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MOONSET TOMORROW 7.45 PM

COUNTER POINT

Bumper offer! You will get a party ticket and a ministry if you defect with a few more leaders!

SHORT TAKES

Crypto bourse gets ED notice

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate said it has issued a show cause notice to the country's largest cryptocurrency exchange for undertaking transactions worth over ₹2,790 crore in alleged violation of the FEMA rules. WazirX, registered under the company name Zanmai Labs, was founded in 2017.

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Prashant, Pawar talk Oppn front

Mumbai: Political strategist Prashant Kishor on Friday met NCP chief Sharad Pawar here. Though the NCP said the meeting was a thanksgiving trip related to the Bengal and Tamil Nadu election, there are speculations that non-Congress parties are trying to put up a joint fight against the BJP and leader against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana receives a replica of a veena from Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao at Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad on Friday. Justice Ramana's wife Shivamala is also seen in the picture. — DC

City pulls out all stops to welcome mana CJI

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

Chief Justice of India Justice N.V. Ramana was given a rousing reception at Raj Bhavan on Friday.

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan and Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao accorded a grand welcome to Justice Ramana who received a ceremonial salute from the police at Raj Bhavan.

This is Justice Ramana's maiden visit to Telangana state after becoming the Chief Justice of India on April 24. He was accompanied by his wife Sivamala. He

will stay at the Raj Bhavan for three days.

Telangana High Court Chief Justice Hima Kohli, ministers K.T. Rama Rao, A. Indrakaran Reddy, Mohd. Mahmood Ali, Sabitha Indra Reddy, Puvvada Ajay Kumar, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, MLAs, Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar, Director General of Police M. Mahendar Reddy and several other dignitaries and officials accorded a grand welcome to Justice Ramana on his arrival at the Hyderabad International Airport earlier.

Justice Ramana proceeded straight to the Bhavan where the Governor, HC Chief Justice, Chief Minister, ministers and other dignitaries extended a warm welcome by presenting bouquets.

Justice Ramana landed in Hyderabad from Tirupati where he stayed on Thursday night. The pride among Telugu people was palpable as the son of the soil reached the pinnacle of the judiciary. There were huge hoardings along the major junctions and stretches in the city set up by the state government, welcoming Justice Ramana.

■ Page 2: Banners thanked CJI for new HC judges

Congress stages protests as petrol nears ₹100/litre

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On a day the price of petrol in Hyderabad reached about ₹99.31 per litre, the Congress on Friday staged protests at petrol pumps across the state against the spiralling prices of petrol and diesel. Party leaders including Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, MPs A. Revanth Reddy, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, MLAs and key leaders participated in the demonstrations at their respective places.

Addressing the agitators at a petrol pump near Secretariat, Uttam Kumar Reddy demanded that the Central and state governments re-

duce fuel prices and ease the burden on common people. He said the price of petrol had crossed ₹100 per litre in several places. He said the prices

of petrol were hiked by ₹25 and diesel by ₹23.90 in just one year.

■ Page 2: Millions were hit by fuel price hike: Revanth

MAMATA BEGINS GHAR WAPSIS DRIVE IN WB

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC
KOLKATA, JUNE 11

Dealing a severe blow to his party a month after its whitewash in the West Bengal Assembly elections, BJP national vice-president Mukul Roy along with his son Subhhrangshu Roy quit the party and returned to his Trinamul Congress roots in a grand welcome by its supremo and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The newly-elected Krishnanagar North MLA's defection to the state's ruling TMC, which has reduced the BJP to 74 MLAs in the House, came after he did not get the Leader of the Opposition post which went to Nandigram MLA Suvenu Adhikari. Even a recent call from Prime Minister Narendra Modi inquiring about his ailing wife Krishna failed to stop Mr Roy from maintaining his distance from the BJP.

Mr Roy, who had switched to the BJP from the TMC in November 2017 and engineered a series of defections later, visited Trinamul Bhawan from his home in Salt Lake on Friday.

The TMC chief, who had already reached there, greeted her most trusted lieutenant of earlier days to welcome him back to her party in the presence of a few selected leaders, including her MP nephew Abhishek Banerjee.

Ms Banerjee, however, said that those who defected to the BJP ahead of the polls but wish to return to her party, will not be taken back.

DC IMPACT

DIST OFFICIALS STOP WORK AT DISPUTED SITE

DC CORRESPONDENT
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The Hyderabadi administration acted quickly against the civil works being carried out by Shanta Sriram Constructions on a piece of disputed land on Road 14, Banjara Hills, in violation of the Supreme Court's status quo order.

A team of revenue officials led by tahasildar N. Srinivas Reddy on Friday visited the construction site along with the GHMC town planning officials and recorded developments that took place after the Supreme Court order on June 1.

■ Page 2: Officials to file a contempt petition

TRS way ahead in getting donations

TS ruling party got ₹89.5cr; YSRC ₹8.9cr in AP

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

The ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) received ₹89.55 crore in donations from corporates via electoral bonds totalling ₹89.55 crore. However, it did not disclose the details of corporate houses which donated funds but listed the names of 41 individuals who donated amounts of over ₹20,000 each. Among them, TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao donated the highest amount of ₹2.5 lakh.

The ruling YSRC in Andhra Pradesh received ₹8.92 crore and the opposition Telugu Desam ₹2.60 crore.

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM), on the other hand, received ₹13.85 lakh donations.

The TRS accepted donations of over ₹20,000 each

from 41 individuals amounting to ₹39.92 lakh while it received ₹39.15 crore from corporates via electoral bonds totalling ₹39.55 crore. However, it did not disclose the details of corporate houses which donated funds but listed the names of 41 individuals who donated amounts of over ₹20,000 each. Among them, TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao donated the highest amount of ₹2.5 lakh.

One K. Naveen Kumar also donated ₹2.5 lakh. The rest of the individual donations were in the range of ₹20,000 to ₹2 lakh.

The AIMIM received donations of ₹3 lakh each from four individuals towards helicopter rent from Jharkhand and Maharashtra, where AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi held election rallies.

Speculation is rife on Centre splitting UP into 2 new states

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 11

Amid growing speculation of a possible rejig in the BJP-led Uttar Pradesh government, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president J.P. Nadda.

Crucial Assembly polls in

Uttar Pradesh are scheduled early next year and the party leadership, it was learnt, discussed various issues with Mr Adityanath who has faced criticism over his state's Covid management and has also been asked to fine-tune the caste arithmetic before the polls. There is intense speculation in New Delhi that the Centre might consider the division of Uttar Pradesh, which has the largest number of parliamentary seats, and that the UP CM was consulted on this at his meeting with Mr Shah on Thursday. The buzz is that the Centre might consider the division of the state into two parts — Purvanchal and Harit Pradesh.

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COVID FIGHT

US ignores Covaxin's largescale use in India, seeks more data

FDA's prejudice against Indian vax

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In what is seen as an instance of the West denying "due recognition" to Indian technological prowess, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has refused to allow Indian vaccine-maker Bharat Biotech to sell its Covid-19 vaccine there.

The grant of an "emergency approval use" (EAU) would have allowed the Hyderabad-based firm to sell Covaxin in the US with immediate effect.

The FDA, however, recommended Bharat Biotech's American partner, Ocugen, to submit a biologics licence application or take the full approval route with additional data. Ocugen said in an official release on Friday that this may delay the launch of Covaxin in the US.

Explaining the process of granting an EAU on its website, FDA said that it "may allow use of unapproved medical products, or unapproved uses of approved medical products in an emergency to diag-

nose, treat, or prevent serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions when certain statutory criteria have been met, including that there are no adequate, approved, and available alternatives."

The FDA's move shows the distrust that the US harbours for Indian products, especially those in the field of cutting-edge technology. Covaxin has been administered to millions of people in India and it was given approval for emergency use in 14 countries. "No vaccine manufac-

tured or developed from India has ever received EAU or full licensure from USFDA. When approved, it will be a great leap forward for vaccine innovation and manufacturing from India," Bharat Biotech said in its statement.

Covaxin is also facing prejudice at the top global health entity dominated by the West: The World Health Organisation (WHO). The global health body has not yet included Covaxin in the list of the vaccines that are approved for international travel.

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IN BRIEF

Youths booked under Arms Act

Hyderabad: Youngsters who were allegedly dancing with swords and daggers during the lockdown to celebrate a birthday were booked by the Habeebnagar police. The celebrations were to mark the birthdays of Mangarbasti residents Sai Ram and Arjun on Wednesday. The incident came to light on Friday when a video clip of the celebration went viral on social media. Based on the video, cases were booked under the Indian Arms Act and Epidemic Act.

Banners hail CJI for new HC judges

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Justice Ramana recently cleared a proposal of increasing the judges' strength in the Telangana High Court by 70 per cent to 42 from the existing 24. Banners were put up on Metro Rail pillars thanking him for the move. The Chief Minister thanked Justice Ramana saying the increase in bench strength would help expedite resolution of pending cases. The CM attended a dinner hosted for Justice Ramana by the Governor.

2 forest dept staff die of Covid-19

Hyderabad: Two forest department personnel lost their lives to Covid-19 on Friday. The two, from the Amrabad division, were identified as forest section officer Nafeez and toll gate assistant Balakrishna. The department has requested the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) for assistance to the victims' families under their Covid casualty fund to help green warriors. The families of Nafeez and Balakrishna have been paid ₹1 lakh each and memorabilia issued to mark their work towards the environment by WTI.

ATC officers grad ceremony held

Hyderabad: A combined graduation ceremony was held at the Air Traffic Control Officers' Training Establishment at the Air Force Academy, Dindigul to mark the completion of 105th air traffic management and air laws (basic) course.

Air Marshal I.P. Vipin, Commandant, Air Force Academy, was the reviewing officer. Eighteen officers, including 11 from the IAF, one from the Army and six from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, graduated as aerodrome controllers. Assistant aerodrome officer V.V.S. Arun Kumar from HAL topped the order of merit.

