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WEATHER

Max: 30.8°C  
Min: 23.2°C  
RH: 67%  
Rainfall: Trace

Forecast: Generally cloudy sky, thundershowers likely  
Max/Min temp. 31/23°C

COVID-19 CUNT

CASES

(+60,622)

20,85,124

DEATHS

(+923)

42,554

covid19india.org

STATE GOVERNMENT BULLETINS

(+2,207)

(+12)

TS: 75,257

601

(+10,171)

(+89)

AP: 2,06,960

1,842

CASES AROUND THE WORLD

1,93,92,016

DEATHS

7,20,193

COUNTRIES AREAS WITH CASES

213

worldometers.info/coronavirus

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari: Dakshinayana  
Tithi: Shravana Bahula Panchami  
till 4.19 am (Sunday)  
Star: Uttarabhadra till 4.12 pm  
Varjyam: 5.39 am to 7.27 am  
(Sunday)  
Durmuhurtam: 6.01 am to 7.43 am  
Rahukalam: 9 am to 10.30 am  
JAJRI CALENDAR  
Zulhijja 17,1441 AH  
PRAYERS  
Fajar: 4.52 am  
Zohar: 12.32 pm  
Asar: 4.49 pm  
Maghrib: 6.52 pm  
Isha: 8.06 pm  
SUNSET TODAY 6.45 PM  
SUNRISE TOMORROW 5.57 AM  
MOONRISE TODAY 8.02 PM  
MOONSET TOMORROW 9.40 AM

COUNTER POINT

Double trouble, sir...  
you have tested positive  
and GDP negative!

IN BRIEF

TS Covid cases cross 75,000

Hyderabad: Telangana crossed the 75,000 mark in Covid-19 cases and the toll went past 600 due to the disease on Thursday, according to data released on Friday by the state health department. The state recorded its highest-ever number of cases at 2,207 and the overall tally stood at 75,257 on Thursday. Reports of 1,539 samples are awaited. Of these 1,675 cases are from semi-rural and rural areas.

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## New J&K Lt. Gov. to resume talks, eliminate terror

**YUSUF JAMEEL | DC SRINAGAR, AUG. 7**

Jammu and Kashmir's new Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday set "ridding it completely of years of militancy and putting it on the path of development with peace" was his agenda.

Speaking to reporters after taking oath at the picturesque Raj Bhavan on the foothills of Zabarwan overlooking Dal Lake here, he said, "My mission in J&K is to bring peace, end militancy and ensure development without any disparity or discrimination with any section of the people or region. I will stay in direct contact with people of J&K and the media".

He pledged to open free dialogue with the people of the UT to have a better understanding of their problems and issues and then try to address these. He said there is a need to instill confidence among the "aam janata (general public) of J&K" in democracy.

Sinha said, "There won't be any bias against anyone. Constitutional powers will be used for people's welfare. I assure the people that their genuine grievances will be listened to and we will try to find a way to the solution. It is my aim to take forward the development here." He said that his other main priority would be "zero tolerance for corruption".

Pledging to take forward "developmental initiatives" launched during the last year and establishing dialogue with the



Former Union minister Manoj Sinha takes oath as the new Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir in Srinagar on Friday. — PTI

people, he asserted that J&K embarked on a 'new journey' on August 5 last year when it was fully integrated with the Union of India, "ending a long era of isolation, discrimination and lack of development". He asserted that because of its geographical, climatic, cultural and ethnic diversity, J&K is like a colourful bouquet; hence truly called the 'Crown of India'.

Mr. Sinha who earlier quit from the basic membership of the BJP said that the people of J&K have suffered enormously but the "new dawn promises hope, optimism, and bright future" for them. He said that he was told by officials that J&K has achieved tremendous results in some of the programmes and schemes during the last one year.

He reiterated, "I'm hopeful that I will be able to carry forward the agenda of development, inclusiveness and restoration of peace in J&K."

## India, US discuss crisis with China

**SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC NEW DELHI, AUG. 7**

The Sino-Indian military stand-off as part of "recent destabilising actions in the region" by China was understood to have been discussed during a phone call between external affairs minister S. Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo on Friday.

During the conversation, both nations decided to hold a meeting in the four-nation 'Quadrilateral' format — involving India, the US, Japan and Australia — to increase cooperation amid increasing Chinese military assertiveness in the region.

The US State Department's principal deputy spokesperson Cale Brown said, in a statement, that the two sides discussed ongoing bilateral and multilateral coop-

eration on issues of international concern, including efforts to combat the Covid-19, support the peace process in Afghanistan, and address recent destabilising actions in the region."

The US added, "Secretary Pompeo and minister Jaishankar reiterated the strength of the US-India relationship to advance peace, prosperity, and security in the Indo-Pacific and around the globe. Both leaders agreed to continue close cooperation on a full range of regional and global issues and look forward to Quadrilateral consultations and the U.S.-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue later this year."

Meanwhile, Jaishankar tweeted on Friday, "A wide-ranging conversation yesterday night with @SecPompeo. Reviewed our bilateral cooperation including working of relevant mechanisms."

## 16 die as AI flight falls into valley

Pilot among dead; plane overshoot Kozhikode tabletop runway, broke apart

**GILVESTER ASSARY | DC with agency inputs THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUG. 7**

At least 16 persons including pilot D.V. Sathe were killed when an Air India Express aircraft from Dubai overshoot the runway at the Kozhikode International Airport and fell into a 35-feet valley at its far end before breaking into two pieces on Friday evening.

There were 174 passengers on board, including 10 infants, two pilots and five crew members. Aviation ministry said there were 190 passengers. The flight was part of Centre's Vande Bharat Mission to bring back expatriates from the Gulf region.

According to officials, the casualties are likely to go up considering the critical injuries sustained by many passengers, who are currently under treatment in various hospitals.

The co-pilot and a majority of passengers who sustained serious injuries have been admitted to the Kozhikode Medical College Kozhikode, Malabar Institute of Medical Science (MIMS) and Baby Memorial Hospital.

Air India Express AXB1344, a Boeing 737 aircraft, which took off from Dubai at 4.45 pm landed on Runway No 10 at



Airport officials and rescuers gather around the Air India Express flight that skidded off the runway while landing in Kozhikode on Friday. There were 190 persons on board en route from Dubai in the flight. — PTI

Kozhikode at 7.41 pm amid heavy rain and low visibility. According to a DGCA statement, the aircraft after landing continued moving till it hit the boundary wall, fell into a valley and broke in two.

The front portion of the aircraft from the cockpit to

the main passenger door got ripped off due to the impact of the accident. Several passengers who were trapped inside the aircraft were rescued by police personnel, CISF, fire and local people.

Over 60 ambulances from various hospitals of

Kozhikode and Malappuram districts rushed to the airport to take the injured to hospitals.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan directed ministers A.C. Moideen and minister K.T. Jaleel to rush to the airport and oversee rescue operations. The North

Zone IG was asked to coordinate the rescue operations, the district administration of Kozhikode and Malappuram asked to provide medical care to the injured.

The rescue operations were carried out amid heavy rains.

## CAN 4G SERVICE BE RESTORED IN J&K, ASKS SC

**PARMOD KUMAR | DC NEW DELHI, AUG. 6**

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the government is there a possibility that 4G services can be restored in some areas of Kashmir as the court was informed that, as per its earlier directions, a high-level committee to review the withdrawal of 4G services has been set up.

Asking, "We cannot say what is happening on the ground, but is there anything that can be done", Justice N.V. Ramana sitting with Justice R. Subhash Reddy and Justice B.R. Gavai, said, "What's the basis for the decision that has been taken? Is there a possibility that in some areas it can be restored?"

The court asked Solicitor General Tuskar Mehta to take instructions and directed the listing of the matter on August 11 for further hearing. The court also asked Attorney-General K.K. Venugopal to be present at the hearing.

