

SHORT TAKES

MOHAN BABU
THREATENED AT
HIS RESIDENCEDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 1

A group of unidentified persons created a scene at film actor Mohan Babu's house in the city and reportedly shouted a warning that they would teach him and his family a lesson.

The incident happened in the evening following which the actor lodged a complaint with the Pahadishareef police.

About four persons drove up to the gate of the actor's house in an MPV, and the security guard reportedly let the vehicle in. The vehicle drove up to the entrance of the house and the men got down and shouted the warnings before getting back into the vehicle and driving out.

The police said the actor said he would provide them with CCTV footage from the security camera at his house for the investigation.

HELP POURS IN
FOR KIDS WHO
LOST PARENTS

Hyderabad: Help is pouring in for three children in Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri district who lost their parents, with actor Sonu Sood and minister E. dayakar Rao reaching out to them.

"They are no longer orphans. They will be my responsibility," Sood tweeted after a Twitter user brought the plight of the trio to his notice.

According to official sources, their father had passed away earlier, while their mother died recently. They have a grandmother who is very old.

Panchayat Raj minister Dayakar Rao got their details from Telangana Rashtra Samiti MLA Gongidi Sunita Mahender Reddy, in whose constituency their village Atmakur is located, and also the village sarpanch.

He informed leading Telugu film producer Dil Raju about the matter and requested him to adopt them. — PTI

For temple construction



Silver bricks weighing 11 kg each being sent for laying the foundation stone during the Bhoorni Pujan on August 5 to build the grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya. The event was organised by Vedanilayam and Pavan Foundation at Somajiguda on Saturday.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

Don't loot patients:
Etala to pvt hospsBALU PULIPAKA | DC
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 1

The government accused private and corporate hospitals of fleeing Covid-19 patients by overcharging them for drugs, and in the guise of PPE kits and ICU charges.

"Private hospitals have forgotten their humanity. Instead of providing medical treatment to the needy, these hospitals are only looking to make money off the patients," health minister Etala Rajendar said.

The remarks came at a meeting he chaired to review with senior health officials, the hundreds of complaints the government has received from patients. He said, "It is just not fair to make money off the people who are fearing for their lives. Our department is receiving complaints that these hospitals are charging ten

times of what they would have during normal times. Instead of chasing money and profits, private hospitals should play a constructive role in saving the lives of Covid-19 patients and display a sense of humanity."

He instructed that a committee of senior officials be formed to probe every complaint received about private hospitals and action taken on those not following government orders on billing.

The meeting discussed complaints pertaining to rejection of health insurance, demanding deposit of up to ₹5 lakh before a patient is admitted, increasing charges saying a bed is being made available only with great difficulty, and some pertaining to how private hospitals were bundling off to government hospitals Covid-19 patients who were near death.

No point hiding Covid
figures, Kishan tells TSDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 1

There is an urgent need for creating faith among the people on the services being provided by government hospitals in the state for Covid-19 patients, Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy said on Saturday.

The minister said Covid-19 was a global pandemic and the state government should have no reason to hide the actual number of people who are dying from the disease or those affected. "If such is the case, then it is not the right thing to do. I am asking the state government to come clean and reveal the true figures. The Centre is only willing to help the state government in combating the disease," he said.

Kishan Reddy was speaking with reporters

at the Gandhi Hospital, after his visit to the facility. Earlier in the day, he also visited TIMS at Gachibowli, and the Government Ayurvedic Hospital. This is the second time that Kishan Reddy visited Covid-19 hospitals.

"I met with doctors, nurses, staff and officials at these hospitals and interacted with patients. We need to give them confidence and take steps to increase the faith of the people in government hospitals. Right now, many people are going to private hospitals and paying huge bills and going into debt. This needs to change," he said.

The minister also warned that the coming weeks are expected to see a worsening of the Covid-19 situation and state government needs to increase the number of beds for the

patients and hospitals to treat them.

He said there was a need for increasing the incentives being paid to staff, particularly the out-sourced and Class 4 workers. "The government said it is recruiting 279 doctors. This number will not be enough. Many more should be recruited as out-sourced employees and they should include nurses, maintenance and other staff," he said.

Kishan Reddy expressed serious concern that containment measures were not being implemented strictly. "Many people who tested positive and are under home quarantine are leaving their homes and going around. The government and residential associations must put an end to this. It is also a matter of concern that villages too are reporting cases," he said.

TS defers meet
on water dispute

Oppn slams govt for postponing the meet

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 1

The Apex Council meeting on river water disputes between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state, which was scheduled for August 5, is said to have been postponed by the Union ministry of Jal Shakti.

Jal Shakti ministry secretary M.P. Singh had on July 29 written to the state government asking for its opinion on convening the Apex Council meeting.

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao on July 31 held a high-level meeting after which the

Chief Secretary was asked to write to the Centre to schedule the meeting after August 20, or after the completion of the Independence Day celebrations as the government had scheduled certain programmes on August 5.

The Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) government faced sharp criticism from the Opposition for seeking to postpone the meeting; they said the date proposed by the state government was significant.

The Andhra Pradesh government has floated tenders for the construc-

tion of the Rayalaseema lift irrigation project which was intended to divert 3 tmc ft (thousand million cubic feet) of water a day from the Srisailem reservoir to Rayalaseema. The last date for the submission of tenders is August 17.

The Krishna Water Management Board has directed the AP government not to go ahead with the tender process.

The Congress, BJP and Left parties alleged that Chandrashekar Rao had sought the postponement to allow the AP government to complete the tender process.

CM neglecting TS
interests: UttamDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 1

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday alleged that there was a major conspiracy behind Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's silence on the "grave injustice in the making" in the form of Andhra Pradesh's plans to divert 8 tmc ft of Krishna water every day from the Srisailem reservoir.

Addressing the media, he said the postponing of the August 5 Apex Council meeting to a date after August 20 by the Chief Minister under the pretext of holding a Cabinet meeting was part of that conspiracy to do injustice to Telangana state in the matter of Krishna waters.

Reddy alleged that Rao

had sought a date after August 20 only to allow AP to complete the tender process for the Rayalaseema lift irrigation project.

He pointed out that the neglect of South Telangana in the matter of river waters would also make statehood to Telangana meaningless as it was one of the three planks of the movement. The TPCC chief announced that the Congress would intensify its struggle to protect the state's river waters, in case the state government failed to play its role.

Meanwhile Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka in a press statement said that with the diversion of water from Srisailem reservoir, Nalgonda, Khammam and Mahabubnagar district will turn into deserts.

LEISURE

BRIDGE | Susanna Gross

Last week I got an email from one of my readers — the other one is possibly away for the summer. His name was Paddy and he wrote as follows: 'Dear Janet, I love your column [I warned to him immediately] but I have been rather confused lately. I'm not a good player, and I have spent most of my life trying to win tricks as cheaply as possible, but recently you have featured several hands where you advocate playing an unnecessarily high card. I think learning players like myself would be better served by just reading about plain, old-fashioned good bridge.'

Dealer East All vulnerable

♠ Q J 10	♥ 9 8	♦ K Q 10 5	♣ 8 4 3 2
♥ J 9 8	♦ K Q 6 5	♣ K Q 10 5	♠ 8 4 3 2
♠ K 9 7	♥ 6 4 2	♦ J 9 2	♣ 4 3
♥ 6 4 2	♦ J 9 2	♣ A 10 5 4	♠ 8 4 3 2
♠ A 10 5 4	♥ 6 4 2	♦ K J 8	♣ 4 3

West North East South
Pass 3NT Pass All Pass

you spot it. (see diagram)

Against this normal 3NT, West wisely decided to try to give nothing away by leading a middle Heart from three small — often a good tactic from that sort of hand. The 8 was covered by the 10, and South ducked twice and took the third one. In the fullness of time, he had to give West a Spade and the Ace of Clubs, but he emerged with nine winners.

After the fine lead, though, this contract should have gone down. Don't look now Paddy, but all East had to do was cover dummy's 8♥ at trick one with the Queen instead of the 10. This will convince declarer that he has another stopper in the suit, and ducking would be suicidal. West may not immediately appreciate what's happened, but sooner or later he'll try another Heart anyway, and the defence has five tricks.