Caretaker cheats senior citizen

Hyderabad: A fraudster who under the guise of taking care of an elderly person stole his debit card and spent ₹1.5 lakh without authorisation has been arrested by Rachakonda Cyber Crime police. The accused M. Vinay Reddy was working with Ramakrishna Old Age Home, Nagole, and was assigned to take care of the senior citizen in February. "He used to handle the debit card and mobile phone of the victim. He started misusing the debit card and made online purchases worth ₹1.5 lakh," said police. Based on the complaint from the victim, police booked a case.

Hair ball removed from girl's stomach

Hyderabad: A two-kg ball of hair was removed from the abdomen of a 17-year-old girl at Osmania General Hospital. The patient, a resident of Shamshabad, had undergone treatment for Covid-19, and returned with complaints of vomiting. Doctors found that she was suffering from trichobezoars or Rapunzel syndrome, where she had got into the habit of eating and swallowing her own hair. Dr P. Naik, senior anesthetist said, "She was psychologically weak and would eat her hair when hungry. She underwent surgery as the hair penetrated through the stomach to the intestine." Dr B. Nagendra, OGH superintendent, said, "Rapunzel syndrome is extremely rare and in our records show 68 cases. This occurs due to malnutrition, undernourishment and weak psychological conditions."

City hires kids to work, TS mandal shows way

Eminent personalities set bad example, employ kids: Expert

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11



Children sell fruits on a push cart on the eve of World Day Against Child Labour in Hyderabad on Friday.

— R. PAVAN

'Child labour up 35% in Covid'

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

Child labour is one of the several issues that the authorities try to resolve all the time, but fail to find a permanent solution. Though the issue has always been a topic of major debates across various platforms, for the authorities, it remains a daunting task.

In Bhalakpur Market, which has several scrap depots, children work to segregate scrap material. It is estimated 3.37 lakh children are working in the old city, especially in Gulzar Houz and Kali Kaman areas, in bangle and jewellery workshops,

he said. "Parents in villages of West Bengal cannot take care of their children due to utter poverty. Employers in Hyderabad encourage migrant workers to get children from their villages, by promising better care, and pay them around ₹5,000 to ₹10,000 per year. There are hundreds of children working in the old city, especially in Gulzar Houz and Kali Kaman areas, in bangle and jewellery workshops," he said.

In an exclusive interview with this correspondent, Dr E. Ganagdhar, joint commissioner of labour & director, state resource centre for eliminating of child and bonded labour, spoke about the challenges before the department in dealing with the issue in Hyderabad which has considerable migrated population on the eve of World Day Against Child Labour on Friday. Excerpts:

Who are classified as child labourers and why does this system exist?

A child below the age of 14, who is in any occupation, is considered as child labour. An adolescent falling under the age group of 15 to 18 years and involved in hazardous occupations is also regarded as child labour. The reasons for people to opt for child labour are, the wages are cheap, they can extract more working hours and more work. They can be mend easily.

What is the percentage of child labour in Hyderabad city? Has child labour percentage decreased after the



Dr E. Ganagdhar

new state was formed?

This city is considered as a hotspot for child labour. As per 2011 census, 3.37 lakh children are working in Telangana region, 50 per cent of them are in agriculture sector. Other areas are brick kilns, construction sites, bangle and jewellery workshops, firecracker and agarbatti making, mechanic workshops, welding shops and rag picking. Another area is domestic help and babysitting. The incidents of child labour have decreased by 36 percent before the pandemic.

Does the Covid pandemic have any impact on child labour?

Yes, there has been huge impact on child labour during this 15-month period. It has come to our notice that child labour has increased to 30 to 35 percent during pandemic. Parents who lost their earnings due to Covid are forcing their children to work. Many children are begging on the street. This is

a serious concern and we are working on this.

What would be your immediate action when you come to know that child labour is existing at a particular place?

As soon as we receive complaints from the public through child helpline 1098, our officers jump into action, raid that place along with enforcement drivers on regular intervals. Special drives are conducted in the month of January and July every year as 'Operation Muskan' and 'Operation Smile'

What are the measures you are taking to curb child labour?

People should be educated and sensitised on this issue. They should consider it as a social evil. Moreover, a child is a child, consider him or her as your own child. Community participation plays a major role along with the department enforcements.

What are the challenges you face in making the city 'zero child labour' one?

Rapid migration, huge population, insensitivity of people towards the burning issue of child labour are some of the major causes of child labour. Many from elite classes in the city engage child labour and assume that they are providing better lies for them. However, they are destroying the precious lives and beautiful childhood of several children.

Patient's genes may decide Covid-19 severity: Study

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

A new study by the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) has found that genetic variants responsible for Covid-19 severity among Europeans may not play a role among South Asians. This finding has been published in the journal Scientific Reports.

While it is unclear why some people face severe and adverse symptoms of Covid-19, CCMB suggests that there are some variations in a specific DNA among such patients. This segment is present in 50 per cent of south Asians as compared to 16 per cent of Europeans.

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Team member Prajwal Pratap Singh said, "Our result reiterates the unique genetic origin of South Asian populations. A dedicated genome-wide association study on south Asian Covid-19 patients is the need of the hour for us in the Asian sub-continent."

The variations in the sub-continent will require a lot of mapping. This will necessitate a large number of centres across the country to be a part of the study.

The study suggests that the genetic variants correlated with Covid-19 outcomes differ significantly among caste and tribal populations of Bangladesh.

IIT-H BETTERS STANDING IN QS RANKINGS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

The IIT-H, has improved its QS Quacquarelli Symonds World University Ranking from 600-650 category in 2021 to 591-600 in 2022. Besides, for the second consecutive year, it maintained its position within the top 10 technical institutes in the country and as the best among the second generation IITs.

IIT-H said there had been a significant improvement in the institute's standing in the QS rankings over the last four years from 1300+ to 600. The institute stood at the 163rd position globally in the citations per faculty.

Fewer cases, more cont. zones

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

DAILY COVID BULLETIN DATA

Update: Cases | Deaths



	Fresh Cases	1,707
Deaths	16	
Tests Done	1,24,066	
Active Cases	22,759	
Total Cases	5,98,611	
Total Deaths	3,456	

Highest New Cases

GHMC (Hyderabad)	158	Adilabad and Nirmal	5
Nalgonda	147	Komaram Bheem-	
Khammam	124	Asifabad and Kamareddy	6
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the MCZs to prevent entry of vendors and common people.

No government works are taken up in these areas.

Over 7 years, no action on nala encroachments

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

Non-cooperation from public and public representatives over removal of encroachments around 390 km of drains is causing repeated flooding in low-lying areas.

While this is the stand taken by certain officials of the GHMC, the civic body itself has not come up with a final detailed project report for development of nalas and removal of encroachments in a manner that flood waters during rains drain out smoothly.

The corporation had completed a survey of drains in January 2017. Officials identified 12,182 unauthorised constructions

along 173 major nalas and GHMC even the cost of clearing the bottlenecks at ₹230 crore. Authorities sanctioned more than ₹500 crore over the years but even 50 per cent of these funds had not been spent on the project in seven years.

Congress spokesperson Sravan Dasouji alleged the government has been focussing on winning the GHMC elections. He said that in the before the corporation elections the government distributed ₹10,000 cash each to those affected by floods. After that, the government had eight months to develop infrastructure but it did nothing, he said. BJP city president N. Ramachandra Rao

said, "How can the government again decide to conduct a study on nalas when the monsoon has arrived? This shows the government is not serious about addressing public issues on priority."

Animal husbandry minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav held a review meeting on Friday and asked officials to identify encroachments along nalas and lakes, so that people residing in them can be evacuated. But removal of encroachments is a far cry. Authorities are limiting themselves to just de-silting of drains. "As on June 8, 830.4 km that is 94 per cent of drains in the city have been de-silted," GHMC chief D.S. Lokesh Kumar said.

TN PSYCHIATRY STUDENT HELD FOR EXTORTION

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

A 22-year-old psychiatry student accused of cyber extortion was arrested by the Rachakonda cybercrime police. One of his victims, engineering college faculty in Hyderabad, approached the police after she began receiving phone calls from unidentified persons. The accused, P. Tamil Selvan from Tamil Nadu is pursuing MSc in Psychiatry, police said. He used photo morphing and video editing apps to fake morphed sexually explicit photos and videos of the prospective victims.

According to Dr K. Nagarathna, IMD-H director, a low-pressure zone over northwest Bay of Bengal could be more marked in the next 24 hours, and move west-northwest. The IMD has issued a heavy rainfall warning for Nizamabad, Jayashankar Bhupalapally, Mulugu, Bhadrakot Kotagudem, Mahabubabad, Warangal (Rural and Urban), Sangareddy, Kamareddy, Kurnam Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Jagtial, Rajanna Sirsilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Vikarabad and Medak. Thunderstorms and winds up to 40 kmph are forecast.

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 organizations for selection of an agency which will act as:

a) Knowledge Framework Provider (Portal) for all Skill Development Programs Management (KFP-SDPM)
b) Content Provider for Kushal Yuva Program (eCP-KYP) and Bihar State – Certificate in Financial Accounting (BS-CFA) including GST and Tally
c) Learning Management System Provider (LMS) for KYP and BS-CFA Program delivery Management (KFP-SDPM)
d) State-wide Implementation, Monitoring and Operation Support for Skill Development Programs for entire contract duration

under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model for Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM)

Kindly note that the selection of agency 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. 1,180.00 or as applicable (One Thousand One Hundred 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/- (Ten Lac) through e-payment mode only (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal, well before the last date/time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid, 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 <a href="https

SHORT TAKES

HC REJECTS AGRIGOLD PLAN ON PROPERTY

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

BJP state in-charge Tarun Chugh addresses the media at leader Etala Rajendar's house in Shamirpet as the former minister looks on. — DC

BJP reaches out to Etala at home

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

BJP Telangana affairs in-charge Tarun Chugh on Friday declared that there is a struggle going on between self-esteem of Telangana and the arrogance of one person.

He appreciated former minister Etala Rajendar for speaking out against the dictatorial tendencies of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao not only within the party but also in public forums.

