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WEATHER



Max: 35.0°C
Min: 17°C
RH: 68%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky.
Misty morning. Max/Min
temp. 35/17 °C

ASTROGUIDE

Plava: Uttarayana
Tithi: Jyeshtha Bahula Tadiya
till 3.59 pm
Star: Shravanam till 1.24 am
(Monday)
Varjyam: 6.25 am to 7.56 am;
5.18 am to 6.52 am (Monday)
Durmuhurtam: 5.06 pm to
5.58 pm
Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm
HIJRI CALENDAR
Zeeqad 15, 1442 AH
PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.08 am
Zohar: 12.05 pm
Asar: 4.11 pm
Maghrib: 5.47 pm
Isha: 7.02 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 5.52 AM
SUNSET TODAY 6.52 PM
MOONSET 8.16 AM
MOONRISE 9.36 PM

COUNTER POINT



Actually it was a
profit wave!

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Bangladesh enters
tough lockdown



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No more interviews in APPSC

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 26

Aiming to bring about total transparency in the AP Public Service Commission (APPSC) recruitments, the AP government has cancelled the interview procedures in the selection process.

Chief Secretary Adityanath Das issued a G.O. on the annulment of the interview process on Saturday.

The general administra-

tion (services-A) department issued the G.O. 58, stating that the scheme and the syllabi for the recruitment of various posts were enunciated, as also the posts for which interviews are required to be conducted.

It further stated that the government decided that the interviews shall be abolished for all posts, except for the state services and for those posts which are executive in nature and where articula-

tion skills and public interface are required. Based on the recommendations of the APPSC, interviews were prescribed for a few more posts.

The order said that the Secretary of APPSC stated that during the review meeting on reforms in the conduct of examinations by the APPSC held on 18.10.2019, a decision was taken not to conduct interviews for recruitment to any of the posts notified by the APPSC.

The government after careful examination of the matter with a view to maintaining utmost transparency and in order to ensure the complete trust of the competing candidates in the entire selection process, decided to dispense with interviews for all APPSC examinations under all categories including those for Group-I services, for all the recruitments notified on or after the issue of the GO.

NCP hints Oppn alliance not possible sans Cong.

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

Days after the Rashtra Manch met at the NCP supremo Sharad Pawar's house in New Delhi in a bid to explore the possibilities for a third front without the Congress, the NCP and Shiv Sena have made it clear that for any Opposition grouping to be a viable force against the BJP, the Congress will have to be a part of it.

Sources in the NCP said on Saturday that since the Congress is present in all states, it will have to be accommodated in the larg-

er anti-BJP alliance. After returning to Maharashtra, Mr Pawar also said that if any such coalition emerges, its leadership will have to be "collective".

On Saturday, the Shiv Sena too made it clear that no grand Opposition alliance can be possible without the Congress being part of it. Shiv Sena leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut on Saturday said that work is on to bring all Opposition parties together at the national level, and this alliance will be incomplete without the Congress.

Speaking with reporters,

Mr Raut said, "There is no need for the third front or any other front. Sharad Pawar has already made it clear. The Congress will play an important role. It will be a strong alternative to the present dispensation... Work is in progress to bring all the Opposition together, which will not be complete till the Congress is roped in."

Maharashtra strongman and NCP chief Sharad Pawar had called a meeting of several Opposition parties under the aegis of Rashtra Manch started by him and current TMC leader Yashwant Sinha.

CENTRE DEFERS GREEN NOD FOR AP'S RLS PROJECT

DC CORRESPONDENT
KURNOOL, JUNE 26

The Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has deferred granting of environmental clearances to Rayalaseema Lift Scheme (RLS), that has become a bone of contention between AP and TS. It ministry sought a detailed impact assessment on six points. It also directed the AP government to address the objections raised by the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

■ Page 2: AP directed to furnish clear drawings

SALT to enhance education in AP

IBRD sanctions \$250 million for 5-yr project

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 26

The AP government has decided to introduce revolutionary changes in the education sector in the next five years with the help of the Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) project for which the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) sanctioned \$250 million for a period of five years.

Minister for education Adimulapu Suresh said that this is the first of its innovative project for training teachers, facilitating state-level assessment and establishing an effective education management and information system.

Suresh said that SALT would focus on important key areas such as strengthening the foundation of learning, teacher-student interactions, improving the quality of teaching, organisational capabilities and providing quality services by strengthening the involvement of social organisations.

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that this is a World Bank special project and is being implemented for the first time in over 10 years. The World Bank would also extend the project to the states which have the capacity to implement it. He stated that it is a matter of pride for such a project to be implemented in AP.

He explained that the scheme is being implemented with the integration of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and consultants will be selected from internationally renowned consulting companies.

An IAS officer and a joint director-level officer

would be appointed to supervise the scheme in the state. Steps would be taken to set up schools in all districts across the state on the lines of those set up for physically challenged children in Kadapa district. The minister said that action plans would be prepared for the improvement of basic amenities in the schools including toilets and drinking water and further security and protection of the students and schools. He said that Learning Management Systems, SCERT and DIET would be linked for the betterment of the education system. He further said that a Personal Adaptive Learning would be started in the schools and a state assessment cell would be set up for assessments. Social audit with parents committees would also be formed at the schools.

Principal secretary (school education) B Rajasekar, director of school education V. Chinaveerabadrudu, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan director K. Vetrivel and other officials participated in the review meeting.

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Under IBPS, government provides ₹1 lakh per seat as viability gap funding for setting up BPO and TeS-enabled operations in smaller towns and cities.