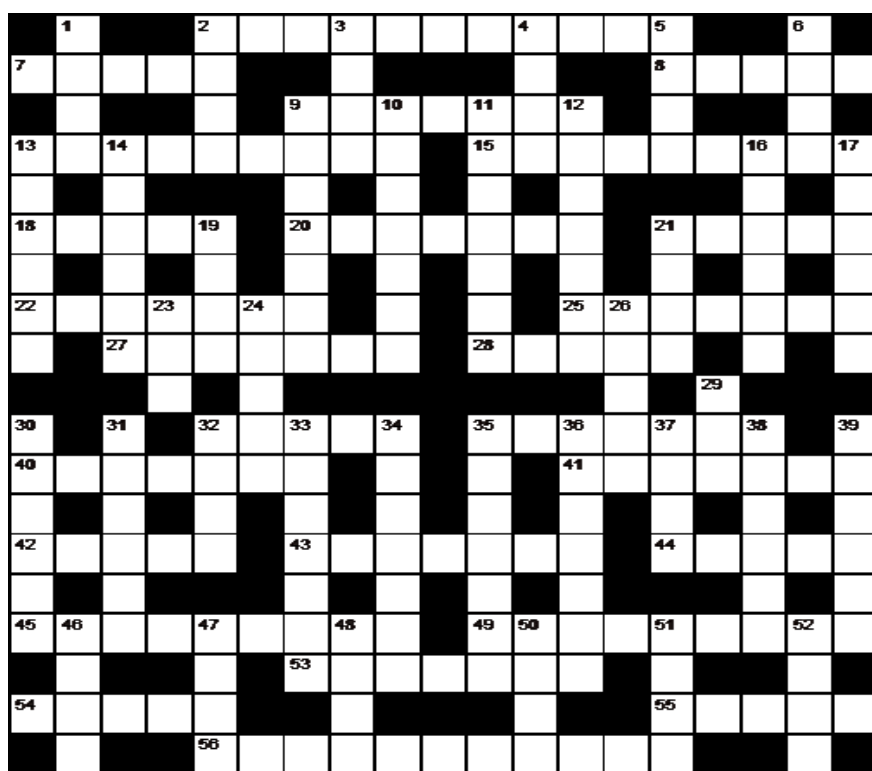
SUNDAY CROSSWORD — 945

ACROSS

- 2 Abnormal fear of being in open spaces (11)
- 7 Contributor (5)
- 8 Remedied (5)
- 9 Bellowed (7)
- 13 Tomb (9)
- 15 Consenting, not argumentative? (9)
- 18 Less common (5)
- 20 Creatures (7)
- 21 Shaping machine (5)
- 22 Stain, flaw (7)
- 25 Dublin is its capital (7)
- 27 Calls off (7)
- 28 In cinema, popular name for Academy Awards? (5)
- 32 Go up (5)
- 35 Elucidated, explained or expounded (7)
- 40 Confirms or preserves, defends (7)
- 41 A bone softening disease (7)
- 42 Feudal lord (5)
- 43 Downcast (7)
- 44 Kitchen tool (5)
- 45 An intervening period or episode (9)
- 49 Judges or computes (9)
- 53 To set, to place, to locate (7)
- 54 Used up (5)
- 55 Lees, leftovers (5)
- 56 Tilling of the land (11)

DOWN

- 1 Deal successfully (4)
- 2 Asian sea (4)
- 3 Mining and industrial region of western Germany (4)
- 4 Couturier Cassini (4)
- 5 Dull pain (4)
- 6 Came down (4)
- 9 Put into scabbard (7)
- 10 Psychological complex (7)
- 11 Hot pepper sauce (7)
- 12 Severe (7)
- 13 Scours (6)
- 14 Astronomical distance of 3.26 light years (6)
- 16 Christian tale in "The Dark Knight" (6)
- 17 Corrects text (6)
- 19 Destruction (4)
- 21 Smile at with evil intents (4)
- 23 Spoil (3)
- 24 Berate (5)
- 25 Semi-diameters (5)
- 29 Albanian coin (3)
- 30 Centres of atoms (6)
- 31 Menace (6)
- 32 You are solving one just now? (4)
- 33 Neck of land (7)
- 34 A large, soft cloth used for warmth (7)
- 35 Jordan River terminus (4,3)
- 36 Warship (7)
- 37 In brief, sergeants and corporals (4)
- 38 Proper or seemly (6)
- 39 Evaluate (6)
- 46 Bites or nibbles at (4)
- 47 Duty-roster (4)
- 48 Capital of East Timor (4)
- 50 Let it stand! (4)
- 51 ___ off: departed hastily? (4)
- 52 Nervous and apprehensive (4)



SOLUTION FOR CROSSWORD - 943

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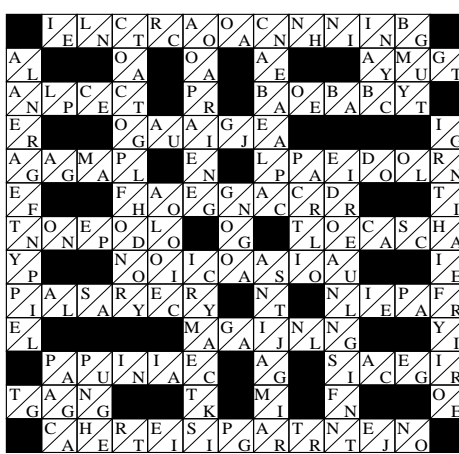
CROSSWORD JIGSAW

Here the crossword puzzle is broken up into fragments which may or may not be shuffled. Your task is to reconstruct the complete puzzle from the fragments. We have retained the black squares in the grid to help you out.

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STRIKE OUT

This crossword has no clues and the answers there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it! In each square you have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.



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Air Marshal I.P. Vipin

AIR MARSHAL VIPIN NEW AFA COMMANDANT

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 1

Air Marshal I.P. Vipin took over as Commandant of the Air Force Academy, Dundigal, on Saturday. His predecessor, Air Marshal J. Chalapati, will be posted as Senior Air Staff Officer at the Southern Air Command, Thiruvananthapuram.

An alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, the Defence Services Staff College at Wellington and the National Defence College New Delhi, Air Marshal Vipin was commissioned in the flying branch of Indian Air Force in June 1982. He has over 6,000 hours of flying experience on different types of transport and trainer aircraft and gliders.

Before taking over as AFA Commandant, Air Marshal Vipin was Senior Air Staff Officer at Central Air Command, Prayagraj.

COUPLE FEARS COVID INFECTION, ENDS LIFE

Hyderabad: Suspecting that they had contracted Covid-19, a couple allegedly died by suicide here on Saturday, police said. The couple, aged 63 and 60, had been suffering from health issues for the past few days, police said.

Fearing that their children and grand-children would also be affected, the couple ended their lives. Their bodies were found lying in their house by one of their sons when he went to see them.

— PTI

Faith matters



Devotees offer Id-ul-Adha prayers on the occasion of Bakrid at Masjid-e-Shattaria Masjid, Dabeerpura, in the Old City on Saturday. — P. SURENDRA

Muslims hold Id-ul-Zuha prayers with precautions

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 1

Muslims celebrated Id-ul-Zuha on Saturday in a simple but extra cautious manner in order to avoid resurgence of Covid-19. For the first time, the traditional fervour surrounding Id celebrations was missing.

Prayers were not offered at idgahs as the government had banned large congregations. The faithful offered special prayers in mosques. To avoid congestion, Id prayers were offered in multiple instances.

Worshippers offered prayers maintaining physical distance, except in certain instances, and wearing face masks. They avoided shaking hands and hugging to greet each other. Most of the people preferred to stay at home, greeting each other on social media. This time, the number of animal sacrifices decreased drastically due to non-availability of livestock and shortage of butchers.

Groups of youth sacrificed animals in many areas. They also avoided distributing and accepting meat as a precautionary measure.

₹4.5L jewellery thief held

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 1

A man from Maharashtra, who stole gold jewellery from stores after posing as a customer, was arrested by the Balanagar Special Operation Team (SOT). The police seized gold jewellery weighing 10 tolas, worth ₹4.5 lakh,

from the Rahil Nural Bhombar, a resident of Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. According to the police, Rahil worked in hotels in the Cyberabad police commissionerate limits but was addicted to a lifestyle his wages could not support.

He chose to commit thefts and would go to jewellery shops and

would ask to try out a gold chain. As soon as he put one around his neck, he would run away from the store.

He was arrested following investigations led by G. Sandeep, additional DCP, SOT, Balanagar zone, and staff of the Medchal police station, a release from the Cyberabad police said.

Fund, labour shortage hit 66,000 2BHK houses

Can complete only 8,226 units before GHMC polls, say officials

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 1

A severe staff and fund crunch has brought work on 66,000 double bedroom houses for the urban poor in the city to a halt. GHMC and housing department officials said with the available resources they would be able to complete only 8,226 units before the GHMC polls.

The project has bills for ₹4,600 crore pending. Executing agencies have told GHMC that they cannot go ahead with the work unless the arrears are cleared. The civic body has to spend ₹75,000 per

dwelling unit towards infrastructure. It also has to lay roads, sewer lines for sanitation and construct electricity substations for the house clusters.

Though the 2BHK project in the city is on the government's priority list, it has released only 50 per cent of the total ₹8,598.58 crore in instalments. It released ₹800 crore in May 2019 and ₹400 crore in the 14 months since then. The delay in sanction of funds has caused the deadline to be missed by two years.

