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VISAKHAPATNAM | WEDNESDAY | 2 JUNE 2021

WEATHER



Max: 36.0°C
Min: 24.2°C
RH: 91%
Rainfall: 011.6mm

Forecast: Haze.
Max/Min temp.
36/24 °C

ASTROGUIDE

Plava: Uttarayana
Tithi: Vaishakha Bahula Asthami till
1.15 am (Thursday)
Star: Satabhisham till 5.30 pm
Varjyam: 11.52 pm to
1.35 am (Thursday)
Durmuhurtam: 11.48 am to
12.39 pm
Rahukalam: 12 noon to 1.30 pm

HJRI CALENDAR

Shawwal 20, 1442 AH

PRAYERS

(ROYAL MOSQUE)

Fajar: 5.05 am

Zohar: 1.30 pm

Asar: 5.00 pm

Maghrib: 6.19 pm

Isha: 8.30 pm

SUNSET TODAY 6.28 PM

SUNRISE TOMORROW 5.21 AM

MOONSET TODAY 11.57 PM

MOONRISE TOMORROW 00.10 AM

COUNTER POINT



He recovered from Covid, but got a heart attack after seeing the hospital bill!

SHORT TAKES

PRASAD, EX-CS OF UNITED AP, PASSES AWAY

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 1

S.V. Prasad, former chief secretary to erstwhile combined Andhra Pradesh, died of Covid at a private hospital here on Tuesday. He was 70.

Prasad's wife Lakshmi and his two sons, Vardhan and Sailesh, were also admitted to the hospital after they were tested positive. While the family recovered from the virus and was initially in home isolation, they developed post-Covid symptoms and were hospitalised.

According to close relatives, doctors performed a brain surgery on the ex-official and his wife a few days ago to remove clots. While Prasad breathed his last in the morning, doctors said his wife was in a critical condition. Both sons are stable.

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Human case of bird flu in China

Beijing: China has reported the first case of human infection with the H10N3 strain of bird flu from the country's eastern Jiangsu province, China's National Health Commission said on Tuesday. The patient, a 41-year-old man from Zhenjiang city, is currently in a stable condition and meets discharge standards, the state-run CGTN TV reported. Officials said the risk of causing a pandemic was extremely low.

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Brics resolves against terrorism

New Delhi: Five-nation grouping Brics on Tuesday resolved to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, and vowed to step up joint efforts in building support for an India-backed global framework to deal with the menace. At an India-hosted virtual meeting, the foreign ministers of Brics countries vowed to finalise a "result-oriented action plan" by the bloc's counter-terrorism working group in 2021.

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New Vatican law criminalises abuse

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End of season sale



People buying mangoes on Eluru road in Vijayawada on Tuesday as the season would come to close shortly.

— C. NARAYANA RAO

Junior doctors to boycott duties for higher stipend

SAMPAT G. SAMRITAN |
DC
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 1

Andhra Pradesh seems to be heading for a health crisis with nearly 5,000 medical students gearing up to boycott all duties including Covid care in protest against an inordinate delay in stipend hike.

Already 300 senior residents along with over 800 final year PG have served a strike notice on the government and others are expected to join them.

Their list of demands include: hike in stipend to senior residents to ₹80,000 with retrospective effect from January, 2020; TDS waiver on stipend; and, incentives for Covid duty, especially for ground-level medicos like interns, post-graduates and senior resi-

CORONAVIRUS CASES IN STATE RISE TO 11,303

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 1

The state has witnessed a rise in new Coronavirus infections with 11,303 cases recorded in the last 24 hours, compared to 7,943 cases registered on Monday. The state had been recording a gradual decline in daily cases in the last few days.

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dents. The contention of senior residents is that they are getting just a monthly stipend of

₹45,000. Even though it is mandatory to hike it every two years, the hike has been kept pending since January 2020. They say this is resulting in getting less stipend than their junior postgraduates.

They claim the neighbouring Telangana state is paying ₹80,500 as stipend to the senior residents and other states like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are providing Covid incentives, while AIIMS is offering ₹1.05 lakh as stipend to the senior residents.

Though they submitted several representations to the health authorities since November 2019 for hike in their stipend and other incentives, they say there was no response.

■ Page 3: Doctors say officials turned deaf ear

Bengal's ex-CS gets Centre's notice for violation of DMA

DC CORRESPONDENTS
KOLKATA/NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

In a move that may further escalate tensions between the Centre and the Mamata Banerjee-led West Bengal government, the Union home ministry late on Monday evening slapped a showcause notice on 1987-batch IAS officer Alapan Bandyopadhyay hours before he retired as the state's chief secretary after rejecting a three-month extension.

The notice, under Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, which is punishable by a prison term of up to two years or a fine, or both, was served to the state's former top bureaucrat as he skipped a review meeting chaired by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi on May 28 on the devastation by Cyclone Yaas in the state.

Mr Bandyopadhyay, who has been appointed by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as her chief adviser for three years after he retired from service, was directed to "explain in writing" to the ministry within three days on "why action should not be taken against him" under Section 51 of the DM Act. This particular section relates to "punishment for obstruction" for refusal to comply with a direction given by the Central government.

The notice states: "The officer, by abstaining himself from the review meeting taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi

at cyclone-affected Kalaikunda in West Bengal on May 28, has acted in a manner tantamount to refusing to comply with the lawful directions of the Central government and is thus violative of Section 51(b) of the Disaster Management Act 2005."

"After the Prime Minister arrived at Kalaikunda for a scheduled review meeting with the chief minister and chief secretary of West Bengal, the Prime Minister and other members of his entourage waited for nearly 15 minutes for the officers of the state to arrive."

Sources at Nabanna, the state secretariat, claimed on Tuesday evening that Mr Bandyopadhyay would reply to the MHA's notice, citing proper grounds.

SPORTS | 8

Osaka pulls out of French Open

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Jagan plans to develop fishing harbours in AP

Orders officials to complete ₹15,743-crore Agri Infra projects

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 1

The state government will accord priority to the development of Visakhapatnam fishing harbour and prepare an action plan for development of Kakinada fishing harbour and Kothapatnam fishing landing centre.

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy instructed officials to initiate measures for the completion of ₹15,743 crore Agri Infra Fund projects in the stipulated period. The government has recently allocated ₹31,256 crore in the budget for various agri-related schemes.

Jagan Mohan Reddy said coordination between village secretariats and RBKs (Rythu Bharosa Kendras) should be effective and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) works should be expedited. He directed the officials to monitor the progress of projects regularly and conduct review meetings every 15 days.

He directed the officials to prepare an action plan

SEVEN YEARS ON, TELUGU STATES WAIT FOR BIFURCATION PROMISES

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 1

Seven years after Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated on June 2, 2014, both Telangana and the residual state of Andhra Pradesh continue to suffer bifurcation blues as most of the promises made by the Centre to both the states in the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, remain unfulfilled.

Distribution of assets and liabilities of common institutions listed under Schedule 9 and 10 of the Act, mostly located in Hyderabad are still pending with both states fight-

ing cases in courts.

There are 107 institutions listed under Schedule 10, of which 97 are located in TS, mostly in Hyderabad, it being the capital of undivided Andhra Pradesh for nearly six decades. There are another 89 institutions listed under Schedule 9 of AP Reorganisation Act.

All these institutions together have assets worth thousands of crores of rupees in the form of assets and bank deposits, on which both the governments are staking claim.

■ Page 2: Water disputes affect AP-TS ties

for setting up a fish landing center at Kothapatnam in Prakasam district and development of a fishing harbour in Kakinada. He instructed the officials to focus on developing the fishing harbour in Visakhapatnam in all aspects.

He said it was targeted to complete four fishing harbours Uppada (East Godavari), Nizampatnam (Guntur), Machilipatnam (Krishna) and Juvvala Dinne (Nellore) in first phase by December 2022. The officials informed

him that in the second phase, fishing harbours were being constructed at Budagatlalapa in Srikulam district, Pudimadaka in Visakhapatnam district, Biyyaputhippa in West Godavari district and a fishing harbour in Prakasam district port. They were asked to complete the works in time without fail. The officials informed that the total estimated cost of all these projects was 15,743 crore.

Regarding AP Dairy Development Cooperative Federation (APDDCF) projects, the officials explained that the government was constructing 9,899 bulk milk cooling units (BMCUs) at an estimated cost of Rs 1,885.76 crore and 8,052 automatic milk collection units with an estimated cost of Rs 942.77 crore across the state. Land was identified at 9,051 locations for BMCUs and construction works have already started for 6,252 units across the state. The target is to complete the construction of all BMCUs by September 30, 2021.

COVID 2ND WAVE IS NOW ABATING, SAYS CENTRE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 1

The Central government on Tuesday said that the "ferocious" second wave is abating as more than half of the country's total districts have less than five per cent positivity at present.

According to data on Covid cases collated by Covid19india.org, the country has recorded 1,32,439 cases on Tuesday, which is a tad higher than the Monday figure.

However, 86,033 cases or 64 per cent of the total cases on Tuesday were reported from five states — Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh — that have more than 10,000 cases each.

SC brings back IGST on imported oxygen gadgets

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

The levy of 12 per cent Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) on oxygen concentrators imported or gifted for personal use is back.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed an order of the Delhi High Court that had held that May 1, 2021, finance ministry notification imposing 12 per cent IGST was unconstitutional.

The top court bench comprising Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice M.R. Shah stayed the HC order which held that, during the Covid pandemic, the oxygen concentrators constitute a life-saving device and, therefore, should be treated on par

The HC order was stayed by the apex court after A-G said the GST Council will discuss this issue on June 8

with life-saving drugs.

"We are staying the operation of the High Court order till further orders," the court said in its order.

The HC order was stayed by the Supreme Court after Attorney-General K.K. Venugopal told the court that the GST Council is meeting on June 8 to deliberate on granting an exemption to essential commodities related to Covid-19, including oxygen concentrators.

The Attorney-General also informed the court that the IGST exemption to state and its agencies

for import of O2 concentrators was given as these were to be given free to poor and needy.

The High Court order holding the finance ministry notification as unconstitutional had come on a petition filed by a senior citizen Gurcharan Singh who had challenged the vices of the notification invoking Article 21C guaranteeing the right to life that also includes the right to health.

By May 1, 2021, notification, the GST on oxygen concentrators was reduced from earlier 28 per cent to 12 per cent. The petitioner had knocked on the doors of the Delhi High Court after he was asked to pay IGST on the oxygen concentrators sent to him as a gift by his nephew.

CBSE, ISC class 12 exams cancelled

VINEETA PANDEY | DC
NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

Putting an end to the suspense on holding of the CBSE Class 12 exams, the Centre on Tuesday announced its cancellation, in both online and offline modes. The CBSE will now compile Class 12 results as per a "well defined objective criteria" in a "time-bound manner", the gov-

ernment said after a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Those students who still want to take the exams for evaluation will have that option when the Covid-19 situation improves. The Prime Minister said the decision on the CBSE Class 12 was taken in the interest of the students as the pandemic had affected the academic calendar and

the board exams issue was causing immense anxiety among students, their parents and teachers, "which must be put to an end".

Soon after the Centre announced this decision, the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) said its Indian School Certificate (ISC) Class 12 board examination would also be cancelled in view of the Covid-

19 situation. "The exams have been cancelled. The alternative assessment criteria will be announced soon," CISCE secretary Gerry Arathoon said.

"Health and safety of our students is of utmost importance. In today's time, such exams cannot be the reason to put our youth at risk... All stakeholders need to show sensitivity for students," the PM said.

SAD | END

His mother Aruna sought mercy killing for his son after doctors found no cure for his son's ordeal

Boy whose mom sought his mercy killing dies

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, JUNE 1

A nine-year-old boy died in the lap of his mother, who was desperately seeking permission from a local court in Punganur, Chittoor district, to end his painful ordeal by mercy killing. Doctors had said that there was no cure for the rare blood disorder that the boy, Harshavardhan, was suffering from.

The parents were too poor to pay for his medical expenses.

G. Aruna, the mother of

Harshavardhan, hailing from Beerjipalli village in Chowdepalli mandal, was going to the Punganur court for the last two days to seek the approval of a designated judge to grant mercy killing of the boy.

According to her, Harshavardhan became bedridden after he met with an accident at his school about five years ago. At that time, the doctors found that he had a very rare medical condition that caused him to ooze out sweat blood from his skin, nose and mouth.

● When the boy, Harshavardhan, had met with an accident near his school about five years ago, doctors found that he had a very rare medical condition that caused him to ooze out sweat blood from his skin, nose and mouth.

● His parents tried spent all that they had to save him but in vain. Subsequently, his mother sought the court's permission for the mercy killing of his son. While returning home in an autorickshaw, the boy suddenly began to bleed and died in the arms of his mother.

Initially, Aruna and her husband Mani approached several doctors and did everything they could to save their child. Even as

they ran up huge debts, they learnt that there was no cure for Harshavardhan's condition. "Being from a very poor

family, we sold everything we had and even borrowed money from many to save our child. But all our efforts went in vain as the doctors declared that the boy was suffering from a rare disorder which had no cure," Aruna, speaking through her tears, told mediapersons.

In the last few years, Aruna approached several hospitals in AP and Tamil Nadu to save her only son. "She did everything she could do and spent every penny she had or borrowed from others to get him

cured, but nothing could help her save her child. She ran out of money and reached a point where she was unable to bear the medical expenses any further and could no longer see the agony of her child. As suggested by our relatives, she tried to move the court to seek help for the treatment of the boy or grant mercy killing for him," a relative of Aruna said.

In this regard, Aruna was coming to Punganur court along with her son to file a mercy killing petition for

the last two days. As the court remained closed due to holidays, Aruna, carrying her son in her arms, was returning home in an auto rickshaw on Tuesday when he suddenly began bleeding and died in her arms.

With the help of locals, the mother carried Harshavardhan to her home in the same autorickshaw. A pall of gloom descended on Beerjipalli. Villagers and relatives gathered in large numbers at Harshavardhan's house to console his mother.

SHORT TAKES

GOVT EXTENDS
TENURE OF
4 ADVISERSDC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 1

The AP government on Tuesday issued orders extending the tenure of its four advisors by a year. They are G.V.D. Krishna Mohan, Thalasila Raghuram, Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy and Ajeya Kallam.