SHORT TAKES

VIZAG-VIJ TRAIN SERVICES RESTORED

DC CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPATNAM, JUNE 26

The services two trains were restored for operation. Train 02717 Visakhapatnam-Vijayawada and 02718 Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam will run as per the schedule on June 28 and 29 and July 5 and 6.

MASON BLUDGEONED TO DEATH, EXTRA MARITAL AFFAIR SUSPECTED

DC CORRESPONDENT
ANANTAPUR, JUNE 26

A building worker was brutally killed at a deserted site near Government Polytechnic College Road late on Friday. Incident came to light on Saturday after locals noticed the body of the person.

The deceased was identified as Beldar Yellappa, 45, of TV

tower area on the outskirts of Anantapur.

The police said Beldar Yellappa was beaten with hard stones on his head and he died on the spot. The police suspect extra marital affair controversy in connection with the murder. The body was shifted to Anantapur general hospital for post mortem.

Miraculous escape



Ten crew members of a mechanised fishing boat from Tamil Nadu had a miraculous escape when a fire broke out in the vessel following an LPG cylinder blast when it was sailing in the Bay of Bengal near Krishnapatnam port on Friday.

Tourism picks up as Covid subsides

DC CORRESPONDENT
KURNOOL, JUNE 26

With Kurnool district witnessing rains in the last few days, greenery in Nallamala Hills has become enchanting. With news spreading, tourists have been flocking various spots in the district. They have started visiting Srisailem by road both from Hyderabad and Kurnool. There is also an increase in visitors to Srigriri Hills, the abode of Lord Mallikarjuna and Goddess Bhramaramba. Srisailem temple executive officer (EO) K.S. Rama Rao said pilgrims at the Lord's abode have increased fivefold within a week.

Darshan timings too have been extended from morning 6 to 3 pm.

During lockdown, hardly a few hundred traveled to have darshan. Now, the number of pilgrims is between 10,000 and 15,000 per day, the EO said. He is hopeful that Sunday will see many more devotees offering prayers to Lord Mallikarjuna and Goddess Bhramaramba. The temple kitchen has also started offering free food to devotees. Srinivas, who manages the free food service at Srisailem, said daily they have been distributing about 5,000 food packets.

Depending on the rush, their number can easily be scaled up, he stated.

Maoists learning from RMPs, quacks how to treat Covid

The only problem they face is a lack of O2 supply and Dola 650

K.M.P. PATNAIK | DC
VISAKHAPATNAM, JUNE 26

Registered medical practitioners (RMPs) and some quacks are training the outlawed Maoists in treating their members affected by the Covid-19. The virus is said to be infecting activists on a large-scale and making them immobile in the Andhra-Odisha Border zone, sources said.

The activists are for long getting trained in administering first aid and other treatment for bullet wounds, snake bites or fevers like malaria. The trained activists win over the local people by treating them for snake bites and malaria. "But Covid-19 is completely a new phenomenon that caught them off guard. Known to be quick learners, some of the activists got trained by the experienced RMPs practicing in the interior villages of AOB soon after the first wave," said a senior police officer. He said Ashok, who was killed in the recent encounter at Theegalametta along with five others, was trained in

Vizag on alert to tackle Delta+

DC CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPATNAM, JUNE 26

The steel city has been on high alert following the report of the first Delta Plus variant of Covid-19 case at Tirupati.

In the 24 hours ended on Saturday, the city registered 229 new Covid-19 cases and two deaths.

Visakhapatnam District Collector V. Vinay Chand instructed all the state-designated Covid-19 care hospitals and the medical staff to be vigilant over the new cases and take proper care while handling the Covid patients. He also appealed to the public to take utmost

care by properly following the Covid protocols such as maintaining physical distance, wearing masks, and sanitising hands.

At a recent meeting, the Collector had directed to prepare and submit necessary plans and proposals to increase the number of oxygen beds in government hospitals in the district. He said all the hospitals including KGH, VIMS, Chest Hospital must have sufficient beds with oxygen supply and ventilators.

APSMIDC executive engineer D.A. Naidu was asked to personally inspect the wards at KGH and submit proposals.

such treatments.

There are about 10 RMPs practising within 10 km radius of the encounter site. Their services are

being fully utilised. The only problem they face is a lack of oxygen supply and Dola 650, the tablets prescribed for controlling

INFECTIONS SEE FURTHER DIP IN STATE

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 26

The Covid-19 infections slightly decreased in AP on Saturday with the registration of 4,147 Corona new infections in the past 24 hours against 4,458 cases on Friday. As many as 5,773 patients were discharged due to recovery in the state and 96,121 samples were tested in which 4,147 were found infected. AP has conducted cumulatively 2,16,37,606 Corona tests.

The total number of infections in 13 districts of AP touched 18,75,622 of which 18,16,930 cases recovered and were discharged.

fever: A senior RMP doctor said he learnt that the Maoists are procuring mini oxygen cylinders and Dola 650 from Malkangiri area

in south Odisha but the supplies are said to be inadequate.

"The Maoists themselves admitted that members of Galikonda and Korukonda dalams were infected by Covid-19 and we offered to get them and their family members also treated," said Satish Kumar, the officer on special duty for Maoist operations based in Narsipatnam.

He said that around 20 senior activists were operating in Vizag agency but a lot of militia members keep coming from Chhattisgarh and Odisha, bringing along with them the virus. Hence, an appeal was made to the villagers to keep away from the Maoists to keep away infections, the OSD said.

The secretary of the Federation of Experienced Medical Practitioners Welfare Association of AP, J. Joshi, said the RMPs working in villages close to the border were being taken to the interiors to treat the villagers, but it could not be confirmed whether they were rendering service to the Maoists.

