease have been more heavily concentrated in the 40-69 year age group than is seen in high-income countries, among other trends.

The researchers also found a high prevalence of infection among children who were contacts of other cases around their own age. The study, published in the journal Science on Wednesday, assessed the disease transmission patterns in 5,75,071 individuals exposed to 84,965 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the two states based on data



collected by tens of thousands of contact tracers. According to the scientists, including Ramanan Laxminarayan from the Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics, and Policy in New Delhi, the findings offer a peek into the pandemic's trajectory in a low- and middle-income country, where most COVID-19 cases have occurred. Based on the data, the scientists said both cases and deaths in the two Indian states were concentrated in younger cohorts than expected from observations in higher-income countries.

The study noted that contacts with the same age were associated with the greatest infection risk -- a pattern, which the researchers said, was strongest among children between 0-14 years of age, and among adults older than 65 years. They said the proportion of deaths to the number of infected people, known as the case-fatality ratio (CFR), spanned 0.05 per cent at ages 5-17 years to 16.6 per cent at ages exceeding 85. The researchers also noted that COVID-19 patients in the two states have a median stay of five days in the hospital before death compared to 13 days to death from the date of hospital admission in the US.

Follow-up testing of exposed contacts revealed that 70 per cent of infected individuals did not infect any of their contacts, while 8 per cent of coronavirus positive patients accounted for 60 per cent of observed new infections.

SHORT TAKES

2 soldiers killed

Srinagar: Two soldiers were killed and four injured Thursday as Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked ceasefire violations at multiple places along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. "Pakistan initiated an unprovoked ceasefire violation along LoC in Naugam Sector, Kupwara, Thursday morning by firing mortars and other weapons," Srinagar-based defence spokesperson Colonel Rajesh Kalia said.

Rly official held

New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Thursday said that it has arrested a Senior Inspector of the Store Account of Central Railways in a graft case. The CBI said that the accused has been identified as Bipin Kumar Sharma, currently posted as Senior Inspector of Store Account, Mumbai division of CST, for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000 from the complainant. A CBI officer said that he was arrested after a case was registered on a complaint alleging that Sharma demanded a bribe of Rs 30,000 for smooth delivery of 30,000 pieces of scrap PSC Sleeper which was awarded to the firm of the complainant.

Two arrested

Panaji: Two Bulgarian nationals were arrested in North Goa district Thursday for allegedly withdrawing money from ATMs after stealing card data through 'skimming'. The duo, whose names were not disclosed, were arrested in the coastal village of Morjim, police said. They were suspected of stealing debit/credit card data through 'skimming' devices at ATMs and withdrawing money, said inspector Jivba Dalvi of Pernem Police.

Man dies

Pune: An unidentified man died after he was allegedly beaten up by a group of people who suspected that he was a thief in Maharashtra's Solapur district on Wednesday, police said. The incident took place near Kumbhari village in the district. A case under IPC sections 302 (murder) and 34 (common intention) was registered and four people were arrested, said an officer from Walsang police station.

TERROR-FINANCING CASE

ED files chargesheet against Hafiz Saeed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) Thursday said it has filed a chargesheet against Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed, one of his Pakistani associates, a Delhi-based hawala dealer and others in connection with a money laundering probe linked to an alleged terror-financing case. The agency's case is based on a National Investigation Agency complaint filed against the accused and Pakistani-based organisation Falah-i-Insaniyat Foundation (FIF). "The prosecution complaint (chargesheet) has been filed against Indian national Mohd Salman, Hafiz Muhammad Saeed (founder of LeT, Jamaat-Ud-Dawa and Falah-i-Insaniyat foundation), his deputy Shahid Mehmood, a Dubai-based Pakistani Mohd Kamran and Mohd Salim alias mama, a Delhi-based hawala operator under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in an ongoing investigation linked to a terror financing case," the ED said in a statement.

Mohd Salman has been found to be involved in receiving funds from FIF operators and his associates through the hawala (illegal funds transfer) channel, the agency claimed. "FIF is a Pakistan-based terror organisation established by Jamat-ud-Dawa. It was founded by Hafiz Saeed," it said. FIF has been designated as ter-

rorist organisation by the United Nations in March, 2012 while Saeed is already designated as a global terrorist by the UN. "The FIF is nothing but a front end organisation of JuD and LeT that was formed to evade security and sanctions. The Indian government has designated FIF as a terrorist organisation in August, 2016." "LeT seeks to raise funds and build network through FIF for further terror activities," it said.

The ED said its probe found "funds were re-routed from Pakistan to Dubai and further to India through hawala channels." "Mohd Salman was the recipient of funds sent by Mohd Kamran and his associates Abdul Aziz Behlim and Arif Gulambashir Dharampuria in Dubai," it said.

"With respect to the inflow of funds from Dubai, the quantum of funds that Mohd Salman was receiving from Mohd Kamran and his associates in Dubai through hawala channels has been quantified on the basis of emails, receipts and registers maintained by accused."

"Mohd Salman used the funds received from abroad for construction of Masjid at Uttwar in Palwal district of Haryana and for conducting marriage of poor girls in and around this village," it said. The agency had earlier attached a Rs 73.12 lakh worth immovable property of Salman in Delhi in this case.

HANDS THAT CARE



An animal keeper feeds a 6-month-old elephant rescued from Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary, at the Assam State Zoo in Guwahati, Thursday

B777 aircraft for VVIP travel arrives

PRESS TRUST OF 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 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

Will PM hold 'Namaste Trump' rally, asks Cong

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: The Congress Thursday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi if he would still hold a 'Namaste Trump' event in honour of US President Donald Trump after he questioned India's COVID-19 numbers and accused it of concealing figures during the presidential debate.

Senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel questioned the government if it would answer the allegations made by President Trump. "The president of the United States has made a serious charge that India is concealing COVID-19 deaths. We wish to remind him that Gujarat is still paying a price for hosting him in the midst of a pandemic. We hope our government answers to his allegations," he said on Twitter. Taking a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over Trump's remarks, Congress leader P Chidambaram asked whether the PM will hold another 'Namaste Trump' rally to honour his 'dear friend'.

During the first presidential debate ahead of the US polls, Trump raised questions over the credibility of India's COVID-19 tally, claiming that it was among the countries that do not accurately disclose the number of deaths due to the pandemic. Reacting to the remarks, Chidambaram said, "Mr Donald Trump clubs India with China and Russia and accused the three countries of hiding the number of COVID deaths. He also accused the three countries for causing the most air pollution."

"Will Mr Modi hold another 'Namaste Trump' rally to honour



his dear friend?" he said, taking a dig at Modi over the grand event held in Ahmedabad during the US president's India visit in February this year.

"In 47 months I have done more than you have in 47 years" said Mr Donald Trump in the Presidential debate yesterday. If the statement reminds you of someone in India, that's your imagination!" Chidambaram said in a series of tweets.

The remarks by Trump came during his first presidential debate with Democratic challenger Joe Biden, who attacked the US president over the handling of the coronavirus crisis and said the president lied to Americans on the COVID-19 pandemic, which has killed more than 200,000 people and infected over seven million others in the country. Defending his handling of the crisis, Trump said "millions" could have died in America without his actions. "When you talk about the numbers, you don't know how many people died in China. You don't know how many people died in Russia. You don't know how many people died in India. They don't exactly give you a right number. Just so you understand," Trump said.

PREZ TURNS 75, WISHES POUR IN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: President Ram Nath Kovind Thursday said he was deeply touched by the birthday wishes and kind words he received from fellow citizens and friends, which gives him strength to serve the nation with deep gratitude and humility. Kovind turned 75 Thursday. "Deeply touched by the birthday wishes and kind words I have received today from so many fellow citizens and friends. Your love and affection gives me strength to serve our people and our nation with deep gratitude and great humility. Thank you very much!", the president tweeted. Kovind was born on October 1, 1945 at Paraukh village in Kanpur district of Uttar Pradesh.

He was sworn in as the 14th President of India on July 25, 2017.

"I convey my heartiest greetings to the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind ji on his birthday today. He is known for his simplicity, warmth, vision, exemplary leadership and concern for the poor. May he be blessed with good health and a long life," Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also wished the President. "Birthday wishes to Rashtrapati Ji. His rich insights and wise understanding of policy matters are great assets for our nation. He is extremely compassionate towards serving the vulnerable. I pray for his good health and long life," Modi said.

PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES

SC directs refund of air tickets cancelled due to lockdown

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: The Supreme Court Thursday directed refund of air tickets, domestic and international, for travel during the COVID-19 lockdown period from March 25 to May 24 within three weeks from the date of the cancellation of flights.

Accepting the Centre's proposal, the top court directed that if the tickets have been booked through an agent for travel within the lockdown period, in all such cases full refund shall be given by the airlines immediately and the amount shall be passed on immediately by the agent to the passengers. It said: "If on account of finan-

cial distress, any airline/airlines are not able to refund then they shall provide credit shell, equal to the amount of fare collected, in the name of passenger when the booking is done either directly by the passenger or through travel agent so as to consume the same on or before March 31, 2021".

It is open to passengers either to utilise such credit shell up to March 31, 2021 on any route of choice or transfer the credit shell to any person including the travel agent concerned, and the airlines shall honour such a transfer, the top court said.

A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and M



R Shah said the suggestions and formulations arrived at the meeting held by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA), Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), which are acceptable to the majority of

stakeholders have to be implemented in letter and spirit.

"We also feel that such formulations are workable solutions in these peculiar circumstances which are prevailing in the country," the

bench said, while passing a slew of directions for refund of air tickets to the hassled passengers, whose flights were cancelled due to the pandemic induced lockdown.

The top court's verdict came on a batch of petitions, including by NGOs and passengers associations, seeking complete refund of ticket fare for the flights cancelled. It said that the court cannot lose sight of the present situation prevailing in the country and across the globe with regard to the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and any strict enforcement action of Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) (aviation norms) against the airlines would further restrict their operations.

"It cannot be disputed that the civil aviation sector, which is one of the important sectors, is seriously affected in view of the ban imposed for operating flights. Added to the same, air passenger traffic has come down heavily and which is gradually being restored," the top court said.

It added that any such enforcement action may further jeopardise the possibilities of generation of cash by airlines which can further adversely affect/delay the refund cycle. "Strict enforcement of Civil Aviation Requirements at this moment may not yield any meaningful result for any stakeholder," the bench said.

of the day quote

MyNEP Competition is an interesting way of sharing unique aspects about the National Education Policy 2020.



NARENDRA MODI | PRIME MINISTER

I feel that anti-social elements have taken over the state completely and there is no rule of law left in Uttar Pradesh.



MAYAWATI | BSP SUPREMO

My first priority is to listen to parents. Our government is for protecting children.



S. SURESH KUMAR | KARNATAKA PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

Ravi Kishan gets Y-plus security

Lucknow: BJP MP and actor Ravi Kishan has been provided with the Y-plus category security following threats to life after he spoke out about the Bollywood-drug nexus links.

Woman assaulted

Pilibhit (Uttar Pradesh): A young woman, aged about 25 years, was allegedly assaulted with a sharp-edged weapon by her husband and his two colleagues.

