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## WEATHER

Max: 29.8°C  
Min: 22.0°C  
RH: 63%  
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky.  
Light to moderate rains.  
Max/Min temp. 29/20°C

## ASTROGUIDE

Plava: Uttarayana  
Tithi: Jyeshta Bahula Navami till 5.32 pm  
Star: Revathi till 6.13 am  
Varjyam: 4.36 am to 6.24 am (Sunday)  
Durmuhurtam: 5.49 am to 7.33 am  
Rahukalam: 9 am to 10.30 am

## HIJRI CALENDAR

Zeeqad 21,1441 AH  
PRAYERS  
Fajr: 4:36 am  
Zohar: 12:30 pm  
Asar: 4:56 pm  
Maghrab: 7:00 pm  
Isha: 8:17 pm  
**SUNSET TODAY 6:54 PM**  
**SUNRISE TOMORROW 5:46 AM**  
**MOONRISE TODAY 12:51 AM**  
**MOONSET TODAY 1:26 PM**

## COUNTER POINT



Relax, sir... those are mangoes from Didi!

## SHORT TAKES

## Assets of Ahmed Patel kin seized

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate on Friday said it has attached assets of late Congress leader Ahmed Patel's son-in-law, actors Dino Morea and Sanjay Khan and DJ Aqeel in a criminal investigation into money laundering case linked to an alleged bank fraud. The case involves a Gujarat-based pharmaceutical company called Sterling Biotech group and its two absconding promoters.

## Congress seeks Covaxin probe

New Delhi: The Congress on Friday raised several questions over a deal for the supply of coronavirus vaccine Covaxin to Brazil, and demanded that the government order a probe into charges of graft. Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinivas said the government needs to clear the air over the deal with Brazil as Covaxin was developed by Bharat Biotech partnership with the ICMR using taxpayer's money.

## CBI probes Vizag IRS officer

New Delhi: The CBI has filed an FIR against an IRS officer posted as member of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal for allegedly amassing assets worth over ₹3.51 crore in 10 years which were disproportionate to his legitimate income, officials said Friday. The agency booked Dasi Sadhu Sundar Singh, Accountant Member, ITAT, Visakhapatnam, for allegedly amassing assets disproportionate to his income, they said.

## Benegal opposes new cinema law

Mumbai: Asserting that the government in power has no role in film certification, veteran director Shyam Benegal on Friday said filmmakers' concerns over the Centre's proposal to amend the Cinematograph Act are "natural". On June 18, the Centre had sought comments on the draft cinematograph bill which proposes to penalise film piracy with a jail term and fine, and give more powers to the Central government.

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## No lockdowns for those vaccinated



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## Federer oldest in Wimbledon third round

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## The new recovery therapy on rise



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## BJP MLAs to elect new leader to avert 'Constitutional crisis'

## Rawat quits as U'khand CM

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NEW DELHI/DEHRADUN,  
JULY 2

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat resigned late on Friday night when he met state governor Baby Rani Maurya in Dehradun, after holding the post for less than four months. The BJP legislature party is due to meet in the state capital on Saturday to choose his successor.

Tirath Rawat, who replaced Trivendra Singh Rawat as CM on March 10 but was an MP, not a member of the state legislature, was required under the Constitution to get elected to the Assembly within six months, by September 10, to continue as CM. But with the Election

Commission now unlikely to hold any byelection, as fresh Assembly elections are due in just over seven months, the state was facing a "constitutional crisis", as Mr Tirath Rawat himself said.

The BJP was anyway looking for a change of guard in the state as it did not want to go into an election under the current CM's leadership. The BJP bagged 56 out of the state's 70 Assembly seats in 2017 but retaining power in next year's Assembly polls may be a challenge, partly because of a resurgent Congress Party.

Mr Rawat went to Raj Bhavan to resign hours after returning from New Delhi, where he had been summoned by the BJP's leadership on Wednesday. He met both BJP president

J.P. Nadda and home minister Amit Shah in the national capital.

The CM held a press conference in Dehradun late Friday soon after he returned from Delhi to highlight the development work, including Covid-19 relief measures, undertaken during his 117-day tenure, but did not say anything about whether or not he had offered to resign.

For the BJP, already mired in Covid-19 mismanagement issues during the Kumbh Mela and corruption allegations, and with the Congress in a resurgent mode, a third CM in its five-year tenure will only add to its already existing worries. Earlier, its decision to change Trivendra Singh Rawat in March, less than a year

ahead of polls, had put a question mark on its rule and gave enough ammunition to the Opposition party.

A BJP legislature party meeting will take place Saturday where central observers, including Union minister Narendra Singh Tomar, will oversee the process of choosing Mr Rawat's successor.

While a "constitutional crisis" was cited for Mr Tirath Singh Rawat's exit, speculation was rife that it would not be easy for Mr Rawat to win the bypolls – in case the EC agreed to hold them.

The poll panel, meanwhile, had said it would not be appropriate to hold the electoral exercise till the Covid-19 pandemic situation improves significantly.

## COVID VACCINE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN NOW

New Delhi, July 2: Pregnant women in India are now eligible to get vaccinated against Covid with the Union health ministry on Friday giving the approval based on recommendations of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI).

The ministry said pregnant women should be informed about benefits, risks and likely side-effects of Covid-19 vaccine to help them make an informed decision on taking the jab.

Till now, all groups except pregnant women were eligible for Covid vaccination. Now, it is expanded to even pregnant women in the world's largest immunisation drive, the statement said.

Studies have shown that Covid infection during pregnancy may result in rapid deterioration of health of pregnant women and they are at an increased risk of diseases and might affect fetus too, it said.

Experts have suggested that the Covid-19 vaccine may be offered to the pregnant women if no contraindications exist, it said.

The intent is to weigh risk versus benefit on individualised basis so that a pregnant woman can take an informed decision. "The full impact of Covid-19 disease on pregnancy outcomes for mother and fetus as well as for newborn is still unclear.

Therefore, pregnant women require special considerations," the ministry's guidance document said. — PTI

## Battery of fire



The first lot of 12 Short Span Bridging System (SSBS)-10 m, designed and developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), that was inducted into the Indian Army in the presence of Chief of the Army Staff General M.M. Naravane during a ceremony held at Cariappa Parade Ground in New Delhi. — PTI

## Drone flew over Indian mission

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC  
NEW DELHI, JULY 2

India has lodged a strong protest with Pakistan over a serious breach of security after a drone was spotted over the premises of the Indian high commission in Islamabad a few days ago. New Delhi has demanded that Islamabad investigate the incident and prevent any such security breach in the future.

At his weekly briefing on Friday evening, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said: "A drone was spotted over the premises of the Indian high commission in Islamabad on June 26 this year. This has been taken up officially with the government of

Islamabad and understood to have taken place during an event on the evening of June 26 at the high commission reportedly held in connection with "India@75".

Pakistan. We expect Pakistan to investigate the incident and prevent the recurrence of such a breach of security."

The incident in Islamabad is understood to have taken place during an event on the evening of June 26 at the high commission reportedly held in connection with "India@75", the forthcoming 75th anniversary of India's Independence to be

celebrated in August 2022. People attending the event apparently spotted the drone hovering in the evening after dusk. It is suspected the drone was gathering footage of the event and recording it illegally.

New Delhi also said that investigations were going on into the incident on June 27 when two drones with explosives had attacked the Indian Air Force Station in Jammu.

While no major damage was inflicted, Pakistani-based terror outfits are suspected to be behind the incident, according to reports.

Drones from Pakistan have also reportedly been dropping some weapons and drugs into Punjab from across the border in

the past few years. Meanwhile, in response to queries about Pakistan remaining on the grey list of global anti-terror watchdog FATF, and also Pakistan PM Imran Khan's repeated assertions demanding the rollback of the Indian government's decision two years ago to revoke Article 370 that ended the special status of the erstwhile state of J&K, New Delhi on Friday asked Pakistan to bring the perpetrators of the 26/11 attack on Mumbai and the Pathankot terror attack to justice, and also asked Islamabad to take "credible, verifiable and irreversible" action against cross-border terror and terror outfits operating from the territory under Pakistan's control.

The state government on Friday issued orders allotting five acres of land each to the Velama and Kamma communities in Serilingampally mandal for construction of their "community bhavans". The market value of these land parcels is said to be up to ₹50 crore per acre.

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## TS land for Velama, Kamma buildings

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Kamma Vari Seva Sanghala Samakya.

These allotments are part of the TRS government's policy to allot land parcels to caste organisations in and around Hyderabad to build community halls, 'Atma Gaurava Bhavans' (self-respect bhavans) for the welfare of their communities.

The government has so far allotted 82.3 acres of land for 25 BC castes in Uppal Bagayat layout, and for another 40 sub-castes in Bata Singaram in addition to land given to 13 BC castes in Kokapet. Besides allotting the land, the government has sanctioned ₹95.25 crore for BC Atma Gaurava buildings.

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Afghan security forces are in control both inside and outside of the base."

The deputy spokesman for the defence minister, Fawad Aman, said nothing of the early morning looting.

He said only the base has been handed over and the "ANDSF will protect the base and use it to combat terrorism."

The Taliban too welcomed the American withdrawal from Bagram Airfield. In a tweet by spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, they called it a "positive step," urging for the "withdrawal of foreign forces from all parts of the country."

— AP

## FOREVER | WAR

## Fate of Afghanistan goes back to Afghans' hands; Govt forces take control of airbase

## US troops leave Bagram airbase after nearly 20 yrs

## ANOTHER SUPERPOWER EXITS

● An unspecified number of US troops left Afghanistan and headed over the Bagram airbase, which has been the nerve centre of American operations against the Taliban since 2001.

● The troop withdrawal was part of a deal signed by the Trump administration with the Taliban, which is set to return.

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US troops would remain in Kabul to protect the US Embassy, while Turkish, Afghan and US soldiers would guard the Kabul airport.

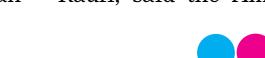
● The US is the second superpower, after the former USSR, to exit Kabul without a win.



had the hallmarks of a goodbye.

Afghanistan's district administrator for Bagram, Darwishi Raufi, said the American

departure was done overnight without any coordination with local



**IN BRIEF**  
**Notice to techie for spreading panic**

**Hyderabad:** The Sultan Bazaar police has issued notice to chemical engineer Paruchi Malik to appear before them by July 5. Police said they had received a complaint against Malik about 20 days ago after he participated in a TV debate on the Coronavirus pandemic. It was alleged that he spoke in a manner which might create widespread panic with regard to the third wave.

**Ganja worth ₹70,000 seized**

**Hyderabad:** The North Zone Task Force and Tukaramgate police laid a trap and nabbed two men who were carrying 10 kg of marijuana worth ₹70,000, near Addagutta crossroads on Friday. The accused, Samasam Bardhan 34, and Chintada Prasad Raju, 26, were procuring the drug from Odisha, police said. Their supplier, Andri alias Sagar of Rayagada district in Odisha, is reportedly absconding.

**Khairatabad MLA files complaint**

**Hyderabad:** Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender on Friday lodged a complaint with the Hyderabad cyber-crimes police against reports on social media websites about him joining the Congress. The reports had started doing the rounds on Friday. In his police complaint, Nagender also mentioned a few social media websites for broadcasting "false news reports" against him. Police said an investigation was taken up.

