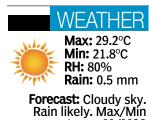
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9 die fighting fire at Srisailam power plant

Fire broke out at underground plant on Aug. 20 night, staff tried to douse fire till midnight; Victims' bodies found in escape tunnel

S.A. ISHAQUI I DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

Nine people including seven employees of the Telangana State Power Corporation (TS Genco) and two from a private firm were killed and eight others injured in fire mishap at the Srisailam Left Bank hydel power station, which is located about 125 metres underground, at about 10.30 pm on Thursday. There is only one entry and exit to the tunnel. One of the victims was a woman.

The victims are said to have tried to protect the power plant, one of the most prestigious in the country, before trying to make their escape. Thick smoke is said to have prevented an easy escape as well as quick res-

TS Genco said in a statement: "The accident happened when a sudden fire broke out in the electric panels. Employees who sensed danger made all efforts to extinguish the fire. The entrapped employees tried to save the plant from catching fire without even caring for their lives. It appears that the employees continued their efforts until 12 o'clock at night (Thursday).'

According to Genco, there were 17 employees in the power station when the fire broke out. The eight survivors have been admitted in the Genco Hospital at

Srisailam. Employees trapped in the tunnel as well as survivors sent videos and picture of the fire through their mobile phones to explain the seriousness of the situation inside the tunnel.

A survivor told TV channels, "We heard sounds and saw flames and tried to put off the fire. We were unable to do so due to the smoke."

The smoke prevented them from helping the others to escape. Another survivor said the staff tried to douse the flames by using fire extinguishers but did not succeed.

The power house is located in a two-km tunnel under the Nallamala hill range adjacent to the Srisailam reservoir on the Telangana side on the Krishna river. Power generation at the hydel unit has been suspended following the accident.

According to Genco authorities, the fire erupted in the first unit of the hydel power generation unit in Domalapenta of Amrabad mandal in Nagarkurnool district, and smoke engulfed all the six power units of the underground

■ Page 2: CM declares ₹25 lakh ex gratia to victims



Telangana Genco employees try to douse fire emanating from an electric panel at the Srisailam hydroelectric power plant, which is located 125 metres underground in a two kilometre-long tunnel, on Thursday night.

Non-stop use of turbines may have sparked mishap

D. SIVA RAMI REDDY I DC KURNOOL, AUG. 21

Did the continuous use of turbines for hydel power generation contribute to the fire accident at the TS Genco unit at Srisailam on

The facility has been continuously producing power since July 20, following the good availability of water in the Srisailam dam. Efficient use of generators is gained by on-and-off production rather than continuous production. Running the 900 MW unit (6×150 MW) for 30 days non-stop is unthinkable, said an engineer at

the Srisailam power plant. The TS government has ordered two inquiries into the incident. The overuse of machinery resulted in tripping of the panel which caused the fire, said an engineer. The lack of easy approach to the escape routes appeared to have contributed to the toll in

the incident, he said. A police officer said he was informed by an offi-cial that fire broke out at

OFFICIAL WHO SURVIVED COVID DIES IN ACCIDENT

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

Dharavath Sunder Naik, 32, an assistant engineer of Genco who died in the power plant fire, had recovered from Covid-19 one month back and had reportedly returned to duty only on Thursday, sources said.

Naik, a native of Jagani thanda of Chivvemla mandal, Suryapet district, was a resident of the Genco quarters at Srisailam.

the automatic voltage regulator. He said he came to

know about the fire acci-

dent at the power plant at

Had the fire occurred during the day, the num-

ber of casualties would

about 2 am on Friday.