Krishna Mohan is working as adviser (communication) to the government, while Raghuram is adviser (coordinating programmes). Kallam is principal adviser to Chief Minister and Ramakrishna Reddy is adviser (public affairs).

Chief Secretary Aditya Nath Das issued the orders related to extension of these officers.

Ajeaya Kallam has also been given additional responsibility as chairman of Steering and Implementation Committee for YSR Jagananna Saswatha Bhu Hakku Mariu Bhu Raksha Padhakam.

TIRUMALA RAO
TAKES CHARGE
AS RTC MDDC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 1

Senior IPS officer Dwaraka Tirumala Rao assumed charge as vice-chairman and managing director of APSRTC on Tuesday. Soon after assuming charge, he enquired about the operation of buses, safety norms being adopted, conversion of high end buses providing beds with oxygen supply for Covid-19 patients and issues of priority.

CM TO CONDUCT
REVIEW MEET ON
LAND RESURVEYDC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 1

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy will preside over a high-level review meeting on land resurvey project on Wednesday. AP is the first state to undertake a land resurvey in the country after about a 100 years.

Survey, Settlement and Land Records commissioner Siddhartha Jain said the survey process had started in 51 villages involving 63,433 acres as a pilot project on December 21, 2020.

This will lead to ownership of plots being granted people in 17,500 villages and 110 urban centres under the YSR Jagananna Bhuraksha Saswatha Bhu Hakku programme.

JAGAN SAYS
RAJU'S CHARGES
ARE MOTIVATEDDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 1

Refuting the allegations made against him in the bail cancellation petition filed by YSRC Narsapur MP Raghu Ramakrishna Raju, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy filed a counter before the CBI court on Tuesday stating that Raju had filed the petition with an ulterior motive.

"The petitioner wants to garner publicity through sensationalism and hence using the judicial system for this purpose," alleged Jagan Mohan Reddy in his 98-page counter to the plea by Raju who urged the court to cancel the bail granted in the disproportionate assets and the quid pro quo-related cases.

The AP CM took to the notice of the court the cases registered against the petitioner for cheating banks and other criminal cases. "Total nine cases are pending against the petitioner. Ramakrishna Raju is accused of having siphoned off public money from the banks to the tune of over ₹900 crore.

The cases were registered by the CBI in relation to fraudulent dealings with the banks. All the facts have been suppressed and he is mud-slinging on others," he said.

The counter petition also stated that the AP CM had nowhere violated the bail conditions.

He also said the petitioner's contention that he was influencing the CBI was not true. His lawyers pointed out that the CBI was operating under the Union Home Ministry. They maintained that the language used by the petitioner in his petition was highly objectionable.

The CBI also filed a counter, leaving the decision in this petition to the court. The court adjourned the case to June 14.



People in large numbers wait in queue without maintaining physical distance outside the Indian Naval Canteen at Coastal Battery Junction on the beach road in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday. — K. MURALI KRISHNA

Aqua sector in state set
to get ₹646 crore boost

CM holds review on aqua, fisheries and food processing

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 1

The state government will set up 10 processing units, 23 pre-processing units and 100 aqua hubs for the welfare and development of aqua farmers and fishermen.

The officials during a review meeting on Agri Infra Fund projects at the camp office here on Tuesday conducted by Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy explained the projects in detail. They stated that the state government had already sanctioned 25 aqua hubs out of 100 and works would start in this month. It is estimated that cost of 133 processing, pre-processing units and aqua hubs would be around ₹646.9 crore.

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Regarding the food processing sector, the officials informed that a total of 10,111 food processing units would be set up in the state and seed and millets processing units would be set up at panchayat level. Primary and secondary food processing units would also be set up. Crops, which have scope for food processing, were identified in 25 parliamentary constituencies and lands are being identified accordingly for setting up units. The target is to complete the construction of food processing units by the end of June next year.

Explaining about the custom hiring centres, the officials stated that a total of 10,750 centres were being set up at Rythu Bharosa Kendra (RBKs) level in the state and each unit would cost ₹15 lakh. Hi-tech and high-value farm mechanisation hubs would come up at 175 locations at Assembly constituency level and the cost of each hub would be around ₹1.5 crore. Special clusters were identified in four districts where paddy production is high and five Custom hiring centres will be set up at Cluster level for a mandal in those districts. A total of 1,035 cluster level Custom hiring Centres with an estimated cost of ₹25 lakh each will be set up.

Agriculture minister Kurasala Kannababu, agriculture special chief secretary Poonam Malakondaiah, industries special chief secretary Karikal Valaven, finance principal secretary S.S. Rawath, marketing principal secretary Y. Madhusudan Reddy, marketing commissioner Pradhyumna, APDDCF director Ahmed Babu, agriculture commissioner H. Arun Kumar, fisheries commissioner K. Kannababu, horticulture commissioner S.F. Sridhar and other officials were present.

TD LEFT BEHIND
₹1.5 LAKH CRORE
DEBT: KANNABABUDC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 1

Minister for agriculture Kurasala Kannababu has clarified that the state government went in for borrowing to keep its promises of welfare benefits to the public despite the Covid-19 which is crippling state finances, unlike the previous government which left behind a debt burden of ₹1,50,000 crore by squandering it for personal needs in the name of public welfare.

Speaking to the media here on Tuesday, the minister mentioned that the government gave priority to welfare over development and pumped money to revive the sagging economy and stood by the weaker sections during the pandemic crisis. He asserted that the government did not hold back any welfare schemes despite a decline in revenue, as Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy clearly wanted the government to stand by the people in such tough times. He said that the government had spent ₹1,30,000 crore through various schemes for the public welfare in the last two years, where the financial aid reached people directly through DBT, without any brokerage system.

Kannababu said the state was in revenue deficit after bifurcation and criticised Naidu for pushing the state into further debt.

He stated that the TD leaders misused over ₹68,000 crore in the name of capital expenditure for all those incomplete projects.

He slammed TD leaders Yanamala Ramakrishnudu and Nara Lokesh for their false propaganda against the government alleging that the state finances were running into debts and stated that the entire propaganda was to divert people's attention. He said the entire state had witnessed how the previous government managed the finances in their five-year term.

He challenged them to reveal the welfare schemes on which they spent ₹1,50,000 crore.

Fear of infections in closed
spaces hits liquor biz in APAVINASH P.
SUBRAMANYAM | DC
TIRUPATI, JUNE 1

Liquor sales during May in the state slid following a reduction in business hours for the outlets in the wake of partial lockdown imposed to curb the spread of Covid-19.

There was a 9.74 per cent fall in the overall sales of liquor in May when compared to the sales in April. Though business hours for liquor shops and bars and restaurants were the same (six hours a day), the latter suffered a sharp decline in sales when compared to the state-run outlets, where the business was the same as in pre-Covid days.

Officials attribute the fall in revenue to the shrinking business at bars and restaurants. They say boozers, in large numbers, are lining up at the state-run liquor shops

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during the curfew relaxation from 6 am to 12 noon. They are worried about the spread of Covid-19 in closed places and thus are keeping away from bar and restaurants.

"In the wake of partial lockdown, we expected a decline in sales because a majority of customers used to go to the bar and restaurants only in the evening. Only a few customers are coming during

daytime. So, naturally there is a massive decline in business," said a bar owner in Tirupati city.

As per the sales report, the sale of liquor both at state-run liquor shops and bars and restaurants was around ₹1,686.32 crore in May, whereas in April it was ₹1,868.35 crore. A total of 17,28,533 and 18,95,393 IML cases were sold out in May and April months, respectively, and the revenue generated from their sales was pegged at ₹1582.24 crore and ₹1,665.06 crore.

The sales of beer significantly fell last month compared to April, from 8,59,462 lakh cases in April to 4,13,681 cases in May. The revenue fell from ₹203.24 crore to ₹104.09 crore. The average sale of both IML and beer was around ₹62.27 crore per day in the month of April and it declined to ₹54.39 crore per day now.

Water disputes affect ties of both Telugu states

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About ₹1,51,349 crore under capital heads, ₹28,099 crore under loans and advances, ₹4,474 crore under deposits and advances, ₹238 crore under suspense and miscellaneous, and ₹310 crore under remittances are yet to be apportioned even after seven years of bifurcation.

While the 'political rivalry' between Chief Ministers of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, K. Chandrashekar Rao and, at that time, N. Chandrababu Naidu, respectively was attributed to delay in resolution of bifurcation issues between 2014 and 2019, the situation did not improve much even after the change of guard in AP after the YSRC government headed by Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy stormed to power in 2019.

Jagan Mohan Reddy extended a 'friendly hand' to Chandrashekar Rao within days of becoming the Chief Minister by handing over all government buildings in Hyderabad including Secretariat and Legislative Assembly buildings to the Telangana state government which Naidu had refused to do till 2019 even after shifting the AP administration to Amaravati in 2016.

Though Chandrashekar Rao and Jagan Mohan Reddy initially displayed

bonhomie by meeting over half a dozen times to resolve bifurcation issues, the situation is back to square one after the AP CM launched Rayalaseema lift irrigation scheme in May 2019 to divert Srisailem water, which fuelled 'water disputes' between both the states again after which both the Chief Ministers never met.

Even the Chief Secretary-level talks

Prasad had privilege to run
administration for 2 decadesN. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC
HYDERABAD, JUNE 1

S.V. Prasad, former chief secretary of undivided Andhra Pradesh, who passed way on Tuesday, will go into the annals of history as the only bureaucrat who had the privilege to run the state administration for about two decades.

Yet, he remained "ajata satru" so much so that none of the dozen-odd senior officials, who were overlooked by the then Chief Minister K. Rosaiah to make this ever smiling and friendly bureaucrat the Chief Secretary, murmured, leave alone questioning the decision in 2010.

Everyone in the administration felt that Prasad was destined to become Chief Secretary and that it was only a continuation of what he had been doing earlier, running the state administration, after a short break during the Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy regime.

The 1975 batch officer began his career as a sub collector like any other pass-out from the Mussoorie-based Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, but soon made his mark with his administrative skills and positive approach in resolving issues. He entered the power corridors when N. Janardhan Reddy was Chief Minister in the early 1990s and gained enormous confidence of two more Chief Ministers down the line — Kotla Vijayabhaskar Reddy and N. Chandrababu Naidu. Like the longest serving Chief Minister record of Naidu, he too served as principal secretary to the Chief Minister for a record nine consecutive years.

"His success lay in his ability to grasp the issues concerning the state, guess the positive and negative impacts of a decision and communicate the same to the political bosses in an unbiased manner," says retired IAS official Balasubrahmanyam, who was part of Naidu's CMO and a close associate of Prasad.

There is no surprise that Prasad, who always wished to keep a low profile, may never get the credit for giving the country one of the finest and impactful President — Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. As revealed by Balasubrahmanyam to this correspondent, while mourning the death, it was Prasad, who suggested Kalam's candidature to Naidu who in turn took it up with the then powerful BJP duo of Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and home minister L.K. Advani. The rest of course is chronicled history.

Known for not losing his wit despite being in the thick of tense moments, Prasad, tongue in cheek, told Naidu that he would end up as the youngest Prime Minister of India. This was when his view



S.V. Prasad with his wife

Former CS, Prasad,
succumbs to CovidDC CORRESPONDENT
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Prasad was widely acclaimed as an efficient officer and a kind individual. The 1975 batch officer, a native of Vadisileru village in East Godavari, did

his engineering from JNTU at Kakinada and joined IAS while doing Masters in Business from IIM, Ahmedabad.

He served in different posts including as collector of Visakhapatnam and Kadapa districts, Information and Public Relations Commissioner; principal secretary to the CM, APSRTC managing director and revenue principal secretary before becoming chief secretary in 2010.

He also held the post of vigilance commissioner after his retirement in September 2011.

Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu, Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan, Himachal Pradesh Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Jagan Mohan Reddy and Chandrashekar Rao respectively and Telugu Desam president Chandrababu Naidu condoled the death of the retired bureaucrat.

was solicited by his boss at about 3 am at AP Bhavan, New Delhi, on the day the exit of H.D. Deve Gowda as PM became certain and Naidu was under pressure to accept the crown of thorns.

Insiders say he did not mince words, again in his own witty style, in opposing Naidu's decision to advance Assembly elections post Naxal attack on him at Alipiri en route to Tirumala. When Naidu was jubilant over school children thronging his residence with roses in their hands to express solidarity, his principal secretary was said to have reminded him that the visitors, unfortunately, can't vote.

Prasad was always there for officials or politicians to share their joy, fears, anguish or anger. Even ruling Congress leaders felt suffocated over the YSR's CMO not being as friendly as Prasad-headed CMO during the TD rule towards them. He stood by juniors when they looked at him. "Sir backed my

decisions as Warangal collector despite political pressure," pointed out Adityanath Das, Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh. As Vigilance Commissioner, Prasad was liberal in punishing the lower rung officials particularly when they don't have mala fide intentions.

This correspondent had opportunity to interact with him on numerous occasions for more than a decade and developed an insight into various administrative decisions. But, the disappointment over Prasad not heeding to the repeated suggestion to pen an autobiography that would have a potential to become a text book to the civil servants of his next generations will remain forever. "Rayalandi (I have to write one day)," was his reply every time with the trade mark disarming smile largely writ on his face, perhaps un mindful of extraordinary situation in the form of Covid and losing battle to the fatal virus.

Progress report a
bundle of lies: TD

Vijayawada: Senior TD leader Yanamala Ramakrishnudu has termed Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's book on development during the past two years as a bundle of lies. He demanded that Jagan explain why poverty levels, per capita debt and infrastructure gaps increased if his rule was focussed keenly on welfare and development.

COVID | SCARE While 20 people allowed for funeral, not a single family member present in many cases

Relatives abandon traditions, customs in burial

VADREVV SRINIVAS | DC
KAKINADA, JUNE 1

The scare of Coronavirus has made kith and kin of persons succumbing to virus abandon all traditions and customs, whichever their religion. Most are not coming forward to follow the rituals for the dead, which are believed to provide them a better afterlife.

It is said a person must maintain good relations with at least four persons

who can carry him or her to the funeral ground. In these calamitous times, there are only two people available, one the ambulance driver and the other the "katikapari" who places the body on the pyre before it is lit up.