Woman found dead

Aurayya: In a shocking incident, a woman was found hanging in her house along with her three kids at Dibiyapur area of Aurayya district in Uttar Pradesh.

Man gets life term

Ramgarh (Jharkhand): A court in Ramgarh sentenced a man to life imprisonment after he was convicted of killing his wife for dowry two years ago.



I have no words to condemn the barbaric and shameful incident at Hathras involving a young Dalit girl. My deepest condolences to the family

MAMATA BANERJEE | WEST BENGAL CM

AHMED PATEL COVID+VE

Congress treasurer Ahmed Patel has tested positive for Covid-19 and he has asked all those who came in close contact with him to isolate themselves and get tested



'MISMANAGEMENT' OF PANDEMIC SC rejects PIL for probe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi, Oct 1: The Supreme Court Thursday rejected a PIL filed by retired bureaucrats alleging gross mismanagement of the COVID-19 pandemic by the central government as the number of those infected by the virus has crossed 63 lakh in the country.

A bench headed by Justice L N Rao was told by advocate Prashant Bhushan that on February 4, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had issued an advisory but international passengers were not screened until March 4.

Bhushan said the "Namaste Trump" event was allowed to happen on February 24 and one lakh people had gathered at a stadium despite the MHA advisory that crowding should be avoided.

Bhushan contended that the government has been unable to control COVID-19 and as per official figures, over 63 lakh people have been infected by the virus. He claimed that the lockdown was unilaterally



announced by the government without consulting the experts.

He said before the imposition of lockdown, no steps were taken to procure PPE kits due to which several doctors lost their lives. He said several policemen have also lost their lives due to COVID and added these issues require inquiry.

Bhushan said as per figures over

two crore salaried people have lost their jobs. He also referred to the issue of migration during the lockdown and said that the infection has spread across the country.

The bench said that this is a matter for public debate, not for the court and "We are not inclined to interfere". It added that these are matters for the Government to look

into and the authorities should be given the latitude.

The petition filed by a group of petitioners including retired bureaucrats alleged that the Centre failed to undertake timely and effective measures for containing transmission of the virus and an independent inquiry by a commission, appointed under the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1952, was essential to inquire into the "lapses".

The petition, filed through Bhushan, has claimed that the Centre's response to the pandemic and its "deleterious impact" on the lives and livelihoods of the citizens is a "definite matter of public importance and warrants appointment of a commission" under section 3 of the Act.

The plea has claimed that the nationwide lockdown, which had commenced from March 25 and the manner in which it was implemented, has had a "devastating impact" on jobs, livelihood and the overall economy. It alleged that the nationwide lockdown, which was announced on March 24, was "arbitrary, irrational and without due consultation with experts or state governments".

Suspense over seat sharing continues

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Patna, Oct 1: The filing of nomination papers for the Assembly elections in Bihar began Thursday though suspense continued over the seat-sharing formula among the two major alliances in the state - the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Opposition Grand Alliance (Mahagathbandhan).

The Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) which is part of the NDA is posing a hurdle to seat-sharing in the alliance. On the other hand the RJD, the major party in the Grand Alliance, is not able or is unwilling to fulfill the demand of the Congress in the distribution of seats in the Mahagathbandhan.

For the last three decades, the regional parties have been supporting the national parties to come to power in Bihar. In such a situation the national parties are ready to keep the smaller and regional parties in good humour.

According to official data both the national parties, the BJP and the Congress, have not been able to cross the 100-seat mark in any Assembly election in Bihar since 1990. During the last Bihar Assembly election in 2015, the

BIHAR POLLS



Congress could be part of the government only with the help of both the Janata Dal United and the Rashtriya Janata Dal. Following the JD-U's exit from the Opposition Grand Alliance, JD-U supremo Nitish Kumar formed the government with the help of the BJP.

In the 2015 Assembly polls, the Congress had to remain content with 27 seats while the BJP won only 53 seats. Looking at the 2010 Bihar Assembly election results, the BJP had the support of the JD-U as an alliance partner with the JD-U bagging 115 seats and the BJP 91 to hold the reins of Bihar.

The same political scenario was there in the 2005 Assembly elections, too, where the BJP came to power with the support of the JD-U. In the 2000 Bihar state polls, the RJD came to power by registering a win on more than half of the 243 assembly seats.

UPPING THE ANTE

Rahul to hold tractor rallies across Punjab

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Chandigarh, Oct 1: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will hold tractor rallies in Punjab and Haryana from October 3 to 5 to protest against the Centre's new farm laws, the party said.

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary and in-charge of Punjab affairs, Harish Rawat, Pradesh Punjab Congress Committee president Sunil Jakhar, and all state ministers and Congress MLAs will join the protests, "to give voice to the angst and pain of the farmers, whose livelihood and future has been put at stake by the central legislations."

According to a Punjab Congress spokesperson, the tractor rallies are expected to be supported by farmers' organisations and will cover more than 50 kms over three days. The rallies are scheduled to begin at around 11 am on each of the three days, and will be conducted amid strict COVID-19 protocols, said the spokesperson.

On October 3, the protest rally will cover a total distance of 22 km, starting with a public meeting at Badni Kalan (Nihal Singh Wala,

Moga), before moving through Lopon (Nihal Singh Wala).

The rally will then move into Jagraon (Ludhiana), where it will be received at Chakar, Lakha and Manoke, culminating eventually in a public meeting Jattpura (Raikot, Ludhiana), said the spokesperson.

On October 4, Rahul Gandhi will travel by car to Bhawanigarh for a public meeting, before embarking on tractors to Samana (Patiala), where receptions will be held at Fatehgarh Chhana and Bahmana, before ending the day with a public meeting at grain market in Samana.