Chugh was speaking after he and BJP

national organising joint secretary general Sivaprakash held a meeting with party MLAs Raja Singh and Raghuandran Rao. Former MPs Vivek Venkataswamy, Jitender Reddy and Vijayashanti were present.

Chugh, accompanied by party vice-president D.K. Aruna, party OBC Morcha chairman K. Laxman and BJP MLAs, visited Shamirpet and met Rajendar at his residence.

The party in-charge made it clear that their meeting with the former minister is official. He

accused Chandrasekhar Rao of suppressing voices that are critical of him and the government. He said the aim of CM is to perpetuate family rule. But the people will overthrow such a dictatorship in the next elections. Chugh made it clear that BJP's preferred development and corruption-free rule in Telangana.

Earlier in the meeting, state party leaders explained to Chugh and Sivaprakash how the BJP can become a strong force and come to power in Telangana in 2023.

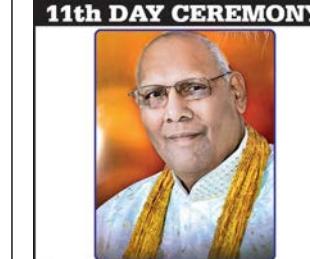
GHMC STF TO CHECK ENCROACHMENTS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

The GHMC formed special task force (STF) teams at all its zones to keep a check on unauthorised constructions. The teams will seal or demolish illegal structures, based on complaints. Each zonal commissioner will head the STF team, which will also a superintendent engineer and DCP (law and order), and joint or deputy commissioner as members.



With profound grief we would like to inform you about the sad demise of our beloved **S. Charanjeet Singh Saluja**
S/o Late Nanak Singh Saluja and Late Mata Vidavanti ji on 9th June, 2021.
Kirtan & Antim Ardaas will be held on 13th June, 2021 from 9am to 10:30 am, at Gurdwara Sahib, Secunderabad, followed by langar.
In grief:
Mrs Manjot Kaur (wife)
Mrs & Mr Gurvinder Singh Saluja (Monu)
Mrs & Mr Amardeep Singh Saluja (Sanju)
Mrs & Mr Gurdeep Singh Saluja (Rinku)
Grandchildren & Saluja family.
Ph: 9841073108, 9885500012, 9885500013



Dr. Jaini Nagabushanam
DOB: 02-06-2021

YOUR MEMORIES WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS ETERNALLY

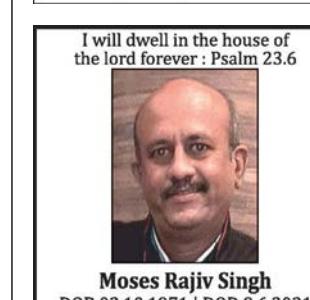
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Sons: Raghu and Ravi Jaini
Grandsons: Kalyan n Rohit
Daughter-in-laws: Neetha and Padmaja
Daughter: Radha Gangishetty
Son-in-law: Ramesh Gangishetty
Grand Daughters: Rajitha n Ramya
Mobile: 9848049847



Sri S.V. PRASAD Smt. S.A. LAXMI

IAS (Retd.) Ex. Chief Secretary
We all miss you every moment.
Your love and blessings will be in our hearts forever

Inserted by:-
PILLY JAGADISHWAR RAO
PILLY PRAVEENA
VAMSHIDHAR, ARTHI
HARSHITH, DEEKSHIT



Moses Rajiv Singh

DOB: 21-09-1951 D.O.D: 06-06-2021
S/o Late V.K. Vital Rao
Daughter: V.J. Jaythi Rao
Son: S. Arul & N. Vellore
Daughter-in-Law: V.J. Shaktipriya
Family & Friends
Ph: 9666308233

(S/2122/D00312)

I will dwell in the house of the lord forever : Psalm 23.6

John 11:26

"You're my everything"

In grief:
Sdn. & Sd. Parvinder Singh Bhathia
Sdn. & Sd. Gundeep Singh Bhathia
Ph: 9246578800, 9553887766, 9985797978

Fondly remembered & immensely missed by Family & Friends

(S/2122/D00308)

IN FOND REMEMBRANCE

S. Charanjeet Singh Saluja

Expired on 9th June, 2021.

S/o Late Nanak Singh Saluja and Late Mata Vidavanti ji

"Your memories will never be forgotten"

In grief:
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IN FOND REMEMBRANCE

Late SARDAR INDER SINGH SOKHIA

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words

and missed beyond measure

Inserted by: Navaratnamani-Wife

Children and Grand Children

(S/2122/D00309)

We still feel your presence and you would remain in our hearts forever

SHREE VISWAKARMA MECH. & ENGG. WORKS

M.G.Road, Secunderabad

Ph: 9849000079

(S/2122/D00309)

You shall remain in our hearts forever

We miss you.

(S/2122/D00309)

Puppala Ashok Kumar

DOB: 06-04-1945 D.O.D: 02-06-2021

Retd. St. Stores & Purchases Supdt.

AIR India (Indian Airlines)

Inserted by:-

Puppala Sakkubai - Wife

Ratnakar Lingichetty - Daughter

Dr. Arvindkumar Puppala - Son

Rakesh Lingichetty - Grand Son

Roopa Lingichetty - Grand Daughter

Laasya Puppala - Grand Daughter

(S/2122/D00313)

This is so heartbreaking to announce

That ZAKIR HUSSAIN SIDDIQUE (Ghazi)

Son of Akther Hussain Siddique

Maternal grandson of Ghous Ali Shah Warsi (Ahramposh R.H.) has

been passed away on Thursday early

Morning 10 June 2021

Detailed Contact:

8187847909, 9290147236

(S/2122/D00313)

You shall remain in our Hearts Forever.

We miss you.

(S/2122/D00309)

Puppala Ashok Kumar

DOB: 06-04-1945 D.O.D: 02-06-2021

Gundla Satyanand & Family

Gundla Yoganand & Family

Thota Padmarao & Family

Lavangala Ashok & Family

Damera Satyaveni & Family

Yedla Narasingrao & Family

(S/2122/D00309)

You will be remembered for every

moment in our lives. Times flies away

so soon but a single day passes

without you in our thoughts.

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SHRADHANJALI

Ms. Dr. Bhavana Komaravelli Garu
DOB: 16-04-1990 DOD: 03-06-2021

Chittitali, With the breath of your memories, In the light of your smiles, Filling your loss with your sweet moments We cherish your memories eternally in our hearts! Praying for peace to the departed soul!!!

With Tears

Father, Mother: Manchukonda Narasimha, Nirmala Rani and Manchukonda Family Members

Husband: Komaravelli Kalyan Kumar
Aunty, Uncle: Komaravelli Sudha Rani, Shiva Kumar

OM SHANTI

A GREAT LOSS TO THE BHIMIDI AND BOYA FAMILIES

With great sadness and a heavy heart, we share that we lost Dr. Bhimidi Rameshwari Reddy, wife of Late Dr. Bhimidi Dhanraj Reddy at 7:05am on June 9th, 2021 due to Covid.

She was a beautiful soul who will always be remembered for her kindness. She was a source of strength for the entire family and a great role model.

She was a paragon of virtues like patience, discipline, compassion and was an extremely hard working person. She never hesitated to help others and always appreciated and encouraged everyone.

Independent, strong and bold, she had a great career as a physician and served as Professor of Physiology at Gandhi Medical College (Hyd), KMC (Warangal) and Head of the Department for Physiology at SVS Medical College (Mahabubnagar). She worked until she was 77. She loved her family dearly and is survived by two sons and their families. We pray that she rests in peace and reunites with her other half, OM SHANTI.

She never retired from life. She will never retire from our lives.

Dr. Gautam Bhimidi Reddy, Chandra, Raj & Neela
Dr. Vikram Bhimidi Reddy, Vishnupriya, Viraj & Vindhya

With profound grief we inform you that our father Shri Raghavendra Rao Padik has left for his heavenly abode on 3rd June 2021.

He was loving husband, sweetest grandfather, kind and joyful person who was adored by everyone around him. Appa you will always remain alive in our heart.

Padki family in loving memory

7th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Shri. RAJPET KARUNAKAR JAICHANDER (Appa)
DOB: 10 Sept 1943 DOD: 12 June 2014

You will be remembered for every moment in our lives. Times flies away so soon but a single day passes without you in our thoughts.

Inserted by: The Rajpet & Family

ED CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, JUNE 11

The Telangana police crime investigation department (CID) submitted to the High Court that the 150-acre land in Midzil of Mahububnagar was bought by the 'benami' of the Agrigold company's chairman, during the auction of Agrigold properties, to return depositors' money. The CID submitted an affidavit that a person with low income had won the bid for 150 acres for ₹15.30 crore. The bidder was a police constable, before he ventured into the realty business.

As the High Court, during earlier hearing, rejected the proposal of the Agrigold company for real estate development on its lands with joint venture companies, to repay the depositors money, the company on Friday came with the new proposal that it would deposit ₹100 crore before it started the development of properties. The company said around ₹2,000 crore would be made if its properties were sold after developing the real estate projects and that money would be used to pay the dues of the depositors.

The court did not accept the proposal stating that it would take several years and directed the Telangana and the Andhra Pradesh governments to respond on the Agrigold proposal.

RAMANA CREDITS LORD BALAJI FOR BECOMING CJI

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, JUNE 11

"With the benign blessings of Lord Venkateswara Swamy, I have reached this apex level in my career," said the Chief Justice of India, Justice N.V. Ramana. The CJI concluded his maiden two-day visit to Tirumala on Friday after having a darshan of the lord along with his family.

Speaking to the TTD Bhakthi Channel, the Chief Justice said he came across many interesting incidents in his life. "It is due to the grace of Lord Venkateswara that I am what I am today. With his blessings, I will do my best to take the legal system to the next level," he added.

