

IN BRIEF
Nizam kin speaks for OGH building

Hyderabad: The Nizam's family has requested Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao to restore the Osmania General Hospital heritage building. In a letter, Mir Najaf Ali Khan, grandson of last Nizam, said it is disheartening to see a structure built with a great vision suffering because of a sorry state of affairs.

He said the building constructed in 1919 is structurally safe, as per the Intach report. The government had also announced ₹25 crore for restoration of the heritage building and construction of four new towers in 2019.

MINOR ENDS LIFE AS STALKER HARASSES

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

A 16-year-old minor died by suicide following harassment by a man who had allegedly raped her earlier. Police said the victim, an Intermediate second year student, was allegedly trapped by one Abdul Samad who had raped her and was again harassing her for the last few days.

Police said the girl had written a note naming Samad as the reason of her death and stating that she was ending her life because of his torture.

Based on a complaint from the victim's father, the Jubilee Hills police booked 'Samad for rape, abetment to suicide and cheating, besides under the POCSO Act and Prevention of Atrocities against SC/ST Act.'

CHAITANYA GROUP ENTERS EDTECH SPACE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

Sri Chaitanya group in the city has entered the EdTech space on Friday with launch of its Infinity Learn platform at an investment of \$50 million.

The platform is a blend of artificial intelligence and practical teaching and learning methods, with focus on outcome-based learning, which engages students and allows one-on-one feedback and counselling.

Sushma Boppana, co-founder and academic director of Sri Chaitanya group, said, "With Infinity Learn, we aim to create a powerful impact on every child's life. Infinity Learn is a combination of traditional wisdom and technology, where learning is engaging and measurable," she underlined.

Infinity Learn CEO Ujjwal Singh said, "With Covid-19, EdTech is set to boom. Through this initiative, we plan to attract talent from across the country and increase awareness amongst learners," he added.

DUE PROCESS WAS FOLLOWED: JOHN MANOJ

From page 1

While Azharuddin declared Justice Deepak Verma appointed by a show of hands at the April annual general body meeting (AGM) before closing the meeting without completing the agenda, the rival faction continued the meeting and made their own appointments, which Azharuddin terms illegal.

The appointment has since been challenged and "the matter is in Supreme Court," John ManoJ said.

The April AGM was already deferred, a first in HCA history, after members could not agree on the appointment of the ombudsman.

Meanwhile, the appointment of Suneel Kante as CEO has been challenged by Prakash Chand Jain, secretary of Evergreen Cricket Club, before the III Additional Civil Judge in the Ranga Reddy court. The matter was heard and the case posted for hearing next week with notice to the president, secretary of HCA as well as the BCCI.

Prakash contends that Kante's appointment is against applicable rules and the mandate of Supreme Court, which says the CEO shall be a management professional with management experience of at least five years as MD/CEO of a company with a turnover of at least ₹100 crore. ManoJ refuted this charge. "Due process was followed in the appointment of the CEO, who has a sports background and has worked in top companies in the US and UK. He has been corresponding with the BCCI too," he said.

Telangana crosses 1 crore Covid-19 vaccination mark

Vaccination for teachers to start today, ahead of school reopening

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

Telangana state crossed the 1 crore vaccine doses mark across 33 districts on Friday. A total of 86,06,292 first doses and 14,47,066 second doses were administered, adding up to 1,00,53,000 vaccines.

On Friday, 2,03,145 vaccine doses were administered, the daily health bulletin said.

A special drive to vaccinate all teachers ahead of the July 1 reopening of educational institutions will begin on Saturday.

The state has to provide two doses of vaccination for a total adult population of 2.78 crore.

The government has been taking steps to administer free vaccines as the state began its unlock from the pandemic-linked restrictions. Public health director Dr Srinivas Rao announced that a 'Vaccination on Wheels' drive was also on for street vendors and owners of commercial establishments in markets with the help of GHMC.

Volunteer groups came forward to inoculate people in various areas with the help of resident welfare associations, and free of cost. On Friday, the Sri Venkateswara Colony Welfare Association in Narayanguda gave the first and second doses of Covishield vaccine after spot registration for about 1,000 persons.

Help came from the Indian Dental Association, said residents association secretary Srikant. The drive will take place until June 30.

In Kukatpally UPHC and Ameerpet Kanakdurga temple, volunteer groups with help from GHMC ran mobile vaccination centres.

The number of cases has increased in Karimnagar at 80, from 64 and 69 in the previous two days. Experts state that this phenomenon will be noted for the next 15 days as there is



Nagababu, Prakash Raj and Sana ignore Covid-19 protocols at a meeting of the Movie Artistes Association at the film chambers in Hyderabad on Friday. — DC

Number of containment zones now less than 100

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

The number of micro-containment zones (MCZ) for controlling the spread of Covid-19 has gone down from 120 three days ago to 99 on Friday. The MCZs were removed in areas having fewer cases compared to earlier.

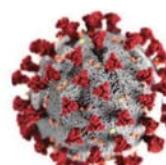
Yet there are two districts where the MCZ numbers are high: Mahbubabad at 23 and Bhadrakoth Kothagudem at 20.

There is no MCZ in the GHMC area which reported the highest number of cases in the state at 135.

Senior officials said the cases were spread out, and no need was felt to set up the MCZs.

The number of cases has increased in Karimnagar at 80, from 64 and 69 in the previous two days. Experts state that this phenomenon will be noted for the next 15 days as there is

DAILY COVID BULLETIN DATA



Update: Cases | Deaths

Fresh Cases	1,061
Deaths	11
Tests Done	1,20,397
Active Cases	15,524
Total Cases	6,18,837
Total Deaths	3,618

Most New Cases

GHMC (Hyderabad)	135
Karimnagar	80
Suryapet	67
Ranga Reddy	66
Nalgonda	65

Fewest New Cases

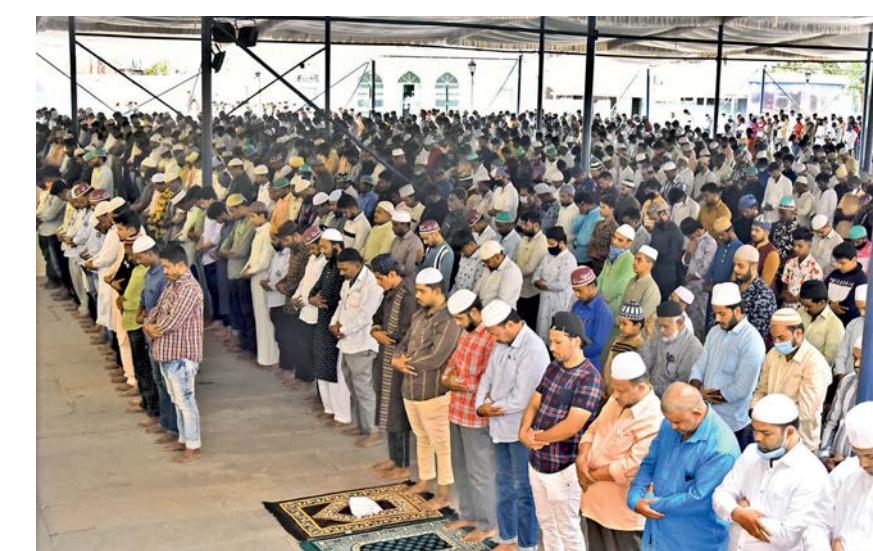
Adilabad, Kamareddy, Nirmal	3
Komaram Bheem Asifabad	
Jogulamba Gadwal	5
Narayanpet	8
Nizamabad	10

movement of people for livelihood, agriculture and commercial reasons. There are also marriages scheduled.

Dr Yadgiri Rao, senior doctor with the Indian Medical Association, said, "We will have to wait and watch till the end of July.

The behaviour of people, total number of vaccinations and emergence of mutants will be known only then."

Dr Yadgiri Rao said people must get vaccinated, wear masks and follow physical distancing guidelines.



A large number of people from the Muslim community offering prayers at Mecca Masjid on Friday for the first time after lockdown was lifted. — P. SURENDRA

After long gap, people flock mosques for Juma

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

Juma prayers across masjids in the city, duly maintaining social distance, resumed after six weeks on Friday. Hundreds of worshippers attended the prayers at Mecca masjid.

All precautionary measures, including bringing one's own prayer mats, were strictly abided. All masjids took in 50 per cent

of their capacity.

Moulana Rizwan Qureshi and Moulana Ahsan bin Mohammed Al-Hamoomi delivered the sermon and led the prayers in Mecca Masjid and Shahi Masjid, respectively.

Hamoomi advised the people to take all precautions as the pandemic has weakened but not fully contained.

Meanwhile, Hyderabad MP, Asaduddin Owaisi

inaugurated the ablution pool, lavatories in Macca masjid and drainage works in the adjacent Mahajirin camp.

Speaking to the media later, he said that development works, which were completed in Macca masjid and Mahajirin camp, had cost ₹1.9 crore. He inspected duct works of the electrical lane in Lad Bazaar and instructed officials to complete it by July 15.

During the talks, they discussed constructing joint projects over the

Govt to support lock-up death victim's kin

From Page 1

But, on Sunday, in another outreach, the CM decided to hold an all-party meet on June 27 to discuss the modalities for implementation of the new CM Dalit Empowerment Scheme. Floor leaders of all parties in the Assembly and Dalit leaders have been called for the meeting at Pragathi Bhavan. This, notably, is the first all-party meeting being conducted by Chandrashekhar after 2014, and the first

time Pragathi Bhavan is hosting such a meeting.

Earlier, after receiving the representation from Congress MLAs, the CM advised DGP M. Mahendar Reddy to inquire into the lock-up death of Mariamma and take stringent action against the police personnel responsible for this. If need be, remove them from service, the CM has said. He said the alleged lock-up death of Mariamma from Chintakaniki in Madhira Assembly segment under

son and daughters of Mariamma. He asked Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar to ensure that Mariamma's son Uday Kiran is given a government job, a house and ₹15 lakh ex gratia.

Mariamma's two daughters would be given ₹10 lakh each. The CM asked the DGP to visit Chintakaniki to collect the details about the lock-up death and meet the victim's family.

The Chief Minister expressed his anguish

over the "cruel behaviour" of the police. He suggested that local minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar, MP Nama Nagashwara Rao and the district collector take Mally Bhatti along with them on June 28 and meet the victim's family members and console them.

Bhatti said the Chief Minister has assured them that he would fulfill all the promises given to Mariamma's family in three days' time.

Speaking to the media

Mallannasagar: State gets last chance to pay up

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

ers in the payment of the promised package. He brought to the notice of the court that some of the affected families got more benefits than others like these petitioners. When this issue was raised, there was no response from the government, he said.

The bench questioned government counsel about the delay and discrimination in the release of the package. The court observed that it had several reports saying that the compensation to those who lost the land for the project 30 years ago has not been paid yet. "How was it that the government took away the properties of private individuals, particularly farmers, without paying the compensation and other benefits as per the promised package to the land-owners," the court asked.

"If a court orders a stay of the works, it is usual for the government to blame the court. But, what about the rights of the common people," the bench asked.

The court directed the government to pay the R&R Package to the petitioners latest by July 5 or else it would issue orders to halt the construction works.

3 nabbed for selling scales of pangolin

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25



Pangolin scales seized by forest officers. — DC

Forest department officials arrested three persons for poaching and dealing in scales of the pangolin, commonly known as the ant-eater.

Foresters mounted a decoy operation, struck a deal with the poachers and nabbed them. The three persons hailed from Golleti in Rebbana mandal of Komaram Bheem Asifabad district.

The officials had arrested one person on June 23, who led them to two others. From them, officials seized a dummy pistol, a sword and over 200 pangolin scales. This said to be the biggest seizure in the district.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, forest range officer, Asifabad district, B. Purnima, said: "We saw that the hunters had commented on a video on YouTube. They had asked if anyone required pangolin scales, and that they had some in their possession. They had left their contact number on the comment as well. We planned a decoy operation and told them that we wanted to purchase the

scales. When we struck a deal, they showed themselves and we arrested them, on Friday."

