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INDIA'S LARGEST ENGLISH NEWSPAPER



Stuart Broad, 34, becomes 7th bowler and 4th pacer to reach 500 Test wickets on way to 10-wicket match haul as England complete a series-clinching victory over West Indies

Chinese Center for Disease Control & Prevention chief Gao Fu injected with experimental vaccine to persuade the public to follow suit

World Covid Numbers
Cases: 16.5 million
Deaths: 655,300

New Zealand suspends its extradition treaty with Hong Kong following China's new nat'l security law

A Malaysian court awards 12 yrs jail to ex-PM Najib Razak in state investment fund fraud case

Chiefs of four US tech giants – Jeff Bezos, Sundar Pichai, Mark Zuckerberg and Tim Cook – to make joint appearance before Congress today in antitrust case

ED searches GVK premises in city

Enforcement Directorate (ED) sleuths on Tuesday conducted searches at two places in Hyderabad on GVK group companies and residence of the group chairman GV Krishna Reddy in connection with 700 crore Mumbai International Airport project scam. **P3**

PM to talk credit flow with bankers

PM Modi, worried over flow of credit to corporate sector and small businesses, will meet with India's top bankers on Wednesday. The agenda includes credit products and efficient models for delivery, financial empowerment through technology and sustainability of financial sector. **P15**

India's air quality world's 2nd worst

India has the second worst air quality in the world that is cutting short the average life expectancy of Indians by 5.3 years — behind only 6.2 years of Bangladesh residents — with particulate matter pollution having risen by 42% since 1998, a new analysis by University of Chicago has revealed. **P13**

HC nod for kin to meet Varavara

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday permitted family members of poet Varavara Rao to meet him at Mumbai's Nanavati Hospital where the 81-year-old is undergoing treatment for Covid-19. Rao, an accused in the Elgar Parishad-Koregaon Bhima case, tested positive in jail. **P11**

Raj CM firm on July 31 session, says guv advice 'not binding'

Setting Agenda

Right of House Panel: Govt

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Jatpur: Adamant: His stand on convening the Assembly session from July 31, the Ashok Gehlot government on Tuesday sent yet another pro-

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posal — its third since July 23 — to governor Kalraj Mishra, who a day earlier had advised the state government to follow three points, including serving a 21-day notice to legislators before calling the session. Parliamentary affairs mi-

'SESSIONS CALLED ON SHORTER NOTICES'

► Rebutting guv's 1st point that govt has to give a "clear 21-day notice" to call an assembly session, Raj parl affairs minister Shanti Dharwali says, "Sessions have been convened on shorter notices on several occasions in past"

► Sidestepping guv's 2nd point of how to conduct a trust vote, if needed, govt doesn't commit itself to

Shanti Dharwali told TOI, "There is no rule binding on us to serve a 21-day notice for calling sessions, which have been convened on much shorter notices on several occasions in the past."

The Rajasthan govern-



Rajasthan governor Kalraj Mishra

one, says setting an agenda for the House is the right of the assembly's business advisory committee

► Reacting to guv's 3rd point on keeping MLAs and govt staff safe from Covid-19 in assembly, govt says managing affairs of Vidhan Sabha is the prerogative of the speaker

men's fresh proposal does not talk about a trust vote — TOI had reported on Tuesday that the embattled Congress government wouldn't commit itself to one — saying that setting an agenda for the House is the right of the Assembly's busi-

ness advisory committee (BAC). On Monday, Mishra had mentioned that seeking a trust vote could justify convening the assembly at a short notice.

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Troops stepped back in most areas: China

Even as doubts remain about Chinese withdrawal along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, with the process stuck in the Pangong Tso area, Beijing claimed on Tuesday that troops had disengaged in "most localities" and that the situation on the ground was easing.

Basheerunnisa, last of Nizam's kids, dies

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Hyderabad: Sahebzadi Basheerunnisa Begum, the last of all surviving children of Nizam VII Mir Osman Ali Khan, passed away here on Tuesday due to age-related ailments. She was 90 and is survived by a daughter.

With the death of Basheerunnisa Begum, none of the first generation of the descendants of Osman Ali Khan survives now.

It's curtains down on an era of royalty and nobility

with which the erstwhile princely state of Hyderabad was associated.

The Nizam VII, the richest man of his times and one of the top 10 richest persons to have ever lived on the earth, is now survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He had 16 sons and 18 daughters.

Basheerunnisa had been living in Osman Cottage on the premises of Purani Haveli. Sahebzadi's only daughter Rasheedunnisa Begum, a heritage enthusiast, lived with her.

► A big loss for city: P4

The Centre filed an affidavit before the Supreme Court on Tuesday saying the nearly 100-year-old Parliament building was showing signs of distress and faced many safety issues which necessitated construction of a modern building under the Central Vista project.

It said the building was

designed to house the Imperial Legislative Council and not a bicameral legislature — Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. With about 800 MPs, it was difficult to arrange for seating during a joint session in Central Hall, the Centre said. **P9**

Parl bldg faces fire, other safety issues: Centre

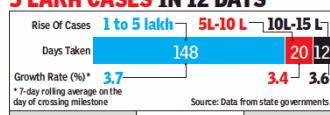
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Covid count crosses 15 lakh; deaths surge to 781 on Tue

49k New Cases;

5 LAKH CASES IN 12 DAYS



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New Delhi: India's Covid-19 caseload went past the 15-lakh mark on Tuesday with the last 5 lakh cases having come in just 12 days, even as the country reported its second-biggest jump

► ICMR told to check rapid test accuracy: P12

In infections and the highest daily toll of 701 in a single day

After showing a dip on Monday, fresh cases again rose to 49,292 on Tuesday, the second-highest daily count after Sunday's record of over 50,000.

India's coronavirus caseload is the third highest in the world after the US (44.3 lakh) and Brazil (24.4 lakh). Russia has the fourth largest count of cases at 8.2 lakh, per the

Worldometers info website.

For the first time in weeks, Maharashtra did not register the highest daily cases. It was dislodged by Andhra, which recorded 7,948 fresh cases as against Maharashtra's 7,717.

► 3 states high jump: P12

Cap upper rate limit at pvt hospitals: HC

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Singh Chauhan and Justice B V Jayasen Reddy told chief secretary Somesh Kumar, who appeared before the judges to assist the court in the hearing of various Covid-related petitions.

A copy of the Centre's guidelines was furnished to the court by NS

► Will admit all in Gandhi?: P4 Arjun Kumar Chaturvedi

"Take the recent guidelines issued by the Union health ministry giving full powers to the states to make rules for the purpose," a bench of Chief Justice Raghvendra

for one of the petitioners. "We have to fix the upper cap on charges for medical investigations. We will do it in a couple of days," the CS said.

The CS said they have ear-

marked a WhatsApp number for receiving complaints against private hospitals.

Hitting out at an anonymous troll, who had

tweeted "I hope you die with this Covid" to Amitabh Bachchan, the actor on Tuesday wrote a blog post from his Covid ward in Na-

navati Hospital in which he said his followers were "in-

censed" and though he had not asked them to take any action against the person, if he (Bachchan), survived, Covid-19, he would. And "all I shall say to them," he said, "is that do saale ko."

The 77-year-old actor and his son Abhishek have been at Na-

nnavati since July 11 after they tested positive. **TNN P11**

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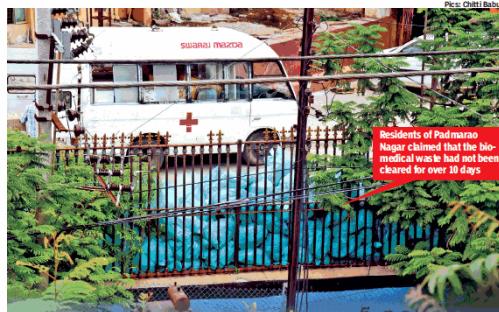




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Calls For Better Waste Management Grow As...

Medical waste piles up misery on locals

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Residents of Padmarao Nagar living in the vicinity of Gandhi Hospital have raised their complaint against the pungent smell of embalming fluid and piling up biomedical waste from the government hospital. Being the designated nodal treatment facility, the hospital has seen thousands of patients since the pandemic broke out, resulting in an increase in biomedical waste generation.

'Waste on premises not biowaste'

Responding to the notice issued by Telangana State Human Rights Commission, Gandhi Hospital superintendent Dr Maja Rao on Tuesday submitted that the waste on the premises is mostly general waste and not biowaste. Rao said the hospital follows the standardization treatment with sodium hypochlorite solution before disposal of biowaste. The superintendent also submitted that the administration has already directed the contract to clear the waste and added hospital authorities had been entrusted to verify the clearing of biowaste daily and said that if any incidents are noticed in the future, the agency handling biowaste will be terminated immediately. Rao requested the commission to drop further action on the case.

In what residents around the hospital have termed as "utter case of callousness," the waste has not been cleared for several days now. "Usually the hospital authorities clear the biomedical waste every alternate day. But now, we have noticed that the waste has been piling up inside the premises since the past ten days," said Sangeeta Sudarshan, a resident of Padmarao Nagar.

Decomposition of unclaimed bodies at the hospital's mortuary has also been a long-standing concern for many. "Mortuary staffs worked for less than the number of unclaimed bodies. My house is a few meters away from the compound wall which separates the main road and the hospital mortuary. The stench is unbearable, especially early in the morning," said Ravi C, a resident of Sheshagiri apartments.



Riding out the crisis with doors wide shut

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Hyderabad: While the lockdown has given many the opportunity to spend quality time on their balconies or terrace, for 62-year-old Ashwin Kumar, this was not the case. Residing only a stone's throw away from Gandhi Hospital mortuary, he has been living out the pandemic with doors and windows shut.

"We are deprived of that pleasure due to a balcony during the lockdown... We are already confined at home but due to stench I can hardly open the windows," says Ashwin adding the view from balcony is not pleasant either. "From the balcony, all I can see is piling up biomedical waste dumped inside the hospital," he said.

C When we complain, the hospital authorities put bleach to resolve the issue temporarily. Again after a couple of days, we face the same problem. We have been raising this issue for years now, however, there has been no permanent solution

— PV Sridhar | SECRETARY, SHESHAGIRI APARTMENT RWK

Hitam app to help Covid-hit soon: CS

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Hyderabad: With not many doctors coming forward to assist the state in its fight against Covid-19 pandemic, the Telangana government has come up with a novel app to have the doctors on board. It developed a home isolation telemedicine app, Hitam (Hiram) app to advise, counsel and prescribe medicines through phone to Covid-19 patients.

This was stated by chief secretary Somesh Kumar before a bench of Chief Justice Raaghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice B V Jayasen Reddy that was hearing a batch of petitions on Covid-19 testing, exploitation by private hospitals, etc. The CS explained that they were finding it difficult to get enough doctors. "Now, we are able to get the support of many doctors who do not want to come out during this pandemic period. Though it is unconventional for a state to call for walk-in interviews, we are expecting to take a thousand doctors," he informed the judges.

He said the government could appoint 140 doctors through such interviews so far. "We will make use of their services

WHAT CS SAID

- Hitam app running on a pilot basis in some areas for past 6 days
- Doctors will use it to contact patients
- Each doctor will be allotted 50 patients
- Consultation will be done over phone
- Prescriptions will be sent through the phone
- Anyone sensing urgency can press a button in the app for an ambulance to nearest Covid hospital

while implementing our Hitam app-based service. We have started the Hitam service. We allot 50 patients to each doctor. He or she monitors the health of patients in the queue.

The question as to why the tests in Telangana are still low, Somesh said they have increased the tests to a great extent. "Both the high court and the central team have advised us to increase tests. Accordingly we have increased the number to 16,000 per day. And the total tests done so far is more than 3.8 lakh," the CS said.

It is a struggle even to get bed at OGH, patients sleep on floor

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Hyderabad: Covid-19 superspreaders at Osmania General Hospital (OGH), Afzalgunj, are struggling even to get a bed, let alone oxygen or ventilator support. Patients have to sleep on a mattress on the floor and only hope for a bed, sadly, only if another patient dies at the facility.

Speaking about their terrible experience, km of patients lamented the state of affairs at one of the top tertiary care hospitals in the state. A patient's family says they struggled to get a bed, oxygen and medical support.

Manish Parupalli, a resident of Secunderabad, said his uncle was admitted to OGH early this month with symptoms of breathlessness. "There were 30 people in the queue to get admitted that day. We were told that if someone dies in the queue, then he or she can use it as a mattress. Within a few hours, someone passed away, he was asked to move to the bed without any sanitisation being done." This was before any tests were conducted. A private hospital had earlier conducted some tests and said his uncle was most likely suffering from Covid-19.



Unpaid, outsourced OGH nurses protest

Hyderabad: Around 60 outsourced nurses staged a protest at the state-run Osmania General Hospital (OGH) on Tuesday morning, demanding immediate payment of salaries. The nurses were hired in April, and not have received salaries for the past two months. "These nurses were appointed for a salary of ₹25,000 just months back, but they have not received their pay. Many of them have left their small children at home to join work during the ongoing crisis," said Narasimha, president of the outsourcing workers association. They were not equipped with ventilators. The estimation is 300.

Manish said as his uncle struggled to breathe, officials asked them to arrange for oxygen. His uncle passed away the next day, not before pleading with his family to transfer him out of the facility. Activist Sravanti Kasaram, who has been helping patients getting access to medical facilities in the city, confirmed, "At OGH, beds

Health infra in dists creaks under caseload

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Hyderabad: With many districts across the state seeing a continuing rise in Covid-19 cases — mostly recording over 50 cases in the last one week — the health infrastructure is now at a tipping point.

In Nagarkurnool for instance, of the 21 beds, one is available in the district, which has seen 445 cases in the last one week, has only 20 beds in government hospitals and not a single ICU bed, according to data from the state health department.

The situation in Rangareddy too is serious. The district has recorded 1,108 cases in one week — the highest after Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area — but has only 210 beds of which 22 are ICU beds. Meanwhile, the MGM Hospital in Warangal has only 55 of its 235 beds available. The district has seen 577 cases over the last seven days.



TAKING THE BED COUNT

Some districts which were formed last year have less infrastructure. To counter the problem, doctors have been placed round-the-clock and treatment is being initiated as soon as flu symptoms are identified. This strategy was devised to prevent patients getting into critical stage — Health dept official

Currently, many districts have 20 to 70 beds available in government hospitals while 20 of the 33 districts have less than ten ICU beds. An acute shortage is expected due to surge in cases. Narrating the

District	Cases in a wk	Total Beds	ICU beds
Rangareddy	1,108	210	22
Medchal	445	30	0
Karimnagar	428	200	35
Nizamabad	263	272	45
Nalgonda	242	160	30
Nagarkurnool	209	21	8
Kamareddy	189	75	10
Mahabubnagar	177	64	12
Medak	150	46	8
Bhupalpally	109	13	3
Gadwal	89	98	5
Kothagudem	62	86	6
Vikarabad	45	300	5

from Covid-19 for more than one week. Daily I am going to the government hospital but no one is taking responsibility, no kits, no tests etc," tweed Chintakunkun Hariprasad adding that he is a barber and has no money since his shop had been closed. He is among many who have tagged actor Sonu Sood along with state health authorities for help.

"Some districts which were formed last year have less infrastructure. To counter the problem, doctors have been placed round-the-clock and treatment is being initiated as soon as flu symptoms are identified. This strategy was devised to prevent patients getting into critical stage," said a senior official from the state health department.

child aged 10 and my wife is also infected with Covid. We are unable to take private hospital treatment. Government hospital beds not available (sic).

"Hi sir my name Hariprasad,

Young too are vulnerable to virus, publicise this: HC to T

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Hyderabad: Stressing that an overwhelming 65% of those hit by Covid-19 are in the age group of 21 to 50 years, the Telangana high court on Tuesday directed the government to give wide publicity to dispel the myth that only elderly people above 60 and those below 10 are most vulnerable to the virus.

A bench of Chief Justice Raghuveera Singh Chauhan and Justice B V Jayasen Reddy said this to chief secretary Somesh Kumar in a hearing on a conference hearing of Covid-related PILs. The bench went through the contents of a medical bulletin (dated July 28) furnished to it by the CS and directed him to ensure that the advisory in the bulletin is changed so that youngsters would be more cautious and take precautions to stay safe.



FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL

"This is precisely the reason why we have been asking the authorities to publish such kind of critical data that helps the society track the trends of the deadly virus," the judges said. "In fact, only 25% of those above 60 and below 10 are affected by coronavirus. At present, the health department's medical bulletins have been telling us they are the most vulnerable," they said.

Responding to the query, the CS told the judges that the overment has decided to convert all the existing beds in the government ho-

spitals into oxygen beds. "Since more than 85% of Covid-19 patients do not deserve hospitalisation, they can be cured from their homes through isolation and medical advice, we are equipping our hospitals in such a manner that every bed caters to the needs of the critically ill. We have also ordered for 500 modern devices that can ensure high flow of oxygen in a non-invasive manner," the CS said.

Vasudha Nagaraj, counsel for one of the petitioners, told the court that the government should earmark community halls and women association halls in the local vicinity as isolation centres for the poor. When the bench asked the government to consider this, the CS sought two weeks to implement the orders of the court. The bench directed the court to appear before the co-ur on August 13.

Home guard dies of Covid-19

Hyderabad: A 42-year-old police guard of a west zone police station succumbed to Covid-19 while undergoing treatment at the state-run Chest Hospital on Tuesday. The guard, identified as Aditya, was admitted on Sunday after he tested positive. Senior colleagues of the police station paid their respects at the hospital while the body was being shifted to a graveyard in an ambulance. The home guard is survived by his wife and two daughters, who are currently under quarantine.