On October 5, the protest will begin from Dudhan Sadhan (Patiala) with a public meeting, and the tractors will then travel 10 kms to Pehowa border, from where Rahul Gandhi will enter Haryana, for a series of programmes there, said the spokesperson.

According to sources in Haryana Congress, Rahul Gandhi is likely to address rallies at Kaithal and Pipli in Kurukshetra district along the national highway on October 5 after which he will return to Delhi. Farmers in Punjab and Haryana have been protesting against the farm laws and the Congress has demanded their rollback.

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FESTIVE SPIRIT



Elephants being worshipped by devotees on their arrival to take part in world-famous Mysore Dasara celebrations, in Mysore, Thursday

SC: HOW CAN COURT GIVE DIRECTION TO WHO, CHINA?

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 1: The Supreme Court Thursday declined to entertain a PIL that alleged that the Covid-19 pandemic is a human created genocide and urged the top court to issue directions to the World Health Organization (WHO) and China.

A bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and comprising of Justice Hrishikesh Roy told the petitioner-in-person Raman Kakkar, "You may be a doctor, but not a lawyer, which is evident from the prayers in the PIL." The petitioner had moved the top court seeking to pass directions against the WHO officials, who failed to prevent the spread of Covid-19 disease in the world. The bench observed that the



petition is not maintainable. Many reports have emerged stating that China hid crucial information about Covid-19, including the discovery of the initial outbreak and the country's first death for several days. Even, the US has blamed China for the Covid-19 outbreak across the globe.

In June, the apex court had declined to entertain a plea seeking direction to the Centre to move the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and file a USD 600 billion compensation case against China. The plea had alleged COVID-19 pandemic was "deliberately created" by China. Chief Justice S.A. Bobde had dismissed the petition, however granted liberty to the petitioner to make a representation before the Centre.

The case pertains to a 'conspiracy' to incite the riots, which had left 53 people dead and 748 injured. Even though the police have filed a voluminous charge sheet in the matter, his name is not mentioned in it and will be added in the supplementary charge sheet.

Court extends Sharjeel Imam's judicial custody

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 1: A Delhi court Thursday extended till October 22 the judicial custody of Jawaharlar Nehru University (JNU) research scholar Sharjeel Imam, arrested under the anti-terror law, in connection with the communal violence in the Northeast area of the national capital in February.

The Special Cell of Delhi Police had arrested Sharjeel on August 25 under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act in connection with the riots, a day after being brought to the capital city from a jail in Assam on a production warrant.

Sharjeel, a PhD student at the JNU's Centre for Historical Studies, was produced before the court through video conferencing from jail number one of the Tihar complex at the end of a month-long judicial custody.

"Never have I understood why I am in the case," Sharjeel's counsel Surbhi Dhar said on the behalf of her client. She also opposed the extension of judicial remand and protested why the remand copy has not been supplied to them.

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BJP LEADER SHOT DEAD

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

Patna, Oct 1: A BJP leader who was involved in the real estate business, was shot dead in Patna's Beur area Thursday.

The deceased identified as Jesh Kumar Jha alias Raju Baba had gone for a morning walk when two unidentified men wearing face masks opened fire at him. He died on the spot. The incident took place at Sita Ram Marriage Hall around 6.30 a.m. The attackers fled from the crime scene brandishing their firearms.

Jha was block president of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Ashok Mishra, City SP (west) Patna, said the reason for the murder is yet to be ascertained. However, there could be a possibility of dispute among family members.

"We are not ruling out personal enmity with others too. Police are looking into all aspects. The deceased was involved in the property business," Mishra said. A month ago, around half a dozen attackers had opened fire in the office of another property dealer, Tuntun Gop in the same area.

PM to inaugurate longest highway tunnel Saturday

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

New Delhi, Oct 1: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the strategically important all-weather Atal Tunnel, the world's longest highway tunnel, at Rohtang in Himachal Pradesh Saturday.

The function will be held at 10 am, said a statement from the Prime Minister's Office. The Atal Tunnel, which reduces the distance between Manali and Leh by 46 kms and the travel time by four to five hours, is a 9.02-km-long tunnel. It connects Manali to Lahaul-Spiti valley throughout the year. Earlier the valley was cut off for about six months each year owing to heavy snowfall. The tunnel is built with

ultra-modern specifications in the Pir Panjal range of Himalayas at an altitude of 3,000 metres (10,000 feet) above Mean Sea Level (MSL).

The South Portal (SP) of Atal Tunnel is located at a distance of 25 km from Manali at an altitude of 3,060 metres, while the North Portal (NP) of the tunnel is located near village Teling, Sissu, in Lahaul Valley at an altitude of 3,071 metres. It is a horseshoe-shaped, single tube double lane tunnel with a roadway of eight metres. It has an overhead clearance of 5.525 metres. It is 10.5-metre wide and has a 3.6 x 2.25 metres fire proof emergency egress tunnel built into the main tunnel itself.

Atal Tunnel has been designed for



traffic density of 3,000 cars per day and 1,500 trucks per day with a maximum speed of 80 km per hour. It has state-of-the-art electromechanical systems including semi transverse ventilation system, SCADA-controlled firefighting, illumination and monitoring system.

The historic decision to construct a strategic tunnel below the Rohtang Pass was taken on June 3, 2000 when late Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister. The foundation stone for the access road to the South Portal of the tunnel was laid on May 26, 2002. The Border Roads Organisation

(BRO) worked relentlessly to overcome major geological, terrain and weather challenges that included the most difficult stretch of the 587-metre Seri Nalah Fault Zone.