The pangolin is critically endangered as per the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) and is listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act. As per the law, hunting or trading of pangolins is punishable with rigorous imprisonment of a minimum for seven years along with a fine of not less than ₹5 lakh.

Pangolin scales are rumoured, without basis, to cure a range of issues from lactation problems in women and arthritis but nothing has ever been proven scientifically.

CMs exhibited bonhomie in previous meetings

From page 1

It may be remembered that the two CMs has exhibited unusual bonhomie by meeting over half a dozen times in less than eight months after Jagannath Mohan Reddy issued orders in May 2020 to construct the RLIS over the Krishna to divert water. Soon after, both the states filed cases in courts and tribunals accusing each other of taking up illegal projects on the Krishna.

During the talks, they discussed constructing joint projects over the

Godavari to meet irrigation and drinking water needs of both the states and utilise surplus water in the Godavari for the betterment of both the states.

This bonhomie was short-lived after Jagannath Mohan Reddy issued orders in May 2020 to construct the RLIS over the Krishna to divert water. Soon after, both the states filed cases in courts and tribunals accusing each other of taking up illegal projects on the Krishna. There have been no meetings since then.

iPhone 12

Now in purple.

Exchange effective price starting from ₹61900*



Inclusive of ₹6000 Cashback on
HDFC Bank Cards and EasyEMI*



Exchange bonus of ₹3000#

	iPhone 12
MRP (64 GB, 1N)	₹79900.00
Cashback	₹6000.00
Exchange Value of your old smartphone*	₹9000.00
Exchange Bonus#	₹3000.00
Exchange effective Price	₹61900.00

*Calculated on exchange value of iPhone 7 128 GB in good condition.

**Up to 24 months No Cost EMI on Loans Also Available



*Offer available till stocks last. Available at select Apple Authorised Reseller stores. For store details log on to indiaistore.com. Terms and conditions apply. The limited period exclusive offer price on iPhone 12 is computed on the MRP ₹79900.00 (incl. of all taxes) of iPhone 12 64 GB, (15.40 cm, 1 N) and MRP ₹69900.00 (incl. of all taxes). The illustrative Exchange Effective price calculated above on the respective MRP as reduced by ₹6000.00 cashback offered on the usage of HDFC Bank debit and credit cards, and further reduced by exchange value of iPhone 7 128 GB (11.93 cm, 1 N) in good working condition along with ₹3000 exchange bonus. The cashback offer is available on HDFC Bank Debit and Credit cards EMI and Non-EMI transactions valid for transactions made using Brand EMI option on Pine Labs terminals. The cashback shall be credited within 120 business days from the last date of the transaction month on a best effort basis to all open and active cards members' accounts only. *The Exchange bonus offer is valid and exclusively provided by the Apple Authorised Trade-in Providers Cashify and Servify at select stores. Exchange Offer along-with exchange bonus is valid only for transactions involving trade-in of old device valued at ₹5000.00 or above. The exchange bonus and trade-in value will be passed on as a credit or discount in customer's invoice. This offer cannot be clubbed with any other existing consumer loan offers. Exchange Bonus offer can be clubbed with HDFC Cards Cashback Offer. Old device trade-in value as diagnosed and assessed by Apple Authorised Trade-in Providers will be the final offer. Any other T&Cs as specified by Apple Authorised Trade-in Providers will apply. **No Cost EMI consumer loan scheme available on Bajaj Finance Ltd, HDFC Bank, IDFC FIRST Bank and ZestMoney. No Cost EMI is also applicable on HDFC Bank debit and credit cards EMI transactions for 6-month tenures only. The offers may be revised or withdrawn without any prior notice. Product features vary by model. TM and © 2021 Apple Inc. All rights reserved.



SHORT TAKES
CRIME UP IN TS AFTER SPLIT, SAYS CONG.

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

Congress Legislature Party members called on Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan at Raj Bhavan here on Friday and complained of inaction in the lock-up death of a Dalit woman, Mariamma.

CLP leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and MLAs D. Sridhar Babu and T. Jayaprakash 'Jagga' Reddy informed the Governor that the custodial death showed law and order situation was worsening.

Speaking to reporters after meeting Dr Soundararajan, they pointed out that atrocities against Dalits and tribals had increased after bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. "A few police officers are working as TRS activists," they alleged. They charged that Mariamma had been murdered in police custody and her son Uday Kiran severely beaten up.

Congress leaders urged the Governor to order action against errant police officers in the lockup death case. They said Dr Soundararajan has assured them about taking necessary steps.

TS USING MORE SRISAILAM WATER: AP

DC CORRESPONDENT
KURNool, JUNE 25

Following rains in the upper reaches of the Krishna, the Srisailam reservoir received 19,987 cusecs of water from the Jurula project, the first project in Telangana state on the river, on Friday. The water level in Srisailam stood at 816 feet against the total height of 885 feet. It has a capacity to store 215.832 tmc. Srisailam gets water from the Krishna via the Priyadarshini Jurula project and from Tungabhadra from the Sunkesula barrage.

Kurnool district irrigation chief engineer Muralinath Reddy said that though rains began on June 1, still the levels in the reservoir are not building up. He said "it is a matter of concern. Unless the reservoir builds up water levels, it is difficult to cater to the needs of the Rayalseema and Nellore regions. Even the water supply to Chennai under Telugu Ganga is likely to be affected if Srisailam does not store sufficient water in the reservoir".

Pointing out at Telangana government's alleged indiscriminate use of water coming to Srisailam for producing hydro-electricity, Reddy said that the neighbouring state was sucking all the water as and when it was flowing, leaving nothing for storage. There is no need to produce hydro-electricity as the prices have fallen to ₹2 per unit since consumption has been affected in the country.

The chief engineer said "water for agriculture is costlier than the water for power generation." He appealed to TS Genco to desist from utilising all the water for power generation.

Reddy is presently camping in New Delhi seeking an early clearance for the Rayalseema lift scheme.

POINTING OUT at Telangana government's alleged indiscriminate use of water coming to Srisailam for producing hydro-electricity, Reddy said that the neighbouring state was sucking all the water as and when it was flowing, leaving nothing for storage. There is no need to produce hydro-electricity as the prices have fallen.

TRS says AP stealing water, badmouths YSR and Jagan

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

The TRS has intensified its attack against Andhra Pradesh over the proposed Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS).

Several ministers spoke out against what they described as "stealing of Telangana water by AP" and even personalised their attacks to the extent of calling AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy a 'dacoit' and his father and late Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy a 'thief'.

Telangana tourism minister V. Srinivas Goud went a step further and blamed Rajasekhar Reddy for the death of popular Congress leader P. Janardhan Reddy who was insulted by the then dispensation for his relentless fight against diversion of Krishna waters to Rayalseema through the Pothireddypadu project. "YSR was a devil in the form of a human being," he said.

The TRS has revived the attack on the RLIS in the past few days and accused the Jagan Mohan Reddy government of carrying out civil works relating to the project.

The RLIS turned a bone of contention between the two states. "Instead of fighting the

Bhatti questions KCR's silence on RLI project

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

Congress Legislature Party leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka faulted Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao for delay in reacting to the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme works of Andhra Pradesh.

"If the CM was concerned about the state's interests, he would have reacted on the day the GO was released by the AP government on Sangameshwara LI scheme," he said. Rao was always trying to get

political mileage on the emotions of people, he said.

Speaking to media here at the Assembly on Friday, Vikramarka said for political and financial interests, the TRS government intentionally kept quiet on Rayalaseema Lift irrigation works for the last one year.

To defend its faults,

the TRS leaders were trying to defame the Congress leaders, he said. Opposition parties, especially the Congress, reprimanded the TRS government on

the RLIS, but it did not respond so far, he said.

The CLP leader alleged that gross negligence of the TRS government on the RLIS would affect 25 lakh acres in the state. Water was being provided to a total of 15.50 lakh acres including 6.40 lakh acres through Nagarjunasagar left canal, 3.4 lakh acres through Kalwakurthy lift irrigation scheme, 3.7 lakh acres through SLBC A. Madhav Reddy canal, and 2 lakh acres through Nettampadu by previous governments, he explained.

BJP legislator M. Ragunandan Rao took exception to TRS MLA Balka Suman's criticism of former minister Etala Rajendar and stated that double bedroom houses were not constructed in Huzurabad because the state government did not allocate funds for the purpose.

Addressing a press conference here on Friday, Ragunandan Rao asked the TRS to be ready to debate development activities. He said that the Chief Minister visited Andhra Pradesh MLA R.K. Roja's residence and had a meal with her and now the TRS ministers were playing games in the name of water projects.

This was even the CM called Rayalaseema 'Ratnala Seema' and minister Prasanth Reddy had termed the people of Andhra as 'demons'.

He said that the CM and his men were covering up for their failure to stop Andhra Pradesh from going ahead with illegal projects that were detrimental to Telangana's interests.

of Telangana state.

He alleged that they were slaves to Rajasekhar Reddy in undivided AP and kept mum when he constructed the Pothireddypadu project to divert Krishna water and accused the BJP leader D.K. Aruna who was then in the Congress of offering 'Mangala Harathi' to Rajasekhar Reddy, when he came to Mahbubnagar district to loot Telangana water.

Green tribunal to Krishna board: Verify AP claims on Seema dam

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 25

The Southern Zone bench of National Green Tribunal on Friday asked the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to verify the genuineness of Andhra Pradesh's claims it was not taking up any civil works relating to the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS).

Andhra Pradesh however reiterated its stand that the NGT order was being followed in letter and spirit.

D. Maduri Reddy, counsel representing AP, informed the bench that no civil work except those required for preparing the detailed project report (DPR) was taken up.

The state government has been following the due procedure for obtaining the environmental clearance, she said.

The bench, which had earlier closed a petition of a similar nature, advised KRMB to inspect the project site

and submit a report. It also gave time to AP to file counter affidavit. "The state has to implement the NGT order and cannot deviate from its commitment that it would not take up the works. The chief secretary will be held responsible for any deviation from the affidavit," the bench pointed out.

Meanwhile, the AP government took objection to the Telangana government complaining against its projects while continuing with the latter's "illegal" projects like the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRRLIS), ignoring the directions of the KRMB and the NGT.

"The KRMB should visit their projects also," stressed a senior official. The AP govern-

ment referred to a letter written by Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekawat to Telangana chief minister Chandrashekhar Rao about the neighbouring state not submitting the DPR for a single project after agreeing to do so in the apex council meeting the Centre held with the two CMs in December 2020.

The TS government was not sincere in finding a permanent solution on the rift between the two states, said an official. "It was Chandrashekhar Rao who proposed a study of various alignments for the linking of Krishna and Godavari at the CM's conference but developed cold feet over the proposals submitted by the AP government," he added.

Microsoft's mite



Rajiv Kumar, managing director of Microsoft India donates over 135 Ultraviolet sanitisation boxes to Hyderabad Police Commissioner Anjani Kumar for distribution in police stations on Friday.

DARK DAYS

Indira spread fear by adding 'secularism', says ex-Maha governor

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 25

Former Maharashtra governor Ch. Vidyasagar Rao recalled the horrific days of Emergency in 1975 and shared his experiences during those tumultuous days here on Friday.

Delivering a talk on the 'Darkest period of Indian democracy', under the auspices of the state BJP, he said that people of the country were terrified during those days and more so by the way the Indira Gandhi government went about troubling the people. He said that it was not easy to be in jail



BJP state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar and former Maharashtra governor Ch. Vidyasagar Rao at a talk on Emergency of 1975 The Darkest Period in Indian Democracy.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

for 19 months. He said that all citizens have a responsibility to ensure that the

country will never ever come to such a situation. He said that by bringing the word 'secularism' to the Constitution, Indira Gandhi had spread a fear psychosis among people. Like a cheap politician, she did all these only to win votes and hang on to power.