RED SANDERS SMUGGLERS NABBED

DC CORRESPONDENT
KADAPA, JUNE 26

District SP Karur Karunapati Nagendra Kumar Anburajan said that five red sanders smugglers were arrested within the limits of Kalasapadu police station in Kadapa district. It was revealed that 52 red sandalwood logs (794.5 kg) and four mobile phones were seized from the arrested persons.

He disclosed the details of the case at a press conference held at the district police office on Saturday. Kalasapadu police got the information from reliable sources, they arrested the accused on Friday evening in a forest area near Neelapuram pond and 52 logs ready for transport were seized. The accused Bhavanasi Ramana (36), Challa Narayana (30), N i m m a k a y a l a Chinnamunireddy (51), Kondepogu Obuleshu (29) and Kamanur Manoj Kumar (24) were arrested and they were produced at court.

The district SP warned that strict action would be taken if red sanders was smuggled or encouraged. SP complimented the police officers who played a key role in the arrest of five red sanders smugglers.

Bamboo extraction may be banned in Nandyal tiger corridor

DC CORRESPONDENT
KURNOOL, JUNE 26

With rising incidents of bamboo thefts near the Rudravaram forest range, the Nandyal forest range is contemplating banning bamboo extraction. The Nandyal DFO Sambangi Venkatesh said that since this is a Tiger corridor, the extraction of bamboo would also affect the moments of the wildcat. As the Atmakur division has already banned bamboo extraction to conserve the tiger habitat, we are also thinking of suggesting such measures to the government said the DFO.

He said Bamboo is minor produce and its extraction is continued for nine months a year. Sale of harvested bamboo fetched a gross revenue of Rs 170 lakhs during the last year. This year I am expecting gross revenue of above Rs

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200 lakhs from the bamboo sale. These are transported from the plantations to APFDC Depots where sales are held by way of conducting auctions, the DFO said.

When asked Nallamala forest has become a hideout for illicit liquor manufacturers and they are also allegedly cutting bamboo and selling it out, The DFOsaid one lorry load was confiscated recently and they have increased vigilance. He said forest jurisdiction is vast and is porous, but with the available staff we are efficiently managing it, he said.

Chilkur priest pushes for Dalit as TTD chief

DC CORRESPONDENT
NELLORE, JUNE 26

The Temples Protection Movement Convener and hereditary archakas-m-trustee of Chilkur Balaji temple, C.S. Rangarajan, has

appealed to the Andhra Pradesh state government to scrap the newly appointed Specified Authority and constitute a full-fledged Trust Board with a practising Hindu Dalit as the chairman.

INTERSTATE GANG SMUGGLING GUTKA, GANJA BUSTED

DC CORRESPONDENT
ANANTAPUR, JUNE 26

Police busted a three-member interstate gang involved in illegal transportation and selling of gutka from Bengaluru and Bidar centres to AP and Telangana states.

The one town police found that the gang was using private parcel services besides their own vehicles to smuggle gutka sachets

from Karnataka to both the Telugu states. They seized a car, gutka sachets box, 3 kg ganja and Karnataka liquor sachets.

SP Satya Esubabu told the media here on Saturday that police teams from Anantapur headquarters were alerted about the smuggling of gutka and ganja. Following a tip-off, the one town police seized a car carrying gutka, ganja and Karnataka state liquor.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways (Department of Road Transport and Highways)					
NOTIFICATION					
New Delhi, the 21th June, 2021					
S.O.2458(E) -In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3(A) of National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956), (here in after referred to as the said Act), the Central Government after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building(widening/four laning, etc.) maintenance, management and operation of National Highway No.544E in the stretch of land from Km.0/000 to Km.57/700 (Kodikonda Checkpost - Madaksira Road) in the district of Anantapuramu in the State of Andhra Pradesh, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land;					
Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.					
Every such objection shall be made to the competent authority, namely, Joint Collector, Anantapuramu in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner and may after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.					
Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.					
The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the competent authority.					
3A Schedule (Additional)					
Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structure falling within the stretch of land from KM-0/000 to 57/700 (Kodikonda Checkpost - Madakasira road) of NH-544E in the District of Ananthapuram in the State of Andhra Pradesh.					
State: ANDHRA PRADESH			District: ANANTAPURAMU		
Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Lepakshi					
Village : Lepakshi					
1	126-4B1A2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0099999	0.0040469
2	126-4B1B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.4100000	0.1659247
3	126-4B1C2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0700000	0.0283286
4	126-4B2A2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0100000	0.0040469
5	126-4B2B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0400000	0.0161878
6	126-4B3A2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.2100000	0.0849858
7	126-4B3B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0800000	0.0323756
8	126-4C1	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.1400000	0.0566572
9	126-4D1	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0499999	0.0202347
10	126-4D2A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0700000	0.0283286
11	126-5	Government	G.D.	0.3200000	0.1295022
12	127-11B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0900000	0.0364225
13	129-2	Government	G.P	0.4400000	0.1780656
14	129-4	Government	G.P	0.3900000	0.1578308
15	130-2B2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0100000	0.0040469
16	130-2D1	Government	G.P	0.0800000	0.0323756
17	130-2E1A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0400000	0.0161878
18	130-2E2A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0500000	0.0202347
19	132-11B	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.3100000	0.1254553
20	132-1A	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.5500000	0.2225820
21	132-4B	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.3900004	0.1578308
22	132-5	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.1500000	0.0607042
23	132-6A	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.0100000	0.0040469
24	132-9B	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.0100000	0.0040469
25	132-2A	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.3800000	0.1537839
26	133-1B	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.0200000	0.0080939
27	133-2B	Government	I.D.	0.1100000	0.0445164
28	133-3B	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.2700000	0.1092675
29	195-4A2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.2300000	0.0930797
30	195-4B2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.1700000	0.0687981
31	196-1A3B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.1700000	0.0687981
32	196-1B2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0500000	0.0202347
33	196-2A2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.9100000	0.368272
34	196-2A3A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0700000	0.0283286
35	196-1A2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.8100000	0.3278025
36	196-2A1B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.7500000	0.3035208
37	202-2B	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.0100000	0.0040469
38	202-3B	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.3700000	0.1497369
39	202-4B	Private(Patta)	I.D.	2.3000000	0.9307972
40	202-6B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.5200000	0.2104411
41	202-7A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.2000000	0.0809389
42	202-8A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0600000	0.0242817
43	202-9A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0100000	0.0040469
44	382	Government	G.P	3.9400000	1.5944960
45	385-2A	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.0200000	0.0080939
46	385-1A	Private(Patta)	I.D.	0.0100000	0.0040469
47	386-1B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.1200000	0.0485633
48	386-4B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.7400000	0.2994739
49	387-4B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0800000	0.0323756
50	387-5B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	1.3900000	0.5625253
51	387-1B	Government	G.P	0.0400000	0.0161878
52	387-3B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0800000	0.0323756
53	388	Government	G.D	1.4100000	0.5706192
54	389-1A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0100000	0.0040469
55	389-5A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0700000	0.0283286
56	414-10A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.1800000	0.0728450
57	414-1A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.2300000	0.0930797
58	414-8A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.2600000	0.1052206
59	415	Government	G.P	3.2000000	1.2950220
60	452-10A1	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.4200000	0.1699717
61	452-10A2A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.2100000	0.0849858
62	452-7B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0700000	0.0283286
63	452-8B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.3900000	0.1578308
64	452-9A	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.3000000	0.1214083
65	452-9B2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.1600000	0.0647511
66	453-2A2B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.1700000	0.0687981
67	453-2A3B	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.1000000	0.0404695
68	453-7A2	Private(Patta)	G.D.	0.0100000	0.0040469
		TOTAL EXTENT		24.9500	10.0971
(F.No.RW/NH-12011/11/2017-AP/P-7/3A) Sd/- RAJESH GUPTA , Director.					