Besides, officials were engaged in holding back to back elections for a year and a half from December

● A SENIOR GHMC official, requesting anonymity, said that the corporation might have completed the project by 2018 if it had the funds in time.

2017 to mid-2019.

A senior GHMC official, requesting anonymity, said that the corporation might have completed the project by 2018 if it had the funds in time. "Though cement and steel manufacturers agreed to reduce the price to ₹230 per bag and ₹32,000 per tonne, the government has assured them of price adjustment in the future. This would put a huge bur-

den on the government which would hit the progress of the project due to the financial burden", he said. The official said that contractors were in no mood to take up any work beyond ₹10 crore citing the Covid-19 outbreak and the unpaid bills. The executing agencies were ready to walk out of the project once their pending bills were cleared, in light of the four-year delay.

He said that if the government releases funds, the GHMC could still complete the project in a year. "If not, it will be a long wait for the beneficiaries," the official said.



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'SANGHAMITRA' FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY BEGINS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 1

The Cyberabad police on Saturday launched 'Sanghamitra', an initiative that is particularly aimed at preventing, and to bring to book people indulging in domestic violence during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Nearly 1,000 members of residential communities attended the virtual launch of the programme from the Cyberabad police commissionerate. Police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said the safety of women and children were among the top priorities of the government and the police was looking for ways to offer help and service to them.

With more women working from home due to the lockdown and Covid-19 related restrictions, there have been instances of domestic abuse, as well as them falling prey to cyber frauds. "We will train men and women to be Sanghamitras (friends of society), who will help women in distress. The training will commence from August 22," Sajjanar said.

Actress and activist Amala Akkineni said that she was touched by the initiative. "Sanghamitra is a very significant initiative that women in distress will certainly look up at for help," Amala said at the inaugural.

KTR: TRS WILL STAY INTACT FOR 100 YRS

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 1

Recalling the hurdles and conspiracies faced by the TRS in its 20-year journey, TRS working president and minister K.T. Rama Rao on Saturday extended confidence that the party will remain intact for another 100 years.

He was handing over a cheque of ₹16.11 crore as premium towards accident insurance for over 60 lakh party activists to representatives of United India Life Insurance, at Telangana Bhavan.

Rama Rao said that though the party was thrown out of Jala Drushyam, the then CM's house, soon after its formation, it had realised the dream of Telangana state due to the hard work and perseverance of its cadre. "Party activists have taken care of the TRS for several years. Now, the party is in a position to take care of its activists. We have paid ₹16.11 crore as premium towards accident insurance of over 60 lakh party activists this year. In case of the accidental death of a TRS activist, the bereaved family will receive an insurance of ₹2 lakh," Rama Rao said.

He said the party workers made extraordinary sacrifices. "Today, the party has grown into an invincible and strong political force. We are planning to take up more programmes for the welfare of the party cadre."

Rama Rao asked the TRS MLAs to interact with party activists frequently and resolve any issues. He urged TRS activists to act as a bridge between the people and the state.

● **THE PARTY is in a position to take care of its activists. We have paid ₹16.11 crore as premium towards accident insurance of over 60 lakh activists, K.T. Rama Rao said.**

23-YR-OLD HELD FOR HARASSING WOMAN ONLINE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 1

A 23-year-old man has been arrested by the Rachakonda cybercrime police for sending women explicitly sexual images downloaded from pornographic websites and then attempting to blackmail them. According to the police, the man, identified as Mota Durga Prasad, was taken into custody on Saturday after an advocate complained about him.

The police said Prasad was addicted to watching porn and used to collect mobile phone numbers of girls from social media platforms. He would video-call the girls on WhatsApp and threaten them with posting their phone numbers on porn websites if they did not send him their nude pictures.

Prasad was previously arrested in 2017. The police appealed to people, especially girls active on social media platforms not to accept friend requests from strangers and not to share any personal details with them.

● **THE POLICE said Prasad was addicted to watching porn and used to collect mobile phone numbers of girls from social media platforms.**



Motorists make way through a waterlogged street at Tolichowki following heavy rain on Saturday. — R. PAVAN

City witnesses heavy rainfall

Roads waterlogged and trees uprooted

BALU PULIPAKA | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 1

Sudden heavy showers drenched the city Saturday afternoon with some parts recording up to nearly 3 cm of rain within an hour or so.

Meanwhile, the Indian Meteorological Department said that thunderstorms accompanied by lightning were likely at isolated places in the state on

Sunday.

The highest rain of 29.2 mm was recorded in Alwal, followed by 28.3 mm in Trimulgherry, 24.6 mm at Balanagar, and 22.8 mm in Quthbullapur. Rainfall was recorded in 28 mandals in GHMC limits and the lowest rain of 1.1 mm was recorded at Nampally.

According to the Disaster Response Force of GHMC, 42

complaints of water stagnation, flooding, and uprooting of trees were received from different parts of the city and nearly all of them were resolved by early evening.

Power supply was cut off for varying lengths of time in several localities as a precautionary measure. However, power supply was restored soon thereafter in almost all areas.

Spike in sales of dry fruits, spices

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 1

Sales of dry fruits and spices have gone up after the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic in the city. Many people and their families are having dry fruits because they are a great source of antioxidants and nutrients. Some of the spices are said to boost immunity and, thus, they too are in high demand.

Begum Bazaar, the wholesale kirana market, has seen a sudden spike in the sale of dry fruits and spices. A few of the shops are also making home deliveries of these products.

With Coronavirus becoming the new normal, many families have included dry fruits and spices in their diet to boost their health and immunity levels, says Zeenath Fatima, a senior dietician with

Continental Hospitals.

Md. Riyaz Khan of Kohinoor House in Begum Bazaar told *Deccan Chronicle* that their sales of dry fruits have doubled. Likewise is the case with a few spices, such as black pepper, cinnamon, cloves and nigella seeds (kalongi). "We supply monthly provisions to many households. After spread of Coronavirus, our customers have added dry fruits and spices to their

list," Riyaz Khan said. Mohd Ali of Guddu's Dryfruit Hub says due to high demand, they are also offering discounts on these products.

Dr V.L.N. Sastry, MD (Ayurveda), retired additional director of department of AYUSH, said that though spices and dry fruits have high nutritional and medicinal values, they must be consumed after taking proper professional advice for best outcomes.

ANDHRA PRADESH

Did human error lead to crane mishap at Hindustan Shipyard?

V.K.L. GAYATRI | DC
VISAKHAPATNAM, AUG. 1

Was human error the cause of the crane accident that killed 11 workers at the Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) on Saturday, is the question being asked among workers. Workers and some engineers said that the HSL management gave its approval for trials, that involved loading the crane, without first checking the floor mechanism.

Normally, they said, when such massive cranes are erected, the ground mechanism should be inspected before beginning any testing. This had not been done in this case.

The accident occurred when the load on the crane was

increased to peak level for the test. The floor fittings came off, which resulted in the crane leaning over and crashing on the workers. "There is no chance for anyone stuck under the crane to escape," a witnesses said.

After procurement of the crane, the management had given the contract to two private agencies for erection and maintenance of the crane

● **WORKERS AND some engineers said that the HSL management gave its approval for trials, that involved loading the crane, without first checking the floor mechanism.**

2 panels to probe crash

From page 1

Collector Vinay Chand, Vizag police commissioner R.K. Meena, and senior officials rushed to the spot and oversaw relief and salvage efforts. While inspecting the spot, the collector said two committees would be formed to probe into the accident.

The deceased were identified as R.Venkata Rao (35), Chaitanya (33), Ramu (43), crane operator P.V. Ratnam (40), P. Naga Demudu (35), Satyaraj (28) Sivakumar (30), P. Bhaskar, K. Jagann, and K. Prasad. The body of one more victim is yet to be identified. The bodies have

been shifted for the post-mortem examination.

The HSL management not responded to the accident and officials said that a detailed report would be released on the incident. This is said to be the first such mishap in the public sector ship-building company's 75-year-old history. HSL has reportedly constituted an internal committee, headed by its director (operations). Anupam Cranes of Mumbai had erected the jetty crane at HSL two years ago, but it was not made operational. The company later backed and HSL engaged Greenfield Company to operationalise the crane.

AP Covid tally crosses 1.5 lakh

SAMPAT G. S. AMRITAN | DC
VIJAYAWADA, AUG. 1

Andhra Pradesh has registered 9,276 new Covid-19 cases, taking the overall tally to 1,50,209, apart from 58 deaths, raising the total number of deceased to 1,407 during the last 24 hours.

The state health department, in its Covid-19 bulletin issued here on Saturday, has reported that out of 60,797 samples tested, 9,276 individuals have been tested Covid-19 positive. Out of 20,12,573 samples tested so far in the state, 1,50,209 have tested Covid-19 positive, while 76,614 patients have been discharged after recovery. 72,188 patients are undergoing treatment at various hospitals.