Vidyasagar Rao praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who, he said, was perfectly fit to lead the country. The BJP administration will bring India to the level of global leader, he said.

He said that BJP deserves to rule the state and urged party workers and cadre to work towards achieving this so that Telangana would have a BJP government, sooner than later.

Party state president Bandi Sanjay Kumar, MLA Ragunandan Rao, former MLC N Ramchander Rao and other leaders participated in the programme.

saidability to ensure that the

country will never ever

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Psalm 27:1
Mr. MAADUGULA EMMANUEL
 (28-06-1945 - 28-04-2021)
 A-Special Loco Pilot (Retd)
 South Central Railway, Sec-bad
 Secretary - SCRE SANGH
 Ex-Professional Secretary,
 CSI Wesley Church, Sec-bad
 Remembering you on your Birthday. You are always in our hearts...
 Remembrance prayer meet: On June 27th 2021 (Sunday) 12:30 PM, Lunch follows.
 Venue: CSI Diocesan Office Secunderabad
 Inserted by: K. Ram Emmanuel (Wife)
 Nursing Supt (Grade-I Retd)
 Gandhi Hospital, Sec-bad.
 Children, Grand Children & Family Members
 Please Contact: 9394582096.
 (S/2122/D00373)



SHRADHANJALI



Srinivas Chaturvedi

S/O Late Shri Hari Chaturvedi
 DOB: 23-10-1975 D.O.D: 24-06-2021
 Lalapet, Secunderabad passed away on Thursday 24th June 2021 after a brief illness.

Srinu as we lovingly called him was loved by one and all and was an ever smiling and helpful person. Om Shanti.

Inserted by: FAMILY & FRIENDS

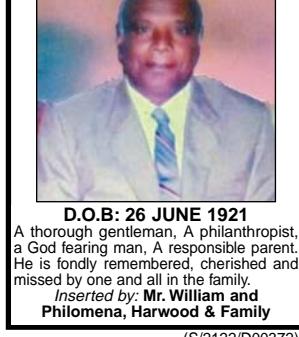
26th Death Anniversary

The memory of just is blessed. Pro. 10:7
OSCAR SHEPHERD
 D.O.B: 08-09-1955 D.O.D: 26-06-1995
 A passionate husband, a father, a son, a sacrificing brother, a trustworthy friend, a chivalrous leader lost 26 years back but still missed, respected & remembered.

Inserted by: Sheba Shepherd (Wife), Children: Nitin & Deepa, Avin & Rani, Grand Children: Roni, Addy & Genessa.

CENTENARY BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE OF Late HENRY HARWOOD

"The soul of the just are in hand of God. (Wisdom 3:1)



Late Madela Ratnam

D.O.B: 16-06-1926 D.O.D: 25-06-2001
 Retd. Inspector of Police

Inserted by: Loving Wife: Venkateswari Ratnam

Children, Grand Children & Great Grand Children
 Cell: 9849702552.

(S/2122/D00378)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Mrs. Chikurli Jayalakshmi and Mr. Bandi Pramodam



Rejoicing in the house of the Lord forever

Dear Mummy and Daddy

We love you and miss you dearly

You will live in our hearts forever

June 26th 2021

Inserted by: Family

Chicago - USA

OBITUARY



Mrs. Helen Foregard

W/o Late Mr. Victor Foregard

D.O.B: 24-June-2021

Funeral mass at 12 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sithampalmudi

Inserted by: Children, Grand children, Great grand children and Loved ones.

For further details Please Contact : 9866116488 / 9100011399

(CA-3649)

1st Death Anniversary

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Timothy 4:7



Mr. Koppu Jacob Ebenezer

DOB: 09.08.1962 - DOD: 26.06.2020

We miss every moment in our life, your presence continues to surround us, in our hearts, you are always there.

Inserted by: Koppu Sucharitha Ebenezer (Wife)

Koppu Brothers & Sisters families, and Aleputa Brothers & Sisters Families

Contact # 9885443048

(S/2122/D00369)

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

SHORT TAKES

**PAYAL ROHATGI
'THREATENS'
RESIDENTS, HELD**

Ahmedabad, June 25: Bollywood actor Payal Rohatgi was arrested by the Ahmedabad city police on Friday for allegedly threatening the residents of her housing society, an official said.

An FIR was registered against her on Thursday based on a complaint lodged by society chairman Dr Parag Shah, inspector A.S. Roy of Satellite police station said.

The 36-year-old actor, who has been living with her parents in a posh society in Satellite area for the last over one year, was booked for uttering obscene words (IPC section 294-b), intentional insult (504) and criminal intimidation (506), said Roy, quoting the FIR. In his complaint, Shah claimed that Rohatgi has been harassing society members including children for some time, and she once even threatened children that she would "break their legs" if they played in the common area of the society.

Although she does not own a house in the society herself, she attended its annual general meeting with her parents on June 20 and refused to leave despite being pointed out that she was not a member, Shah alleged. Rohatgi abused society members during the meeting and posted an abusive message on the society's WhatsApp group, the FIR alleged.

She also threatened the members that she could get them arrested in false cases, the complaint alleged. Shah also claimed that the actor targeted him and other members on her Instagram account. Probe is on, the inspector said.

**WB FAKE VACCINE
RACKET LINKS
BACK TO TMC**

**RAJIB CHOWDHURI
& PRANMOY
BRAHMACHARI | DC**
KOLKATA/BERHAMPORE,
JUNE 25

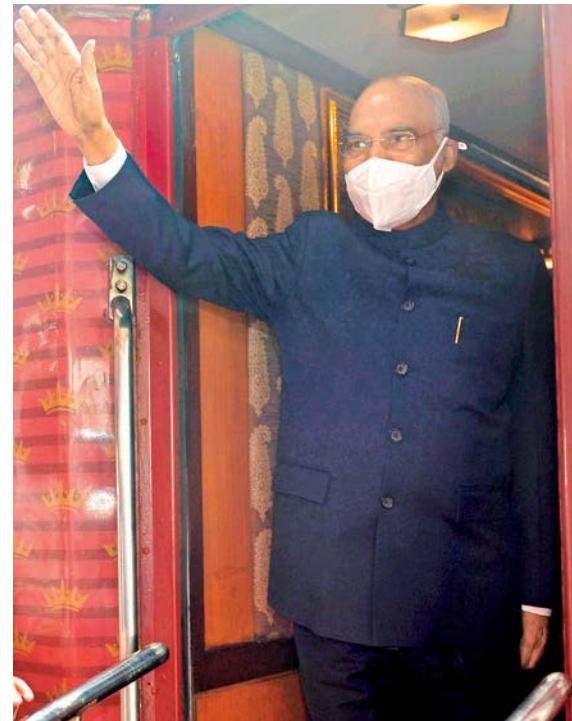
The major fake Covid-19 vaccination racket, which Tollywood actor and Trinamul Congress MP of Jadavpur Mimi Chakraborty claimed to have hustled with the help of Kolkata Police, after getting a false dose administered at a camp run by a bogus IAS officer, has boomeranged to her own party and its government in West Bengal within two days.

The backfire unfolded after photos featuring three TMC MLAs, including two heavyweight cabinet colleagues of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, and a Rajya Sabha MP allegedly with the arrested kingpin Debanjan Deb, at various events were revealed by the BJP on Thursday evening.

The two state cabinet members are Firhad Hakim and Subrata Mukherjee. While Hakim is the state transport minister, Mukherjee is the state panchayat minister. Accused in the Narada sting bribery, they were arrested and chargedsheeted by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) last month.

The third TMC MLA is Debasish Kumar who was elected from Rashbehari seat this time. He is also a member of the board of administrators under Hakim at the Kolkata Municipal Corporation where Debanjan claimed to have been posted as a joint commissioner and allegedly forged official documents, signatures and emblems to run the racket.

TMC Rajya Sabha MP is Dr Santanu Sen who is now the Indian Medical Association West Bengal branch state secretary.

Homebound

President Ram Nath Kovind boards a special train on Friday to his birthplace in Uttar Pradesh from Safdarjung railway station in New Delhi. He will interact with his old acquaintances from school days and the early days of his social service. It would be after a gap of 15 years that an incumbent president is traveling by train. — PTI

Rajnath: INS Vikrant will be commissioned next year

PAWAN BALI | DC
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

Defence minister Rajnath Singh, who was in Kochi on Friday to review the construction progress of first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) INS Vikrant, said that Indian Navy's proactive forward deployment of its assets in sea during the Galwan standoff with China signalled "our intent that we seek peace but are ready for any eventuality."

Defence minister said that the Indian Navy also played a crucial role on the Northern sector (with China) too. He said that combat capability, reach and versatility of the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) will add

formidable capabilities in the defence of the country and help secure India's interests in the maritime domain.

INS Vikrant, being built by Cochin Shipyard will begin sea trials in July-August this year and will be commissioned in first half of 2022 projecting India's naval power and its reach. It would be India's most potent sea-based asset. The ship shall operate MiG-29K fighter aircraft, Kamov-31 Air Early Warning Helicopters, the soon to be inducted MH-60R multi-role helicopter and the indigenously manufactured Advanced Light Helicopters. It would offer an incomparable military instrument

with its ability to project air power over long distances, including air interdiction, anti-surface warfare, offensive and defensive counter-air, airborne anti-submarine warfare and airborne early warning.

Indian Navy currently operates only one aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya.

"Commissioning of the IAC next year will be a befitting tribute to 75 years of India's independence," Singh said.

The defence minister accompanied by Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh visited the construction site and was briefed about the successful Basin Trials completed during November 2020.

Maha tightens curbs to tackle Delta plus variant

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC
MUMBAI, JUNE 25

In the wake of Delta plus variant found in the state, Maharashtra has decided to impose stricter Covid restrictions in all districts notwithstanding weekly positivity rate and hospital beds availability. Maharashtra also became the first state in the country to administer more than three crore vaccine doses. Maharashtra chief secretary Sitaram Kunte on Friday issued a notification stating that the first two levels having maximum relaxations have been removed till further order.

The government notification said, "given that the virus causing Covid is undergoing mutations in various geographies, and that these mutations are displaying more transmissibility and potential reductions in monoclonal antibody response, a state-level trigger

INDIA RECORDS 49 CASES OF DELTA PLUS VARIANT FROM 11 STATES

VINEETA PANDEY | DC
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

The Centre on Friday said 49 cases of the Delta plus variant of Covid-19 have been found in 11 states from over 45,000 samples that have been sequenced for this mutated strain of the virus. The Centre has written to all these states asking them to take immediate steps to contain the spread of Delta Plus.

The Delta plus has been termed as a "Variant of Concern" by the World Health Organisation. The states with Delta plus cases are Maharashtra (21), Tamil Nadu (9), Madhya Pradesh (7),

mandating all the administrative units, irrespective of values of the indices of weekly positivity rate and oxygen bed occupancy percent-

age, to remain at a level not below 3 is to be in operation till withdrawn by specific order of the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA)."

age, to remain at a level not below 3 is to be in operation till withdrawn by specific order of the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA)."

COVID HORRORS**Gross discrepancy in the data recorded: Report****Panel: Delhi O2 claims exaggerated**

New Delhi, June 25: The sub-group constituted by the Supreme Court to audit Oxygen consumption in hospitals in national capital during the second wave of Covid-19 said that the Delhi government "exaggerated" the consumption of oxygen and made a claim of 1,140 MT, four times higher than the formula for bed capacity requirement of 289 MT.

The five-member panel headed by AIIMS Director Randeep Guleria said the Delhi government had made the claims for allocation of 700 MT oxygen on April 30 of medical grade Oxygen using a wrong formula.