60-year-old ingests poison, kills self

Hyderabad: A 60-year-old retired court superintendent, B Narasimha Reddy of Sanamguda, ended his life by consuming poison on Monday. At 11.30 pm, his wife received a phone call saying that Reddy was found lying on the road near Ilmibun bus station. He was later declared dead brought dead at a nearby hospital. Police found a note in which Reddy said that he had decided to end his life due to harassment by one Natesh Reddy. An abetment to suicide case was booked.

Task force cops bust PDS racket

Hyderabad: Task force police on Tuesday arrested three offenders — Mohammed Abid, Mannan, Mohamed Sharif and Syed Sharif at Gulshan-e-Iqbal in Muzhebad and seized 59 quintals of PDS rice and a DCM van from their possession. The accused had been procuring PDS rice from beneficiaries in the city and were selling the same for profit in Karnataka.

Along newer districts to reported in large numbers across many districts like Medchal with 113 cases, Rangareddy saw 172 cases and Warangal (urban) which had 152 cases after Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area which had 531 cases.

Maximum cases currently of 8,479 are in home or institutional quarantine. Cases continued to be reported in large numbers across many districts like Medchal with 113 cases, Rangareddy saw 172 cases and Warangal (urban) which had 152 cases after Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area which had 531 cases.

Secunderabad Cantonment General Hospital

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Secunderabad: Residents of Secunderabad will no longer have to travel to Gandhi Hospital or any other government facility as the Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) is set to commence Covid-19 testing facility at four more locations from Wednesday.

Following representation from the residents, the SCB is

set to start a Covid-19 testing session at the Secunderabad Cantonment General Hospital in Marredpally and government school opposite the post office in Lal Bazar.

"We had started Covid-19 testing at ward 6 in Tadbund recently. Now, we are extending it to four more locations in liaison with the state go-

Build new hosp on OGH land: Cong

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Hyderabad: Congress has demanded that chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao build a new super-specialty hospital on the OGH premises along with the construction of the new integrated secretariat complex.

ACC secretary V Hanuman Rao along with party leaders Kishore, Kishan visited OGH on Tuesday and staged a dharna demanding that the government conserve the heritage building of the hospital. The new building for the multi-specialty hospital should be constructed in the adjacent vacant land in the hospital compound. "The government should get an architect to prepare the new design of the building and place it in public domain as it has been done with the new secretariat complex," Rao said.

4 more testing centres in Sec'bad from today

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overnment for the convenience of people. Close to 50 tests will be conducted every day," said J Ramakrishna, vice-president, SCB.

In a related development, Bolarmur residents had approached the government to convert Secunderabad Cantonment General Hospital into a Covid-19 testing facility.

In a representation submitted to the authorities, including those from the SCB, members of the Indian Council of New Buildings and Construction Association (FNBCWA) sought Covid-19 testing facility, recruitment of medical staff, increase in number of beds and an ambulance for the general hospital.

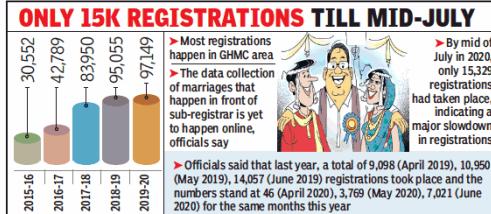
"In the last few years, the hospital has again moved into partial services due to lack of development funds," said Murali Krishna, president, FNBWCWA.

Covid knot? Registrations dip as big fat weddings see lean nos.

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Hyderabad: While the glitter and pomp of the regular traditional marriages is still there, due to reduced rules and social distancing norms, the number of registrations under Hindu Marriages Act this year clearly indicates that more than 70% of the marriages are postponed.

Data with TOI shows that annually, an average of 90,000 registrations took place over the past three years, but by mid of July in 2020, only 15,329 registrations had taken place, indicating a major



slowdown in registrations. In 2019, a total of 97,149 registrations took place whereas the first quarter of this

year had only 15,329 marriages registered. Though not all traditional marriages are registered, it is indicated by

the numbers that slowed registrations of marriages were postponed by the people. "My daughter got engaged.

By mid of July in 2020, only 15,329 registrations had taken place, indicating a major slowdown in registrations.

Officials said that last year, a total of 9,098 (April 2019), 10,950 (May 2019), 14,057 (June 2019) registrations took place and the numbers stand at 46 (April 2020), 3,769 (May 2020), 7,021 (June 2020) for the same months this year.

We wanted her to get married this month, but ultimately we had to postpone to October," said PV Subhash, grandson of former prime minister Narsimha Rao and RPD personnel.

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Officials point out that while about 70% of the registrations are of newlyweds, some are also those who want to go abroad. "There

ED searches GVK premises in connection with ₹700cr scam

Also Tracking Funds Used For GVK Firms

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Hyderabad: Enforcement Directorate (ED) sleuths on Tuesday conducted searches at two places in Hyderabad related to GVK Group companies and residences of the group chairman G V Krishna Reddy and his son G Sanjay Reddy in connection with the ₹700 crore Mumbai International Airport project.

Searches were also conducted in Mumbai with regards to money laundering. Sources said that the office of GVK Group and residential areas at Banjara Hills had been searched. ED sleuths seized the server data of GVK Group and it is yet to be analysed. ED Mumbai has issued an ECIR (Enforcement Case Information Report) based on the CBI FIR against GV Krishna Reddy and his son G Sanjay



Reddy regarding the scam.

Around 11 companies, including GVK Airport Holdings and Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) are accused in the case. Airports Authority of India (AAI) and GVK's joint venture company for modernisation and operation of

Mumbai Airport has been in the dock. It is alleged MIAL entered into fake work contracts with several companies and transferred funds without execution of work on the ground.

ED is now tracking the flow of funds from MIAL to the companies and further ED is also trying to track ₹395 crore surplus funds of MIAL which were used to fund other GVK Group companies. Nine companies that raised fake GST invoices and availed input tax credit are also under ED's scanner. Apart from them, several officials of AAI are under scanner.

Two arrested for employment fraud

Hyderabad: Cybercrime Police of Cyberabad arrested two offenders for duping the complainant after collecting ₹3.15 lakh with a promise to provide him a job at a software MNC. Based on the complaint of T Chidambaram from Nizampet, police arrested S Ramarao of Achampet in Mahabubnagar and Suresh Kumar from Khammam. Rao contacted Ramarao through Facebook and the latter, along with his associates, B Jay Chandra and Srinivas, promised to secure a job for Rao for ₹3.15 lakh. But after collecting the money, the accused stopped correspondence with Rao, a cybercrime inspector A Gangadhara said. Their associate, Jaya Chandra, is absconding. **TNN**

Light rains in parts of Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Light rains of up to 40 mm were seen in parts of the city on Tuesday. According to the Telangana State Development Planning Society, Kalavanchi in LB Nagar received highest rainfall of 39.5 mm followed by 30.3 mm in Thorur gram panchayat and 27.3 mm in Kapra. The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad has issued a thunderstorm warning with lightning and heavy rains till July 30. **TNN**

Govt to train 2,500 student counsellors

Hyderabad: Telangana special chief secretary Chitra Ramachandran inaugurated a two day training programme on Tuesday for 2,500 student counsellors who were selected for intermediate examinations to help students overcome stress and fear of exams. During the inauguration, Ramachandran said that the counsellors would be a perennial resource of the Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education (TSBIE). **TNN**

Two mobile phone snatchers arrested

Hyderabad: LB Nagar police arrested Mohammad Nawab, a cab driver from Bahadarpura and Md Rafiuddin, 30, from Chaderghat for snatching mobile phones from victims in the city. Police seized three mobile phones and a two-wheeler from the accused. **TNN**

Thief who stole ₹90L from Hyd firm caught in Gujarat

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Police team verified the CCTV camera footage and found out that Babu Kannara alias Rakesh Kannara went to Patanagarh in Mehsana district of Gujarat and then he moved to Surat. Rakesh also questioned Majehiya's Hyderabad office employees, Jay Kumar and Mohith. Jay told that Rakesh confined him in the room by tying up his arms and legs with a duct tape and took his cell phone. From Jay's cell phone, Rakesh sent messages to Mohith asking him not to disturb him for few hours. Rakesh also sent messages to Mohith from Jay's phone instructing him to collect ₹90 lakh cash from two persons in the city and keep it in the office. Abids police said,

"During the past few months, the marital relationship strained as Nagaraju suspected that his wife was close to other men. He started physically and mentally torturing her." Padahadshri Inspector S Vishnu Vardhan Reddy said. Family members of Nagaraju and Varalakshmi counselled them four times, hoping to iron out their differences. On Monday night, Nagaraju filed an argument with Varalakshmi again on the issue. On Tuesday morning, neighbours noticed the main door of the house was locked from outside.

"Varalakshmi normally would get up early in the morning to do household chores. As she did not come out of the house, neighbours became suspicious. They alerted Varalakshmi's parents, who live nearby," the inspector said. Family members of Nagaraju found Nagaraju lying unconscious on the bed in the presence of neighbours and found her lying dead in a pool of blood on the floor. "Nagaraju killed her by stabbing her in the throat," the inspector said. Police formed special teams to nab Nagaraju and a murder case was registered under Section 302 of the IPC.

Woman kills 3-yr-old son, self

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his father Shankarlah at around 10 pm. Mamatha was not in the house at that time and Shankarlah rushed the boy to a nearby hospital. The boy succumbed a few hours later. **ANI** LB Nagar Inspector Ashok Reddy said,

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"At 11 pm, Vikas went to the terrace and saw Mamatha. When he called her, she got up and jumped from the terrace. She died on the spot. Ryansh also succumbed to his injuries," the inspector said.

GHMC wing penalises RGV for putting up film posters in public

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Hyderabad: The GHMC's Directorate of Enforcement Vigilance and Disaster Management (EVDM) penalised director Ram Gopal Varma for putting up movie posters in a public space. He was fined ₹2,000 for every poster put up.

The civic body took action, following a post on Twitter which showed 'Power Star' movie's poster at one location in Jubilee Hills. According to regulations, the

Ram Gopal Varma's office. The EVDM department confirmed a total of 31 challans were served on Wednesday worth ₹84,000.

Other violations were found across the city. Authorities sent notices to

the concerned officials.

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Suspicious husband stabs wife to death

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Hyderabad: Suspecting his wife's fidelity, a car driver allegedly stabbed her to death at her house in the early hours of Tuesday. The victim, Varalakshmi, 26, fell in love with cab driver Nagaraju and had married him two years ago, police said.

"During the past few months, the marital relationship strained as Nagaraju suspected that his wife was close to other men. He started physically and mentally torturing her." Padahadshri Inspector S Vishnu Vardhan Reddy said.

Family members of Nagaraju and Varalakshmi counselled them four times, hoping to iron out their differences. On Monday night, Nagaraju filed an argument with Varalakshmi again on the issue. On Tuesday morning, neighbours noticed the main door of the house was locked from outside.

"Varalakshmi normally would get up early in the morning to do household chores. As she did not come out of the house, neighbours became suspicious. They alerted Varalakshmi's parents, who live nearby," the inspector said. Family members of Nagaraju found Nagaraju lying unconscious on the bed in the presence of neighbours and found her lying dead in a pool of blood on the floor. "Nagaraju killed her by stabbing her in the throat," the inspector said. Police formed special teams to nab Nagaraju and a murder case was registered under Section 302 of the IPC.

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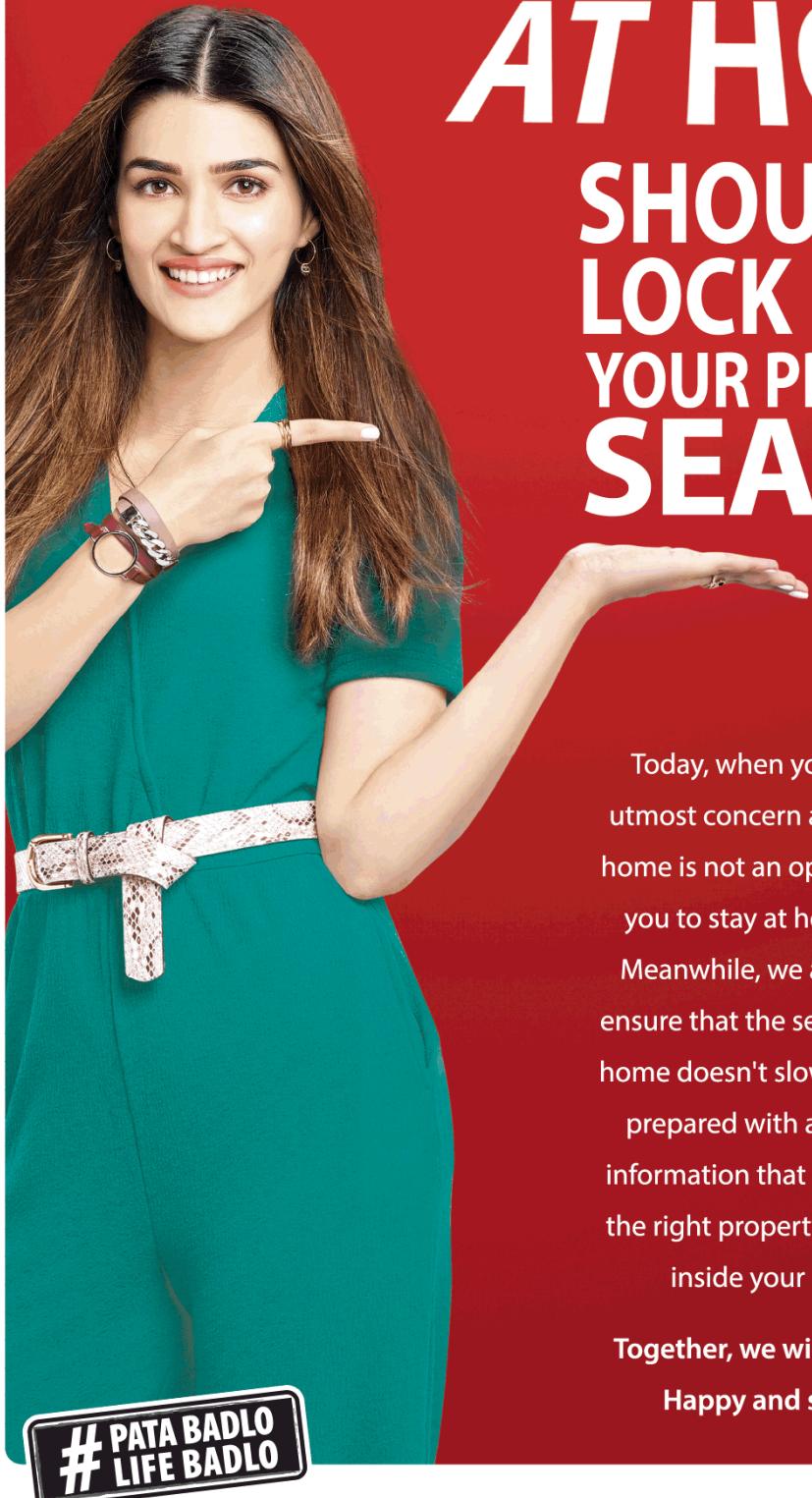
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Hyderabad: The state government on Tuesday transferred over 32 acres in Rayavilli village of Maheswaram mandal, Ranga Reddy district to Telangana State Dairy Development Corporation Federation Limited for establishment of a mega dairy unit. The land has been transferred on a lease basis for a period of 50 years and term for 99 years from the date of memorandum of understanding. The federation has to pay the lease every year to Telangana State Sheep and Goat Federation Limited. **TMN**

Construction worker arrested for stalking girl on Instagram

Hyderabad: Sleuths of cyberspace police station in Rachakonda arrested a construction worker for stalking a class X student on Instagram and forcing her to send nude videos. The 22-year-old accused was arrested on Wednesday. The worker befriended the girl on Instagram and accessed copies of her photos. Using her photos, he created a fake profile on Instagram and started posting porn videos. **TMN**

FORM C Notification

(Under Section 1(1) of the Act, 2013, where exemption given Upto 10a of the RTCC (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2013 (Act No. 21 of 2017) (See Rule 112)

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA, REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Notified Pursuant to section 1(1)(a) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2013 (Amendment to the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2010) dated 23-05-2017.

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana to Collector, Kamkarangar that a total of (10.05 1/2) acres of land specified in "Schedule", situated in the parts of Parvalla village of Gannavaram Mandal of Kamkarangar district is required for public purposes under section 3(1) of the RTCL; and

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PM Modi show at Ayodhya violates oath, says Asad

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Hyderabad: A week before the groundbreaking ceremony of Ram temple in Ayodhya, AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said by attending the bhumi puja in his official capacity as PM, Modi would be violating the constitutional oath he took when he assumed office.

The bhuwan said for the past 5, which was breached by the PM. In a meet on Tuesday the AIMIM chief said: "Secularism is part of the Basic Structure of Constitution. We can't forget that for over 400 years Babri stood in Ayodhya & it was demolished by a criminal mob in 1992 (sic)." Speaking to a news agency, the AIMIM president said the PM should not attend the event. If he attends the function PM, a message would go across the country that the Prime Minister does not believe in the truth of faith. "If he attends the event in his individual capacity, nobody will raise an objection and like others, he can also follow his religion. But, the PM is also a constitutional head and the Constitution is related to the basic structure of secularism," Asaduddin said.

The Hyderabad MP said even if the PM wants to go in his personal capacity, no television channel should telecast it live. Reacting to the tweet, Telangana BJP president Balaji Sanjay said Modi can attend any event related to the Ram mandir since the Supreme Court had already given a verdict on the issue. He said Asaduddin did not have respect for faith in courts. "It is also wrong to forget the history and arrears on them across the country at this juncture," the AIMIM president said.

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When SC delivered verdict on Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute last year, AIMIM president expressed his dissatisfaction and termed it as 'victory of faith over facts'.

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Agri varsity ties up with ISB on T Sona rice

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Hyderabad: The agriculture department and Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) will be working with the Indian School of Business (ISB) to come up with strategies for branding and marketing of "Telangana Sona" rice variety.