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VICTIMS SPOKE TO

FAMILIES AFTER

LOSING ALL HOPE

DC CORRESPONDENT

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pe from the flames.

have been more, he said. There are two escape routes in power plant but the staff working there were not aware of them because safety drill appears to be not made compulsory, he said.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

The offices of Deccan Chronicle will remain closed today. There will be no edition on Sunday (August 23)

Sarvari; Dakshinayana Rhadranada Shuddha Chavithi till 7.59 pm Star: Hasta till 7.12 pm Varjyam: 2.30 am to 3.58 am Durmuhurtam: 6.04 am to 7.44 am **Rahukalam:** 9 am to 10.30 am **HIJRI CALENDAR** Muharram 2,1442 AH **PRAYERS** Fajar: 4.56 am **Zohar:** 12.29 pm Asar: 4.43 pm

Maghrib: 6.44 pm Isha: 7.53 pm SUNSET TODAY 6.36 PM **SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.00 AM MOONRISE** TODAY 9.02 AM **MOONSET** TODAY 9.22 PM



I have a smartphone, the net, electricity and also long power cuts!

Happy Ganesh Chaturthi



The Ganesha idol at Khairatabad in the city on Friday. The organisers have installed a smaller idol as against the practice of having the tallest idol in the city in view of Covid-19 norms. Deccan Chronicle wishes all its readers a Happy Ganesha Chaturthi. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

SC SAYS NO TO PROBE ON **EX-CJI GOGOI**

PARMOD KUMAR | DC NEW DELHI, AUG. 21

The Supreme Court on Friday rejected a plea seeking an "in-house" inguiry against former CJI Ranjan Gogoi for an alleged bias in passing an ex-parte order in July 2016.

Dismissing the plea as "infructous", Justice Arun Mishra heading a three-judge bench told the petitioner-in-person that Justice Gogoi has since retired and "nothing can be done now, we can't help you".

As the petitioner-inperson said that the Supreme Court has not taken his case in spite of meeting secretary general, Justice Mishra "Whether your fault or the God's fault, become infructous.'

Centre won't defer JEE, Neet

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

Despite pressure from students across the country, the Union education ministry on Friday confirmed that the JEE (Main) and Neet 2020 will not be postponed.

Students have been arguing that conducting exams in September when still rising is irresponsi-ble. Earlier in the day, there were speculations that exams could be postponed and a final decision could be made after August 25. That had given the students a sliver of

After the confirmation of the dates by the ministry, students condemned the decision and exprying that the government was playing with the lives of the students.

Wasil Mohammed, a Neet aspirant, said, "We have seen in the recent past where conducting exams during Covid-10 has turned out to be horrible, with several students testing positive."

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the Coronavirus cases are essed disappointment, sa-TOUGH | TIME | Poll panel curbs political activity, voters to get gloves

Covid to spoil election hysteria

VINEETA PANDEY | DC NEW DELHI, AUG. 21

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday restricted political activity ahead of elections scheduled to be conducted in the country, amid rising Coronavirus cases in the country. Apart from byelections in some parts of the country, Bihar would be the first state to go to polls during the pandemic to elect a new Legislative Assembly. As part of its stringent gloves,

sons allowed to go on a doorto-door campaign to five, including the candidate and his or her security personnel. It has limited the number of vehicles and people accompanying the candidate at the time of filing nomination to only two persons and two vehicles.

Apart from ensuring social distancing, the ECI thermal scanners, sanitisers,

conditions, the Election Commission has severely curtailed the number of perprovided to all electors for signing on the voter register and pressing the EVM button for voting. The maximum numbers of voters inside the polling centre premises at any point of time shall be 1,000, instead of the existing limit of 1,500 electors.

The voters will be scanned at every stage of the polling. If the temperature of a voter is found to be above specivoting in the last hour of the

The option of Postal Ballot facility has been extended to those marked as Persons with Disabilities, those aged over 80 years, and Covid-19 positive patients or sus-

The ECI said public meetings and road shows shall be permissible with suitable instructions subject to containment instructions.





HC order to pay due salaries

IN BRIEF

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court directed the state government and ESI Corporation to pay the pending wages to part-time employees like sweepers and Class-IV employees. Their wages have not been paid since the ACB unearthed the multi-crore rupee financial irregularities in the supply of medicines and surgical kits to dispensaries and ESI hospitals. The part-time employ-

ers approached the court stating that they had not been paid for 16 months. Government counsel contended that their services were with dispensed from March 31, 2020. The court directed that the employees be paid within six weeks.