Among new infections, Kurnool topped the list by registering 1,234 cases,

followed by 1,155 in Visakhapatnam, 1,128 in Anantapur, 1,001 in Guntur, 949 in Chittoor, 876 in East Godavari, 559 in Nellore, 547 in Kadapa, 494 in West Godavari, 455 in Srikakulam, 402 in Prakasam, 357 in Krishna and 119 in Vizianagaram.

With regard to cumulative Covid-19 cases, East Godavari has been badly registering 21,271 cases, followed by 18,081 in Kurnool, 15,827 in Anantapur, 15,669 in Guntur, 12,804 in West Godavari, 11,920 in Visakhapatnam, 11,327 in Chittoor, 8,423 in Kadapa, 7,875 in Nellore, 7,200 in Krishna, 7,025 in Srikakulam, 5,569 in Prakasam and 4,323 in Vizianagaram district. In addition, 2,461 cases from other states and 434 cases from other countries have taken the total number of positive cases to 1,50,209.

EX MINISTER MANIKYALA RAO DIES OF COVID

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, AUG. 1

Former minister Pydikondala Manikyala Rao succumbed to Covid-19 while undergoing treatment at a private hospital here on Saturday. He was 60 and is survived by his wife Surya Kumari and daughter G. Sindhu. Born in 1961 at Tadepalligudem in West Godavari, he finished his BA and worked as a professional photographer, farmer and was involved in petty business.

With a strong RSS background, he served in various positions in BJP and also in the ABVP. He worked in BJP full-time from 1981. In 2014, he made a successful electoral debut from the Tadepalligudem Assembly seat and served as minister for endowments in the TD-BJP government.

MISSING COVID PATIENT FOUND DEAD AT STATION

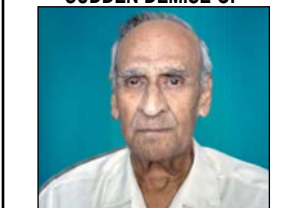
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Coronavirus patient who was missing in Bhadrachalam district was found dead on Saturday morning at the railway station. He was from the Nacharam village of Dammapet mandal in the district.

Police said the patient had tested positive a few days ago and was transferred for treatment to the district government hospital. On Thursday and Friday, two patients in the ward succumbed to the virus. He feared that he would die if he remained in the ward, and escaped from the hospital.

Hospital officials informed members of his family and began a search. When the police when to the spot, they found that he had died. — INN

SAD DEMISE GREAT LOSS TO KYLASA FAMILY



Shri KYLASA NAGENDER RAO SETH
S/o Late Kylasa Sarabiah Seth
DOB: 14-02-1935 DOD: 30-07-2020
Inserted by:
Late Kylasa Harinath Babu, Kylasa Laxmi Narasamma, Kylasa Sreenivas, Kylasa Sangeetha, Kylasa Sharan, Kylasa Aishwary Lakshmi (Australia), Kylasa Aditya Veer.

SAD DEMISE



DARABOINA SATHYANARAYANA YADAV
DOB: 03-04-1944 DOD: 23-07-2020
Ex-General Secretary (KWA)
He rendered good service to the colony developments. Your love & affection will always remain inspiration for us.
Inserted by:
Keshavnagar Colony Welfare Association, New Mettuguda, Secunderabad-17.

1st Anniversary In Loving Memory



MRUNALINI POLISHETTY
DOD - 12-09-2019
Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.
Fondly Remembered by
Polishetty & Cheyyur Family

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Late DONALD HAYWARD
Date of Birth: 02-08-1955
Date of Death: 13-02-2017
You are loved & missed everyday gone, but never forgotten. Memories live on.
From Your Loving:
BROTHERS, SISTER AND THEIR FAMILIES

11th DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY OF



M. LAWRENCE (LINGANNA)
DOB: 08-04-1947 DOD: 23-07-2020
"May his soul rest in peace"
Prayer Service on Sunday at our residence on 02nd August 2020 at 12.00 noon.
Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS

SHRADDHANJALI



KOTHAPALLY BALAMANI
Left heavenly abode on 28-07-2020.
In deep grief and sorrow
Katakam Narasimha Rao and Family

B. KASTURI BAI
12-4-1932 - 2-8-2016

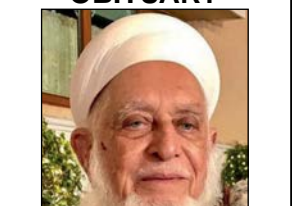
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

"Your Memories Always Remain Fresh In Our Heart & Minds. We Miss You Immensely & Love You For Ever."

A.M. BAKTHAVATSALAM
DOD: 26-6-1992

INSERTED BY
Sons & Daughters, Sons-in-Law, Grand Children & Family Members
H. No: 8-2-82/84, Second Bazar, Secunderabad. Ph: 8341260714.

OBITUARY



SALEH MOHSIN SHIPCHANDLER
1930 - 2020
Passed away peacefully at his home in Mumbai on July 2, 2020
Deeply mourned by:
Wife: Tahera Shipchandler;
Children:
Abeezar and Mariam Tyebji, Lamiya and Muslim Amiruddin, Lubaina and Aftab Bandukwala; and Grandchildren.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



SARDAR GURMEET SINGH KOHLI
Has left us for heavenly abode on 1st Aug 2020. You will still live in the hearts & minds of the family you have left behind.
Fondly remembered by:
PALLY & INDU, POONAM & HARJIT
Daughters & Sons-in-law:
MANVEER & VINET, PRAVEEN & KAVALPREET, RAUNEET & PUNEET.
Grand Children:
TANVEER, RISHITA & SEHAR
FAMILY & FRIENDS

12th DAY CEREMONY



Smt. BOYANAPALLY SARALA DEVI
W/o. Late Boyanapally Gopal Kistaiah
Passed away on 22-07-2020
12th Day Ceremony Today 02-08-2020
Sunday at 11:00 am at our Old Residence
3-3-339, Kutbulla, Hyderabad.
Inserted by: BOYANAPALLY FAMILY
HANDI BIRYANI
Ph: 9848036161

13th DAY CEREMONY



Sri PANDURANG RAO SHINDE
DOB: 21-10-1931 (Freedom Fighter) DOD: 21-07-2020
You did not speak much, but your love and care towards us will never be forgotten.
Inserted by: Sri Dattatray Rao Shinde
(Retd. Deputy Commissioner Endowment Department)
Daughter: Jyothi Shinde, Son-in-Law: Rajesh Shinde, All Shinde, More & Jadhav Family Members
Ph: 9390967909 & 9392506177

FUNERAL SERVICE



Mr. D. DAVIDSON
S/o. Late S. DEVAIAH
DOB: 18-02-1955 DOD: 01-08-2020
"You were our strength, inspiration & pride though you have left us, you will always remain in our hearts."
You are invited to attend Funeral Service of our beloved 'DAD' today at 11.00am at Narayana Christian Cemetery.
LOVING FAMILY. Ph: 9247833429

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY



AKKELAGUNTA DASA KUMAR
S/o Late SUNDAR RAJU
DOB: 13-06-1949 DOD: 02-08-2019
Inserted by: A. Nirmala Devi, Daughters: Rev. Rachel, Megony
Son-in-law & Grand Children

SHRADDHANJALI



LATE. KARIKE NAGESH
S/o. Karike Balraj
Expired on: 01-08-2020
"Your memories will be always in our hearts forever."
Inserted by:
Shree Sai Tirumala Construction (Saanvee Group)
*** Sanath Nagar ***

In Loving Remembrance



JOEL J. ASIRVADAM
S/o Mr. J. Asirvadam
Slept in the Lord on 2nd Aug, 2018
Dear Joel,
We have sorrow now, but we will see you again, and our hearts will rejoice, and no one will take away our joy. We love you deeply and miss you.
Inserted by:
Mom, Dad & Family

12th DAY CEREMONY



Smt. BOYANAPALLY SARALADEVI
W/o. Boyanapally Late. Gopal Kistaiah
Passed away on: 22-07-2020
Your memories are always remembered in our hearts forever
Inserted By:
Sons, Daughters-in-law, Daughters, Sons-in-law, Grand Children & Great Grand Children
Ph: 9908376660

5th DAY CEREMONY ON 2-8-2020



Late Smt. Kothwal Shusheela Garu
D.O.B. : 01-01-1945 D.O.D. : 29-07-2020
You were a symbol of love and affection. You left us but you will remain in our hearts forever.
Inserted by:
Smt. & Sri Athelli Mohan Reddy, Smt. & Sri Kanukula Sadanand Reddy, Smt. & Sri Chinnamali Anji Reddy