Telangana Sona has the lowest glycemic index among all known varieties of paddy in the state, making it ideal for rice-eating diabetic population. Telangana Sona has a grain size of 15.04g is a paddy variety developed by PJTSAU, with characteristics such as fine grain, high yielding quality and blast resistance. The paddy variety is advantageous for farmers as it grows in a relatively shorter time (25 days vs the average of 150 days) and is suitable for cultivation in both vanakalam and yasaang (khari and rabi) seasons.

Further, in comparison to other popular varieties of paddy in the region, it has low carbohydrates, energy, niacin (vitamin B3) is also higher.

Speaking about the importance of the new paddy variety, B.Janardhan Reddy, secretary to government, agriculture department said: "Sometimes, initially a good face also requires make-up. Similarly, Telangana Sona needs branding and market."

More protection can help Kawal tiger status: Report**TIGER POPULATION IN T IN 2018**

Amrabad Tiger Reserve	Total of seven tigers were identified out of 37 images	
	One tiger was identified out of two images	Chemuru One tiger was identified out of four images
		Kazaganzagar One tiger was identified out of fourteen images

It stands at 26 as estimated by "Tiger Sigma" report, the report released on Tuesday indicates that only 10 tigers were identified in Amrabad.

However, wildlife conservationists say the mismatch in tiger numbers and tiger-bearing forests published in the report were a matter of serious concern. "As per Tiger Action Task force we cannot consider these methods of direct and indirect sightings. So, we should go by accepted method. Pugmark methods were faulty generally over estimate numbers and 2006, I am sure the NTCA is not using it anymore. Why numbers are different only WI (Wildlife Institute of India) can probably explain," said Diya Buranahalli, a wildlife conservator.

The report also states that a few tiger bearing forest areas in Telangana such as Chemuru forest division are vulnerable to poaching.

Attendants destroy furniture at MGM hospital

Shiva Kumar Pinna

Warangal: Enraged relatives of a 64-year-old man, who died of Covid-19 symptoms, destroyed furniture and tried to attack duty doctors in the government MGM Hospital, here on Tuesday.

According to Matweada Inspector T.Ganesh, the frustrated relatives vent their ire on the furniture inside the Covid-19 ward. Ironically, the ward didn't have an oxygen cylinder to help patients with breathing problems. The duty doctor said the patient had respiratory problem and was suffering

with Covid-19 symptoms. He was admitted in the Covid-19 ward. "His samples were collected and sent for testing.

Within an hour, the patient's condition turned serious and we informed his relatives that he requires oxygen. However, we do not have an oxygen cylinder here and we suggested to them to take him immediately to a private hospital or Gandhi Hospital. Meanwhile, the patient's condition worsened and he died in the hospital," the doctor said.

"Soon after the man's death, his relatives damaged furniture and threw chairs at the doctors. They also bro-

ke window panes. We immediately informed police. The Matweada police rushed to the hospital and convinced the enraged attendants to cool down. They are now investigating the case," he added.

MGM hospital superintendent resigns: Meanwhile, MGM hospital superintendent B.Srinivas Rao resigned and sent a copy of his resignation to the DMS. He stated that he has been suffering from high blood pressure and was feeling ill for the past two weeks.

Will set up 250-bed centre at KMC: Min

Warangal: State health minister Eatala Rajender on Tuesday said that the government is going to open another 250-bedded centre in the Kakatiya Medical College to help combat Covid-19. Rajender said this facility will be built in addition to the MGM Hospital and the building constructed under PMSY scheme.

He also ordered district administration to identify government buildings to setup isolation centres for BPL families. **TNN**

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Students: Cancel exams, promote us

Hyderabad: Stating that UGC guidelines to conduct exams during the prevailing pandemic is a violation of students' right, NSUIU Telangana unit president Sudarshan Rao sent a delegation on Tuesday to submit about 12,000 letters to the Telangana State Human Rights Commission. These letters were written by students from all the districts across Telangana. In their letters, the students of degree, PG requested cancellation of all exams. They want to be promoted to the next academic year. **TNN**

Survey on new L1 project begins

Hyderabad: To irrigate 25,000 acres in Medchal and Sangareddy districts along with drinking water facilities to villages around the Outer Ring Road, the irrigation department on Tuesday began a survey for Gummadiyamala lift irrigation scheme. If this lift irrigation scheme is successful, about 160 tanks will be filled with Godavari water. The CM directed the irrigation officials to take up a feasibility survey of the project. **TNN**

Pharmacy owner held for booze sale

Visakhapatnam: Following complaints by residents, the owner of a pharmacy in Kondapalli was arrested recently for selling liquor from his shop. The accused, identified as Kandregula Nookanju, owns RK Medicals in Lakshmiapuram Colony in Vadapalli area and is alleged to have been selling liquor from his shop after 7pm over the past few weeks. **TNN**

Sood's tractor gift hits political bump**Are You Really Poor? Officials Ask AP Farmer**Sandeepraghavan
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An inquiry has now been ordered by the Chittoor district administration to find out if Rao was really poor. Local revenue officials also visited Rao's residence to report his financial status.

Tirupati: The toll under the hot sun ploughing fields for survival by two girls prompting Bollywood actor Sonu Sood to donate a tractor to them has not gone down well with a section of people. And with former Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu intervening, the incident, which otherwise was purely social in nature, took political overtones.

The farmer, V Nageswara Rao, and his two daughters, who received the tractor as a gift from Sonu Sood, are now being hounded with questions over their poverty status. Officials have now joined the chorus.

The family didn't even have to buy fuel as the vehicle was plug-free.

An inquiry has now been ordered by the Chittoor district administration to find out if Rao was really poor.

Rao, a tea-stall owner,

took farming after losing customers due to Covid-19 lockdown. A video of his two daughters tilling the fields by pulling a wooden plough went viral on social media, prompting Sood to come to their rescue.

Following this, Chandrababu Naidu announced that his Telugu Desam Party would take care of the education of Rao's daughters Venella, 17 and Chanda-

naia 15.

Within minutes, some people, who are apparently opposed to the TDP, took the social media by storm questioning the credibility of the two on social media site Twitter, read:

"Nageswara Rao was a familiar person in the locality. He even contested state assembly polls from Madanapalle on the Lok Sabha ticket. Doubt if his family couldn't even afford rent-

ing out a tractor". Some even listed out various government schemes under which Rao's family has been allegedly receiving benefits.

Chittoor district collector Narayana Bharat Gupta told reporters that the family has been getting several monetary benefits from the government.

Following the inquiry ordered by the district collector, local revenue officials visited Rao's residence to inspect and report his financial status.

Rao wondered if a poor man should be allowed to remain in poverty and at the mercy of the government.

"If you are poor, does it mean that only the government should help you? Can't others help the poor," he told TOI. He said officials had visited his home to "inspect" if he was really poor.

He also mentioned various innovative programs taken up by the Telangana government along with the WEF and highlighted that blood and vital medicines are being supplied via drones under 'Medicine from the sky' programme.

T cops issue circular on illegal animal sacrifices

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Hyderabad: Telangana police issued a circular stating that illegal animal sacrifices in the state without following rules of animal transport and slaughter is a punishable offence.

The order came after PETA

India sent a letter to Telangana's director general of police

requesting that he take all possible measures to stop animal sacrifices which are prohibited under the Telangana Animals and Birds Sacrifices Prohibition Act, 1950.

Following which, the police headquarters issued an order to its senior officials directing them to implement this state law as well as central govern-

ment laws related to the transportation and slaughter of animals and relevant directions of the SC.

In its letter, PETA India pointed out that Section 3 of the Telangana Animals and Birds Sacrifices Prohibition Act, 1950, states, "No person shall sacrifice any animal or bird in any place of religious worship

or adoration or its pretexts or in any congregation or procession connected with any religious worship in a public street." The letter also mentions that on two matters regarding the sacrifice and killing of animals for meat, the SC ruled that animals can be slaughtered only in officially licensed slaughterhouses.

KTR: Pharma sector to gain post-Covid

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Hyderabad: Industries minister KT Rama Rao said the pharma industry in Hyderabad contributes up to 40% of domestic pharmaceutical production. He said the city-based Bharat Biotech has developed the first indigenous vaccine for Covid-19, which is currently under clinical trials.

KTR participated in an online session hosted by the World Economic Forum on 'Reinventing the pharmaceuticals' of Telangana's pharmaceutical sector in the global health ecosystem.

He highlighted the life sciences ecosystem of Hyderabad and said post-Covid-19 world would provide great opportunities for the pharma and life sciences sector in Telangana.

KTR said Genome Valley, Medical Devices Park and Hyderabad Pharma City have transformed the city into a global pharmaceutical destination for investors.

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AP reports 58 fatalities, nearly 8k Covid-19 cases

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Visakhapatnam: Andhra Pradesh reported 58 deaths and 7,948 Covid-19 cases on Tuesday, taking the cumulative total to 56,527 active cases with 52,622 cumulative recoveries and 1,148 deaths.

While the toll climbed to 1,148, about 3,000 people have recovered from the pandemic. There are currently 56,527 active cases with 52,622 cumulative recoveries and 1,148 deaths.

The Andhra Pradesh now has the third largest caseload of 56,527 active cases, behind Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Karnataka.

A ruling party MLA from Kurnool district, who recovered from Covid-19, donated convalescent plasma on Tuesday. According to the state health officials, two doctors already donated the plasma alongside only tens of general



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public after their discharge from the hospital.

A 52-year-old patient, who was administered plasma therapy for the first time in Andhra Pradesh, was discharged from Kurnool hospital three days ago. The health officials requested all the recovered patients to come forward and donate plasma to save the lives of other critical cases. Of the 58 deaths reported

on Tuesday, 11 are from Guntur, 10 from Kurnool, 9 from Visakhapatnam, five each from Chittoor and East Godavari, four each from Krishna, Vizianagaram and Nellore, three from Anantapur, one each from Kadapa, Srikakulam and West Godavari. Guntur became the fourth district to record 100 Covid-19 deaths after Kurnool, Krishna and East Godavari.

Covid patient goes missing from GGH

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Guntur: A Covid-19 patient was found missing after getting admitted at the government general hospital in Guntur. The patient was initially admitted to Tenali government hospital on July 14. However, doctors referred him to GGH on July 16 after his health condition deteriorated.

After waiting for his release for nearly 12 days, his wife Venkayamma visited GGH on Tuesday and requested the authorities to check whereabouts of her husband. "We found a record in the casualty ward that the patient was admitted on July 16. However, there is

no record in any of the wards at the Covid care centre," GGH superintendent Dr K Sudhakar told TOI.

"We are not saying the patient is dead. It is only a suspicion as the patient was not found in any of the wards," said Sudhakar. He added that they would lodge a police complaint if the body is not found in the mortuary.

Denied burial, Muslim youth cremated

Visakhapatnam: The family of a 22-year-old deceased youth from the Muslim community was forced to cremate the body after authorities at burial grounds refused permission for carrying out final rites, suspecting that the young had died of Covid-19.

The incident took place on July 22 but came to light only on July 23, when a city-based advocate informed AP State Waqf Board. Youth's family visited half-a-dozen burial grounds, but were turned away from all of them on a similar suspicion. At last, the family decided to cremate the body against their custom. **TNN**



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TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: BARC/IV/CES/MS Works Anvihar/53, DtD: 24/07/2019

Period of Work : From 01/08/2020 to 31/08/2020

Estimated cost - Rs.20,000 Lakhs, Cost of EMD: Rs. 1,00,000/- and a Contract Period - 12 (Twelve) Months, Cost of tender document : Rs. 100/- (in cash) & Demand Draft in favour of BARC Campus, Achuthapuram, Visakhapatnam District, A.P., India.

Mobile phone number : 0891-2388035/0519, Fax: 0891-2388003

on all working days.

Additional General Manager (RSO)

on: 08/08/2020, the Wednesday

Opening of Bids : on: 21.08.2020, the Friday at 11.00 A.M. at CTID, Hyd.

Note: The hard copy of DD towards Tender Fee of Rs. 1,500/- D.M.B./G towards service deposit both should be sent to this office before due date of tender submission. Parties are requested to submit their Technical & Commercial bids with proof of their organization and company profile and also advised to acknowledge on each page of the tender document about the document. Late tenders / Postal delay, without Tender fee / EMD, the bids will be rejected summarily.

Further clarification : Please contact Shri.S.Ramakrishna, Asst.Dr (A&A) over Telephone: 040-23776168.

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Date: 28.07.2020

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from reputed and experienced agencies for executing the following works

Package No. Brief Name of Work Value (Rs. In Crores)

Package-1 REACH 3 - "Earthwork in cutting, embankment and construction of Major/Minor bridges, RUBs etc., between Km.174/590 and Km.182/500 in Bangalore Division of South Western Railway."

20.83

Package-2 REACH 4 - "Earthwork in cutting, embankment and construction of Minor bridges, RUBs etc., between Km.165/000 and Km.174/590 in Bangalore Division of South Western Railway."

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Package-3 REACH 5 - "Earthwork in cutting, embankment and construction of Major/Minor bridges, RUBs etc., between Km.158/700 and Km.165/000 in Bangalore Division of South Western Railway."

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TECH I'D LIKE TO SEE

Tracking bank customers constantly

In today's economic turmoil, bankers face a unique problem – they become villains if their borrowers' default, and are also blamed for insufficient reach of credit to customers directly in need of it. So, as a banker in charge of fuelling the economy through credit, I'd like to see the power of technology – AI/ML, digital channels, etc – harnessed to ensure: a. Customers needing credit be able to access a bank in the shortest time, and the lending process is transparent; b. The banks get to pick the best customers and also keep track of them through sophisticated algorithms

continuously analysing multiple data points and alerting the banker of possible stress scenarios.

Bankers who relied on certification of their customers by external parties like rating agencies have bit the dust, making it imperative to have a technology-driven, risk management system that checks the financial heartbeat of their customers constantly.

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THAT MUST BE THE BOAT FROM THE HELP DESK.

India will be free from Chinese electronics, but in some years

Meanwhile,
don't forget
the country's
main strength:
engineering R&D

Sujit John & Shilpa Phadnis | TNN

Are we where China is, absolutely no. Can we become absolutely yes. I'm giving it two years," says Nivruti Rai, Intel India head. Nivruti Rai responding to questions on semiconductor and electronics manufacturing at a panel discussion organised jointly by Nasscom and Times Techies last week.

The dependence on China for manufactured goods is a subject that riles many in India, more so since the recent emergence of geo-political issues between the two. In value, electronics imports is the biggest.

Rai said she has already got Intel to manufacture an M.2 memory module, and is now looking to manufacture a networking box there. The M.2 memory module is a relatively recent Intel innovation that allows for faster data transfer between the memory, storage, and processor.

Aloknath De, CTO of Samsung R&D Institute India, said there is a lot of electronics manufacturing happening through the government's SIPS (special incentive package scheme) and in other ways. "We are qualifying components to be sent from our STP programme and when companies are ready we are incorporating into products. We are even manufacturing the latest models here, and are getting ready to export them," he said.

Supria Dhanda, head of West Digital India, noted that India

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Going strong in engineering R&D and we can go miles. We can go even beyond Silicon Valley in that space by virtue of our prowess, and by taking startups along

Aloknath De | CTO, SAMSUNG R&D INSTITUTE, INDIA

Going India to dream of fabs. I really look at the China geopolitical issue as an opportunity. Though I completely agree on focusing on R&D, manufacturing is also key

Nivruti Rai | COUNTRY HEAD, INTEL INDIA

Going India to dream of fabs. The government too has realised R&D is the future. Instead of bottling it all under one mass called IT, they are saying segregate it into ER&D etc, for focused attention

KS Viswanathan | VICE PRESIDENT, INDUSTRY INITIATIVE, NASSCOM

Going India to dream of fabs. We get fascinated by Tesla's market cap, bigger than several auto companies put together. It's because of software, it's not about the hardware. We need to recognise that

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had just two mobile manufacturing units in 2014, but now there are 200. However, everyone in the panel noted that getting to more compact manufacturing and being able to do a semiconductor fabrication (fab) facility will inevitably be a step-by-step process and will take time.

Karthikeyan Natarajan, chief operating officer at engineering services company Cyient, said a sustainable fab would involve \$50 billion of investment. "It cannot be spent by TSMC or Intel or Samsung. There has to be some support from the government," he said. Dhandha noted that it's also a question of whether there's enough demand in the world for that.

So a fab could take many years. Natarajan said India could start by doing low-volume custom chips, and then look at full-blown ones.

Everyone was also clear that while it is necessary to move towards more and more manufacturer-

ing, India should focus as much or more on its biggest strength today: engineering R&D. That's the process of designing products for the world. Advanced manufacturing products are now designed using average digital tools and many incorporate digital technologies – like sensors in motors and aircraft engines, and AI in cars. India has become one of the world's biggest hubs in the space, given its massive base of engineering talent.

KS Viswanathan, vice president of industry initiative at NASSCOM, said the segment generates \$31 billion of revenue in India, and that revenue is growing in double digits. In fact, it is the fastest growing among the three tech segments – IT, telecom and manufacturing, which employs 600,000 people. There are 1,500-1,600 companies in the space, of which 900 are global capability centres (GCCs) or centres of MNCs.

"There is a realisation in the government too that this is the future," Viswanathan said.

Going India to dream of fabs. We can be about R&D. I'm often asked, why don't we become a manufacturing destination. I say, capitalise on your strengths, don't worry about your weaknesses

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Natrajan said R&D is important for the long term sustainability of our country. "We got fascinated by Tesla's market cap, bigger than several auto companies put together. It's because of software, it's not about the hardware. We need to recognise that," he said.

India, he said, is generating close to 6,000 patents every year and is making almost a third of the products to be launched globally for many of the Fortune 500 clients. He said his company, Cyient, has been part of designing the most efficient aircraft engine ever built. It's already being used in 600 short-haul aircraft, and he expects it will become the most used engine in the world.