Dr. NTR UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES: A.P VIJAYAWADA - 520 008			
No. 1/We/TS/DM2/21	TENDER NOTICE		Date: 25.06.2021
Sealed Tenders are invited for following work at Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada.			
Sl.No.	Name of the work		
1	Hosting of On-line application form and to conduct web based counselling for various courses of Dr. NTR UHS, Vijayawada for the academic years 2021 & 2022		
Note: For further details visit www.approcurement.gov.in			
K. Sankar, M.D., D.T.C.O., Registrar			

Government of Tamil Nadu Vellore Corporation Re-Tender Notice			
Roc.No. 5239/2014/E1		Date : 21.06.2021	
The Commissioner, Vellore Corporation invites tenders in two cover system for the following works as per the conditions laid down in the tender notice published in website https://ntntenders.gov.in			
Sr.	Name of the work (Smart City Mission)	Estimate Cost Rs. in Crores	EMD Cost Rs.
1	Providing of Road Channel, Hi-Tech Basic Amenities and PMU (4 Works) in Vellore City Municipal Corporation	11.91	1% of the Estimate Cost
2	Period of Bid Document Downloaded Date and Time	(4 Works range from 2.04 Cr. to 3.98 Cr.)	24.06.2021 to 25.07.2021 at 3.00 pm available for free Download from website https://ntntenders.gov.in
3	Pre-Bid Conference	09.07.2021 at 3.00 pm at The Chamber of City Engineer Vellore Corporation.	
4	Date and time and venue of Tender	26.07.2021 Monday - 3.00 pm at Vellore Corporation	
5	Date, Time and Venue of opening	26.07.2021 Monday - 3.30 pm at Vellore Corporation Office	
6	Tender document availability and other details	Other Details can be obtained from the tender notice published in website https://ntntenders.gov.in or from Vellore Corporation Office. Engineering section during working hours on working days.	
For Contact : 0416 - 2226078		DIPR/1645/Tender/2021 Commissioner, Vellore Corporation	

SHORT TAKES

AYODHYA SHOULD MANIFEST OUR TRADITIONS: PM

New Delhi, June 26: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday reviewed the development plan for Ayodhya and asserted that the temple town in Uttar Pradesh should manifest the "the finest of our traditions and the best of our developmental transformations".

Speaking at a virtual meeting, which was also attended by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Modi described Ayodhya as a city that is etched in the cultural consciousness of every Indian and said the human ethos of this city must be matched by futuristic infrastructure.

A Prime Minister's Office (PMO) statement on the meeting said Ayodhya's development is being envisaged as a spiritual centre, global tourism hub and a sustainable smart city.

At the meeting, Uttar Pradesh government officials made a presentation which encompassed various aspects of Ayodhya's development.

The prime minister was informed about various upcoming and proposed infrastructure projects to improve connectivity with Ayodhya and various projects like airport, expansion of railway station, bus station, roads and highways were discussed, the PMO said. An upcoming greenfield township was discussed which includes lodging facilities for devotees, space for ashrams, maths, hotels, bhavans of various states.

CJI SEEKS STEPS TO RESOLVE POOR CONNECTIVITY

New Delhi, June 26: Chief Justice of India N. V. Ramana has written to Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad seeking steps to resolve poor digital connectivity in rural, tribal and hilly areas, saying this is "adversely impacting the pace of justice delivery".