Earlier, on his arrival at Mahadwaram, the CJI was received by TTD Chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy and EO K.S. Jawahar Reddy. He was offered a traditional Istikaphal welcome by temple priest Venugopala Deekshitalu. Later, the CJI offered prayers in front of the presiding deity. He had Vedasirvachanam by Vedic pundits at Ranganayaka Mandapam. The chairman and the EO offered theertha prasadam. He offered coconuts at Akhilandam and fulfilled his wish and also paid a visit to Lord Bedi Anjaneya Swamy temple. Tirupati MLA B. Karunakar Reddy accompanied the protocol dignitary.

The CJI also offered prayers in the shrine of Goddess Padmavathi Ammavaru at Tiruchanoor along with his family. Earlier, on his arrival at the temple entrance, he was received with Purnakumbham and welcomed by the TTD chairman and local MLA C. Bhaskar Reddy.

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SHORT TAKES

MAOIST GUNNED DOWN IN ODISHA

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 11

A Maoist was on Friday gunned down during a joint combing operation by Special Operation Group (SOG) jawans and Odisha police at Padampur in Odisha's Bargarch district.

The security personnel also seized a cache of arms and ammunition, including an AK-47 rifle, from Jhanj Reserve Forest near Bhanagunda area, informed state Director General of Police Shri Abhay.

However, the identity of the slain rebel was yet to be ascertained, the DGP said.

According to reports, a group of Left Wing Extremism cadres opened fire on the security personnel when the latter were carrying out a combing operation in Jhanj Reserve Forest. The security personnel retaliated with full force and in the process a cadre in uniform was killed. However, the remaining Maoists managed to escape.

According to police, an AK-47 rifle, three AK-47 magazines, sophisticated ammunition and other explosives were recovered from the spot. The combing operation was in progress till the report last came in.

"Normally, senior Maoist cadres are given AK-47 rifles to operate. We assume that the encountered rebel could be a senior cadre. Effort is on to establish his identity," said the DGP.

"I once again urge all the Maoists to shun violence and return to the mainstream. I appeal to them to join various rehabilitation schemes of the state government," he added.

SC ORDER ON ITALIAN MARINES LIKELY ON MON.

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JUNE 11

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to order the dropping of criminal proceedings against two Italian marines accused of killing two Indian fishermen off Kerala coast in 2012, after court was informed that ₹10 crore compensation for the families of victims have been deposited with the court registry.

The Italian marines Chief Master Sergeant Massimiliano Latorre and Sergeant Major Salvatore Girone, on board Italian-flagged oil tanker M V Enrico Lexie, had killed two Kerala fishermen who were on a fishing vessel in India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), allegedly suspecting them to be sea pirates.

Telling Solicitor General Tushar Mehta "We will accept that you are saying", a bench comprising Justice Indira Banerjee and Justice M.R. Shah said that they will pass the order on June 15.

On the question of disbursement of money to the families of victims, the court indicated that it may ask Kerala High Court to deal with it as it can monitor the aspect of disbursement of the compensation to the families of the victims.

It said that the money deposited with its registry can be transferred to Kerala High Court. In the course of the hearing on Friday, Solicitor General Mehta told the court that the money can be deposited in interest-bearing bank accounts for gradual withdrawal and accrual of adequate interest.

Covid chaos



People throng a market that opened after two months as restrictions of Covid-19 lockdown eased in Bhopal on Friday.

Prashant Kishor's meeting with Pawar sets off speculations

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC MUMBAI, JUNE 11

Well-known political strategist Prashant Kishor on Friday met Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar at the latter's residence Silver Oak in South Mumbai. Though the NCP maintained that the meeting was a thanksgiving trip related to the Bengal and Tamil Nadu election, there are speculations that non-Congress opposition parties are trying to put up a joint fight against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and credible leader against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Shiv Sena has been openly proposing Pawar as the opposition leader.

● **KISHOR HELD** talks with the NCP chief and party leaders for three and half hours.

● **THE MEETING** between Pawar and Kishor assumes 'political significance' as it is believed the NCP chief wants a united forum of Opposition parties to take on the ruling BJP in the next Lok Sabha election, which is scheduled in 2024.

● **THE SHIV** Sena has been openly proposing Pawar as the opposition leader.

ing. "A discussion was held over the political situation in the country and how to unite the opposition parties against the BJP in the country," Malik added.

Senior NCP leader and Cabinet minister Chhagan Bhujbal said that Prashant Kishor, who is successful election strategist, has helped various parties win the elections at the centre and states with his suggestion and strategies.

"But I don't know the exact reason behind the meeting but if he comes with a suggestion, Pawar will certainly consider it," he added.

Shiv Sena spokesperson Arvind Sawant welcomed the meeting and said, "At present, polarisation is needed in the country. If democracy needs to be preserved, a strong opposition is needed."

In March 2021, the Sena had said that there is a need to restructure the UPA, and the new alliance should be led by a senior leader like Sharad Pawar as many regional parties are not ready to work under the leadership of the Congress. According to the Sena, if UPA is restructured, more parties will join the alliance.

BJP leaders call Mukul Roy 'Mir Jafar, opportunist'

WB BJP chief says anyone can go anywhere, it is their personal choice

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, JUNE 11

The Bharatiya Janata Party, shattered by its national vice president Mukul Roy's exit and his return to the Trinamool Congress, has become a divided house in West Bengal with a blame game between two camps amid a fierce internal revolt since its poll debacle in the state.

While one section slammed the party leadership for inducting Mir Jafars like Roy without any judgment ahead of elections, senior leaders alleged their rivals of having "no contribution" while downplaying the newly elected Krishnanagar North MLA's defection as a "personal choice."

Bishnupur BJP MP Saumitra Khan alleged, "We saw Mir Jafar in Bengal before independence. But now we are seeing them in politics. This type of people are never accepted. Had he been Chanakya in politics, he could have succeeded in ensuring the victory for his son Shubhrangshu from Bijpur Assembly seat this time. But he failed. Mir Jafar can not do anything good. They



BJP leader Mukul Roy hugs TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee during his re-joining of the party, as West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee looks in Kolkata on Friday.

— PTI

only can harm." Another party MP Arjun Singh claimed that Roy was an "opportunist" who belongs to no organisation. His party colleague Anupam Hazra posted on Facebook, "A pathetic outcome of extra jubilation over one or two leaders during election and sidelining and insulting the efficient through lobbying!!! Now the Royal Passengers of Chartered flights are also missing!!! Still time is there, the

Bengal BJP should stop lobbying and engage the efficient leaders who are sidelined!!!"

State BJP president Dilip Ghosh, however, said, "Those who have no contribution in the rise of our party here are feeling sad. If someone fails to sing in the party's tune, it is his personal problem, not of the party. Anyone can go anywhere. It is his personal wish. I do not know if there was

hardly any gain for us

when he was there. Our party remains intact."

Darjeeling BJP MP Raju Bista said, "Mukul Roy is a senior and a seasoned politician, and his joining TMC is a reflection of his personal choice. The beauty of democracy is that people are free to choose. But sadly, today this freedom to choose does not exist in West Bengal. BJP is making space for democracy to foster again in Bengal and as the 2021

elections showed, BJP has grown stronger in the grassroots level in West Bengal and this momentum will continue unabated."

Former MLA Shilbadra Dutta, who defected to the BJP before the polls, said, "This is a personal choice. He did whatever he thought was best. I have nothing to say. But people develop a hatred towards politics when they see repeated switches by someone."

SC raps Param Bir for having no faith in cops

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JUNE 11

The Supreme Court on Friday described as "shocking" the former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh saying that he had no confidence in the Maharashtra police with which he has been associated for over three decades as IPS officer, as it declined to entertain his plea for the transfer of all the criminal cases

registered against him in Maharashtra to CBI or an independent agency.

Apparently intrigued over Param Bir Singh showing lack of faith in Maharashtra police in which he grew up to become the top cop of Mumbai police, the court observed that those living in glass houses should not throw stones on others.

Describing as "shocking" Param Bir Singh's plea that he was seeking



"It is very surprising. You were part of Maharashtra IPS cadre for 30 years and served it. Now you are saying you do not have faith in that system. It is a shocking... shocking allegation."

Reminding Param Bir Singh that he was alleging lack of trust in a police force of which he was part for 30 years, the court observed, "It is said persons living in glass houses shouldn't throw stones at other."

"Your Lordships are assuming I am living in glass houses," senior counsel Mahesh Jethmalani appearing for Param Bir Singh said responding to the observation from the bench.

At the outset of the hearing, the court told Singh that it can't pass a blanket order in respect of all the FIRs registered against him and asked him to approach Bombay High Court or any other appropriate forum.

COVID BLUES

Relaxations mandate all shops, offices to follow all guidelines

TN too extends lockdown till June 21

G. BABU JAYAKUMAR & D. SEKAR | DC CHENNAI, JUNE 11

Extending the lockdown till June 21, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced a slew of additional relaxations all over the state, more of them in the 27 districts where Covid-19 infections have shown a decline.

In the other 11 districts — Coimbatore, The Nilgiris, Tiruppur, Erode, Salem, Karur, Namakkal, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Myladuthurai — too a few relaxations like allowing security services and housekeeping staff in apartments and other buildings have been announced.

However, in the rest of the state, liquor shops will be open from 10 am to 5 pm and beauty parlors, spas,



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salons can function from 6 to 5 pm without switching on the air conditioner and not accommodating customers more than per cent of the capacity.

The relaxations, announced after reviewing the spread of Coronavirus district wise and with a view

to saving the precious lives of people, however mandate all shops and business establishments to provide hand sanitizer with dispenser at the entrance, thermal screening of body temperature and ensuring that all workers wore face masks and so on.

dispensing construction material can all be kept open from 9 am to 2 pm.

Educational institutions can function for doing administrative work relating to admissions and the export companies and those supplying raw materials to them can function with 50 per cent workers, following the Covid-19 protocols.

Other companies can engage 33 per cent of their workers, who would not be allowed to travel by their two-wheelers with e-registration. But IT related firms will have to restrict their employees in the premises to 20 per cent or 10 persons at a time.

Housing Finance Companies, Non-Banking Finance Companies and all insurance companies can function with 33 per cent employees in the 27 districts with more relaxations.