We at Digital's Sandip Bhambhani design and develops all of its retail and consumer products from India. Its 1TB microSD card was one recent product.

Intel India is Intel's largest design centre outside the US and is engaged in cutting-edge engineering

DATA ANALYTICS IS THE FUTURE

Data analytics will be a huge opportunity across engineering and management, said Aloknath De, CTO of Samsung R&D Institute India, when asked what skill development he would advocate for youngsters. "There's tonnes of data from (India's) 1.3 billion people, but we don't have sufficient people to analyse that," he said. Karthikeyan Natarajan, COO of Cyient, said domain plus data science is going to be key to the future. Indel India head Nivruti Rai said India also needs creative people, those who can build great UX/UI, like Apple, Tesla, and those who can build an entire technology stack, so that we can build complete solutions.

work such as SoC (system-on-chip) design, next generation communications, graphics, software and platform for the cloud/data centre, client and IoT markets involving advanced technology areas like AI, 5G and autonomous systems.

De said that over the past five years, Samsung's R&D centres in Noida and Bengaluru have been building specialisation in AI, IoT and big data, and how to make their intersection stronger.

Most of these companies are also deeply involved with the government, defence agencies and startups in India to strengthen the country's R&D foundations.

"My thumbs up," Dhanda said, "is for electronics manufacturing, but my fist of five is for engineering R&D." That looked like the consensus view.

Why R programming language is gaining among developers

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Sdespite the phenomenal rise of Python for data science, R continues to attract developers building analytics applications. R's open source community, the richness of its algorithms, its appeal with academia, and its convenience in use in consulting businesses are driving growth.

It was created by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman in 1995, was created for statistical modelling. The objective was to enable checking of statistics concepts quickly, use those concepts for data wrangling and analysis, and enable decision-making. "When ever there is a need to quickly explore data or do reports with limited interventions, R becomes

SIMPLE TO USE

Going India to dream of fabs. On the computational front, R has lost to Python over the last five years. But R has very high-level statistical and mathematical maturity

Allan Roy | HEAD OF ANALYTICS, MASHREQ GLOBAL SERVICES

Going India to dream of fabs. R is very simple to understand and use. If you are not doing very complicated analysis or not building an engineering product, then R will suffice

Mayank Kumar | CO-FOUNDER, UPRADE

Going India to dream of fabs. For clinical trials and associated workflows, R is the most preferred language because many of the algorithms are readily available in R

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one of the preferred choices," says Yashash Parve, data science practice lead at CitiTech.

Data has three types – binary (numbers), text or voice, and pictures. R processes large volumes of binaries quickly but not so text or images. That's where Python scores. "On the computational front, R has lost to Python over the last five years. Python is the new champion, not on the richness of its algorithms, but on the huge volume of unstructured data – voice, text or pictures – that it can process," says Allan Roy, head of analytics at Mashreq Global Services.

R also provides more optimisation algorithms, which are used to find the most optimum solution. For one algorithm in Python or Java, there could be at least 30 variations of the same optimisation algorithm in R.

"That is because people who developed it have done it for a specific purpose, and it involves a lot of granularities that define the specifications," says Roy. Some people take a little time to pick the right tool, according to him. "Those who are using R should be more literate in statistics, and they need to understand why they are using that optimisation algorithm," says Roy.

Often, R is used more as a learning package than as an implementation package. That's because R lacks the sophistica-

tion of Python to be used in live production scenarios, to do real-time analytics and real-time implementation. So Python scores over R in machine learning applications.

But Parte believes R can still be used effectively as a part of the data engineering backend, especially to build data pipelines. "R is good to build ETL (extract, transform, load) pipelines, and although current industry trend favours Python, ETL can be called the backend of the data engineering infrastructure. The top layer is always either Python or Java. The core model can remain R, which can be integrated with Python," says Parte.

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In March 2017, she joined digital tech company Brillo. Her current role involves enabling organisations to make accurate data-driven decisions as well as solve ambiguous problems involving unstructured text/images and machine-generated data with tangible business impact.

Last year, she took part in Brillo's Winspire, a programme designed to mentor early career women to take up leadership roles. "It was an invaluable learning experience, which helped me overcome my self-doubt and taught me the importance of fighting for opportunities at the workplace," she says.

Going India to dream of fabs. Don't wait for someone to offer you an opportunity. Sometimes, people won't know how much you want it unless you ask for it

Muthumari S | SUB-BUSINESS UNIT HEAD, BRILLO

Not just humans, AI too is getting used to the new normal

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions are built using lots and lots of data, most of it historical. When hundreds of pictures of cars are shown to an AI system, it learns what a car is. What isn't a car. An AI system is trained initially from historical data what are, for instance, the buying patterns in a store, how it changes over months/seasons, how it is different in another store in another location. That enables it to make predictions.

When something like Covid-19 happens and changes many historical patterns dramatically, AI systems are as unprepared as humans. And they require fresh training, rewriting of the algorithms.

TECH TRENDS

Bangalore-based AI solutions provider Manthan works with many global retailers. One of the company's fashion retail customers in the US saw almost all its 700 stores shutting down at the end of March. The company's chief product officer Sameer Narula says they had to rework their algorithms to handle the short-term and longer-term impact of the event. "For the short-term, we had to quickly build new models, within weeks, which could use e-commerce data to identify changing patterns and trends rapidly. It is with great spatio-temporal data to predict the demand in stores when they reopened," he says.

For the longer term, it's more difficult. Narula says the pandemic event-specific data is still limited and evolving to be useful in calibrating the longer-term impact of it. "We've been working on incorporating several new micro and macro economic signals like consumer sentiment index, economic optimism index into our demand forecasting models to bring in more permanent and generic analysis to deal with the kind of exceptional events in future," he says.

Swagya too had to improvise its AI systems to deal with Covid-19 better. Normally, a delivery partner clicks a selfie during login every day and the AI system verifies the part-

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Sameer Narula | CHIEF PRODUCT OFFICER, MANTHAN

Going India to dream of fabs. We used AI to check for compliance of mask usage by delivery partners, and to stop delivery of non-essential items

Dale Vaz | HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND DATA SCIENCE, SWAGYA

ne. Following Covid, the system also had to check for compliance of mask usage by these partners, says the restaurant aggregator's head of engineering and data science Dale Vaz. Since the government had banned delivery of non-essential items, Swagya had to ensure customers wouldn't demand delivery of items such as cigarettes and alcohol. So they built a natural language model to identify non-essential items, and variants of these words, in the special instructions field, and stop those from being delivered. Since restaurant menus had changed significantly, the AI system, those needed to be updated quickly. Over 60% of the menu updates were automated with the help of a computer vision model that read the physical menus and extracted item names and prices. This significantly reduced Swagya's turnaround time for menu updates.

Nikhil Malhotra, head of Makers Lab in Tech Mahindra, says AI has proved to be a great tool to figure out patterns, but it cannot look at shocks and surprises. It cannot look at the underlying reasons behind those patterns. "The AI system needs everything seeming normal," she says. So much so that in 12th grade, she scored 100% marks in every math exam she took.

Despite her passion for math, Muthumari S – or Muthu as she's fondly known – pursued a Bachelor's degree in engineering from Anna University. In May 2006, after graduating, she turned down a job offer from a product company and decided to join data analysis firm Mu Sigma. "Much like math, analytics involves making sense of complex problems and data. I figured it was a good opportunity to put my skills to good use," she says.

From two years within Mu Sigma, she moved to Accenture, where her career shifted gradually towards AI/ML and data science. Even though some concepts seemed foreign to her initially, she learned while working on different projects. In one such project, she developed a macro-econometrics model for a US software provider on quantifying the impact of recession on their product sales. In 2016, at Accenture, she was a key contributor in a patented video analytics project that was targeted at making sense of the humongous amount of unstructured data created by different forms of media devices and digital content.

The same year, she left Accenture to join Brillo. She started working on a consulting startup. It failed to take off. "In hindsight, I wasn't completely prepared to scale the startup. I soon realised that I lacked the time, resources and technicality required for it."

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INSPIRATION

Muthumari developed an affinity for numbers at a young age. "It was probably because of the way I was taught," she says, reminiscing about her father's rather unconventional mathematical lessons at home. A mechanical engineer, he often used concrete objects to teach abstract concepts and focus on real-world applications of mathematics that his lessons made him understand. "I was good at memorising things," she says. So much so that in 12th grade, she scored 100% marks in every math exam she took.

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Jaspreet Singh and Milind Borate's Druva is one of India's most successful startups. In June last year, when it received a \$130 million funding, it was valued at over \$1 billion. The two started in Pune in 2008 by creating a simple backup solution for laptops – to recover data in case the laptop crashed or was lost. Today, their cloud data protection ensures data is immediately preventable risks. And their patented cloud architecture makes backup data more open and accessible, so customers can streamline governance, and gain insights.

Drupa surpassed \$100 million in annual recurring revenue (ARR) in December last year. 2019 was also a record growth year. It has over 4,000 customers, many of them Fortune 500 companies, including Pfizer, Flex, Marriott, and Hitachi.

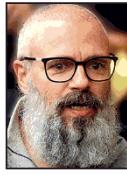
Rift in NC over Omar stand, influential Shia leader quits

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Srinagar: Taking note of "riples" created within his party over his write-up in a national daily, National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah on Tuesday backtracked from his earlier demand of statehood for J&K.

Omar tweeted: "I've simply said that having been CM of the STATE of J&K till July 2014, I will contest election in the assembly of the UT of J&K. That's it. No more no less! That's a far cry from saying I'm demanding statehood be restored."

He made this clarification after former NC minister Agha Ruhullah Mehdil, an influential Shia leader from Budgam in central Kashmir, who was chief spokesman of the party, on Tuesday resigned in protest



In an Op-Ed published on Monday, Omar for the first time spoke out on Kashmir politics since his release in March. He censured the Centre for scrapping Article 370 and announced that he would return to politics only after J&K's statehood was restored

against "Omar's remarks for restoration of statehood of J&K".

Omar, in his article, had mentioned the restoration of statehood to J&K as a precondition for contesting assembly polls in future.

Senior NC leaders, including Mehdil, disapproved him for "forgetting to demand" the restoration of Articles 370 and 35A, party insiders said.

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lished on Monday, Omar for the first time spoke out on Kashmir politics since his release in March after eight months in detention.

He censured the Centre for scrapping Article 370 and also announced that he would return to electoral politics only after J&K's statehood was restored.

In response to this, Mehdil said: "What happened on August 5, 2019 is beyond statehood and it should be the last demand. I feel for what

what happened to my fellow citizens as it was a coup on the population of J&K."

The restoration of statehood should be the last demand while our main demand should be restoration of special status, he added.

Omar, however, blamed journalists for putting words in his mouth.

"I have no problem being disagreed with what I say do but when you invent things and put words in my mouth to create a scene that's all about you than that's all about me. All you know journalists & commentators please show me where I've

been demanded statehood be restored," he tweeted.

"Haters will hate & nothing will change that. There are a few people from whom I expect better but disappointment is part of politics & one has learnt to live with it. Life goes on," he tweeted again.

Pak attempts to bring back Geelani as Hurriyat head

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Srinagar: The Pakistan national assembly's resolution to confer the Nishan-e-Pakistan, its highest civilian award, on separatist leader Syed Ali Geelani and to name an engineering university in Islamabad after him is being seen by Hurriyat activists here as an attempt by Islamabad to woo the ailing 91-year-old Geelani back into the Hurriyat fold.

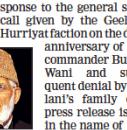
Syed Ali Geelani had quit as leader of the Hurriyat faction a month ago and nominated Abdullah Geelani, 55, as his successor for the PK chapter of the separatist amalgamation.

He left the Kashmiri Hurriyat seat vacant, ostensibly for reasons of corruption within the Hurriyat cadre here.

The move rattled Pakistani ISI and they, according to Hurriyat insiders, managed to get Geelani the Nishan-e-Pakistan and Pakistanis have the naming of a university named after Geelani.

His "life and struggle for the separation of J&K" is to be introduced into the Pakistani academic curriculum.

Though the Kashmir-based Jamaat-e-Islami has been banned by the authorities as most of its leaders are in jail, members associated with the Jamaat and other separatists are thrilled by the Pakistani assembly adopting the resolution tabled by the Jamaat provisional head, Senator Mustaq Ah-



mad Khan of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, after the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's MoS for parliamentary affairs Ali Mohammad Khan seconded the resolution on Monday in the assembly with a majority voice vote.

The recent lukewarm response to the general strike call given by the Geelani's Hurriyat faction on the death anniversary of Hazrat commander Burhan Wani and subsequent denial by Geelani's family of a press release issued in the name of a media family of a press release issued in the name of a

All Geelani also praised Pakistan to return to being Ganjam back as the face of the Hurriyat in the Kashmir valley, a senior Hurriyat insider said.

Pakistan has gone into damage-control mode by honouring Kashmir's tallest leader with the Nishan-e-Pakistan because the same Pakistan had recently dumped Geelani Sahib, who subsequently resigned from the Hurriyat," Majid Hyderi, a political analyst, said, adding that Geelani's family has now got a chance to internationalise the Kashmir issue yet again after the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

Also, Geelani Sahib is not the first Indian to get it, former PM Morarji Desai had also resigned from the Indian government in 1991, Hyderi said.

A veteran hardline Hurriyat leader who did not want to be named said, "It is heartening to learn that Syed Ali Geelani was conferred Pakistan's highest civilian award."

EC takes exception to Murmu's remarks on J&K poll timing

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New Delhi: The Election Commission (EC) took exception to repeated statements of J&K LG C Murmu appearing in the media over time, relating to timing of assembly polls in the Union Territory and underlined that deciding election schedule was "sole remit" of the poll panel.

Sources told TOI that EC had chosen to overlook the J&K LG's initial statements on timing of J&K poll, reported by a section of the media in November last year, as he had not just taken office and was possibly still getting familiar with constitutional processes and procedures.

But over the past month or so, similar statements by him reappeared in the media, EC felt. It was about time to remind him about the constitutional scheme of things, which gives the poll panel the exclusive mandate to decide on poll timing.

The commission said it takes into consideration all factors before taking a call on poll schedule. "For example, in the current times, Covid-19 has introduced a new dynamic, which has to be and shall be taken into consideration at the due time. In the instant case, the outcome of delimitation is also germane to the decision. Similarly, availability of central forces and railway coaches, etc. for the transportation of Central paramilitary forces are important factors," said EC.

After EC's disapproval follows Murmu's statements in various media interviews since he took office as LG in U.T. of J&K on October 31, 2019.

"A report appearing in The Tribune on Jan 28, 2020 titled 'J&K poll after delimitation' is attributed to Shri G.C. Murmu, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor (LG), J&K. Similar statements of LG were earlier reported by The Hindu dated 18.11.2019, News 18 dated

14.11.2019, Hindustan Times dated 26.6.2020 and Economic Times (ePaper) dated 29.1.2020. Electoral Commission does not subscribe to such statements and would like to state that in the Constitutional scheme of things, the timings etc of elections is the sole remit of Election Commission of India."

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2 users, in Mum & Gzb, make India 7th biggest spammer

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India sent out 7.8 billion spam emails in the past 24 hours, making it the seventh biggest spammer in the world, up three places since the beginning of the month. And it has been pushed largely by two users — one in Mumbai and another in Ghaziabad — realtime email and spam data by Cisco's cybersecurity wing Talos Intelligence show. Over the past month, the volume of spam from India has grown 45% while the volume of email went down 29%,

The Mumbai-based user is the second biggest spammer in the world as of Tuesday, right behind two users in emerging cybercrime hub Vietnam, and started operating at the end of last month. "The IP has only recently started sending mails," internet security technology company Cyren's IP check said, flagging it. Four places behind it in the global spam rankings is another Indian, from Ghaziabad, who had remained quiet till July 22. In five days, its email volume went up 200% over the previous month's average. The IP's email reputation is poor, "a problematic level of threat activity ... email traffic is likely to be filtered or blocked", according to Talos.

By itself, a spike in the number of emails is not alarming. "A jump in email activity

New ad policy for faster payouts to print media

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New Delhi: The new print media advertising policy which kicks in from August 1 has directed all ministries to place at least 90% of their funds earmarked for advertising with the information and broadcasting ministry's Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC) in advance, in the first quarter of every financial year.

The BOC is the nodal organisation for paid outreach campaigns through print, electronic, outdoor, social media and television on behalf of Union ministries or departments and organisations of the Government of India. The move is expected to facilitate faster payouts to media organisations for the ad content carried by them on behalf of various ministries.

The new norms will also focus on 80% of the newspaper advertising space to vernacular dailies, while the remaining 20% will be set aside for English dailies.

The guidelines also appear to focus on under-represented languages like Bodo, Doori, Garhwali, Kashmari, Khasi, Konkani and Maithili among others, and have relaxed empanelment norms for newspapers in these languages. The move aims to give a leg up to regional and tribal languages, sources said.

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Tripura seeks SC's permission to appoint 10k teachers as peons

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New Delhi: In an unprecedented move, the Tripura government on Tuesday sought the Supreme Court's permission to re-appoint over 10,000 post-graduate, graduate and undergraduate teachers whose appointments were quashed on court orders as poors, night guards, gardeners and lower division clerks.

The restoration of statehood should be the last demand while our main demand should be restoration of special status, he added.

Omar, however, blamed journalists for putting words in his mouth.

"I have no problem being disagreed with what I say do but when you invent things and put words in my mouth to create a scene that's all about you than that's all about me. All you know journalists & commentators please show me where I've

been demanded statehood be restored by creating 12,000 posts to absorb them as student counsellors

31,2017.