Seeking time to take instructions, Mehta told the court, "The (new) Lt. Governor has been appointed. We need time to get instructions."

## VIRUS | RESISTANCE Impact found worse in some sections of people

## 35% to get antibodies by Dec

**KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 7**

Total of 13,77,384 Covid-19 patients have recovered in India and have developed antibodies. By December it is expected to touch 35 per cent of the population could have developed antibodies, which is being viewed as a shield against the virus.

Analysis of data by experts in different cities has shown that due to the heterogeneous nature of the population, the impact is

● **INDIA IS** seeing 30 deaths per 10 lakh Covid-19 patients

● **RECOVERY RATE** is now 65 per cent

— Dr Girdhar J. Gynai, director-general, Association of Healthcare Providers of India.

worse in some sections while others are escaping with mild symptoms of Covid-19. This has caused

major variations in the recovery rate is different in cities, towns, districts and states.

This is expected to continue till February 2021 till when new pockets of infection will be noted and then there will be recovery.

According to the World Health Organisation the positivity rate in India is 12.5 per cent, and there has been a 35 per cent increase in cases in the last one week. This means that the reproduction rate of the

virus is very fast, and requires the strict norms of social distancing, masks and sanitisation to prevent its spread.

Antibody testing by the Indian Council of Medical Research, which tested 53,000 samples in New Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Surat, Kolkata and Chennai, showed that scattered groups had developed immunity.

■ **Page 3: Majority will have antibodies as vaccine comes**

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### RBI loan policy spells relief for borrowers

The Reserve Bank of India's decision to allow banks to restructure retail and corporate loans to mitigate unexpected financial damage caused by Coronavirus to individuals and companies will give a great relief to stressed borrowers. The move fulfils the demand of bankers, who sought a one-time recast of loans accounts instead of a further extension of a loan moratorium.

While the six-month-long moratorium offered relief to thousands of people, it impacted the fund flow of banks and, more importantly, Non-Banking Financial Institutions (NBFCs). A longer pause of loan repayments could make it difficult for NBFCs to service debt, which could have a cascading effect on the fundamentals of the Indian economy. A loan restructuring, on the other hand, could allow the banks to extend the tenure of the loan, thereby making Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) smaller and, therefore, easy on the borrower's pocket.

While industrial activity has picked up pace, it is nowhere near the old normal. The RBI's Monetary Policy itself admits that the economic growth could be in the negative territory for some time. With several sectors, such as hospitality, food and beverages, construction, infrastructure, travel and tourism reporting subdued performance, lakhs of people, if not crores, have either lost their jobs or are facing reduced incomes on account of salary cuts or lower business income.

A survey conducted by Finway showed that 45 per cent of people who borrowed from NBFCs and 30 per cent of those who borrowed from banks had applied for the loan moratorium till August 30. Most of them were found to have applied for the moratorium as they were unsure of the future and wanted to hold on to cash in the uncertain times.

Additional liquidity window provided by the RBI to the National Housing Bank, the home loan refinance, hints at stress in financial institutions. An offer to restructure corporate loans mirrors the strain on their fund flow. The higher loan-to-value ratio for gold loans too indicates that the RBI is cognizant of the financial stress faced by a significant number of people. Apart from these concerns, RBI fears that inflation too could be on the rise.

In such a scenario, it would be a grave mistake on the part of bankers to expect a regular repayment of EMIs. When faced with a choice between basic essentials required for his and his family's survival and his commitment to pay EMIs regularly, an average person would use the money for his survival. It would be prudent on the part of bankers to restructure loan repayment to ensure that borrowers are not forced to default — which is obviously not good either for the borrower or the lender. So the RBI giving a green-signal to loan restructuring is a step in the right direction. However, it should ensure that such loan restructuring does not affect the credit rating of an individual. Otherwise, it would leave people with no option but to default on EMIs or get debt-trapped by borrowing at higher rates. The RBI hopefully has its ear to the ground.

### When documents disappear

In what looks like an attempt at damage control via obfuscation, executed in a tearing hurry, the defence ministry, without an explanation, removed from its website a document containing its first official admission that China had "transgressed" into Indian territory in May.

The move has sparked some consternation. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi flagged it on Twitter, bluntly accusing the Prime Minister of "lying" to his citizens. At an all-party meeting called by the government on June 19, the PM had famously said, "Neither has anyone intruded into our frontier there, neither is any intruder there, nor is any of our posts occupied by someone else." That was good news for Beijing — the Chinese media had then used it to justify its assault on Indian soil. The statement was indeed contradicted by 14 Corps Commander Lt Gen Harinder Singh as well as external affairs minister S. Jaishankar who earlier called for restoration of status quo ante. It dishonoured the sacrifice made by 20 Indian soldiers in Galwan valley on the night of June 15. The disappearance of the document, which had thus crossed Mr Modi's line, acts as a face-saver for him and his government. It also keeps intact the triumphalism following the egregious *bhoomi puja* gathering at Ayodhya on Wednesday.

Following the Galwan valley face-off, there have been five rounds of talks between India and China. China has resisted putting Pangong Tso on the table in the latest round. Beijing is firm in its assertion that it is on its own territory and has, citing a road constructed by it during the 1999 Kargil war to stake claim, asked India to pull back instead. The ministry's document, too, reflected this reality as it had mentioned a "protracted stand-off". So all isn't glory and hunky-dory in days ahead.

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## Playing cops & robbers in Mumbai-ishstyle drama



Shobhaa De

The tragic SSR suicide saga was raging away, with two state governments (Bihar and Maharashtra) battling each other aggressively and publicly, to control investigations and dominate the case. Till — trumpets and bugles, please — a monster was introduced. Enter the Dragon: the CBI! Meanwhile, the main protagonist, 34-year-old actor Sushant Singh Rajput, has been reduced to three letters of the alphabet. And we remain as clueless about his untimely death today as we were when the controversy broke. This week, all the loose ends were supposed to be tied up neatly by the Mumbai police, but wait! The Bihar police dramatically arrived in Mumbai to rain on their parade. The focus shifted to the Cops vs Cops confrontation, and totally idiotic voices started taking sides while pointing fingers at just about anybody remotely connected to the tragedy. Overnight, the spotlight was turned on Bihar. I was vastly amused by the dramatic arrival of an IPS officer from the state, Patna SP Vinay Tiwari, who made his Mumbai debut in style! There he was, a slim and trim young man with so much swag! I loved his attitude. And above all, I loved that he kept his sunnies on while addressing the media, even though it was 8.30 pm. He came with *bhaari* backing from his bosses back home and didn't mince words as he criticised the sloth/ineptness of his Mumbai counterparts. He all but accused them of messing up a sensitive case, and everybody cheered. Everybody, that is, who is not politically aligned.

By now, the case had ceased to be an open and shut suicide investigation. Murder! They said. There were wild rumours and wilder names flying around. All eyes were on the son (Aaditya Thackeray) of a top politician (Uddhav Thackeray), known for his self-declared close connections to Bollywood. Bandra folks talked about late night parties and fights, leading up to the tragedy... and a whole new can of worms got opened. What was already a shocking death by hanging, suddenly became a much grislier story — involving money, fisticuffs, booze, drugs, girls, assaults, gangsters, coverups and more. A masala script, with a terrible ending.

Why can't our Mumbai cops be smarter? And develop a spine? The thing is — left to themselves, they are smart, competent AND bloody good at what they do. But the political interference they have to endure completely stymies their best efforts. Left to their own devices, and permitted to do their job, our police force is second to none. Unfortunately, the political environment being toxic and corrupt, they are forced to compromise, and in so doing, they end up looking like clowns. Mumbai's legendary top cop Julio Ribeiro has written often and forcefully about unseemly political involvement, especially when it comes to transfers and appointments in the police force. He has mentioned an urgent need for police reforms, combined with more autonomy granted to the cops. Does anyone listen or care? In this case, it is obvious how hard political foes of the current lot controlling Mantralaya are working to discredit

the government in power and topple it. Back in Bihar, the stakes are equally high, with elections around the corner. What better than a juicy, high-profile case like this one, to fling mud, make allegations and divert attention from the real issues that both Maharashtra and Bihar are facing? Surprisingly, the glamorous wife of a former CM of Maharashtra, Amruta Fadnavis, pitched in with her own personal dig aimed at the present CM and his minister son, taking the battle directly into the opponent's camp.