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY



JAKKAM VENKATAPPAIAH
10-09-1940 - 04-08-2019
We Miss You!
Wife, Daughters, Sons-in-Law, Grand Children, Family Members & Friends

SAD DEMISE



Mr. Elias Mark Lobo
(Retd. Engg. : ECIL)
DOB : 16-01-1946 DOD : 01-08-2020
FUNERAL will be held at Ammapada, St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery, Near Bhavans School, Saikrupi at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 2nd Aug. 2020.
Inserted by: PAGADALA FAMILY
CHILDREN, GRAND CHILDREN
Mobile: 6305223973

6th ANNIVERSARY



PAGADALA VENKATA RAMANIAH
DOB: 15-02-1925 DOD: 02-08-2014
Your blessings will always guide us in every step of our life.
Inserted by: PAGADALA FAMILY
H.No. 10-1-687, West Marredpally, Sec-48-500026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public in general and interested in particular in respect of the below mentioned properties are hereby informed/ cautioned that my clients namely:

1. Smt. K. Vijayalakshmi W/o Sri K. Srinivas, 2. Smt. P. Neelavathi W/o Sri P. Srinivas Rao, 3. Late G. Shanta, W/o Sri G. Mallesh, deceased through legal heirs, Sri G. Mallesh, S/o Late G. Anjaiah and 3 others. Have got legitimate impecable rights over properties by virtue of being legal heirs of the below schedule mentioned inherited properties which are under multiple litigations/disputes before the relevant courts/authorities pending adjudication. In the meantime, It has come to the notice of my clients that other claimants/brothers/legal heirs namely: 1. Nemuri Srihari S/o Late Nemuri Balaramiah Goud, deceased through legal heirs Nemuri Anuradha S/o Late Nemuri Srinivas, 2. Nemuri Srinivas S/o Late Nemuri Balaramiah Goud, deceased through legal heirs, Nemuri Anuradha W/o Late Nemuri Srinivas and 2 others, 3. Nemuri Sayanna S/o Late Nemuri Balaramiah Goud, 4. Nemuri Laxminarayana S/o Late Nemuri Balaramiah Goud, 5. Nemuri Dayanand S/o Late Nemuri Balaramiah Goud, are indulging to alienate/create charge over the property illegally to which their rights/legal entitlement itself is in question before appropriate forums. It has been noticed that apart from unknown agreements etc., the said claimants/brothers/legal heirs have illegally entered into development agreements with:
 1. M/s. AGRAJAN CONSTRUCTIONS. Rep. By Mr. SUSHEEL KUMAR AGARWAL S/o Late Sri. Niranjan Agarwal, office address- N. 503, Vamey, Span Collective Homes, Mayuri Marg, Begumpet, Hyderabad - 500016 and 2. M/s. SRI DHARANI CONSTRUCTIONS - SINGHIA RESIDENCY (Under construction) Rep. By its partner Sri Maram Reddy Ravindra Reddy, S/o Sri. Thirupathiah, P/o. H.No. 24-360/1/53, Akash Residency, Sri Sai Nagar Colony, Lohkunta, Secunderabad - 500 019.

AND WHEREAS the opposite party Claimants/Legal Heirs in the litigation namely Nemuri Narendran S/o Late Nemuri Satishiah and 17 others, have also illegally entered into development agreement with - M/s. VASAVI PROPERTIES - Rep. By its partner 1. Sri Yerram Vijay Kumar S/o. Y. Shankariah, 2. P. Venkateshwarlu S/o. Late P. Sagar Rao and 3. Sri. S. Rajamouli S/o. S. Vishwanadham. Office address: H.No.1-2-40.41 & 43, Parklane, Secunderabad-500003.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES

 1. House bearing New No.14-22 (Old No.6-109)
 2. Blocks (Six) of House bearing New No.14-29 to 34 (Old No.9-114 to 9-119)
 3. Titled House bearing New No.14-35, (Old No.9-110).
 4. House bearing New No.14-29/1.
 5. Agricultural Land bearing Sy.No.284 (new) 284/α, 284/α, 284/α, 284/α, 284/α, 285/α, 285/α, 285/α, 285/α, 290 (new) 290/α, 290/α, 290/α, 290/α, 291 (new) 291/1, 291/2, 292 (new) 292/α, 292/α, 293 (293/1, 293/2, 293/3, 293/4) - (new) 293/α, 293/α, 293/α, 293/α, 293/α and 602, total admeasuring Ac.15.00 Guntas, (surrounded by compound wall) situated at Lohkunta village, Alwal, Ranga Reddy District.

This legal/caution notice is therefore issued in the interest of public in general and interested in particular not to enter/ transact with the above named persons/companies in the above mentioned schedule of the properties and if anybody is doing so would be doing so at their own risk and are liable for legal consequences.

E.V. VENUGOPAL,
B. SAI HARITHA, K. HARI KRISHNA, Advocates
Off: Flat No.602, Mount, Nasir Apartment,
Beside Ravindra Bharti, Safilabad, Hyderabad-4.
Email: evvnu@gmail.com

Hyderabad.
Date: 02.08.2020

(S/2021/D00365)

IN BRIEF

TOLL IN PUNJAB
LIQUOR TRAGEDY
RISES TO 86

Chandigarh, Aug. 1: The death toll in the Punjab spurious liquor tragedy rose to 86 on Saturday even as Chief Minister Amarinder Singh suspended seven excise officials and six policemen, officials said.

The government also announced a compensation of ₹2 lakh for each of the families of the deceased, they said.

Tarn Taran alone accounted for 63 deaths, followed by 12 in Amritsar and 11 in Gurdaspur's Batala.

It may be recalled that till Friday night, the state had reported 39 deaths in the tragedy unfolding since Wednesday night.

Among the suspended officials are two deputy superintendents of police and four station house officers.

Strict action will be taken against any public servant or others found complicit in the case, said the chief minister, describing the police and excise department failure to check the manufacturing and sale of spurious liquor as shameful.

Nobody will be allowed to get away with feeding poison to our people, the Chief Minister added.

₹2 CR SIPHONED
OFF FROM
COLLECTOR'S A/C

DC CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUG 1

An official of the sub treasury here allegedly siphoned off ₹2 crore from Thiruvananthapuram Collector's account.

The Treasury director has ordered an inquiry into the embezzlement. Sources in the treasury department said the culprit, a senior accountant in the department, had used the user name, password of a sub treasury officer who retired from service on May 31.

The staffer siphoned off the amount from the collector's account which had been started for a specific reason and was in operative. Several transactions amounting to a total of ₹2 crore were made during the period up to July using the login name and password of the retired official.

Subsequently the transaction details were deleted.

Many say the department's failure to cancel the retired official's account including login name and password came handy for the staffer to carry out the fraud. Normally the user name and password of officers are scrapped the day they retire from service.

However, the fraud came to light when officials found a difference of ₹2 crore in the day book noting.

Meanwhile, on the direction of the treasury director, a high-level probe has begun into the fraud. The involvement of other officials is also being probed.

SSR CASE: BIHAR
COPS KEEP A
'WATCH' ON RHEA

DC CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI, AUG. 1

Amidst rising animosity between the Mumbai and Bihar police in connection with the Sushant Singh Rajput suicide probe, senior officers of the visiting personnel will be coming to the city to speed up the probe.

The Bihar Police have meanwhile met Mumbai crime branch's deputy commissioner of police and sought for cooperation. The Bihar police said that they are keeping 'a watch' on Rajput's actor girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty while the probe speeds up in the case.

Rajput was found hanging in his suburban Bandra apartment on June 14. The Bihar police has recorded statements of six persons including Rajput's sister, staying at Versova, former girlfriend Ankita Lokhande, a cook, his friends and colleagues, till Saturday. They have also collected details of Rajput's bank transaction.

"She (Chakraborty) is under our watch and a notice under sections of the CrPC has been sent to Chakraborty, asking her to cooperate with the probe," said a Bihar police officer. The visiting team also met the DCP detection-I of Mumbai crime branch. The visit attracted eyeballs as the city police were videographed bundling the Bihar cops in a police van and whisking them off. Later, the city police clarified that this was for their 'safety' and that they were dropped off at a distance.

Uma Bharti gets
invite for Ram
Temple event

RABINDRA NATH
CHOUDHURY | DC
BHOPAL, AUG. 1

Two senior BJP leaders of Madhya Pradesh, former chief minister Uma Bharti and ex-minister Jaibhan Singh Pawaiya, have been invited to attend the 'Bhumi Pujan' for Ram temple, to be held in Ayodhya on August 5.

Both the saffron leaders are currently facing trial in the Babri mosque demolition case.

They are the only leaders from MP who have received an invitation to attend the ceremony by the Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the ceremony.

Ms Bharti on Saturday made public the invitation extended to her to attend the ceremony in a twitter post.