The Tripura government in 2010 and 2014 recruited 1,065 UGTS, 4,659 PGTS and 3,452 UGTS through ad-hoc basis citing shortage of teaching staff and non-completion of recruitment through proper advertisement and examination process.

The SC on November 1, 2018, had permitted the state to continue with the ad-hoc engagement of terminated teachers till

cooks, day guards, horticulture workers, lower division clerks, panchayat secretaries, agriculture assistants, junior store keepers and fishery assistants. The state has identified 10,610 vacant posts in these categories in various departments.

During arguments before a bench of Justices U.U. Lalit, M.M. Shanmugam and Vineet Saran, the terminated teachers through senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Rajeev Dhavan, Colin Gonwase and Joyce Gupta argued that they were being forced to beg for their lost jobs. The counsel also argued that some of them might be willing to take Group C and D posts, proposed by the state government, but demanded that they should be given the benefit of their past service as teachers with the state, even if they were appointed illegally.

Meet and resolve canal dispute: SC to Punjab, Hry

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New Delhi: In a last ditch effort to amicably resolve the decades-old dispute between Punjab and Haryana over the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal project, the Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the chief ministers of the two states to hold a meeting to sort out their differences and come to a mutually amicable solution, reports Amitabh Choudhary.

The apex court has been examining the dispute between the two warring states on water-sharing since 1996 and has passed various directions from time to time to construct the 214-km canal that was to link Sutlej in Punjab to Yamuna in Haryana.

Two advocates-cum-PIL petitioners, Ghanshyam Upadhyay and Anoop Prakash Awasthi, read out portions of Gupta's interview to various media organisations purportedly siding with the police action immediately after the June 10 encounter killing of Dilip Dubey, while the project stalled in Haryana due to opposition from the Punjab government and protests, which often turned violent, leading to the killing of two engineers working on the project.

The apex court had in July last year directed the CMs to appoint a committee of officers to work out a solution. It had asked the Centre to mediate between the two states. As attorney general K.K. Venugopal told a bench of justices

M.M. Bhattacharya and Krishna Murari that no headway had been made on the issue after holding three meetings and the process slowed down due to the pandemic, the court said it would be better if the CMs themselves met to explore options for a solution.

"Please make an effort to resolve it. There should not be any bloodshed," the bench told the advocates appearing for the two state governments.

Full report on www.tot.in

Dubey probe: SC refuses to replace ex-DGP Gupta

The bench, which was initially sceptical of the ex-DGP's statement as read out by the petitioners, was unhappy with the two advocates for presenting a one-sided picture before the court

Bus solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for the UP government, told the court that it was unfortunate that the petitioners chose to project only half the picture before the court by citing selective portions of his interview.

Mehta said Gupta had also said that no one should jump to a conclusion immediately after an encounter killing to blame the police.

Gupta had categorically stated that there would be a magistrate inquiry into the encounter and if the policemen were found guilty, they would be sent to jail as had happened many times before.

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After the SC showed the transcript of the full interview to the court, the CJL said, "What is not upright about Gupta? He has also said that the guilty will be punished after an encounter. His man has taken a balanced view. Also, there is a former Supreme Court judge and an ex-high court judge in the commission. How can the commission's findings be vitiated?"

The bench said, "We are satisfied that the objection arises because of an incomplete reading and understanding of K.L. Gupta's statement made to the media. It is very clear that Gupta has in the same interview stated that we should not jump to a conclusion immediately after an encounter killing to blame the police.

This is not the half and a story."

Thereafter, Gupta also stated the following: "There is the NHRC. Magisterial probes of encounters are done, magistrates are not under police. If there is something wrong, the magistrate can order an FIR. Cop can go to jail in the past in encounter cases".

CBI vs CBI case: SC refuses relief to Verma's point man Bassi

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court was surprised to learn Tuesday that CBI deputy superintendent of police A.K. Bassi, who had sided with then director A.K. Verma in his feud with then special director Rakesh Asthana, had not reported to Port Blair, where he was trans-

fomed more than one-and-a-half years ago.

A bench of Chief Justice S.A. Bobde and Justices A.S. Bopanna and V.N. Ramasubramanian asked, "How can you not join your place of posting?" His counsel Rajeev Dhavan said Bassi had challenged his "illegal" transfer to Port Blair and the court in January last year had asked him to approach the

authorities against the transfer. Dhavan went on to say that the transfer order, which was once kept suspended, was revived by the order of the CBI director, ignoring the letter and spirit of the SC order.

The bench said, "Unless the transfer order is set aside by a court of law or forum, that order subsists. Even if according to you the order is illegal."

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With profound grief and sorrow we inform you the sad demise of
Sri Bingi Bikshapathi Goud
on 20 July, 2020.
Dasadinkarama (10th Day Ceremony) being held on 29th July, 2020 at 12.30 pm at our residence.
Please come and pray for his soul.

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Bingi Vishal-Aruna (Grand son)
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Sayed Ali Ispahani
passed away peacefully in Chennai on Jul 23, 2020.
He will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, passion for sport and above all his love and respect for his family.
This wonderful life continues on through his wife, daughter, brother, son-in-law, grand children, staff and countless friends.

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With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved
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left for his heavenly abode on 28th July morning.
"Prayer meeting will be held at Hidden Treasure Apartments on 31st of July between 3.30pm and 4.30 pm".

In grief
Prem Lata Bajaj, Anu Sheel and Vinita Bajaj,
Vibha and Deepak Khanna,
Grandchildren, Great Grand children



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THE TRUTH IS NOT FOR ALL MEN, BUT ONLY FOR THOSE WHO SEEK IT
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Malaysia ex-PM Najib Razak gets 12 years' jail in 1MDB looting

Kuala Lumpur: A Malaysian court sentenced former PM Najib Razak to serve up to 12 years in prison on Tuesday after convicting him of crimes involving the multi-billion-dollar looting of the 1MDB state investment fund that brought down his government two years ago. Najib was calm and stone-faced as he became the first Malaysian leader to be convicted. He has vowed to appeal the verdict.

Judge sentenced Najib to 12 years in jail on one count of abuse of power, 10 years each for three counts of breach of trust, and 10 years for three counts of money laundering, as well as a fine of 20 million ringgit (\$4.6 million). But he ordered the sentences to run concurrently meaning that Najib will face up to 12 years in jail. Najib faces 42 charges in five separate trials.

Speaking from the dock, Najib said the court to take into account his achievements during his nine-year tenure and gave an oath that he wasn't involved in the 42 billion ringgit (\$8.3 billion) channeled into his bank accounts from SRC International, a former unit of 1MDB. Najib, 67, said he was misled by rogue bankers and the case against him is political. "I want justice. I want to clear my name," he wrote on Facebook late Monday. AP

US in throes of Covid info war

Trump Pitches For HCQ Again; FB, Twitter Take Down Posts

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Washington: A fierce information war — over everything from the coronavirus pandemic and the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine, to the Black Lives Matter protest and the Russia probe, is underway in the 98-day lead up to the November presidential election. American airwaves and social media are filled with shrill declamations from both sides of the political spectrum, making it hard for the 0% or so undecided swing voters who have had a big say in the outcome of the elections to remain neutral.

One such clash comes on the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine. In the treatment of Covid-19, a debate that US President Donald Trump waded into again on Monday despite the country's top experts and the FDA cautioning against its use. In a flurry of tweets, Trump first shot a volley of a dozen or so that included calling the effective, Covid-19 and masks were not necessary. He followed it up with a flurry of endorsements for HCQ from various medical professionals, and accused the country's top infectious disease expert Dr Anthony Fauci of mislead-

ing the country. Facebook and Twitter took down several of the president's tweets citing misinformation regulations even as Fauci dismissed Trump's critics as the president's tweeters. Twitter also temporarily limited Trump's account for tweeting a video that went against its policy.

Trump and his supporters rage against the social media giants, accusing them of liberal bias. Many of the right-wing supporters have tried to decamp to an alternative social media platform that will allow them unfettered airing.

Full report on www.tol.in



BEAT CORONA WITH CYCLE: British PM Boris Johnson on Monday promised to spend \$2 billion on walking and cycling projects in England, seeking to improve public health during the pandemic

China CDC head injected with 'vaccine'

The head of the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been injected with an experimental coronavirus vaccine and is attempting to persuade the public to follow suit when one is approved. "I am very interested in getting it injected with one of the vaccines," Gao did not say in a webinar on Sunday. "I hope it will work." Gao did not respond to requests for comment. The nearly two dozen potential vaccines are from China, the most of any country. Gao declined to say which of the vaccines he was injected with, saying he didn't want to be seen as "doing some kind of propaganda". AP

WHO: Covid one big wave, not seasonal

A WHO official on Tuesday described the Covid-19 pandemic as "one big wave" and warned against complacency in summer, since the infection rate is not showing a clear trend and new outbreaks are likely to follow seasons.

"We are in the first wave. It's going to be one big wave. It's going to go up and down a bit," WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris said. "This (Covid-19) one is behaving differently. This virus likes all weather." Reuters

Venice film fest to be back with masks

The Venice Film Festival announced the lineup on Tuesday for its 77th edition, setting out precautions, including temperature checks and new outdoor screening sites, for one of the first large international festivals held since the pandemic began. The festival will run from September 2 to 12, with a reduced schedule. Between 55 and 60 films will be screened, as opposed to last year's 80. NYT

9 of 13 authors up for Booker are women, including PIÖ

Hilary Mantel's 'The Mirror and the Light' is the conclusion to her Thomas Cromwell trilogy — was announced on Tuesday as one of 13 books shortlisted for this year's Booker Prize. The British literary award, Anne Tyler's 'Redhead by the Side of the Road' is also on the list. But most of the other nominated books are less high-profile, with eight by debut novelists. Nine of the longlisted authors are women.

The Mirror and the Light' is focused on the final years of Thomas Cromwell, the chief adviser to King Henry VII. II. If 'The Mirror and the Light' wins, Mantel would become the first author to take the prize three times. She won in 2009 for 'Wolf Hall' and again in 2012 for 'Bring Up the Bodies'.

Dubai-based Indian-origin author Avni Doshi's novel 'Burnt Sugar' is also among the 13 titles longlisted from 162 books. "This utterly compelling novel explores a complex and unusual mother-daughter relationship with honest, unflinching realism," the judges said of the book, which was set in India last year as 'Girl in White Cotton'. A shortlist will be unveiled in September, and the winner will be out in November. NYT & AGENCE

For third straight year, desis lead in acquiring Australian citizenship

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For the third consecutive year Indians have emerged as the largest group to obtain Australian citizenship. As many as 32,000 Indians were conferred citizenship during the twelve-month period that ended on June 30, 2020, constituting 18.6% of the total number of new citizens.

The Australian government termed the recently concluded fiscal year as a "record year" in which over two lakh people became new citizens.

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AUSSIE DREAM GETS BIGGER

It appears by descent or by conferral. The statistics released pertain to the latter, which requires the applicant to meet specific eligibility requirements and pass a citizenship test.

Amid the pandemic, Australia like many other countries has imposed international travel bans since March. As reported in TOI earlier, according to a government report, net overseas migration in Australia is expected to fall to 31,000 during fiscal 2020-21, compared with an estimated 1.5 lakh in the previous year and 2.3 lakh in 2018-19. This will have a ripple effect on future citizenship statistics.

To quell anxiety over the backlog of citizenship tests and applications, the official releases said the government has moved quickly to expand the number of processing centres, and till date more than 60,000 people have been conferred citizenship via this mode. Small in-person ceremonies resumed on June 3. The department of home affairs has also resumed citizenship interviews and testing, in line with Covid health advice.

AROUND THE WORLD

Antitrust probe: 4 big tech CEOs face US Congress today



NETFLIX SETS EMMY RECORD: With record 160 nods, Netflix got the most Emmy nominations on any network on Tuesday, beating HBO for the second time in three years. Netflix's success in the streaming race is fueling the growing power of streaming in the TV industry. 'Watchmen' (above), the HBO drama about superheros, had the most nods (26) among individual shows. 'Ozark', a crime drama, got the most nominations (18) among the Netflix show.

US senator tables bill to curb Big Tech's ad biz

Washington: Republican Senator Josh Hawley on Tuesday introduced legislation that would penalize large tech companies that sell or show targeted advertisements by threatening a legal immunity enjoyed by the industry — the latest onslaught on Big Tech's business practices.

The bill, titled "Behavioral Advertising Decisions Are Downgrading Services (Bad Ads) Act," aims to crack down on ads that are delivered by large technology companies, such as Facebook and Alphabet's Google that target users based on their behavioral insights. It does so by threatening Section 230 — part of the Communications Decency Act — that shields online businesses from lawsuits over con-

tents posted by users. The legal shield has recently come under scrutiny from both Democrat and Republican lawmakers concerned about online content moderation decisions by technology companies.

On Tuesday, Democratic Senator Brian Schatz and No. 2 Senate Republican John Thune will hold a hearing to examine the role of Section 230. The senators recently introduced legislation that would ban tech companies from using Section 230 to shield themselves from liability in China's internal affairs. Meanwhile, New Zealand too suspended its extradition treaty with Hong Kong. Foreign affairs minister Winston Peters said: "New Zealand can no longer trust that Hong Kong's criminal justice system is sufficiently independent from China." Reuters

Facebook and Google did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Reuters

China: HK to end crime-related pacts with UK, Canada, Australia

Betting: China's foreign ministry said on Tuesday that Hong Kong's government would suspend agreements on mutual assistance for criminal matters, including extradition, with Britain, Canada and Australia. The Chinese foreign ministry said the three countries' decision to suspend extradition agreements with Hong Kong over a new security law for the city could affect its relations with China in its internal affairs. Meanwhile, New Zealand too suspended its extradition treaty with Hong Kong. Foreign affairs minister Winston Peters said: "New Zealand can no longer trust that Hong Kong's criminal justice system is sufficiently independent from China." Reuters

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Ray of hope: Scientists get closer to blood test to diagnose Alzheimer's

Pam Belluck

A newly developed blood test for Alzheimer's has diagnosed the disease as accurately as methods that are far more expensive or invasive, scientists reported on Tuesday as a significant step toward a longtime goal for patients, doctors and dementia researchers. The test has the potential to make diagnosis simpler, affordable and earlier.

The test determined whether people with dementia had Alzheimer's instead of another condition. And it identified signs of the degenerative disease 20 years before memory and thinking problems were expected in people with a genetic mutation that causes Alz-

heimer's, according to research published in JAMA Network Open and presented at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference.

Such a test could be available for clinical use in as little as two to three years, the researchers and other experts estimated, providing an affordable, simple way to diagnose whether people with cognitive issues were experiencing Alzheimer's, dementia or another form of dementia.

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The test, which measures a form of the tau protein found in tangles that spread throughout the brain in Alzheimer's, proved accurate in a study of 1,024 people in three different groups in San Francisco. The test did better than MRI scans, was as good as PET scans or spinal taps and was nearly as accurate as the most definitive diagnostic method: autopsies that found strong evidence of Alzheimer's in people's brains after they died. NYT NEWS SERVICE

Delhi residents lose 9 yrs' life due to pollution: Study

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New Delhi: India has the second-worst air quality in the world that is cutting short the average life expectancy of Indians by 5.2 years, based on only 62 years of Bangladesh residents — with particulate pollution having risen 42% since 1998, says a new analysis.

According to the study by University of Chicago through its Air Quality Life Index which took the 2018 pollution levels as base, the average Delhite is losing 9.4 years of life. That's the human cost of the city failing to meet the WHO's air quality norm. By even meeting the national standard, Delhites will gain 6.5 years.

CHOKING LIFE

Years of life people stand to lose at current pollution levels

5.2	8
Average Indian	North India residents
9.4	10.3
Residents of Delhi	Lucknow residents

short by more than five years in relation to what it would have been if the WHO standard was met, while it is shortened by 2.3 more years compared to the national standard.

According to the study a quarter of India's population is exposed to pollution levels not seen in any other country. Between 1998 and 2018, Indians, on average, lost 1.8 years of their life span, it adds. The study says 248 million residents of North India are likely to lose more than eight years of life in the current scenario.

Lucknow has the highest level of pollution in the country — 11 times more than the WHO norm. At this rate, its residents stand to lose 10.3 years of their life.

Corbett tops in tiger count, MP pips Karnataka

Shivani Azad & Keshav Agrawal

Tim Corbett national park in Uttarakhand has the most number of tigers in the country, with 231 of the 229 total in India, according to the Status of Tigers, Crocodiles & Prey in India report released by Union forest and environment minister Prakash Javadekar on Tuesday.

Corbett's tiger count has been rising — from 137 in 2006 to 174 in 2010 and 215 in 2014. "We had expected the numbers to be over 250," said director of the reserve, Raul. It is followed by Nagpur (127) and Bandipur (126), both in Tamil Nadu. The third is MP's Keoladeo in Agra (104) which, among states, topped the tiger estimation, with 516 (it had 308 last time), going past Karnataka (54 this time, 406 earlier).

Uttarakhand remained on the third spot, with 422 tigers, up from 340 previously. The All India Tiger Estimation is undertaken every four years, the latest in 2018. This time, Corbett is the only reserve with more than 200 tigers and has the highest tiger density in the country.

Troops have disengaged in most 'localities', says China



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As border troops have disengaged in most localities, the situation on the ground was easing.

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quoted government sources said India had denied it.

The Chinese assertion came in response to a query from Global Times based on media reports and information received from "sources", as the journalists claimed. The journalist asked the spokesperson if it was true that disengagement had been completed in Galwan Valley, Hot Springs and Kongka Pass and that the only area left was Pangong.

The spokesperson said the two sides were currently preparing for the fifth round of commander-level talks to resolve outstanding issues on the border.

"We hope the Indian side will work towards the same goal with China, implement the two sides' consensus and jointly uphold peace and tranquillity along the border," the official said.

Wang said China and India had frequent communication via diplomatic and military channels, with four rounds of commander-level talks and three meetings under the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on China-India Border Affairs.