The breakthrough from both ends was achieved on October 15, 2017. The Union Cabinet, under chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on December 24 last year decided to name the Rohtang Tunnel as Atal Tunnel to honour the contribution made by former Prime Minister Vajpayee. After attending the inauguration function of the Atal Tunnel at the South Portal, Manali, Prime Minister Modi will be participating in public functions at Sissu in Lahaul-Spiti and at Solang Valley.

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Biodiversity protection constitutes a critical component of Nepal's aspiration of 'Prosperous Nepal, Happy Nepali'
KP SHARMA OLI | NEPAL PRIME MINISTER

'GO TO EAT'

A 'go to eat' dining campaign to help coronavirus-affected eateries across Japan kick-started Thursday



of the day quote

The resumption of code of conduct (COC) negotiations after a long pause because of the (coronavirus) pandemic is the priority of ASEAN countries and China

LE THI THU HANG | VIETNAMESE DIPLOMAT

We live in an inter-dependent world where every species on planet earth has a specific role to play in our ecosystem. However, according to the WWF and the Zoological Society of London, the world's wildlife populations have fallen by an average of 68 per cent just from 1970 to 2016

SHEIKH HASINA | BANGLADESH PRIME MINISTER

Enjoyed meeting Abdullah Abdullah, Chairman HCNCR of Afghanistan. We had a very interesting conversation: theme being the past is an invaluable teacher to learn from but not to live in

IMRAN KHAN | PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER

SHORT TAKES

California to ban police chokeholds

San Francisco: The controversial chokehold method for restraining suspects is set to be banned in California after Governor Gavin Newsom signed policing bills, which will also allow independent probes into police shootings. The five bills introduced by Democrat state Assembly members were signed by the Governor Wednesday.

UK PM's dad apologises

London: UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson's father was caught shopping without a mask, after the incumbent government doubled fines for not donning one in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, it was reported on Thursday. Stanley Johnson was photographed on Tuesday at a newspaper shop, without a face covering, the Metro newspaper reported. The 80-year-old author and former Conservative Party member of the European Parliament apologised, claiming he may not be fully updated on the new rules.

13 killed in north China fire

Beijing: Thirteen people were killed and 15 others injured when fire broke out at a tourist site in north China's Shanxi province Thursday, local authorities said. The fire engulfed an exhibition hall of snow sculptures at around 1 pm at the Taitaishan scenic site in Xiaoshanyan Village in Taiyuan, capital of Shanxi, the provincial government said. All the 15 injured have been rushed to hospitals and are in stable condition. Investigation has been launched into the cause of the fire, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Cardinal Pell returns to Vatican

Rome: Cardinal George Pell, who left the Vatican in 2017 to face child sexual abuse charges in Australia, returned to Rome Wednesday to find a Holy See mired in the type of corruption scandal he worked to expose and clean up. The 79-year-old Pell arrived at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport on a flight from Sydney wearing a blue surgical mask. He waved briefly to reporters before getting into a waiting car without making any comments.

NAGORNO-KARABAKH CEASEFIRE MOVES

Turkey rebuffs Russia, France and US

REUTERS

Baku/Yerevan, Oct 1: The presidents of France, Russia and the United States called Thursday for an immediate ceasefire between Azerbaijan and ethnic Armenian forces around Nagorno-Karabakh, but Turkey said the three big powers should have no role in peace moves.

France, Russia and the United States are co-chairs of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's (OSCE) Minsk Group, set up in 1992 to mediate in the decades-old conflict over the mountainous enclave.

They appealed for peace as the death toll rose in the heaviest clashes since the 1990s around Nagorno-Karabakh - part of Azerbaijan, but run by its mostly ethnic Armenian inhabitants.

"We call for an immediate cessation of hostilities between the relevant military forces," the joint French, Russian and U.S. statement said.

They urged the former Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan to "commit without delay to resuming substantive negotiations, in good faith and without preconditions" under what is called the Minsk process.

But in a speech to the Turkish parliament just before the three countries' statement, President Tayyip Erdogan said he opposed their involvement.

"Given that the USA, Russia and France have neglected this problem for nearly 30 years, it is unacceptable that they are involved in a search for a ceasefire," Erdogan said.



He said a lasting ceasefire could be achieved only if "Armenian occupiers" withdrew from Nagorno-Karabakh.

His comments are likely to fuel tension with his NATO allies as fears mount that the conflict could draw in regional powers Russia, which has a military base in majority Christian Armenia, and Turkey, a close ally of mainly Muslim Azerbaijan.

MOUNTING DEATH TOLL
Dozens of people have been reported killed and hundreds wounded since Sunday in fighting that has renewed concern about stability in the South Caucasus, a corridor for pipelines carrying oil and gas to world markets.

Nagorno-Karabakh broke away from Azerbaijan in a 1991-94 war that killed 30,000 people, but is not recognised internationally as an independent republic.

Azerbaijan said at least three Azeri civilians had been killed in the latest clashes, taking the civilian death toll in Azerbaijan to at least 18. Azerbaijan has not reported on casualties among its military forces.

Nagorno-Karabakh has said 103 of its servicemen have been killed and more than 200 wounded but has given no figures on civilian casualties.

Covid pushes forward new generation of African cyclists

Kenya's capital Nairobi began expanding cycle lanes five years ago and is now constructing several through the heart of the business district

REUTERS

Abidjan, Oct 1: Africa's traffic-clogged cities make it the world's deadliest continent for pedestrians and cyclists, according to the World Health Organisation. Many lack pavements, let alone bike lanes.

That may soon change thanks to a generation of African cycling activists who have been given a boost by the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to avoid crowded public transport.

Last month, after 10 years of campaigning, authorities finally told Costa he could help plan bike lanes in part of Abidjan, Ivory Coast's commercial capital.