According to her, the invitees have been asked to reach the venue on August 4 and not leave before August 6.

● Uma Bharti, who played a major role in Ram temple movement, said she felt elated when she received the invitation to attend Bhumi Pujan for the temple.

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Another BJP leader from MP who received an invitation to attend the occasion was former minister Jaibhan Singh Pawaiya. Mr Pawaiya had also played a role in Ram temple movement and is an accused in Babri mosque demolition case.

He had earlier served as national president of Bajrang Dal.

Mr Pawaiya who lost 2018 Assembly polls in Gwalior in MP as a BJP candidate, is also known as a bitter critic of erstwhile Gwalior royal family of Scindia.

All set for the big day



Preparations ahead of the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya on Saturday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the Bhoomi Pujan ceremony of the temple on August 5.

- PTI

New domicile law triggers fear

The law has raised fears of bringing demographic changes in predominantly Muslim J&K

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC
SRINAGAR, AUG. 1

In the past one year, the government has in unseemly haste introduced several new laws and altered many existing ones in Jammu and Kashmir, the enterprise to the dismay of vast sections of its population.

While the government authorities insist the enactments are legally sanctioned and follow the pattern set by the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A ending the special status of the erstwhile state within the Indian Union, people here and also in Jammu ask why

not a single such or similar law has been introduced in Ladakh carved out of J&K as a separate Union Territory.

As no one in the government has attempted to answer this justifiable question, so far, people tend to believe bringing in changes in J&K's statute and the haste with which it is being done are "ill-intentioned".

It is mainly the new domicile law introduced earlier this year which has raised fears of the beginning of demographic changes in predominantly Muslim J&K.

Reports pouring in mainly from Jammu say

365 DAYS
AFTER 370

that thousands of non-locals have been granted domicile certificates during the past couple of months. They include some IAS officers, their family members, refugees of erstwhile West Pakistani and members of Balmiki Samaj and Gorkha communities. While various political and social groups in Jammu have publicly expressed apprehension that they might lose their land and identify as a consequence of the new

domicile law, in the Valley the dominant public view is: India is transforming Kashmir into another Palestine.

"There are instances which clearly indicate that the Government of India is following the footsteps of Israel to change the demography of J&K and assimilate it socially and culturally after altering its Muslim majority character. People are worried over it," said Noor Ahmed Baba, political analyst and former professor at University of Kashmir's political science department.

J&K's major regional mainstream parties have

termed the implementation of new domicile law as "ill-advised, arbitrary and dishonest" as Supreme Court has yet to decide on a series of petitions challenging the abrogation of Articles 35A and 370 and cautioned the government that it's "misadventure" is fraught with grave consequences for the state and the country as a whole.

CPIM leader Muhammad Yusuf Tarigami warned, "Changing the demography of J&K, plundering its people of their identity and going back on constitutional guarantees and commit-

ments of the country's leadership which provided the basis for the state's accession will only invigorate alienation".

However, BJP spokesman, Anil Gupta, rejected the criticism as "unfounded, motivated and part of a misinformation campaign aimed at misleading people for political reasons."

He said, "The new domicile law will neither change the demography nor snatch the jobs of the local youth. It will, however, end certain discriminations and injustices which were there but went against the constitutional guarantees."

Assam schools
likely to reopen
from Sept. 1

MANOJ ANAND | DC
GUWAHATI, AUG. 1

Assam education minister Himanta Biswa Sarma here on Saturday announced that his government has decided to set up a 40-member committee to suggest measures for implementing the new education policy while releasing a broad guideline for opening of educational institutions possibly from September 1.

Informing that panel headed by principal secretary education will submit its recommendations by December 31, the minister told reporters that they have started this exercise to prepare the blueprint of implementing the policy from January next year.

Pointing out that implementation of New Education Policy may require a lot of structural reforms, he said, "The panel will be divided into several sub-groups to study and analyse the various facets of the new policy."

He said "The Assam government welcomes the new policy, which is a historic step as it will bring about integration of different streams, art, culture and languages, particularly the regional languages."

He also said that the Assam Government is all set to thoroughly peruse the National Education Policy 2020 and modifications, if required, will be discussed at the cabinet.

The minister said the new policy, while putting stress on mother tongue and local language up to primary level would not only address the long pending demand of patronising the local languages but also generate a large number of employment in the educa-

● ASSAM HAS ALSO decided to set up a 40-member committee to suggest measures for implementing the new education policy.

tion sector.

With Assam going to general elections next year, the minister said that schools, colleges will be provincialized from August 15 and it will come into effect from January 1, 2021.

At least nine Higher Secondary, 197 High School and 149 Junior Colleges will be provincialized, the minister said adding that a total of 3,359 posts will be provincialized in these schools.

The minister also reiterated that 241 posts of lecturer will be provincialized in 30 new colleges and the government will provincialize 690 old posts of lecturers.

"The government will also set up high schools in 119 tea gardens and each school will have the expense of ₹1.19 crore. The construction work of all the schools will be started from October 2," he said.

While reiterating about reopening of schools in the state he said that his government was preparing to open schools and colleges from September 1 and all the teachers and fourth grade employees of the government schools will have to undergo compulsory Covid-19 tests.

He, however, clarified that they would follow the guidelines of ministry of home affairs on opening of schools and colleges. The minister said that they would seek the opinion of parents and teachers on Special Operation Procedure being finalised by the state to open the educational institutions in the state.

Covid-hit Kerala police
HQ shut for two days

GILVESTER ASSARY | DC
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
AUG. 1

The Kerala police headquarters here was shut down for two days after three staff members tested positive for Covid-19 even as the state recorded 1,129 new cases on Saturday.

The police headquarters premises will be sanitized thoroughly before resumption of work on Monday. State Police Chief, Lok Nath Behara, has also issued an order exempting police officials above 50 years from Covid prevention/control duties and other field duties, especially in crowded areas.

Those with lifestyle diseases like diabetes, hypertension and chronic ailments will also be exempted from field duties. The decision comes in the wake of the death of a Sub inspector of police on Saturday and the significant increase in numbers of police personnel contracting the infection while on duty.

Several police personnel attached to the armed reserve camps and police stations were detected with Covid-19 recently.

The DGP has directed the district SPs and heads of all wings to strictly enforce Covid-19 safety protocol in their respective departments and adhere to social distancing norms.

Kerala has 10,862 active cases. Meanwhile, 752 persons recovered from the disease.

The active cases in the state have gone up to 10,862 and a total of 13,779 people have recovered from the infection so far. The highest number of cases were reported from Thiruvananthapuram at 259 followed by Kasarogd 153 and Malappuram 141.

Of the new cases, 880 contracted the infection through contact, 80 came from abroad, 114 from other states and the source of infection of 58 persons is not yet known.

As many as 24 health workers also contracted the disease.

RECORD SINGLE
DAY SPIKE
IN ODISHA

AKSHAYA KUMAR
SAHOO | DC
BHUBANESWAR, AUG. 1

After an unprecedented increase in positive cases and fatalities in July, Odisha continued to witness an upward trend in the Covid-19 graph with a record single-day spike of 1,602 new cases on Saturday. With this, the Covid-19 tally in the state reached 33,479.

As per the information shared by the state government, maximum 308 cases were reported from Ganjam district followed by Khurda (285), Rayagada (164), Gajapati (108) and Cuttack (54) in the last 24 hours.

Apart from the biggest spike, Odisha's Covid-19 toll reached 187 after 10 more positive patients succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours.

RS MP Amar Singh no more

New Delhi, Aug. 1: Rajya Sabha MP Amar Singh, who once wielded immense influence in power circles as a close aide of Samajwadi Party leader Mulayam Singh Yadav, has died in Singapore where he was undergoing treatment.

Singh, 64, had undergone kidney transplant in 2011 and was not keeping well for a long time. "Saddened to know about the death of senior leader and parliamentarian Amar Singh," defence minister Rajnath Singh tweeted. Earlier in the day, the former Samajwadi leader had posted mes-



Amar Singh

sages on Twitter, paying tributes to Bal Gangadhar Tilak on his 100th death anniversary and also wishing people on Eid.

Amar Singh was also known for his contacts in the business and film industry. Conveying his

condolences to the family, the defence minister said Amar Singh, who was very energetic and humorous, had friends in all political parties.

Amar Singh's name had emerged in the alleged cash for votes scam and he was arrested as well. He was expelled from SP a few years back, and had warmed up to the RSS.

"My sincere condolences to the family of Shri Amar Singh ji. I express my deepest condolences to his bereaved wife and daughters," Congress leader Priyanka Vadra tweeted.

- PTI

NEP EMPHASISES
ON JOB CREATORS,
SAYS MODI

New Delhi, Aug. 1: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the new education policy announced by the government emphasises on making 'job creators' instead of 'job seekers' and is an attempt to transform the intent and the content of the country's education system.