**Six Nepalis jailed under PD Act**

**Hyderabad:** Six Nepal nationals accused of four burglaries under the Nacharam police limits were detained under the Preventive Detention Act on Friday. They were identified as Amar Bahadur, Lil Bahadur Kami, Ram Bahadur, Ashok Karan Singh Khane, Sagar Bishwakarma and Janavi. Bachakonda police commissioner Mahesh M. Bhagwat said they had been detained under the PD Act to prevent them from committing more burglaries.

**Banned tobacco seized, 4 held**

**Hyderabad:** The West Zone Task Force police raided a shop at Banjara Hills Road No. 10, arrested Sheik Rizwan, 26, and his three suppliers and seized ₹5.25 lakh worth banned tobacco and gutka products on Friday. The Telangana state government has banned these items. The suppliers were identified as Teja Ram Kumawat, Ramesh Kumawat and Kalurum Kumawat. They were handed over to the Banjara Hills police for necessary action.

**Cosmetic surgeons conference**

**Hyderabad:** City-based plastic surgeon Dr Debraj Shome is to speak at the 15th International Caucasian Congress Kolkhoda 2021, a gathering of experts in cosmetic surgery from various countries. Dr Debraj is the only Indian plastic surgeon to speak at the event. He will be speaking on combination therapies for mid-face rejuvenation. "Being asked to speak at the conference is like a dream come true," Dr Debraj said.

# KTR: 95% jobs to locals in new zonal system

**Minister thanks CM for GO giving quota in education, jobs**

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Industries minister K.T. Rama Rao said 95 per cent of jobs in the state government sector would be given to locals with the approval of new zonal system. He thanked Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao for issuing GOs (government orders) bringing a new zonal system into force to provide 95 per cent reservations for locals in education and employment opportunities.

In a statement issued here on Friday, Rama Rao said the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) government had abolished the old zonal system in

● HE SAID that as promised, the TRS government had filled over 1.33 lakh vacant government jobs in different departments. In addition to these, over 15 lakh jobs were created in the private sector by attracting investments to the state in the last seven years.

undivided AP and devised new zonal system covering all 33 districts of the state to ensure reservations for locals in every district.

He said the new zonal system comprising seven zones and two multi zones was brought in keeping people's aspirations in mind. "This move will

help local candidates bag majority of government jobs in a way that is not available anywhere," the minister said, adding that the new zonal system will be favourable for local candidates who can get up to 95 per cent of all opportunities at state-level recruitments.

Apart from creating new districts, by categorising them into special zones, justice would be rendered to people from all regions in recruitment right from junior assistant's posts to zonal and multi zonal posts, he noted.

Rama Rao specifically thanked the Chief Minister for clubbing Mulugu and Narayapet districts that were created

in 2019 into their respective zones, besides according legality to the move and bringing in Vikarabad district in Charminar zone as per the people's aspirations.

He said that as promised, the TRS government had filled over 1.33 lakh vacant government jobs in different departments. In addition to these, over 15 lakh jobs were created in the private sector by attracting investments to the state in the last seven years through TSiPASS, he pointed out.

The state government, he said, had also decided to extend special incentives to private companies that employ Telangana locals in their units.

## KTR TELLS WATER BOARD TO CLEAN, DESILT DRAINS

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Minister K.T. Rama Rao on Friday held a review meeting at Pragathi Bhavan with Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) officials and asked them to lay emphasis on cleaning and desilting of nals and stormwater drains during the ongoing Patta Pragathi programme. He asked officials to focus on sanitation along with the monsoon action plan.

Rama Rao wanted officials to pay special attention to manhole covers. He instructed staff to fix all manholes in 1,000-km of arterial roads in two weeks, and to ensure that no untoward incidents occurs during the rains. Officials told the minister that the Water Board has repaired about 11,000 manholes. He asked officials to utilise jetting machines to clean the sewer networks and ensure no inconvenience is caused to the citizens during the monsoon.

## MULTI-LAYERED PLANTATION AT SHAMSHABAD

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar on Friday inspected the multi-layered avenue plantation taken up at Shamshabad as a part of Haritha Haram. He instructed GHMC officials to take up similar plantation at newly developed links roads and major central medians. Kumar said that under the multi-layered avenue plantation more than two species of plants would be planted at the bottom of the central median as well as in the centre. He said 40 lakh saplings would be planted as a part of single layered and multi layered avenue plantation. Another 5.5 lakh saplings will be planted at government institutions, double bedroom housing projects.



Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu views live cells of the Himalayan black bear at the National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank, CCMB-Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES) in Hyderabad on Friday. — PTI

## Venkaiah lauds CCMB's efforts to save wildlife

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu called for fast-tracking of genome sequencing of new Coronavirus variants to speed up finding of suitable vaccines and drugs for Covid-19.

Addressing scientists and research scholars at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology's (CCMB) Laboratory for the Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES) here on Friday, the Vice President referred to successful reproduction of blackbuck, spotted deer, rock pigeon and endangered mouse deer and suggested that similar efforts should be extended for hangul deer in Kashmir, wild buffaloes in Chhattisgarh and red panda in Darjeeling.

Referring to the activities of LaCONES and the need for genome sequencing of new variants of Covid-19 was crucial in the light of reports of big cats contracting Covid-19 in a few zoos, Naidu said.

Naidu also stressed the need for strengthening international collaborations by research institutions to study the feasibility of developing a universal vaccine that could neutralise various SARS-CoV-2 variants.

Lauding LaCONES for developing biotechnology tools for wildlife conservation, including those for assisted reproduction and forensics, the Vice President referred to successful reproduction of blackbuck, spotted deer, rock pigeon and endangered mouse deer and suggested that similar efforts should be extended for hangul deer in Kashmir, wild buffaloes in Chhattisgarh and red panda in Darjeeling.

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Venkaiah Naidu called

for a massive afforestation programme, saying it was the need of the hour. "Everyone should actively participate in planting trees in their communities and localities," he said. "We not only need to protect and preserve our ecosystems but also make every effort for conservation of endangered species for the well-being of animals, plants and humans," he added and expressed confidence that the modern bio-technological tools will help in mitigating the adverse effects on wildlife and ecosystems.

He appealed to the people to shed vaccine hesitancy and take required doses of the Covid-19 vaccines. "The need of the hour is to create awareness among people that vaccines would provide a high degree of protection and even if infected, the disease will be less severe. At the same time, people should not lower their guard," he said.

## TAKE ACTION AGAINST COW SMUGGLERS, VHP TELLS DGP

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad gave a representation to Director General of Police M. Mahendar Reddy to take stringent action on those illegally transporting cows, Naidu said.

bulls, oxen and other livestock in the state.

On Friday, M. Rama Raju, VHP state president, Bandari Ramesh, state secretary, and others met Mahendar Reddy and demanded that this be stopped and the culprits punished severely.

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involved in the illegal transportation of animals and those indulging in cow slaughter.

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Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar inspects tools used by an inter-state thief to break open car door locks and start the vehicles, at the Commissioner's office on Friday. — P. SURENDRA

## 3 arrested for buying and selling stolen cars

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

A man that was selling stolen cars to people in the city was nabbed along with two receivers by the East Zone Task Force police on Friday. Officials recovered ₹18 lakh worth of stolen goods from them.

## PCB SUBMITS PLAN TO BOOST TANDUR AIR QUALITY

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

In a bid to improve the air quality in Tandur, Vikarabad, the TS Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) has drafted and submitted a plan to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Thursday.

It said that on vehicles carrying raw materials and products, the cargo should be covered completely. The PCB sought more frequent cleaning of roads and water supplies.

The PCB directed stone cutting and polishing units not to dispose of stone chips and slurry along the roadside. It said the roads and buildings department would complete the bypass road to reduce traffic load in the town.

This follows the Tandur Citizens' Welfare Society filing a case against three cement industries in the area which they alleged were the cause of the poor air quality.

The Pollution Control Board said that the three units, Cement Corporation of India Ltd, India Cements Ltd and Penna Cements, had installed online stack and ambient air quality monitoring systems which were and connected to the Central Pollution Control Board and TSPCB websites. The TSPCB said that it was regularly monitoring the units for compliance of Board directions.

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Police identified the accused as Mohd Haseen, 34, and the receivers as K. Sheshu Kumar, 35, and Madhusudhan, 37. Officials also seized materials used to break in and start the locked cars from them. Haseen's aides Manboob and Abed are absconding. Police said Haseen was a car mechan-

ic and had first stolen cars in Delhi where he was arrested in 2019.

"Haseen used his skills from being a car mechanic to unlock cars. Sheshu and Madhusudhan were trying to sell the stolen cars by using scrapped vehicle registration numbers and documents," police said.

## Rajendar's role as Exhibition Society head to be probed

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Two weeks after former minister Etala Rajendar resigned from the post of president of the Exhibition society, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials visited the Society office on Friday to collect records.

According to ACB officials, one of the members of the Society approached the agency alleging misappropriation of funds, based on which the ACB has begun the process of looking into its records.

president on June 15 citing personal reasons, three days after he resigned from the Legislative Assembly.

Exhibition Society organizes the popular annual Industrial Exhibition, which is colloquially called Numash.

Through the money received from the exhibition, the society funds different educational institutions and other philanthropic activities.

## Three die in three separate accidents

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Three persons died in separate road accidents on the city roads on Friday. In the first case, a 29-year-old woman, P. Rajyalaxmi, who was riding a moped, came under the wheels of a truck (TS 08 UD 3638) that was carrying gas cylinders.

The accident occurred near Stadium Metro Rail station, Metro Pillar No. 907. Rajyalaxmi was returning home after dropping her grandmother Mutamma at her workplace in Warasiguda. Lorry driver Vadthy Dattu has been arrested.

Balanagar Metro Station, at 2 am, Kukatpally police said. It was believed that an unidentified vehicle had hit while he was crossing the road.

In the third case, Balke Raj Kumar, 25, went to relieve himself near the fruit market at Kothapet at around 10 pm when a lorry (RJ11 GA 7486) rammed into him, Chaitanyaapur police said.

## 10,000-year-old rock paintings discovered in Gadwal village

**D. SIVA RAMI REDDI | DC**  
MAHBUBNAGAR, JULY 2



New rock shelters with exotic paintings found in Gadwal district. — DC

ing of the mechanics of this art form.

Though such images were identified earlier in rock art found in Pandavula gutta, Gorparajapalli, Hastalapur, Vatti Malla, the Medikonda rock art is different, Reddy said. A man hunting the depth of his understand-

## Half pay for some, no salary for others even as schools pocket fees

## 41 teachers end lives in 15 months

**SANJAY SAMUEL  
PAUL I DC**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

The suicide by a physical training teacher in Jayashankar-Bhupalpalli district on Wednesday has brought to the fore, yet again, the difficulties being faced by teachers in private schools amid the Covid pandemic. Bonagiri Raju's suicide on Wednesday took to 41 the number of teachers from private schools ending their life in the past 15 months.

Lamenting at the indiscriminate destruction of hills and hillocks in the name of development, he warned that the heritage of Telangana state which is preserved for thousands of years would be a thing of the past.

Eversince the Covid-19 pandemic hit the state, life of most private school teachers has been turned

upside down. The iterations of Covid-19 lockdowns made matters worse. Some schools, though they were collecting fees from students, refused to pay salaries to the teachers, citing the lockdown-related financial strains.

"Several schools, after resuming their online classes for this academic year, engaged fewer teachers and paid them only half of the salary," said the Telangana Private Schools Teachers' Forum.

Though the government issued an order - GO 45 - which mandated that private schools should not deprive teachers of their

salaries, this is being flouted by school management, according to the Forum.