Meanwhile, the lady at the centre of the controversy — SSR's girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty — has turned invisible! Easily and smoothly. Initially, the Mumbai police confessed they were "unable to locate" her or her family members — all of them in the eye of the storm, after being accused by SSR's father of being responsible for his son's death. Some said Rhea had left for Canada on a private jet, while others scoffed, joking that she was hiding under a *charpoy* in the suburbs. At the time of writing, she, her kin and two associates have been booked by the CBI and an FIR filed. And she is being questioned by the ED. Mr Tiwari, the dashing, straight-talking SP from Patna, ignominiously packed off to quarantine himself at the SRPF Guest House in the suburbs by Mumbai's cops, must have chewed his nails in frustration till he was allowed to leave on Friday. The other four cops had slyly managed to give everybody the slip and were already back in Patna.

**What better than a juicy, high-profile case like this one, to fling mud, make allegations and divert attention from the real issues that both Maharashtra and Bihar are facing?**

Phew! All this drama just to fix Uddhav Thackeray, get the CBI to handle the SSR case, and have the BJP back in the saddle in Maharashtra! Had Mumbai's police commissioner been a tougher person, with no political patronage involved (as is alleged), this investigation would not have taken such a strange turn.

The real tragedy is that SSR's death is being used by so many agencies to further their own agendas. He has become incidental! What started off as a much-needed debate on showbiz nepotism and how Bollywood can destroy the dreams of people who are not considered a part of the power structure, soon disintegrated into a sleazy crime thriller, with wild conjecture and crazy theories floating around. The chances are, a week from now, this too will become one more high-profile death with nothing further to push the narrative to the next level. Unless, of course, there is a fresh development involving Aaditya Thackeray — will he be summoned? People are taking bets on this. Nobody is actually interested in solving the mystery of either SSR's money, or his horrific death.

Meanwhile, there is a lot of irresponsible talk about his fragile mental health, with publicity-seeking psychotherapists showing up on television shows and disclosing confidential client information. This is shockingly intrusive and unprofessional. Prominent television anchors too have made utter idiots of themselves commenting on whether or not SSR had "looked depressed". Like depression is a "look". Nearly everything about this awful incident has been trivialised and bowdlerised in the most vulgar manner. Surely, Sushant Singh Rajput deserves better.

Readers can send feedback to [www.shobhaade.blogspot.com](mailto:www.shobhaade.blogspot.com)

#### LETTERS

#### NEW SECRETARIAT

The ₹400 cr sanctioned for the Secretariat will surely raise many questions (₹400 crore sanctioned for Secretariat, DC, Aug. 7). Was a new Secretariat necessary? The Osmania General Hospital is in dire need of funds to treat poor people. I wonder why TRS is neglecting it.

Syed Amjad Ali  
Secunderabad

#### HOSPITAL SAFETY

It is shocking that 90 per cent hospitals in the GHMC do not have basic fire safety equipment (90% hospitals in Hyd face fire risk, DC, Aug. 7). The government must be ashamed of neglecting hospitals. It must rectify its failure irrespective of whether Corporate or an ordinary hospitals. Patients need to be careful and enquire about fire safety and complain to the government.

Ajay Kranthi Reddy  
Hyderabad

#### COVID VACCINE

Minister K.T. Rama Rao's request for an action plan on the Covid-19 vaccine is timely and appropriate (KTR asks Centre for vaccine plan, DC, Aug. 7). As proposed by him, a high-level empowered committee is the need of the hour to monitor, coordinate and expedite the development of a vaccine. Funds must be released and assistance provided for logistics and approvals by setting up a simple and transparent regulatory system to help biotech industry.

P. Panduranga Rao  
Hyderabad

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## 50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

### Israel, UAR agree to ceasefire

WASHINGTON, August 7 Israel and Egypt have agreed to a full ceasefire effective at 2200 GMT today (0330 hrs IST—Saturday) Secretary of State William Rogers announced.

Mr Rogers said that the two countries had accepted the US proposal for a stand-still ceasefire.

Discussing action on the Israeli-Jordan front, officials stressed that neither Israel nor Jordan had followed the Unite Nations; ceasefire resolutions adopted at the end of the 1967 June war.

Manan Kumar



## Progressives must unite to expose govt's 'Ram' narrative

Notwithstanding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's impressive address in Ayodhya to build an inclusive India based on the ideals of *Ramrajya* of social harmony, justice, piety, love and peace, the edifice of the Indian republic remains damaged.

By performing *bhoomipujan* for Ram Mandir, PM Modi junked his constitutional oath of office that makes it mandatory for him to "discharge all duties faithfully and conscientiously" for the Union and "do right to all manner of people in accordance with the Constitution and the law, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will". The very act signals a resolve to replace constitutional virtues of justice, secularism, equality and fraternity with equivalent concepts acceptable to Hindu majoritarianism.

There is no parallel of such gross departure from the Constitution in the history of independent India. Only two acts come close enough — installation of Somnath temple after its renovation in May 1951 by President Rajendra Prasad and,

Rajiv Gandhi's approval to open Babri mosque's locks (where idols were surreptitiously installed in 1949) in 1986.

The first act was strongly opposed by Jawaharlal Nehru. After cautioning his minister K.M. Munshi of the dangers of "Hindu revivalism", Nehru told Rajendra Babu, "I confess I do not like the idea of you associating yourself with a spectacular opening of the Somnath temple. This is not merely visiting a temple... but rather participating in a significant function which unfortunately has a number of implications."

Nehru's warning, not to mix religion with statecraft, proved prophetic. The blunder by his grandson led to *shilanyas* of the temple in 1989 and a militant movement to release the idols from "captivity". It prompted L.K. Advani to launch Ram Rath Yatra in 1990 that culminated in demolishing Babri Mosque, thus, badly scarring the syncretic fabric of India. Innumerable communal riots and rise of extremist Islam in the immediate aftermath bear a testimony of this folly.

Justice suffered a blow in

November 2019 when the Supreme Court overturned Allahabad high court judgement and handed over the entire 2.77 acres of land to the deity despite no archaeological evidence to back such a claim. With this, it removed the final hinge holding the secular character of India to pave way for a *de jure* Hindu Rashtra.

Why the foundation ceremony in times of crises?

The answer lies in the word — crises. The Hindutva forces chose August 5 precisely to smother the rising anger against the blunders the Modi government committed through draconian demonetisation, faulty GST, accosting crony capitalists at the expense of public exchequer and erroneous handling of Covid-19 pandemic.

Despite efforts to hide and manipulate data, the ground realities show the deep crises India has been sucked into. PM Modi managed to hide poverty by constructing a wall around a shanty alongside President Trump's route from Gandhinagar Airport to Motera stadium but walls

cannot be built across India. A rosy picture cannot be painted in the midst of a plunging economy when millions start marching to villages for fear of dying of hunger.

In such a scenario, any people-centric government would pull all stops to tackle the crises. But what a government would do whose sole concern is to win elections to forward its bigoted agenda? It will do what it knows best, build a smokescreen to divert people's attention from real issues and keep them on a high with a sense of purpose to win elections.

This is precisely what the Modi government has done despite the dangers of Covid-19 that is now growing fastest in India. The rest of the agenda has already been put to practice. A web of pliant television channels and an army of social media trolls will try to keep the public discourse limited to Ram Mandir and PM Modi's aura to help BJP win upcoming elections in states of Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. The ultimate aim is to keep crises shrouded in this smokescreen until the inauguration of Ram Mandir in 2024 to ensure a dream

run for a third straight win in Lok Sabha elections.