Addressing the finale of the Smart India Hackathon, he said the National Education Policy-2020 facilitates interdisciplinary study which will ensure that the focus is on what the students want to learn.

"It is not just a policy document but a reflection of the aspirations of over 130 crore people. A large section of students feel they are judged on the basis of subjects in which they have no interest... often there is pressure from friends and families and they start studying a particular subject without interest," Modi said.

"This approach has contributed to a population which is literate but what it has studied is of no use to it... despite having a pile of degrees, individuals feel incomplete and lack confidence which affects their whole life. The new education policy is an attempt to change this approach and bring systematic reforms," he added.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY	
E-Tender Notice No. 01/S&T/MYS/2020	
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The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following works:	
Sl	Description of Work
1]	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for integrated power supply system of AMARA RAJA make at 16 stations over Mysuru Division for Three years.
2]	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract per Electronic Interlocking Systems of M/s Ansaldo STS Transportation Systems installed at Mysuru, Arsikere, Birur, Nagavangala, Ajampura, Kadur & Ballakere stations over Mysuru division for Three years.
3]	Zonal contract for maintenance of signalling assets over Mysuru division (Excl. Hassan-Mangaluru section)- for a period of one year.
4]	Repairs for various telephone exchange cards of exchanges of Mysuru division.
Last date of submission of bids: Up to 15:00 hrs of 19.08.2020	
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The following e-tender has been published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to Login to http://www.ireps.gov.in/login ->E-Tender->Goods & Services (New) and quote against the tender. Manual quotations will not be entertained. Closing time : 14.30 hours.			
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1	12201150 / 24.08.2020	i) Honey Comb Partition frame set for AC Hot Buffet	36 Set	1721980/-
		LHB Coaches. MPLPFHTBUFFET Version 13		
		ii) Honey Comb Partition frame set for 2nd AC LHB Coaches. MPLHCPF2ACLHB Version 19	59 Set	
		iii) Honey Comb Partition frame set for AC (1+2) LHB Coaches. MPPFLFCWAC Version 6.	11 Set	
		iv) Honey Comb Partition frame set for AC 3TIER (EOG) Coach MPLHCPF3ACEGLHB Version 19	242 Set	
		v) Honey Comb Partition frame set for 1st AC LHB Coach MPLHCPF1ACLHB Version 17	16 Set	
2	17201287 / 26.08.2020	E.P. Flushing System for BG Coaches	2703 Set	1604500/-
3	01201124 / 28.08.2020	Bogie Frame ASSLY. for Air spring LHB Coaches	775 Nos.	2000000/-

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CORRIGENDUM	
1)	The following amendment is authorized against Tender No. 14201050 for Procurement of Supply and Application of Thermal Insulation. Due Date To be Read as: 06.08.2020 instead of 31.07.2020.
2)	Tender No. 12201130. Description: Swing Door for entrance to AC area (with overhead Concealed double acting door closer). Regarding : Due Date, Quantity, EMD. Existing Entry : 31.07.2020, 183Nos., Rs. 106510/- To be Read as : 10.08.2020, 738 Nos., Rs. 429520/-
3)	Tender No. 17201178 for Design, Supply and Fitment of complete furnishing of Garib Rath AC 3-TIER Coaches. Regarding : Due Date To be Read as : 07.08.2020 instead of 28.07.2020
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Notice No: G-122-01 / PCMM / 048 / 2020-21 Dated: 01.08.2020	

IN BRIEF

UAE starts up first Arab reactor

Dubai: A nuclear power plant in the United Arab Emirates successfully started up its first reactor, authorities said on Saturday. The Barakah nuclear power plant in the Emirates' far western desert near the border with Saudi Arabia reached what scientists called its "first criticality" on Friday.

Hurricane Isaias lashes Bahamas

San Juan: Hurricane Isaias ripped shingles off roofs and blew over trees as it carved its way through the Bahamas early on Saturday and headed toward the Florida coast, where officials in Miami said they were closing beaches, marinas and parks. Miami Mayor Carlos Giménez said on Friday that 20 evacuation centers were on standby that could be set up with Covid-19 safety measures. "We still don't think there is a need to open shelters for this storm, but they are ready," he said. Authorities in North Carolina ordered the evacuation of Ocracoke Island, which was slammed by last year's Hurricane Dorian, starting Saturday evening.

Afghanistan flood leaves 16 dead

Kabul: Flash flooding in eastern Afghanistan killed at least 16 people after heavy rains swept parts of a mountainous area, an Afghan official said on Saturday. Heavy floods hit the Khewa district, said Attaullah Khogyani, spokesman for the governor of Nangarhar province. He added that four others were wounded in the incident. The majority of the victims are children, said Khogyani. He added that a team has been sent to the area to help with emergency services following the foul weather. The flash floods damaged dozens of homes, the spokesman added. Summer often brings heavy rainfalls in eastern Afghanistan.

Protest for justice



Black Lives Matter protesters rally at the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse on Saturday, in Portland, Ore. Following an agreement between Democratic Gov. Kate Brown and the Trump administration to reduce federal officers in the city, nightly protests remained largely peaceful without major confrontations between demonstrators and officers.

— AP

China ready to push close ties with Nepal

Xi says both countries have written new chapter of friendship

Beijing, Aug. 1: Chinese President Xi Jinping on Saturday said he wants to push for a continued advancement of ties with Nepal amidst Beijing's sustained forays to shore up pro-China Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli's grip on power in the backdrop of intra-party feud in the ruling communist party.

In an exchange of congratulatory messages with his Nepalese counterpart Bidhya Devi Bhandari on the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, Xi asserted that he was ready to work to bring greater benefits to the two peoples of the two neighbouring countries.

The Chinese President said that he attaches great importance to the development of China-Nepal relations and is willing to work with his Nepali counterpart Bhandari to push for the continued advancement of the bilateral relationship.

Xi, also General Secretary of the ruling Communist Party of China, said that since the establishment of the diplomatic ties, the two countries have always respected each other. Xi also said the two sides have stood together through thick and thin in the fight against the Covid-19 and have written a new chapter of friendship between China and Nepal.

— PTI

CHINA-OWNED TIKTOK APP TO BE BANNED IN AMERICA, SAYS TRUMP

Washington, Aug. 1: President Trump said on late Friday he plans to ban Chinese-owned TikTok from operating in the United States, the latest sign of the administration's increasingly strident stance on China and its tech companies.

"As far as TikTok is concerned, we're banning them from the United States," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One. Earlier on Friday, Trump was considering signing an order forcing China's

ByteDance to sell off the US portion of TikTok over national security concerns, according to people familiar with the talks, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss them publicly.

One of the individuals confirmed Microsoft was in the lead to acquire the popular platform's US service. Trump said he could use emergency economic powers or an executive order to ban TikTok.

— AFP

Biden eyes major foreign policy change if he wins

Foreign threats loom ahead of Prez polls

Washington, Aug. 1: Should former Vice President Joe Biden win the White House in November, America will likely be in for a foreign policy about-face as Biden reverses, dismantles or severely curtails many, if not all, of President Donald Trump's most significant actions.

From the Middle East to Asia, Latin America to Africa and, particularly, Europe, and on issues including trade, terrorism, arms control and immigration, the presumptive Democratic nominee and his advisers have vowed to unleash a tsunami of change in how the US handles itself in the international arena.

With few exceptions, Americans could expect Biden to re-engage with traditional allies. Where the iconoclastic Trump has used blunt threats and insults to press his case, Biden, a former senator, would be more inclined to seek common ground. Historically, US foreign policy hasn't changed drastically as the presidency shifted between Democratic and Republican administra-

New York, Aug. 1: As the November 3 presidential vote nears, there are fresh signs that the nation's electoral system is again under attack from foreign adversaries.

Intelligence officials confirmed in recent days that foreign actors are actively seeking to compromise the private communications of "US political campaigns, candidates and other political targets" while working to compromise the nation's election infrastructure. Foreign entities are also aggressively spreading disinformation intended to sow voter confusion head-

ing into the fall.

There is no evidence that America's enemies have yet succeeded in penetrating campaigns or state election systems, but Democrat Joe Biden's presidential campaign confirmed this week that it has faced multiple related threats.

The former vice president's team was reluctant to reveal specifics for fear of giving adversaries useful intelligence. Because of such secrecy, at least in part, foreign interference largely remains an afterthought in the 2020 contest.

— AP

tions. Allies and adversaries stayed the same and a non-partisan diplomatic corps pursued American interests. That changed with Trump. Under his "America First" policy, he viewed both allies and the

foreign policy establishment with suspicion, while speaking warmly of adversaries like North Korea's Kim Jong Un and Russia's Vladimir Putin. But Trump found it hard to make swift changes.