It complained that though the government promised in April this month to provide ₹2,000 a month as special aid to private school teachers, along with a monthly ration of 25 kg of rice till the schools reopen, the payment was given only for April and May. Even for those months, the ₹2,000 aid was not credited to the teachers' accounts so far.

They were given the 25 kg of rice for the third month in June.

There are nearly 2,50,000 teaching staff and 50,000 non-teaching staff in the private schools across Telangana state.

Premalathla Gadde, a resident of Nacharam who works at a private school, said, "We did not get salary for the past 15 months. Only a few are being engaged for taking online classes. Even they have been paid half the salary. We hoped that this academic year will have physical classes and we will be engaged in teaching again, but this did not happen." She added, "I was the unlucky one. I did not even get the benefits extended by the government. Like me, there are around 50,000 more who did not receive any benefit from the government."

## IN BRIEF

## Allow sale of zarda pan: MIM

**Hyderabad:** Yakutpura MIM MLA Ahmed Pasha Quadri called on DCP, South Zone, Gajara Bhupal in connection with problems of pan shop owners and requested him to allow selling 'zarda pan'. Pan shop owners have been protesting for two days against the seizure of zarda by the police. Quadri said pan shop owners had unanimously decided not to sell prohibited products containing tobacco. However, they were being harassed if police found zarda used for making pans. Those who are using zarda for making pans should not be harassed, he said.

## MEDICAL JAC DEMANDS PROMOTION

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Expressing serious concern that promotions in medical colleges and teaching hospitals are pending for seven years, the Telangana Medical Joint Action Committee (TMJAC) has demanded that the government address the issue on priority.

Dr B. Ramesh, chairman of the JAC which comprises doctors and nurses, said, "The post of additional director for medical colleges has not been filled for seven years. Andhra Pradesh has carried out recruitments regularly but after bifurcation we are not filling up even the 30 posts that are vacant across departments."

Promotions are crucial for government doctors as they can aspire to rise on the professional ladder, said another member. Many senior doctors are upset as they have waited for more than five years for their promotions. Some of those who retimed missed the bus altogether.

"The file is with the state department of health for one month. But there is no response. We do not know who is stalling our promotions and under what compunctions," a senior government associate professor said.

# Encroachers threaten to set forest staff afire

Villagers pour petrol on staff trying to evict them

**BALU PULIPAKA | DC**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Two forest department officials, who were negotiating the removal of encroachments on forest land in Macharam village of the Amrabad tiger reserve, were caught in a deadly situation when some encroachers poured petrol on them and threatened to set them on fire.

The incident occurred on Friday morning when the officials, led by forest section officer Madhusudhan, reached Macharam in Nagarkurnool district to begin preparations for planting saplings on the encroached forests. Of the nearly 70 acres of the land that was encroached, the department was planning to plant trees on about 30 acres to start with.



Top: Forest officials negotiate with the villagers for the land.

Women splash fuel on the forest officials to threaten them.

According to officials, all the encroachments happened after 2014, the cut-off year set by the state government for allowing non-forestry activities on forest land.

Officials said that they were negotiating with the villagers, some of them Chenchu tribes who had moved out of their forest habitations many years ago, to vacate the land

they occupied. Some people who gathered there got aggressive and one of them threw petrol on the officials. A woman carried a bottle of petrol with her that was grabbed by another woman who splashed two officials with the fuel and then sought to grab a match box from another villager saying she would set them on fire.

Every claim of the villagers on the illegally occupied land was verified and was found to be false, officials said, adding that though the villagers were explained that they can be given jobs in return to vacating the occupied forest land, they refused to do so. Cases have been filed with the police against seven villagers charging them with attempt to murder.

## Khammam sees fresh spike

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Khammam district again saw a spike in the number of Covid-19 cases on, from 52 on July 1 to 81 on Friday. The district has seen 480 new cases in the last six days according to the medical bulletin issued by the state health department. There are no micro containment zones in the district.

Bhadradri Kothagudem, Khammam's neighbour, also saw a spike with 30 new cases but it has 14 micro contain-

### DAILY COVID BULLETIN DATA

Update: Cases   Deaths	
Fresh Cases	858
Deaths	9
Tests Done	1,08,617
Active Cases	12,726
Total Cases	6,25,237
Total Deaths	3,678

Highest New Cases	Lowest New Cases
GHMC (Hyderabad) 107	Adilabad and Nirmal 2
Khammam 81	Kamareddy 3
Nalgonda 64	Narayanpet and Komarabheem Asifabad 4
Suryapet 52	Jogulamba Gadwal 5
Ranga Reddy and Karimnagar 51	Nizamabad 6

ment zones. Its case-load in the last six days

is 326. Both the districts are close to the borders of Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and see cross-border movement of people. Experts state that this is leading to these spikes, as also ignoring Covid-appropriate behaviour.

D. Kishan Rao, senior general physician, said, "We have the presence of Delta plus variants in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. If Covid guidelines are not followed properly, there will be spikes in cases. The behaviour of people drives the virus."

## MINORITIES FINANCE CORP. TO RELEASE 106 CARS UNDER DRIVERS SCHEME

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HYDERABAD, JULY 2

The TS Minorities Finance Corporation is planning to release 106 cars under the 'Driver cum Owner Scheme' on Saturday. *Deccan Chronicle* had on Wednesday highlighted that the fund-strapped corporation failed to execute the loan scheme.

A.H.N. Kanthi Wesley, vice-chairperson and managing director of the corporation, told this correspondent that during 2020-21, the government has accorded permission for 30 cabs. The scheme received 14,351 online applications, of which 7,000 had been shortlisted. The government released ₹15 crore for its implementation.

She said the total cost of each car is ₹7,56,090 consisting of 60 per cent subsidy component of ₹4,62,716, a bank loan of ₹2,43,374 and a beneficiary contribution of ₹50,000 each. Beneficiaries in Hyderabad will get the cabs first, followed by those in the districts.

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### Applications invited for Appointment of Director General in the Bureau of Energy Efficiency

Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is a statutory body under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, established under the provisions of Energy Conservation Act, 2001 to promote energy efficiency in the country. The Director-General is its Chief Executive Authority and is responsible for the successful implementation of the objectives of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency. Applications are invited from the Indian Nationals for the post of Director General, BEE on deputation/short term contract for a period of five years or till attaining the age of 60 years whichever is earlier. The post is in the HAG scale - level 15 of Pay Matrix of 7th CPC, with usual allowances as per the Government of India rules.

#### A. Essential qualifications and experience

- (a) a candidate must be a Graduate in Engineering or Post -Graduate in Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or Geology or Geophysics or Energy Studies or Energy Management or Energy Economics; and
- (b) should have the experience of at least 25 years of service in the Central Government or the State Government in Group 'A' with at least 3 years experience in the pay scale of Rs. 37,400-67,000 (Grade Pay 10,000), equivalent to level 14 of 7th CPC Pay Matrix, in the parent cadre of service; or at least 25 years of post-qualification experience in any public sector undertaking or an autonomous body or any statutory body or private firm out of which 5 years should be at a senior level in an organization of repute; and
- (c) the candidate must have adequate knowledge and experience in dealing with the matters relating to energy production, supply and energy management, standardization and efficient use of energy and its conservation.

#### B. Desirable qualification and experience

- A candidate possessing a Post-Graduate Engineering or Doctorate degree in Physics or Chemistry or Mathematics or Geology or Geophysics or Energy Studies or Energy Management or Energy Economics and having experience in policy formulation or planning in the field of energy management shall be preferred.
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  - E. The maximum age limit for appointment to the post of Director General, BEE shall be 58 years as on closing date of application.
  - F. The application, along with a curriculum vitae may be sent in quadruplicate proforma available on the website of the Ministry of Power and the Bureau of Energy Efficiency. A 500 words write up on "A Road Map for Energy Efficiency and Conservation in India over the next 5 years" must be sent by every applicant, along with the application. Applications from officers of the State Government/Central Government/Public Sector Undertaking should be forwarded through their cadre controlling authorities along with requisite Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) or Annual Performance Appraisal Reports (APARs) for the last 10 years. Applications not forwarded through the proper channel will not be entertained.

All applications in the prescribed proforma should be addressed to:

**Deputy Secretary (Energy Conservation)**  
2nd Floor, 'F' wing, Room No. 201, Energy Conservation Division  
Ministry of Power, Nirman Bhawan New Delhi-110011.

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Proforma for application can be downloaded from the Website of Ministry of Power: [www.powermin.nic.in](http://www.powermin.nic.in) and Website of Bureau of Energy Efficiency: [www.beeindia.gov.in](http://www.beeindia.gov.in)

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**SHORT TAKES**  
**BJP MEET TO DISCUSS WATER ROW WITH AP**

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HYDERABAD, JULY 2

The BJP state executive committee will meet on July 4 to discuss important issues in the state involving farmers and the sharing of river waters with Andhra Pradesh.

TS BJP general secretary G. Premender Reddy told the media on Friday that Tarun Chugh, the party incharge, will attend the meeting online. The party is also likely to discuss the issue of unemployment and the bypoll at Huzurabad.

Premender Reddy said state party president Bandi Sanjay, Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy, vice-president D.K. Aruna, OBC Morcha president Dr K. Laxman and state committee members will join the meeting.

**NO RELIEF FROM HC FOR TOP AP OFFICER**

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

The Telangana High Court on Friday refused to issue directions to stop trial against Y. Srilakshmi, senior IAS officer in Andhra Pradesh, at the CBI court in relation to the lease given to Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC).

The court directed the CBI to file a memo before the CBI court stating that the probe was complete in this case.

Srilakshmi had filed the petition before the Telangana High Court seeking to issue directions to the CBI court to stop further proceedings against her in the OMC case until the border issue between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka is finalised. Her counsel said the issue of the border of the two states was pending before the Supreme Court.

**HC SEEKS DETAILS OF QUASH PLEAS IN JAGAN CASES**

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

The Telangana High Court on Friday sought case-wise details from the CBI about the quash petitions filed by the accused in relation to the Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy quid pro quo cases. The CBI has filed 11 chargesheets and had booked government officials as accused. Most of the accused have approached the High Court seeking to get their names removed.

On Friday Justice Shamim Akther was dealing with quash petitions filed by Hetero Pharma and its director Srinivas Reddy, Srinivas Balaji, who is accused in the Lepaksi Knowledge Hub cases, Jitendra Hirwani of Indu group and Embassy realtors. T. Niranjan Reddy, counsel for Hetero, said the High Court had quashed the case against the India Cements managing director and sought similar relief. He complained that there was political influence on the CBI to register the cases against the industrialists and others. He said that with the land allotments from the government, Hetero had developed Mediciti and nearly 3,000 people were getting employment.

Surender, CBI counsel, denying the allegations of political influence, said that there were 103 accused in 11 cases. He said the case relating to the India Cements MD does not apply to other cases.

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# Ignore Jagan's letter on hydel plant: TRS

**Party alleges AP CM trying to mislead Centre**

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

Telangana state ministers on Friday urged the Centre to ignore the letter written by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy complaining against the TS government for taking up hydel power generation at irrigation projects across the Krishna.

Energy minister G. Jagadish Reddy and tourism minister V. Srinivas Goud addressed separate press conferences to lash out at Jagan Mohan Reddy for allegedly misleading the Centre with "fake complaints".

The energy minister asked the Chief Minister to do some soul-searching to understand how the situation had arisen that he had to write to the Prime Minister.