The top court had on May 6 named a sub-group for carrying out the audit exercise for Delhi's health infrastructure and allocation of

MY CRIME, I FOUGHT FOR BREATH OF 2 CR PEOPLE: KEJRIWAL OVER PANEL'S REPORT

New Delhi, June 25: In face of the BJP's accusation of "criminal negligence" citing a report that the Delhi government "exaggerated" oxygen requirement during Covid-19 second wave, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said his only "crime" was that he "fought for the breath of two crore people". He also said that those who lost their loved ones due to the shortage of oxygen should not be called "liars".

A sub-group constituted by the Supreme Court to audit oxygen consumption in the national capital's hospitals has said that the

Delhi government "exaggerated" consumption of the life-saving gas.

The five-member panel, headed by AIIMS director Randeep Guleria, said that during the second wave of Covid-19 infections, the Delhi government had made claims for allocation of 700 MT of oxygen on April 30 using a "wrong formula". Kejriwal took to Twitter to say, "My crime — I fought for the breath of my two crore people. When you were doing an election rally, I was awake all night arranging for oxygen. I fought, pleaded to get oxygen for people." — PTI

J&K unhappy with leaders' show

Netizens ridicule their leaders for failing to present the case of people

Mehbooba must go to Pak: UP minister

BALLIA (UP), JUNE 25: A

UP minister has accused the Congress and Samajwadi Party of being allies of Islamic terrorists, and said madrasas are helping in the religious conversion of the poor and the deaf-mute children are getting money directly in their personal accounts, Shukla said while talking to reporters at his residence here.

The conversion by inducing fear, greed and delusion is completely illegal and unconstitutional.

The Yogi government and the ATS is taking and will take strict action against this, Shukla said, referring to the recent arrest of two men allegedly involved in running a campaign to convert the poor and deaf-mute children to Islam. — PTI

that help of madrasas and voluntary organisations is being taken for the conversion and the people involved in the religious conversion of the poor and the deaf-mute children are getting money from Muslim countries, Shukla said while talking to reporters at his residence here.

The conversion by inducing fear, greed and delusion is completely illegal and unconstitutional.

The Yogi government and the ATS is taking and will take strict action against this, Shukla said, referring to the recent arrest of two men allegedly involved in running a campaign to convert the poor and deaf-mute children to Islam. — PTI

Supreme Court. If it is not sub judice for them why are some of our so-called leaders so apologetic about it?" asked one of them.

Senior journalist Altaf Husain tweeted, "All-party meet on Jammu and Kashmir is a huge disappointment for many people in the Union Territory (UT) who took to social media platform to ridicule the invitees for their perceived failure in presenting the case of the people they claim to represent before Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, "expressly".

More importantly, as

some of them pointed out,

the mainstream leaders

from the Valley did not

speak in unison on the

vital issue of restoration

of the erstwhile state's

special status with some

of them taking refuge under

the pretext of it being sub

judice.

The BJP leaders includ

ing ministers have been

repeatedly and vociferously

saying Articles 370 and

35A can't come back even

as the matter is before the

Supreme Court.

Elaborating, he said, "If

you wanted to win the

hearts of the Kashmiris

you should have sent

through these leaders a

gift, big enough to restore

their faith in you and

these leaders as well. Had

you done it, people would

have begun to trust you,

these meetings and the

entire system."

However, Sheikh Danish

— also a Valley resident —

was of the view that no

one was any optimistic

about this whole exercise.

"In these two years, every

thing is finished. People

here are living a miserable

life. I think all those invited

to the Prime Minister's

meeting are running for

chair."

But Mushtaq Ahmed

Alaqaband, a Srinagar resident, disagreed with him. He said, "I don't think major political decisions can be made in a single meeting, but require a continuous and comprehensive negotiation process, and Thursday's meeting was the beginning".

Arshad Ahmed, another resident, said, "People here as well in Jammu had attached several hopes to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

Facts have come to light

appointed."

Elaborating, he said, "If you wanted to win the hearts of the Kashmiris you should have sent through these leaders a gift, big enough to restore their faith in you and these leaders as well. Had you done it, people would have begun to trust you, these meetings and the entire system."

However, Sheikh Danish — also a Valley resident — was of the view that no one was any optimistic about this whole exercise.

"In these two years, everything is finished. People here are living a miserable life. I think all those invited to the Prime Minister's meeting are running for chair."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and 35A were taken away by Parliament and it alone can return these to us... neither Mehbooba Mufti nor Omar Abdullah."

They have always deceived people," he said and added, "Article 370 and

DECCAN Chronicle

26 JUNE 2021

J&K: Delimitation, polls on; statehood is carrot

There was no official agenda set for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with leaders of mainstream parties of Jammu and Kashmir last Thursday. That was evidently done to let the Valley politicians steam off if they so wished about the events of August 5, 2019 when the state's constitutional autonomy was taken away and its status reduced to that of a Union territory. But that does not mean Delhi did not have an agenda. And it is on this scheme of things that the PM was apparently able to secure the agreement of the Kashmiri leaders, although no papers appear to have been signed.

It's three years since the last popular government was pulled down. In this time no major objectives cited as justification for ending J&K's constitutional status—ending of terrorism, rapid development, and squelching of the separatist mindset (which does influence a segment of the population) have been achieved, although the Union home ministry has made extravagant claims. An elected government had to be installed.

To make that possible, the very politicians who were locked up in August 2019, and called the "Gupkar gang", had to be persuaded to engage in dialogue with the PM. And they did. This is perhaps the Modi government's singular achievement. But it is hard to bet on the people. It is useful to remember that alienation in the Valley has never been so complete. Still, as a rule the people of Kashmir do not refuse dialogue, and that is what we just saw. Does this mean that a chapter of hope has opened after the darkness that descended two years ago? Hardly. In no way can Mr Modi's effort be compared with the mood that captured the Valley when another PM — in a speech in Srinagar — spoke of meeting the aspirations of the people in a spirit of "insaniyat, jamhooriyat, Kashmiriyat". Alas, the present dispensation in Delhi lacks credibility in Kashmir as well as in Hindu-majority Jammu.

However, people in J&K are fed up with bureaucratic rule in which they have no voice. They have been hungering for an early Assembly election, and their politicians could not have turned against the popular mood. But the promise of Assembly polls comes with a caveat — that there would be a fresh delimitation exercise in the UT while the national-level delimitation is slated for 2026.

A plausible reason for this is the decades-old demand of the Sangh Parivar for more Hindu-dominated constituencies in the Muslim-majority state in the belief that this might offer a chance to have a Hindu CM. Will this hope of the BJP materialise after delimitation? That is an open question.

In light of the Thursday meeting, delimitation and state polls are now officially on the cards, and the Valley's main politicians appear to have lent the process their sanction. Without their endorsement these processes would lack credibility.

In spite of impassioned appeals by senior elements among those gathered for the discussion with the PM, the Centre has not budged on restoring J&K's statehood. The official mantra is this would happen at an "appropriate time". This suggests that J&K will be run from the Centre as a UT even after the Assembly poll. This leaves questions: Is the election idea deceptive? Is it what the people want? In the final analysis, will Kashmiri politicians agree to such an election? The fundamental subject of restoring J&K's autonomy is before the Supreme Court, and that was cited as a reason to stymie discussion on it on Thursday.

McAfee: Fame and misfortune

The rich and famous may be destined to living their lives in a goldfish bowl unless they get obsessively reclusive. The rich also tend to come in all shapes, sizes and lifestyles with the only constant in their lives being that they are invariably led under public scrutiny. The cybersecurity pioneer John McAfee did not, however, fall into any well-known stereotypes of the rich with their lavish lifestyles whose privacy is invariably invaded by the tabloids, especially when their marriages run into the rocks as they often tend to in that charmed circle.

McAfee was an unusual man who made his fame and a bit of fortune when the first major computer virus named "Brain" hit the web in 1986 and he devised ways to combat it. To his misfortune he left the company in 1994 long after which Intel took it over, in 2011, for \$7.68 billion and built up a customer base of 500 million.

McAfee's expertise in computer security meant he made a small pile himself but he said he lost most of it in the 2008 crash. In a replay of the sour grapes fable, he knocked McAfee for what it had become without him but all that brought him was 10 million viewers and more notoriety than fame.

His troubles as a disillusioned millionaire may serve as a general warning to all of his ilk. He seemed to lose his self control when suspected of shooting a neighbour in a tiny island off Belize because that man may have poisoned four of his dogs. He somehow emerged from it unscathed until he ran afoul of the US tax authorities. Avoiding income tax may be a plaything of the rich but McAfee, once a wannabe US presidential candidate, simply refused to pay taxes on principle and ended up in a Spanish jail where he said he didn't like the food. The fear of extradition to 30 years in a US prison pushed him into taking his own life, a final warning then that fame and fortune can lead to Shakespearean tragedy too.

DECCAN CHRONICLE

K. SUDHAKAR
Printer & Publisher

DECCAN CHRONICLE offices are located at:

Hyderabad: 36, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad - 500 003, Ph: 040-27803930-4; Fax: 040-27805256
Vijayawada: No.C-3 & 4 Patamata, Industrial Estate, Auro Nagar, Vijayawada (A.P.), Ph: 0866-2555284/2555287; Telefax: 0866-2555234
Visakhapatnam: Survey No.1/3A Beach Road, Near Kailasagiri Ropeway, Sector-9 MVP Colony, Visakhapatnam - 530 017 (A.P.), Ph: 0891-2552333/2552344; Fax: 0891-2755285
Rajahmundry: Venagiri, Dhawaleswaram Rd, Rajahmundry, Ph: 0883-2417618/2417208; Telefax: 0883-2417208
Anantapur: Thapovan colony, Bangalore By-Pass Road, Anantapur - 515004, Ph: 08554-276904
Karimnagar: Survey No.1341, Vavilalapally Colony, Jagityala Road, Karimnagar - 505 001, Ph: 0878-2228908; Telefax: 0878-2220433
Nellore: Survey No.52/2, Burrapur Village, Venkatachalam (M), Chennudugunta Panchayat, Nellore, Ph: 0861-2348581/2; Telefax: 0861-2348580
Chennai: SP-3 Developed Plot, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032, Ph: 044-22254747/ 48/50/51; Advt Fax: 22254765/22254766/4230525
Cochin: 77, Vivekananda Road, Ramnagar, Coimbatore - 641 009, Ph: 0422 2231255
Gram: CHRONICLE Postal registration no: No. H/SD-348/2006-08

Farrukh
Dhondy
Cabbages & Kings

"The poets have all claimed the wine
From Rumi to Hafiz
I asked if they meant the draught
And they said "mind your own biz!"
Now Bachchoo cries out in vain to Saki
Who replies with a fiendish grin
"Ab sab khuttam, Kooch nahi baki
The wages of your sin!"

— From The Regrets of Messrs Rowe, Rowe and K Gumbay-Harer, by Bachchoo

Of 'flat earth' & science denial: New orthodoxy of intolerance

Think, gentle reader, as you skim this column, of Galileo, one of the fathers of science and hence of freedom from assertive superstition. He looked through telescopes and observed the movement of the planets and the sun. He proceeded to assert, from his observations, that the sun didn't circle the earth but, contrary to the firmly held doctrines and teachings of the Church, that our planet revolved and rotated, circling the sun, giving rise to day and night and to the seasons.

All hell broke loose on Twitter and Instagram. The bigots of Catholicism

accused him of blasphemy! The earth doesn't move, they insisted. The outcry led the leaders of the Church to arrest poor Galileo and subject him to a trial. If this pioneer of truth had any supporters at the time, they might have pointed out to the court, and indeed to the world, that Galileo had not called for the castration or execution of those who believed that the sun went round the earth. He hadn't even called for the banning of all documents or teaching materials which asserted that the earth was flat or that it didn't move.