There have been numerous cases when voluntary organisations have come to perform the last rites, as family members are unwilling to even accompany the body. As a result, the dead are being denied

the traditional final rituals, which differ from caste to caste and religion to religion. Among certain groups, rituals are such that they go on for about three hours before the body is consigned to flames or buried.

Ironically, while the government allows 20 members to attend a funeral, not a single family member is present in many cases. That is the level of scare that Coronavirus had induced among cer-

tain people.

Many families prefer to hand over the body to service organisations. When a prominent caste Hindu died in East Godavari district, his funeral was performed by two Muslims who never knew him. "We appealed to family members they come along. But none cared or dared due to Covid scare," said one of the two — Ameer Pasha.

Pasha and his team have been performing funeral rites for the past one year

in East Godavari district. Pasha says in one instance, at Ryali village in Atreyapuram mandal, nobody, including family members, came forward to carry the body. People with vehicles in the village were not willing to take the body to the funeral ground.

"Our team finally took the body in the village garbage rickshaw and performed the last rites," Pasha said. The situation was similar in case of

another death at Ravulapalem.

Says Vedic pundit G.Ramakrishna Sarma: "There is a famous adage, which states that a son will protect or save parents from pangs of Punnam Narakam (hell). But in the present Covid-19 situation, no son is willing to save parents from throes of hell. Family members have become insensitive to tradition because they want to save their own lives."

IN BRIEF



Vice-Admiral Sreekumar Nair

NAIR TAKES CHARGE AS DG OF NAVAL PROJECTS IN VIZAG

DC CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPATNAM, JUNE 1

Vice-admiral Sreekumar Nair has assumed charge as director general naval projects here on Tuesday.

The vice admiral Nair took charge from vice admiral Kiran Deshmukh, AVSM, VSM Nair served as admiral superintendent, Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam and also as an assistant chief of material (Information technology and systems) at Integrated Headquarters, Union ministry of defence (Navy). The flag officer was commissioned as electrical officer into the Indian Navy on 17 August 1987 and is an alumnus of erstwhile Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli and IIT Delhi.

The admiral received the Nano Sena Medal (NM) in 2010 and Ati Vishesh Seva Medal (AVSM) in 2021 for his meritorious service.

DRDO ISSUES GUIDELINES ON USE OF ANTI-COVID DRUG

PATHRI RAJASEKHAR | DC
NELLORE, JUNE 1

DRDO has advised the public to use their 2DG medicine for Covid-19 treatment only under the care and prescription of doctors.

It may be recalled that the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), a lab of DRDO, in collaboration with Dr Reddy's, Hyderabad, has developed an anti-Covid-19 therapeutic application of the drug called 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG).

Clinical trial results have shown that this molecule helps in the faster recovery of hospitalised patients and reduces supplemental oxygen dependence. DRDO had claimed that higher proportion of patients treated with 2-DG showed RT-PCR negative conversion in Covid patients.

Against this backdrop, DRDO on Tuesday issued directions for the use of 2-DG in Covid patients. It is to be used for emergency use as an adjunct therapy to the standard of care in the treatment of Covid patients in hospital settings. Ideally, 2DG should be prescribed as early as possible by doctors for moderate to severe Covid patients for a maximum duration of up to 10 days.

Uncontrolled diabetes, severe cardiac problem, ARDS, severe hepatic and renal impairment patients have not been studied yet with 2-DG and, hence, caution should be exercised.

2-DG should not be given to pregnant and lactating women and patients below 18 years. Patients/attendants are advised to request their hospital to contact Dr Reddy's, Hyderabad, for medicine supply at email: 2DG@drreddys.com.

Covid emergency



Relatives shift a Covid patient to CSR Block for treatment inside King George Hospital in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday.

—P. NARASIMHA MURTHY

App, call centre for Anandaiah potion

Do not rush to Krishnapatnam, order it online, says officials

DC CORRESPONDENT
NELLORE, JUNE 1

As the state government has given its nod for the distribution of the popular concoction of Bonigi Anandaiah of Krishnapatnam, officials are bracing to manage a huge rush of Covid patients or their attendants to the village.

District Collector K.V.N. Chakradhar Babu, SP Bhaskar Bhushan and ruling party legislator Kakani Govardhan Reddy on Tuesday held talks with Anandaiah on the modalities to be followed to prevent the crowds from turning into super spreaders, duly following a High Court order.

Speaking on the occasion, Collector said they have been planning to decentralise the distribution. The Collector said they would develop a mobile app besides setting up a call center for the benefit of people to book herbal medicine online. He appealed to the people from other parts of the state as well as other parts of the country not to come to Krishnapatnam for the medicine and assured to supply the preparation to the needy.

Hinting that the preparation would be ready by next Monday, Govardhan Reddy said priority would be given to treating infected patients, and preventive medicine

would be prepared later. He said they would supply the mixture by post and courier services for those booking it online.

Anandaiah said he was gearing up to start production in a couple of days and priority would be given to the infected people belonging to Sarvepalli segment, followed by the people of the district. He said he plans to supply the preparation for 5,000 people in each district later.

When asked about financial implications since he is supplying the medicine free of cost, he said many people are ready to sponsor it.

Pointing to the advice of Govardhan Reddy, he said the legislators concerned

and philanthropists would bear the cost of raw material to distribute the medicine in their respective areas.

He said he would take the cooperation of the government whenever necessary. To a query, he said the TTD offered to supply raw material, i.e. herbs.

On the production in different locations, he said it is a sentiment to produce the medicine only at Krishnapatnam but he would look at other options if necessary. "We have some power supply problems in the village and Collector assured us to solve it," he said, hinting that he would start production from the coming Monday.

300-bed hospital opens close to super speciality hospital

DC CORRESPONDENT
ANANTAPUR, JUNE 1

A 300-bed Covid care hospital erected with German hanger structure by way of an extension to the super speciality hospital here was inaugurated on Tuesday.

In the view of the huge number of Covid patients being unable to get oxygen beds at various hospitals, collector Gandham Chandrudu initiated the plan for a Covid care hospital closer to the super speciality hospital. This facility will be of help to patients arriving

here from various parts of the district.

Medical services was launched at the facility via virtual mode by district incharge minister Botsa Satyanarayana. Roads and bridges minister Shankar Narayana, MPs T. Rangaiah and Gorantla Madhav and MLA Ananta Venkatarami Reddy took part. The new facility was set up on an acre of land with 300 beds, oxygen concentrators and a provision for oxygen through pipeline. About 158 staff members including 38 doctors will serve at the hospital with a set of

nursing and other staff. More than 50 toilets are provided as also a 125kva generator for use in case of power failure.

Botsa appreciated the efforts by the district administration to erect the hospital in 20 days. "Our intention is that government hospitals should be the ultimate service providers rather than private hospitals," the minister said.

Collector Gandham Chandrudu said the work on the hospital was completed within two weeks by a team of officials.

Docs say officials turned a deaf ear

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AP Senior Resident Doctor Association president Dr Ravi Banoth said, "As the state health authorities are not responding to our long-pending demand for hike in stipend and sanction of Covid incentives, we are forced to boycott all our duties by alerting the authorities concerned in advance to make alternate arrangements. As CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy appreciated the healthcare workers for Covid care recently and wanted any issues to be taken to his notice, we want to meet Chief Minister and apprise him of our problems. We have confidence that he would resolve them. We have no intention to trouble the patients."

Meanwhile, junior doctors including the PG first, second and final year students and house surgeons are

also getting ready to boycott all duties with the same demands. They say that the first year students are getting a monthly stipend of ₹48,000, second year ₹46,500, final year ₹44,075 and house surgeons ₹18,000.

Though they received a communication from the office of director of medical education to consider them for senior residentship, there was no mention about hike in stipend.

AP Junior Doctors Association president Dr Rahul Roy said, "We are also going to boycott all duties along with senior residents for hike in stipend and other incentives if the health authorities fail to respond to our pleas."

Any strike will have a major impact on the entire health care in the state at a time when the caseload of Covid cases is showing a gradual dip and vaccination is going on at a brisk pace.

AP GIVES COVID JAB TO OVER ONE CRORE PEOPLE

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 1

The Andhra Pradesh government has successfully completed administration of Covid-19 vaccine to 1.04 crore people since it began the drive on January 16. The health department administered 74.92 lakh first doses and 25.24 lakh second doses.

The officials maintain that AP has received 98 lakh doses of both Covishield and Covaxin varieties from the Centre so far, while it procured some doses on its own. The officials point out that states like Gujarat and Maharashtra are getting nearly 25% of vaccine doses based on their population, while AP is getting only 18%.

AP is facing a severe shortage of vaccine doses to administer to all targeted beneficiaries including healthcare workers, frontline workers, people aged above 45 years, those aged between 18-44 years and those aged above 60 years. There is a need to ramp up the supplies many times, say he officials. Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy himself addressed letters to Prime Minister Narendra Modi underlining the need to allocate more doses to AP and extend other support in terms of medical oxygen and medical infrastructure.

The state health authorities maintain that as AP has established a god network of ward/village volunteers, ANMs, Asha workers and health centres with medical officers and paramedics, they are taking up fever survey door-to-door to identify people showing symptoms of Covid. With such a vast network, they are able to provide good care and can take up vaccination too in a big way if enough doses are provided.

After five-day dip, Covid cases rise to 11,303 in state

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 1

Andhra Pradesh has witnessed a rise in new Coronavirus infections with 11,303 cases recorded in the last 24 hours, compared to 7,943 instances registered on Monday. The state had been recording a gradual decline in daily Covid-19 cases in the last few days. While it reported 18,285 infections on May 26, the numbers had been 16,167 on May 27; 14,429 on May 28; 13,756 on May 29 and 13,400 on May 30. The cases fell steeply to 7,943 on May 31, when 83,461 samples were tested. AP health authorities reported on Tuesday that out of 93,704 samples tested during the last 24 hours, 11,303 persons have been found infected with Coronavirus. With this, total 1,93,50,008 samples have been tested so far in the state. 17,04,388 of them have been found infected with the virus. Of them, 15,46,617 have recovered while 1,46,737 are under treatment.

On the day, East Godavari reported the highest of 2,477 Covid-19 cases, followed by 1,536 in Chittoor; 1,116 in West Godavari, 985 in

Visakhapatnam, 953 in Anantapur, 935 in Prakasam, 693 in Srikakulam, 686 in Guntur, 647 in Krishna, 444 in Nellore, 323 in Kadapa, 286 in Kurnool and 222 in Visakhapatnam.

East Godavari continues to be the worst-hit with highest number of 30,267 total active cases, followed by 19,184 in Prakasam, 17,459 in Chittoor, 12,197 in Nellore, 12,134 in Visakhapatnam, 11,481 in West Godavari, 9,981 in Krishna, 8,874 in Guntur, 8,014 in Srikakulam, 4,873 in Vizianagaram, 4,316 in Kadapa, 4,244 in Kurnool and 3,713 in Anantapur.

With regard to daily deaths, West Godavari reported 20, followed by 14 in Chittoor; nine each in Anantapur and Guntur; eight in East Godavari, seven in Visakhapatnam, six each in Krishna, Kurnool, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram; five in Kadapa, four each in Nellore and Prakasam, with total deaths being 104 during the last 24 hours. With this, the death toll has scaled up to 11,034.

State health authorities have on Tuesday discharged 18,257 persons after recovery from various hospitals in the state.

Parents attack hosp. after their kid dies

DC CORRESPONDENT
KURNOOL, JUNE 1

Enraged with the death of a two-year-old baby, the parents of the boy attacked Rafah hospital at Nandyal.

The parents allege that it was due to the negligence of the doctor they lost their child. Hospital authorities also lodged a counter-complaint against them at the police station. But later both parties withdrew complaints, said DSP Chidananda Reddy.

Reshma and Sheikh Ma

Basha, residents of Boggu line in the Bommalasatram area of Nandyal town got their two-year-old son admitted in the Rafah hospital.

The boy was taken in a condition as some inconvenience found in the esophagus tract. The boy subsequently died in the hospital, said the DSP.

Unable to come to terms, the parents and their relatives shouted against doctors alleging the boy could not be salvaged due to doctors' negligence.

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FORM NO-VII
[Under Section 19 (1) of the Act read with Sub Rule (1) of Rule 25]

DECLARATION
Collector's Office, Vizianagaram

Where as it appears to the District Collector, Vizianagaram that a total extent of Ac. 0.21 cents of land is required in the Village Ramannapeta Mandal Gajapathinagaram District Vizianagaram for a public purpose, excavation of 3R Sub Minor of 25L Minor of Gajapathinagaram Branch Canal (from Km.0.424 to Km.0.593) under Thotapalli Barrage Project, the District Collector, Vizianagaram having been satisfied that the lands specified in the schedule below has to be acquired for public purpose, after having heard the objections of the persons interested and after due enquiry as provided U/s.15 of the Act 30 of 2013 and necessary budget provisions has been made by the Requiring Body i.e., Chief Engineer, North Coast, Visakhapatnam for the financial Years 2014-15 and 2015-16 vide their letter No.CE/NC/VSP/Supdt/A7/LA and R&R/44 dt.19.3.2015, the following Declaration is made under section 19 (1) of the Act 30 of 2013 (Central Act 30 of 2013).

DECLARATION
Under section 19(1) of the Act 30 of 2013 (Central Act 30 of 2013), the District Collector, Vizianagaram district, hereby, declares that the lands specified in the schedule below and measuring Ac.1.54 Cents; be the same a little more or less, is needed for a public purpose, 3R Sub Minor of 25L Minor of Gajapathinagaram Branch Canal (from Km.0.424 to Km.0.593) under Thotapalli Barrage Project.

SCHEDULE

Mandal : Gajapathinagaram						Village : Ramannapeta					
Sl. No.	Survey No.	Total Extent	Extent under	Classification	Name & address of the person interested	7	North	South	East	West	Details of Trees, Structures etc.,
1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	11	12
1	25-4B	8.30	0.21	R.Dry	Saripaka Appalanarasimhulu Velagada Appayya Potnuru Lakshminarayana s/o Appalanaidu	Pattadar Pattadar Enjoyer	25-2	26	Vernali	24	
Total:			0.21								

A plan of the land / lands is kept in the office of the Special Deputy Collector (LA), TBP Unit-III, Parvathipuram and may be inspected on any working day during office hours. There are no displaced families due to this land acquisition.