New education policy to be placed for Cabinet nod today

Manash Pratim Gohain & Dipak Dash TNN

New Delhi: The draft New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is likely to be placed before the Cabinet on Wednesday given that the government's investment on education by up to 20% in the next ten years.

The HRD ministry released the draft NEP in 2019 which recommended revision of the curriculum and pedagogical structure from a 10+2 system to a 5+3+3+4 system covering ages 3-18, with focus on language and mathe-

matics in Class I to III. The new policy also states that medium of instruction should be in mother tongue or local language till Class VI and preferably till Class VIII and III.

It also proposes that every state/ district will be encouraged to establish Bal Bhavans as a special day-time boarding school where children of all ages may wish to go on a week or more to take part in art-related, career-related, and play-related activities.

Flood deaths in 13 states climb to 700

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New Delhi: The current death toll from flooding is likely to be worse than ever, with 13 states already reporting close to 700 flood-related deaths till July 27 evening. The toll is likely to go up with many states yet to file their 'status reports' with the Centre. More than 200 of these deaths have occurred in the last one week alone even as the government has launched rescue and relief op-

erations on a massive scale employing 127 teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), besides the army.

West Bengal has been the worst hit with 182 deaths so far due to floods. Thousands of its people have been evacuated and moved to over 130 relief camps. Assam is facing a humanitarian crisis with more than five million of its population affected by the floods. It has reported the second highest deaths so far at 129.

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A thought for today

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Political calculations are dictating each contrived move in Rajasthan

Every conceivable constitutional functionary has been roped in to resolve the Rajasthan political quagmire. But an elegant solution has eluded them all. This is most unfortunate because of the long-term implications of such machinations for democracy in India. The time tested practice requires a government with doubtful majority to quickly face a floor test. Yet this precedent has been sufficiently muddied in Rajasthan by all concerned. Rajasthan governor Kalraj Mishra, a BJP veteran, has stipulated a 21-day notice period for summoning the assembly amid the Covid pandemic but has indicated shorter notice if the government intends to prove its majority.

Congress, earlier angling for a quick floor test, had instead pressed the governor for a special assembly session to discuss the pandemic. This was a stupefying change of stance after claiming the support of 101 members in the 200-strong house. Perhaps, the wiser than majority with a possibility of more desertions influenced chief minister Ashok Gehlot. The 19 MLA Sachin Pilot camp has stalled Speaker CP Joshi's disqualification notice. But the two-week-long Manesar sojourn has solidified perceptions that their despatch has morphed into defection.

BJP would prefer to keep the Congress rebels in play until the floor test; otherwise with just 72 MLAs and 3 allied legislators it remains a bridge too far to oust Gehlot. This would explain BJP's interest in the Pilot camp's high court legal battle. The political crisis could not have come at a worse moment. Rajasthan logged 1,000 daily Covid cases for the first time last Saturday, with the trend solidifying in subsequent days. Demand for MGNREGA work has witnessed a steep rise pointing to massive rural distress and the need for responsive governance.

While political preoccupations and the plight of ordinary citizens often seem to exist in parallel universes in India, that divide has stood out starkly in this crisis ridden year. Conflicting personal ambitions of a CM and his deputy led Rajasthan to this point. Leaked audio tapes alluding to money on offer to defecting MLAs mar the opposition BJP's record too. The constant spectacle of horse trading in MLAs and MPs has prevented India from joining the ranks of mature democracies, where elected representatives enjoy freedom to diverge from their political parties on policy issues. As of now, the floor test is the quickest route to end the agony of all concerned. Hold one in Rajasthan without delay.

Matchmaking TV

Take a chill pill on a reality show about arranged Indian marriages

If audiences get intense and argumentative about a reality TV show it has achieved some of its goals. Indian Matchmaking seems to have people across continents compulsively tweeting about it. It's also been panned for being a colourist, casteist, classist trainwreck. Love it or hate it, it has clearly hit a nerve.

Many have gotten frustrated by the show's mama's boys and docile girls, its no-money honey hookups, the blatant "not too dark, you know, like fair-skinned" demands. But for those who would argue the contrary, to show is not to endorse. And no one should miss the irony that over eight episodes all the energetic matchmaking fails to deliver a single arranged marriage. Above all, what may have piqued the interest of many viewers, regardless of whether they like or dislike the show, is that it has hit on a live topic: How a traditional institution like arranged marriage is doing in the context of modern aspirations and modern lifestyles.

There is also much earnest-minded concern about what picture of India is being dished worldwide, but it begs the question whether the widely consumed Bollywood fare provides satisfactory simulation. Do Indians likewise think all Western relationships resemble dating shows like The Bachelor? By the way plenty of critics think these too are complicit in crimes against humanity like body shaming and gender stereotyping. Nor is there an absolute binary between "arranged" and "love" marriages, seen as differentiations between "East" and "West" - for example, even in the West friends, acquaintances or dating bureaus may play a role in setting up a couple. More complex equations are also possible, where arranged marriages can attempt to incorporate a degree of free choice to be in sync with modern aspirations, leading to hybrid forms.

Prison of age

Our sarkar has imposed a jail sentence on all its senior citizens for their own well-being

Jug Suraiya

In his 1882 novel *The Fixed Period*, Anthony Trollope wrote about a fictional Island nation called Britannia, a former British colony, in which a democratically elected parliament has passed a law decreeing that all those who have reached the age of 67 must undergo "deposition" - a euphemism for being put to death - as this is considered to be the age, the fixed period, by which humans are considered no longer fit to live.

In our own present-day democratic and democratically elected sarkar is more benevolent in that it does not require all senior citizens - all those above 65 years - to be put to death but merely sentences them to imprisonment to keep them safe from being infected by the coronavirus.

To this end, people of 65 and above are not permitted to enter malls in Gurgaon, and when regular international flights resume, seniors will not be allowed to travel on them. By the same logic, when cinema halls and other public auditoriums start functioning, seniors will be barred from entering them. In the meantime, they are "advised" by the authorities to remain at home and not go out at all for their own safety.

Older people are more likely to contract Covid-19 and succumb to it than those who are younger. However, young people are more likely to be asymptomatic carriers of the disease and could pose a greater public threat than seniors who, if infected, will more readily show symptoms and won't spread the infection and be no threat to others.

The restrictions being imposed on seniors are for their own good, not for the good of others. But not a few of those affected might feel a life of enforced confinement, a life without liberty, is better a second-rate form of existence and not worth the effort spent in living it.

Though luck for all those who feel that way. Because the sarkar has determined what's best for them, end of argument. And they can seek solace in that, because of their age, the jail sentence imposed on them is unlikely to be of long duration.

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The Indian variant of colourism doesn't automatically gatecrash into "Black Lives Matter"

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Fair & Lovely, arguably India's most popular skin lightening cream, has just emerged from the makeup room. It now calls itself Glow & Lovely. To campaign bluntly and in your face, literally, for "fair" skin is clearly bad manners, given the worldwide momentum of the "Black Lives Matter" movement. Obviously, the intention here is to rename and un-shame.

By adroit label management, manufacturers of Fair & Lovely have avoided being called out. They crafted "cultural" consciousness keepers, kept their customers safely strapped, and stayed on course. Street protests and internet ballistic missiles work when they have clear implications for state policy. For example, Barclays Bank was once in trouble for its apartheid connections and JK Rowling is roasted today because her remark "biological sex is real" offends transgender rights.

Glow (or Fair) & Lovely, however, need not fear. It is below the radar for hostilities towards it. Unlike the examples above, have no policy implications. Colourism, however, is an aesthetic choice, largely a domestic affair. It has no obvious impact on public spaces like racism does in the US. The Indian variant of "colourism" if one may call it that, is an unfortunate consequence of colonialism. But that does not allow it to gate crash into the "Black Lives Matter" movement.

The anti-racist struggle in the US, even Europe, is way beyond surface aesthetics and has a profound bearing on public policy and administration. Police reform in America stresses anti-racism and colour blindness, while police reform in India stresses independence of political masters. Reservation in India is based on caste, while affirmative action in America is largely colour coded.

The markers of status in India are far more subtle and varied with skin colour playing only a peripheral role, at best. For example, no Indian cop will have his knee on a person's neck because of skin



colour. In the high-end job market being "wheatish", or fair, is easily trumped by brahminical purity. A Bengaluru-based IT executive put it most eloquently: "We need Nerds, not Birds."

There are times when light skin works in India but, ironically, in the reverse direction, such as when hiring people for low end jobs, like that of shop assistants and hospitality staff. This is because a pleasant face at the counter, or reception desk, helps customers reach for their wallets without a muscle pull.

The store owner or the hotel general manager could be much darker than the junior, front line employee, many of whom are from India's Northeast, where people are generally "dark". Yet, it is these hill-dwelling migrants from Northeast who face actual, public racism in Bengaluru, Delhi, and elsewhere.

Over a movement emerges in India saying "Dark Complexions Matter", the first casualty will be the family. Siblings would club siblings and cousins would fire bomb one another's homes. Given

till recently when light skinned blacks tried to hide their faces in the hope of passing off as whites. Till the 1950s the "one drop rule" was used quite frequently in America to separate the races, though it never really became law. If somebody had 1/64th black blood, that was it. No matter what the actual skin pigmentation, the person could even be a sunshine blonde (like civil rights leader Walter Francis White), but would still be categorised as black.

The ranking principle in the caste order is different and colour is of little relevance here. The warrior-like Dogra is generally fairest, a Nambodiriputra a Bengal Brahmin. Likewise, a Vaishnava Brahmin will be shade darker than peasant-farmer Gonds, who stand lower in the traditional hierarchy. Suburban banks of Bengal have a reputation for being light skinned, but they are not on top of the caste heap.

Castes invoke a powerful sense of identity which draws on origin myths, legendary heroes, and believed-in, but invisible, caste specific bodily substances, but not skin colour. Some so-called lower castes may claim parity, even superiority, with so-called upper castes, but still would not want to, or marry out, someone of a different caste.

In India, one is "fair" by European, or Caucasian, standards, which is why there is an obsession with minor skin colour differences. This is not uniquely Indian and is fairly common in other non-white populations too, such as in Brazil and the French West Indies. Brazil betters India in this department for over there eight different non-white complexions are recognised, while in India we have terms for about five.

In this connection, one must commend the American Civil Rights movement. It marked a big break from the past and gave blacks a new sense of community. Their parents may have practised racism. Their grandparents may have been colourists. But they wouldn't be categorised as half-breed, mestizos, or creole, or quadroon, or octoctoron, or illegitimate, whatever. Their parentage is never in doubt, nor concealed.

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Saving the tiger: How India's successes in tiger conservation have pitched it into a global leadership role

Prakash Javadekar



St Petersburg Declaration to double the tiger population, but it achieved the target four years in advance.

Project Tiger was launched in 1973 with just nine tiger reserves. Today, India has 50 tiger reserves spread over 72,000 sq km. All these tiger reserves are assessed for independent management effectiveness. Success owes a lot to systematic and scientific tiger conservation methods, coupled with increased awareness. Almost all organised poaching racketeers have been dismantled; a good example is the central Indian landscapes where organised poaching by traditional gangs has been minimised considerably in the last six years.

Big cats are fast breeders if conditions are conducive. The enhanced protection has encouraged the tiger to breed.

Recently, the World Tiger Conference was included in the Guinness World Records for having laid over 2,500 camera traps and having more than 35 million pictures. All were scanned with the aid of AI. This was the largest counting exercise ever taken up by any country across the globe. India had taken a vow in the 2010

Tiger rehabilitation of villages outside core areas in many parts of the country has also led to the availability of more inviolate spaces for tigers.

The importance of the number of tigers in the country lies in the fact that the tiger sits at the peak of the food chain and its conservation is a testimony

of robust biodiversity. Increased tiger numbers show that prey bases and habitats are in good condition. We have over 500 lions, 3,000 single-horned rhinos, 30,000 elephants, all in the wild. We do not encourage domestication of our wild

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When we are dealing with climate change, rich biodiversity will be the basis for our actions. We have decided to create 2.5 billion tonnes of carbon sink in 10 years. This is a huge target and India is among the few countries where the tree cover is increasing.

The government has levied a carbon tax on coal production at the rate of \$6 per tonne. We have also levied a sort of carbon tax on petrol and diesel. India has also raised its target of land restoration to 26 million hectares in a decade. Thus, India is well on the ball on its climate commitments at the Paris Agreement and doing more than many other countries.

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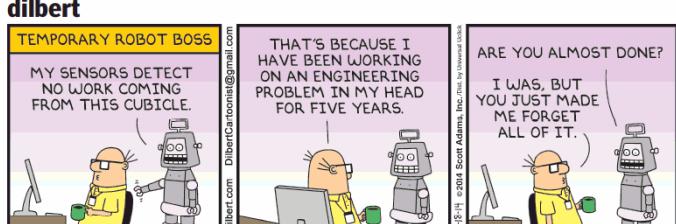
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Sacred space

Cloud Chariots

Unsoiled by dust, the golden cosmic chariots of the clouds are shining like kindled flames, enlarging themselves twofold and threefold at will. They are invested with great strength and virile energies.

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Romantic Shabads Welcome Raindrops Of Grace

Kulbir Kaur

The Guru says: "The Supreme has unleashed the rain clouds. Over sea and land, over earth's surface, in all directions, He has brought the rains. Peace has come, and the thirst of all has been quenched; there is joy and ecstasy everywhere."

Sawan and bhadon, the rainy season, the third and fourth months of the year, heralds the beginning of the ushering of happiness, gaudiness and abundance. In Sikhism, the tradition is to welcome the joyful rainy season in gurdwaras by singing shabads in Raga Megh Malhar and in a way, unfolding the vastness and fullness of Nature.

Guru Nanak regards Nature as the manifestation and abode of the Almighty and says, "In Nature we see the Lord, In Nature we hear His speech, Nature inspires divine awe, In Nature is the

essence of joy and peace." Truly, the season mirrors our moods and feelings as well.

Why does rain make us sing, dance and indulge in life? The outer landscape influences our inner state of mind. The hills, valleys, flowers and fruits with their blossoms and fragrance fill us with wonder and joy, says Guru Nanak. Sawan is an occasion for celebration for those who are adorned with the jewel of Nam. Wabeguri are inundated with the Guru.

At the same time, sawan fills the heart with yearning, Viraha, separation, intensifies the longing to be with the Divine Beloved. "Hanging low and thick in the sky, the clouds come, and pure water rains down. O Nanak, that soul bride suffers in pain, whose mind is torn away from her Lord."



THE SPEAKING TREE

The blazing heat of asar month is over and the months of sawan and bhadon bring rain and cool weather. But the soul bride, separated from Akal Purakh, stands alone in the courtyard, engulfed in pain, solitude, sorrow and fear. She is terrified, full of doubt.

Raindrops and dancing Nature are no solace. The phase of separation is like living a life akin to death and she yearns for union with the Guru.

Oblivious to her state of mind, there is life and abundance outside. Bhadon is the month of opulence, peacock dance with happiness, frogs croak and the papaha sings, intoxicated with love. The soul bride sees this fullness, this joyful world and yet is filled with emptiness inside. She says, "Bim Hart kiu sukhu parau - Where is comfort for the one without the Lord?"

As time passes, only with the mehār, with Nam and realisation of her real Self. Her sorrow and fear vanish when she becomes a part of the sangat, holy congregation, and listens to Gurbanī. All duality gone, she experiences divine bliss. Guru Nanak says, "Just as the earth looks beautiful when the rain falls, so does the Sikh blossom forth, bringing the Guru with it."

Loving Guru is the form of a relationship between lovers or husband and wife. It is transformed into a spiritual path of realisation, a true merger of soul with the Almighty. This juxtaposition of worldly and spiritual feeling is well expressed in a Sufi folk-song in the Punjab, "Ay sona [sawan] da maheena aa, tun menu raga lajda nalahe nalahe Makka te Madina aa - Here comes the month of sawan, O my love, you appear as God to me and Makka-Madina too!"

How credit and deposit growth moved in last two fortnights

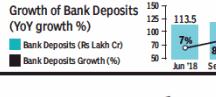
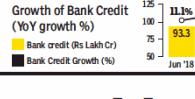
Overall credit and deposit growth in the banking sector remained flat for the last two fortnights. This is largely due to risk aversion and weak demand in the economy

Source: RBI, CARE Ratings

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PM to meet top bankers today, discuss credit flow

Absence Of Credit Growth Key Issue For Biz: Economists

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi/Mumbai: Worries over the filling of credit to the corporate sector and small businesses. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will brainstorm with the country's top bankers on Wednesday.

"The topics on agenda include credit products and efficient models for delivery, financial empowerment through technology, prudent practices for stability and sustainability of the financial sector. Banking sector plays an important role in contributing to India's economic growth through financing infrastructure, agriculture, local manufacturing, including MSMEs. Financial inclusion can play a big role in financial empowerment through technology," the Prime Minister's Offices said in a statement.

Those invited for the interaction include Rajnish Kumar, chairman, SBI, Aditya Puri, MD, HDFC Bank, Sandeep Bakshi, MD, ICICI Bank, S S

FOR A BOOSTER DOSE

► During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two terms in office, the government has sought to leverage banks, especially public sector players, to deliver credit and benefits directly into accounts of beneficiaries

► The strategy was on display during the stimulus unveiled by FM Nirmala Sitharaman two months ago, where the government

would not aid revival of growth, said Hazra in a note on credit growth.

Banks had a presentation on their suggestions on what was needed in a meeting with secretary department of financial services, which was a dry run for their meeting on Wednesday with the Prime Minister. Officials have pointed out that despite the massive amount of liquidity, banks are not lending and are instead parking funds with the RBL.

On their part, public sector banks have blamed the government's watchful attitude on the lack of information on business scenarios where cases have been lodged against the entire board by CBI, prompting them to play safe. The government's move to repeatedly comfort bankers has had little impact in improving their risk appetite.