Nevertheless, he was tried for merely saying what he had scientifically deduced. He was aware that if they found him guilty of blasphemy, he could be put to death. Such was the power of the prevalent orthodoxy. Realising this, Galileo confessed to the bigots of the Inquisition that he recanted his blasphemous outburst. Of course, the earth was the centre of the universe and, as God's central creation, didn't move a millimetre. He may not have been applauded by the court, but he was certainly spared twenty lashes of the whip or being burned at the stake.

The story goes that, true to his beliefs, as he left the court, he muttered to himself, or perhaps to his God if he still believed in Him, "epur si muove" — and yet it moves!

I don't suppose one can quite call her the Galileo of our times but, gentle reader, here follows the story of an artist called Jess de Wahl who this week hit the headlines through a controversy which she had sparked.

Ms de Wahl is an embroidery artist, and her work is famous enough and deemed good enough to be adopted by and sold in the gallery shop of the Royal Academy of Arts. The RA is probably the premier institution run by artists of all sorts. Their permanent exhibition and other occasional displays are among the most respectable, reviewed and revered in Britain.

Apart from excellence in her floral patterns, Ms de Wahl declares a devout, thematic commitment to feminist principles and to feminist radical activism through art. But! But she doesn't believe that men and women can through assertion, surgery, hormone treatment or all of these, change their gender. She expressed her scepti-

cism in a blog. She was very careful to assert that she absolutely supported the right of people to think as they like and for the political and social rights of everyone, including men who assert that they are women or women who assert that they are really men. Her reservations were about the scientific fact that you are born and grow with one gender determined by the chromosomes in your thirty trillion cells. I suppose the harshest way of putting it is that "trans-women are not really women and trans-men are not really men".

The trans community's representatives, if there are such people, took exception to her expressing this view. Eight people wrote to the Royal Academy to point out that the RA's professed ethical stance was to respect and include, etc etc. The RA responded hastily and removed and banned all Ms Wahl's exhibits and work from their shop, labelling her "transphobic".

Ms Wahl objected, saying she had not been in any sense the perpetrator of a "hate crime" and that her freedom to express a scientifically valid view should be respected. There was, from

Subhani



Do Indians and our govt really care about sports?



Shobhaa's Take

India rediscovered legendary athlete Milkha Singh after he died of Covid-19 complications at a Chandigarh hospital just five days after he lost Nirmal, his wife of 58 years, to the same disease. An avalanche of tributes poured in, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi calling him a "colossal sportsman who captured the nation's imagination". Several flowery tributes followed, but one thing that struck me amid all this gush was the sad fact that this outstanding sportsman, who brought so much fame and glory to India when he "flew" on the track, had only got the Padma Shri back in 1959, and nothing since. He declined the Arjuna Award and sulked publicly, hinting he expected a Padma Bhushan. We all know how Padma awards work; but surely years later Milkha should have been "upgraded"!

We can still do it! So many other sports stars have been richly rewarded for their achievements. Bharat Ratna Sachin Tendulkar, for example. No disrespect, but if a world-class cricketer can get the country's highest civilian award, why not an internationally recognised track star? There is talk of a posthumous award for Milkha, but frankly posthumous awards have little meaning. The only people who benefit are family members. The recipient passes away without the thrill and joy of being publicly feted. Posthumous awards are a waste of time; those deserving should be celebrated when they are hale and hearty and can cherish the honour with their loved ones.

Milkha Singh must have been a fairly modest man: a huge attribute in today's times when every

second person is a brazen hustler. Had Milkha been shrewder or more calculating, he would have milked his awe-inspiring status and demanded all sorts of privileges, like many others. I watched *Bhaag Milkha, Bhaag* thrice in 2013. For one, I was a track athlete myself, and know what it takes to breast that tape and create new records. Farhan Akhtar played Milkha in the biopic, which grossed over ₹100 crores. Apparently, Milkha asked for ₹1 as his fee, but insisted that a share of the profits go to his foundation. Akhtar did a convincing job of not just acquiring a runner's taut frame, but sensitively portraying a runner's anxieties and vulnerabilities. The man behind the movie, Rakeesh Omprakash Mehra, said of Milkha: "He believed there are no short cuts if you want to be the best in the world."

It's not too late to course correct. Governments and sports bodies the world over are commissioning statues of living sports heroes — Rafael Nadal recently posed in front of his magnificent statue that was unveiled at Roland Garros as Rafa fans worldwide cheered and applauded the legend, winner of 20 Grand slams. In India, the politics of erecting statues of public figures is mired in controversy. It's bad enough that we have to endure the mediocrity of *netas* while they are alive. It's much worse to have precious urban spaces blocked by ugly statues of awful people whose "contribution" is dodgy at best. I'm sure nobody would question an appropriate statue of "The Flying Sikh" (a title given to him by Pakistan's Ayub Khan) outside Chandigarh airport. There is a wax statue of his at Delhi's Madame Tussaud's

museum. But is that really enough? Milkha Singh was orphaned during Partition and saw five members of his family being butchered. He arrived as a refugee in Delhi and joined the Indian Army after abandoning plans to become a dacoit out of sheer frustration! He went on to bring glory to the nation as a four-time Asian Games gold medallist. His 400 metres timing of 45.6 seconds was unbroken for 38 years. What a story for youngsters to derive inspiration from!

India really needs to value its sporting greats and reward them suitably. Since I am one of the growing voices saying "No" to the Tokyo Olympics (23 July-8 August 2021), I read sports minister Kiren Rijiju's comments on India's participation with interest. "This time we are aiming high, with full confidence and I believe we should do better than any of our previous performances." Wait a minute, Sirji. Our "best" show was way back in 2012, when we came back with six measly medals. Minister *saab* is expecting a record haul and says he has interacted with most of our elite players and Olympians. For the record, Mr Rijiju's ministry spent ₹1,000 crores in the past four years preparing for the Olympics.

While I admire his faith and am also hoping for a decent showing this year, despite the pandemic with all its challenges, it must be said that our contingent came back with two medals from the 2016 Rio Games (where China won 70). At that time, I was slaughtered across the social media for "criticising" our athletes for their dismal performance. As are female shooters. Archery is finding takers across the country, but in terms of commercial success, the megabucks are made by cricketers and cricketers alone. With our Olympics contingent set to compete in the most prestigious sporting event on earth, here's wishing them love and luck. Milkha Singh titled his autobiography *The Race of My Life*, and the nation ran it with him. His race ended on June 15, 2021. It's time to chorus "Bhaag India, Bhaag", and hope Mr Rijiju's prediction of a rich Olympics' haul goes beyond wishful thinking.

Instagram handle: @ShobhaaDe; Twitter: @DeShobhaa

LETTERS SCHOOLS, COLLEGES

When it comes to schoolchildren, it is difficult to ensure that all Covid protocols are followed as they lack awareness or discipline. I saw Covid rules flouted in colleges when they were briefly reopened in February. Students were not wearing masks or keeping social distance. Colleges and schools often have students crammed inside small classrooms. These may turn into Covid-19 hotspots.

Akshat Mohan
Hyderabad

UNEASY ON CITIZENS

Serilingampally GHMC telephone numbers and names of contacts are incorrect. The least a government can do is provide the correct details. The numbers must be corrected in the agricultural marketing department like Rythu bazars. Citizens find it hard to contact government departments.

Buddhavarapu Gopalakrishna
Hyderabad

CRICKET SURRENDER

India's abject capitulation in the WTC final left a bad taste for Indian fans. Losing in a final is not a disgrace but losing without a fight is. We hoped Team India will go the full distance and bring cheer to us. The street smart skipper and the redoubtable coach appeared to have missed a trick in not including the additional seamer Siraj. The rival skipper played admirably and was easily the best batsman. Our bowlers lacked imagination and performed below par. The team must get its act together for the England Test series.

Dr V.K.V. Prasad
Secunderabad

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

Experts' panel on irrigation projects

NEW DELHI, JUNE 25. An experts committee of engineers and economists is being appointed by the Government to examine how the cost of irrigation projects could be brought down.

This was announced in the Lok Sabha today by Irrigation and Power Minister K.L. Rao, while replying to the debate on demands for grants for his ministry. The House later voted for the demands, after rejecting all the cut motions.

her supporters, some mention of suing the RA for transgressing equality laws. No such action has yet been taken.

Following this row, Ms Wahl has received literally thousands of texts, tweets or whatever in support of her stance and also some nasty ones wishing that she was dead.

Her stance follows that of Harry Potter writer J.K. Rowling and feminist philosopher Germaine Greer, among others. It is also supported by feminists who object to trans-women entering women's athletic competitions and even challenge the idea that trans-women should use women's changing rooms and toilets and be confined in women's prisons when they offend.

The strictures against Ms de Wahl are part of a new orthodoxy of intolerance. Of course, individuals can assert what they please about their own gender or sexuality — though white people asserting that they are black would meet with the same intensity of strictures the orthodoxy favours. That "of course" should include the right to publicly assert scientific facts. The earth is not flat simply because I say so!

SHORT TAKES
**EUROPEAN UNION
DIVIDED ON
MEETING PUTIN**

Brussels, June 25: European Union countries bordering Russia rejected a Franco-German plan to resume official meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin, with one leader likening the move to an attempt to talk a bear out of stealing honey. In a statement in the early hours of Friday morning,

EU leaders said only that they "will explore formats and conditionalities of dialogue with Russia." There was no mention of any high-level meetings or plans for a summit with Putin. The European Union is deeply divided in its approach to Moscow.

Russia is the EU's biggest natural gas supplier, and plays a key role in a series of international conflicts and issues linked to Europe's strategic interests, including the Iran nuclear deal, and conflicts in Syria and Libya. European heavyweight Germany has strong economic interests there, notably the NordStream 2 undersea pipeline project, and a number of countries, including France, are reluctant to continue waging a sanctions battle with Russia, including over the poisoning of opposition leader Alexei Navalny.

The EU is concerned that Putin is turning increasingly authoritarian and wants to distance himself from the West. Both the 27-nation trading bloc and the NATO military alliance are struggling to bring Russia to the table.

**275M USED DRUGS
WORLDWIDE IN
2020, SAYS UN**

Geneva, June 25: Around 36 million people suffered from drug use disorders as 275 million people used drugs worldwide in 2020, according to the 2021 World Drug Report which was released by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on Thursday.

As per the report, in the last 24 years, cannabis potency had increased by as much as four times in parts of the world during the Covid-19 pandemic. In surveys of health professionals across 77 countries, 42 per cent asserted that cannabis use had increased.

"Lower perception of drug use risks has been linked to higher rates of drug use, and the findings of UNODC's 2021 World Drug Report highlight the need to close the gap between perception and reality to educate young people and safeguard public health," said UNODC Executive Director Ghada Waly.

"The theme of this year's International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is 'Share facts on drugs', he added.

160 missing in Miami mishap

Four dead, crews comb through rubble of collapsed condominium

Surfside (US), June 25: About 160 people were still unaccounted for Friday a day after an ocean-side condominium building collapsed into a pile of rubble, and searchers combing through a twisted, shifting pile of concrete and metal feared the death toll of at least four could go much higher.

With scores of firefighters working overnight to reach any possible survivors both from under and atop the remains of the building, hopes rested on how quickly crews using dogs and microphones to sift through the wreckage could complete their grim, yet delicate task.

"Every time we hear a sound, we concentrate on



Rescue workers on a crane inspect the wreckage of a partially collapsed building in Surfside north of Miami Beach, Florida on Friday. — AFP

those areas," said Assistant Miami-Dade Fire Chief Raide Jadallah. Three more bodies were removed overnight, and Miami-Dade Police Director Freddy Ramirez said authorities were working

"extreme risk" going through the rubble.

"Debris is falling on them as they do their work. We have structural engineers on site to ensure that they will not be injured, but they are proceeding because they are so motivated and they are taking extraordinary risk on the site every day," she said.

With searchers using saws and jackhammers to look for pockets large enough to hold a person, Levine Cava said there was still hope of finding people alive.