Mines of coal, iron-stone, slate or other minerals lying under the said land or any particular portion of the said land, except such parts of the mines and minerals which may be required to be dug or removed or used during the construction phase of the project for the purpose of which the land is being acquired are not needed.

DR. M. HARI JAWAHARLAL, I.A.S.,
DISTRICT COLLECTOR
VIZIANAGARAM

FORM NO-VII

[Under Section 19 (1) of the Act read with Sub Rule (1) of Rule 25]

DECLARATION

Rc.No. 630/2021//SA(LA), dt. 21.05.2021

Collector's Office, Vizianagaram

Where as it appears to the District Collector, Vizianagaram that a total extent of Ac .12.36 cents of land is required in the Villages Rangupuram,M.Kothavalasa and Garikavalasa Mandals Gajapathinagaram and Gurla District Vizianagaram for a public purpose, excavation of Gajapathinagaram Branch Canal under Thotapalli Barrage Project, the District Collector, Vizianagaram having been satisfied that the lands specified in the schedule below has to be acquired for public purpose, after having heard the objections of the persons interested and after due enquiry as provided U/s.15 of the Act 30 of 2013 and necessary budget provisions has been made by the Requiring Body ie., Chief Engineer, North Coast, Visakahpatnam for the financial Years 2014-15 and 2015-16 vide their letter No.CE/NC/VSP/Supdt/A7/LA and R&R/44 dt.19.3.2015, the following Declaration is made under section 19 (1) of the Act 30 of 2013 (Central Act 30 of 2013).

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SCHEDULE

District: Vizianagaram

Mandal : Gajapathinagaram

Village : Rangupuram

Rangupuram 19 L Minor of Gajapathinagaram Branch Canal (from Km.0.00 to Km.0.063)

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Total Extent Ac.Cts	Extent under Acquisition Ac.Cts	Classification	Name & address of the person interested		Boundaries				Details of Trees, Structures etc., if any.
							North	South	East	West	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	21-16B1	0.04	0.03	R.Dry	Jami Mallesh s/o Ramayya Patnana Suryarao s/o Surappadu	Pattadar' Engoyar	21-16B2	Sy.No.22	Sy.No.22	Sy.No.22	
Total:			0.03								

District:Vizianagaram

Mandal: Gajapathinagaram

Village:M.Kothavalasa

M.Kothavalasa 19L Minor of Gajapathinagaram Branch Canal (from Km.0.063 to Km.2.268)

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Total Extent Ac.Cts	Extent under Acquisition Ac.Cts	Classification	Name & address of the person interested		Boundaries				Details of Trees, Structures etc., if any.
							North	South	East	West	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	2-11A	1.04	0.04	R.Dry	Potnuri Musalainaidu S/o Sanyasirao	Pattadar	SY.NO.61	15A	11B	12,13	
2	2-12	0.04	0.04	R.Dry	Potnuru Musalainaidu S/o Ramunaidu	Enjoyer	SY.NO.61	13	11A	SY.NO.61	
3	2-13	0.12	0.12	R.Dry	Lenka Appalanaidu	Pattadar					
					Lenka Suryanarayana	Enjoyer					
3	2-13	0.12	0.12	R.Dry	Lenka Suryanarayana	Pattadar	12	14B	11A	SY.NO.61	
4	2-14B	0.12	0.09	R.Dry	Sri raja vasta nayudu s/o Venkatapathiraju	Enjoyer					
					Potuni Kamunaidu S/o sanyasappadu	Pattadar	13	16B	15A	14A	
					Lenka chinnamunaidu	Enjoyer					
5	2-15A	0.31	0.04	R.Dry	Jaggurouhu Atchiyya S/o Somayya	Pattadar	11A	16B	15B	14B	
					Adimulamu Appalakonda	Enjoyer					
6	2-16B	0.44	0.38	R.Dry	Potnuru Appalaswmi S/o Ramunaidu	Pattadar	14B	19B,20	21,15A	16A	
					Lenka Chinnamnaidu	Enjoyer					
					Lenka Suryanarayana	Enjoyer					
7	2-19B	0.07	0.06	R.Dry	Savada Appalaswami S/o Ammanna	Pattadar	16B	SY.NO.61	20	19A	
					Lenkasurianarayana	Enjoyer					
8	2-20	0.12	0.12	R.Dry	Lenka Suryanarayana	Pattadar					
					Lenka satyanarayana	Enjoyer	16B	SY.NO.61	21	19B	
9	3-1B	0.64	0.32	R.Dry	Lenka Ramu S/o Narasayya	Pattadar	SY.NO.2	2B		1A	
					Lenka Suryanarayana S/o appannaramu	Enjoyer					
10	3-2B	0.21	0.11	R.Dry	Kankanala Chinnayya S/o Seethayya	Pattadar	1B	4B	2A		
					Kanimeraka Venkata Ramana S/o Appalaswami	Enjoyer					
11	3-4B	0.38	0.21	R.Dry	Kagana yellayya S/o Butchodu	Pattadar	2B	SY.NO.4	5,11,	4A	
					Kanimeraka Venkata ramana S/o Appalaswami	Enjoyer					
12	3-5	0.05	0.05	R.Dry	Potnuru Ramunaidu S/o Pedaachanna	Pattadar	4B	39	9,10	4B	
					Sanapathi paidamma W/o Suryanarayana	Enjoyer					
13	3-39	0.04	0.04	R.Dry	Potnuru musalainaidu	Pattadar	5	SY.NO.04	6	4B	
					Meesala Paidithali	Enjoyer					
14	4-1	0.21	0.01	R.Dry	Potnuru Ramunaidu S/o Pedaachanna	Pattadar	SY.NO.03	3A	3B	1A	
					Kanimeraka Venkata Ramana S/o Appalaswami	Enjoyer					
15	4-3B	0.14	0.10	R.Dry	Rapaka Tata S/o Varanna	Pattadar	SY.NO.03	7B	4,5A,6A	3A	
					Kanimeraka Venkata ramana S/o Appalaswami	Enjoyer					
16	4-4	0.04	0.04	R.Dry	Beyypaga Appalaswami S/o Ramaswami	Pattadar	SY.NO.03	5A	SY.NO.08	3B	
					Rapaka varanamma S/o Paidithali	Enjoyer					
17	4-5A	0.03	0.02	R.Dry	Beyypaga Lakshmu S/o Krishnasurappadu	Pattadar	4	6A	5B	3B	
					Rapaka suryanarayana S/o Tata	Enjoyer	5A	7B	6B	3B	
18	4-6A	0.03	0.02	R.Dry	Beyypaga Venkatappadu S/obangarinaidu	Pattadar					
					Rapaka suryanarayana S/o tata	Enjoyer					
19	4-7B	0.80	0.30	R.Dry	Potunu appalaswami S/o narayana	Pattadar	3B,6A	SY.NO.05	7C	7 B	
					Potnuru Simhachalam w/o Suryanarayana	Enjoyer					
					Kanimeraka Venkata Ramana	Enjoyer					
20	14-12B	1.24	0.10	R.Dry	Kankanala appalaswami S/o Appayya	Pattadar	29,31B	24	29	12A	
					Munakala Venkataramana S/o Ramalappadu	Enjoyer					
21	14-20B	0.32	0.16	R.Dry	Potnuru Kamulu S/o Sanyasinaidu	Pattadar	21B			20A	
					Potnuru Butchamma W/o Kamunaidu	Enjoyer					
22	14-21B	0.20	0.06	R.Dry	Potnuru Sanyasappadu S/o Surappadu	Pattadar	22B	20B	23B	21A	
					Potnuru Ramu S/o Kamunaidu	Enjoyer					
23	14-22B	0.28	0.01	R.Dry	Kankanala Chinnayya S/o Seethayya	Pattadar	23B	21B	23B	22B	
					Kankanala Suramma W/o Seethayya	Enjoyer					
24	14-23B	0.13	0.10	R.Dry	Bandaru rammurthy S/o Kondayya	Pattadar	23A	20B	24A	23A,22B	
					Munakala Venkataramana S/o Ramalappadu	Enjoyer					
25	14-24A	0.12	0.11	R.Dry	Lanka Bangari S/o Akkayya	Pattadar	12B,27A	23B	27A	23B	
					Lenka Bangari w/o Akkayya	Enjoyer					
26	14-25A	0.06	0.01	R.Dry	Lenka Appalanaidu S/o Narayanappadu	Pattadar	24A	23B	25B	23B	
					Lenka Kamunaidu S/o Narayanappadu	Pattadar					
					Lenka Appalamaidu S/o Narayana	Enjoyer					
27	14-27A	0.22	0.08	R.Dry	Potnuri Tata S/o Chandrayya	Pattadar	29,28A	24A	27B	12B,24A	
					Paturi Gowrunaidu S/o Tata	Enjoyer					
28	14-28A	0.16	0.11	R.Dry	Potnuru Kamulu S/o Sanyasinaidu	Pattadar	30	27A	28B	29	
					Paturi Butchamma W/o Kamunaidu	Enjoyer					
29	14-29	0.15	0.15	R.Dry	Potnuri Sanyasppadu S/o Surappadu	Pattadar	31B	27A	28A	12B	
					Paturi Ramu S/o Kamunaidu	Enjoyer					
30	14-30	0.15	0.15	R.Dry	Potnuri Sanyasppadu S/o Surappadu	Pattadar	33	28A	47A,48A	31B	
					Paturi Ramu S/o Kamunaidu	Enjoyer					
31	14-31B	0.12	0.1	R.Dry	Potnuru Kamulu S/o Sanyasinaidu	Pattadar	32B	29	30	31A	
					Paturi Butchamma W/o Kamunaidu	Enjoyer					
32	14-32B	0.08	0.02	R.Dry	Potnuri Appalanaidu S/o Chandrayya	Pattadar	SY.NO5	31B	33	32A	
					Potnuri Chandranmma W/o Appalanaidu	Enjoyer					
33	14-33	0.08	0.08	R.Dry	Potnuri Tata S/o Chandrayya	Pattadar	SY.NO.5	30	34	32B	
					Paturi Gowrunaidu s/o Tata	Enjoyer					
34	14-34	0.04	0.04	R.Dry	Paturi Narayanappadu s/o Chandrayya	Pattadar	SY.NO.5	47A	35A	33	
					Potnuri Appalaswami s/o Narayanappadu	Enjoyer					
35	14-35A	0.08	0.03	R.Dry	Kankanala appalaswami S/o Appayya	Pattadar	SY.NO.5	47A	35B	34	
					Kankanala Ramunaidu s/o Appalaswami	Enjoyer					
36	14-47A	0.07	0.05	R.Dry	Moida Rammurthy s/o Narsimhulu	Pattadar	34,35A	48A	47B	30	
					Potnuri Appalaswami s/o Narayanamurthy	Enjoyer					
					Potnuri Suryanaryana S/o Narayana	Enjoyer					
37	14-48A	0.06	0.02	R.Dry	Potnuru Appalaswmi S/o Ramunaidu	Pattadar	47A	28A,49	48B	30	
					Potnuri Krishna S/o Appalaswami	Enjoyer					
38	15-1A	0.13	0.01	R.Dry	Potnuri Sanyasppadu S/o Surappadu	Pattadar	SY.NO14	SY.NO14	1B	SY.NO14	
					Potnuri Ramu S/o Kamunaidu	Enjoyer					
39	15-9A	0.75	0.3	R.Dry	Kankanla Appalaswami S/o Appaddu	Pattadar	SY.NO14	10A	9B	SY.NO16	
					Kankanla Lakshmi W/o paidinaidu	Enjoyer					
40	15-10A	0.06	0.05	R.Dry	Dola Bangarappadu S/o appaddu	Pattadar	9A	11A	10B	SY.NO16	
					Kankanla Lakshmi W/o paidinaidu	Enjoyer					
41	15-11A	0.16	0.03	R.Wet	Dola Ramulu S/o Appadu	Pattadar	10A	18A	11B	SY.NO16	
					Kankanla Lakshmi W/o paidinaidu	Enjoyer					
42	15-18A	0.61	0.08	R.Wet	Kankanla Appalaswami S/o Appaddu	Pattadar	16A	20A	18B	SY.NO16	
					Kankanla Lakshmi W/o paidinaidu	Enjoyer					
43	15-20A	0.40	0.04	R.Wet	Potnuru Kamulu S/o Sanyasinaidu	Pattadar	18A	SY.NO17	20B	SY.NO.16	
					Potnuru Butchamma W/o Ramunaidu	Enjoyer					
44	16-5B	0.26	0.01	I.Dry	Chepana Venkatappadu S/o Bangari	Pattadar	SY.NO15	17B	SY.NO15	5A	
					Gavidu Suramma W/o Paidithalli	Enjoyer					
45	16-17B	0.22	0.08	I.Dry	Potnuri Sanyasppadu S/o Surappadu	Pattadar	5	18B	SY.NO15	17A	
					Potnuri Ramunaidu S/o Sanyasi	Enjoyer					
					Potnuri Ramu S/o Kamunaidu	Enjoyer					

SHORT TAKES

ODISHA: CYBER THIEVES SWINDLE 1.49 CRORE

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 1

Incidents of cyber theft increased during the lockdown period in Odisha in the last one month.

According to a statement issued by the police on Tuesday, the looters took advantage of the pandemic restrictions which prompted people to prefer online transactions for shopping and other financial activities.

The police said that fraudsters duped unsuspecting people to the tune of ₹1.49 crore during the lockdown period out of which ₹70,78,714 was duped in the state capital Bhubaneswar alone during the period.

According to the data shared by the police, the Cyber help desk had received 529 calls regarding cyber frauds out of which the cyber cell in Bhubaneswar had received a maximum 256 calls.

As many as 160 calls were related to UPI fraud while 100 other calls related to frauds regarding credit and debit cards.

UNPARALLELED HANDLING OF COVID IN UP: BJP

Lucknow, June 1: BJP vice president Radha Mohan Singh on Tuesday dismissed speculation over any change of leadership in Uttar Pradesh and called the state government's handling of the Covid pandemic "unparalleled".