BRAOU STARTS ONLINE DIRECT ADMISSIONS

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

Dr B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) has opened its online direct admissions for undergraduate, postgraduate, PG diploma and certificate programmes for 2020-21. The university said candiwho had passed BRAOU's eligibility test in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 can take direct admission into UG

Students of undergraduate courses for second and third year, PG second year, MBA programmes, and old batch (2011 to 2019) students of UG second and third year will have to pay tuition fee through TS/AP Online or credit/debit card. The last date for all payments is September 10.

The admission prospectus has been made available on the university portal www.braouonline.in or www.braou.ac.in, and at UG/PG study centres. For more information or guidance, students can contact the university help desk numbers on 7382929570, 7382929580, 7382929590, 7382929600 and the information centre on 040-23680333/555.

Victims didn't know the escape route

No regular fire drills were carried out, said an official

D. SIVA RAMI REDDY I DC KURNOOL, AUG. 21

Of the nine persons who died in the fire accident at the TS Generation (Genco) Corporation power plant at the Srisailam dam past midnight on Friday, seven

were engineers.

The eight persons who survived were from the non-engineering cadre. Though a fire station is located in the plant, no regular fire drills were carried out, said an offi-

Lack of knowledge about escape routes could have cost the lives of the engineers. The official said labourers at the power plant were well aware of the escape routes. They appear to have rushed to safety on noticing the fire,



Smoke billows from a fire at Srisailam Left Bank power station late on Thursday

Engineer warned others of fire

S.A. ISHAQUI I DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

All the nine persons who died in the fire accident at the Srisailam hydel power station spoke to their familv members even as they tried to escape from the flames and thick smoke.

Mohan Rao, an assistant engineer and resident of Jeedimetla in Hyderabad.

spoke to his family and one of his colleagues Venu and told them that his chances of escaping were bleak. He was among the nine victims.

Assistant engineer Mohan saved many lives by calling from inside the power station and telling the others of the danger, sources said.

engineer Deputy

Srinivas Goud spoke to his family around 11.30 pm over phone and told them that there was no chance for him to escape from the death trap as the smoke had engulfed in the plant. "If the rescue teams do not reach us in 30 minutes, we will not survive," he said, according to sources. He is suspected to have

died shortly afterwards.

INDIA'S LARGEST UNDERGROUND POWER GENERATION PLANT

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

The Srisailam left bank power station, which was ravaged by a fire on Thursday, is India's underground power generation plant. It constructed extremely difficult conditions on the Krishna river,

about 200 km from Hyderabad and is operated by the TS Power Generation Corporation. The plant has six units with a combined capacity

of 900 MW (6X150 MW). According to engineers of the plant, as per the initial plan, the project was scheduled for completion in 1994 and it was antici-

pated that by around 2000 it would begin generation. The six turbines to genhydroelectricity actual operation gradually from 2001. With the final unit completed in September 2003, a facility has a total capacity of 990 MW. The maximum output of 967 MW was record-

TECHIE HAD JUST RECOVERED FROM COVID-19

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

Dharavath Sunder Naik 32, an assistant engineer of Genco who died in the Srisailam power plant fire, had recovered from Covid-19 one month back and had reportedly returned to duty only on

Thursday, sources said. Naik, a native of Jagani thanda of Chivvemla mandal of Suryapet district, retur-ned to Srisaliam on July 25 after being treated at home and completing the quarantine period at his native home. Sunder was a resident of the Genco quarters at Srisailam along with wife Prameela and two daughters, Mansavini and Nihaswi.

CM declares ₹25 lakh ex gratia to victims

ing grief at the mishap, said, "All of them tried to

come out of the escape

tunnel, but they did not

succeed due to the thick

expressed deep shock over

at the mishap. Describing

the accident as the most

tragic, the Mr Rao con-

veyed his condolences to members of the bereaved

family. He wished speedy

Mr Rao ordered a CID

inquiry into the mishap

and CID additional DGP Govind Singh has been

appointed inquiry officer.