Even now, they are preferring to be cautious instead of stepping up lending, amid fears of a sharp spike in bad debt in the coming months.

Mumbai: Shares of Yes Bank fell below the follow-on public offer (FPO) price of Rs 12 on a day when the lender reported a 60% year-on-year drop in net profit to Rs 45 crore. On the post-issue, the bank's deposit ratio D/L was 4.4% in the preceding quarter, up from 3.69% in the period of withdrawal of a portion of withdrawal after a non-banking

unit.

MD & CEO Prashant Kumar said the bank had appointed a consultant to advise it on carrying out its bad loans into a separate entity and, based on the recommendations, the bank would seek permission from the regulator. It set aside Rs 1.07 crore as provisions for possible defaults in the first quarter, while Rs 62.4 crore is for Covid-19 related provisioning. ■

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hospitlity, telecon, etc. are not allowed to such pressures and hence today are in demand for businesses going the same route in the new normal," said Bowen Nath.

RPG Enterprises president (group) H R Venkatesh said the group looks for talent from industries that undergo disruption and challenges in their business models. "It's quite easy for a leader or manager to

HANDLING THE NEW NORMAL

► Given the challenges in the economy, cos feel consolidation and tackling problems will be the new normal

► For this, cos aim to onboard talent that thrived under pressure, rather than recruit from firms that enjoy monopolies

► As a result, in process-driven industries like cements, some cos could prefer experienced executives from the auto sector

► For consumer-facing segments like FMCG/consumer durables, pharma & agro, the favourite hunting ground is aviation & hospitality

► Headhunters say this trend is similar to when telecom executives migrated to fintech cos

► They also stress that this cross-industry hiring does not mean salaries are low

Flipkart rolls out hyperlocal delivery service

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New Delhi: Nearly four years after it shut its hyperlocal grocery delivery app, Nearby, e-commerce giant Flipkart on Tuesday made a comeback with 'Flipkart Quick,' a service that aims to deliver everything from grocery to mobile phones and fresh vegetables from the nearest kirana shop within 90 minutes.

While the Walmart-backed company plans to expand the scope of this service to deliver even consumer durables such as refrigerators or air purifiers within a couple of hours, the move comes against the backdrop of Reliance Industries launching JioMart, a similar hyperlocal shopping app that has started onboarding kiranas onto its platform.

"While we start with our dark-store pickup model wherein we enable sellers to store inventory close to the consumer, with Flipkart Quick, we have the potential to bring together kirana stores onto our platform with just a click," said Sandeep Karwa, VP at Flipkart.

TaMo appoints former Renault chief JLR CEO

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Mumbai: Tata Motors has named former Renault chief Thierry Bollore as the CEO of its UK auto arm Jaguar Land Rover (JLR). The appointment follows chairman N Chandrasekaran's preference for an external candidate to steer the unit, which is an important flagship within the Tata Group.



Chandrasekaran selected Bollore after almost a six-month search through recruitment firm Egon Zehnder. A French national, Bollore, 57, will succeed Ralf Speth, who has been JLR's CEO for a decade. Tata Motors had earlier planned to extend Speth's term by a year, but the idea was dropped. Speth will move on to the

role of non-executive vice-chairman of JLR from September 10. The Tata Group has occasionally created the non-executive vice-chairman's position in operating companies to acknowledge an executive's contribution to the success of the company and to seek his expertise, guidance, while continuing to remain on the board till their retirement age of 70 years. In the past, the group had made R K Krishnamoorthy,

RAM and B Muthuramalingam the vice-chairman of Indian Hotels, TCS and Tata Steel, after they served as the CEO of the respective units.

Bollore has spent his entire career at French competitor, Societe Nationale des Automobiles Renault. Michelin and then at automotive component supplier Faurecia and later in a BSE filing. ■

Nestle India Q2 net up 11%

New Delhi: FMCG major Nestle India on Tuesday reported an 11.1% increase in net profit at Rs 487 crore for the quarter ended June 2020, helped by a strong performance last year. The bank managed to report a profit as provisions for bad loans tapered off.

IBDI had been under the prompt corrective action (PCA) framework of the RBI since October 2019, which puts new large corporate losses. The restrictions were placed after financials grew weak under the weight of bad loans. ■

The demand is also coming from consumer-facing sectors like FMCG/consumers durables for professionals who have work experience in hospitality and aviation.

The company, which follows the January–December financial year, had posted a profit of Rs 439 crore in the same quarter a year ago. Nestle India said it was worth withouting about 1.3%.

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Cognizant buys Microsoft's cloud firm

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Bengaluru: Cognizant will buy New Signature, a Microsoft public cloud transformation specialist, for an undisclosed amount to expand into hyperscale cloud advisory services. This is the company's fifth acquisition in 2020.

New Signature focuses on solutions across all three of Microsoft's business clouds – Azure, Microsoft 365, and Dynamics 365, and the deal will see more than 500 employees of the UK and Canada join Cognizant.

"The pace of cloud adoption continues to accelerate across industries, with Microsoft's cloud solutions among the preferred technologies to help transform and strengthen businesses," said Greg Hyettneuch, president, Cognizant Digital Systems and Technology.

TikTok to govt: Ready to store data locally

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New Delhi: TikTok, the blocked Chinese app controlled by internet giant ByteDance, is understood to have told the government that the company is ready to set up data centres in India to store user information locally even as it denied any breach of user privacy and integrity emphasising that its operations always adhered to local laws and regulations.

TikTok and Helo were among the 59 Chinese apps that were pulled by the govt earlier this month. The apps have faced various charges, including for "engaging in activities which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defacement of state and public order."

The company has come in response to a detailed questionnaire (over 70 questions) that it had dashed off earlier this month. While it did not accept the concerns they had, TikTok has accepted the duration of our operations, we have demonstrated unequivocal commitment to complying with local laws, including data privacy and security requirements."

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Local spirits cos offer country liquor in paperboard cartons

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New Delhi: The negative impact of Covid-19 on the Indian spirits industry has forced major local players to introduce country liquor in paperboard cartons. Launching paperboard packaging in the lucrative country liquor category, which accounts for 40% of the total distilled spirits industry in India, will enable the companies to save on higher margins, especially at a time when beer and affordable liquor sales have tailed off across the country and downgrading is at an all-time high.

Till now, only low-priced Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) was available in paperboard cartons akin to 'terrapaks', which has helped companies and state governments

tackle illicit liquor trade in India. "Terrapaks" or paperboard cartons require lower manufacturing costs, easier to move because packs will fit in one truck and reduce breakages. These factors will help these companies gain an efficiency of between 10% and 15%," said a senior industry

source.

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Over-training and lack of rest: Why working out may not show results

By Bhavana Harchandala/Mumbai Mirror

When it comes to exercise, we think more is better. Nothing can be more wrong. We know it's possible to get too little exercise, but we don't know when we are getting too much of it. The World Health Organisation recommends a minimum of 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week. When you exercise, you break down your muscle fibres. This is beneficial because when your body repairs and rebuilds the fibres, they are stronger than what you were before.

In order for the muscles to repair, you need adequate sleep, a good diet, rest and recovery. Continuously destraining your body at the above leads to chronic stress and although there is no one-size-fits-all rule for how much exercise is enough (many factors such as goals, nutrition, age, intensity come into play), here are common symptoms to keep an eye out for:

YOUR MUSCLES ARE EXTREMELY SORE

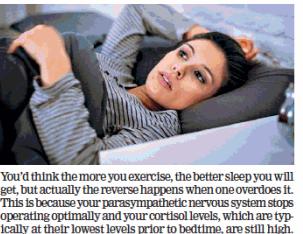
Delayed onset muscle soreness (DOMS) a day or two after a hard workout, caused due to microscopic tears in your muscle fibres is common; but prolonged muscle soreness for over three days is a sign your body is not recovering completely. Rest it out, before you burnout.



YOU ARE GETTING UNFIT

Over-training syndrome implies the body is in a state of stress. When the stress hormone cortisol is activated, it interferes with the metabolism and muscle repair. Whether the aim is to get stronger, to lose weight, improve performance or look bulkier, over-training will stall the progress.

YOUR SLEEP QUALITY IS AFFECTED



You'd think the more you exercise, the better sleep you will get, but actually the reverse happens when one overexerts. This is because your parasympathetic nervous system stops operating optimally and your cortisol levels, which are typically at their lowest levels prior to bedtime, are still high.

EAT PROTEINS, REST AND RECHARGE

- Enlist the services of a qualified personal trainer to tweak the fitness routine for desired results
- Try out cross training, which includes various workout forms to add variety and challenge different muscles
- Do mobility drills, moderate intensity activities, active stretches and go for casual strolls on recovery days
- Eat good quality protein post your exercise session to rebuild muscle effectively
- Include one to two rest days per week to recharge, reset and reward your body. Make it a strict no workout day

YOU SUFFER FROM MOOD SWINGS

Over-training can lead to mood changes. It can make you short tempered, hostile or sap your motivation. Mental health is an integral part of a holistic health plan, and there are reasons apart from over-exercising that can lead to these issues.

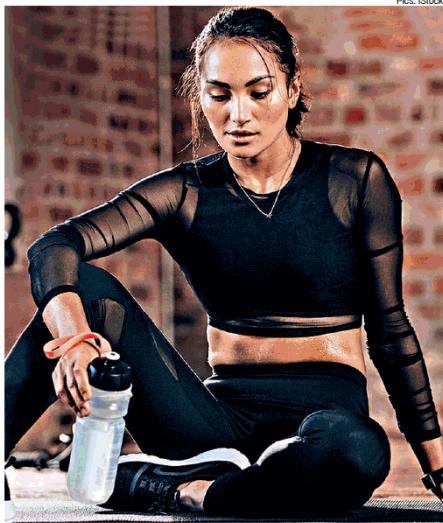
YOU HAVE FREQUENT INJURIES

Over-using your muscles makes them 'stupid' and prone to stumbling, tripping over things, missing steps, straining muscles. Exercising too often also means you are working out with broken-down, tired, weakened, over-used muscles; making you susceptible to injuries. Also, if you have a previous nagging injury do not expect it to heal soon.

YOU MISS YOUR PERIODS

Training too hard may cause a condition called amenorrhea, the absence of menstruation among women. The dip in estrogen levels can lead to an irregular period cycle and osteoporosis in the long run.

If you are gunning about workouts, missing important social events in order to never take a break—you are veering towards being obsessive. Before this leads to health complications and fatality for those with pre-existing heart problems, the next step is to scale your workouts back.



For the muscles to repair after a rigorous workout, one needs adequate sleep, a healthy diet rich in protein and one to two rest days per week for recovery.

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SUDOKU CHALLENGE

How to Play
Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

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Level: Medium

TIMES HITORI

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2	1	8	3	9	5	2	4
8	8	1	6	4	7	2	9
9	7	2	8	3	6	3	1
8	6	6	9	6	3	4	7

Any cell "sandwiched" between neighbours of the same number can be circled (e.g. [5][4][6])							
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1	6	6	4	3	5	7	8
7	6	4	0	2	3	7	5
8	4	5	2	3	5	1	7

LOOP THE LOOP

Rules	Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A)
(As shown by dotted lines in Fig B)	Crossovers or branches are not allowed
■ Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.	■ You can't draw lines around zeros.
■ Each puzzle has just one unique solution.	■ How to begin: Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero and draw lines to 1, 2, 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a zero in the middle, so draw lines around it.
■ How to begin: Example (Fig B) - Begin with the zero and draw lines to 1, 2, 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a zero in the middle, so draw lines around it.	3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic. Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B)

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WHATZIT?

SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:
15-average | 17-good | 19-outstanding

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? Note that each letter must be used once only. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.



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BIRTHDAY TODAY

You need to shed your lethargy and habit of taking things for granted. Nothing in life is handed over on a silver platter. Your lucky colours are violet, mauve and dove-grey. Your lucky gems are amethyst, diamond, moonstone and pearl.

You share your birthday with: Sanjay Dutt

SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square block, to make four ordinary words.

INNAE
SWORD
AEGHCU
JLOUYF

The world is content with setting right the ____ of things. — John Henry Newman (7)

HOW TO PLAY

Now arrange the letters in each square block to create to form the answer to the word jumble. Fill in the missing word as indicated.

MINDBENDER

When you can't word a word, remove the last letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Head and shoulders sculpture -> Large vehicle
2. Vision -> Audibly let out breath from sorrow
3. Idea; manner; method -> However
4. Unable to remember -> Create by hammering; counterfeit

things happen. You're looking to highlight your reputation. Expect to find interesting new inspirations for it. Taurus April 20 - April 21 Success is not just a matter of rolling up your sleeves and applying generous amounts of elbow grease to your efforts. Expect some new ideas, directions and decisions to come from this important time of planning and insight.

SAGITTARIUS November 21 - December 20 Feedback from partners and confidantes can help with a project that lets you and your team see things from a different perspective. You can also increase your personal and professional alliances, and this can help you achieve goals and give your professional standing a nice boost, all at the same time.

LIBRA September 22 - October 22 You're in the mood for something different—perhaps an experiment that may open new doors. You'd also like some company on the journey, only

HEALTH CAPSULE

CAN A VEGAN DIET CURE HEART DISEASE?
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PREVENT AND REVERSE HEART DISEASE.

A 2014 STUDY LED BY DR CALDWELL ESSELSTYN REVEALED THAT HEART DISEASE CAN BE DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED WITH A PLANT-BASED DIET. 81% OF THE PARTICIPANTS WHO FOLLOWED THE DIET IMPROVED THEIR SYMPTOMS AND REDUCED THEIR HEART DISEASE COMPLICATIONS. 22% SAW A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF THEIR CONDITION.

for different ideas and some good conversations. SCORPIO October 22 - November 20 Your brilliant instincts doesn't stop people as having much merit. This division between heart and head may spend itself in a pointless debate, where you talk in circles, argue with everyone and get nowhere.

ACQUARIUS January 20 - February 18 The mood is sober and focused on practicalities. Focus on life's routines, especially the little day-in-day-out chores. If you need to multi-task, get organised, squeeze your efforts or be more efficient, you'll never find a better time.

PISCES February 19 - March 19 If you can be both more generous and sympathetic, you may solve some off and chronic problems.

You are ready to take the lead in promoting your goals and attracting the attention you want. Just think of all you can accomplish while this self-assessing energy lasts.

SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

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TIME'S SUDOKU

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SPELLATHON

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Tea rounds at risk as office anxiety rises

According to the survey, office colleagues might not take tea or coffee breaks like they used to before. They might also prefer to drink their tea or coffee at their respective desk in their own mugs

quarters of staff are particularly concerned about being around commutes, while a third have decided never to use a communal desk again

According to a survey conducted by UMOVIS Lab, a spokesman said: "We have all adopted new hygiene customs and practices and now we all need to be prepared to return to work safely."

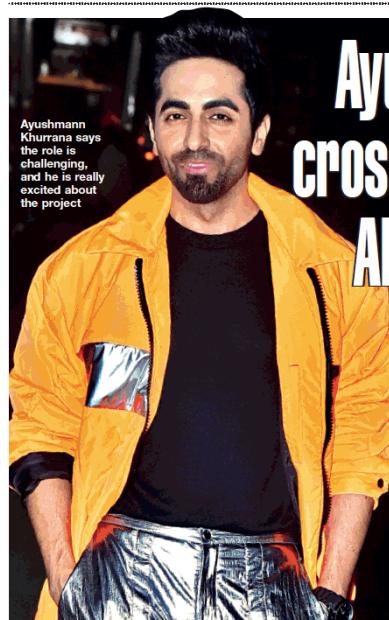
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Ayushmann
Khurana says
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Ayushmann set to play a cross-functional athlete in Abhishek Kapoor's next

The film, which will go on floors this October, will require the actor to undergo physical transformation

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On is an actor, who has roped in content-driven films as diverse as *Bareily Ki Barfi*, *AndhaDhun*, *Badaat Ho* and *Shubh Mangal Saavdhan*. The other is known for movies like *Rock On!!*, *Kai Po Che!* and *Rheh*. Now, the two – Ayushmann Khurana and Abhishek Kapoor – are set to join hands for a yet-untilled progressive love story set in north India. This will go on floors this October and will present Ayushmann in a never-seen-before avatar of a cross-functional athlete (some who trains in sports other than his main one).

Abhishek confirmed, "Ayushmann will have to undergo a physical transformation for the role. It's challenging and he's committed to it." The actor, too,

is excited about the project. He said, "Abhishek has a distinct voice in cinema today, and I'm glad we'll get an opportunity to work on a project that's close to my heart. This love story will take viewers on an emotional roller-coaster, and is a total family entertainer." Talking about his look, Ayushmann added, "I've never attempted a look like this on screen before, and I'm looking forward to seeing the audience's reaction. The process is going to be intense and excruciating, but I think the pain will be worth it."

Meanwhile, Abhishek is hopeful that viewers will be back in theatres by the time his film releases next year. He said, "This film is special for both Ayushmann and me. We want audiences to come back to theatres and watch movies as a community. And, we'll spare no effort to achieve that."



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— Ayushmann Khurana

Dulquer to play a lieutenant in an upcoming trilingual

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There was a flurry of announcements on Dulquer Salmaan's birthday on Tuesday and among the exciting projects in store for the star is a political love story set against the backdrop of war. The untitled movie, which is directed by Telugu filmmaker Hanu Raghavapudi, will be released in Telugu, Malayalam and Tamil.

Dulquer plays the role of Lieutenant Ram in the movie, which is set in 1964. On roping in the actor, Hanu tells us, "He is tailor-made for the character of Lieutenant Ram. There isn't anyone else who would be a better fit for the role plus Dulquer's a great actor."