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Government of Jharkhand Transport Department (Lead Agency, Road Safety) Expression of Interest

On behalf of the Department of Transport, Government of Jharkhand, (DoT,GoJ) Lead Agency(Road Safety), Jharkhand invites Expression of Interest for Registration of AIS 140 Compliant Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) Manufacturers.

A complete set of EOI documents can be downloaded from www.jhtransport.gov.in

The short details are given below:

1	EOI No.	VLTD/ suchibaddhi-29/2021-(R.S)-216 Dt: 11/06/2021
2	Name of the Work	Expression of Interest for Registration of AIS 140 Compliant Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) Manufacturers.
3	EOI Inviting Authority	Joint Transport Commissioner (Road Safety), Lead Agency, Road Safety, Ground Floor, Engineers hostel-II, Near Golchakkar, Dhrura, Ranchi-834004
4	Registration fee	5,00,00/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) for VLTD Manufacturer. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) for RFC.
5	Performance Bank Guarantee Fee	50,00,00/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only) for VLTD Manufacturer in form of Performance Bank Guarantee. 10,00,00/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) for RFC in form of Performance Bank Guarantee.
6	Starting date for Submission of Document.	11/06/2021
7	Last Date/ Time for Submission of Document	12/07/2021 at 04:00 pm
8	Date of Opening of EOI	13/07/2021 at 12:00 pm
9	Place of Communication	Lead Agency, Road Safety, Ground Floor, Engineers hostel, Near Golchakkar, Dhrura, Ranchi Jharkhand-834004 e-mail Id: roadsafety.jhr@gmail.com

Department of Transport (DoT,GoJ) reserves the right to cancel the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Joint Transport Commissioner (Road Safety)

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To stay relevant, Congress must hold inner-party polls

After repeated electoral setbacks the party has endured in recent years, is there any relevance left for the Congress? Many may think the question considering how little the party's impact has been on the ground in most parts of the country. And yet, there is another question: "Does India need a viable Opposition?"

This question has not become pressing on account of the government's conspicuous failures to deal with the corona crisis last year and this year, which is pretty much an open and shut case, no matter how much the BJP may try to put a spin on it. Even before the virus struck, the economy stood shaken on account of questionable policies, and the unemployment rate was the highest in 45 years. Shortly thereafter, the Chinese Army marched into territories on India's side of the Line of Actual Control and remains there by and large. The humiliation is stark.

If none of this has quite registered with the public, there has to be a question about the effectiveness of the Opposition. For want of a viable choice, the voter may find themselves stuck in a rut. This hypothesis may be too structured. After all, the electorate is capable of springing a dramatic surprise, as in the election after the Emergency. But for that to happen, there have to be on the scene political actors with antecedents, and some reliability.

On that count the present-day Congress inspires too little confidence. There is a leadership vacuum. Party units do not function on the ground in most states. And where they do, they are riven in factions, and cannot hold a coherent line. In any case, the party is lacking a message. Defections are frequent. Jitin Prasada being the most recent. As for even the most swashbuckling of regional parties, these are not of mould that can fit the pattern.

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There has been some G-23 messaging after Mr Prasada quit last Wednesday, but most in the G-23 are not even paper tigers. What the Congress needs is a stiff dose of the sanjeevani of even a haphazard CWC election based on old AICC roles, which in turn would lead on to an immediate election for the party president.

The Gandhi family has meant well and has hewed to the line of Gandhiji and Jawaharlal Nehru. The tallest of them is too unwell to carry on even in an interim capacity. The most vital of them, and the most honorable, will not return as party chief. He resigned taking responsibility for a major poll defeat and announced none in his family would fill the slot after him. Which means he has paved the way for a fresh election for party president.

If this can happen well before the upcoming election in UP, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Goa in early 2022, the Congress can be in the hunt for the laurels, and the political scene can be electrified. Let the Congress disregard the corona restrictions (as it would need to anyway when elections are announced), and go for inner-party polls.

No room for complacency

The second wave of the pandemic Covid-19 has started showing signs of a decline, given that every indicator, from daily case load to number of deaths to test positivity rate, shows a definite pattern. This, however, offers little reason to be complacent what with experts predicting the arrival of a third wave which could be more dangerous and lethal. It is important that the government pull up the socks to take on it, and a truthful and scientific assessment of the first and second waves is key to the successful resistance to the pandemic.

It is in this context that the reports of an upward revision of the death toll in Bihar must be viewed. As per the latest government figures, Bihar has lost 9,375 people to the pandemic against the earlier figure of 5,424. This indicates that the government's figures have gone up by more than 72 per cent after the correction. The government's justification is that it has taken time to collect data from private hospitals, other facilities, in home isolation and of those who died of post-Covid complications. In a way, the government was admitting that it was formulating its policies and strategies on a wrong database.

The Bihar episode should be an eye-opener for all state governments and the Union government. The Union health ministry must ensure that every state follows uniform guidelines, formed by the Indian Council of Medical Research in the collecting data on infection and deaths. It must also ensure that the data from the rural and remote areas are also collected, collated and analysed scientifically so that it gives valuable inputs while preparing for the next wave. The right inputs based on reliable data should help the government plan the ways to augment healthcare infrastructure at places that would seem the next target of the virus.

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"Oh Bachchoo what can you write
When your inspiration is gone
And the day of joy passed into night
And like a lone cloud forlorn
You drift across an empty sky
Propelled by a destined wind
And like sinners wondering why
And in what depth they have sinned?"

— From Songs of the Randy Rundis by Bachchoo

All the world's a stage: Gender, race, diversity & today's reality

Ann Boleyn, one of the wives Henry VIII condemned to be beheaded, was as white as an unburdened cloud or a ceramic sink or... You see, gentle reader, I am trying to get away from the cliché of "driven snow" because I have never understood what drives it. And yet in the now-running Channel 5 television drama, Ann is played by a black actress.

Idiosyncratic casting is not new — black actors have been cast as Julius Caesar, women as Titus Andronicus and black actors, female so far, as the three Chekhovian sisters.

In the case of Ann, however, no commentator has openly objected but a lot has still been said. The writer-director of the series and Channel 5

put out a press release saying that their version intended to correct the prevalent view of Ann Boleyn as a manipulative schemer who deserved what she got. Though they didn't say it, what the writer-director who cast the black actress and her black brother in their respective roles probably intended was to win sympathy for Ann as a victim and someone who resists this victimisation, all in tune with the zeitgeist of the Black Lives Matter explosion.

Another seemingly well-informed reviewer pointed out that most historians and three previous depictions of Ann Boleyn in drama and film, characterised her not as a manipulative sorceress, but as precisely the victim of capricious power. The Channel 5 drama was pushing against an open door.

The story ends horribly and tragically for Ann and her brother and this cross-racial casting sets out to prove that the privileged white establishment is guilty of racism — gosh! What a revelation — why didn't I think of it — thank you, Channel 5!

My own viewing of the series, perhaps in total eccentricity, reminded me at several points of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and had me

wondering whether Oprah Winfrey was about to appear in the role of marriage counsellor.

Integrated or gender-and-colour-blind casting has several purposes. It may be that it was introduced in Britain and America under pressure from black actors who complained of not having opportunities and work as there weren't many roles for them to play. As a member in the 1980s of two theatre companies, the Black Theatre Coop (BTC) and the Asian Co-operative Theatre (ACT, geddit!), we were very much in the thick of the clamour for parts for non-white actors.

Our solution was not to cast blacks in traditional white roles, but to find and encourage the writing and production of plays about the black and Asian experience, contemporary, international, historical, epic, mythical and even sci-fi and fantastical.

That vein of theatre has prospered in part and flourished in part but seems to have established itself firmly in the theatrical space of Britain, moving from the venues and audiences we played in and for, into the terrain of the nation's dramatic establishment. We were the proud and defiant fringe. Now black and Asian drama covers

the whole scalp, sometimes scantly as "racial" concession, but also occasionally in rich, dramatic, Rastafarian ringlets.

There was a parallel impulse which prompted racially integrated casting, which was the contention that all the stage is a world, a self-contained world removed from, though portraying the realities of racial and nationalistic tensions.

It was this impulse or determination that caused the maestro Peter Brook to cast any and every nationality and race in his masterful nine-hour production of the *Mahabharat*. Japanese and Caribbean actors played Indian heroes, heroines and gods.

Brook's criterion was not race or nationality but something like "the best actor from all the world for the role". Akin to the players of Manchester United not representing the city of Manchester but drawn from anywhere and everywhere.

The Brook impulse was certainly not shared by sections of the Indian population. Inspired by Brook's liberality or, as some would say, liberties with the *Mahabharat*, I wrote a novel called *Bombay Duck* in which this

same impulse — of universally integrated casting — results in tragedy. The book progresses to other instances and narratives to question all our notions of authenticity.

Perhaps Peter Brook would, with these colour-blind casting eyes, direct *Othello* with a white female actor playing the principal part? I am almost certain that Channel 5 would not but am a bit doubtful about Britain's National Theatre or indeed the Royal Shakespeare Company, which might very well in the interests of "diversity" overcome the idea that the play depends to a large extent on perceptions of race and gender.

When Laurence Olivier, palpably white, played Othello, he blackened his face to dramatise this dimension of the play. Through the last few decades, no chorionic group of white singers in the West would blacken their faces to represent black and white minstrels. If a white actor blacked up to play Othello there would be mass riots in the streets. But what if one of the established theatres cast a white female actor as Othello without a change into male clothes, skin colour or plummy accent? Interesting. Watch this space.