Singh and BJP's national general secretary (organisation) B.L. Santhosh are on a three-day visit here, meeting party leaders on "preparations to fight Covid" and what participants called "organisational" issues.

The party vice president met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and deputy chief ministers Dinesh Sharma and Keshav Maurya on Monday. On Tuesday, the two deputy chief ministers met Santhosh. When asked about speculation over "leadership change" in the state, Singh dismissed it as a figment of someone's imagination.

DELHI ALLOWS HOME DELIVERY OF LIQUOR ONLINE

New Delhi, June 1: Delhiites may soon order liquor through a mobile app or website for home delivery, with the Delhi government amending the excise rules through a notification that also allows take-away of draught beer in bottles or growlers from micro-breweries.

An official said that the amended rules were implemented with the issuance of notification, but the new facilities will take some time as the government will have to decide dates for implementing different provisions by notifying the new excise policy or separate term and conditions.

The Delhi Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2021, published in a gazette notification on Monday permit the holders of the necessary licences to serve liquor in open spaces such as terraces, the courtyards of clubs, bars attached to hotels and independent restaurants where customers will also have choice of getting alcohol in bottles. However, it will be the sole responsibility of such establishments to ensure that no customer takes the served bottles out of the licensed premises.

CEC: Poll panel confident of holding five Assembly elections in 2022

New Delhi, June 1: The Election Commission is confident of holding the five Assembly polls due early next year, including in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, on time as the poll panel has gained a lot of experience from the electoral exercise in Bihar, West Bengal and four other Assemblies amid the Coronavirus pandemic, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra has asserted.

The terms of the legislative Assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab and Uttarakhand are coming to an end in March 2022, while the term of the Uttar Pradesh legislative

Assembly is scheduled to end in May. "That is the foremost duty of the Election Commission that we should hold the elections and submit the list of the winning candidates (to the Governor) before the term of the Assembly expires," Chandra said.

He was asked whether the poll panel will be able to hold the Assembly polls due in five states on time due to Covid-19 as recently it has deferred some Lok Sabha and Assembly bypolls due to the second wave of Covid-19.

Some Rajya Sabha bypolls and biennial legislative council elections were also

deferred due to the second wave of the pandemic. "As you are aware that the second wave of Covid-19 is also receding and the numbers (of infections) are quite less. We have done elections in Bihar during the pandemic, we have done elections in four states and one UT. We have experience... We have learned various experiences on how to hold polls during the pandemic also," he said.

"I am very much sure that with the receding pandemic now, and I wish the pandemic is over soon, we will absolutely be in a position to hold elections next year which are scheduled in five states on time, as per the

schedule," Chandra said.

While Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur have BJP-led governments, Punjab has a Congress government.

Uttar Pradesh, the country's most populous state, has approximately 14.66 crore voters, while Punjab has over 2 crore electors, according to January 1, 2021 data of the Election Commission.

Uttarakhand has 18.15 lakh voters while Manipur has 19.58 lakh and Goa has 11.45 lakh electors.

The five states together have an estimated 17.84 crore voters.

— PTI

People can break the chain of virus: Stalin

Says unless the state recovers from the ravaging pandemic, govt’s plans for other dept’s cannot be looked into

G. BABU JAYAKUMAR & D. SEKAR | DC CHENNAI, JUNE 1

Entrusting the responsibility of putting a full stop to the spread of Coronavirus with the people, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said only they could break the chain of the infection that spread from individual to individual as the lockdown could not be

imposed always.

Urging the people to adhere to the restrictions and the norms imposed by the government, Stalin, in a video message to the public on Tuesday, said since Coronavirus spreads from person to person, everyone should play safe and also ensure that they did not spread it to others.

He pointed to the drastic reduction in the number of

infections after a total lockdown was imposed on May 24 and said that though the government extended the lockdown by another week and the numbers came down further, it cannot be extended forever.

There was an urgent need to come out of the present day tragedies and step into a bright future with renewed hopes, he

said, adding that the failure to put a full stop to the pandemic in its first wave had led to the second surge, which was throwing up a challenge to medical infrastructure and the state's finances.

Referring to his visit to the Covid ward at the ESI Hospital in Coimbatore to extend moral support to the patients, the families and the frontline workers

of the medical community, he said there were several people who had affectionately warned him not to repeat such an act.

The same alarm raised by the well-wishers should be a common caution guiding the general behaviour of the people since a violation of the precautions even by one person can jeopardise the collective efforts to put

an end to the spread of virus.

Unless the state recovered from the present ravages of the pandemic, the government's plans for the other departments cannot be looked into and executed, he said.

Meanwhile, examinations for the State Board Plus Two examinations may also be cancelled in the wake of the Centre

doing away with the final examinations for CBSE students, citing the safety of students in the context of the Covid-19 crisis.

State school education minister Anbil Mahesh Poyamozhi said that he would discuss the matter with the Chief Minister and officials of the education department on Wednesday before arriving at a decision.

FORM NO-VI (A) (under Section 11 (1) of the Act, 30 of 2013 Read with Sub Rule (1) of Rule 19) PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION <div>Collector's Office, Vizianagaram</div>											
Rc.No. 1024/2021/SA(LA), dt. 21.05.2021											
Whereas it appears to the District Collector ,Vizianagaram that the lands specified in the schedule below are needed for a public purpose, to wit for excavation of 40L Minor Canal of Gajapathnagaram Branch Canair (from Km.0.446 to 0.575 Km.) under Thotapalli Barrage Project, notice to that effect is hereby given to all to whom it may concern in accordance with the provisions of Section -11 (1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act No.30 of 2013).											
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was taken up by the I&CAD Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh in the year 2005 and Environment clearance granted by MOEF vide letter No.J-12011/10/2002 A /dt.29.08.2005. There are no displaced families due to this Land Acquisition.											
Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section-12 of the Act, the District Collector, Vizianagaram hereby, designates the Special Deputy Collector, T.B.P.Unit-III, Parvathipuram, his staff and workmen to exercise the powers conferred under the above said section.											
Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e., sale / purchase etc. or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of this notification without the prior approval of the Collector/Land Acquisition Officer.											
Objections to the acquisitions, if any, may be filed by the person(s) interested within 60 (sixty) days from the date of publication of this Notification as provided under Section -15 of the Act before the Collector/Land Acquisition Officer.											
SCHEDULE Mandal : Dattirajeru Village : Dattirajeru											
Sl. No.	Survey No.	Total Extent Ac.Cts	Extent under Acquisition Ac.Cts	Classification	Name & address of the person interested	Boundaries North South East West				Details of Trees, Structures etc., if any.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				8	
1	245-16C2	0.09	0.05	I. Dry	Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju	Pattadar Enjoyer	245/8B	245/18B	245/16C1	245/16C3	
2	245-18B	0.34	0.12	I. Dry	Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju	Pattadar Enjoyer	245/16C2	269E	245/18A	245/18C	
3	269F-26B	0.20	0.01	I. Dry	Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju	Pattadar Enjoyer	269F/27	269E	269F/25	245	
4	269E-9C1	2.52	0.01	R.Dry	Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyananarayana Raju Behara Suryanarayana s/o Abbayi Vangapandu Ramudamma w/o Srinivasarao Vangapandu Akkamma Vangapandu Srirama Murthy Vangapandu Krishna Murthy s/o Narayana	Pattadar Enjoyer Enjoyer Enjoyer	245	269E/23	269E/28	269/9C2	
5	269E-9C3		0.27	R.Dry	Behara Suryanarayana s/o Abbayi Vangapandu Ramudamma w/o Srinivasarao Vangapandu Akkamma Vangapandu Srirama Murthy Vangapandu Krishna Murthy s/o Narayana	Pattadar Enjoyer	269E/13B	269D	269E/9C2	269E/9C4	
6	269E-10A	0.25	0.02	I. Dry	Behara Tirupathirao s/o Venkatappayya Behara Tirupathirao s/o Venkatappayya	Pattadar Enjoyer	269E/13B	269D	269E/9C2	269E/9C4	
7	269E-13B	0.49	0.21	I. Dry	Behara Suryanarayana s/o Abbayi Behara Jagannadham s/o Abbayi Behara Chalapathi Rao s/o Abbayi Behara Kistaamma s/o Abbayi Behara Rammurthy s/o Abbayi Behara Ganapathi Rao s/o Krishna Balaga Swami Naidu s/o Jigi Naidu	Pattadar Pattadar Pattadar Pattadar Enjoyer Enjoyer	269E/13A	269E/13B	269E/17B	269E/10A	
8	269E-15A	0.24	0.01	I. Dry	Behara Suryanarayana s/o Abbayi Balaga Swami Naidu s/o Jigi Naidu	Pattadar Enjoyer	269E/17B	269E/15B	269E/16A	269E/17C	
9	269E-16A	0.37	0.11	I. Dry	Behara Chalapathi Rao s/o Abbayi Behara Suryanarayana s/o Abbayi	Pattadar Enjoyer	269E/17A	269E/16B	269E/19B	269E/15A	
10	269E-17B	0.54	0.14	I. Dry	Behara Savithri Balaga Narayanamma w/o Swami Naidu	Pattadar Enjoyer	269E/17A 269E/17A	269E/17B 269E/17B	269E/16A 269E/16A	269E/13B 269E/13B	
11	269E-18B	0.64	0.04	I. Dry	Behara Jagannadharao s/o Appalanarasimhulu Behara Jagannadharao s/o Appalanarasimhulu	Pattadar Enjoyer	269E/18A	269E/19B	269E/19A	269E/17B	
12	269E-19B	0.94	0.17	I. Dry	Behara Chalapathi Rao s/o Abbayi Thadela Sanyasi s/o Latchayya	Pattadar Enjoyer	269E/19A	269E/19C	269E/22B	269E/16A	
13	269E-22B	0.44	0.20	I. Dry	Behara Chalapathi Rao s/o Venkatappayya Behara Sambhashiva Rao	Pattadar Enjoyer	269E/22A	269E/22C	269E/23A	269E/19B	
14	269E-23A	0.20	0.06	I. Dry	Behara Jagannadharao Pettamdaru Buddaraju Ramabhadra Raju s/o Satyanarayana Raju	Pattadar Enjoyer	169F	269E/22B	269E/23B	269E/9C1	
15	269D-34B	3.41	0.39	I. Dry	Behara Suryanarayana s/o Abbayi Behara Jagannadham s/o Abbayi Behara Chalapathi Rao s/o Abbayi Behara Kistaamma s/o Abbayi Behara Rammurthy s/o Abbayi Behara Krishnamma Dasaradhi Vangapandu Srirama Murthy Vangapandu Krishna Murthy s/o Narayana Vangapandu Srinivasa Rao Narayana Appala Nidu Gadidesi Gangulu Appalaswami	Pattadar Pattadar Pattadar Pattadar Enjoyer Enjoyer Enjoyer Enjoyer	269D/34A	269D/34C	269E	269B	
16	269B-35C2	0.59	0.09	I. Dry	Behara Suryanarayana s/o Abbayi	Pattadar	269B/35C1	269B/35C3	269B/39B	269D	
17	269B-39B	0.79	0.06	I. Dry	Bogadi Sanyasi s/o Lachayya	Pattadar	269B/39A	269B/35C3	269B/35C2	269B/40B	
18	269B-40B	0.54	0.18	I. Dry	Bogadi Suryanarayana s/o Sanyasi Chukka Sannamma s/o Rami Naidu	Enjoyer Pattadar	269B/40A	269B/40C	269B/39B	269B/41A2	
19	269B-41A2	2.10	0.15	I. Dry	Chukka Sannamma s/o Rami Naidu Behara Jagannadharao s/o Appalanarasimhulu Vangapandu Ramudamma w/o Srinivasarao Vangapandu Akkamma Vangapandu Srirama Murthy Vangapandu Krishna Murthy s/o Narayana	Enjoyer Pattadar Enjoyer Enjoyer Enjoyer	269B/41A1	269B/41A3	269B/40B	269C	
20	269C-42B	0.99	0.15	I. Dry	Yakala Ramayya s/o Appayya Chukka Simhachalam w/o Satyanarayana	Pattadar Enjoyer	269C/42A	269C/42B	269C/43B	269C/46B	
21	269C-43B	0.74	0.20	I. Dry	Chukka Appalaswami Naidu s/o Pedaramu Naidu Yakala Surayya s/o Ramayya Yakala Suri s/o Ramayya Vykunta Appala Naidu s/o Laxmu	Pattadar Enjoyer Enjoyer Enjoyer	269C/43A	269C/43C	269B	269C/42B	
22	269C-46B	1.53	0.32	I. Dry	Thadela Sanyasi s/o Latchodu Yakala Ramayya s/o Appayya	Pattadar Enjoyer	269C/46A	269C/46C	269C/43C	Vangara	
23	269C-47A	1.23	0.02	I. Dry	Thadela Paidithalli Sanyasi s/o Latchodu Yakala Ramayya s/o Appayya	Pattadar Enjoyer	269C/46B	269C/46D	269C/47B	269C/46A	
			2.98								
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Stop misuse of sedition, all other laws to stifle dissent

The Supreme Court's observation that Section 124A of the IPC which deals with sedition will need interpretation, especially on its application with regard to freedom of the press, is welcome. It is all the more refreshing that it came along with a directive restraining the police from taking coercive action against two TV channels in Andhra Pradesh for airing news, and a query, albeit sarcastic, by a bench of the court as to whether sedition cases were being filed against TV channels which aired visuals of a body of a suspected Covid-19 victims being thrown into a river.

This is not the first time that the Supreme Court has taken a close look at the sedition law vis a vis Article 19 (1) (a) of the Constitution which guarantees freedom of speech and expression. A Constitution bench of the Supreme Court had in 1962 upheld the constitutionality of the law but held that its use must be limited to "acts involving intention or tendency to create disorder, or disturbance of law and order, or incitement to violence". The court had gone on to say that a citizen has "a right to say or write whatever he likes about the government, or its measures, by way of criticism or comment, so long as he does not incite people to violence against the government established by law or with the intention of creating public disorder". A month ago, the Supreme Court had, in fact, decided that it will review the constitutional validity of the law.