The missing at what was left of the 12-story Champlain Towers South included people from around the world: A beloved retired Miami-

area teacher and his wife. Orthodox Jews from Russia. Israelis. The sister of Paraguay's first lady. Others from South America.

State Sen. Jason Pizzo of Miami Beach told the *Miami Herald* he watched as tactical teams of six worked early Friday to sift through the debris. He said he saw one body taken in a yellow body bag and another that was marked. They were taken to a homicide unit tent that was set up along the beach. Many people remained at the reunification center set up near the collapse site early Friday morning, awaiting results of DNA swabs that could help identify victims. — AP

Indian youth seek White House help

Washington, June 25: A group of Indian youngsters from across America, facing imminent prospects of deportation, has met senior Biden administration officials at the White House and influential lawmakers, appealing to them to "let us stay in the US".

There are 2,00,000 such young Americans, who have spent their entire childhood and teenage in the US, who are facing the prospects of immi-

gration deportation to the country of their origin as they have either attained the age of 21 or about to reach that age, after which they can no longer be dependent on their parent's visas.

A significantly large number of these parents are in a decades-long wait for a Green Card. A Green Card, known officially as a Permanent Resident Card, is a document issued to immigrants to the US as evidence that the bearer has

been granted the privilege of residing permanently in the US.

The young Indians, led by Dip Patel, a clinical pharmacist in Illinois, surprised many of the congressmen and senators, who greeted them at the Capitol last week, as they were probably the first batch of lobbyists at the US Congress, after the recent lifting of social distancing restrictions by the Center for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC). — PTI

Oz, Israel bring back mask rules

Sydney, June 25: Australia and Israel, which had been successful in fending off Covid-19, reimposed restrictions on Friday as cases surged of the highly contagious Delta variant which also threatened Africa with a brutal third wave.

The centre of Australia's largest city Sydney entered lockdown, a shock for a population that had returned to relative normality after months of recording very few local cases, while vaccination success story Israel reimposed indoor mask-wearing less than two weeks after it lifted the measure.

And in Fiji, another country that saw early successes against the virus, health authori-

ties admitted for the first time that Covid transmission is widespread in the community.

While vaccination campaigns have helped bring down infections in numerous — mostly wealthy — countries, the rise of the Delta variant which was first found in India has led to fears of new waves of a virus that has already killed nearly 3.9 million people.

In Australia, which has been one of the most successful nations in containing the Coronavirus after shutting its borders, around a million people in four eastern and central Sydney neighbourhoods were ordered to stay home for at least a week. — AFP

Patel, 25, is founder of Improve The Dream, a youth-led organisation bringing awareness for children who face ageing out and self-deportation, was joined by Pareen Mhatre, 21, a senior at the University of Iowa majoring in Biomedical Engineering and minoring in Business Administration; Naga Raghav Sreeram, 21, a senior at the University of California, Davis majoring in Computer Science. — PTI

F.No.I-15/18/2020-AIC
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Invitation for Request for Proposal (RfP) for the Enhancement of Existing Management Information System under the Accessible India Campaign

• Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (DEPWD) (MoSJE) invites online bids under two bids system i.e. Technical and Financial bid for undertaking the project -Enhancement of existing management information system under the Accessible India Campaign.

• This is **Electronic tender** through CPP portal www.eprocure.gov.in and bid to be submitted through CPP portal only. The RfP document, containing the Information to Agencies, Terms of Reference (ToR), Requirement of qualifications and experience of the firm and key experts, criteria for evaluation of proposals and selection procedure related can also be seen at DEPWD's website www.divyangjanaffairs.gov.in. **Only e-tender will be accepted.**

Manual bids shall not be accepted.

• The bidders are required to submit their RfP documents on or before **23.07.2021 latest by 03:30 P.M.** In case it is a holiday, the next working day will be the last date for bid submission.

(Sanjay Singh)

Under Secretary to the Government of India (AIC)
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Gol
5th floor, Pt. Deendayal 'Antyodaya Bhawan'
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003
aic-depwd@gov.in

Davp 38117/11/0009/2122

US to keep about 650 troops in Afghanistan

Washington, June 25: Roughly 650 US troops are expected to remain in Afghanistan to provide security for diplomats after the main American military force completes its withdrawal, which is set to be largely done in the next two weeks, U.S. officials told The Associated Press.

Moreover, several hundred additional American forces will remain at the Kabul airport, potentially until September. They'll assist Turkish troops providing security, a temporary move until a more formal Turkey-led security operation is in place, the officials said on Thursday.

Overall, officials said the U.S. expects to have American and coalition military command, its leadership, and most troops out by July Fourth, or shortly after that, meeting an aspirational deadline that commanders developed months ago.

The officials were not authorized to discuss details of the withdrawal and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

The departure of the bulk of the more than 4,000 troops that have been in the country in recent months is unfolding well before President Joe Biden's September 11 deadline for withdrawal.

And it comes amid accelerating Taliban battlefield gains, fueling fears that the Afghan government and its military could collapse in a matter of months.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, speaking Friday in Paris, noted the increased violence and cited "a real danger" that if the Taliban tries to take the country by force, "we'll see a renewal of a war or possibly worse."

But, Blinken said, the Biden administration came to the conclusion that not removing US troops,

as the Trump administration had promised the Taliban in February 2020, would have been a bad choice.

The administration believes the Taliban would have resumed attacks on US forces, prompting an escalation of the war.

"Had we not announced that we were leaving, then that restraint, in terms of attacking our forces and attacking the capitals, would have ended," Blinken said.

He said a continued US presence "certainly would have helped significantly" the Kabul government. "But what is almost certain is that our military would have come to us and said, well, the situation has changed, we need more forces. And we would have repeated the cycle that we've been in for 20 years. And at some point, you have to say this has to stop."

Biden faces strong criticism from some Republicans for pulling out of Afghanistan, even though President Donald Trump made the 2020 deal with the Taliban to withdraw all U.S. forces by May 2021.

Officials have repeatedly stressed that security at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul is a critical requirement to keeping any US diplomatic staff in Afghanistan.

Still, the decision to keep additional troops there for several more months makes it more complicated for the Biden administration to declare a true end to America's longest war until later this fall.

In a statement Thursday night, Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said that as Biden has ordered, the US will complete the withdrawal by early September. "Nothing has changed about that goal." Kirby said. — AP



Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM)

Department of Labour Resources, Government of Bihar
A-Wing, 5th Floor, Niyojan Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna-80001

Phone: 0612-2528455 Fax: 0612-2535004

Email: biharskilldevelopmentmission@gmail.com

Website: www.skillmissionbihar.org

Notice Inviting Request for Proposal

RFP No:BSDM/04/2021-22

Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Labour Resources, Govt. of Bihar cum- CEO, Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM), invites proposals (Two Bid System) from reputed and experienced Agencies for Engagement of Project Management Unit (PMU) by Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM) for effective Planning, Execution and Monitoring of Skill Development Initiatives in Bihar through deployment of Human Resources at State as well as at District level.

Kindly note that the selection of agencies under this RFP will not guarantee allocation of work and BSDM will assume no liability or cost towards it. BSDM makes no commitments, express or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction between anyone.

Document Fee and Tender Processing Fee: All Applicants have to pay a non-refundable Document Fee of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) and Tender Processing Fee of Rs. 1180 (Rupees One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty only) through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): An EMD of Rs. 10,00,000/- through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal., on or before stipulated time, failing which the bid will be rejected. This EMD will be non-interest bearing and refundable. If the selected bidder fails to submit the requisite performance guarantee or to execute the agreement, this EMD will be forfeited.

The Proposal has to be submitted through online mode on <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and can be searched by clicking the Tab "Tender Free View" on home page of above website and then going to Live Tender/ Hot Tender by searching Department Name as "Labour Resources Department"

The Proposal has to be submitted in online mode containing following cover stage-

Technical Bid Open Stage

Cost Bid Open Stage

The application procedure, eligibility criteria, evaluation methodology, terms and conditions and the scope of work are detailed in this RFP which can be seen or downloaded from the "e-Procurement Portal" <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and departmental website: <http://www.skillmissionbihar.org>. The RFP will be available to download from the above website from 29.06.21 up to 3 PM of 08.08.21. The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 14.00 HRS on 09.07.2021 (both physically and virtually). Link for virtual pre-bid meeting will be provided for only those participants who have sent their queries within stipulated time through email. The last date of uploading of proposal/bid will be 15.00 HRS on 09.08.2021. Technical Bid will be opened on or after 09.08.21 post 16.00 Hrs. The Evaluation of Bids will be under QCBs system. Please refer RFP document for complete details.

The undersigned reserves the right to issue addendum/corrigendum/ modification or to amend any or all conditions of this RFP Document or to accept or reject any or all proposal(s) or to cancel the whole of this RFP at any stage without assigning any reason thereof and no bidder shall have any cause of action or claim against the undersigned or BSDM for the same.

Mission Director,
Bihar Skill Development Mission
Department of Labour Resources, Government of Bihar,

PR- 0002868(Labour) 2021-22

किसी भी तरह आपदा की जानकारी अद्यता सुझाव देते आपदा प्रबंधन के हेल्पलाइन नं. 1070 पर सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, T.S., HYD
NIT.No:23531/2018/CDMA/M-Section/M2
Dated: 15-06-2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Selection of Agency for providing Telecommunication services for C&DMA, Telangana.
Following are the calendar events of tendering to be read as:
S.No. Event, Information to Agency

1. Publication of RFP (Date of release): 28.06.2021, 03:00 PM. 2. Last date for downloading bid documents : 06.07.2021, 03:00 PM. 3. Last date of submission of tender: 06.07.2021, 03:00 PM 4. Date of opening of technical bid : 08.07.2021, 03:00 PM 5. Date of opening of Financial bid : 09.07.2021, 03:00 PM 6. Tender Document : The details can be downloaded free of cost from the websites <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>, 7. Tender fee (Non-Refundable): Rs.5,000/- D.D. from Subsidized Districts of Municipal Administration, 8. Address for Bid Submission: Director of Municipal Administration, 9. AG Guards, Main Gate, Masab Tank, Opp: PTI Building, Hyderabad-500 004. 9. Contact Person: Mr. Tarun Thirleesh Rao Deputy Director, Ph. No:90-2330 2150. Email : tmcsectioncdma@gmail.com, 10. Mode : Only Online bid submission. Via <http://tender.telangana.gov.in>, 11. EMD : Rs.50,000/- D.D. from any Nationalized Bank in favour of "AO DIR OF MUNICIPAL ADMN". Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration TS, Hyderabad.

DIPR No.1899/PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/11/2021-22

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. RS(POL)/58/0501/1/2019 New Delhi, dt: 25.06.2021

CORRIGENDUM NO. 1

Attention is drawn to E-Tender Notice No. 2020 PO TC for procurement of Primary Oil i.e. three items viz. LDO, FO & SKO of Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) is due for opening on 04.03.2016. Following Corrigendum to "date of submission of tender" is hereby authorized.

Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)'s E-Tender Notice No. 2020 PO TC for procurement of Primary Oil i.e. three items viz. LDO, FO & SKO.

FOR	READAS
Last date and time for submission of tender 25.06.2021 at 14:30 hrs.	Last date and time for submission of tender 06.07.2021 at 14:30 hrs.

All other terms and conditions of Tender Notice

quick BITES

INDICATORS %

Sensex	52,925.04	0.43
Nifty 50	15,860.40	0.44
S&P 500*	4,278.70	0.29
Dollar (₹)	74.20	-0.04
Pound Sterling (₹)	103.17	0.39
Euro (₹)	88.59	0.00
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	46,309.66	0.14
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	76.07	0.67
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.028	0.00
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.502	0.015

* As of 8:30 PM IST

PNB HF voting okays red-flagged re-appointments

PNB Housing Finance shareholders have passed the resolutions regarding appointment of Hardayal Prasad as managing director and CEO and re-appointments of others on the company's board. Among various passed resolutions were re-appointments of independent directors (IDs) Chandrasekaran Ramakrishnan and Nilesh S. Vikamsey—whose re-induction was red flagged by a proxy advisory firm this month.