The Chief Minister also

ordered Prabhakar Rao to

constitute a high-level committee with experts to

probe into the reasons for

the mishap.
The Chief Minister

announced ₹50 lakh ex

gratia to the family of the deceased deputy engineer

recovery of injured.

Minister

smoke in the tunnel.'

Chief Chandrashekar

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Firefighting units and rescue teams were immediately deployed but they did not succeed in saving the lives of those who could not escape to safety. The victims, employees

of TS Genco, were identified as deputy engineer Srinivas (Hyderabad), assistant engineers Venkat Rao (Palvoncha), Mohan Kumar (Hyderabad), Dharavath Sunder Naik (Suryapet) and Uzma Fathima (Hyderabad), plant attendant Rambabu (Khammam) and junior attendant (Palvoncha).

Two employees Raja Batteries, Amara Kumar Kumar, were Mahesh killed in the mishap.

A 39-member fire rescue and disaster management team led by Commandant Siddharth Raha of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) recovered the bodies with the help of the fire brigade of the power plant on Friday evening. According to the rescue

team, the bodies were found in the emergency lakh each to the family of escape tunnels. Energy minister G. Jagadish the other victims including the two employees of Reddy and TS Transco Amara Raja Batteries. and Genco chairman and managing director D. Prabhakar Rao, express-

President Ram Nath Kovind led the nation in mourning for the dead. "Pained by the loss of lives in the tragic fire accident at Srisailam hydroelectric plant in Telangana. In this hour of grief, my thoughts are with the bereaved families. I wish speedy recov-

ery for the injured,"

Kovind posted on Twitter.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered condolences to those who have lost their lives wished early recovery for those injured. In a tweet, he said "Fire at Srisailam hydroelectric plant is deeply unfortunate. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. I hope those injured recover at the earliest.'

Union home minister Amit Shah, Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy, TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and state BJP president Bandi Sanjay

SOP for exams won't help, say students

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"There should be no hurry to conduct the when college admissions will be delayed," Mohammed said. The government had earlier released the standard operating procedures to be followed by exam centres during and before the exams. Students believe that it will not serve the purpose.

Ummal, a JEE aspirant, said, "The pressure and nervousness among stuwe can't expect everyone to follow the SOPs. They don't guarantee everysafety. Even if youngsters are more immune to the virus, who will guarantee the safety of our old parents and grandparents if we carry the virus back home after the exam?'

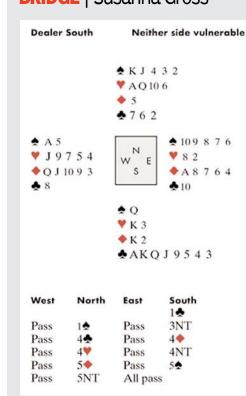
Students pointed out that during the times of pandemic, transportation is another big challenge with many students being allotted centres far away.

dents will be so high that To add to the woes, Bihar and Assam and parts of Telangana state Andhra Pradesh apart from several parts of the country are fighting floods. With all these students fear that many of them would not be able to reach the exam centres.

The National Testing Agency has, however, assured the Supreme Supreme Court that it will make sure that the exams are conducted with all the precautions against Covid-19 pandemic.

LEISURE

BRIDGE | Susanna Gross

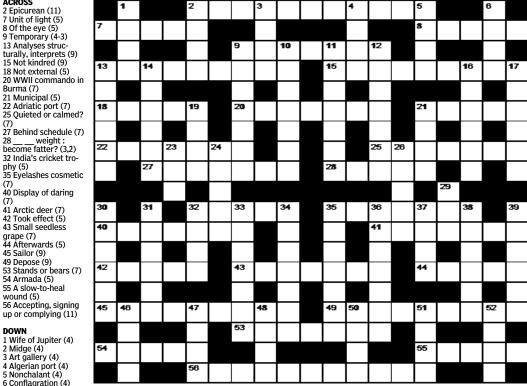


here are some experts — like my friend Sally Brock — who think Blackwood is an overrated convention, and that slams can be bid just as well without wheeling out 4NT to ask for aces. That's often true. At the Portland Club, Blackwood isn't even allowed, and players don't seem to have much trouble bidding slams

However, I'm firmly in the camp that believes Blackwood is indispensable in some auctions; there's no other way of finding out whether partner holds the precise cards you need. It does have to be used with care though. One of the dangers of Blackwood is that it can take you too high: you check for aces, find you're missing two and — whoops — are forced to bid trumps at the six level. There is an emergency break for this situation, and here's how it works (see diagram).