In his letter to Prasad, who is also the minister for law and communications, Justice Ramana also referred to the "digital divide" and said "a whole generation of lawyers is being pushed out of the system" due to technological inequality. The Chief Justice of India (CJI) informed about the letter, written on June 8, while speaking on Saturday at the virtual release of a book "Anomalies in Law and Justice" authored by former Supreme Court Judge Justice R. V. Raveendran.

During the course of a panel discussion that followed the book launch, Justice Ramana said that the issue of connectivity figured prominently at a two-day conference of chief justices of high courts that he had held recently. "Poor connectivity in rural, tribal, remote and hilly areas is adversely impacting the pace of justice delivery and is also depriving thousands of young lawyers across the country of their livelihood". — PTI

Tikait: Rallies if Centre doesn't resume talks

Farmers mark 7 months of their agitation at Delhi borders

DC CORRESPONDENT WITH AGENCY INPUTS CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

Marking the completion of seven months of agitation at Delhi's borders against the three farm laws passed by the Centre, scores of farmers from Punjab and Haryana on Saturday took out protest marches while farmers camping at Delhi's Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur observed July 26 as "Save

Agriculture, Save Democracy Day". Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait said at least four lakh tractors and 25 lakh farmers are ready to march towards Delhi. However, if talks with the Centre resume, then the march will not be taken forward, he said.

Mr Tikait announced two rallies in Delhi next month to intensify the protest against the Centre's three new farm laws. Mr Tikait, who held

a meeting with farmers at Delhi's Ghazipur border, said two decisions were made at the meeting. First, a batch of farmers will leave on tractors for the Singhu border from Uttar Pradesh's Shamli district on July 9. And another such rally will start from Bijnor on July 24 and will head towards Ghazipur border via Meerut, he said.

Even as farmers in several states tried to march to governors' residence to submit a memoran-

dum to mark the completion of seven months of their agitation, Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Saturday appealed to them to end their stir and offered to resume talks on the provisions of the three legislations.

"I want to tell all the farmers union people that they should end their agitation. The Government of India is also ready to discuss and redress any provision of law," he said.

Star TMC MP ill after fake vaccine

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, JUNE 26

Four days after taking a dose of what is purported to be Covishield at a fake vaccination camp, and getting the racket behind it busted with the help of the Kolkata police, Mimi Chakraborty, Tollywood actor and Trinamul Congress Jadavpur MP, fell ill at home on Saturday.

Meanwhile, to mount pressure on the Mamata Banerjee government over the racket run by a bogus IAS officer, allegedly linked to several TMC leaders, Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adh-

ikari urged the Centre to order a probe by its agencies. At around 4 am, the MP complained of illness which included severe dehydration, low blood pressure and acute stomach pain. A doctor treated her and advised her rest with medication but suspected the symptoms as panic syndrome over the fake Covishield dose she got on June 22 rather than its side-effects.

While the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and state health department have launched a drive to check the health of those who along with Mimi Chakraborty got the 'vaccine', the Kolkata Police slapped attempt to murder charge on three arrested accused including racketeer Debanjan Deb. On Friday Adhikari wrote Union health minister Harsh Vardhan, "...several incriminating photos suggestive of the accused's influence in the ruling party of West Bengal have come to the fore. Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim, West Bengal minister Subrata Mukherjee, TMC MP Santanu Sen, TMC MLAs Debasish Kumar and Lovely Maitra, KMC councillor Baiswanor Chatterjee and others are

seen directly or indirectly endorsing the activities of Debanjan..."

He claimed Debanjan has previously been seen posing with government of West Bengal files or hosting Duare Sarkar camps of West Bengal government in Ward 66 of KMC. In such a situation with so many influential ruling party leaders and government representatives being seen in close proximity to the accused, we have serious doubts about an impartial investigation from Kolkata Police that follows the instructions of the same government."

‘Delhi O2 claim not exaggerated’

DC CORRESPONDENT WITH AGENCY INPUTS NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

A day after Delhi's AAP government and the BJP were locked in a battle over the national capital's oxygen crisis during the second wave of Coronavirus in April-May, three of the five members of the Supreme Court appointed team have distanced themselves from the report, with AIIMS director Randeep Guleria saying that it's not correct to say the Arvind Kejriwal government exaggerated the city's requirement.

Dr Guleria, who heads the subgroup, said, "It would not be correct to say that Delhi oxygen audit is an interim report. We should wait for the final report." Two other members, B.S. Bhalla, Delhi government's principal home secretary, home, and Max Healthcare's Sandeep Budhiraja, have also questioned the reported conclusions of the report and said that they had raised objections against several claims that are being made.

"The manner in which the proceedings of the subgroup were conducted suggested that the purpose of proceedings was to satisfy a preconceived and predetermined conclusion and narrative to recommend a lower quantity of oxygen to Delhi. It was also aimed at further portraying an impression that the assessment by the GNCTD (Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi)

before the high court and the Supreme Court was exaggerated or not genuine," Mr Bhalla had noted in a communication sent to the panel on May 31.

Max Hospital's director Sandeep Budhiraja said in his comments, included in annexure of the report, that a decision was taken in the panel's first meeting itself to get actual details of oxygen consumption from all the hospitals of NCT Delhi.

"After repeated corrections (as hospital medical superintendent used a different format), the total calculation of oxygen consumption (based on actual consumption data of 214 hospitals) came to around 490 MT. This did not take into account oxygen cylinder refilling and non-Covid requirements of hospitals," Mr Budhiraja said.