The onus to save Indian democracy now squarely lies upon Opposition parties and democratic, progressive liberal forces that lie scattered on the Indian political scene. It has been made a wee bit more difficult by PM Modi's smart move to change the narrative, from militant Hindutva to Ram's inclusivity. Yet they can still do the impossible by getting together to pull down this smokescreen and help people see the reality that lies exposed everywhere.

By doing so they will do justice to the *Maryadapurshottam* who gave up his throne and embraced exile to help his father satisfy the whims of crafty stepmother, Kaikeyi. He is again being used to break the *maryada* of the Constitution to establish a New Republic by an equally crafty political party. Hey Ram!

The writer is a senior journalist with over 22 years of experience in reporting on politics, internal security and social issues



## IN BRIEF

**Khan Lateef Khan dies in Chicago**

**Hyderabad:** Khan Lateef Mohammed Khan, business tycoon and Chief Editor of the Urdu daily *Munshif*, passed away on Thursday in Chicago. He was 76. His body was laid to rest after Friday prayers at a Muslim graveyard there. Khan, once a close friend of Prince Mukarram Jah and Dilip Kumar, was an Osmanian. He went to Chicago in the 1970s and established himself in business. In 1997, he took ownership of *Munshif* and gave it a modern touch. He launched *Munshif TV* nearly 15 years ago. For 22 years until his demise, Khan was chairman of Sultan-ul-Uloom Education Society (SUES) and established high schools and junior colleges in the Old City.

**Labour dept to settle job disputes**

**Hyderabad:** The labour department will begin a joint online meeting with management personnel and employees who have lost their jobs in the wake of Covid-19, from August 10. Joint labour commissioner Dr E. Gangadhar told *Deccan Chronicle* here on Friday that there were 70 disputes between managements and employees. On the first day, they will take up 23 cases between 11 am and 3 pm. He said normally such meetings are held in the office of the labour department. Dr Gangadhar said that because of the pandemic many had lost their livelihoods or were subject to gross reduction in wages, which the employees maintain are illegal decisions. He said that earlier there would be as many as 50 complaints but since the Coronavirus outbreak, cases have come down. Those who wish to lodge complaints can do so on the website [www.labour.telangana.gov.in](http://www.labour.telangana.gov.in).

**No stamp duty for MSMEs, vendors**

**Hyderabad:** The state government issued orders on Friday exempting MSMEs and street vendors from paying stamp duty till October 31. MSME were paying stamp duty of ₹1,000 and vendors ₹400 each. During a video-conference held with Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar on the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme, bankers and collectors said MSMEs and vendors were finding it difficult to pay the duty. The CS said that when the matter was taken to the notice of Chief Minister K. Chandrababbar Rao, he immediately gave a direction to issue notification exempting MSMEs and vendors from stamp duty. A government was accordingly issued, benefiting 1 lakh MSMEs and about 3.5 lakh street vendors. Vendors will get a loan of ₹10,000 each at a very low interest rate without any guarantee. They will benefit by ₹350 crore with the decision. The MSME sector may get loan support to the tune of ₹7,300 crore under the Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL) and Credit Guarantee Scheme Subordinate Debt (CGSSD).

**AIR SUVIDHA PORTAL AT AIRPORT SOON**

**T.S.S. SIDDHARTH I DC**  
HYDERABAD, AUG. 7

The GMR Hyderabad International Airport will be introducing Air Suvidha, a first-of-its-kind portal where India-bound passengers can fill the mandatory self-declaration form for Covid-19 and apply online for exemption from mandatory institution quarantine in specified cases. The online forms have been developed in collaboration with the ministries of Civil aviation, health, external affairs and governments of states and union territories including Delhi, UP, Punjab, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Telangana state and Madhya Pradesh. Passengers would be considered for exemption only if they fall under any one of the five exempted categories — pregnant women, suffered a death in the family, suffering from serious illness (description to be provided), parents accompanied by children below 10 years and Covid-19 negative in recent RT-PCR test within 96 hours prior to undertaking the journey as per the government's guidelines.

# Cong: CM favours AP, ignores TS

## Krishna water project of AP will create drinking water crisis in city: Uttam

**S.A. ISHAQUI I DC**  
HYDERABAD, AUG. 7

State Congress leaders on Friday alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrababbar Rao was directly helping Andhra Pradesh complete expansion of the Pothreddy padu head regulator and start work on the Rayalaseema lift irrigation scheme which would deprive Telangana state of 6.3 tmc ft of Krishna water. TPCC president N.

Uttam Kumar Reddy, Congress Legislature Party leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, AICC secretaries A. Sampath Kumar and Vamshichand Reddy and TPCC Krishna Water Protection Committee convener Ram Mohan Reddy were addressing a press conference through Zoom App. Uttam Kumar Reddy said that the two projects being pursued by the AP government would badly hit the farmers of south Telangana state and

drinking water supply to Hyderabad.

The TPCC chief said: "KCR must answer as to why he is helping the AP government take away Telangana's share in Krishna water. His silence is raising serious suspicions of a secret deal."

Referring to the special leave petition (SLP) filed by the Telangana state government in the Supreme Court, he alleged Rao was trying to create new complications

to help the AP government.

"This is a straight fight between AP and TS governments and our intention should be to stop AP from taking away 6.3 tmc ft of Krishna water. But the TS government in its SLP has made Karnataka the first respondent, Maharashtra the second and AP the third respondent. This is nothing but diluting the main issue and diverting attention away from AP's new projects. This was done deliberately so as to delay the legal process which will help AP government complete both the projects."

The Congress leaders asked why Rao did not advance the Cabinet meeting to August 4 or put it off to August 6 so as to facilitate the meeting of the Apex Council on August 5. "KCR deliberately got the meeting postponed to help the AP to complete the tender process. Should we act before the tender process or wait for the completion

of the entire process," they asked. They said the Chief Minister should have first participated in the Apex Council meeting and then approached the Supreme Court.

The TPCC chief said he would implead in the case in the Supreme Court as he was elected from Nalgonda, which is irrigated by water from the Nagarjunasagar. "The Congress will protect the interests of farmers in South Telangana," he said.

## Testing time



People stand in a queue for Covid-19 tests at Sarojini Devi Hospital on Friday.

— P. SURENDRA

# TS reports record 2,207 cases, tally crosses 75K

**KANIZA GARARI I DC**  
HYDERABAD, AUG. 7

The state crossed the 75,000 mark in Covid-19 cases and the toll went past 600 due to the disease on Thursday, according to data released on Friday by the state health department.

The state recorded its highest-ever number of cases at 2,207 and the overall tally stood at 75,257 on Thursday. Reports of 1,539 samples are awaited. Of these 1,675 new cases are from semi-rural and rural areas and the GHMC area reported 532 cases.

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days, on July 6, and another 17 days to reach 50,000 on July 23. The caseload stood at 36,211 on July 13, and has doubled in 24 days.

The surge outside the GHMC area is the highest in districts on the city outskirts: Ranga Reddy district recorded 196 cases. Warangal Urban reported 142 cases on Thursday and Kamareddy 96. Other

districts are recording numbers in the double digits, according to the health department bulletin.

Twelve deaths were recorded on Thursday, taking the toll to 601. The first Covid-19 related death was registered on March 28, the one hundredth on June 4 and the toll reached 301 on July 6.

The intensity of cases in rural areas is showing the same pattern as in the city, with those in the age group from 30 to 60 years being the most affected.

More men are affected when compared to women. As in the urban areas, family members are being affected in the countryside.

## SAGAR WATERS RELEASED FOR FARMERS

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, AUG. 7

Officials released water from the Nagarjunasagar Project (NSP) to the left canal to benefit farmers in Nalgonda and Khammam districts, following a direction from Chief Minister K. Chandrababbar Rao.