"They are part of the solution,

to make roads more fluid, even for health problems," Jacques Gabriel Ehouo, mayor of the central business district of Plateau, told Reuters after meeting with Costa.

"Cycling can contribute to the fight against COVID-19 because social distancing is naturally respected," he said. Costa, who wore his helmet throughout the meeting, has big ambitions.

"Our focus was Ivory Coast, but the goal is to make Africa and the continent cyclable," he said. Lack of infrastructure is not the only problem. Kenya's capital Nairobi began expanding cycle lanes five years ago and is now constructing several through the heart of the business district.



US-India clean energy cooperation Bill introduced

THE LEGISLATION ALSO PROMOTES US-INDIA COOPERATION ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND RISK REDUCTION

AGENCIES

Washington, Oct 1: A top Democratic senator has introduced a legislation in the US Senate to establish a forum for cooperation with India on clean energy technologies and energy transmission.

Introduced by Senator Robert Menendez, a ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Prioritising Clean Energy and Climate Cooperation with India Act seeks to establish the US-India Clean Energy and Power Transmission Partnership (CEPTP) as the main forum for cooperation between the two nations on clean energy technologies.

The activities under the CEPTP include promoting joint research and development on clean energy technologies, encouraging US private investment in the Indian clean energy market and supporting initiatives to develop new and renewable energy generation capacity in India.

The legislation also promotes US-India cooperation on climate resilience and risk reduction, a statement said. "Given the shared threat of climate change and India's growing need for electricity, there



is a strong case to be made for strengthening the US-India clean energy partnership," Menendez said.

"In that vein, I am introducing this legislation having witnessed firsthand the positive results that come when our nations work as a team to tackle common challenges," he said. It also sought America's participation in the International Solar Alliance led by India which is playing a key role in mobilising significant international investment in solar energy. It urged the US to promote research, develop-

ment and private sector cooperation on the production of electric vehicles and the planning and execution of an expansive charging station network to support extensive use of electric vehicles. The Senate legislation, running into 39 pages, asks the Trump administration to support a report, within 90 days of its passage, detailing the scope and nature of the US' participation in Mission Innovation.

Observing that the US should support the Power for All initiative created by the Government of

India through technical and other forms of assistance, the legislation said that the US should support the ambitious renewable energy generation goals set by the India through technical and other forms of assistance. Increased demand for refrigeration and air conditioning in India, and the adoption of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, done at Montreal September 16, 1987, are driving innovation and investments in next-generation refrigeration equipment and refrigerants in India; it said.

As such the legislation says that enhanced United States-India bilateral cooperation and engagement on the development of technologies and chemicals that are compliant with the Kigali Amendment are in the interest of US industry leaders in the refrigeration and chemical coolant industries. Menendez was part of a congressional delegation to India in the fall of 2019, during which he engaged with India's minister of New and Renewable Energy and Indian business leaders to discuss how the US and India can address the threat of climate change and deepen cooperation on clean energy production.

FOR A CAUSE



Actors dressed as pantomime dames take part in a protest to highlight the plight of the theatre sector amid the coronavirus pandemic, at Parliament Square in London, Britain

NATIONAL DAY HOLIDAYS

Millions of Chinese hit roads

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Beijing, Oct 1: Millions of travel-starved Chinese hit the roads as the country on Thursday shut down for eight-day official holidays to celebrate the 71st anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Mid-Autumn Festival which overlaps with the National Day holidays.

This is the first major holiday season for the Chinese after the COVID-19 hit Wuhan and rest of the country in January this year before it spread to the world, halting the Chinese New Year Celebrations with lockdowns. The National Day Holiday is the second biggest holiday for the Chinese during which



millions of people travel abroad and the country visiting their relatives and major tourist sites.

With travel restrictions removed for domestic travel after the COVID-19 was brought under control, transport services and tour operators expected a large number of Chinese

to travel domestic destinations as China has not yet opened international travel. China's National Health Commission on Thursday said 11 imported COVID-19 cases were confirmed on Wednesday. As of Wednesday the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases on the Chinese mainland had reached 85,414, including the 186 patients still being treated, the Commission said. Altogether 80,594 patients have been discharged after recovery, and 4,634 died of the disease on the mainland so far, the commission said. The National Day celebrations began with a flag-raising ceremony at the Tiananmen Square in Beijing with the presence of a large number of people.

Unemployment marches higher in Europe amid pandemic

SOME 3.7 MN PEOPLE ARE STILL ON FURLOUGH SUPPORT PROGRAMMES IN GERMANY, THE EUROZONE'S LARGEST ECONOMY

AGENCIES

Frankfurt, Oct 1: Unemployment rose for a fifth straight month in Europe in August amid concern that extensive government support programmes won't be able keep many businesses hit by coronavirus restrictions afloat forever.

The jobless rate rose to 8.1% in the 19 countries that use the euro currency in August, up from 7.9% in July, official statistics showed Thursday. Some 13.2 million people were unemployed and the number of those out of work rose by 251,000.

Economists expect a further rise as wage support programs expire, while an increase in infections in many countries has increased fears that some restrictions on business interaction may have to be re-im-

posed. Some 3.7 million people are still on furlough support programmes in Germany, the eurozone's largest economy. The government has extended its emergency support through the end of 2021.

National governments have poured in fiscal stimulus in the form of support loans and guarantees for business, while the European Central Bank has launched a 1.35 trillion euro (\$1.57 trillion) monetary stimulus in the form of regular bond purchases with newly printed money through at least the middle of next year.

That has helped keep financial markets calm and credit flowing to businesses.

But all those measures have not halted a wave of corporate an-



Announcements of job reductions. Companies in the hardest hit industries such as airlines, tourism and restaurants may face a long

period of substantially diminished demand for their services and are laying off workers.