This hand comes from a mixed pairs tournament I played in with Espen Erichsen some time ago. I opened a club; Espen responded 1♠ and I rebid 3NT, promising a strong hand with long solid clubs. Espen's 4♣ was a slam-try. I cue-bid 4♦, he cue-bid **4♥**, and now I bid Roman Key Card Blackwood. Disappointingly, 5♦ showed just one ace. I needed to stop at the 5-level, but how? Playing Key Card, 'step one' — 5 🔻 – asks for the trump queen; 5NT asks for kings. 5♠, however, has no meaning —and is therefore used to say: we can't be in slam, please bid 5NT. And that was how we came screeching to a halt in a making spot.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD —



9 Come after (7) 10 Small bone or piece of hard substance in church official (6) 31 Relating to milk (6) 32 South African curanimal structure (7) 11 Jelly-like sweet (7) rency (4) 33 Offensive (7) 12 Raise an objection 13 A printed cotton fabric used for 34 Dublin is its capital Bullfighter (7)

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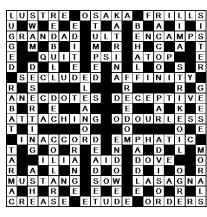
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26 Puccini opera (5)
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30 Office or jurisdiction of a high ranking

36 Abrades; economises or skimps SI 37 Russian sea (4) 38 One that unlawfully seizes an inheritance 39 Rabbit's home (6) 46 Pricking tools (4)
47 Small drinks (4)
48 Emmets (4)
50 Action word (4)
51 Hoodlum or ruffian

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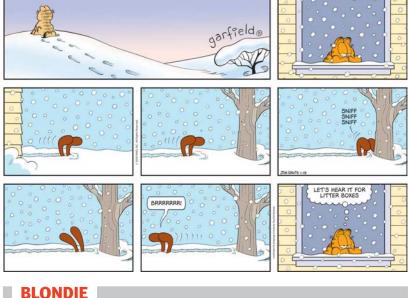
STRIKE OUT



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Amid Covid, many stay away from ashoorkhanas

of the bar on senior citi-

zens. There were also arguments in a few places

on the erection of water

sabeels and police had to

Azmat Jaffery, a member

of the community said, "There are only very few water sabeels. It is a part

of Muharram ritual and

many are upset that the

basic sabeel is not allowed. There is a lot of anger in the community

as some arrangements

could have been made to

The most stringent pre-

cautions were noted among women, who wore

masks and gloves and

insisted on maintaining a

distance in the majlis at

homes and in the ashoorkhanas. Some homes, which would nor-

mally have 50 to 60 people,

are now restricted to around 10. Most people

uld play major roles in it.

increasing at an unprece-

dented rate and to cater to the demand there is a

need to extend avenues of

development beyond the

existing hubs and pro-

mote an integrated regional planning approach which helps pave the way

for new cities and regions

to emerge and develop. He

said that the government

will soon introduce the integrated township poli-

cy to spread development

and distribute growth

Rama Rao stated that

the government has recently approved TS-bPASS, a building appr-oval and self-certification

system, providing hassle-

free online building per-

missions within 21 days for properties above 600 sq yards and non-residen-

tial buildings and layouts.

He said that the real

estate industry should

work with skilling agencies like the National

Academy of Construction

to ensure more local

youth are hired in this

across the cities.

He said urbanisation is

follow basic practices."

be called in.