— AP

US may use China, Russia vaccine as virus cases rise

Washington, Aug. 1: America's top infectious diseases official has raised concerns over the safety of Covid-19 vaccines being developed by China and Russia as the world scrambles for answers to a pandemic the WHO warned will be felt for decades.

Six months after the World Health Organisation declared a global emergency, the novel

Coronavirus has killed at least 6,79,000 people and infected at least 17.9 million, according to an AFP tally.

As countries across Western Europe announced new lockdowns and reported historic economic slumps, the UN health body said the pandemic was a "once-in-a-century" crisis and its fallout would be felt for decades.

— AFP

● **MEXICO HAS** become the country with the third most Covid-19 deaths in the world, behind the United States and Brazil.

● **MEXICAN HEALTH** officials said on Friday there were 688 deaths for the latest 24-hour reporting period, pushing the country's total to 46,688.

GAMES

SHORT TAKES

Botham member of House of Lords

London: Legendary England all-rounder Ian Botham has been made a member of the House of Lords of the British Parliament. The 64-year-old Botham, a former captain, was among 36 new peers announced by the government to join the unelected House.

Botham, who played 102 Test matches for England between 1977 and 1992, is a prominent Brexit supporter. He was knighted in 2007 in recognition of his services to charity and cricket. He will sit as a crossbench — independent — peer. He is the first cricketer to be awarded a peerage since former England women's team captain Rachael Heyhoe-Flint in 2011. David Sheppard, Colin Cowdrey and Learie Constantine were the others who were honoured with House of Lords seats earlier.

Botham's most famous moment on the cricket field came in 1981 when he inspired England to a sensational win over Australia in the Ashes. After retirement, he has been involved in charity campaigns, including raising funds for research into leukaemia, besides doing commentary of cricket matches.

— PTI

TNPL postponed for second time

Chennai: The fifth edition of the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) has been postponed for the second time due to the Covid-19 pandemic with TNCA now hoping to host the T20 event either in November this year or March next year.

The popular T20 league tournament, which was initially scheduled to run from June 10 to July 12, was put off by the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association in May. The TNCA was looking to conduct the event between July-end and September but will not be in a position to host.

"The TNCA was looking at a window between end July/August to end September as a possible window for playing the 5th edition of the TNPL tournament. However, due to the ongoing Covid related issue in the State of Tamil Nadu, TNCA will not be in a position to host the tournament in this window," TNCA Honorary Secretary R S Ramasaamy said in a press release. — PTI

PSG on French high

Paris side claim another domestic treble

Paris, Aug. 1: Pablo Sarabia scored the winning penalty in a shoot-out as Paris Saint-Germain warmed up for their assault on the Champions League in Lisbon by defeating Lyon in Friday's French League Cup final to claim another domestic treble.

The Spaniard's successful kick came after Keylor Navas saved from Bertrand Traore and allowed PSG to win 6-5 on penalties after the game at the Stade de France finished 0-0 at the end of extra time.

The victory comes a week after they beat Saint-Etienne 1-0 in the French Cup final, the first competitive match on French soil since the Coronavirus shutdown.

They had previously been awarded the Ligue 1 title by virtue of being top when the season was ended in April with 10 rounds of matches unplayed because of the health crisis.

Before penalties, Thomas Tuchel's team had the better of a terse final on a sweaty night, but they badly missed the



PSG players celebrate after defeating Lyon 6-5 on penalties, after their final ended in a stalemate at the end of extra time, to win French League Cup at Stade de France stadium, in Saint Denis, north of Paris, on Friday.

— AP

injured Kylian Mbappe. The masked France superstar watched from the stands as Lyon kept PSG at bay for two hours before having Brazilian defender Rafael sent off for chopping down Angel Di Maria on the edge of the box late in extra time. Mbappe was injured in

last week's French Cup final, suffering a sprained ankle that looks likely to rule him out of the Champions League quarter-final against Atalanta in Lisbon on August 12.

PSG are desperate for tangible success in Europe but on this evidence they still have some

rust to shake off before being ready for that test.

This is the Qatar-owned club's fourth treble in the last six years, but the League Cup, an unloved competition, will be discontinued next season.

It was the Parisian contingent who were celebrating at the end, as their

team lifted the trophy for the ninth time in total, denying Lyon a first trophy since 2012. Both of these teams must fear being at a disadvantage in the latter stages of the Champions League though after France opted against restarting its league.

— AFP

Stage set for IPL GC meet

New Delhi, Aug. 1: The IPL governing council will be updated on the status of necessary government approvals for hosting the T20 league in the UAE when the members meet on Sunday apart from deliberating a foolproof SOP on health safety along with a discussion on the Chinese sponsorships.

While the BCCI is all set to shift the league to the United Arab Emirates, it is learnt that status of government's clearance is top-most in the 10-point agenda of the Brijesh Patel-led council.

It is expected that president Sourav Ganguly, secretary Jay Shah, both of whose "cooling off waiver" case is in Supreme Court will be attending the meeting as permanent invitees along with treasurer Arun Dhumal and joint secretary Jayesh George.

"We have a meeting tomorrow (Sunday) but everyone is awaiting the clearances from the Home Ministry as well as the External Affairs Ministry for the tournament to be shifted to the UAE," a senior BCCI official said.

— PTI

Giannis powers Bucks to victory

Los Angeles, August 1: Giannis Antetokounmpo shook off the rust of a long layoff by scoring 36 points to power the Milwaukee Bucks to a 119-112 victory over the Boston Celtics in their first game of the NBA's restarted season.

Milwaukee, who are trying to win their first NBA title since 1971, boasted the best record at 53-12 when the league was shut down in mid-March due to the global pandemic.

"We just got the stops. We tried to play hard, make the right play and hit open guy," said Antetokounmpo after

starring in the team's first game post the Pandemic.

In the late game, James Harden scored 49 points and the Houston Rockets outgunned the Dallas Mavericks 153-149 in a high-scoring Western Conference contest that went into overtime.

The Bucks trailed by two points at the half, then built a big lead and held on in the fourth quarter to beat the Celtics in the battle between the two Eastern Conference powerhouses. The 25-year-old Antetokounmpo also had 15 rebounds, seven assists and five fouls.

— AFP

MITHALI SETS EYES ON 2021 WORLD CUP

New Delhi, Aug. 1: India's ODI skipper Mithali Raj says she is focussed on winning the World Cup next year.

"In 2013, when India hosted the world cup, we didn't even qualify for the super six stage. I was hurt and quite disappointed," she said on a national sports show.

"I thought let me give a try in 2017 World Cup. Then I really worked hard for that World Cup. I thought when we were in the finals, if we win the finals, then I will retire. In 2021 again I am going to give another try," she added.

— PTI

Shuttlers to hit court on Aug.5

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 1

The Telangana government has allowed resumption of training in the state from August 5, clearing the way for country's top shuttlers to hit the courts after a long Coronavirus-forced hiatus.

India's top shuttlers including Olympic medalist P. V. Sindhu train under national coach P. Gopichand in Hyderabad.

The decision came after a meeting between state's top sports persons and the sports minister.

The meeting was attended by former national cricket captain Mohammad Azharuddin, tennis ace Sania Mirza, doubles specialist N. Sikki Reddy, Sumeeth Reddy,

● **After a meeting between Telangana's top sports persons and the sports minister, it has been decided that the shuttlers will be allowed to practice, maintaining strict protocols, from August 5.**

Telangana Olympic Association president Jayesh Ranjan and Telangana Badminton Association vice president V. Chamundeswarath.

Meanwhile, Sindhu's father P. V. Ramana welcomed the announcement but maintained that protocols needed to be followed during training.

Hamilton grabs British F1 pole

Silverstone, Aug. 1: Lewis Hamilton smashed the track record twice on Saturday to grab a record seventh British Grand Prix pole position with a stunning performance in a tense qualifying session.

Hamilton, who on Sunday seeks a record-increasing seventh Silverstone victory, finished ahead of his Mercedes team-mate Valtteri Bottas by more than three-tenths of a second after the Finn had been fastest in final practice and then again in both Q2 and Q3 when he also set lap records.

The defending six-time champion and current series leader bounced back from a ragged performance, including a spin, in the first parts of qualifying to claim his 65th pole with

Mercedes and the record-increasing 91st of his career.

It was also a record eighth successive Mercedes pole success in Britain on a day when they were clear of their nearest rivals Red Bull by a full second, Max Verstappen taking third place on the grid ahead of Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.

Rising British star Lando Norris, 20, was fifth for McLaren ahead of Lance Stroll in Racing Point's 'pink Mercedes', Carlos Sainz in the second McLaren, Daniel Ricciardo and his Renault team-mate Esteban Ocon and Sebastian Vettel, who was 10th for Ferrari.

— AFP

Live on TV: British Grand Prix Main race from 6.35 pm on Star Sports Select 2, HD

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