The coronavirus in some cases has also accelerated restructuring programmes that existed before the pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to high rates of unemployment across advanced economies. The burdens associated with unemployment, however, have not hit all households equally.

Families with children and unemployed parents have reported especially high rates of hardship, with potential long-term consequences for child well-being and development. The increase of parental unemployment in the USA necessitates greater attention towards these potential consequences.

Mumbai Indians maul KXIP

CSK TAKE ON UPBEAT SRH

Comments on KKR-RR match

DINESH KARTHIK: I wouldn't call it (the win) perfect. There was a lot of areas we could improve. It was a good game. A lot of things pleased me - the way Gill started, Mavi bowled, the way Russell batted, the way Morgan kept his head. The beautiful sight of the youngsters going for the catch no matter how high it is. It's a very special thing - these boys, the journey they've gone through when not playing, and for them to just come out and express themselves with the ball and ball was incredible.

STEVE SMITH: We have a few areas to improve on, disappointing tonight but we need to keep moving forward. KKR like to chase, so we planned to put their death bowling under pressure but obviously couldn't do that as we lost too many wickets upfront. Few of us still thought we were playing in Sharjah. It did (feel a lot different), the far side is a very big side and we didn't see too many balls going there and the other side is slightly shorter. It is about forming whatever XI is best for the conditions we are facing, we will wait and see.



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Abu Dhabi, Oct 1: Mumbai Indians (MI) were at their best against Kings

XI Punjab (KXIP) dominating in all three fields - batting, bowling and fielding - here in their IPL encounter, Thursday. The defending champions defeated the KL Rahul-led side by 48 runs.

It was after, Rohit Sharma (70, 45b, 8x4, 3x6) and his two big-hitting lieutenants Kieron Pollard (47 n o, 20b, 3x4, 4x6) and Hardik Pandya (30 n o, 11b, 3x4, 2x6) powered MI to 191/4. In reply, KXIP managed to score 143/8.

KXIP began their chase wonderfully with Mayank Agarwal (25) taking the onus to attack from the word go while Rahul (17) playing second fiddle. However, Jasprit Bumrah (2/18) came into attack to break the stand, casting Agarwal in the fifth over.

After that, KXIP lost wickets at regular intervals while trying to keep up with the required rate. Sans Nicolas Pooran (44, 27b, 3x4, 2x6), none of the KXIP batsmen could make an impact.

For MI, sans Trent Boult (1/42), all the bowlers were quite economical. Leg-spinner Rahul Chahar (2/26), James Pattinson (2/28) and Krunal Pandya (1/27) bowled superb spells.

Earlier, Rohit led from the front with a splendid knock. After his departure, the duo of Pollard and Hardik smashed fours and sixes at will, scoring 67 runs in mere 25 balls.

MI got 25 runs in the final over with Pollard sending Krishnappa Gotham's (1/45) last three balls into the stands of the Sheikh Zayed Stadium. They scored 19 off the penultimate over and 18 off the 18th over.

MI were 87/3 at the end of the 14th over but upped the ante with Pollard and Rohit hitting a six each off leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi (0/37) to collect 15 runs from the 15th over. Rohit scored 22 runs off the 16th over bowled by James Neesham (0/52). It was then left to the pair of Pollard and Hardik to provide the final flourish.

BRIEF SCORES

MUMBAI INDIANS 191/4
(Rohit Sharma 70, Kieron Pollard 47 n o, Hardik Pandya 30 n o; Sheldon Cottrell 1/20)

beat KINGS XI PUNJAB 143/8
(Nicolas Pooran 44; Jasprit Bumrah 2/18, Rahul Chahar 2/26, James Pattinson 2/28)

BY 48 RUNS.

The start was inauspicious for the defending champions as Sheldon Cottrell (1/20) castled Quinton de Kock with late swing after four dot balls in the first over.

Rohit reached 5,000 IPL runs with a glorious cover drive off his first ball of the innings, joining Virat Kohli and Suresh Raina.

Taking a leaf out of his captain's book, Suryakumar Yadav (10) got into the act straightaway. Late Ishan Kishan, who had scored 93 against RCB, struggled to get going before being dismissed.

Uthappa spotted applying saliva on ball

DUBAI: 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 Kolkata Knight Riders 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 Wednesday. He was seen applying saliva after collecting the ball at the mid-on region and the video of it has since gone viral on social media. The IPL has not issued any statement on the incident so far. The ICC banned the use of saliva to shine the ball due to the COVID-19 pandemic in June this year. "A team can be issued up to two warnings per innings but repeated use of saliva on the ball will result in a 5-run penalty to the batting side. Whenever saliva is applied to the ball, the umpires will be instructed to clean the ball before play recommenced," the ICC notification read.



Vinicius helps Real defeat Valladolid



first with a close-range shot in the first half and then with a header after halftime.

Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane started the match with two strikers, but Karim Benzema also was far from his best up front.

Vinicius became the first forward to score for Madrid this season after they opened their title-defense campaign with a 0-0 draw at Real Sociedad and a 3-2 win against Real Betis thanks to a late penalty kick converted by defender Sergio Ramos.

Madrid again were without Eden Hazard, who had recovered from an ankle injury but now is nursing a right leg muscle injury.

The victory left Madrid at the top of the standings with seven points, along with Getafe, Valencia and Villarreal. Madrid and Getafe have a game in hand.

Valladolid, winless after four matches, had a few good chances on counterattacks and forced Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois to make a couple of good saves.

In the other game, Suarez followed up his promising debut for Atletico with a lackluster performance in his first start Wednesday.

Three days after scoring two goals and setting up another in about 20 minutes off the bench in Atletico's 6-1 win over Granada, Suarez struggled in the team's 0-0 draw at Huesca.