There are reports that 96 per cent of sedition cases in the last 10 years were registered after 2014... of the 405 such cases, 149 were booked against persons who spoke against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and 144 against Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath. It is curious that the NDA dispensation, which scrapped about 1,500 redundant laws, chose to retain this relic of the Raj.

Given the propensity of the governments at the Centre and in the states to invoke this law, it is appropriate that the apex court get on to the exercise of its review at the earliest. It is, however, a bit baffling that the court talked of a review with regard to the press, though the Constitution makes no mention of freedom of the press and assures every citizen of the right to speech and expression. It is expected that the review would ultimately benefit every citizen of this country.

It is not just the sedition law that the governments now find handy to muzzle dissent or criticism. The Uttar Pradesh government had recently warned that those who publicly flag shortage of healthcare facilities Covid patients face will be booked under the National Security Act. It took a stern warning by the apex court that it will brook no violation of the right to free speech of a citizen when the country is going through a humanitarian crisis for the state government to halt its draconian moves. Another forceful and timely intervention by the Supreme Court is imperative if free speech were to survive and succeed in this country.

3 kids in China: It's demographics

The China Communist Party politburo's shift to a three-child policy comes amid a falling birthrate that has led to certain demographic challenges like an ageing society which may have 300 millions people in the 60+ category by 2025. The title of the world's most populated country may not remain much longer with China as estimates have it that India is behind by a mere five crore people and is being tipped to take the title in this decade itself. The question arises, then, whether a nation can over time cope with a rising population when the economic and social indicators are far from promising as they may have been in the past.

Can society support an ageing section of people even as it faces the challenge of providing jobs for millions of young people in an environment in which industry and to an extent services too are bound to get more automated and the traditional job and livelihood prospects are fast declining in the modern age? China's problem right now seems to be to sustain what was once a demographic advantage of a vast number of younger people in the working category driving an economy that steadily rose over the last four decades into one of the most powerful in the world. More recently, India was thought to have the advantage in which those aged above 64 represent only about 6.38 per cent of the population while 26.62 per cent are younger than 14.

As education reached all, more and more couples adopted the one or two child norm in India where family planning is only voluntary and not State policy-driven as it is in China where resentment is rife over government's invasive control over women's bodies and where unwed or single mothers with children are not only frowned upon but also made ineligible for State benefits. There are far too many factors like economic pressures and social trends among women that govern birthrates. While policy planners may fret over demographic profiles, individual choice is more likely to govern population trends. Ultimately, it will be the economy and the environment that will dictate trends than fancy ideas of social engineering.

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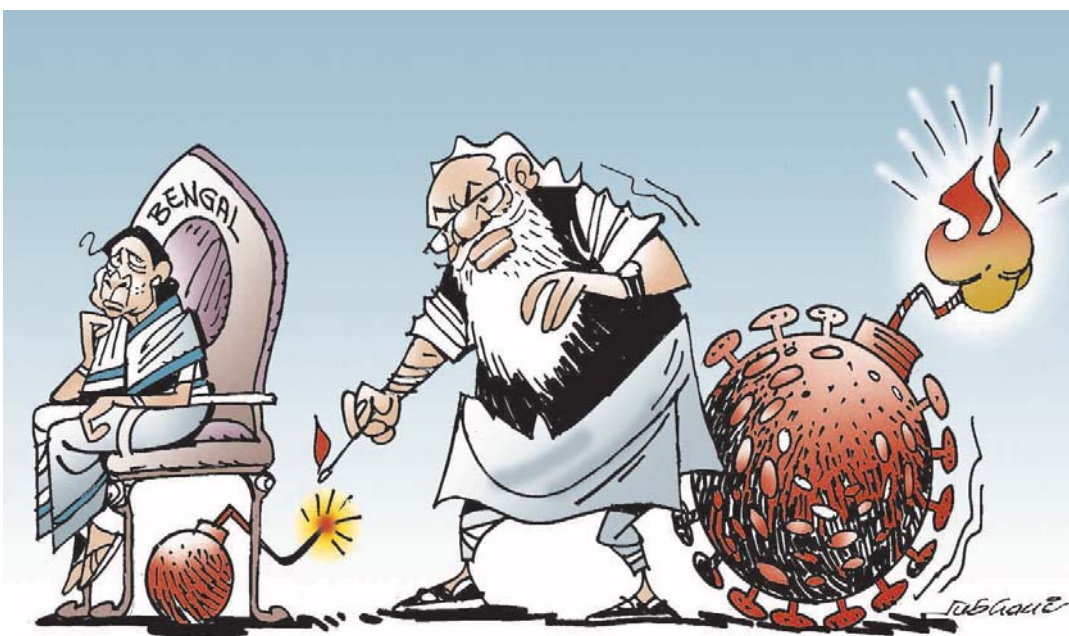
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Game score at halftime: China — 1, Mankind — 0

Sriram Karri

Welcome. We are joined live by nearly billions of people across the world, but the telecast of this soccer game is not being broadcast live only in China. We are just a few minutes away from kick-off of the game to decide the winner of the ultimate trophy — world domination.

China, under its new coach, manager and captain, Xi, has prepared hard and meticulously for this match. Xi's strategy is unclear. The rival team, "All of Mankind", is unsure how to deal with Xi, even experts are divided. The excitement and tension among spectators is unbelievable, and it feels like a game of life and death.

Xi wins the toss against his rival captain, Donald T, who is shaking his head angrily, and claiming that the referee, Mr Who, is resorting to unfair play. Xi will kick off the ball. Against all rules, Xi has unveiled a new ball for the match. The sphere, green in colour, has tentacles on its surface. China has not revealed how or where the ball was made. Some experts feel that it was created in a lab, but a few say it was a natural mutation.

The jury is still out. But clearly China has an unfair advantage as they know a lot more about this ball, now dubbed Corona. By refusing to share information, clearly Xi is complicit as guilty as per the lab-leak theory. The game picks pace. Trump and his team mates are running around in confusion as Xi and his team are showing excellent coordination, dribbling the ball with practiced finesse, deflecting all attacks with nonchalance.

Trump is complaining about Who, the referee, who, however, is not entertaining any issues against China. "W" does not stand for Wuhan though, but World. There has been huge controversy over the selection of Trump for this match. Could he be changed midway, especially if he continues to fail in handling Corona? We will have to wait and watch.

Meanwhile, another feeble attempt at having a go into China's half has been thwarted. China is back on the attack again.

Meanwhile, the Chinese ball, Corona, is causing discomfort to many players, as if the entire ball-game has been changed. The US, UK, Italy, Spain, Hong Kong and India are all struggling. Each player is trying to figure a way to deal with the Corona ball but in a rapidly moving game, there is hardly time for them to regroup or share their learning on the go. China is meanwhile getting aggressive with certain players — Taiwan to begin with. Taiwan has been pushed but the referee ignores the Chinese foul. China has protested against the presence of Taiwan in Mankind's team before the game.

Now China is trying to elbow India hard but gets one back. The Mankind team protests but the referee, Who, does not stop the game or admonish China. The Corona ball game continues. Suddenly as China moves forward, Trump tries to stop Xi but fails. Xi trips Trump and the referee blows the whistle. Wait? What?

Unbelievable. Incredible. Xi fouls and Who hands him an extra. China gets a penalty kick. Mankind protests but China get a chance to take a lead. Xi prepares to kick

Mankind and he does it with ease. China takes the lead 1-0.

The coach of Mankind is looking on carefully as Trump puts up a little fight back here, taking the ball into the Chinese side. It is the Quad strategy. The US, India, Japan and Australia are moving forward with some skill. But China is not giving it up.

It is using reverse aggression tactics and is targeting India again. The India-China scuffle momentarily distracts everyone. But India refuses to budge. China now kicks in other directions. China's selective aggression against the Philippines, Vietnam, Australia and Japan leads to anger in Mankind.

Meanwhile, the coach decides to substitute a player. No, not just any player, but the captain. Trump is out. Biden steps onto the ground but the exiting captain refuses to hand over the band. Some internal scuffle here... matters seem to have finally settled nicely.

Can Biden change Mankind's strategy? He has experience and great understanding about China, having been a crucial player in Obama's Club before. Biden is pushing hard on the investigation flank. The ball is being held by Mankind for a tad bit longer as Wuhan keeps coming into the picture... Lab or natural mutation? The tactics are simple but are working. But will China wilt and relinquish its advantage? Traditionally, China believes in the Middle Kingdom domination

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strategy.

Biden is under great pressure, having taken charge after China took a lead. Will he go down in history as the captain who surrendered American global leadership, a trophy held since World War II? Or can he inflict enough high costs on Xi for his misadventures? Biden is getting his players to focus on the economy flank and pushing vaccine tactics. China is imitating the vaccine play but does not seem to have too many takers. Except Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the ball goes back to investigations into the origins of Covid. China is protesting. We are nearing the end of the play for the first half, with Xi's China holding on to the 1-0 lead. Mankind has not even reached China's half convincingly even once in this match, no mismatch. Europe has been disappointing in the game so far. Biden has another brief distraction on the field — it is Israel and Palestine having a go at each other.

Most Mankind players are looking on in disbelief while China is enjoying the distraction to catch its breath. We have just a few minutes left. It looks unlikely with the pace at which Covid is moving around the global field if there can be an equaliser. Clearly, the second half is when the fate of the match will be decided.

Will Mankind adopt a more aggressive challenge to China in response to their bio-warfare tactics? Will Mankind get together strongly to remove China from the UN Security Council? Or impose a fine of \$10,000 for each Covid death worldwide? Biden's response — military, diplomatic, economic, or a combination? We will find out when the game resumes after a break if he can make a strong comeback.

The referee blows the whistle. Halftime. The scoreline reads Mankind — 0, China — 1. All the players are walking out of the ground. We will take a short commercial break. Be right back...

LETTERS

ANANDIAH 'CURE'

Finally Boningi Anandaiah concoction got nod from both the Andhra Pradesh High Court and the state government. With this several people across the state and neighbouring state who want take his preparation for Covid-19 treatment got shy of relief. In this episode one should learn that there is no authentic treatment for Coronavirus even in allopathy. Even remdesivir and plasma therapy were recommended and later they were shunned. Why can't such chance be given to Anandaiah preparation as thousands of Covid patients are eagerly waiting for it?

Pratapa Reddy Yaramala
Krishna

NON-ALIGNMENT

With the US pressing for new research to find the origins of Covid-19 and China furiously rejecting any new research it's the beginning of Cold War 2. While India had survived the first Cold War through Jawaharlal Nehru's Non-alignment strategy and protected itself from the two major powers — US and USSR — it seems even now non-alignment strategy is the best solution to protect India from the two nuclear superpowers that is USA and China.

Ratnaraj Jain
Rajahmundry

50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

Ex-Minister held for alleged link with Pak spies

CALCUTTA, June 1. Former United Front Minister Golan Yazdani and former member of Lok Sabha Syed Badruddoja were arrested this afternoon for their alleged involvement in the activities of a Pakistani spy ring.

Chief Minister Ajoy Mukherji told newsmen that the arrest was made under the Maintenance of Internal Security Ordinance 1971 with a view to prevent the two persons from acting in any manner "prejudicial to the defence of India and India's relations with foreign powers and the security of India."

Aakar Patel



How Jaishankar put on mat in US over Hindutva and other issues

India's external affairs minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar was till Saturday on a visit to the United States. The first half of his trip was apparently not very productive as the person he had come to meet, US secretary of state Antony J. Blinken, had to go to the Middle East on an urgent visit. Mr Jaishankar met him only several days after reaching the US. In the meantime, the minister met the Indian teams at the United Nations and had sundry other meetings. He also had an interview with former President Donald Trump's national security adviser Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster. The general, who is familiar with India and has visited it, spoke about radicalism in the region and how extremism had hurt Pakistan. He then asked Mr Jaishankar: "I wanted to ask you about how you see political developments in your own country. You are not a partisan person. You have served with great distinction across many administrations. There is concern in the midst of the pandemic about some of these Hindutva policies that could be undermining the secular nature of Indian democracy... Are India's friends right to be concerned about some of these recent trends?"

Mr Jaishankar first corrected Gen.

McMaster to say that he was actually partisan: "Let me clarify something. I served multiple administrations when I was a civil servant. I am today an elected member of Parliament. Do I have a political viewpoint and political interest? Of course, I do. Hopefully I will be able to articulate the interest that I represent." He then says he will give two replies: a "straight political answer" and a "slightly more nuanced societal answer". His straight political answer is that in the past India had "votebank politics", but no longer does because democracy had deepened under the BJP. This had happened through "broader representation in politics and in leadership positions and in civil society of people... who are much more confident about their culture, about their language about their beliefs. These are people who are less from the English-speaking world, less connected to other global centres". Mr Jaishankar says there's nothing to be concerned about as there is no problem, and this set of people he is referring to are "judged politically harshly and it is often used to create a certain narrative".

His nuanced societal answer is that the BJP government doesn't discriminate, Mr Jaishankar says, as they gave extra rations to people in the pandem-

ic and put money in people's Jan Dhan accounts without separating them by religion.

We should perhaps be thankful to Mr Jaishankar that India so far hasn't decided to give entitlements to the poor based on religion. But while we are thankful, we should also note Mr Jaishankar didn't actually answer what was asked. Gen. McMaster's question was framed around the word Hindutva and its policies. What are they? They are the introduction of religion into citizenship. The United Nations and the European Union and members of the US Congress expressed disappointment and alarm over India's Citizenship Amendment Act.

The US International Commission on Religious Freedom report for 2021 identified laws in India that criminalise conversion, especially of women to Islam. These laws are the BJP's Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion Act 2018, Himachal Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act 2019, Madhya Pradesh Dharma Swatantrya Adhyadesh 2020, Uttar Pradesh Vidhi Viruddh Dharma Samparivartan Pratishedh Adhyadesh 2020 and Gujarat Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Act 2021. The USCIRF report (which recommends sanctions

against India) says while these laws 'target inter-faith marriage in particular, several other states prohibit conversion based on vague criteria, including force, inducement, allurements, coercion, fraud, or misrepresentation. These anti-conversion laws are often the basis for false accusations, harassment, and violence against non-Hindus that occur with impunity. In 2020, for example, mobs — fuelled by false accusations of forced conversions — attacked Christians, destroyed churches, and disrupted religious worship services'.