KANIZA GARARI I DC

Water sabeels for Muharram have been put

up in a few places in the

Old City but only about

five per cent of the people

who used to turn up every

year are visiting the ashoorkhanas for

Muharram because of the

social distancing norms amid the Covid-19

pandemic.

Most ashoorkhanas have urged senior citizens not

to come as they would not

be allowed. Information is

being sent on social media

and via the community messaging devices that only youngsters would be

The ashoorkhanas are

open till late into the night

but people are trickling in

but they are not allowed to

This has resulted in tiffs,

fights and disturbances

DC CORRESPONDENT

Industry minister minis-

ter K.T. Rama Rao on Friday told a virtual confer-

ence of the Confederation

of Indian Industry: "These are challenging

times but we should rem-

ember that adversity

opens up new opportuni-

He was delivering the

inaugural address at the CII conference 'Telan-

gana's real estate and infra prospects in the Covid-19 world — Rising

Rama Rao expressed the confidence that the Hyderabad real estate market

will bounce back. He said

that the city's fundamen-

tals are very strong and

opined that innovation is

the way forward for the sector. He urged real est-ate industry leaders to try

and bring innovations to

Rama Rao said that post-

Covid-19, there is an immense opportunity for the state to attract invest-

ments from other parts of

the world and infrastruc-ture development and

make housing affordable.

up to the new normal.'

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Bring changes to

real estate: KTR

allowed entry.

stay for long.

ASTROGUIDE

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IN BRIEF

23-yr-old booked

for raping minor

Hyderabad: A girl student was sexually assaulted by her friend, who spiked her soft drink. The police is searching for the accused. The victim, 16, a resident of Kulsumpura, had met the accused, 23, during the Bonalu festival and was in touch over the phone. A few days ago, the accused took her to his home, where he allegedly raped her after making her unconscious by giving her the sedative-laced

DIPLOMATIC CORPS DEAN THANKS PETER HASSAN

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

Hans Dannenberg Castellanos, dean of the diplomatic corps and ambassador of the Dominican Republic, wrote a letter of gratitude to Peter Hassan, honorary consul of the Russian Federation at Hyderabad, thanking him for the support and guidance accorded to him and his colleagues in India.

In the letter, ambassador Castellanos said, "It is very comforting to know that all Heads of Mission, senior or new arrivals have someone like you to sincerely guide and assist us with any situation that may arise during our tour of duties.

The ambassador noted that Hassan's efforts were helping in achieving the corps' main goal of strengthening bilateral relations with India.

DOG FOUND **OF NEWBORN**

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T. |DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

The body of a newborn girl which was being carried by a

stray dog was recovered by the police at LB Nagar on Friday.

According to LB Nagar inspector V. Ashok Reddy, at around 2 pm one Bharath Simha Reddy, 26, who was travelling a bike on the newly constructed flyover near Kamineni Hospital towards Almasguda saw the dog carrying the baby. Bharath scared away the dog, which dropped the baby. He called the police on Dial 100. A poli ce team which went to spot and found the female infant dead.

A case has been registered to identify the parents of the baby and establish how the dog found the baby. The body has been shifted to Osmania General Hospital mortuary for preservation.

HYD TO HAVE FIRST PLASMA BANK

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

The Rotary Club of Hyderabad Deccan will launch the first plasma bank at the Rotary Challa Blood Bank in city. It will be launched by Union min-

Kishan Reddy on Sunday. The plasma bank will cater to the requirements for Covid convalescent plasma being prescribed by many doctors as a line of treatment for patients suffering severe symptoms of Covid-19. Rotary Challa Blood Bank is a not-for-profit blood bank with component separation, apheresis and plasmaphoresis facilities. It has been by the Rotary Club of Hyd-

erabad Deccan to encourage voluntary blood donation and to provide blood products free to poor patients in government hospitals, thalassaemics, and other people who cannot afford blood products.