Relieved at the clarifications, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said the acute shortage of oxygen during Covid's second wave was real and appealed for an end to political bickering and for everyone to work together so that no one suffers in the third wave. "May we work now if your fight over oxygen is finished? Let us together make a system so no one faces shortage of oxygen in the third wave. There was an acute shortage of oxygen in the second wave. It should not be so in the third wave. Corona will win if we fight with each other. The nation will win if we fight together," Mr Kejriwal tweeted.

WORLD

22 1/2 years in jail for Chauvin

Ex-cop sentenced for George Floyd murder

Minneapolis, June 26: Former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin was sentenced Friday to 22 1/2 years in prison for the murder of George Floyd, whose dying gasps under Chauvin's knee led to the biggest outcry against racial injustice in the US in generations.

The punishment — which came after Chauvin broke his yearlong silence to offer condolences to the Floyd family and express hope that they eventually have "some peace of mind" — is one of the longest prison terms ever imposed on a US police officer in the killing of a Black person.

Still, Floyd family members and others were disappointed. The sentence fell short of the 30 years prosecutors had requested. And with good behavior, Chauvin, 45, could get out on parole after serving two-thirds of his sentence, or about 15 years. "Just because it's the most time doesn't mean it's enough time," said Nekima Levy Armstrong, a Minneapolis protest leader.

Judge Peter Cahill went



Derek Chauvin

beyond the 12 1/2-year sentence prescribed under state guidelines, citing Chauvin's "abuse of a position of trust and authority and also the particular cruelty" shown to Floyd. Floyd family attorney Ben Crump said the family had gotten "some measure of accountability" but is hoping Chauvin gets the maximum at his upcoming federal civil rights trial.

Crump said this was the longest sentence a police officer has ever received in Minnesota. But he added: "Real justice in America will be PoC men and PoC women and people of colour who will not have to fear being killed by the police just because the colour of

their skin. That would be real justice."

Outside the courthouse, a crowd of about 50 people clasped hands or placed them on each other's shoulders. The reaction was subdued as people debated whether the sentence was long enough.

Some cursed in disgust. At George Floyd Square, as the intersection where Floyd was pinned to the pavement is now known, members of the crowd broke into applause, and several said, "We'll take it."

Chauvin was immediately led back to prison. He showed little emotion when the judge pronounced the sentence. His eyes moved rapidly around the courtroom, his Covid-19 mask obscuring much of his face.

The fired white officer was convicted in April of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter for pressing his knee against Floyd's neck for up to 9 1/2 minutes as the 46-year-old man gasped that he couldn't breathe and went limp on May 25, 2020.

New lockdown in B'desh after Delta variant spike

Dhaka, June 26: Bangladesh has announced it will impose a tough new lockdown starting Monday, after a "dangerous and alarming" surge in Delta variant cases of Coronavirus.

All government and private offices will be shut for a week and only medical-related transport will be allowed, the government said late Friday. "No one can step out of their homes except in emergency cases," a statement added.

Health department spokesman Robed Amin said police and border guards would be deployed to enforce the lockdown and the army may be involved if needed.

"It is a dangerous and alarming situation. If we don't contain it now, we will face an India-like situation," Amin said, referring to a surge in cases in neighbouring India in April and May.

Infection rates have been rising sharply since mid-

NZ suspends travel bubble with Oz

Wellington, June 26: New Zealand announced a three-day suspension of its quarantine-free travel arrangement with Australia on Saturday, with Wellington citing "multiple" outbreaks of Covid-19 in the neighbouring country.

The announcement comes as a two-week lockdown begins in Sydney to contain a rapidly spreading outbreak of the Delta Coronavirus variant.

More than 80 cases have been reported in Australia's

largest city, while a handful of community cases have also been recorded in the Northern Territory, Victoria and Queensland in recent days. "But given the high level of transmissibility of what appears to be the Delta variant, and the fact that there are now multiple community clusters (in Australia), it is the right thing to keep Covid-19 out of New Zealand," said NZ's Covid-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins. — AFP

May in Bangladesh, home to around 170 million people. On Friday the government recorded almost 6,000 new

cases and 108 fatalities, the second-highest death toll yet in the pandemic. — AFP

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SHORT TAKES

Injury scare for sprinter Hima

Patiala: Star sprinter Hima Das on Saturday suffered a hamstring injury during the 100m heats at the ongoing National Inter-State Athletics Championships here, leaving her on the verge of missing out on the upcoming Tokyo Olympics. Hima, who has had a lower back injury problem for a long time, did not start in the 100m final due to the injury though she qualified for it. She did complete her heat race and finished third with a timing of 12.01 seconds during the morning session. It is learnt that the Assam athlete is highly unlikely to run the 200m race scheduled on Sunday as well as the women's 4x100m relay final on June 29. Hima's injury is also a big blow to 4x100m women's relay team's qualification.

— PTI

Verstappen takes Styrian GP pole

Spiegelberg: World Championship leader Max Verstappen of Red Bull produced the quickest lap in qualifying on Saturday to claim pole position for the Styrian Grand Prix. Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas was second quickest but drops to fifth on the grid because of a three-place penalty imposed on Friday, leaving teammate Lewis Hamilton to start on the front row with Verstappen. McLaren's Lando Norris produced the performance of the day, pushing the front runners all the way and finishing fourth.

— AFP

Saurabh and Manu clinch silver medal

Osijek (Croatia): Continuing their impressive run, the Indian duo of Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker clinched the silver medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the ISSF Shooting World Cup here on Saturday. Already assured of a silver, the Indian duo was on par with Russia's Vitalina Batsarashkina and Artem Chernousov at 12-12 before losing the last two series to go down 12-16. Representing the other Indian team, Yashaswini Singh Deswal and Abhishek Verma missed out on a bronze medal. Deswal and Verma, who qualified in the third place, were completely outplayed by Iran's Golnoush Sebgatollahi and Javad Foroughi.