"Jagan himself has created this situation. Our Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao had extended a hand of friendship and offered to settle all water disputes amicably. He offered to share surplus Godavari water since availability of water in Krishna is comparatively low. But Jagan unilaterally decided to construct the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme and expand the Pothireddypadu project to divert Krishna water to AP illegally," the minister said. He urged the AP CM to remember that Telangana was a state and not a part of Andhra Pradesh.

Telangana has a Chief Minister who never compromises when it comes to protecting the

DC CORRESPONDENT  
VIJAYAWADA, JULY 2

The Andhra Pradesh government's long pending demand for monitoring of common projects like Srisailam and Nagarjunasagar on the Krishna river by the Krishna River Management Board (KRM) has resurfaced in the wake of the dispute over sharing of water between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Water resources authorities said that at the time of bifurcation in 2014, there was a demand to keep these projects under the control of the KRM so that it can oversee the maintenance of these projects and resolve any dispute on the river between the two governments.

Similarly, there is also a demand to deploy Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel at such projects instead of the present practice of deploy-

ing police by both the states in their respective areas which causes tension at the project sites. It may be mentioned that AP water resources officials were not allowed by the Telangana state police at Nagarjunasagar dam when they tried to meet their counterparts from Telangana to talk about the water dispute. Telangana state officials refused to meet their AP counterparts.

AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekawat on the state's water dispute with Telangana, and the AP government is flouting Pulichintala project protocol by releasing water for generation of hydroelectric power even though water should be released based on needs of the delta area for cultivation of crops and for drinking water purposes.

and we are also working on some remedies to resolve the issue."

On the other hand, the Telangana state government is continuing hydroelectric power generation from all three projects - Srisailam, Nagarjunasagar and Pulichintala in the last few days by releasing nearly two to three tmc ft of water. AP authorities raise concern over release of water resulting in depletion of available quantum of water in the Krishna river catchment areas upstream with no sign of rainfall and also no hint of any floods.

The AP authorities say that the TS government is flouting Pulichintala project protocol by releasing water for generation of hydroelectric power even though water should be released based on needs of the delta area for cultivation of crops and for drinking water purposes.

interests of the state, he said.

"YSR could divert Krishna water to AP because there was no one to question him then. All Telangana Congress leaders were like his slaves and kept mum in order to protect their own posts. But today, KCR will not stay silent if Jagan diverts Krishna water like his father. We showed what

we can do with hydel power generation," he added. Srinivas Goud stated that no one has the power to stop hydel power generation by the TS government.

"It's our right to generate hydel power from our share of Krishna water in irrigation projects. The purpose of Srisailam project itself is power generation but Seemandhra rulers con-

verted it as a multipurpose project to benefit their region," Goud alleged.

He urged Modi and Union Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekawat not to issue orders in haste in response to the AP CM's letter like Krishna River Management Board (KRM) asking the TS government to stop hydel power generation.

## Pelt stone at Cong. MLAs who defected to TRS, says Revanth

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JULY 2

TPCC president and MP A. Revanth Reddy called upon Congress activists to stone to death 12 Congress MLAs, who had defected to TRS. He said that he will personally take the initiative and pelt stones on them.

People voted against Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao and elected 12 Congress MLAs in the last Assembly elections but the ruling party purchased them and showed disrespect to people's mandate, he said.

As a courtesy call, Revanth Reddy visited the residence of AICC secretary Sampath Kumar who is also the Maharashtra state party affairs in-charge. Revanth Reddy and Sampath Kumar are former MLAs from the undivided Mahabubnagar district.

Speaking to newsmen, the TPCC chief said that defection cases against Congress MLAs have been in the High Court for the last two years.

Delayed judgment would become judgment denied and the High Court should pronounce its verdict early, he



asked.

Assembly Speaker P. Srinivas Reddy should also take a decision at the earliest, he said. If the Speaker failed to do so, the Congress will go to court against him, he warned.

Revanth Reddy said that voters gave a fitting lesson to former Assembly Speaker S. Madhusudana Chary, who had vehemently misused his discriminatory powers on issues concerning defections.

Revanth Reddy dared the 12 MLAs to resign from their posts and face a fresh mandate.

Meanwhile, he also met former union minister Renuka Chowdary at her residence. He was accompanied by TPCC working president Anjan Kumar Yadav, senior vice-president Ramreddy Damodar Reddy, former minister S. a. m. b. h. a. n. i. Chandrasekhar and Mahila Congress state president Sunita Rao.

Speaking on the occasion, Chowdary said that an anti-Chandrasekhar Rao tirade would start from Khammam. She said that the 12 defected MLAs would do a ghar wapsi soon. She criticised both TRS and BJP governments for inept handling of Covid-19, which has killed lakhs of people. Steep hike in fuel and LPG prices was adversely affecting the people, she said.

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**I. B.SITAMAHALAKSHMI**, spouse of Seshagirao Burra, No. 13-6-439/1/A/381, Plot No.9, Balajinagar, Gudimalkapur, Hyderabad- 500006, have changed my name from B.Sitamahalakshmi to Sitamahalakshmi Burra, as per Affidavit dated 01.07.2021. Sworn before notary Malleshwari Utta, Uppal, M.M.Dist-39 (HYMM/2122/C02250)

**I. CHITWALA** Jeevana Jyothi D/o Jamuna Petru aged 28 yrs R/O 1-5-9/38/1, Plot no.38, Green Hills Colony Street no.8, Habibnagar, Hyderabad. We have changed my name as Jamuna Jeevana Jyothi for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 01-July-2021. Sworn before notary Malleshwari Utta, Uppal, M.M.Dist-39 (HYMM/2122/C02250)

**I. RUDRAJAU** Ravindra Varma S/o of Rudraraiva Satyanarayana Rau and r/o House No.29, Jayabheri Meadows, Gachibowli, Hyderabad 500032, with passport number M4479280 hereby state that my name is mentioned as Rudraraiva Ravindra in some documents and both names belong to one and same person i.e. Rudraraiva Ravindra Varma (HYMM/2122/C02224)

**I. SARITHA** Suzanne V. Spouse of Christopher Valerio, R/o Old Town Tanuku, Tehsildar, Dharwad, Karnataka, India Pin-534211 Andhra Pradesh. Have Changed My Name And Dob From Saritha Suzane V, 12June 1981 To Saritha Vangalapudi, 12June 1978, Vida Affidavit Dt.02.07.2021 Before Notary, Hyderabad. (HYMM/2122/C02242)

**I. GUNAPREETH** s/o Arunakumari, plot no 175/A,jk aravindam, kukatpally, changed my name as K.Gunapreeth for all purposes. (W/2122/AT00039)

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## LOST

**I CHINTAPALLI** Venkata Seshaiah S/o Chintapalli Subbarao has lost the original sale deed of plot no 112 R/V Sreekrishna Gaddipet, if found please contact: 9959332200. (HYMM/2122/C02188)

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## Crucial visit



Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy during a visit to the BSF Frontier headquarters in Jammu. After the visit, the minister tweeted, "Had the opportunity to interact with several officers across ranks, serving in this distinguished CAPF. Always an enriching experience to spend time with our personnel". - PTI

## DOMINICA PM SAYS GOVT. NOT BEHIND CHOJKSI ABDUCTION

New Delhi, Jul 2: Dominica Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit has termed "total nonsense" the claims that his government was involved in alleged abduction of diamantaire Mehul Choksi, wanted in ₹13,500 crore scam in Punjab National Bank, from neighbouring Caribbean country Antigua and Barbuda, local media there reported.

In his weekly "annou palay" show, Skerrit said his government will allow the court to carry out its process regarding Choksi and gave the assurance that his rights and obligations will be respected, *Domincia News Online* reported. Skerrit refuted the allegations of a plot between India and Dominica government to kidnap Choksi from neighbouring Caribbean country Antigua and Barbuda, where he was staying since 2018 as a citizen, after fleeing from India, and bring him to Dominica, the news portal reported.

## U'KHAND BJP MLA ACCUSED OF RAPE

Dehradun, Jul 2: BJP's Jwalapur MLA Surendra Rathore has been accused of rape by a former party colleague, according to police here.

A case of rape was lodged against the MLA at the Bahadarpur police station of Haridwar on Thursday night after a lower court's order. Rathore is the second BJP MLA from Uttarakhand after Mahesh Negi against whom such serious charges have been levied.

Rathore has been accused of rape and criminal intimidation by the complainant.

## BJP MLAs protest lack of mention of post-poll violence in Assembly speech

**RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, JULY 2**

A huge ruckus by West Bengal BJP MLAs forced Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari, who shouted slogans at him from the Opposition benches. Soon they went to the well of the House and burst into noisy protests there as well.

All of them were carrying posters and placards of persons they claimed were their party workers who became victims of the post-poll violence unleashed by the ruling Trinamul Congress in the state after coming to power on May 2. They were furious after finding no mention of the

House. He was, however, greeted by angry BJP MLAs, headed by Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari, who shouted slogans at him from the Opposition benches. Soon they went to the well of the House and burst into noisy protests there as well.

Disrupted by the stir, an anguished governor stopped his speech for a minute and apparently expressed his displeasure to Assembly Speaker Biman Banerjee, who spoke to chief minister Mamata Banerjee. Mr Dhankhar then resumed his address, which was however hardly audible due to the BJP MLAs' loud demonstration.

After four minutes, a disappointed governor cut

short his speech and tabled it in the House. Escorted by the Speaker and the CM, Mr Dhankhar then walked out of the Assembly and left for Raj Bhavan.

Mr Adhikari said, "With awe and wonder we found that the governor's address scripted by the state government lacked any mention of the post-poll violence. It also claimed that there have been no atrocities since May 2 and what is referred to as post-poll violence is false, apart from blaming the Election Commission for the anarchy during its rule in the state for the Assembly polls. That is why we protested

## SHORT TAKES

## SYRIA SEEKS AID TO REHABILITATE IS-LINKED MINORS

Beirut: Syria's Kurds on Friday urged international help to set up rehabilitation centres for minors linked to the Islamic State group, after charges they were holding "hundreds of children" in adult prisons.

Acknowledging that some jihadist-linked minors were being held in adult prisons, separate to the many more in camps, senior Kurdish foreign affairs official Abdelkarim Omar said around 30 teenagers have lately been transferred out of one overcrowded camp.

He spoke just days after the International Committee of the Red Cross said "hundreds of children — mostly boys, some as young as 12 — are detained in adult prisons" in northeast Syria.

## FALL OF TIGRAY CAPITAL MARKS NEW PHASE

Addis Ababa: Rebel fighters in Ethiopia's war-hit Tigray stunned the world this week by retaking the regional capital Mekelle, sparking boastful statements by their leaders and rowdy street celebrations by their supporters.

It came exactly seven months after those same fighters were driven out by the army of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, a Nobel Peace Prize winner who now finds himself mired in an ugly war.

Aby's government has since announced a unilateral ceasefire, while the rebels have gone on to seize most of Tigray, the northernmost region of Ethiopia. As the UN Security Council is expected to hold its first public meeting on Friday on the conflict, world leaders are mulling what comes next — and whether worst-case humanitarian scenarios can be avoided.

## MURDERED MP'S SISTER ELECTED IN KEY UK VOTE

London: Labour leader Keir Starmer breathed a sigh of relief on Friday after the party eked out victory in a special election in one of its northern strongholds, easing discontent after a series of poor showings by Britain's main opposition party.

Starmer praised Kim Leadbeater's 323-vote triumph in the election to represent the Batley and Spen district of West Yorkshire in the House of Commons as a "fantastic result." While the margin of victory was far below the 3,525-vote cushion Labour achieved in 2019, polls had suggested the party could lose the seat it has held since 1997.