A young girl prays to Lord Ganesha which her family purchased on Friday, ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi in Hyderabad

For first time in 40 yrs, no pandals for Ganesh

Covid-19 protocols ensure festival is celebrated at home

MADDY DEEKSHITH I DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

It is after four decades that Ganesh festivities, which start from Saturday, will not see pandals in public places, grand immersion processions, laddu auctions and exuberant idol immersion in lakes due to outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

Though the government has not publicly imposed restrictions, the police has issued notices to pandal managements to let Ganesh festivities remain a ho-usehold affair. Otherwise, till the festival concludes, there would be as many as 50 lakh devotees thronging the pandals and processions. The low-key affair will also directly and indirectly impact livelihood of about 3 lakh people in the city and from outside.

The grand Ganesh festivities began in 1980 under the leadership of former Vandemataram Ramchander Rao. During the first year, 1,500 idols were immersed. By 2019, this had increased to 1.2 lakh idols being immersed in water bodies across the particularly the

Outbreak Coronavirus has affected these people, apart from about 60,000 guest workers, who depended on the festivities right from idol making to immersion. The pandemic also put out of work 10,000 priests, who eked out a living performing poojas at the various pandals set up as part of the mega event.

Speaking to *Deccan* from hundreds of loca-*Chronicle*, Ravinuthala tions in the city. Our Shashidhar. secretary, appeals to the mayor and

KANIZA GARARI | DC

The state will cross the one-

lakh mark in Covid-19 case-

load on Saturday. The state

recorded its first case of

According to data provid-

ed by the health depar-

tment on Friday, the state

recorded 1,967 new cases on

Thursday, taking the total to 99,391. The results of

1,300 samples are awaited.

Eight deaths were regis-

tered on Thursday, and the

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Covid-19 on March 2.

Seed idols of Ganesha latest measure to save environment

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

With an overwhelming thrust on eco-friendly some corporate houses have been gifting clay idols to their employees and associates for this year's Ganesh Chaturthi, which is on Saturday. Promotion of seed Ganesh idols has become an opportunity for many to keep the environment

Suresh Prasad and Nagamani are excited at the turnaround and have pledged to go for a naturefriendly idol. The idea of seed Ganesh

and the campaign has gone well with the people.
J. Santosh Kumar, TRS Rajya Sabha member, came out with this idea and distributed seed idols free all over the

Ganesh procession will

result in a gathering of 50

lakh people, which would

be extremely dangerous, the BGUS and government

have appealed to citizens

that Ganesh festivities be

organised in a subdued

"Though the government has not imposed any restrictions, police have

been removing pandals from hundreds of loca-

toll now stands at 737.

Overall, 76,967 people have

recovered, and the recov-

ery rate has been pegged at

A total of 26,767 samples

were tested on Thursday

but experts said that the

number of patients in dis-

tricts could be high but

many of them were not

able to make it to hospitals

due to rains, damaged ro-ads and floods in different

parts of the state. Besides,

it is not possible to follow

social distancing norms

77.43 per cent.

state.
P. Sridhar Reddy CMD of CtrlS Data Center, said he has been encouraging devotees to install clay

However, the practice of clay Ganesh installation and immersion in tubs is a very old custom. The Vaidyula family has been doing this for the past two decades. "After the idol is immersed in a tub, we water the plants in the garden," said Vaidyula Krishna Latha.

The sales of Ganesh Idols have gone down. Dhoolpet which is the main market, has not registered even 20 percent of last year's sale. Artists have been making idols throughout the year. The price of bigger idols, generally used in area pandals, ranged from ₹50, 000 to ₹1 lakh.

One of the grandest

The BGUS secretary said

the committee will demo-

cratically fight against the

government and demand

tation, and this could cause

Doctors said many people would make it to the test

centres after the waters re-

cede. Besides, several of th-

em were trying to get them-

selves treated at home. In

the districts, the concept of

home isolation was not

working and many people

were opting for government public health centres.

The GHMC area recorded

473 cases, the adjacent Ra-

nga Reddy 202 and Med-

a fresh spurt of cases.