Elaborating further on the movie, Hanu adds, "It's a historical fiction. While it's a love story, it's got an army backdrop so there will be a lot of action scenes. It will have many different locations but it will be exten-

sively set in Kashmir."

The film is backed by Priyanka Dutt, who had earlier worked with Dulquer in *Mahanati* and had last week announced another big-budget multilingual starring Prabhas and Deepika Padukone. Priyanka says, "Dulquer is one of the few actors who can speak multiple languages and three languages. Dulquer's Telugu movies *OK Panaram* and *Mahanati* did well here and got him a huge fan base among Telugu audiences, who love him as their own. He's in a very good space, where all three States relate to his characters, so it's great to have him as part of the project."

Meanwhile, Hanu says that the team has finalised scripting the film and are currently in talks to finalise the female lead of the movie.



Actor, playwright, screenwriter, author & journalist, Raavi Kondala Rao leaves behind a glorious legacy

Telugu cinema lost another doyen with the passing away of Raavi Kondala Rao due to a cardiac arrest in Hyderabad on Tuesday. He was 88. Rao was suffering from several heart related ailments and his health reportedly deteriorated over the last few weeks.

Born on February 11, 1932 in Samarkota, Andhra Pradesh, Raavi Kondala Rao had acted in over 600 films in a career spanning six decades. He started his journey as an actor with the film *Shobha* starring the late NTR in 1958. Having started out as Assistant Editor, Rao soon showcased his talent as an actor and went on to feature in several hit films, including *Tene Manasula*, *Dasara Bullodu*, *Rangon Rowdy*, *Edurni Mogudu Pakkinti Pellam*, *Varakutnam*, *Andara Ramudu*, *Radha Kalyanam*, etc. He also dubbed for various Tamil and Malayalam films.

A multi-talented artist, Rao was a subscriber to the popular Telugu magazine *Vijaya Chitra* for 35 years. Over the years, he worked as an editor and columnist for major Telugu dailies covering various topics.

His wife Radha Kumari was also a well-known actress and the duo had worked together in several movies. Radha Kumari passed away in 2012 when Rao was on his way to the UAE to collect an award. He later said that he was shaken by the loss and his spirit was never the same again. Rao was also an illustrious writer and is known for his work in films like *Bhairava Dweepam*, *Brundavanam* and *Pelli Pustakam*, for which he received a Nandi award. Rao also received a Nandi award for his book *Black & White* in 2004.

"Apart from acting and writing, Rao left behind a great legacy in the fields of theatre and mimicry. He had a wonderful sense of humour which reflected in his writing as well as his personality. I had the good fortune of working with him right from the beginning of my career. A multifaceted genius, Raavi Kondala Rao leaves behind a void in Telugu cinema," says Chiranjeevi, summing up Kondala Rao's contribution as an actor and man of words. — TNN



AS A SCREENWRITER

- Wrote the story for Bapu-Ramana's *Pelli Pustakam*, for which he won the Nandi award
- Some of the other significant films for which he wrote dialogues include *Bhairava Dweepam*, *Sri Krishna Yuddham* and *Brundavanam*
- As a journalist, he was associate editor at Telugu magazine *Vijaya Chitra* from 1966 to 1990.



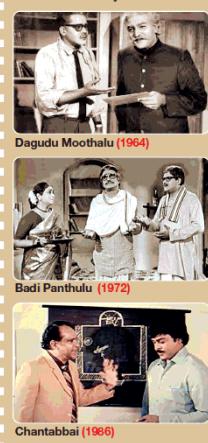
AS AN AUTHOR AND PLAYWRIGHT

- Kondala Rao received the Nandi Award for his book titled *Black & White* in 2004
- Some of his other popular books include *Didrishi* and *Mumoorsha*
- He had also penned his autobiography titled *Naagavalli Nunchi Manjeera Varaku* in 2015
- As a playwright, he wrote popular skits like *Kukkapilla Dorikindi* and *Nalugolla Savidi*



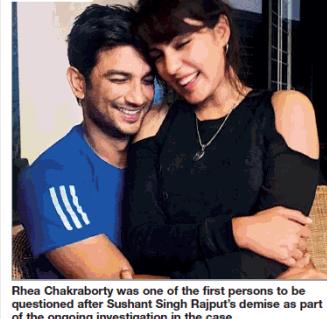
AN ACTOR

- Made his debut in the film *Sobha* starring NTR in 1958
- His talent as an actor was first noticed by the Telugu audience in the Krishna-starrer *Tene Manasula* in 1965
- He went on to star in over 600 films, including *Dasara Bullodu*, *Rangon Rowdy*, *Edurni Mogudu*, etc
- His last film was *365 Days*, which released in February 2020



FIR AGAINST RHEA AFTER SUSHANT'S FATHER FILES COMPLAINT IN PATNA

Rhea Chakraborty



KK Singh, Sushant's father
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In a sudden turn of events, the Patna Police has registered an FIR against Rhea Chakraborty and her family based on a complaint by Sushant Singh Rajput's father KK Singh, Sanjay Singh, IG, Central Range, Patna. The FIR was registered on Saturday evening under IPC sections 341 (manslaughter), 340 (cheat), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating and dishonesty inducing delivery of property) and 506 (criminal intimidation)." The Mumbai Police is investigating Sushant's death and has questioned around 40 people till now. When asked about collaborating with Mumbai Police on the ongoing investigation, Sanjay Singh refused to comment. Recently, a four-page document from Patna has been sent to Mumbai to collect important documents related to the case from the Mumbai Police.

While Sushant's friends and fans, including Rhea, have been demanding a CBI probe in his suicide case, the family hasn't yet requested one. When asked about the same on a social media post, Shweta Singh Kirti, Sushant's sister, wrote, "We were waiting for Mumbai police to finish the investigation and come up with their reports (sic)."

KEY CHARGES LEVIED BY SUSHANT'S FATHER, AND RELEVANT SECTIONS UNDER WHICH FIR HAS BEEN FILED

- Complaint: Rhea kept Sushant away from his family
- Section 341: Wrongful restraint, **Section 342: Wrongful confinement**
- Complaint: Rhea transferred crores from Sushant's bank account
- Section 406: Criminal breach of trust, **Section 420: Cheating and dishonesty inducing delivery of property**
- Complaint: Sushant wanted to invest in organic farming but Rhea stopped him and threatened that she would leak information about his mental health to media
- Section 323: Voluntarily causing hurt, **Section 506: Criminal Intimidation**
- Complaint: Rhea took away his laptop, credit cards etc
- Section 380: Theft
- Complaint: Rhea abandoned Sushant during a delicate stage, resulting in his suicide
- Section 306: Abetment of suicide

BUZZ STOP

SOPHIE TURNER, JOE JONAS WELCOME FIRST CHILD

SOPHIE TURNER, 24, and Joe Jonas, 30, announced the birth of their child on Monday. Though they remained tightlipped about other details, several US entertainment outlets reported that the couple welcomed a baby girl, whom they have named Willa. Turner and Jonas began dating in 2016 and got married last year. This is the first baby for both. — AP



TOM HOLLAND CONFIRMS RELATIONSHIP WITH MODEL NADIA PARKES ON INSTAGRAM



TOM HOLLAND has shared a picture of model and actress Nadia Parkes on his Instagram feed in a move that seemingly confirms their new romance. The 24-year-old *Spider-Man* actor didn't add any caption to the photo, which features him in a t-shirt and a white tank top, with Parkes in the background. Before this, Tom was linked to his *Spider-Man* costar Zendaya and his family friend Olivia Bolton. — Agencies

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GALLERY

Anand records first win

Viswanathan Anand finally snapped the string of defeats at the Legends of Chess online tournament, beating Boris Gelfand of Israel 2.5-0.5 in the seventh round. Playing against long-time rival after six straight losses, Anand won his first game of the tournament despite conceding early advantage on Monday. The Indian ace won in 45 moves with black pieces and continued the streak by winning the second game 49-49 moves. And then settled for a 45-move draw in the third game against his 2012 world championship challenger.

Ashwin wants runs disallowed if non-striker backs up too far

New Delhi: Spinner Ravichandran Ashwin wants technology to be used to track the batsman at the non-striker's end who is backing up too far, which he believes is an unfair advantage for the batting side. "Just hope that technology will see if a batsmen is backing up before the bowler bowls a ball and if it's a bowler of that ball every time the batter does well. Thus, party will be restored as far as the front line is concerned," Ashwin said in a series of tweets. "Many of you will not be able to see the grave disparity here, so let me take some time out to clarify to the best of my abilities. If the non-striker backs up 2 feet and manages to come back for a 2, he will put the same batsmen on strike for the next ball," he said. "Putting the same batsmen on strike might cost me 4 or a 6 from the next ball and eventually cost me 7 more runs instead of maybe a 1 and a dot ball possibility at a different batsman." pn

Harikrishna closes the gap on leader: P Harikrishna defeated Romain Edouard of France in the sixth round of the Classical event of the 53rd Biel International Chess Festival in Switzerland on Tuesday. He won in 44 moves with white pieces to close the gap with the tournament leader Radoslaw Wojtaszek. The victory for the India No.3 put him on 32.5 points, half-a-point behind the Polish player.

SPSN to telecast Ireland tour: Sony Pictures Sports Network (SPSN) is all set to enthral fans with live sports as exciting cricket action returns with Ireland tour of England starting July 30 and Pakistan tour of England starting August 5. Fans can catch all the live action from both the series on-air exclusively on SONY SIX channels. AGENCE

BROAD MAKES SHORT WORK OF WI

Takes 10 Wickets In Match As England Clinch Test Series

Manchester: Stuart Broad joined one of cricket's most exclusive clubs when he took his 500th Test wicket on Tuesday as England completed a series-clinching win over the West Indies in Old Trafford.

The 34-year-old became just the seventh bowler and fourth paceman to reach the landmark when he had opener Kraigg Brathwaite plumb lbw for 19 on the fifth day of the third Test.

Broad ended the series when he had Jernome Blackwood caught behind as the West Indies, set a huge target of 399 for victory, collapsed to a meagre 129 all out in under 38 overs. Broad finished with a match return of 10-67 in addition to the dashing 62 he made battoning on No 10 in England's first innings 369 that featured 100 from Ben Stokes.

In between Broad's strikes on Tuesday, fellow paceman Chris Woakes returned innings figures of 5-50. Victory saw England, who controversially left



IN EXCLUSIVE CLUB: Broad celebrates after dismissing Brathwaite for his 500th wicket

Broad out of the side that lost the first Test at Southampton by four wickets, complete a 2-1 win in a three-match series and regain the Wisden Trophy they last year.

West Indies were left thinking about how they could have escaped with a draw when, soon after their defeat, rain hammered down at Old

Trafford. Man-of-the-match Broad, playing in his 140th Test, had been stranded on 499 wickets when, after he had already taken eight in this match, rain fell and out the whole of Monday's fourth day.

He reached the full 500 mark on Tuesday when a full-length ball struck Brathwaite's back pad. arp

HIGHEST WICKET-TAKERS IN TESTS
908 Muttiah Muralitharan (SL, 133 Tests)
708 Shane Warne (Aus, 145)
619 Anil Kumble (Ind, 132)
599 Lasith Malinga (SL, 153)
563 Glenn McGrath, Aus, 124)
519 Courtney Walsh, WI, 122)
501 Stuart Broad (Eng, 140)

500 Test wickets for Stuart Broad, making him the seventh bowler and the fourth pacer to do so.

2 Broad (324 runs and 501 wkt) is the second all-rounder after Shane Warne (314 and 708 wkt) to complete the double of 300 runs and 500 wickets.

7 Times, out of 10. Holder has lost a Test match after winning the toss and electing to bowl, a world record.
Stats: Rajesh Kumar

BRIEF SCORES: England 369 & 226/2 dec, beat West Indies 397 & 129 (Woakes 5/50, Broad 4/36) by 269 runs
Series: England win 3-match series 2-1

Shooters, coaches not on same page with NRAI

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New Delhi: The proposed national camp for Tokyo Olympic-bound shooters and core probables will not start here from Friday. The shooters and coaches have questioned the need and urgency for such an 'ill-timed' camp even as the pandemic is ongoing. Moreover, the shooters, coaches and officials from across the country have alleged that they weren't consulted by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), governing body before announcing the dates for shooting through video conferencing on July 16.

TOI has learnt that the camp could be postponed indefinitely due to multiple factors, including outstation shooters' fear of travel during the pandemic, worsening of Covid-19 situation in cities like Bengaluru, Kolkata, Pune, Mumbai and other parts of Maharashtra, absence of the NRAI's own Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) manual, the federation's bizarre directive for shooters to mandatory get themselves tested for Covid-19 at least 14 days before their locations and implementing a 21-day period of internationalised quarantine for first arriving in Delhi and then travelling to Haryana. The federation's contentious rule making the attendance compulsory for shooters has discouraged many to stay away from the Olympic preparatory camp, given no domestic or international events are planned for this year and the Tokyo Games have been postponed.

Princepal drafted in NBA's G League

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Chandigarh: Princepal Singh, 19, has become India's fourth hooper to be drafted in National Basketball Association (NBA) G-League.

Princepal will be the fourth Indian basketball player after Saman Singh, Palpreet Singh Brar and Amjot Singh Gill to be drafted in NBA's G-League. While Saman in 2016-17 and Amjot in 2019 played for respective G-league team, Palpreet remained unselected in 2018. Accordingly, Princepal will be the third Indian player to play in the G League. He will represent the 21-member NBA Select team. "I am really excited to get this opportunity. I am looking forward to this new beginning of my life," Princepal told TOI. "At present, I don't have much detail about the contract. I don't know when I am going to US but the only good thing is I am living my dream and I hope to play in the NBA soon," he added.

Pep brought me to a different level: Sane

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I ery Sane's move from Manchester City to Bayern Munich earlier this summer turned out to be the only highlight of what could be a lacklustre international summer transfer season with clubs tightening their purses due to the coronavirus pandemic. The 24-year-old German international, who won all the major titles with City bar the Champions League (CL), spoke about why he left the Manchester club, City manager Pep Guardiola's influence on him and his expectations from the reigning Bundesliga champions during a media interaction where TOI was the only Indian publication present. Excerpts:

What prompted you to join Bayern?

"I was supposed to join Bayern last year before I suffered

an ACL injury and missed most of the season. I was fortunate to come back when things started again. I was happy at City but I felt I needed a new challenge (in my career). Both Bayern and City are result-oriented clubs and there is little to choose between them. So the decision was more personal than professional."

— Sane asked when Guardiola, who was also a Bayern manager from 2013-2016, shape his career



year), I saw the great work he did with the team in such a short time. The players are happy and enjoy the way they play now. I had worked with him a bit when he was the manager of the German national team and at the national academy. I know him as a person and it was one of the most important reasons for me joining Bayern.

Will joining Bayern make you realise national team aspirations?

I am excited to return to Bundesliga (after starting his career with Schalke). I will be comfortable playing with German players at Bayern. I will help them settle down quickly. I have known some of these players from the youth academy as well. I am from this country and fans, who don't follow EPL much, they will get to see how much I have improved.

But you won't be able to play in the CL, is there any regret if City win the CL?

I would regret if City win the CL. In fact, I would be happy for them. The idea is to join Bayern early and give myself plenty of time to settle down.

On working with Bayern coach Hansi Flick now.

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year), I saw the great work he did with the team in such a short time. The players are happy and enjoy the way they play now. I had worked with him a bit when he was the manager of the German national team and at the national academy. I know him as a person and it was one of the most important reasons for me joining Bayern.

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"There are times when you go away and miss your family a lot and at the moment with all these bio-security measures that are in place, we're going to not be able to have the luxury of our families coming away with us now and it could be for the foreseeable future."

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Warner wants another IPL title for SRH



BIG BOOST: David Warner is keen to return to SRH after missing the last IPL owing to ban

when I was there last year. It doesn't matter whether you've got a 'C' next to your name or not."

His return to Test cricket was last August, and he initially struggled as Australia held onto the Ashes in England. But he returned to his run-scoring best on home soil, posting three centur-

ies including a career-high 335 not out, as Australia dominated Test series against Pakistan and New Zealand in the Southern summer.

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Humpy seeks more gender-neutral events

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Kolkata: India has emerged as a strong chess-playing nation, boasting of 66 Grandmasters and many more knocking the door. Strangely, only two Kolkataites are among them, while Humpy was India's first women and seventh overall to become a GM in 2002. Harika was the 25th to achieve the milestone in 2011.

Humpy feels the dearth of women GMs is mainly due to the structure of tournaments in the country.

"Although most women players move away from the game due to varied situations like marriage and child birth, I feel holding separate gender events has contributed to this disparity," she said during a conversation with GM Surya Sekhar Ganguly on the latter's YouTube channel.

"If women start playing with men from the very beginning, there is more chance of bridging the gap," she said. "But by playing separate events women players get stuck at a certain level," she added.

The 33-year-old agreed that open tournaments are much more competitive and women players stand to gain by participating in them. "Playing strong opponents makes them grow and helps the form to grow," she stated.

Humpy is also afraid that sticking only to women events might bring in a false sense of euphoria. "There's a possibility of a sense of satisfaction creeping in by winning a women's event. But that in a

way might kill their ambition and prevent them from aiming higher," she said.

The Padma Shri award winner agreed that emotional quotient also plays a part in the women's game. "I feel women are too emotional and that sometimes prevents them from becoming too strong," she laughed.

A strong believer of gender equality, Humpy narrated her own example to prove that a strong willpower can help women achieve big in life.

"My family wanted me to get married in 2010-11, but I managed to buy time as I was playing in the World Championship (Irrana in 2011)," she said.

Humpy eventually got married in 2014 and took a break from the game before making a strong comeback after becoming a mother by winning the world rapid title in Moscow.

"I confess that my comeback was not easy. Like most families, mine too wanted me to stay home and look after my child. But somehow I didn't like the idea. I felt I should continue playing and made a determined effort to come back," she said.

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