India under Narendra Modi has spent a lot of energy in drafting laws that go after minorities. The Gujarat Animal Preservation (Amendment) Bill 2017 punishes cow slaughter, that is ostensibly an economic crime, with life in jail. No other economic crime carries a life sentence. More than half of all arrests under the National Security Act in Uttar Pradesh in 2020 were for cow slaughter. This is a law that allows preventive detention, meaning the government locks up people without any crime. Muslim men are the only community for whom divorce is not a civil wrong but a criminal one. This is the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act 2019. It criminalises a non-act. Triple

talaq in one sitting is not lawful in India. If I say talaq to my wife three times, our marriage doesn't end, and it is not a crime. If a Muslim man says it to his wife, their marriage doesn't end, but it is a crime.

India uses a 12-gauge shotgun firing birdshot into protesters in only one state. In no other state in India except Kashmir is the so-called pellet gun used on crowds. It has blinded and wounded thousands, including infants nowhere near the protest.

I could go on, but you get the picture. These are the things that India's friends are concerned about. They are new laws that are the gift to us of Hindutva, which is why Gen. McMaster used that term.

Mr Jaishankar replied to Gen. McMaster without once using the word "Hindutva", and without referring to any of the laws India was getting pulled up for around the world. The reason he ran away from the debate, of course, was that there is no defence. Obfuscation and avoiding the issue was the only way to respond to the accusation, which is a correct one, that India was harming itself and its own people through Hindutva.

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SHORT TAKES

NEW VATICAN LAW CRIMINALISES ABUSE OF ADULTS

Vatican City: Pope Francis has changed church law to explicitly criminalise the sexual abuse of adults by priests who abuse their authority and to say that laypeople who hold church office can be sanctioned for similar sex crimes. The new provisions, released Tuesday after 14 years of study, were contained in the revised criminal law section of the Vatican's Code of Canon Law, the in-house legal system that covers the 1.3-billion strong Catholic Church.

FLOOD RECEDES IN NEW ZEALAND, LEAVING DEBRIS

Wellington: Floodwaters in New Zealand receded on Tuesday, leaving behind a big mess on many farms in the Canterbury region and damage to a major bridge. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern told reporters the top priority was getting transport links working again, although it was unclear how long it would take to fix the bridge that connects the town of Ashburton to the main highway south. Crews hoped to have an alternate route to the town ready by the end of the day.

TECH PROBLEM ON IRAN FIGHTER JET KILLS TWO PILOTS

Tehran: An Iranian fighter jet on Tuesday developed a technical problem that killed both of the aircraft's pilots, state TV reported. The report said the incident happened in the country's southwest, in the city of Dezful, 444 kilometres (270 miles) from the capital, Tehran and near the border with Iraq. The report said an investigation was underway as to what had caused the malfunction of the Iranian air force's F-5 fighter jet. The TV said it happened before takeoff. It did not elaborate.

Four Pakistani soldiers killed in terror attacks

In the exchange of fire, four to five terrorists were killed

Ugandan minister injured in assassination bid: Govt

Islamabad, June 1: Terrorists attacked a Pakistani security post and later targeted a military vehicle carrying IED, killing at least four paramilitary soldiers and injuring eight others in the restive southwestern province of Balochistan, the Army said. In the first incident, terrorists targeted Frontier Corps (FC) troops in Quetta and Turbat respectively on Monday, according to a statement issued by the media wing of the Pakistan Army — the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). The post near Pir Ismail Ziarat was targeted by terrorists, it said. In the exchange of fire “four-five terrorists were killed while around eight were injured” while “four soldiers were killed while six soldiers got injured.”

In another incident, terrorists targeted an Frontier Corps vehicle with an improvised explosive device at Turbat and injured two soldiers. “Such cowardly acts by inimical elements backed by anti state forces” said and added that they cannot sabotage the hard earned peace and prosperity in Balochistan. It also said that the security forces are determined to neutralise their nefarious designs. Resource-rich Balochis tan for a long time has witnessed violence by the Taliban and Baloch nationalists. Terrorists had earlier launched twin attacks on soldiers on May 9, killing three of them and five others wounded in two separate terrorist assaults in Quetta and Turbat, according to an ISPR statement. — PTI

Baryomunsi said. “General Katumba has been rushed to hospital with bullet wounds and he is receiving treatment, the crime scene has been taken over by the investigators,” he added. “This could be a case of assassination by criminal elements but the investigations will establish the motive and those behind” the attack. Witnesses to the attack told local television stations that four masked men riding two motorbikes fired scores of bullets at Wamala's vehicle. Images from the scene showed Wamala's car — an

official army vehicle easily identified by its distinctive military green number plates — riddled with about a dozen bullet holes in the rear and driver side of the vehicle. Tuesday's shooting is the latest in a series of attempted killings of high-profile targets by motorcycle-riding assassins in Uganda's capital. In June 2018 Ibrahim Abiriga, a leading politician from the ruling National Resistance Movement party, led by President Yoweri Museveni, was gunned down alongside his bodyguard in similar circumstances. — AFP

11 suspected ultras nabbed in Indonesia

Jakarta, June 1: Indonesian police said Monday they have arrested 11 suspected Islamic militants accused of plotting attacks at several Christian churches in easternmost Papua province. On Friday, the elite counterterrorism squad arrested 10 suspects in several raids in Papua's Merauke district after receiving information about planned attacks in the province, a predominantly Christian region in Muslim-majority Indonesia, Merauke police chief Untung Sangaji said. The arrests led police to

another suspect who was detained Sunday, and led them to seize items from various locations including chemicals for explosives, modified air guns able to fire real bullets, jihadist books and documents on planned attacks, he said. Sangaji said those arrested are suspected of being members of Jemaah Anshorut Daulah, which has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group and carried out a series of suicide bombings in Indonesia. “They allegedly planned to attack churches in several places in Merauke,” Sangaji said. — AP

FRANCE SUBMITS BEIRUT PORT BLAST REPORT

Beirut, June 1: Lebanon on Monday received a preliminary report from France regarding last year's massive port blast in Beirut that killed and wounded thousands, judicial officials said. The officials said the French report is useful for the ongoing investigation in Beirut over the August blast, which decimated the country's main port and caused severe damage to surrounding areas. The officials declined to give details about the report. — AP

Gala time for kids



Children play with soap bubbles in the centre of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev during a festive event organised by the police to mark International Children's Day on Tuesday.

Nato meets to prepare Afghan withdrawal

Brussels, June 1: Nato's foreign and defence ministers were meeting Tuesday to lay the groundwork for the military alliance's first summit with United States President Joe Biden, setting aside four tumultuous years with the Trump administration. The ministers will discuss a hefty communique being drafted for the June 14 summit in Brussels, which will reaffirm the unity of the 30-nation security alliance — which has been riven by infighting in recent years — and focus on future threats and challenges. “This is a pivotal moment for our alliance, and our collective security,” Nato Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said on the eve of the meetings. “In a more competitive and unpredictable world, we need transatlantic unity.” Chief among the challenges is dealing with an increasingly aggressive Russia, whose defence minister announced Monday

that Russia would establish 20 new military units in its western sector this year to counter what it claims is a growing threat from Nato. The rise of China and the impact of climate change — two of the Biden administration's key interests — will also be discussed, along with missile defence, cyber and hybrid warfare, and the use of disinformation. The most pressing subject for debate will be winding up Nato's operations in Afghanistan. Biden has pledged to have US troops out of the conflict-ravaged country by Sept. 11, but many are likely to have left by the time the summit takes place. But major questions remain over exactly how Nato will continue to fund the corruption-ridden Afghan security forces, whether to continue training special forces troops somewhere outside the country, and exactly who might provide security for civilian workers, embassy and Kabul's airport. — AP

PRESSURE UP ON RUSSIAN OPPN, ONE ARRESTED

Moscow, June 1: Russian authorities have ramped up their pressure on dissent ahead of a parliamentary election, arresting one opposition activist and raiding several others' homes. Andrei Pivovarov, the head of the Open Russia movement that dissolved itself last week, was pulled off a plane at St. Petersburg's airport late Monday and was to be taken to Krasnodar in southern Russia Tuesday as part of a criminal probe against him. Also on Tuesday, police raided a country home of opposition politician Dmitry Gudkov, a former lawmaker who has aspired to run for parliament in September. At least two of his associates also had their homes searched. It is part of a crackdown to prevent opposition from mounting a challenge to the Kremlin-backed United Russia party in September's election. — AP

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Pound Sterling (₹)	103.37	0.42
Euro (₹)	89.18	0.77
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	48,892,285	0.58
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	70.18	1.24
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.025	0.05
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	1.632	0.039

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Curbs on export of amphotericin-B injections

The government imposed curbs on export of amphotericin-B injections that are used for treatment of mucormycosis or black fungus infections. By a notification issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, export of the injections have been put in the restricted category. This means that an exporter would need permission or licence from the directorate for its outbound shipments.

■ Reversal of stamp duty relief affects sales

Mumbai property deals take bad hit

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, JUNE 1

The Metropolitan Region (MMR) recorded a sharp drop in property sale transactions in April-May 2021 over the Covid-19 second wave and the Maharashtra government's decision to discontinue the stamp duty waiver on property registrations from April 2021. Sale transactions in April and May came down to Rs 10,979 crore and Rs 22,507 crore, respectively, against Rs 44,167 crore in March 2021. The property sale transactions registered in MMR in February and January 2021 were Rs 21,696 crore and Rs 21,484 crore, respectively. As per data from the Inspector General of Registrations & Stamps Maharashtra, as on May 30, 2021, the stamp duty collection in MMR for the month was Rs 417 crore, as compared to Rs 725 crore in April 2021. The stamp duty collection in MMR for the months of March, February and January 2021 were Rs 1,365 crore, Rs 648 crore and Rs 570 crore, respectively. “We have started witnessing a 50 per cent dip in property sales after the Maharashtra government restored stamp duty back to 5 per cent in Mumbai and 6 per cent in the rest of Maharashtra from April 2021. The sales regis-

CONSTRUCTION TO RESUME BY MID-JUNE: ASSOCHAM

New Delhi, June 1: With several states started easing Covid-related restrictions, the employment-intensive construction industry should witness resumption in operations by the middle of June, though at a curtailed level, industry chamber Assocham said on Tuesday. The chamber said it would take about two weeks for the contractors to put together again the material and manpower at the sites after the disruptions of about 40 days in major states like Maharashtra, UP, Rajasthan, Bihar and Haryana, among others. The major challenge is bringing back the construction workers, Assocham said, adding, “Fast vaccination of the labour force would be a big morale booster for them and their families.” — PTI

tered in the month of April & May are due to the overflow of registrations from the previous quarter where many homebuyers took advantage of the stamp duty benefit before the March deadline and registered their properties later,” said Ashok Mohanani, president, Naredco Maharashtra. “Due to the impact of the second wave of Covid-19 and the Maharashtra government's decision to discontinue the stamp duty waiver on property registrations from April 2021, there has been a decline in the property sales in the months of April and May 2021,” real estate experts said. “The second wave which has been more deadly than the first wave made the homebuyers more cautious to save money for emergencies rather than

investing in properties. Amid the sudden surge in Covid cases and the various curbs due to the lockdown in the state, the sector faced a gradual slowdown, which made it extremely difficult to sustain the momentum...the homebuyers took advantage of the stamp duty benefit before the March deadline,” said Pritam Chivukula, co-founder & director, Tridhaatu Realty. “For the second consecutive month in a row, the real estate sector faced a dip in sales due to the second wave of the pandemic. Even the festive occasions of Gudi Padwa and Akshaya Tritiya saw buyers shying away from auspicious purchases due to the surge in Covid-19 cases,” Ram Naik, executive director, The Guardians Real Estate Advisory.

Guidelines for pharma PLI issued

New Delhi, June 1: The government on Tuesday issued operational guidelines for the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the pharmaceutical industry. The Department of Pharmaceuticals has notified the ‘Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Pharmaceuticals, for which the approved outlay is Rs 15,000 crore, the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers said in a statement. “The scheme envisages to create global champions out of India who has the potential to grow in size and scale using cutting edge technology and thereby penetrate the global value chains.” The scheme is now open to applications from the industry, the ministry said. The applications are invited in the three groups, based on the global manufacturing revenue of FY20 of the applicants. A special carve-out for MSMEs has been kept under the scheme. The application window is for 60 days starting from June 2 to July 31, 2021. “The products covered under the scheme are formulations, biopharmaceuticals, active pharmaceutical ingredients, key starting material, drug intermediates, in-vitro diagnostic medical devices, etc,” it added. A maximum of 55 applicants will be selected. An applicant, via a single application, can apply for more than one product. — PTI

Nestle working to update nutrition, health strategy

New Delhi, June 1: Swiss FMCG major Nestle SA said it is looking across its entire portfolio to increase the nutrient profile of its products, following international media reports that 60 per cent of the company's mainstream food and drinks portfolio failed to meet a “recognised definition of health” and nutrition. Nestle is working on a company-wide project to update its nutrition and health strategy. It is looking at its entire portfolio to ensure that its products are helping meet their nutritional needs and supporting a balanced diet, a Nestle SA spokesperson said. On Monday, *Financial Times* reported that the majority of Nestle's mainstream food and drinks portfolio failed to meet recognised standards of health and nutrition. “The world's largest food



company, Nestle, has acknowledged that more than 60 per cent of its mainstream food and drinks products do not meet a “recognised definition of health and that some of our categories and products will never be healthy” no matter how much we renovate”, the *Financial Times* report said quoting a Nestle document. A presentation circulated among top executives this year, seen by the *Financial Times*, said that only 37 per cent of Nestle's food and beverages by revenues, excluding products such as pet

food and specialised medical nutrition, achieve a rating above 3.5 under Australia's health star rating system. “Within its overall food and drink portfolio, about 70 per cent of Nestle's food products failed to meet that threshold, the presentation said, along with 96 per cent of beverages—excluding pure coffee—and 99 per cent of Nestle's confectionery and ice cream portfolio,” the media report noted. While issuing a global statement, Nestle—maker of KitKat, Maggi and Nescafe—said it is working on a company-wide project to update its nutrition and health strategy. “We are looking at our entire portfolio across the different phases of people's lives to ensure our products are helping meet their nutritional needs and supporting a balanced diet,” he said. — PTI

Lending to MSMEs up 3% in FY21

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, JUNE 1

Credit offtake by micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) increased by 3 per cent in the last fiscal year (FY21) against a marginal de-growth in FY20. However, the second Covid wave has hit incremental credit growth in April this year. At Rs 12.43 lakh crore at the end of FY21, the total bank credit outstanding to MSMEs grew 3.19 per cent. At the end of the previous

fiscal, the outstanding had degrown 0.21 per cent. While micro and small enterprises (MSEs) registered a growth of 4.22 per cent in credit offtake in FY21, outstanding by medium enterprises grew 5.14 per cent. The manufacturing sector recorded a growth of 3.07 per cent in FY21 against a degrowth of 6.15 per cent in the previous year. Services bettered growth from 3.89 per cent in FY20 to 4.83 per cent in FY21. Some of the key policy

measures provided by the government during the pandemic led to the growth in bank credit. This includes the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme. However, since the second wave of the pandemic started hitting industries, there has been a decline of bank credit. In April 2021, incremental bank credit to the MSME sector fell by 3.2 per cent compared with a negative growth of 0.2 per cent in April 2020.