LIC, SBI Life pick up stake in Indian Bank under QIP



Life Insurance Corporation, SBI Life and Canara Bank were among the top investors picking up stakes in Indian Bank under a qualified institutional placement (QIP) that closed on Thursday, a regulatory filing said. LIC picked up 17.80 per cent, SBI Life Insurance 11.87 per cent, SBI Mutual Fund and its various schemes 11.87 per cent, SocGen and its various schemes 9.74 per cent and Canara Bank 5.93 per cent of the shares offered.

FAME Phase-II scheme extended by two years

The government said it has extended the second phase of FAME India scheme by two years till March 31, 2024, for faster adoption of electric mobility and development of its manufacturing ecosystem. The second phase of FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles) India scheme focuses on supporting electrification of public and shared transportation.

India Pesticides IPO subscribed 29 times

The IPO of India Pesticides Limited was subscribed 29 times on the closing day of the subscription. The Rs 800-crore IPO received bids for 56,07,11,650 shares against 1,93,10,345 shares on offer. The qualified institutional buyers category was subscribed 42.95 times, non-institutional investors 51.88 times, and those for retail individual investors 11.30 times. The offer was in a price range of Rs 290-296.

Printed & Published by K Sudhakar on behalf of Deccan Chronicle Holdings Limited, Printed at Deccan Chronicle Press at Deccan Chronicle Holdings Ltd. #563/9/089/E, Behind Andhra Bank Pet Basheerbagh, Komappally, Ranga Reddy Dist. Editor: Kaushik Mitter, RNI Reg. No. APENG/2008/24282. © All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part without written permission of The Editor, Financial Chronicle ® is prohibited.

Open offer makes it over ₹6,300-cr deal Pharmeasy to take reins of Thyrocare

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, JUNE 25

In yet another transaction in the online pharma space, digital healthcare company Pharmeasy on Friday announced it will acquire a controlling stake in diagnostic chain Thyrocare for Rs 4,546 crore in an all-cash deal. With this, the online space is witnessing acquisition of a listed entity by a start-up.

API Holdings, the parent of the Pharmeasy, will buy a 66.11 per cent stake in Thyrocare from A. Velumani, chairman and managing director of the company and his affiliates at Rs 1,300 per share, according to a statement.

The affiliates include A. Sundararaju, Amrutha Velumani, Anand Velumani, Thyrocare Properties & Infrastructure, Pavilion Commercial, Thyrocare Publications, Sumathi Infra Project and Mahima Advertising.

The acquisition of a majority stake in the listed entity will also see a subsidiary of API Holdings, Docon Technologies, making an open offer to acquire an additional 26 per cent stake of Thyrocare.

Docon Technologies along with API Holdings has announced an open offer for acquisition of up to 1,37,55,077 fully paid-up equity shares of face value of Rs 10 each from the public shareholders of Thyrocare Technologies, representing 26 per cent of the expanded voting share



capital, at a price of Rs 1,300 per equity share aggregating to total consideration of Rs 1,788 crore in cash, Thyrocare informed the exchanges. This takes the total value of the deal to about Rs 6,334 crore.

Velumani will be separately acquiring a minority non-controlling stake of less than 5 per cent in API as part of a series of equity investments by existing and new investors of API.

According to reports, Velumani will be investing Rs 1,500 crore and hold a 4.9 per cent stake in API. Shares of Thyrocare closed 6.23 per cent up at Rs 1,448.05 apiece on the BSE on Friday.

Pharmeasy has a user base of 12 million consumers, and a network of 6,000 digital consultation clinics and 90,000 partner retailers across the country. Thyrocare performs over 110 million diagnostic tests annually. It is the largest B2B player in the diagnostics space and has a network of 3,330 collection centres across 2,000 towns in India. "The unique reach and strength of Thyrocare in diagnostics blended with the young and dynamic team of PharmEasy will bring in better healthcare solutions for common man nationwide," said Velumani, CMD of Thyrocare.

Earlier in May, Pharmeasy had fully acquired Medlife after entering the unicorn club. API Holdings is reported to be strengthening its portfolio ahead of an initial public offering, probably in 12-18 months.

In other major deals in the online healthcare space in recent times, Tata Digital bought a majority stake in 1MG Technologies. Reliance too had acquired a majority stake in Netmeds to enter the online pharmacy space.

According to consultants RedSeer, the e-health space touched a gross merchandise value of \$1.2 billion in FY20 and is estimated to have clocked a value of \$2 billion in FY21.

Bids invited for leasing out 16 railway land parcels

New Delhi, June 25: The Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) has called for bids for leasing out 16 land parcels across the country with the aim of generating revenue of over Rs 1,900 crore.

Prominent among these 16 sites are Boulevard Road Colony in Delhi, land near Moula Ali Flyover in Secunderabad, Ramgarh Tal Colony in Gorakhpur, Lucknow Railway Station Redevelopment, plots at Gomti Nagar in Lucknow and at Salt Golab in Howrah.

These sites have been chosen due to their marketability and exclusive locations, which make them eminently suitable for commercial and residential development, the authority said.

"RLDA will lease out these land parcels to prospective developers who will be mandated to develop these sites in line with local byelaws," RLDA vice-chairman Ved Parkash Dubeja said.

The authority is targeting revenue generation of Rs 2,000 crore for the Indian Railways in 2021-22, up from Rs 352 crore the previous year.

RLDA is a statutory authority under the Ministry of Railways for the development of railway land.

Indian Railways has about 43,000 hectares of vacant land across India. —PTI

No tax liability on Covid-related receipts

FC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

Providing a much-needed tax concession to the people who may have received financial help from their employers and well-wishers for meeting expenses incurred for Covid-19 treatment, the government on Friday announced that there will be no tax liability on such amounts received.

"In order to ensure that no income-tax liability arises on this account, it has been decided to provide income-tax exemption to the amount received by a taxpayer for medical treatment from an employer or from any person for treatment of Covid-19 during FY2019-20 and subsequent years," the finance ministry said in a notification.

"Ex-gratia payments received by family members of a person who has died due to Covid 19 from an employer will also be tax exempt without any limit. Such a payment from other persons aggregating to Rs 10 lakh will be tax exempt," the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said.

Besides, the government also announced various tax exemptions and extended some key tax compliance deadlines.

Of the deadline relaxation, the most important extension involves the linking of PAN and the Aadhaar card.

It has been extended by three months. "Other than that, the time to invest in residential house for tax deduction has been extended by more than three months

DEADLINES RELAXED

- Linking of PAN and the Aadhaar card extended to Sept. 30
- On sale of residential property the re-investment deadline extended to Sept. 30
- Due date for furnishing TDS statement for Q4 is now July 15
- Date for furnishing TDS certificate in Form 16 extended till July 31
- Quarterly statement in Form 15CC can be furnished by July 31
- Equalisation Levy Statement in Form No. 1 can be submitted by July 31

and the 'Vivad se Vishwas' payment without interest has been extended by two months from June 30 to August 31," the notification said.

In case of taxing capital gains arising out of transfer of residential house property, the CBDT further said that for relief in taxation, the re-investment deadline would be September 3, 2021 for such capital gains.

Generally, Section 54 of the Income Tax Act provides that in case there is capital gain on account of transfer of a residential house property, such capital gain can be exempt from tax if the taxpayer invests the capital gain amount into another house property within two years (in case of purchase of new house) or within three years (in case of construction of a house) from date of transfer of original house property.

However, the CBDT circular now provides that in case any such time period of two/three years is expiring between April 1, 2021 and September 29, 2021, will be furnished by July 31.

"Also, the deadline for furnishing Equalisation Levy Statement in Form No. 1 for the financial year 2020-21, has been extended by a month till July 31, 2021, the CBDT said.

Easing lockdown by vaccine coverage cuts risk to economy'

JAIVEER SHEKHAWAT
JUNE 25

The rush by India's states to end lockdowns as new coronavirus infections drop, rather than waiting for vaccination rates to rise, risks triggering fresh restrictions and holding back the nation's recovery, according to Oxford Economics.

"States are easing lockdowns based on lower test positivity rates rather than vaccination progress," Priyanka Kishore, head of India and South East Asia Economics at Oxford Economics, wrote in a report to clients. "This risky strategy increases the chances of renewed outbreaks that would further delay the recovery."

Provinces including national capital New Delhi have begun reopening amid signs of infections plateauing, causing mobility rates to

improve as of mid-June. While that's likely to foster return of some demand in the near-term, there's the risk of consumption and business activity suffering going ahead should newer restrictions be placed to control a resurgent virus wave.

With only 3.9 per cent of India's population fully vaccinated, Kishore sees economically important states, including Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, not yet reaching the "safe" levels of vaccination.

"The vaccine situation keeps our outlook cautious," said Kishore, who maintained India's growth forecast for this year at 9.1 per cent – a pace slower than the 9.5 per cent predicted by the nation's central bank. "Economic data also doesn't support an upward revision to our growth expectations at this point," she said. —Bloomberg

In conclusion, the bank adjusted to the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and is better positioned to tackle any subsequent wave.

I am cautious-optimistic that the performance trajectory of FY2021 will continue in FY2022 as well," said Kishore.

He said in the current financial year, the bank will continue to accelerate its digital agenda besides also focussing on recovery from bad loans. The bank will focus on expanding the scope and reach of of app Yono further.

"With the rollout of pre-package insolvency for res-

RBI bars MPs, MLAs from urban co-op bank helm

FC BANKING BUREAU
MUMBAI, JUNE 25

To curtail the nexus between urban co-operative banks and political leaders that have resulted in frauds and led to bank failures, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday prescribed educational qualifications and fit and proper criteria for managing directors (MDs) and whole-time directors (WTDs) of primary urban cooperative banks and barred MPs and MLAs from these posts.

Issuing the guidelines for appointment of MDs and WTDs, the RBI said MPs, MLAs and representatives of municipal corporations will not be eligible to hold such positions in the primary urban cooperative banks (UCBs).

It further said the MD/WTD should be a post graduate or have qualifications in finance discipline.

He or she could be either chartered/cost accountant, MBA (finance) or have a diploma in banking or cooperative business management.

The person

should not be below 35 years of age or more than 70 years, it added.

"The person shall have a combined experience of at least eight years at the mid/senior management level in the banking sector (including the experience gained in the concerned UCB) or non-banking finance companies engaged in lending (loan companies) and asset financing," the notification said.

Besides MPs, MLAs and representatives of municipal corporations and local bodies, persons engaged in

business, trade or having substantial interest in any company too will not be eligible for appointment to such positions.

Regarding the tenure, the RBI said the person can be appointed for a maximum of five years and will be eligible for re-appointment, but not beyond 15 years. After that, the person, if necessary, may be re-appointed after a three-year cooling period.

If the "UCBs whose existing MD/CEO has completed a tenure of five years may approach RBI."

PLI DOESN'T COMPENSATE FOR UNCOMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT: MARUTI CHIEF

Kolkata, June 25: The production linked incentive (PLI) scheme announced by the government for ramping up large-scale manufacturing capacity does not compensate for obstacles in an uncompetitive business environment, Maruti Suzuki chairman R. C. Bhargava said on Friday.

He advocated policies directed at making manufacturing globally competitive by bringing down costs.

The PLI scheme will help certain sectors and products. It cannot compensate for the obstacles of being uncompetitive," Bhargava said at an interactive session with The Bengal Chamber.

The government had announced an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore for the PLI scheme for 13 sectors, including automobile, in the 2021-22 Union budget.

To a question, Bhargava said the Maruti Suzuki was not looking for new manufacturing plants as the industry CAGR for the last few years was less than 2 per cent.

To attract investment, there has to be political and administrative will, besides measures that ensure that costs are competitive, he said in the context of revitalisation of industry in West Bengal.