Starmer, who has led Labour since April 2020, is under pressure after the party posted dismal results in local elections in May, then lost a special election in Hartlepool, which it had held for 62 years. The party is seeking to stop the momentum of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservatives, which made inroads in Labour's traditional working class strongholds during the 2019 parliamentary elections. Leadbeater is the sister of Jo Cox, who was the Labour lawmaker for the district when she was murdered in 2016.

## 6M EU CITIZENS APPLY TO STAY IN UK AFTER BREXIT

London: More than six million EU citizens have applied to stay in the UK after Brexit, the government said Friday, nearly twice the number thought to be living in Britain before it left the bloc.

There was a late flurry of applications ahead of a June 30 deadline for the settlement scheme, designed to allow EU citizens residing in the UK to retain the same rights as they enjoyed before Brexit.

But since the end of the Brexit transition period on January 1, EU citizens wishing to settle or stay have faced tougher tests to secure residency and employment.

The final figure of 6.02 million applications, with 5.1 million grants of status, is far higher than the 3.7 million EU nationals originally estimated to be in the country when the scheme launched in March 2019.

More than 4,00,000 applications were made in the final month before the scheme ended, the Home Office said, adding that those who had missed the deadline on "reasonable grounds" could still make a late application.

## Turkey might operate airport in Afghanistan

## Seeks political, financial and logistical support from United Nations, Nato to execute proposal

Istanbul, July 2: Turkey's defence minister said on Friday that negotiations over his country's proposal to operate and secure the key international airport in Afghanistan are taking place.

Defense Minister Hulusi Akar said Turkey was discussing the plan with several countries. "There must be some political decisions at the United Nations and NATO, and an agreement must be reached with the Afghan government," he said, adding that Turkey was seeking political, financial and logistical support from various countries.

He emphasised that a final decision had not yet been reached, but negotiations with the United States were continuing and the plan would be

**AN AGREEMENT** on the protection of the airport has become increasingly urgent as the final withdrawal of the remaining 2,500-3,500 US troops and 76,000 allied NATO soldiers nears a conclusion.

executed after the Turkish president's approval.

Earlier this summer, Turkey proposed to operate and provide security for Kabul's Hamid Karzai International Airport in the aftermath of the US pullout from Afghanistan. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan discussed it with US President Joe Biden at their first face-to-face meeting during the NATO summit in June.

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open and operate. If the airport doesn't work, embassies will pull out, and in such a situation, Afghanistan would become an isolated state," the defense minister said.

Without a separate agreement on the airport, the current operations would have to be maintained under the Resolute Support Mission, which is the current US-led military mission.

Until there is an agreement it is not clear that the U.S. and NATO can declare their military mission in Afghanistan over. "We have stated our intent. We said we can stay if these conditions are realized," Akar said.

The minister's comments were carried by official Anadolu news agency. — AP

"The airport must be

## Oz tightens border controls to curb risk of virus variant

Canberra, July 2: Australia plans to halve commercial passenger arrivals due to virus risks as parts of the country emerged from lockdowns on Friday. Australia will reduce its cap on arrivals from 6,000 passengers a week to 3,000 by July 14 to reduce pressure on hotel quarantine, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said after a meeting with state and territory leaders.

Australia already has some of the world's tightest border restrictions aimed at keeping Covid-19 out of the country. The new restrictions add to obstacles faced by 34,000 Australian citizens and permanent residents stranded overseas and registered with the government as wanting to come home. The government will charter more airliners to repatriate Australians, but the reduced limit on commercial passenger arrivals could continue until next year.

"If medical advice changes between now and then, if medical advice suggests that we can alter that, then of course the National Cabinet has always been receptive to that advice and we'll continue to monitor that," Morrison told reporters, referring to his decision-making meetings with the state and territory leaders. — PTI



Activists hold placards reading 'Patents kill', 'Free vaccine' and 'Waive patents' during their march to European Union mission in Kiev on Friday in a rally in support of vaccination action called, 'Vaccinate our world'. — AFP

## UAE BANS TRAVEL TO 14 NATIONS, INCLUDING INDIA

Dubai, July 2: The UAE government on Friday prohibited its nationals from traveling to 14 countries, including India and Pakistan, in a major step to arrest the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. The UAE's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MoFAIC) and the National Emergency Crisis and Disasters Management Authority (NCEMA) announced that its citizens are prohibited from travelling to India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Namibia, Zambia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, South Africa, and Nigeria. "Exempt from the decision are the UAE diplomatic missions in the aforementioned countries; emergency treatment cases; official delegations and previously authorised business and technical delegates," they said in a statement. — PTI

## NO LOCKDOWNS FOR VACCINATED: GERMANY

Berlin, July 2: Germany's health minister on Friday said people who are vaccinated against Covid will not have to go into full lockdown again and will enjoy more freedoms than unvaccinated people in case of another virus resurgence.

"As long as there are no mutations that impact the protection from vaccines... then being fully vaccinated means that restrictions of the kind we saw last winter will not be necessary, needed or legally appropriate," Jens Spahn told reporters in Berlin.

Germany currently has very low infection numbers and has relaxed most of its virus curbs, but concerns are growing about the spread of the more contagious Delta variant and the likelihood of cases climbing again because of summer travel. Spahn reiterated pleas for Germans to roll up their sleeves to prevent a fourth pandemic wave this autumn. — AFP

## NSA discloses hacking methods used by Russia



Russian President Vladimir Putin chairs a Security Council meeting at the Kremlin, in Moscow, Russia, on Friday. — AP

tating wave of ransomware attacks on governments and key infrastructure, the advisory does not disclose specific targets of the campaign or its presumed purpose, saying only that hackers have targeted hundreds of organisations worldwide.

The says GRU-linked operatives have tried to break into networks using Kubernetes, an open-source tool originally developed by Google to manage cloud services, since at least mid-2019 through early this year. While a "significant amount" of the attempted break-ins targeted organizations using Microsoft's Office 365 cloud services, the hackers went after other cloud providers and

email servers as well, the said. The US has long accused Russia of using and tolerating cyberattacks for espionage, spreading disinformation, and the disruption of governments and key infrastructure.

The Russian Embassy in Washington on Thursday "strictly" denied the involvement of Russian government agencies in cyberattacks on US government agencies or private companies. In a statement posted on Facebook, the embassy said, "We hope that the American side will abandon the practice of unfounded accusations and focus on professional work with Russian experts to strengthen international information security." — AP

## FRANCE DENIES PACIFIC NUKE TESTS COVER UP

Paris, July 2: The French government denied any cover up on Friday over radiation levels in the Pacific following its nuclear testing in the region, as discussions were held in Paris about the legacy of the explosions. A two-day round-table meeting called by French President Emmanuel Macron in April began on Thursday following fresh allegations that the testing between 1966-1996 caused hidden atmospheric and ground pollution.

"There was no state cover up," Genevieve Darrieussecq, junior defence minister, said in a brief comment on the sidelines of the event where she has ruled out any official apology from France.

In March, online investigation site Disclose created waves when it had analysed some 2,000 pages of French military documents declassified in 2013 about the nearly 200 tests carried out around French Polynesia. — AFP

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## Turkey shies away on saving women

Istanbul, July 2: Turkey formally withdrew on Thursday from a landmark international treaty protecting women from violence, and signed in its own city of Istanbul, though President Recep Tayyip Erdogan insisted it won't be a step backward for women. Hundreds of women demonstrated in Istanbul later Thursday, holding banners that said they won't give up on the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention. "It's not over for us," one read. Similar protests were held in other Turkish cities.

Erdogan ended the country's participation in the

convention with a surprise overnight decree in March, prompting condemnation from women's rights groups and Western countries. A court appeal to stop the withdrawal was rejected this week. Erdogan announced his "Action Plan for Combating Violence against Women" on Thursday, which includes goals such as reviewing judicial processes, improving protection services and gathering data on violence. "Some groups are trying to present our official withdrawal from the Istanbul convention on July 1st as going backwards," he said. — AP

**HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY hmda**

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION Usc. 15(1) of HMDA Act, 2004 (Government Manu. No. 14778/Pr-L/19/2019 dt. 25-05-2021) In exercise of powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 15 of HMDA Act, 2004 (Act No. 8 of 2004), it is proposed to make the following Master Plan approved vide G.O.Ms. No. 538/HAUD/ dt.03.04.2008 dt. 29.10.2001. The site in the proposed 35 mtrs (120 feet) wide Master Plan road passing through Sy No 9/19 of Gachibowli (V) Seelingampally Mandal of Ranga Reddy District is now proposed to be realigned along the existing 12 Mts. (40.0') road subject to taking 18 Mts. (60.0') depth of site of M/s Bhagwati Products Ltd located in Sy. No.: 9/11/3 by variation to the CDA Master Plan approved vide G.O.Ms. No. 538/HAUD/ dt. 29.10.2001. The details of the above are available in Web sites <http://gazette.telangana.gov.in> and <http://hmda.gov.in>. Objections/Suggestions would be considered from any person or body to the said proposals. They can submit objections/suggestions in writing either to the M.C., HMDA or to the Principal Secretary, MA & UD Dept., Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad within Fifteen (15) days from the publication of this Notice. Sd/- For Metropolitan Commissioner HMDA R.O. No.: 1928-PPCL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2021-Dated 02-07-2021

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## quick BITES

### INDICATORS %

Sensex	52,484.67	0.32
Nifty 50	15,722.20	0.27
S&P 500*	4,338.16	0.42
Dollar (₹)	74.75	-0.22
Pound Sterling (₹)	102.78	-0.06
Euro (₹)	88.38	0.00
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	46,615▲251	0.53
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	75.92	0.11
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.065	0.00
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.451	-0.029

\* As of 8:30 PM IST

### India joins global deal on minimum tax

India has joined the global deal on endorsing global minimum tax on multinational companies. It expects a consensus to be reached by October. Around 130 countries on Thursday had adopted a statement outlining a consensus on taxation. The deal calls for a global minimum tax of 15 per cent. Under it, countries could tax their companies' foreign earnings up to 15 per cent if they go untaxed through subsidiaries in other countries.

### 50% price hike in ranitidine, ibuprofen allowed



The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority said it has allowed a one-time increase of 50 per cent in the ceiling prices of nine scheduled formulations of three drugs, carbamazepine, ranitidine and ibuprofen to ensure their availability. While carbamazepine is an anti-epileptic drug, ranitidine is used for the treatment of ulcers of the stomach and intestines and ibuprofen is used to relieve pain from various conditions.

### In talks with investors for fund raise: VIL

Cash-strapped Vodafone Idea (VIL) said it is in active talks with potential investors for fund raising, and asserted that 'floor price' remains the "best and most preferred" fix for industry's woes arising from tariff-related issues. VIL confirmed that it has approached government to extend moratorium on spectrum instalments. VIL highlighted that sector's biggest pain point comes from pricing issues.

### Laurus Labs gets DRDO licence to make 2DG

Laurus Labs said it has received the licence from Defence Research and Development Organisation to manufacture and market Covid-19 treatment drug 2-DG-Deoxy-D-Glucose (2DG). 2DG has been given emergency approval by the Drugs Controller General of India for use on Covid-19 patients. On June 28, Dr Reddy's Lab had announced the commercial launch of 2DG.