Subhani



'Bombshell Barbara' vs the 'Robed Yogi' of UP



Shobhaa's Take

I love it that we're a chilled-out country so accepting of dramatic contrasts. I mean that! For centuries, we have absorbed absurdities and carried on like it's no big deal. Last week's headline grabbers couldn't have been more startlingly different! One, a mysterious femme fatale in Antigua, the other a saffron-robed chief minister of our country's most populous state. In both cases, their newsworthiness was hinged around perfect timing! "Bombshell Barbara" is getting her cues so on point (wonder who's tutoring this one!). So is Yogi Adityanath (err... we can guess who his tutor is!). Both protagonists are armed with enough lethal ammo to blow up a few very important reputations. There is a third high-profile player, Harish Salve, who'll attract almost as much attention in the weeks to come as these two. Let's start with "Bombshell Barbara", who's living up to the old chestnut... "Cherchez la femme" ... in the ongoing extradition saga featuring a disreputable and disgraced diamantaire from India — the infamous Mehl Choksi, maternal uncle of an equally "wanted" diamantaire Nirav Modi. The brilliant Harish Salve has his work cut out for him, in a way. He has announced he'll succeed in getting back the fugitive diamond merchant either hiding out or being held hostage in Dominica, who ran off with ₹3,500 crores of public money in the PNB scam. Please note, Shri Salve is saying this feat will be achieved in weeks, not months! That's Salve for you — brilliant, mercurial, well-connected, super-confident and successful.

While we hold our

breaths for the "Return of the Jewel Thief", the adventurous lady playing a starring role in the high seas action drama in the Caribbean is attracting a great deal of attention — not just from Choksi's wife Preeti, but the media at large. The official "Jab we met" versions keep changing, but when the kidnapping story broke, Barbara was *khullam khulla* described as Mehul's girlfriend. Till

loyal wife Preeti protested and staunchly denied a romantic liaison, choosing to describe Barbara as a family friend who had tricked her sweet husband into accepting a "dinner appointment" (Preeti's description). That too, at 5.30 pm (why not call it "high tea" with *nashita paani*?). Between the wanted man and the bombshell, we expected a tad more action. What was this innocuous, chaste "appointment"? Preeti was talking about? Please, madam, do describe it as a hot and daring dinner date a deux, then we are talking! Oh, wait a minute, when did the Bewakoof Barbara discover that she'd been had by Mehul Choksi in more ways than one? When did she find out she was just one more greedy woman conned by Mehul, who she alleges wooed her with "priceless" diamond trinkets, which turned out to be fake! During their "long walks" and "relaxed evenings"? As they say, beware the wrath of a woman diamond scorned... After the scandal broke, Barbara has been singing like a canary with a sore throat. Alas, there go her dreams of becoming a real estate tycoon in Antigua — another false promise made by Mehul to keep his lady love interested, while he figured out his next move — some say to

Nobody is demanding their heads on a platter. They are also insisting Yogi is their guy. The main man. Which means the highest of the high commands is okay with the new narrative and is in fact encouraging such public talk. Frankly, this is a positive development — absolute power corrupts absolutely, as we all know. Throwing in a serious challenger to NaMo at this critical stage (the run-up to Elections 2022) is a smart, shrewd move. It means all players will have to work that much harder to win this round. It also signals Yogi's elevation to a more visible, pan-India position, from where he can leverage and consolidate his image before the *asti biggie* — the national elections of 2024. The person who should be watching these developments closely is Mamata Didi, given her prime ministerial ambitions. These two make worthy rivals — both come with their single-and-not-ready-to-mingle status: the guy is a Yogi and the lady is a Yogini. Their followers worship them and believe that they can do no wrong. The race to the hot seat has suddenly got hotter!

On the other side of the news cycle is a diminutive 'ascetic' who is making some badass moves in Uttar Pradesh. Clearly prepping for the Assembly elections in 2022.

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LETTERS

RELAXING LOCKDOWN

People are violating guidelines when in the lockdown relaxation hours (*Thin attendance at government offices, DC, June 11*). Making the police run after them to follow rules is affecting the health of the personnel. Zone-wise and phase-wise imposition of lockdowns will allow them to focus on safety and reduce their stress.

G. Murali Mohan Rao
Secunderabad

As the lockdown is mainly to prevent new infections and break the Covid-19 chain, rigorous awareness campaigns are required now in risky areas like markets, wine shops, cinema theatres, bus stands and railway stations were people congregate in large numbers. The unlock process and prevention campaigns should go hand-in-hand to break the Covid-19 chain.

T. Kailash Ditya
Hyderabad

HELMET FOR PILLION
The Hyderabad police raised a challan for ₹130 on June 4 as the pillion rider was not wearing helmet. This happened when I was going for vaccination of my son (pillion rider) at HiTec centre. I agree it is the rule but it is not being enforced fully. The police should keep this rule on hold for some time in this pandemic.

Y.V. Sarma
Hyderabad

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

Astronauts perform medical tests

MOSCOW JUNE 11. Lieutenant Colonel Georgi Bobrovolsky, Commander of Russia's Salyut orbital station, today reported that he and his crew of two were well as they began their fifth working day abroad the giant craft.

A major part of their scientific programme is medical and biological research to determine man's ability to work for prolonged periods in space. Cosmonaut-Doctor Boris Yegorov told Tass News Agency that yesterday each of the crew took his own blood sample for test. They also put on medical bets for the thorough clinical analysis of the cardio-vascular system in a state of weightlessness, which was to be conducted periodically.

quick BITES

INDICATORS	%
Sensex	52474.76
Nifty 50	15799.40
S&P 500*	4,240.87
Dollar (\$)	73.06
Pound Sterling (\$)	103.38
Euro (\$)	88.81
Gold (10gm)* (\$)	48,530▲441
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	72.91
INR 10-Yr bond yield	6.006
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.464
As of 8:30 PM IST	0.005

Govt holds back release of full April IIP data

The government has held back the release of complete data of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for April, as was done for the same month last year due to the lockdown. By the partial data released by the NSO, industrial production expanded by a whopping 134 per cent year-on-year in April, while it was 22.4 per cent in March. But compared with April 2019 data, industrial growth stood at 0.7 per cent.

Singh's daughters appointed as DLF directors



DLF boss Rajiv Singh's two daughters, Savitri Devi Singh (36) and Anushka Singh (34), have been appointed on the company's board. In a filing, DLF said the board has "co-opted" them as additional directors with immediate effect. Both will be non-executive and non-independent directors. Both hold BSc in Economics degree from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, DLF said.

US consumer sentiment rebounds in June

US consumer sentiment rebounded in early June as inflation fears subsided and households grew more optimistic about future economic growth and employment. The University of Michigan said its preliminary consumer sentiment index increased to 86.4 in the first half of this month from a final reading of 82.9 in May. The survey's gauge of current economic conditions edged up to a reading of 90.6 from 89.4 in May.

BHEL Q4 loss narrows to ₹1,036 crore

BHEL's consolidated net loss narrowed to Rs 1,036.32 crore in the March 2021 quarter, mainly on the back of higher revenues, compared with a consolidated net loss of Rs 1,532.18 crore in the year-ago quarter. Total income rose to Rs 7,245.16 crore from Rs 5,166.64 crore. In the full financial year 2020-21, the PSU's consolidated net loss widened to Rs 2,699.70 crore compared with Rs 1,468.35 crore in 2019-20.

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■ Pilot run is part of 'Medicines from the Sky' project Flipkart to test drone delivery of vaccine, meds in Telangana

FC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JUNE 11

Homegrown e-commerce major Flipkart on Friday said it has partnered with the Telangana government to lead a consortium tasked with the development and execution of the drone deliveries of medical supplies to remote areas under the 'Medicines from the Sky' project.

As part of the consortium, Bengaluru-based Flipkart will deploy drones and enable deliveries of vaccines and medical supplies.

These efforts will be complemented with technologies such as geo mapping,



routing of shipments and track and trace of location etc, developed by Flipkart over the years in serving millions of customers across the country, a Flipkart statement said.

A combination of these technologies will then be used to conduct 'Beyond Visual Line of Sight'

(BVLOS) deliveries in remote areas of the state.

The pilot, to be conducted for over six days, will be tested out for delivering thousands of vaccines.

The Covid-19 crisis has pushed the envelope in the rapid development of scalable and robust technologies and the Medicines

from the Sky project is a testament to that. It is a decisive step in making use of cutting-edge technologies for the safety and well-being of the masses," said Rajneesh Kumar, senior VP and chief corporate affairs officer, Flipkart.

The Telangana government has adopted this framework to implement drones for last-mile delivery and will integrate them into the state's healthcare supply chain.

Jayesh Ranjan, principal secretary (IT and I&C), Government of Telangana said the state has been a pioneer in using technology for improving the lives of the citizens.

FOREX RESERVES CROSS \$600 BN

Mumbai, June 11: The country's foreign exchange reserves crossed the \$600-billion mark for the first time after increasing by \$6.842 billion in the week ended June 4, RBI data showed on Friday.

The reserves surged to a record \$605.008 billion, helped by a rise in foreign currency assets (FCA), a major component of the total reserves.

In the previous week ended May 28, the reserves had swelled by \$5.271 billion to \$598.165 billion.

In the reporting week, FCA jumped by \$7.362 billion to \$560.891 billion.

Gold reserves declined by \$502 million to \$37,604 billion.

— PTI

KIMS Hospitals ₹2,144-cr

IPO priced at ₹815-₹825

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

MUMBAI, JUNE 11



Hyderabad-based Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS Hospitals), one of the largest hospital chains in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, announced a Rs 2,144-crore initial public offering (IPO) in the price band of Rs 815 to Rs 825 per equity share of Rs 10 face value.

The public issue opens on June 16 and closes on June 18.

The KIMS Hospitals Group operates nine multi-specialty hospitals under the "KIMS Hospitals" brand across AP and Telangana.

The hospital chain started with the first hospital, KIMS Nellore, set up in 2000 by cardiologist Bhaskara Rao Bollineni with the vision to create a hospital system for his home state of Andhra Pradesh.

The current network of KIMS hospitals, with total 3,064 beds, are located at Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vizag, Nellore, Rajahmundry, Srikakulam, Ongole, Anantapur and Kurnool, catering to the healthcare needs of neighbouring states of Karnataka, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and parts of central India.