— PTI

Champ Farah fails to qualify for Tokyo

London: Four-time Olympic champion Mo Farah's hopes of ending his track career at the Tokyo Games ended as he fell short of the qualifying mark for the 10,000 metres in Manchester on Friday. The 38-year-old won a specially-arranged race to give him a final chance to qualify at the British Championships, but his time of 27 minutes 47 seconds was nearly 20 seconds off the time required to qualify. Farah won the 5,000m-10,000m double at the London Olympics in 2012 and repeated the feat four years later in Rio de Janeiro.

— AFP

Archer Verma wins gold in World Cup

Paris: Star compound archer Abhishek Verma stunned American heavyweight Kris Schaff in a shoot-off to bag a gold medal at the Archery World Cup Stage 3 here on Saturday. Verma's effort has come two months after he along with the Indian team was stopped from board the flight for the first stage of the meet in Guatemala City following their coach's false positive Covid-19 test report. India archers are also in the fray for three more medals in the women's recurve individual, team and mixed pair.

— PTI

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DANES PARTY

Denmark decimate Wales to enter Euro quarters

Denmark	4
(Kasper Dolberg 27, 48, Joakim Maehle 88, Martin Braithwaite 90+4)	
Wales	0

Amsterdam, June 26: Denmark marked the 29th anniversary of their greatest triumph by marching on to the quarter-finals of Euro 2020 on Saturday as Kasper Dolberg scored twice in an emphatic 4-0 win over Wales before an exultant travelling support in Amsterdam.

In the city where Christian Eriksen made his name, it was Dolberg — another former Ajax player — who opened the scoring with a fizzing strike in the 27th minute.

That came after Wales had started so well but Denmark never looked back and Dolberg struck again just after the restart before Joakim Maehle and Martin Braithwaite added more goals late on.

Carried by a wave of emotion, Danish dreams are still intact in a tournament that began in such traumatic circumstances for them with Eriksen's collapse in their opening match against Finland in Copenhagen.

They now go on to a last-eight tie in Baku against the Netherlands or the Czech Republic.

Eriksen, still recovering at home after his cardiac arrest, was present in



Denmark's Kasper Dolberg celebrates after scoring his first goal against Wales in the Euro Round of 16 match in Amsterdam on Saturday.

— UEFA

everyone's minds at the home of Ajax, and that combined with a vast Danish support inside the one-third full Johan Cruyff Arena made this occasion really like a home game for them.

European champions against all odds when they beat Germany in the final on this day in 1992, Denmark finally have their first win in the knockout phase of a Euro since then and it would be a truly extraordinary story if they could repeat the feat this time.

Nobody in Denmark will want to get ahead of themselves but Wales — who fin-

ished with 10 men after Harry Wilson's late red card — could certainly have no complaints about the outcome and there will be no repeat of their run to the semi-finals at Euro 2016.

They needed a moment of magic from captain Gareth Bale or Aaron Ramsey which never came, but in truth they were up against it from the outset.

Aside from the universal goodwill towards Denmark following Eriksen's collapse, a ban on travellers from the United Kingdom entering the Netherlands meant

there were very few Welsh supporters inside the stadium.

Danes, in contrast, descended in their droves on Amsterdam, creating an atmosphere not far off that seen at the Parken Stadium in Copenhagen when they beat Russia to qualify for the last 16 — even the Danish Prime Minister, Mette Frederiksen, was in attendance. To their credit Wales started well, with the probing Bale leading by example in the early stages. He crashed a shot just wide in the 10th minute.

— AFP

Belgium & Portugal in clash of heavyweights

Madrid, June 26: Portugal felt the full range of emotions during the Euro 2020 group stage and with Cristiano Ronaldo in the groove again, they can really begin to believe.

After scoring three late goals to beat Hungary, Portugal were shaken by a 4-2 loss to Germany, only for a 2-2 draw against France to restore morale and ensure they snuck out of Group F in third place.

The result is a last-16 clash with Belgium in Seville on Sunday, when one of the tournament favourites will bow out in what is surely the blockbuster tie of the round.

One of the frontrunners for the Golden Boot will fall too, with Ronaldo and Belgium's Romelu Lukaku both in contention. Ronaldo leads the scoring charts on five goals with Lukaku not far behind on three.

Portugal may have taken only a point from a sweaty contest with France at the Puskas Arena in Budapest but the belief and confidence gained from going toe-to-toe with the world champions could be pivotal for the rest of their tournament.

After chaos against Germany came concentration against the French, a committed, organised and aggressive performance which was a reminder of what carried Portugal to success at Euro 2016 and in the Nations League three years later.

“We were strong and consistent. The players helped each other, we had posses-



Belgian footballer Eden Hazard during a training session.

— Twitter

sion, we attacked well. We improved a lot from the game against Germany,” said Portugal's coach Fernando Santos afterwards.

Santos had responded too, reacting to criticism by reverting to his traditional 4-3-3 system of the past two years and making some bold changes to his starting line-up.

CZECH FAVOURITES AGAINST DUTCH

The Czech Republic will enter Sunday's last-16 game against the Netherlands at Euro 2020 as the odds-on favourites, at least when it comes to the history of their head-to-head encounters.

Since the Czech Republic

emerged as an independent state in 1993, their national team have won five games and lost three against the Dutch, on top of three draws.

Before that, Czechoslovakia memorably beat the Netherlands on the way to their only European Championship title in Belgrade in 1976, having edged Johan Cruyff and company 3-1 after extra time in the semi-final.