The Chief Minister had decided to release the water as water was available in the upper Krishna region, and there was good rain forecast for the monsoon. Legislator Nomula Narasimhaiah and Chief Engineer Narasimha released water to the left canal, which covers 6.3 lakh acres.

## MAJORITY WILL HAVE ANTIBODIES AS VACCINE COMES

From Page 1

Dr A. Velumani, scientist and founder of Thyrocare Technologies Limited, who is studying the antibody data, said, "We have pockets where people have developed antibodies and they will not require the vaccine. There are a large number of asymptomatic carriers through whom the virus has passed and they have not required hospitalisation. These people have 1,000 times more antibodies than those who have had severe symptoms. By the time the vaccine arrives a majority of the population will have developed antibodies."

Dr Kiran Madhala, HoD, anaesthesia, Government Medical College at Nizamabad, said, "For herd immunity, it will require at least 60 per cent of the population to be infected. We are looking at December. If a vaccine does not arrive in the next few months, there will be immunity in a large number of people and they may not need the vaccine."

## 55-YR-OLD WIFE OF COVID VICTIM DIES BY SUICIDE

**Hyderabad:** A day after her husband died of Covid-19, a 55-year-old woman died by suicide at her house in Yellaredyguda, Ameerpet, on Friday morning. Her son, a 34-year-old techie, had tested positive on July 31, and her 58-year-old husband on August 4. Her husband died on August 7.

# Minister hails seed Ganesha idol of MP

**SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL I DC**  
HYDERABAD, AUG. 7

With Ganesh Chaturthi round the corner and most Ganesh statues made of materials which are hazardous to the environment, TRS Rajya Sabha member J. Santosh Kumar has started the innovative idea of distributing idols made of clay that are embedded with neem seeds.

The initiative was appreciated by environment minister A. Indrakaran Reddy. When a seed Ganesha idol was handed over to him, Reddy appreciated it and hoped it would inspire citizens to take up the responsibility of protecting the environment during the festival. Recently, Kumar had initiated the Green India Challenge, which drew wide support including from film actors



State environment minister A. Indrakaran Reddy (left) with TRS MP J. Santosh Kumar.

Chiranjeevi, Nagarjuna, Mahesh Babu, Samantha. They planted saplings and passed on the challenge to others. Sports personalities and celebrities also took part.

As this has inspired the people to plant trees, the hope is that the seed Ganesha idols will also be a game changer in helping the environment while celebrating the festival.

# Salesman held for ₹35L loot from shop

**JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T. I DC**  
HYDERABAD, AUG. 7

A teen working as a salesman in a textile store at Charminar was arrested for allegedly stealing ₹35 lakh cash after breaking into the shop on August 4.

Charminar police identified the accused as Mohd Nasir, 19, a resident of Vattapally. He was said to be involved in two more burglaries at

Falaknuma and Charminar. About ₹31.31 lakh cash, a laptop, four wrist watches, two pairs of anklets, fancy bangles and cosmetics he purchased with the stolen money were recovered from him.

At Malkajgiri, Pabitra Kumar Jaysingh, 23, and Dilip Dalei, 19, residents of Mallikarjunnagar and natives of Odisha, were arrested for stealing a mobile phone from a pedestrian on the station road on August 5.

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The Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd., (BUIDCO), Patna for and on behalf of the Owner in the State of Bihar, India invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the works comprising to (I) Design and Build Sewage Treatment Plant of installed capacity 25 MLD -1 no. at Danapur town, 2 STPs (6 MLD & 7 MLD) at Phulwarisharif town, 7 MLD-1 no. at Fatuha town and all Appurtenant structures and Allied works

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(C) Nineteen (19 nos.) Interception & Diversion structures for the Drains, Underground Sewerage Network - 5.7 km, Construction of open drain 2.2 km, Rising Main, Sewage Pumping Station at Fatuha Town, state of Bihar, India.

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## SHORT TAKES

## NEP FOUNDATION OF NEW INDIA, SAYS PM MODI

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, AUG. 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that India's education system needs to change according to the changing times, and therefore the new National Education Policy (NEP) has introduced a new structure of a 5+3+3+4 curriculum.

Addressing a higher education conclave via video conferencing, Modi said the new policy stresses on "how to think", instead of "what to think", and its emphasis was on inquiry-based, discovery-based, discussion-based and analysis-based learning methods for children.

Modi added that the new policy also provides for a "credit bank" so that students can have the freedom to leave a course in the middle and utilise them later when they want to resume their courses.

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that no section of the country had claimed that the NEP had any bias. "After the NEP came, no section of the country said the policy has any bias. It is a matter of happiness," the PM said while addressing a "Conclave on Transformational Reforms in Higher Education".

## ED GRILLS ACTOR RHEA IN MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

DC CORRESPONDENT  
MUMBAI, AUG. 7

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday grilled actor Rhea Chakraborty in connection with the alleged money laundering case that stems from a complaint filed by late actor Sushant Singh Rajput's father. The officials questioned Chakraborty, business manager and brother on some shell companies that were registered in the addresses of Navi Mumbai. The action comes a day after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed a case against her and others taking over the suicide probe.

The central agency is investigating the monetary trail in connection with the properties owned by Chakraborty and her family to ascertain how the funds were arranged to buy them. The officials found a flat measuring 500 sqft in the name of Chakraborty located at Khar (east). The ED questioned her to find out how she arranged money to partly pay the total cost of ₹85 lakh.

## SC DISMISSES BAIL PLEA OF ACTIVIST REHANA

New Delhi, Aug. 7: The Supreme Court dismissed activist Rehana Fathima's plea seeking anticipatory bail in cases against her for allegedly circulating a video in which she was semi-nude and allowing her minor children to paint on her body, and said the court was baffled at the case.

The top court observed as to what kind of impression the children will get about the culture of this country through such videos. A bench of Justices Arun Mishra, B.R. Gavai and Krishna Murari said this kind of thing is unthinkable and would leave a bad taste in society.

Senior advocate Gopal Shankaranarayan, appearing for the petitioner, said that strangely, the allegation of child pornography has been made. He said that a lady, a mother, had asked her children to paint on her half nude body.

— PTI



Locals move through a flood affected area near Mavoor in a boat, following heavy rainfall in Kozhikode district on Friday.

— PTI

## 15 dead, 50 trapped in Kerala landslide

Police, NDRF get into rescue mode after heavy rains

GILVESTER ASSARY I  
DC  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
AUG. 7

Kerala woke up to a major tragedy on Friday with a landslide in Rajamalai near Munnar, in Idukki district of Kerala, leaving 15 persons dead and over 50 persons feared trapped under debris.

The dead include a 12-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl, eight men and five women.

The state police, National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF), fire force and defence personnel are engaged in a massive rescue operation in the area to save the lives of people trapped under the debris.

At a press conference here Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan said the landslide occurred in Pettimudi near Rajamalai in which 30 rooms of a residential cluster known as layams, of tea estate workers, was completely destroyed.

Over 80 people residing in the quarters were trapped in the landslide, of which 15 died, 15 were rescued and rescue operations are on at the site to retrieve the others safely from under the debris.

The seriously injured have been shifted to Kolenchery medical college and the others are

## Talacauvery temple chief priest, wife, others missing

SHILPA P. I DC  
MYSURU, AUG. 7

Heavy rains continued to create massive floods and landslides in Kodagu, hitting normal life and road connectivity on Friday too.

Landslides at more than 30 places in the past three days, according to Kodagu collector Anniyes Kanmani Joy, the disrupted National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team operations on Friday too. The team is trying to trace five missing people, suspected to be stuck under the debris

of their house which collapsed due to landslides on Thursday at Brahmagiri hills in Talacauvery, the birth place of river Cauvery in Kodagu.