The IPO comprises a fresh issue worth Rs 200 crore and an offer for sale of over 23.56 million equity shares by private equity investor General Atlantic Singapore and promoter selling shareholders-Bhaskara Rao Bollineni, Rayasari Bollineni and Bollineni

DODLA DAIRY PUBLIC ISSUE PRICED AT ₹421-₹428 PER SHARE

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

MUMBAI, JUNE 11

Hyderabad-based Dodla Dairy announced a Rs 520.18-crore initial public offering (IPO) in the price band of Rs 421 to Rs 428 per equity share of Rs 10 face value.

The public offer opens on June 16 and closes on June 18.

The firm's procurements are spread across five states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra and its products are available in 11 states.

Dodla Dairy's product portfolio includes milk, buttermilk, ghee, curd, paneer, flavoured milk, doodh peda, ice cream and milk-based sweets.

The IPO consists of a

fresh issue aggregating up to Rs 50 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of over 10.98 million equity shares by private equity investor TPG.

Dodla Dairy Holdings and promoter group selling shareholders-Dodla Sunil Reddy, Dodla Family Trust and Dodla Deepa Reddy.

The OFS consists of 92 lakh shares by TPG. Dodla Dairy Holdings and 4,16,604 shares by Dodla Sunil Reddy, 10,41,509 equity shares by Dodla Family Trust, and 3,27,331 shares by Dodla Deepa Reddy.

The public offer has 50 per cent shares reserved for institutional investors, 35 per cent for retail investors and 15 per cent for non-institutional investors.

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HC okays CCI probe of e-com biggies

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, JUNE 11

The Karnataka High Court on Friday dismissed pleas by e-commerce biggies Amazon and Flipkart challenging the probe ordered by the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

The CCI had ordered a probe in January 2020 against both Amazon and Walmart-owned Flipkart in a complaint filed by the Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh (DVM), representing small businesses. The petitioner had alleged that the e-commerce companies were violating the competition laws while selling smart phones on their platform.

The Delhi Vyapar

Mahasangh had levelled allegations of predatory pricing, deep discounting, preferential seller listing, and exclusive partnerships, among others, against Amazon and Flipkart.

Following this, the petitioners again approached the court asking it to vacate the stay order.

However, on Friday CCI

argued that an investigation by the ED under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) does not bar another investigation by the CCI for violations of competition law.

It said e-commerce players were twisting the pendency of an ED investigation to ward off CCI's probe.

Responding to the court order, an Amazon spokesperson said: "We will review the judgement carefully and decide on the next steps."

ASSET QUALITY OF MICRO LOAN PORTFOLIOS DIP

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, JUNE 11

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Passenger vehicle sales dip 66% in May amid Covid disruptions: Siam

MICHAEL GONSALES
PUNE, JUNE 11



50,294 units, from 3,00,462 units in April this year.

Three-wheeler sales declined by 91 per cent to 1,251 units as compared to 13,728 units in April.

Vehicle sales across categories witnessed a decline of 65 per cent to 4,42,013 units last month, as against 12,70,458 units in April this year.

"Most part of May was under lockdown due to Covid-19 in many states, thus, impacting overall sales and production.

Many members had shut down their manufacturing plants to divert oxygen from industrial use for medical purposes," Rajesh Menon, director general at Siam said.

Motorcycle sales declined 56 per cent last month to 2,95,257 units as against 6,67,841 units in April.

Similarly, scooter sales were down 83 per cent to 1,35,879 units in April.

Last month, Maruti Suzuki, India's biggest carmaker despatched 32,903 cars to its dealer partners, down from 1,35,879 units in April this year.

The passenger vehicle sales dropped by 59 per cent at 85,733 units in May as compared with 2,08,883 units in April this year.

However, in absolute terms SBI's deposit base was 21 times higher at Rs 36.81 lakh crore against Rs 1.74 lakh crore of BoM.

Current account savings account (CASA) for BoM saw 24.47 per cent rise, the highest among the public sector lenders, during the year.

As a result, CASA was 54 per cent or Rs 93,945 crore of the total liabilities of the bank.

According to the announced quarterly numbers, Central Bank of India achieved the second spot by recording 11.46 per cent growth in CASA at Rs 1.61 lakh crore.

Total business of BoM increased 14.98 per cent to Rs 2.81 lakh crore.

For the full year 2020-21, BoM's standalone net profit jumped nearly 42 per cent to Rs 550.25 crore. In the previous year, the profit was Rs 388.58 crore.

— Reuters

BoM tops PSU banks in loan, deposit growth

New Delhi, June 11:

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has emerged as the top performer among public sector lenders in terms of loan and deposit growth during 2020-21. The lender recorded 13.45 per cent increase in gross advances at Rs 1.07 lakh crore in FY21, as per the published

SHORT TAKES
Warner, Stoinks out of The Hundred

Melbourne: Star Australian opener David Warner and all-rounder Marcus Stoinks have pulled out of the inaugural edition of 'The Hundred' as the England and Wales Cricket Board gears up for more withdrawals in wake of the challenges posed by Covid-19 pandemic. Warner and Stoinks, who returned home from Covid-ravaged India after the suspension of the IPL last month, were named in Australia's preliminary squads for the limited over tours to the West Indies and Bangladesh. The upcoming tour clash with The Hundred which is scheduled to be held between July and August. Warner and Stoinks had fetched a deal worth £100,000 and £80,000 respectively with the Southern Brave for The Hundred. — PTI

Vinesh emerges on top in Poland

Warsaw: Star Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat proved that her preparations for the Tokyo Games were on track by winning the 53kg gold at the Poland Open here on Friday, giving herself some crucial 'mat-time' ahead of the Olympics. It is third title of the season for the 26-year-old Vinesh, who claimed gold medals at the Matteo Pellicone event (March) and Asian Championship (April) earlier. The victory would potentially make Vinesh the top seed at the Tokyo Olympics. Except for her opening bout against 2019 World bronze (50kg) winner Ekaterina Poleshchuk, Vinesh wasn't troubled by any of her other rivals as she conceded only two points en route to the top place on the podium. — PTI

Anshu ill, is out of Poland event

Warsaw: Olympic-bound young Indian wrestler Anshu Malik on Friday withdrew from the Poland Open after catching fever and will be in isolation as a precautionary measure till she gets her Covid-19 test report. It has been learnt that when reigning Asian champion Anshu reported for weigh-in for the 57kg category on Friday morning, she had fever and was suggested that she withdraws from the competition. "Anshu did not want to miss the competition but as a precautionary measure she has been isolated and has given a sample to confirm if she is infected with coronavirus or not," a source in the Indian camp said. "It does not look like Covid-19 since she has been in good shape since landing in Warsaw. But such are the times that you can't risk, so she is being tested," the source added. — PTI

27 punished for hosting 'killer' race

Beijing: Twenty-seven people, including several senior municipal government officials, faced disciplinary punishment or criminal charges after being held responsible for hosting an "unprofessional" ultramarathon race in Gansu province last month in which 21 runners died, local authorities said on Friday. A 100-kilometre cross-country mountain race in the north-western province of Gansu turned deadly on May 22 as freezing rains, high winds and hail suddenly hit the competitors. Twenty-one, including China's well known ultra-marathoner Liang Jing, were killed in the tragedy. — PTI

Bucks hang on to beat Nets

Los Angeles: The Milwaukee Bucks started strong and clung on late to beat the Brooklyn Nets 86-83 on Thursday and claw their way back into their NBA Eastern Conference second-round playoff series. Khris Middleton scored 35 points and two-time NBA Most Valuable Player Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 33 as the Bucks — routed in two games in Brooklyn — trimmed the deficit in the best-of-seven series to 2-1. — AFP

Live on TV

TENNIS
French Open: Women's singles final from 6.30 pm; Men's doubles final from 8 pm on Star Sports, Select 1, HD

UFC
Fight Night: Israel Adesanya vs Marvin Vettori from 7.30 am (Sunday) on Sony Ten 2, 3

STEFANTASTIC

Tsitsipas becomes first Greek to reach Grand Slam final

Paris, June 11: Stefanos Tsitsipas became the first Greek player to reach a Grand Slam final on Friday when he defeated Germany's Alexander Zverev in a bruising five-setter at the French Open.

Fifth-seeded Tsitsipas won 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3 and will face either 13-time champion Rafael Nadal or world number one Novak Djokovic in the championship match.

However, the 22-year-old will have his work cut out on Sunday — he is 2-7 against Nadal and 2-5 playing Djokovic.

"All I can think of is my roots, a small place outside Athens where I dreamed to play on the big stage at the French Open," said a tearful Tsitsipas on making his first final at the majors, secured on a fifth match point.

"It was nerve-wracking, so intense, I stayed alive. I went out there and fought. This win means a lot, it's the most important one of my career so far."

Tsitsipas took a 5-2 career lead over Zverev into the semi-final and he was the first to pounce with the only break of the opening set in the second game.

The rock-solid Greek didn't give up a single break point although in an indication of the fine margins, Tsitsipas only hit one winner.

Zverev, bidding to become the first German man since Michael Stich in 1996 to reach the final in Paris, raced into a 3-0 lead in the second set.

However, Tsitsipas' greater composure saw him rack up six consecutive games to move two sets ahead.

The Greek had come into the semi-final certainly sharper having seen off three seeded players to get this far.

Zverev had needed five sets to beat his 152nd-ranked compatriot Oscar Otte in the first round



Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece celebrates a point against Alexander Zverev of Germany during their French Open semifinal in Paris on Friday. — AFP

THE RESULT

Men's semifinals:
Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE x5) bt Alexander Zverev (GER x6) 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3.

and hadn't faced a player inside the top 45 before Friday. But Zverev carved a break in the third game of the third set and this time backed it up with a lengthy, foul-mouthed rant at the umpire over a disputed line call.

The 24-year-old German, now fired up, broke in the opening game of the fourth set and levelled the semi-final in the 10th game on the back of a brutal 27-shot rally.

Tsitsipas, playing in his third consecutive semi-final at the majors, crucially saved three break points in the first game of the decider. — AFP

French title beckons for late bloomers Anastasia, Barbora

Paris, June 11: Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and Barbora Krejcikova, two of the most unlikely Grand Slam finalists of the modern era, meet in Saturday's French Open title match at the conclusion of a shock-heavy tournament.