Czechoslovakia were not there to stop the Dutch when they won the 1988 title in West Germany.

But Czech fans cherish above all the memory of an epic battle at Euro 2004 in Portugal, won by the Czechs 3-2.

— AFP

TOKYO | OLYMPICS



A file photo of P.V. Sindhu carrying the Indian flag at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia.

Sindhu carries flag and hopes

MOSES KONDETY | DC
HYDERABAD, JUNE 26

P. V. Sindhu can't wait for the Olympics to begin. The badminton ace will have the rare honour of leading the country at the world's biggest sporting spectacle when the Games begin in Tokyo next month. The Hyderabad girl will carry the tri-colour as she heads the Indian contingent at the Opening Ceremony.

“Being the flag-bearer is such a proud moment altogether,” a chuffed Sindhu said.

“To think that you would be carrying the national flag and leading the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony is staggering. I am thrilled and excited because that sort of opportunity is rare... it's a huge honour,” the 25-year-old said during an interaction post her talk at TEDxYouth@SuchitraAcademy organised by Suchitra Academy International School in Hyderabad on Saturday.

The Covid pandemic may have pulled everyone back a bit but the gritty girl is gung-ho. “I am emotionally attached since the entire country is showing support and wanting me to get the medal. I am really looking forward to doing that,” the Khel Ratna awardee said.

Preparations are in full swing. “Since February I have been practicing at the Gachibowli Stadium, which is the same as the

one in Tokyo where the badminton events will be held. The venue has come in handy to get myself used to the air-conditioning and flight of the shuttle. I am thankful to the government, the Sports Authority and the badminton association for the facility. Whenever I asked for permission to practice, they readily granted my request,” Sindhu said.

“In the evenings, I go to the Suchitra Academy, which is like a second home to me, for my recovery sessions — pool, ice-bath, gym and running — that are very much needed as there is not much time left for the Games,” Sindhu added.

Suchitra Academy also provides her with sparring partners of different styles and skills — left, right-handed, aggressive, defensive, et al. Everyday there are different players and Sindhu has been up against two, sometimes three, opponents at a time as she gears up to take on the world.

The pressure is intense though. “This Olympics will definitely be different compared to Rio 2016 (where she won silver). Now, everyone wants me to get a medal wherever I play, so yes, there is pressure and we have to deal with it. At the end of the day, Olympics are Olympics — right up there. We have to be prepared for everything and anything,” Sindhu said.

SAJAN CREATES HISTORY, MAKES OLYMPIC ‘A’ CUT

New Delhi, June 26: Sajjan Prakash on Saturday became the first-ever Indian swimmer to qualify for the Olympic Games by breaching the 'A' standard time, clocking 1:56:38 seconds in the men's 200m butterfly event at the Sette Colli Trophy in Rome, Italy. The Games 'A' standard was set at 1:56.48 seconds and the 27-year-old Prakash completed the run 0.10 seconds faster at the Fina-accredited Olympic qualifier.

Prakash also rewrote his own national record



Sajan Prakash

of 1:56.96s that he had set last week at the Belgrade Trophy swimming competition. This will be Prakash's second successive Olympics, having represented India in the 2016 Rio Games.

— PTI

Sachin bills Jamieson as top all-rounder

New Delhi, June 26: Kyle Jamieson has the ability to become one of the leading all-rounders in world cricket in days to come, reckons legendary Sachin Tendulkar after watching the giant Black Cap torment India's best batsmen in the recently concluded World Test Championship Final.

In New Zealand's emphatic title triumph, Jamieson played a major role with match figures of 7 for 61 in 44 overs along with 21 valuable runs in his team's first essay.

“Kyle Jamieson is a fantastic all-rounder. He is going to go on and become one of the leading all-



rounders in world cricket,” Tendulkar said on his YouTube channel.

“When I had seen him last year in NZ, he impressed me,” the maestro said.

He then elaborated on why playing Jamieson in

English conditions made him even more lethal.

“If you see his bowling, he is very tall and more than swinging, he likes to bowl seaming deliveries. He is a different bowler compared to Tim Southee, Trent Boult and Neil

Wagner.

“Jamieson hits the deck hard and whatever he does, is off the seam. There were variations which he used where he angled is wrists and bowled big inswingers. There was reasonable variation in his bowling and what I liked was consistency,” Tendulkar said.

Tendulkar also liked how Jamieson used his height to play the big shots.

“His partnership with Williamson was critical one for New Zealand. He chose to attack from ball one and used his height beautifully. A tall batter, who can get on to the

front-foot and makes a big statement.

“That kind of unsettles bowler and they have to pull back their lengths because batter is using his height. When the ball has to come chin high, then length has to be short and that gives batter chance to play horizontal bat shots and that's what Jamieson exactly did. Anything off length, he used his height beautifully, stood tall and played most of them.”

On the Indian front, Tendulkar felt that Virat Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara's dismissal in the first hour on sixth day became decisive.

— PTI

Shafali all set to make ODI debut

Bristol, June 26: Teen sensation Shafali Verma is set to make her eagerly-anticipated ODI debut as the Indian women's team seeks white-ball course correction against a strong world champion English side in the first game of the three-match series, here on Sunday. The 17-year-old batting sensation, who has taken world cricket by storm, has so far played 22 T20 Internationals but was inexplicably not picked for the last home series

against South Africa Women, with India witnessing disastrous consequences.

India lost 1-4 against South Africa and there was a lot of debate about Shafali's omission from that series. No such harakiri is expected to be committed by the Indian team management, which now understands Shafali's true value all the more after her stellar Test debut against England last week.

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