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## ■ Shops now eligible for priority loans, stimulus Retail, wholesale trade granted MSME status

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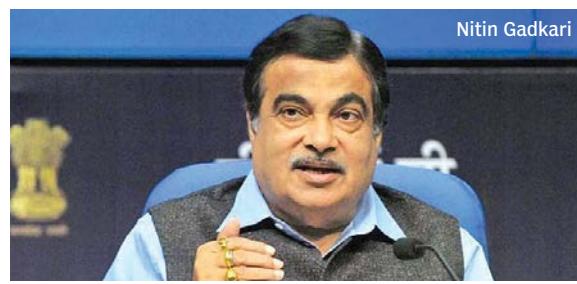
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The government has recognised retail and wholesale trade as MSME, making them eligible for the benefits like priority sector lending and pandemic stimulus packages.

MSME minister Nitin Gadkari said the government has revised the guidelines for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to include retail and wholesale trade under the category.

"Retail and wholesale trade were left out of the ambit of MSME, now under the revised guidelines, retail and wholesale trade will also get the benefit of priority sector lending under RBI guidelines," Gadkari said.

All those enterprises which have a turnover of less than Rs 250 crore will be eligible to be considered



Nitin Gadkari

Apart from priority sector lending, traders will also be eligible for all the benefits provided to MSMEs, including the stimulus packages and Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme announced for the pandemic-hit enterprises.

These traders have been providing employment to about 40 crore people and

generating an annual turnover of Rs 115 lakh crore. The pandemic-hit traders will now be able to restore their businesses by obtaining necessary finances which were earlier denied by banks and other financial institutions," said Praveen Khandelwal, secretary general of Cait.

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— Bloomberg

the expanded definition of MSME will benefit 2.5 crore retail and wholesale traders, the government said.

But the Confederation of All India Traders (Cait) says there are more than 6.5 crore retailers and wholesale traders who will benefit from this decision.

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## Urban Indians prefer job to cash handout: LSE study

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A majority of urban Indians left unemployed by the coronavirus pandemic want the government to guarantee them jobs like it does for people in rural areas, says a study by the London School of Economics.

An overwhelming 82 per cent of respondents surveyed for the report 'City of dreams no more, a year on: worklessness and active labour market policies in urban India' favoured job guarantees followed by 16 per cent for cash transfers.

The central government currently guarantees at least 100 days of employment in a financial year to every household in rural areas. Budget allocation for the programme was stepped up last year amid the pandemic, and authorities reported as much as a 50 per cent increase in

merchandise exports in June stood at \$32.46 billion, 47 per cent higher than the same month last year and 30 per cent higher than June 2019. From surplus in June last year, trade balance moved to a deficit of \$9.4 billion.

At \$32.46 billion, exports grew from \$22 billion in June 2020 and \$25 billion in June 2019. On a sequential basis too, exports grew from \$32.27 billion in May 2021 and \$31 billion in April 2021.

Major commodity groups that recorded growth in June 2021 included rice, other cereals, iron ore, organic and inorganic chemicals, petroleum products, plastic and linoleum and engineering goods.

Merchandise imports in June stood at \$41.86 billion — 96.33 per cent up over \$21.32 billion in June 2020 and 2 per cent over \$41.03 billion in June 2019.

India had a trade deficit of \$9.4 billion in June against a trade surplus of \$0.71 billion in June 2020. But the deficit narrowed down by 41.26 per cent over the \$16 billion deficit in June 2019.

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Cars24 aims to make the purchase of a pre-owned vehicle as easy as buying a refrigerator or a smartphone online. It prices vehicles based on AI algorithms and uses data to determine which car would give the new owner least trouble. The vehicles are refurbished in the company's reconditioning facilities before being listed on its platform. Cars24 has a seven-day no-questions-asked return policy and provides a six-month warranty. It also sells pre-owned motorcycles and scooters and offers financing.

The startup said earlier this month it has expanded to Australia and the United Arab Emirates and plans to enter other markets in the Middle East and Southeast Asia this year. In November, Cars24 said its website traffic had increased by four times since the start of the pandemic. Its existing investors include Sequoia Capital India, Exor Seeds, Kingsway Capital Partners and others.

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The market took a pause during the week from the record-breaking rally of May-June, and before the next earning season begins. After four consecutive sessions of decline, benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty-50 closed in the green on Friday, gaining around 0.3 per cent.

For the week, the Nifty-50 ended 1.10 per cent lower at 15,722 after forming a new high early in the week at 15,915.65. The Sensex crossed the 53,000 mark intra-day touching 53,126.73 for the first time during the week but closed 0.82 per cent down for the week at 52,484.67.

The first quarter earnings season will begin from mid-July and the market is keen to know how India Inc traversed the Covid second wave.

### EXPORTS RISE 47%, TRADE DEFICIT AT \$9.4 BILLION

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India's Cars24 Services Pvt Ltd is in talks with Yuri Milner's DST Global and other investors for a funding round that could double the used-vehicle site's value to \$2 billion, a person familiar with the discussions said.

India's biggest online marketplace for pre-owned cars is set to raise \$200 million to \$250 million from existing backers including DST, which may lead the round, said the person, who asked not to be named discussing a private deal.

Other investors including Moore Capital Management could join the deal, which could close in a few weeks, the person added. The pact could value Cars24 at \$1.6 billion to \$2 billion, up from about \$1 billion in November, when it closed a Series E round, the person said.

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in India has long been an anxiety-ridden, bumpy process dominated by street-corner mom-and-pop sales yards, with consumers distrustful of the

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## SHORT TAKES

## 5 Lankans refuse 'tour' contracts

**Colombo:** Five Sri Lanka cricketers have refused to sign "tour" contracts ahead of the limited overs home series against India amid the stalemate between the board and the players over national contracts. Sri Lankan cricketers are currently playing in England without a contract as an agreement could not be reached with the board before their departure for the UK. Vishwa Fernando, Lasith Embuldeniya, Lahiru Kumara, Ashen Bandara and Kasun Rajitha have been left out of the one-month "residential camp" which began on June 25. — PTI

## Hamilton quickest in free practice

**Spielberg Bel Knittelfeld, Austria:** World champion Lewis Hamilton bounced back from a poor morning session to set the fastest time in free practice for the Austrian Grand Prix in Spielberg on Friday. Hamilton clocked a quickest time of 1min 04.523sec which was 0.189sec up on his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas with championship leader Max Verstappen in third 0.217sec back. The Red Bull driver is looking for an Austrian double after winning last weekend's Styrian Grand Prix on the same circuit. — AFP

## Team Hero start on winning note

**Novosibirsk, Russia:** Hero MotoSports Team Rally have begun their campaign at the Silk Way Rally 2021 on a high with a stage win for Franco Caimi. At the end of Stage 1 on Friday Caimi was placed at the top of the rankings while his teammates Joaquin Rodrigues and Sebastian Buhler finished the day in fourth and sixth positions respectively. Franco led the charge from the line, starting the stage in third place and setting the fastest time through every checkpoint, before winning the stage. Sebastian Buhler also had a good day at his first Silk Way Rally. — AFP

# No Djoking around

Novak brushes aside Kudla to enter Wimbledon last 16 for 13th time

**London, July 2:** Defending champion Novak Djokovic survived a rocky third set to defeat American qualifier Denis Kudla to reach the last 16 at Wimbledon for the 13th time on Friday.

The world number one triumphed over 114-ranked Kudla 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (9/7) to book a place in the fourth round of a Grand Slam for the 55th time.

Djokovic, chasing a record-equalling 20th major, cruised through the first two sets but then had to fight back from 1-4 down and also 1/4 in the tiebreaker before he recorded a 75th win at the All England Club.

Six-time champion Djokovic next takes on Chilean 17th seeded Christian Garin, who defeated Spain's Pedro Martinez 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

World number 24 Jabeur defeated 2017 champion Garbine Muguruza 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 on the back of 44 winners and generating 29 break points.

"This is the first time I play on Centre, and it's amazing energy. I'm not saying this so you guys can cheer for me for the next round but this is my favourite centre court," Jabeur said.

Jabeur next takes on Poland's Iga Swiat.

## FEDERER AMONG OLDEST IN ROUND 3

Meanwhile, Roger Federer became the oldest man in 46 years to reach the Wimbledon third round on Thursday with a straight sets win over Richard Gasquet.

Federer, 39, defeated his French rival 7-6 (7/1), 6-1, 6-4 to make the last 32 for the 18th time.

Australia's Ken Rosewall was 40 when he made the third round at the All England Club in 1975. — AFP



Ons Jabeur of Tunisia celebrates winning a point against Spain's Garbine Muguruza in their third round match of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on Friday. The Arab trailblazer came back from a set down to beat 2017 champion Muguruza 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 in two hours and 26 minutes.

— AP

## Bopanna-Sania win all-Indian clash

**London, July 2:** The experienced pair of Rohan Bopanna and Sania Mirza defeated the brand new combination of Ramkumar Ramanathan and Ankita Raina 6-2, 7-6 (5) in the historic all-Indian mixed doubles first round match at the Wimbledon here on Friday.

It was the first time in open era that two Indian teams competed against each other at a Grand Slam tournament.

The contest finally brought a Grand Slam

## THE RESULTS

**Men's singles third round:** Novak Djokovic (SRB x1) bt Denis Kudla (USA) 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (9/7); Christian Garin (CHI x17) bt Pedro Martinez (ESP) 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; Andrei Rublev (RUS) x5 bt Fabio Fognini (ITA) x26 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2; Roberto Bautista Agut (ESP) x8 bt Dominik Koepfer (GER) 7-5, 6-1, 7-6 (7/4).

**Women's singles third round:** Karolina Pliskova (CZE) x8 bt Tereza Martincova (CZE) 6-3, 6-3; Liudmila Samsonova (RUS) bt Sloane Stephens (USA) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; Viktorija Golubic (SUI) bt Madison Brengle (USA) 6-2, 6-1; Iga Swiatek (POL) x7 bt Irina-Camelia Begu (ROM) 6-1, 6-0; Ons Jabeur (TUN) x21 bt Garbine Muguruza (ESP) x11 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; Elena Rybakina (KAZ) x18 bt Shelby Rogers (USA) 6-1, 6-4; Aryna Sabalenka (BLR) x2 bt Maria Camila Osorio Serrano (COL) 6-0, 6-3.

debut for Ramkumar, who has made 21 attempts to qualify for the singles main draw of a tennis

major. Mirza has moved also moved to women's doubles second round with Bethanie Mattek-Sands while Raina's maiden appearance in Wimbledon's main draw ended in disappointment as the Indian and her American partner Lauren Davis lost in straight sets to the US pair of Asia Muhammad and Jessica Pegula.

The 14th seeds disposed off the challenge from the Raina-Davis pair 6-3, 6-2 in 70 minutes.

Bopanna and Divij Sharang are already out, having lost their men's doubles opening round match. — PTI

## Tokyo-bound Malik banned for 2 yrs

**● Indian wrestler Sumit Malik was handed a provisional suspension last month for failing a dope test during the World Olympic Qualifier event in Sofia, where he had qualified for the Tokyo Games in the 125kg category.**

New Delhi, July 2: His hopes of competing in the Olympics over Indian wrestler Sumit Malik was on Friday banned for two years by the sport's world governing body UWW after his B sample also returned positive for a prohibited stimulant.

The 28-year-old has one week to decide if he would accept the sanction or challenge it.

Malik was handed a provisional suspension last month for failing a dope test during the World Olympic Qualifier event in Sofia, where he had qualified

for the Tokyo Games in the 125kg category. His 'B' sample was opened on June 30 and expectedly that also provided the same result.