World No. 32 Pavlyuchenkova has reached this stage for the first time at the 52nd attempt, 10 years after making a first Slam quarterfinal in Paris. Krejcikova, ranked one place lower, has long been labelled a doubles

specialist and this is just her fifth appearance in a main draw singles at the Slams, having never previously got beyond the last 16.

However, both women have capitalised on a draw where the top seeds fell and just kept falling.

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Pavlyuchenkova is bidding to become the fourth Russian champion at Roland Garros after Anastasia Myskina (2004), Svetlana Kuznetsova (2009) and Maria Sharapova (2012 and 2014). — AFP

Halep never even made it to Paris.

"The 14-year-old me would tell me 'What took you so long?'" said 29-year-old Pavlyuchenkova who played her first Slam event in 2007.

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Neeraj bags gold in Lisbon

New Delhi, June 11: Olympic-bound star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra came up with a best effort of 83.18m to win an event in Lisbon, Portugal on Thursday in his first international competition after more than a year.

After beginning with 80.71m, Chopra sent the spear to 83.18m in his sixth and final throw to win the javelin event at the Meeting Cidade de Lisboa (Meeting, City of Lisbon).

His second, third and fifth throws were fouls while he recorded 78.50m in his fourth effort under windy conditions at the Lisbon University stadium.

The 23-year-old Indian, who has not taken part in any international event after qualifying for Tokyo Olympics in January last year in South Africa.

Leave for Europe on Monday last for a training-cum-competition stint but it was delayed by a few days due to visa related issues.

He had spoken about lack of competition hampering his Olympic build-up during an interaction a few weeks ago.

Chopra had broken his own national record with a throw of 88.07m in Patiala at the Indian Grand Prix 3 in March.

He had qualified for the Olympics with a throw of 87.86m, which bettered the qualifying mark of 85m, at an event at Potchefstroom, South Africa, in January last year. — PTI

"The Ministry has decided to depute maximum additional support staff such as coaches, doctors, physiotherapists, to optimize the performance of the athletes," the Ministry said.

"Visit of any person other than athletes, coaches and support staff will be taken up only if

SUMMER OLYMPICS

Tokyo still unsure on fans' presence

Tokyo, June 11: The question of allowing any fans into Tokyo Olympic venues is still being debated with a decision unlikely to be announced before the end of the month.

This would be just a few weeks before the Olympics are to open on July 23. Fans from abroad have already been banned in what is shaping up as a largely made-for-television Olympics.

Tokyo and several prefectures are under a state of emergency until June 20.

Infections have slowed recently, but the spread of variants is still a concern that could put pressure on already stressed medical facilities.

Dr. Nobuhiko Okabe, director general of the Kawasaki City Institute for Public Health, suggested on Friday he would lean toward few fans. He spoke on a panel put together by the Tokyo Olympic organizing committee.

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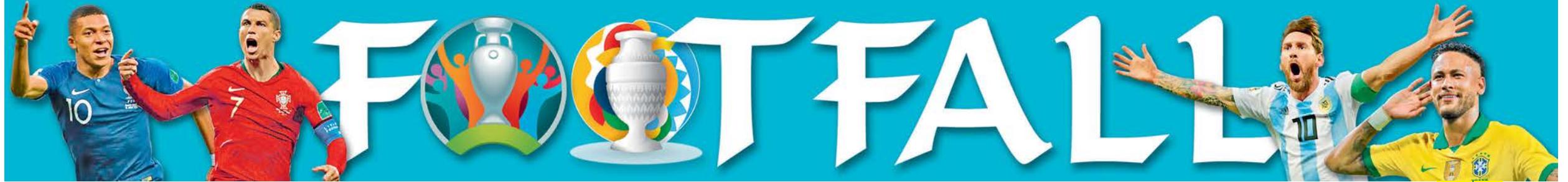
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Quick pass**Danes determined to swim past Finns**

Finland goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky didn't sugar coat things when summing up the difference between his team and Denmark at the European Championship.

"They have better players than us in every position," Hradecky said bluntly ahead of Finland's major tournament debut at Euro 2020.

While the closest thing Finland have to a star is Norwich striker Teemu Pukki, Denmark have an impressive spine that runs from goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel up through the center-back pairing of Andreas Christensen and Simon Kjaer to Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg and Inter Milan playmaker Christian Eriksen.

Finland, though, showed great cohesiveness in qualifying for its first major tournament under coach Markku Kanerva. That's in part because the core of Kanerva's team has been together since he led them to the Under-19 European Championship in 2009. With that kind of tight-knit bond, Finland could spring a few surprises at Euro 2020. And Denmark, of course, know all about springing an upset at this tournament having won the 1992 European Championship in one of the sport's biggest shocks.

Now Denmark have to deal with the status of being a big favorite at least for one game. Russia and top-ranked Belgium are also in the group, which means a win against Finland is probably a must if Denmark are to advance to the Round of 16.

—AP

Live on TV

EURO

Group Stage: Wales vs Switzerland from 6.30 pm; Denmark vs Finland from 9.30 pm; Belgium vs Russia from 12.30 am (Sunday) on Sony Ten 2, HD

BELGIAN HAZARD

Belgium missing star quality for Russia game

St. Petersburg, June 11: What's being billed by some as the last hurrah for Belgium's golden generation begins with two of the team's long-time stalwarts likely missing from their opening match of the European Championship.

Injury and fitness concerns mean neither Kevin De Bruyne nor Eden Hazard is set to start against Russia on Saturday at Saint Petersburg Stadium, where the Belgians' World Cup hopes in 2018 died in a loss to France.

They return to the same venue three years later as the world's top-ranked team they have been in that position since October 2018 but with doubts about the availability of their two star attacking midfielders, and maybe a bit more.

There's still much to like about Belgium: the goals of striker Romelu Lukaku, the flourishing of midfielder Youri Tielemans, the foraging runs of wing back Thomas Meunier and the consistency of goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois.

Meanwhile, Russia will play their first two Group 'B' games in St Petersburg.

Remember, it was on home soil that Russia reached the quarterfinals of the World Cup in 2018, beating Spain along the way. Not that playing at home did the Russians any good against Belgium in qualifying for Euro 2020, though. In their next-to-last group game, Russia conceded four goals at home for the first time in a competitive match in losing 4-1, also in St Petersburg.

—AP



Russian players work out during a training session at Petrovsky stadium in St Petersburg, Russia, on Friday, eve of their Euro Group 'B' match against Belgium.

Copa gets court nod amid virus

Sao Paulo, June 11: Brazil's Supreme Court gave its go-ahead for the Copa America football tournament to kick off here despite the country's alarming Covid-19 figures.

The unanimous vote by the 11 justices provides relief for President Jair Bolsonaro and tournament organisers in Brazil, which is hosting the event after the withdrawal of Colombia and Argentina.

The court rejected two suits against holding the tourney in Brazil, considering that authorisation of the games is a decision made by officials in the state where they will be played; all four governors in Copa America locations are Bolsonaro allies.

The court's ruling is a response to challenges made by the Brazilian Socialist Party and a met-

alworkers union lodged against Brazil hosting the tournament. "Intense circulation of visitors in national territory will obviously spread Covid-19 in several states, as well as potentially allow entry of new variants," the party said in its request.

The union said no international sports events should take place as long as social distancing policies are in place. Brazil is still suffering one of the world's highest daily Covid-19 infection rates, although the number of deaths has declined in about two months.

Brazil will face Venezuela in Copa America's opener on Sunday at the Man Garrincha stadium in Brasilia. The final will take place on July 10 at the Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro. —AP

MESSI, DI MARIA BOOST ARGIE SQUAD FOR COPA

Buenos Aires, June 11: Lionel Messi, Sergio Aguero and Angel Di Maria headline Argentina's squad that will head to Brazil for the Copa America, seeking their national team's first major title since 1993. Defender Juan Foyth and striker Lucas Ocampos are the most notable absences from the 28-player squad, despite featuring regularly since Lionel Scaloni became head coach in 2018.

THE TEAM

Goalkeepers: Franco Armani, Emiliano Martínez, Agustín Marchesín, Juan Musso. **Defenders:** Gonzalo Montiel, Nicolás Otamendi, Germán Pezzella, Lucas Martínez Quarta, Nicolás Tagliafico, Lisandro Martínez, Marcos Acuña, Cristian Romero, Nahuel Molina Lucero. **Middlefielders:** Leandro Paredes, Angel Di María, Guido Rodríguez, Giovani Lo Celso, Exequiel Palacios, Nicolás González, Rodrigo De Paul, Alejandro Gómez, Angel Correa, Nicolás Domínguez. **Forwards:** Lionel Messi, Lautaro Martínez, Joaquín Correa, Lucas Alario, Sergio Aguero.

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Wales lock horns with Switzerland

Baku (Azerbaijan), June 11: From schoolboy to the national team, Dylan Levitt has come a long way since Wales went a long way at the last European Championship.

The Welsh reached the semifinals at Euro 2016 in their tournament debut, inspiring the likes of Levitt to work his way into the team for this year's edition. Levitt and his

teammates, a group that includes including Gareth Bale and Aaron Ramsey, will open their Euro 2020 campaign on Saturday against Switzerland in faraway Azerbaijan.

Baku is nearly 4,200 kilometres from Wales on the shores of the Caspian Sea. Azerbaijan allows foreign fans to make the journey despite the pandemic, but there will be far fewer

than in France five years ago.

In a squad with a strong youth contingent that includes midfielder Ethan Ampadu and right back Neco Williams, Bale has faith in his younger teammates.

The Swiss would certainly like to start with a win over Wales ahead of what may be tougher Group A' games against Italy and a

resurgent Turkey team which will have passionate support in close ally Azerbaijan. A disappointing 2020 for Switzerland, winning no games on the field and one by default when Ukraine had a virus outbreak, has given way to a better 2021 so far. Switzerland have won all their five games this year, though they are yet to play top-level opponents. —AP

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