—PTI

Prez offers \$30 worth of Bitcoin to citizens to boost its use

Bitcoin to be legal tender in El Salvador

MICHAEL McDONALD
JUNE 25

legal tender will enter into force on September 7, he said.

Bukele, 39, reiterated his arguments that using the cryptocurrency will help attract investment, boost consumption and cut the cost of sending remittances for millions of Salvadorans working abroad. But bank accounts in dollars will remain in dollars, and salaries and pensions will continue to be paid in dollars, he said.

"Why create this law? Because Bitcoin has a \$600 billion market capitalisation globally and if we do this, investors and tourists who own Bitcoin will come to the country and benefit Salvadorans and the economy," Bukele said. The law making Bitcoin

der" he said. The Chivo wallet will be available to download in September and it will be compatible with other Bitcoin wallets, Bukele said.

The government will provide training for businesses on Bitcoin transactions and seek to improve Internet and mobile phone penetration to encourage the cryptocurrency's use, he said. Businesses that are technologically unable to receive e-payments will be excluded from the law, he added.

Not everyone shares Bukele's enthusiasm for the plan. Fitch Ratings said in a report on Thursday that the legislation establishing Bitcoin as legal tender would

increase regulatory risks for financial institutions,

including the potential of being uncompetitive,"

Bhargava said at an inter-

active session with The Bengal Chamber.

The International Monetary Fund has also criticised the move,

SHORT TAKES

Sam & Liam seal series for England

Cardiff: Sam Billings and Liam Livingstone burnished their Twenty20 credentials as England withstood a top-order wobble to seal a series win over

Sri Lanka following a rain-affected second contest. The duo are on the fringes of the limited-overs setup but after England stuttered to 36-4 in its pursuit of 112 — a target reduced to 103 from 18 overs following a sharp shower — they put on a crucial 54 from 48 balls. Billings departed with 13 still needed but Livingstone and Sam Curran got England over the line with five wickets and 11 balls to spare as they moved into an 2-0 lead. — PTI

Brief scores: Sri Lanka 111/7 (Kusal Mendis 39; Mark Wood 2/18, Adil Rashid 2/24) lost to England 108/5 (Livingstone 29 (not out), Sam Billings 24; W. Hasaranga 2/20). (Won by five wickets, D/L method)

Bronze for Indian women shooters

Osijek, Croatia: The Indian trio of Manu Bhaker, Yashaswini Singh Deswal and Rahi Sarnobat claimed the bronze medal in the 10m air pistol women's team event of the ISSF Shooting World Cup here on Friday. They defeated the Hungarian team of Veronika Major, Miriam Jako and Sara Rahel Fabian 16-12 in the bronze medal match. The three Indians had qualified third with a score of 573. Earlier, in the 10m air rifle events, the men's trio of Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Deepak Kumar and Divyansh Singh Panwar lost the bronze medal match, while the women shooters failed to get past the qualifying round. Tomar, Kumar and Panwar lost 14-16 to the Serbian team of Milenko Sebic, Milutin Stefanovic and Lazar Kovacevic in the third-place match. — PTI

Women archers enter Cup final

Paris: The Indian women's recurve archery team, who failed to book an Olympic quota in the Qualifier, bounced back strongly to storm into the final of the World Cup Stage 3 here on Friday. The fancied trio of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Komalika Bari had lost to lower-ranked Colombia on Sunday to miss the Olympic team qualification, but on Friday they just dropped a set before defeating sixth-ranked France 6-2 in the semi-finals. World Cup Stage 3 is not an Olympic qualifying tournament. The trio, who had won the first stage of the World Cup in Guatemala City in April, will face Mexico on Sunday in a repeat of the first stage final. Deepika will be in the hunt for a hat-trick of gold medals. Deepika is also in the semi-final of the recurve section. — PTI

Judoka Sushila gets Olympic spot

New Delhi: Ace Indian judoka Sushila Devi has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics through the continental quota, the sport's international federation confirmed on Friday. Sushila, who competes in the 48kg category, has 989 points which puts her at seventh spot in the Asian list. The International Judo Federation said. The continental quotas are allotted based on a judoka's ranking in the region. Asia has 10 quota slots. This will be the 26-year-old's first participation at the Olympics. Only one athlete per NOC (National Olympic Committee) per division can qualify. Each NOC is entitled to only one spot through the continental quota. Avtar Singh (90kg) was the lone Indian judoka to compete at the 2016 Rio Olympics. — PTI

Aditi is off to a creditable start

Johns Creek, USA: Indian golfer Aditi Ashok carded a one-over 73 in the opening round to be placed tied 39th at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, which is her 17th Major start. Still searching for first Top-10 in a Major, Aditi was one-under through 12 holes. Till then she had given a bogey soon after birdies on second, fifth and ninth. Then a birdie on 12th put her once again at one-under. But a double bogey on the 13th was a spoiler and she played out safely with each of the last five holes yielding pars. Aditi's 17 Major appearances are the most by any Indian and she now overtakes Anirban Lahiri with whom she was tied at 16. It must be noted that women have five Majors and men have four each year. — PTI

ASSURED AZZURRI

Italy look to continue unbeaten streak, face Austria



Italian players Giorgio Chiellini and Ciro Immobile during a training session ahead of their Euro Last 16 clash against Austria. — Twitter

London, June 25: Italy's unbeaten streak won't last forever, and Austria coach Franco Foda is plotting to be the one to stop it.

The Italians have become one of the favourites at the European Championship after winning all three of their games in the group stage, scoring seven goals and conceding none. Those three victories at Euro 2020 extended the team's unbeaten streak under coach Roberto Mancini to 30 games — matching the previous record set in the 1930s.

"Initially it seemed to be an insurmountable and impossible challenge for us, because they haven't lost for an eternity," Foda said. "But sooner or later even Mancini's team will lose."

Austria have reached the round of 16 at the tournament for the first time, will get their chance on Saturday at Wembley Stadium.

Besides the unbeaten streak, Italy will also be trying to set another record. They have not conceded a goal in 11 matches, a total of 1,055 minutes. If Austria fail to score, Italy will surpass the record of 1,143 minutes set between 1972 and 1974.

For a team who failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup, Italy's recent results are quite remarkable.

"It's something that makes us proud, especially considering what they thought of us before the tournament started," Italy forward Lorenzo Insigne said.

"But we have to stay focused, calm and think about ourselves. Our

DENMARK ON EURO ROAD FOR FIRST TIME

After three emotional European Championship matches in Copenhagen, Denmark will next play in a city that Christian Eriksen once called home.

The Danes will take on Wales in the round of 16 at the Johan Cruyff Arena on Saturday, a stadium where Eriksen is fondly remembered by Ajax fans as a stylish midfielder playmaker from 2010-13 before his transfer to Tottenham.

Denmark lost their first match to Finland 0-1 after Eriksen suffered cardiac

arrest on the field and had to be resuscitated with a defibrillator. The Danes also lost to Belgium before beating Russia 4-1 to finish second in Group B and advance to knockout rounds.

While Denmark are hitting the road for the first time at a tournament that is being played in 11 cities

Live on TV

Wales vs Denmark from 9.30 pm; Italy vs Austria from 12.30 am (Sunday) on Sony Ten 2, HD

HEAD TO HEAD

WALES-DENMARK

- **Matches:** 10. Denmark: 6. Wales: 4
- **EURO MEETINGS**

1987: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Cardiff.

1987: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

1998: Wales beat Denmark 2-1 in Copenhagen.

1999: Denmark beat Wales 2-0 in Anfield.

1999: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2004: Denmark beat Wales 2-0 in Anfield.

2004: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2008: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2012: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2016: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2020: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Wales beat Denmark 1-0 in Copenhagen.

2021: Denmark beat Wales 1-0 in Copenhagen.

Furniture LOAN MELA

50% off

36 Months EMI No Interest

Just ₹1 Down Payment

FREE

We keep safe distance in all our stores

We provide hand sanitizes for all our customers

Customers are requested to wear mask

Our staff wash hands thoroughly and regularly

We sanitise Door handles, Swiping Machines and Key Devices frequently

2 Days only

Prices to increase from Monday 28th June Best time to buy now!

Hero Electric Flash Package: Sofa Set 3+2 + Queen Size Double Bed + Extendable Dining Table with 6 Chairs **FREE Hero Electric Flash Scooter**

TV Package: Sofa Set 3+2 + Dining Table with 4 Chairs + **FREE 42" TV**

Brazil Sofa Set

Verona: Art Leather Recliner Sofa Set (3+1+1 Recliner)

Venice: Recliner

Sofa Set: 3+2 + Diwan + Divider + 2 Puffies (12 seater)

Paris Sofa Set: 3+2+1 + Diwan (9 seater)

Leather Recliner Sofa Set (3+2+1 with 5 Recliners)

Premium Quality Wardrobe: Membrane Finish Extra Large Size

Glider: Rocking Chair with Foot Rest

Albert: Computer Table

Elite: Gaming cum Office Chair

Hay: Teakwood Bed

Antioch: Solid Wooden Dining Table 6 Seater (4 Chairs + 1 Bench)

Ergo: Medium Back Chair

Shop online also www.bantia.in

Same day Delivery No waiting

Customisation Available 250+ COLOURS

Shop before 1 pm and Get Surprise GIFT

Exchange your old furniture & get upto 20% off

Secunderabad | Nagole | Kukatpally | Kompally | Attapur | Hitech City | Boduppal | Dilsukhnagar | A.S. Rao Nagar | Karmanghat | Warangal

27841562 | 29555413 | 7993333357 | 7993333323 | 7993333322 | 040-27841563 | 7993333328 | 9000785723 | 040-27841563 | 7993333328 | 9000785723 | 040-29559025 | 7993333360 | 29704550 | 7993333321 | 8801102916 | 040-27141562 | 7993333341 | 7993333327/49 | 040-27841562/63

An ISO-9001:2015 Certified Company

BANTIA

Furnitures

Affordable Lifestyles Since 1955

with ₹ 39,999 Furniture Purchase

42" TV

No Scratch Cards

No Lucky Draws

Just Guaranteed Gifts

**MRP ₹ 1,47,999
₹ 69,999 EMI ₹ 2,294**

**MRP ₹ 1,47,999
₹ 39,999 EMI ₹ 1,311**

**MRP ₹ 48,999
₹ 22,999 EMI ₹ 754**

**MRP ₹ 45,999
₹ 18,999 EMI ₹ 623**

HOT BUY

**MRP ₹ 60,999
₹ 25,999 EMI ₹ 852**

**+ 62 Colors more
+ Customisation available**

**MRP ₹ 84,999
₹ 39,999 EMI ₹ 1,311**

**+ 62 Colors more
+ Customisation available**

**MRP ₹ 98,999
₹ 39,999 EMI ₹ 1,311**

**+ 62 Colors more
+ Customisation available**

**MRP ₹ 61,999
₹ 29,999 EMI ₹ 983**

**+ 62 Colors more
+ Customisation available**

**MRP ₹ 1,44,999
₹ 89,999 EMI ₹ 2,950**

**MRP ₹ 51,499
₹ 24,999**

BUY 1 GET 1 FREE

**MRP ₹ 63,299
₹ 29,999**

EMI ₹ 819

**Clayton: 4 Door
MRP ₹ 77,999
₹ 36,999**

**MRP ₹ 32,999
₹ 14,999 EMI ₹ 492**

Albert: Computer Table

**MRP ₹ 8,999
₹ 2,999**

**MRP ₹ 7,499
₹ 2,999**

**MRP ₹ 21,999
₹ 9,999 EMI ₹ 328**

Conditions apply: On selected items only. Accessories are not included. Colors might be very from picture. Taxes extra. Offer valid till stock lasts. Please stand at a fair price. Priced sticker is not included. Prices and offers are subject to change without prior notice. Delivery time for vehicle is 6 weeks. Vehicle insurance plan GST plus lie extra.