Chief priest of Talacauvery temple, 80-year-old Narayan Achary, his wife Shantha, his brother, 86-year-old Anandatheerthawamy, assistant priests, Pavan and Ravikiran, are the ones missing. Their 40 cows have also reportedly got stuck under the debris of the landslides.

Twenty other families at Bagamandala are

being moved to a relief centre. People in landslide and flood prone parts of Aiyappa hills, Nehru nagar and other unsafe places are being moved to relief centres.

There were landslides at Gaalibeedi road, Mangaluru road, Madikeri-Siddapura road and other places too in Kodagu. Chedukaaru bridge, near Chettimaani, was submerged and Tavarekere road in Kushalnagar, Second Mannangeri near Karthoji road and other areas were flooded.

being treated at Tata Hospital in Munnar. The Chief Minister announced ₹5 lakh ex gratia each to families of the dead. The government will bear the cost of the treatment of the injured.

Earlier in a tweet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was pained at the loss of lives in the landslide. He announced a ₹2 lakh ex gratia each for the families of the dead and ₹50,000 to the injured.

According to eyewitnesses, the incident happened in the early hours of Friday. The landslide originated from the hills near Idamalakudy and completely destroyed the quarters of the tea plantation workers. It also damaged mobile towers and Periyavarai bridge, connecting Rajamalai with Munnar, following which rescue operations were badly affected.

With power outage

and no mode of communication in the area, the place was already cut off from the rest of the world.

The incident came to light after some survivors managed to walk up to the nearest forest station after trekking for a couple of hours. The entire area has been experiencing heavy rainfall for the past 24 hours, believed to be one of the major reasons for the landslide.

## IAF VICE-CHIEF VISITS AIRFIELD AT DAULAT BEG OLDIE

PAWAN BALI I DC  
NEW DELHI, AUG. 7

Indian Air Force Vice Chief Harjit Singh Arora on Friday visited Daulat Beg Oldi Advanced Landing Ground (ALG), where Chinese have intruded in the Dipsang plains in an attempt to dominate this strategically important sector which is near Aksai Chin.

This is one of the world's highest airstrips, built in 1962 and reactivated in 2008. This airstrip could play an important role in case of any armed confrontation with China in providing logistic support to the Indian Army. The Chinese People's Liberation Army is unhappy with the construction of the 255-kilometre Darbuk-Shayok-Daulat Beg Oldi road which ends near the airstrip. It provides all weather road connectivity with Leh. China is sensitive to India building its capability at Daulat Beg Oldie as it is near CPEC in PoK.

## RAILWAYS TO END COLONIAL-ERA KHALASI SYSTEM

New Delhi, Aug. 7: The Railways is set to end a colonial-era practice of appointing khalasis or 'bungalow peons' who worked at the residences of senior officials, following an order from the Railway Board barring any new appointment to the post.

In an order issued on August 6, the Railway Board has said the issue regarding telephone attendant-cum-dak khalasis (TADKs) is under review. "The issue regarding the appointment of TADK is under review in Railway Board. It has, therefore, been

decided that any appointment of fresh face substitutes as TADK should not either be processed or made with immediate effect. Further, all cases approved for such appointments since 1st July 2020 may be reviewed and position advised to Board."

— PTI

**14th DAY CEREMONY**

**Late A.M. DEEPAK RAJ**  
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**11th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
"For those who follow godly paths will rest in peace when they die."  
- Isaiah 57:2

**Clement Jakkamsetti**  
DOD: 08-08-2009  
Our hearts are filled with memories Which we gather through the years All the happy times we shared Are treasured souvenirs.  
Fondly remembered everyday by: Wife, Sons and Daughters-in-law  
(S/2021/D00401)

"IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE ALIVE" - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:22

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**DR. JOHN JAYA KUMAR LUKE**  
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"May His Soul Rest in Peace, our heartfelt condolences to beloved family"  
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**R. ESHWARAMMA**  
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With deep sense of Sadness, we inform the Sudden Demise of  
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**SRI KUCHIBHOTLA VENKATESWARA SARMA**  
Founder Director : Vamsi Rubber Limited  
01-03-1961 - 28-07-2020  
"We miss you, our hearts still ache for you, your loving smile"  
Inserted by: MANAGEMENT, STAFF & WORKERS OF: VAMSHI RUBBER LIMITED Gachibowli, Hyderabad

**1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
1 Thes 5:10 - He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

**UPPALAPATI RAJYALAKSHMI**  
Retd. Govt. Teacher  
W/o Mr. Jonnakuti Noble Devadanam  
DOB: 28-04-1933 DOD: 08-08-2019  
Inserted by: Mr. J. Noble Devadanam & Children, Grand Children, Great Grand Children  
(S/2021-D00347)

**SHRADHANJALI**

**KOTHAPALLY BALAMANI**  
Passed away on 28th July 2020  
Inserted By: Marumamula Gyaneswar Rao - Lalitha Marumamula Sanjay Kumar - Hyma Marumamula Shreevan Kumar - Sushma Grand Sons & Grand Daughters  
(CA-3376)

**15th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

**SIVASRI GUDA KOTAPPA**  
DOB: 22-07-1953 DOD: 08-08-2005  
Your loving presence will always be in our hearts.  
Inserted by: Wife: Guda Sharada, Son & Daughter-in-law: Shanker Guda & Keerthi Guda, Grand Daughter: Dithi Guda

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**SMT SARLA SINGH**  
(W/o Late Prof. SATYANARAIN SINGH)  
Date Of Death : 08.08.2016  
Loving, Compassionate & Magnanimous She left behind this rich legacy for us to carry forward  
Remembrance : Dr.Shailender Singh, Cardiologist Prof.Sunaina Singh, VC-Nalanda University Dr.Sharat Singh - USA Srikant Singh - Entrepreneur Family & Grand Children  
(S/2021/D00403)

**SHRADHANJALI**

**KOTHAPALLY BALAMANI**  
Left heavenly abode on 28-07-2020.  
In deep grief and sorrow: KOTHAPALLY  
(S/2021/D00403)

**SHRADHANJALI**

**KOTHAPALLY BALAMANI**  
Passed away on 28th July 2020  
Inserted By: Kothapally Nagender - Leela Kothapally Naveen - Srihari Kothapally Harsha Raj - Adithya Raj

**3rd ANNIVERSARY**

**PURSHOTHAM PADMAVATHI**  
"Your memories remain in our hearts forever."  
May your soul rest in peace  
Inserted by: Husband: P. Jaipal Rao & Family 9347146867  
(S/2021/D00397)

**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
**39th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:25

**CHANDRAMALLA LAXMAJAI RAO B.A. LLB**  
D.O.B.: 5.4.1950 D.O.D.: 8.8.1981  
Wife: C. Niladramani  
Son: C. Ratnaji Rao - Padmavathi  
Daughter: N. Laxmi Kumari-Rajendra  
Grand Kids: Kirti - Hasini, Neil Abhishek, Vivek  
Ph: 9848439395  
(CA-3376)

**SAD DEMISE**

**Shri V.P. Harigopal**  
Retd. Scientist IICST Hyderabad  
Passed away on 5th August 2020 at Hyderabad  
Deeply mourned by family & friends

**SHRADHANJALI**

**KOTHAPALLY BALAMANI**  
Left heavenly abode on 28-07-2020.  
In deep grief and sorrow: KOTHAPALLY  
(S/2021/D00403)

## PEACE DEAL War memorial, separate statute part of agenda

## NSCN (I-M) to hold talks in Delhi

MANOJ ANAND I DC  
GUWAHATI, AUG. 7

The Prime Minister's envoy for Naga peace talks, R. N. Ravi, also the Governor of Nagaland, will be leaving for New Delhi next week to hold talks with the collective leadership of the nationalist Social Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) (NSCN-IM) led by its general secretary, Thuinga-leng Muivah, to sort out variances on rhetorical issues like flag, separate constitution for Nagaland and setting up a memorial of arms and ammunition of Naga

rebels at Kohima. Disclosing that a delegation of NSCN (I-M) has left for New Delhi on Friday to join its 86-year-old general secretary, Th. Muivah, who is in New Delhi and also battling health issues, security sources however clarified that the NSCN (I-M) delegation was asked to reach New Delhi early because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Asserting that consensus has already been created on majority of issues, security sources said that NSCN (I-M) has been insisting on rhetorical issues like a flag and

separate constitution of Nagaland, besides a museum or war memorial of the arms and ammunition of Naga armed rebels at Kohima.