SHORT TAKES

Coach booked for raping teen

Jaipur: A lawn tennis coach at a sports training centre in Jaipur allegedly raped a 17-year-old player on the pretext of selecting her for a domestic tournament, police said on Tuesday. According to a complaint filed by the girl, coach Gaurang Nalwaya would call her to the Sawai Man Singh Stadium for training and sexually assault her. On the latest instance, the coach allegedly raped her on the pretext of selecting her for a tournament in Udaipur, the police said.

"A case has been lodged against the coach. Investigation into the complaint has been initiated and a search is on for the accused," Jyoti Nagar police station SHO Saroj Dhayal said. — PTI

Shafali maintains top spot in T20s

Dubai: Indian teen sensation Shafali Verma maintained her pole position among T20 batters while Kathryn Bryce became the first woman from Scotland to make it into the top-10 in the latest ICC rankings published on Tuesday. Shafali is holding onto her top rank with 776 ranking points well ahead of Australians Beth Mooney (744) and Meg Lanning (709). India's T20 vice-captain Smriti Mandhana is ranked fourth while Jemimah Rodrigues is the third Indian batter at ninth position. India also has two bowlers in the top-10 list with off-spinner Deepti Sharma at sixth and left-arm spinner Radha Yadav just a notch below at seventh. — PTI

Kahn to occupy Bayern big chair

Berlin: After 30 years in charge of Bayern Munich, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge will step down as chairman at the end of the month and be replaced by former Germany captain Oliver Kahn, the Bundesliga giants confirmed Tuesday. Rummenigge had been due to see out his contract which expires at the end of 2021, but is leaving six months early to meet the end of the financial year on June 30. Rummenigge's departure represents the start of a new era at Bayern with Julian Nagelsmann, 33, also replacing Hansi Flick as head coach going into next season. "It is strategically the most sensible and logical point in time," said Rummenigge, 65, with Kahn, 51, to be Bayern's chairman when the new season starts in August. — AFP

Scotland player +ve ahead of Euro

Glasgow: The Scotland team reported their first player testing positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday at a training camp in Spain ahead of the European Championship. The national federation said midfielder John Fleck is self-isolating and will not travel to Portugal for a warm-up game on Wednesday against the Netherlands. "The rest of the squad was retested for Covid-19 and returned negative results," the federation said. — AP

Covid positive Vidal in hospital

Santiago: Inter Milan's Chilean midfielder Arturo Vidal is receiving hospital treatment after testing positive for coronavirus, his national team said Monday. The diagnosis means the 34-year-old will miss Thursday's World Cup qualifier between Chile and Argentina. "The medical team of the Chilean national team emphasizes that at the request of the player Arturo Vidal, it is announced that he has been diagnosed positive for Covid," the national team said in its official website. — AFP

Live on TV

CRICKET

England vs New Zealand: First Test, Day 1 from 3.30 pm on Sony Six

FOOTBALL

Euro Pre-Tournament Friendlies: England vs Austria on Sony Ten 2; Germany vs Denmark on Sony Six; France vs Wales on Sony Ten 1 from 12.30 am (Thursday)

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OH!SAKA

Osaka reveals 'bouts of depression' after Paris pullout

Paris, June 1: Naomi Osaka withdrew from the French Open on Monday following the bitter fallout from her decision to boycott all media activity at the Grand Slam event, revealing she has "suffered long bouts of depression" and will "take some time away from the court".

"The best thing for the tournament, the other players and my well-being is that I withdraw so that everyone can get back to focusing on the tennis going on in Paris," the world number two wrote on Twitter.

The 23-year-old Japanese star was fined \$15,000 on Sunday and threatened with disqualification after she refused to carry out a mandatory news conference following her first round win.

She claimed on the eve of Roland Garros that such post-match inquests were akin to "kicking people when they are down" and that they had a detrimental effect on her mental health.

"I never wanted to be a distraction and I accept that my timing was not ideal and my message could have been clearer," the four-time Grand Slam title winner said in her statement.

"The truth is I have suffered bouts of depression since the US Open in 2018 and I have had a really hard time coping with that."

She added: "In Paris, I was already feeling vulnerable and anxious so I thought it was better to exercise self-care and skip the press conferences."

"I announced it preempt-



Japan's Naomi Osaka celebrates after defeating Romania's Patricia Maria Tig in the French Open first round match in Paris on Monday. — AFP

tively because I do feel like the rules are quite out-dated in parts and I wanted to highlight that.

"I am going to take some time away from the court now."

Osaka said she has also apologised to organisers over the affair.

Tennis Federation president Gilles Moretton had described her vow of silence as "a phenomenal error".

On Monday, he said in a statement: "We are sorry and sad for Naomi Osaka."

The outcome of Naomi withdrawing from Roland Garros is unfortunate."

HIGHEST EARNING FEMALE ATHLETE

Osaka is the world's highest earning female athlete, making \$37.4 million in 2020.

She burst onto the scene in 2018 with a maiden Slam win at the US Open. She has gone on to win another title in New York as well as two Australian Opens.

Mari Osaka, a former player herself, said her

sister had been struggling to cope in the run-up to Paris. "Naomi mentioned to me before the tournament that a family member had come up to her and remarked that she's bad on clay," Mari wrote on Reddit.

"At every press conference she's told she has a bad record on clay."

"When she lost in Rome, she was not OK mentally. She was completely shattered and I think everyone's remarks and opinions have gotten to her head." — AFP

Barty survives scare

Paris, June 1: World number one Ashleigh Barty survived a French Open opening round scare on Tuesday.

Top seed Barty marked her return to Paris for the first time since her 2019 title triumph by beating American left-hander Bernarda Pera 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

Barty, 25, skipped the defence of her title in 2020 due to the pandemic but this year has won trophies at the Yarra Valley Classic, Miami and on clay in Stuttgart in the run-up to the year's second Grand Slam at Roland Garros.

Ironically, another Roland Garros press conference led Tuesday to the injury-enforced withdrawal of two-time

Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova.

The Czech 11th seed, a Roland Garros semi-finalist in 2012 and 2020, had saved a match point in her first-round win over Belgian qualifier Greet Minnen on Sunday. Fifth seed Elina Svitolina recovered from a 2-5 second set deficit to beat French teenager Oceane Babel 6-2, 7-5.

BOPANNA ADVANCES

India's Rohan Bopanna and Franko Skugor of Croatia sailed into the men's doubles second round with a 6-4 6-2 win over Gerogia's Nikoloz Basilashvili and Andre Begemann of Germany. — Agencies

WHAT THEY SAID

The only thing I feel is that I feel for Naomi. I feel like I wish I could give her a hug because I know what it's like.

— SERENA WILLIAMS
Former world No.1

I am so sad about Naomi Osaka. I truly hope she will be ok. As athletes we are taught to take care of our body, and perhaps the mental & emotional aspect gets short shrift. This is about more than doing or not doing a press conference. Good luck Naomi- we are all pulling for you!

— MARTINA NAVRATILOVA
Tennis legend

We are sorry and sad for Naomi Osaka that she has withdrawn from the tournament.

— GILLES MORETTON
French tennis federation president

Stay strong (love heart emoji). I admire your vulnerability.

— COCO GAUFF
American teen sensation

You shouldnt ever have to make a decision like this-but so damn impressive taking the high road when the powers that be dont protect their own.

major respect @naomiosaka.

— STEPHEN CURRY
NBA star

Everyone talks about mental health after someone commits suicide but ridicules everyone who tries to protect their mental health. You are strong for standing up and speaking out even giving up the game you love to protect your mental health. I salute you young queen.

— CARLOS BRATHWAITE
West Indies cricketer

The challenge today is to convince people of the value of truth, honesty, compassion and a concern for others.

— VICTORIA AZARENKA
Two-time Grand Slam champion

Mental Health is nothing to criticize. Nothing to joke about. Pls take your mental health seriously. Without my support system, I truly believe I would not be here today. Here for you @naomiosaka.

— MARDY FISH
Former top-10 ATP player

I respect her decision. I respect what she does. I can't really comment on that. I feel like everyone's dealing with their own stuff."

— SOFIA KENIN
American fourth seed

CORRUPTION | CASES

HCA heavyweights under the hammer

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In a jolt to Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) heavyweights, the Telangana High Court on Tuesday rejected their pleas to stay the proceeding against them in the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Court.

Former president Arshad Ayub, secretary N. Shivalal Yadav and office-bearers D. S. Chalapathi, Naresh Sharma, John Manoj, P. Yadagiri, Syed Moizuddin, Surender Agarwal, R. Devaraj were among those accused of corruption in allotting developmental works of the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium at Uppal, Hyderabad.

Justice K. Lakshman of Telangana High Court dismissed the three petitions filed by these accused, who sought to quash the FIRs registered against them by ACB and to stay the trial proceedings at ACB court.

ACB had registered three cases against the accused, who are allegedly involved in misappropriation of funds with regards to construction works of RGICS at various stages.

The construction cost was estimated at ₹31 crore (the successful bidder had quoted ₹30,26,55,587) but over a period of time the cost was enhanced to ₹108 crore. Also, the bidder did not comply with the agreed terms, majorly non-fitting of fire fighting system and non construction of fire pump house.

There were irregularities in selling of tickets, investment of ₹83 lakh on three playgrounds at Mathrusri Engineering College, Qutubullapur and Osmania University. Irregularities have been found even in the installation of floodlights at the Stadium.

There are specific allegations that the committee has paid ₹910 for each bucket chair, whereas in the open market the cost is ₹450. The committee has paid an amount of ₹ 2.7 crore excess by taking huge kickbacks from the supplier, the court observed.

Cases were registered in 2016, 2017 and 2020 by Aijaj Ali Qureshi, secretary of Shalimar Cricket Eleven Club and C. Babu Rao Sagar, secretary of Sagar Cricket Club, following

● **High Court rejects pleas of several former and current office-bearers to stay graft proceedings against them in ACB Court.**

which ACB authorities had investigated and filed a chargesheet against the accused. The trial was going on at ACB courts.

Meanwhile, the accused persons approached High Court seeking to quash the cases against them and to stay the proceeding in the trial court.

The accused contended being Managing Committee Members of HCA they never discharged their functions as public servants. Therefore, the provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, does not attract against them. HCA never received any aid or grant from the Government and therefore, it is not a public authority and the accused are not public servants. The offences alleged against the accused under the provisions of the PC Act are not maintainable.

ACB Counsel submitted that there is an aid from the Government to HCA including providing of land on lease (23 acres at a nominal rent of ₹1 lakh per annum) and grants from 1963-1981. Therefore, it is a State as defined under Article 12 of the Constitution of India and provisions of PC Act are applicable.

The accused, being Managing Committee Members of the said Association, discharged public duties and therefore, they are public servants in the eye of law.

"Prima facie, there are serious allegations against the petitioners herein. However, whether the HCA has received any aid or financial assistance, whether the office bearers of HCA have discharged public duty and whether they are the public servants as defined under the provisions of the PC Act is a question of fact and triable issues. The same will be decided during the course of trial. The petitioners have to face trial and prove their innocence by leading evidence. Thus, the said issue cannot be decided in the present proceedings," the order read.

SHUTTLE ACE MARIN HURT, OUT OF TOKYO OLYMPICS

Madrid, June 1: Spain's Carolina Marin, the women's Olympic badminton singles champion, will miss the Tokyo Games after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament and meniscus in her left knee.

The 27-year-old will undergo surgery in the coming days after suffering the injury during a training session last week.

"This is another blow that I have to deal with, but I will certainly be back," she wrote on social media.

The three-time world champion also ruptured the ACL in her right knee in 2019 and missed that year's world championships. — AFP

Southern flavour on sports watch

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HYDERABAD, JUNE 1

It's the best of both worlds in sport, especially south. Sony Pictures Sports Network has launched an exclusive channel in Telugu and Tamil, Ten 4, on Tuesday. It began with quite a boom, as regional commentary accompanied the WWE wrestling live action.

The big feast would be 10 days later though, when the biggest international football tournaments of the year, Euro and Copa America, kick off. Euro will be telecast in six languages — English, Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam while Copa will drop Hindi from the list.

"During these difficult times, the festival of football is something to cheer about for the fans. We are very excited," says Rajesh Kaul, Chief Revenue Officer; Distribution and Head — Sports Business, Sony Pictures Networks India.

"We have four months of

top class sport lined up — Olympics, India's cricket tours to Sri Lanka and England. We couldn't have asked for more," he adds.

"We are pioneers in trying out sports content in different languages... we have been doing this for all the marquee events. We will have commentary by different experts on the cricket series and other big competitions in local languages for sure. People are going to love it," he says, adding "Apart from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, we are trying to reach more languages across the country. We already have Bengali, Malayalam and Hindi feeds."

Sony also announced their panelists for Euro that features footballers Bhaichung Bhutia, Sunil Chhetri, Louis Saha, Luis Garcia, Don Hutchison, David James, Terry Phelan, Mark Seagraves, Ashley Westwood, Jofre Mateu, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Sandesh Jhingam and Robin Singh.