A specified substance was found in Malik's sample, though, the 2018 Commonwealth Games gold-medallist had told PTI that he only took painkillers to manage right knee niggle. "Sumit Malik's

sample has given the same result and the UWW has banned him for two years from June 3. He has a week to respond. He can call for a hearing or accept the sanction," a source in the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) told PTI.

Sources close to Rohtak-based Malik said they will soon take a decision.

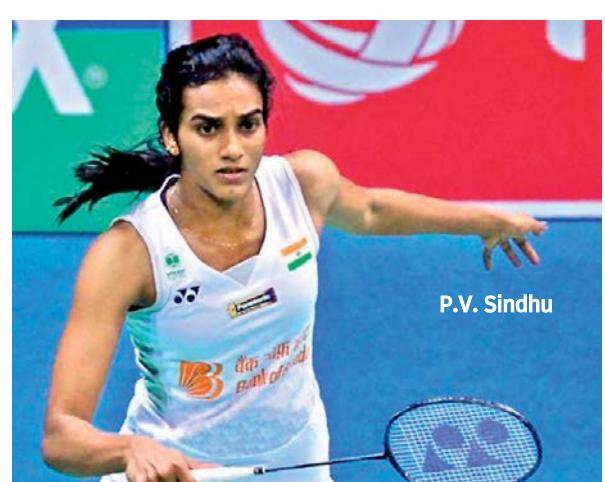
"We are discussing the

matter with our lawyer," said the person who is interacting with Malik on the matter.

The general opinion in WFI is that Malik should challenge the sanction since it was not a steroid but a stimulant that was taken inadvertently.

Malik has been nursing a knee injury that he suffered during the national camp before the Olympic Qualifiers began at different venues. He had competed at the Asian Qualifiers in Almaty in April but did not succeed in earning the quota.

— PTI



## INDIAN SWIMMER MAANA MANAGES A SPOT IN TOKYO

**New Delhi, July 2:** Indian woman swimmer Maana Patel's participation in the Tokyo Olympics has been confirmed through 'Universality quota', the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) said.

Maana will take part in the 100m backstroke at the Tokyo Games and is the third Indian swimmer to have qualified after both Srihari Nataraj and Sajan Prakash achieved Olympic Qualification Timing (OQT) 'A' level recently.

The Universality quota allows one male and one female competitor from a country to participate in the Olympics, provided no other swimmer from the same gender qualifies for the Games or receives a FINA invite based on his or her Olympic Selection time (B time).

"It's an amazing feeling. I have heard about the Olympics from fellow swimmers and watched it on the television and seen a lot of pictures," Maana told Olympics.Com.

The system circulates ice water and delivers intermittent compression through specific wraps on an athlete's legs, arms, back and shoulders. SAI did not specify the cost of the equipment.

It helps reduce an athlete's pain, spasm and swelling by cooling the affected areas. The compression stimulates the flow of oxygenated blood. — PTI

## Sindhu set to get recovery system

**New Delhi, July 2:** Acting on world champion P.V. Sindhu's request, the government on Friday sanctioned the purchase of an advanced recovery equipment, which will help her remain in best physical shape ahead of the upcoming Tokyo Olympics.

The approval came within 24 hours of the 2016 Olympic silver-medallist Indian shuttler's request, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) said.

One of India's biggest medal hopes in Tokyo, Sindhu was thrilled.

"I am happy that it did not take even a day for the Sports Authority of India to approve my request for the recovery system," Sindhu said upon receiving

the administrative sanction to procure the game ready recovery system.

"The clearance was really quick, and I will be able to place an order and procure it in time to take it with me to the Olympic Games," she added.

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## TOKYO | PARALYMPICS

## Mariyappan named India's flag-bearer

**New Delhi, July 2:** Top para high-jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu was on Friday named the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent in the Tokyo Paralympics, which begins on August 24.

Thangavelu, who is defending the T-42 gold he had won in 2016 Rio Paralympics during the August 24 to September 5 showpiece in Tokyo, was picked for the honour by the executive committee of the national body.

players, took part in the selection trials held here on June 29 and 30. India has been granted 24 slots, including four women athletes, by the World Para Athletics.

Thangavelu had won the Rio Paralympics T-42 gold by clearing 1.89m. He qualified for the Tokyo Paralympics after finishing third in the T-42 high jump event at the 2019 IPC World Athletics Championships in Dubai.

Thangavelu, who hails from Salem district in Tamil Nadu, suffered permanent disability at the age of five when a bus crushed his right leg below the knee. — PTI

## PARA-ARCHERS DENIED VISA FOR QUALIFICATION EVENT

**New Delhi, July 2:** Indian contingent for the event at Nove Mesto. Compound archer Jyoti Baiyan was expected to vie for a Paralympic quota in the July 3-10 event. "Sports Authority of India requested the ministry of external affairs' intervention in securing special permission from the Czech Republic's national sports agency and the ministries of health and foreign affairs," the sports ministry said in a statement.



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### KIND ATTENTION : ENERGY USERS IN 13 NOTIFIED SECTORS

Submission of Report on the Status of Energy Consumption under Energy Conservation Act 2001 (52 of 2001)

All users/class of users of energy in the following energy intensive sectors having Annual Energy Consumption of and above the specified limit shown against the following energy intensive sectors are notified as designated consumers vide S.O. 394 (E) dated the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2007, S.O. 3542 (E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015, S.O. 1388(E) dated 02<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017 and 502147 (E) Dated 17th June, 2020, under clause (e) of section 14 of the Energy Conservation Act (52 of 2001).

S. No.	Notified Sector	Threshold Energy Consumption in metric tonne of oil equivalent (mtoe) per year
1.	Aluminium	7,500
2.	Cement	
	(a) Integrated Cement Unit	30,000
	(b) Cement Grinding Unit	10,000
3.	Commercial Buildings or Establishments	
	(a) Hotels	500
	(b) Airports	500
4.	Chlor-Alkali	12,000
5.	Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOMS)*	*
6.	Fertilizer	30,000
7.	Iron & Steel	20,000
8.	Pulp & Paper	20,000
9.	Petroleum Refineries	90,000
10.	Petrochemical units having gas crackers or naphtha crackers or both	1,00,000
11.	Railways	
	(a) All Zonal Railways (Traction)	70,000
	(b) Workshops	750
	(C) 8 Production Factories of Railways namely, ICF, RCF, CLW, DLW, DCW, RWF, MCF & RWP	-
12.	Textile	3,000
13.	Thermal Power Stations	30,000

\* All entities having issued distribution licence by State/Joint Electricity regulatory commission under electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) are Notified as Designated Consumers (DCs) vide S.O. 3445(E) dated 28.09.2020.

All units/establishment consuming more than the listed threshold energy consumption under respective sectors, notified by the Central Government under S.O. 687 (E) dated the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2012, S.O. 1264 (E) dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 and S.O. 998(E) dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, S.O. 1409(E) dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, S.O. 1473(E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, S.O. 1254(E) dated 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 are requested to submit to the concerned designated agency, with a copy to the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, a report on the status of Annual Energy Consumption, together with their annual production, for the last two years, namely, 2018-19 and 2019-20 in Form 1 notified under clause (l) of Section 14 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (52 of 2001), duly authenticated by the Energy Manager/Chief Executive Officer.

A copy of the required sector applicable Pro-forma or Form-I could be downloaded from BEE website : <https://beeindia.gov.in/content/pat-perfoma>  
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**Quick passes**


Toni Kroos

**Kroos quits, says no more internationals**

Germany midfielder Toni Kroos said he is retiring from the national team after 106 appearances for his country.

The 31-year-old Kroos said in a podcast that his decision is "irreversible." Kroos' last game was on Tuesday in Germany's 2-0 loss to England in the Round of 16 of the European Championship. The Real Madrid midfielder recovered from the coronavirus in time to take part in the tournament.

Kroos did not say if he had spoken with incoming coach Hansi Flick about staying.

"It's a decision for the family and for me" and adds "I want to be there and needed as a husband and papa," Kroos said Kroos made his Germany debut in March 2010 in a friendly against Argentina.

He was a Bayern Munich player on loan at Bayer Leverkusen at the time. He played every minute at the 2014 World Cup when Germany won the title.

— AFP

**Coach banks on Danish team spirit**

Czech Republic coach Jaroslav Silhavy said Friday that Denmark's team spirit will be his team's main nemesis in their Euro 2020 quarter-final.

"The team, the Danish team and the team spirit," Silhavy told reporters.

"That's an immense power. The Danes don't have superstars, but they form a great team together and their style is similar to ours."

"We need to match them in terms of hard work and attitude, which I think we can do. I expect a game that can go both ways, full of tackles, that will be decided by details," he added.

Silhavy said he has a fully fit squad for Saturday's match and is ready to make use of the players at his disposal after making three substitutions against the Dutch which all worked very well.

"Denmark doesn't sound as fancy as the Netherlands, France or Italy, but they are a very good and strong opponent. We don't see ourselves as the favourites, but we want to succeed," said the Hertha Berlin midfielder.

— AFP

**English Grealish is fans' favourite**

Fresh from an afternoon nap, Jack Grealish wandered over to a picnic table sipping juice through a straw.

Had he not made it as a player and been at the European Championship, Grealish envisioned a very different career path, probably sipping something a little stronger.

"I would be getting everyone into the club," he said.

"I'm just a normal kid and, as I've grown up... that's probably one of the hardest things," he said.

"I look at what my friends are doing and I'd love to be like that sometimes and just go and do stuff," he further added.

"I try and get fans off their seats," he said.

"I try and attack as much as possible and I think that's what fans want to see," he added.

— AP

**Live on TV**

**EURO**  
Quarterfinals: Czech Republic vs Denmark from 9.30 pm; England vs Ukraine from 12.30 am (Sunday) on Sony Ten 2, HD

**COPA AMERICA**  
Quarterfinals: Uruguay vs Colombia from 3.30 am (Sunday); Argentina vs Ecuador from 6.30 am (Sunday) on Sony Ten 2, HD

**Saint Petersburg, July 2:** Goalkeeper Unai Simon was the hero as Spain edged past 10-man Switzerland 3-1 on penalties on Friday to set up a Euro semifinal against either Belgium or Italy.

After a 1-1 draw which saw the Swiss play for 43 minutes a man down, Simon made two saves in the shootout to help keep Spain's bid for a record fourth European crown alive.

It was heartbreak for Switzerland, who were bidding for the semi-finals of a major tournament for the first time in their history.

Spain forged ahead early on when Denis Zakaria put through his own net, but Switzerland were the better side for long periods

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(Xherdan Shaqiri 68)	

Spain win 3-1 in penalty shootout

and Xherdan Shaqiri, standing in for the suspended Granit Xhaka as captain, equalised in the 68th minute.

The Swiss were reduced to 10 men with 13 minutes remaining, though, when midfielder Renato Freuler was controversially dismissed for a tackle on Gerard Moreno.

Switzerland goalkeeper Yann Sommer, the hero of the penalty shootout win over world champions France in the Last 16, made a string of fine saves in extra time.

But Simon saved from Fabian Schaer and Manuel Akanji, while Ruben Vargas blazed over in a tense finale as Spain snuck through, with Mikel Oyarzabal smashing home the winning spot-kick.

Luis Enrique's men will take on either Belgium or

Italy, who meet in Munich later Friday, at Wembley on Tuesday.

After scoring 10 goals in their previous two matches, this was a return to the type of profligate performances which saw Spain draw their first two group games against Sweden and Poland. But the 2008 and 2012 winners had made a dream start to this quarterfinal, taking the lead in fortunate circumstances in only the eighth minute.