Indicating that the government of India may allow NSCN (I-M) and other stakeholders to have their own flag, security sources said that all the terms and conditions for surrender of arms and ammunition and disbanding the armed rebel group have already been finalised.

Pointing out that all the arms and ammunition surrendered by Naga rebels would be in the cus-

tody of the government, security sources said that the government of India may agree to set up a memorial of arms and ammunition surrendered by all the rebel groups.

Clarifying a report in a section of media that government of India was prepared to sign the peace accord with Naga rebel groups by August 15, security sources said that it was not possible as a lot of constitutional and legal exercises relating to the resolution of Naga issues have to be completed before the signing of the peace accord.





## SHORT TAKES

RAJAPAKSA CLAN  
WINS 2/3RD  
MAJORITY IN POLLS

Colombo, Aug. 7: Mahinda Rajapaksa will be sworn in as Sri Lanka's Prime Minister for the fourth time on Sunday after his party registered a landslide victory in the general election, securing two-thirds majority in Parliament needed to amend the Constitution to further consolidate the powerful Rajapaksa family's grip on power.

The Sri Lanka People's Party (SLPP), led by prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, won in 145 constituencies, bagging a total of 150 seats with its allies, a two-thirds majority in the 225-member Parliament, according to the results announced by the election commission on Friday. It won all but four of the 22 electoral districts on offer, polling 6.8 million votes (59.9 per cent). —PTI

BOY SWEEPED OUT TO  
SEA SURVIVES WITH  
FLOATING SKILLS

London, Aug. 7: A 10-year-old indian-origin boy, who was swept out to sea during a family trip to the beach in northern England, has spoken about how he survived using the floating advice he picked up on a television documentary show.

Ravi Saini was able to battle the waves for more than an hour and even earned praise from the rescuers who found him on his back, with his arms and legs spread, shouting for help in the water near Scarborough, on the North Sea coast, on July 31.

As someone who takes weekly swimming lessons and is a fan of the BBC documentary 'Saving Lives at Sea', Ravi says that is where he saw the 'Float to Live' technique of lying on your back, staying calm and spreading out like a starfish. "I felt like 'yeah I finally got a second chance to live'," said Ravi, in reference to his rescue. —PTI

Trump cites India to  
ban TikTok, WeChat

Donald Trump

● **THE BAN** comes into effect in 45 days, Trump said in two separate executive orders signed on Thursday. India was the first country to ban TikTok and WeChat, citing national security concerns. India has banned as many as 106 Chinese apps, a move welcomed by both the Trump administration and US lawmakers.

● **US WILL** end its reliance on China and other foreign nations for pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, President Donald Trump has said, asserting that Beijing would have to pay the price for the wound it has inflicted on America and the world by spreading the deadly Coronavirus.

ByteDance Ltd, automatically captures vast swaths of information from its users, Trump said.

This data collection threatens to allow the ruling Chinese Communist Party access to Americans' personal and proprietary information - potentially allowing China to track the locations of federal employees and contractors, build dossiers of personal infor-

mation for blackmail, and conduct corporate espionage, he alleged.

TikTok also reportedly censors content that the Chinese Communist Party deems politically sensitive, such as content concerning protests in Hong Kong and China's treatment of Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities.

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President Trump and leaders of several countries have accused China of not being transparent in reporting the deadly disease, leading to huge human casualties and economic crisis across the world.

China, however, has denied US' accusation of covering up the extent of its Coronavirus outbreak and accused America of attempting to divert public attention by insinuating that the virus originated from a virology laboratory in Wuhan.

"What China did is a terrible thing. Whether it was incompetence or on purpose, it was a terrible thing that they did not only to the United States, but to the world. A terrible thing," Trump told reporters at the White House on Thursday before flying to Ohio to visit a Whirlpool manufacturing plant has over one billion users worldwide, including users in the United States.

—Agencies

Lebanon Prez suspects  
missile caused blasts

Rejects international probe as an attempt to dilute truth

Beirut, Aug. 7: Lebanon's president Friday rejected any international probe into the catastrophic port blast, saying a missile or negligence could have been responsible as rescuers desperately combed the rubble for survivors.

The entrenched ruling class has come under fire once again since Tuesday's explosion, which killed at least 154 people and devastated swathes of the capital.

The revelation that a huge shipment of hazardous ammonium nitrate fertiliser had languished for years in a warehouse in the heart of the capital served as shocking proof to many Lebanese of the rot at the core of their political system.

Even Lebanese President Michel Aoun admitted Friday that the "paralysed" system needed to be "reconsidered." "We are facing changes and reconsidering our system, which is built on consensus, after it was seen to be paralysed and incapable of swiftly executing decisions," Aoun told reporters.

He pledged "swift justice" but rejected widespread calls for an international probe, telling a reporter he saw it as an attempt to "dilute the truth." "There are two possible scenarios for what happened: it was either negligence or foreign interference through a missile or bomb," he said, the first time a top Lebanese official raised the possibility that the port had been attacked.

—AFP



French rescuers search the Beirut port on Thursday, three days after a massive blast there shook the Lebanese capital. - Rescuers combed through the rubble of Beirut port today in a search for survivors watched breathlessly by relatives of the missing, after an investigation. —AFP

ISRAEL ARMY  
DOWNS DRONE  
FROM LEBANON

Jerusalem, Aug. 7: The Israeli army said it had shot down a drone overnight on Thursday into Friday that came from Lebanon, a border on heightened military alert due to recent skirmishes.

Israeli troops overnight "identified a drone which infiltrated into Israeli airspace in the Mount Hermon area, along the Israeli side of the Blue Line" demarcating the Jewish state and Lebanon, the army said.

"The drone was monitored and downed," it said, adding Israeli troops were conducting searches in the area. —AFP

Rescuers scour blast  
zone as arrests made

Beirut, Aug. 7: Rescuers combed through the rubble of Beirut port on Friday in a search for survivors watched breathlessly by relatives of the missing, with authorities making five new arrests in a high-profile probe.

Shock has turned to anger in Lebanon since Tuesday's colossal explosion killed at least 154 people and devastated swathes of the capital, with security forces firing tear gas at demonstrators who gathered near parliament late on Thursday.

The revelation that a huge shipment of hazardous ammonium nitrate fertiliser had lan-

guished for years in a warehouse in the heart of the capital served as shocking proof to many Lebanese of the rot at the core of their political system.

What ignited the 2,750 tonnes of fertiliser is still unclear — officials have said work had recently begun on repairs to the warehouse, while others suspected fireworks which were stored either in the same place or nearby.

Near the seat of the explosion, by the carcass of the port's giant grain silos, rescue teams from France, Germany, Italy and other countries coordinated their search efforts. —AFP

## GAMES

## SHORT TAKES

Manpreet, three  
others Covid +ve

New Delhi: The Indian men's hockey team captain Manpreet Singh and three other players have tested positive for Covid-19 ahead of the national camp's resumption in Bengaluru, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) said on Friday.

Besides Manpreet, defender Surender Kumar, Jaskaran Singh and drag-flicker Varun Kumar have also tested positive for the deadly virus.

"I am self quarantined on the SAI campus and I am very happy with the way SAI authorities have handled the situation...I am doing fine and hope to recover very soon," the 28-year-old Manpreet said in the statement issued by SAI.

"I am very happy that they made the testing of athletes mandatory. That proactive step helped in identifying the problem right in time."