The former Barcelona player started alongside young Portugal forward Joao Felix, but the duo failed to spark the attack for Diego Simeone's team.

The Uruguayan striker had the game's best chance after a perfect through-ball by Felix in the 59th minute, but he failed to get past goalkeeper Andres Fernandez inside the area and eventually had his shot blocked.

Suarez was substituted by Diego Costa less than three minutes after the miss, but the Brazilian-born striker also couldn't do much up front.

BAYERN WIN GERMAN SUPER CUP

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Munich, Oct 1: Joshua Kimmich scored the winning goal as Bayern Munich shrugged off concerns about fixture congestion to beat Borussia Dortmund 3-2 and lift the German Super Cup.

Dortmund fought back from 0-2 down to level the score Wednesday, before Kimmich and the two goalkeepers made the difference.

Bayern's Manuel Neuer showed superb reactions to palm away Erling Braut Haaland's shot when one-on-one with the Norwegian striker. Dortmund's stand-in keeper Marwin Hitz could only parry Kimmich's shot back to the midfielder in the 82nd minute and Kimmich stretched to flick in the rebound while falling.

For Bayern it was a morale-boosting recovery after losing 1-4 to Hoffenheim Sunday to end a 32-game unbeaten run. It also marked the third win in a row against Dortmund.

Bayern have played for five trophies since coach Hansi Flick took charge in November and won them



Bayern members pose with the trophy; Joshua Kimmich (lying on the ground) watches the ball going into the net as Dortmund players haplessly look on

all, but all that success has made for more fixture congestion in the already packed 2020-21 season. The win over Dortmund came just six days after another Super Cup, when Bayern beat Sevilla 2-1 in extra time in UEFA's ceremonial season-opener. Kimmich's winner was the second Bayern goal on a rebound after Corentin Tolisso was left with a simple finish to open the scoring in the 18th when Hitz pushed his first shot onto the crossbar following a

lightning-fast counterattack the length of the field.

Bayern made it 2-0 through Thomas Muller's header in the 32nd after Dortmund backed off Alphonso Davies and gave him time to play a cross perfectly weighted to meet Muller arriving at the far post.

Haaland hauled Dortmund back into the game, setting up Julian Brandt to score in the 39th and then scoring himself in the 55th in a move which began when Manuel



Djokovic, Rafa in third round

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Paris, Oct 1: Novak Djokovic and defending champion Rafa Nadal scripted dominating victory over their respective opponents to enter the French Open third round. Djokovic, Thursday, defeated Ricardas Berankis 6-1, 6-2, 6-2, a day after Nadal saw off Mackenzie McDonald 6-1, 6-0, 6-3.

Djokovic has dropped a total of only 10 games so far on his way to the third round here. He won the title at Roland Garros in 2016 to complete a career Grand Slam. He improved to 33-1 in 2020. His loss came when he was disqualified at the US Open last month.

Last season's runner-up Dominic Thiem, who beat Jack Sock 6-1, 6-3, 7-6(8-6) and Alexander Zverev, who got rid of Pierre-Hughes Herbert 2-6, 6-4, 7-6(7-5), 4-6, 6-4, too advanced to round 3, Wednesday.

In the women's draw, Garbine Muguruza outplayed Kristyna Pliskova 6-3, 6-2 while Jelena Ostapenko stunned second seed Karolina Pliskova 6-4, 6-2.

Manchester sides through in League Cup

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Manchester, Oct 1: In this congested season like no other, coaches are typically using the English League Cup to rest and rotate key players. Not Pep Guardiola.

The Manchester City manager fielded all of his top available stars against Burnley Wednesday in a bid to stay on course for a fourth straight title in the competition, and it paid off.

Raheem Sterling scored twice, off-season signing Ferran Torres added the third, and Kevin De Bruyne ran the game in City's 3-0 win in a lopsided last 16 match.

Manchester United, Everton and Newcastle also advanced to the quarterfinals, joining Tottenham after their penalty-shootout win over Chelsea Tuesday. Determined to win any trophy



DELICATE TOUCH: Man City's Raheem Sterling calmly strikes the ball past a diving Burnley custodian during their League Cup game, Wednesday

going, Guardiola might have also wanted City to rediscover some rhythm after a wild 2-5 loss to

Leicester in the Premier League Sunday - one of his heaviest defeats as a manager.

Sterling could have had two or three goals before opening the scoring in the 35th minute by lashing in a left-footed finish from Benjamin Mendy's cross.

Torres squared the ball across the face of goal to set up Sterling for a simple second goal in the 49th, and the roles were reversed in the 65th as Torres ran through to curl home a finish with aplomb for his first goal since joining from Valencia in August.

City have won five of the last seven editions of the League Cup. One more triumph will draw the team level on overall League Cup titles with Liverpool, who have captured it eight times.

Unlike Guardiola, Man United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer fielded a line-up full of fringe players but it was still enough to see off Brighton 3-0 in the teams' second meeting in four days.

While the first game was decided by a 100th-minute penalty by Bruno Fernandes Saturday, United had the cup match wrapped up much earlier thanks to a 44th-minute header by Scott McTominay, a low finish by Juan Mata in the 73rd, and a deflected free-kick by substitute Paul Pogba in the 80th.

Mata, a 32-year-old playmaker firmly down the pecking order at United these days, was the team's outstanding player. He also set up McTominay's goal.

Everton's 4-1 win over West Ham - secured by a second hat-trick of the season by Dominic Calvert-Lewin - came at a cost. Richardson scored Everton's other before hobbling off with an apparent ankle injury that he initially tried to run off. Everton has opened a season with six straight wins in all competitions for the first time since 1938.