A corner was cleared only as far as Jordi Alba, whose left-footed volley was diverted past Sommer by Switzerland midfielder Zakaria, only playing in place of Xhaka.

It was the 10th own goal of Euro 2020, more than the other 15 editions combined.

Alvaro Morata wasted an excellent opportunity by heading too close to Sommer when unmarked, but then Switzerland started to grow into the game.

Silvan Widmer headed off target from a corner, before Steven Zuber

thought he had won a penalty only to be flagged offside. Spain coach Luis Enrique sent on Dani Olmo for Pablo Sarabia at half-time and the RB Leipzig man threatened inside 60 seconds, seeing his low volley well held by Sommer.

Zakaria came agonisingly close to making up for his earlier own goal when his header span narrowly wide.

Switzerland had an even better chance for a leveller in the 64th minute, as

Shaqiri sparked a quick counter-attack which ended with Spain goalkeeper Unai Simon reacting well to keep out Zuber's stabbed effort at his near post.

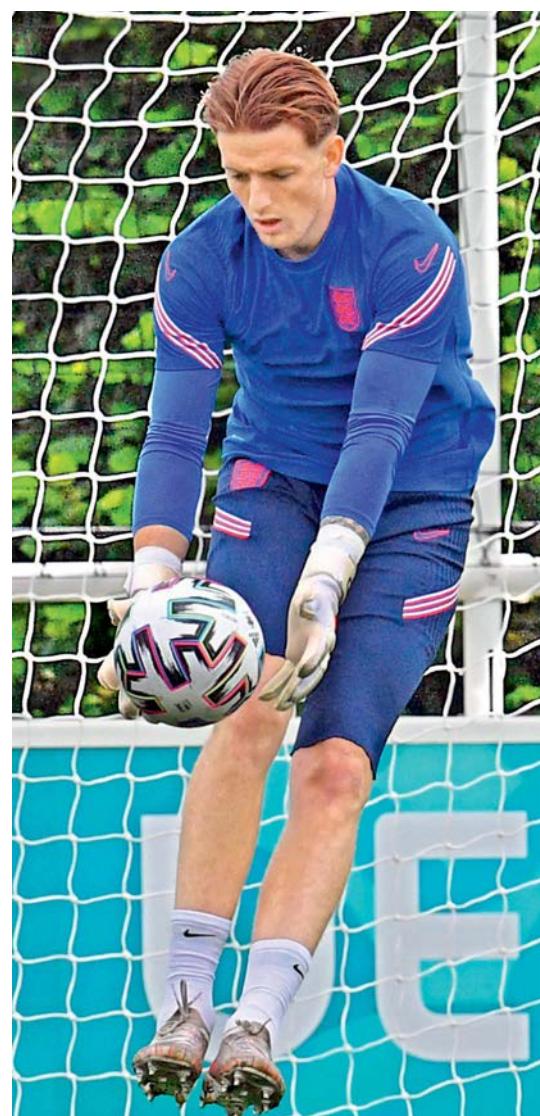
But the underdogs found the equaliser they deserved four minutes later, as Freuler latched onto a loose ball after a mix-up in the Spanish defence and squared for Shaqiri to slot into the far corner and score his third goal of the tournament.

— AFP

## Spain in semis after Switzerland blow shootout

Spain's Jordi Alba (right) celebrates with Alvaro Morata during their Euro quarterfinal match against Switzerland at the St Petersburg Stadium in St Petersburg, Russia, on Friday.

— AFP



England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford in action during a training session at St George's Park in Burton-on-Trent in central England, ahead of their Euro 2020 quarterfinal match against Ukraine.

— AFP

## England, Ukraine meet in crunch quarterfinal

**London, July 2:** Having overcome historic rival Germany in the Last 16, facing Ukraine might seem like an easier proposition for England.

Turns out, though, that Saturday's quarterfinal match at the Stadio Olimpico might be England's toughest test of the European Championship.

That's because it's the only match of Euro 2020 that England will have to play away from the friendly confines of Wembley Stadium.

Making matters more complicated is that the Italian government has explicitly warned Britain-based England fans to stay away from the game unless they can prove they have observed five days of quarantine since arriving.

For a team like England who are known for their traveling supporters, that's a major blow.

"We've got to create our own atmosphere on Saturday in Rome, which we're capable of doing," said England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford, who has kept four clean sheets in the tournament.

The fans were tremendous the other night and throughout the group stages as well. I think that

gives us added motivation for the game on Saturday to come back for a semifinal with 60,000 fans.

The winner between Ukraine and England will play either Denmark or Czech Republic in the semifinals on Wednesday at Wembley, with the final also scheduled for England's home stadium.

For Ukraine's coaching staff, meanwhile, playing in Italy is a homecoming.

Head coach Andriy Shevchenko was one of Italian league's most prolific scorers during his playing career with AC Milan, while assistant coach Mauro Tassotti is from Rome and began his playing

career at the Stadio Olimpico with Lazio before going onto a long and successful career at Milan as both a player and assistant coach.

England have enormous talent but they've also had the advantage, like other nations, of playing only at home.

Expect an old-fashioned Italian catenaccio (lock-down defense) and counter-attack approach from Ukraine to deal with talented England strikers Raheem Sterling and Harry Kane, who accounted for the goals in the 2-0 win over Germany.

If Ukraine can get into the opponent's half, the attack should flow through Andriy Yarmolenko, who plays in England for West Ham.

Likewise, Oleksandr Zinchenko is teammates with Sterling at Manchester City.

England are looking to match their performance from the 2018 World Cup, when they reached the semifinals.

But the bigger goal for England at this point is to duplicate the success of the 1966 team that won the World Cup and lifted the trophy on home soil.

— AP

## Top card refs flow at Euro

**Prague, July 2:** Referees at Euro 2020 have for once largely stayed out of the limelight, with fewer controversial decisions than normal, as they pursue the popular trend of "letting the game flow".

There have been fewer fouls and bookings and the players spent more time with the ball in play during the group stage, official data has shown. Players, coaches and pundits alike have mostly agreed the officiating has been beneficial for the game.

"I am absolutely elated, this is how we would like to see football," said former Manchester United, Benfica and Lazio winger Karel Poborsky.

"The criteria for fouls have moved but nobody abuses that. And then, all referees have the same approach, no matter who they are, and that's great and it helps football a lot," he added.

UEFA Referees' Committee chairman Roberto Rosetti says the plan was not to make referees whistle fewer fouls.

"Our role is to take the correct decisions. We are very happy to see that there are fewer fouls at the moment," said the former Italian referee.

The number of fouls given in the tournament reached an average 22.4 per game in the group phase, down from 25.3 at Euro

2016, while the number of bookings fell to 2.7 from 3.6 per match. The time that players actually played football rose to almost 59 minutes per game from 56-and-a-half minutes in 2016.

Data has also shown how VAR, used at a Euro for the first time, has changed the game. The number of penalties awarded in the group stage grew to 14 at Euro 2020, from seven in the first 24-team Euro in 2016, as VAR was used to assess 179 incidents in 36 games.

"We need to find the correct balance in relation to VAR intervention, because our target is to keep football like it is," said Rosetti.

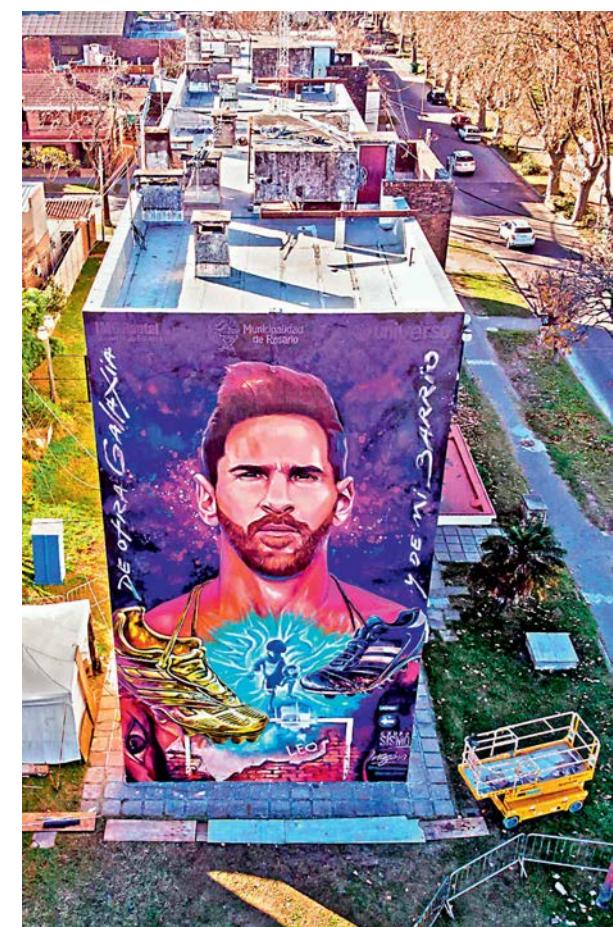
"The objective is to intervene for clear and obvious mistakes - minimum interference for maximum benefit," he added.

Just like with any referee, passions over VAR tend to depend on whose side people are on.

"The VAR is very important when you need to judge a millimetre offside but it is strangely absent when it comes to flagrant fouls worth a red card," claimed Belgian daily *La Derniere Heure*.

But Italian defender Giovanni Di Lorenzo hailed the technology.

"We see that it is used less often at the international level, only in really unclear situations," said the Napoli player.



An aerial view of a giant mural depicting Argentinian football star Lionel Messi upon its unveiling in Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina.

## Multi-storey mural for towering Messi

**Rosario (Argentina), July 2:** "From another galaxy... and from my neighborhood," declares a freshly painted mural of Lionel Messi in the Argentinian town where he was born 34 years ago.

The mural covers one end of a four-storey apartment building in the La Bajada neighborhood of Rosario where the star lived as a child, and faces the primary school he attended.

"We thought of Leo and the admiration we have for him and we thought that there is nothing big enough to express that in Rosario," Marlen Zurilla, one of the muralists said.

The 14-metre-high, 8-metre-wide artwork unveiled on Thursday depicts a bearded, shirtless Messi, and the smaller figure of the player as a child juggling a ball.

The adult Messi has a pair of boots, laces tied together, hanging around his neck. One boot is black

and the other gold, depicting the record six Golden Shoes Messi has won as top scorer in Europe.

The Barcelona legend — widely considered the best football player of the modern era — has been the leading scorer in Spain's La Liga a record eight times. The Argentine captain is currently leading his team at the Copa America in Brazil where he was the top scorer in the group stage with three goals. Argentina next play Ecuador in the quarterfinals on Saturday.

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## Denmark dream of '92 repeat

**Baku, July 2:** Denmark will be dreaming of following in the footsteps of the side who claimed a shock European title in 1992, but standing in their way of a semifinal place at Euro 2020 on Saturday are the Czech Republic, who have sent them packing before.

The Danes were in danger of an early exit after group-stage losses to Finland and Belgium, the first of which was overshadowed by star player Christian Eriksen suffering a cardiac arrest on the pitch.

The Scandinavians have gone from strength to strength in the tournament and know victory in Azerbaijan would set up a Last four meeting with either England or Ukraine at Wembley.

Chick is the only player still in the tournament to have scored four goals or more and is aiming to become the second Czech, after Baros, to finish as European Championship top-scorer.



Players of the Czech Republic take part in a training session at their base camp in Prague on Thursday.

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