The players tested positive after returning to the national hockey camp at the SAI South Centre in Bengaluru following a month-long break.

They were earlier stranded at the centre for over two months (till June) when a national lockdown was imposed to contain the virus. —PTI

Malik to fly to Eng  
if tests negative

Karachi: T20 specialist Shoaib Malik will need to clear two Covid-19 tests before he can leave on August 15 to join the Pakistan team at Southampton ahead of the three-match series against England beginning August 28.

"The PCB is planning to fly-out T20 specialist Shoaib Malik to Southampton on 15 August, provided he returns two negative Covid-19 tests as per the agreed protocols and processes," the Board said in a statement.

The T20 series, which follows the ongoing Test rubber between the two nations, will be held in a bio-secure environment in Manchester on August 28, August 30 and September 1.

The PCB had allowed Malik permission to join the squad in England late as he wanted to spend time with his family in UAE.

The former Pakistan skipper, who is married to India's tennis star Sania Mirza and has a one-year-old son Ishaan. —PTI

STRONG SEVILLA SURGE ON  
Blank Roma to make Europa quarterfinals

Duisburg, Aug. 7: Sevilla beat Roma 2-0 in the round of 16 to stay in the hunt for a record sixth Europa League title, as Wolverhampton, Bayer Leverkusen and Basel also qualified for the quarterfinals.

Sergio Reguilón gave Sevilla the lead with a surging run through the Roma defense and a shot past keeper Pau Lopez in the 22nd minute. Youssef En-Nesyri added the second just before halftime, tapping in a low cross

from Lucas Ocampos.

Sevilla could easily have scored more, with two shots hitting the crossbar and a goal overturned for offside on video review. Playing after a packed run of Italian league games, Roma didn't muster a single shot on target in the first half and just one in the second.

It was a single game at a neutral venue in Germany because no first leg was played in March before the season was suspended amid the

Coronavirus pandemic.

Roma defender Gianluca Mancini was sent off in added time after video review for making contact with Luuk De Jong's head in a challenge for the ball. It was Roma's first game since its \$700 million takeover by the Texas-based Friedkin Group was confirmed Thursday morning.

Sevilla next faces a quarterfinal Tuesday against Wolves after the English team squeezed past Olympiakos 1-0 on the

night and 2-1 on aggregate for its first European quarterfinal in 48 years.

Bayer Leverkusen earned a quarterfinal against Inter Milan, beating Rangers 1-0 on Thursday thanks to a powerful shot from Moussa Diaby for a 4-1 aggregate win.

Basel already had a 3-0 lead from the first leg and made the quarterfinals after Fabian Frei scored the only goal of the game in a 1-0 win over Eintracht Frankfurt. —AP

## Live on TV

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE  
ROUND OF 16,  
SECOND LEG

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on Sony Ten 1

Barcelona vs Napoli  
from 12.30 am (Sunday)  
on Sony Ten 2

GOVERNMENT  
NOD FOR IPL  
ALL BUT GIVEN

New Delhi, Aug. 7: An "in principle" government approval has come for the BCCI to take the IPL to the UAE this year and the eight franchises have started their preparations by initiating quarantine and Covid-19 testing protocols for their players and support staff.

A BCCI source confirmed that the permission in writing is due to come any time in the next few days. "We have got the approval in principle to go ahead and the papers will be landing anytime," a top source said.

Most of the franchises will be leaving base after August 20 mandated by the BCCI. The Chennai Super Kings are set to leave on August 22.

The Mumbai Indians, on the other hand, has quarantined its Indian players at its base. Some franchises are arranging Covid-19 tests for their players in their respective cities before heading for departure bases (Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru) for UAE.

"It's always good if they have a PCR-Test done and land with a negative report. Then they can have two tests done 24 hours apart as the BCCI SOP mentions before we fly to the UAE," a senior franchise official said. —PTI



Pakistan's Asad Shafiq (left) dives to catch the ball to dismiss England's Dominic Bess (centre) during the third day of their first Test at the Old Trafford in Manchester on Friday. —AP

Pakistan's spinners set up  
trap, English on backfoot

Manchester, Aug. 7: England were bowled out for 219, a 107-run first innings deficit, after losing six wickets to Pakistan's leg-spinners on the third day of the first test at Old Trafford on Friday.

At tea Pakistan stretched its lead by another 20 runs to take control despite Shan Masood's duck.

Ollie Pope's 62 was as good as it got for the England batsmen, with the majority of those runs scored on Day Two, with Yasir Shah claiming

4-66 and Shadab Khan taking the last two wickets.

England resumed the day on 92-4 with Pope and Jos Buttler hoping to continue the rescue mission they had started the previous evening.

Pope had 46 to his name when he walked out but almost fell short of his half-century, deflecting Shaheen Afridi over the top of the stumps in an early scare. He got there soon after, off 81 balls, but the first hour was little more than a trial for the home side.

Just nine runs came off

the bat in that time, outscored by the 10 extras Pakistan contributed.

England's pace attack of Shaheen, Mohammad Abbas and Naseem Shah working up a head of steam. Buttler edged the third ball of Naseem's spell just short of second slip but after that it was a string of plays and misses. —AP

**Brief scores:** England 219 in 70.3 overs (O. Pope 62, J. Buttler 38, S. Broad 29\*, Y. Shah 4/66, S. Khan 2/13, M. Abbas 2/33) vs Pakistan 2nd innings (20/1) lead by 127.

INDIA TO HOST  
2021 T20 WC,  
Oz IN 2022

Dubai, Aug. 7: India on Friday retained the right to host the 2021 T20 World Cup while Australia will conduct this year's postponed edition in 2022, the ICC announced after its board meeting, straightening out a schedule that went topsy-turvy due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The International Cricket Council (ICC) today confirmed that the T20 World Cup 2020 that was postponed due to Covid-19 will be held in Australia in 2022. India will host the T20 World Cup 2021 as planned," the ICC stated in a press release.

The global body also confirmed that next year's women's ODI World Cup in New Zealand has been postponed until February-March 2022.

**ENGLAND'S INDIA TOUR PUT OFF TILL 2021**

India's white-ball series against England, scheduled at home in September-October, was on Friday postponed until early 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Both teams were scheduled to play three ODIs and as many T20s and the matches could now be held after the Test series between the two in India early next year. —Agencies

## Back on court



Coach Park Tae-Sang (from left), chief coach Pullela Gopichand and P. V. Sindhu are all smiles on the first day of resumption of training camp at the SAI Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad on Friday.

Martic rallies for  
a place in Last 8

Palermo, Aug. 7: Top-seeded Petra Martic rallied past Russian qualifier Liudmila Samsonova 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 to reach the Palermo Ladies Open quarterfinals Thursday in the first tournament following a five-month break due to the coronavirus.

"The struggle was real out there today," Martic said after the two-hour match.

"She's not the type of player I like to play. She plays really fast, hits really flat and low. And especially on these (clay) courts it can be tricky," she added.

"Overall I didn't really enjoy myself out there. But I realised right away that it was not going to be easy and I was going to have to fight," she said.

Martić will next face another qualifier, Aliaksandra Sasnovich.

Also advancing was fourth-seeded Anett Kontaveit, who also had to come from behind to defeat Laura Siegemund 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Kontaveit's quarterfinal

● **Top seed Petra Martić had to overcome a stubborn opponent in Liudmila Samsonova 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, in a match that lasted over two hours, to make the quarterfinal at the Palermo Ladies Open.**

opponent will be Italian wild-card entry Elisabetta Cocciaretto.

In yet another three-set comeback win, Italy's Camila Giorgi eliminated Slovenian qualifier Kaja Juvan 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Players and officials for the tournament are being tested every four days for Covid-19 and one player who tested positive withdrew over the weekend. New protocols include fewer ball kids, a limited number of fans and no post-match handshakes between opponents. —AP

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