TS Covid tally to cross 1 lakh today

the Old City was organ-ised by Trishul Nav-ayuvak Sangh at Pan Mandi, Goshamahal. However, Sunil Manjeet Chanannia, Singh Bagga, Singh Bagga, Kishor Aggrawal, Yadesh Shukla are not regretting this year's absence of mega celebration. For almost 30 years, they

Ganesh Navratri events in

would arrange for dinner for 300 people each of the nine days while the procession from Goshamahal to Karvan was an eagerly awaited event.

"Looking at the pandemic we all concluded that it was best to skip such a cel-ebration in our locality," said Vishal Thakur, one of the organisers, and added 'we cannot jeopardise the lives of devotees. Imagine if one person is infected and he attends the pooja unknowingly."

Over the years, the annual al festival started providing livelihood to 2.5 lakh

Bhagyanagar Ganesh Cabinet ministers have that it to allow the annual fallen on deaf ears. rituals. He maintained Despite the BGUS assurthat if any person violates that if any person violates ance that pandal manage Covid-19 guidelines, police can book cases against ments would follow Covidthem. He protested that Plaster of Paris Ganesh 19 guidelines, police are in no mood to understand the idols are not being allowed situation despite over 3 despite court orders okaylakh people make out a living from the grand event. ing them. Instead, a few Police are even booking politicians and NGOs are cases under Disaster advocating use of clay Management Act against pandal managements", Shashidhar stated.

"If over 70,000 clay idols are immersed, Hussainsagar will soon disappear and become a landfill", Shashidhar told Deccan

cases. Away from the

GHMC area, Warangal Urb-

an recorded 101 new cases

followed by Karimangar

with 86, Khammam 79 and

Nizamahad 69. From Aug-

ust 14 to 20, the GHMC area

has recorded 2,362, Ranga

Reddy 1,000 and Medchal-

Malkajgiri 839. Warangal

has recorded 602 cases dur-

ing this period, Khammam 358 and Nizamabad 379.

The incidence of Covid-19

is high amongst those in

classes from Aug. 24 HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21 FOR THE second

JNTU to start web

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad, will com-mence online classes for BTech and BPharmacy second, third and fourth students from August 24, as per the academic calendar released the University on

Friday. The classes will be initially held in the online mode for two to three hours per day. Based on the assessment of the situation, classes may be conducted for four to five hours in blended mode, following the guidelines prescribed for

Covid-19.
The first mid-term exams for the first semester will be conducted from October 26 to October 31, and the second mid-term exams will begin from December 28

semester, classwork will commence from January mid-term exams will begin in March 2021. The semester will come to an end after the endterm exams from May 7 to June 19, 2021.

to January 2, 2021. Endterm exams for the first semester will be held from January 11 to

For the second semester, classwork will commence from January 25, 2021, and the first mid-term exams will begin in March 2021.

to an end after the end- term exams from May 7 to June 19, 2021. The iniversity said that all laboratory courses will be conducted once normalcy is

25, 2021, and the first

January 23, 2021.

The semester will come

Police looking for files that Beijing T Power official may have deleted TOUGH CYPHER

Cops hit Chinese wall in scamster's laptop

during rescue and rehabili- chal-Malkajgiri district 170

VIKRAM SHARMA I DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

As investigation into the ₹1,100 crore online gaming fraud being run from China is gathering momentum, investigators have discovered that almost all the files and other data in Chinese national Yah Hao's 'Apple' laptop is in Chinese (Mandarin), making their task slightly complicated. Though Hao speaks fluent English, which is rare for a Chinese national, the detectives did not expect the data to be in Chinese. Even the data on his

Chinese.

DeccanSources told Chronicle that forensic tools are being used to examine the massive files stored in his laptop, which was seized from Hao at the time of his arrest at New

Delhi airport.
Though the sleuths were able to access the laptop by unlocking it, analyses of the content is a time-taking process. It is learnt that even the Application Programming Interface (API) (a software intermediary that allows two applications to 'talk' to each other, in this case with betting websites) was in Chinese.

To begin with, imaging of the hard disks is underway. For translation, they would need a special software but it could be done using a translator who needs to be technically strong. Experts are also looking for fragmented data stored in the laptop. There could be special drives saved on the laptop which would have separate pass codes and could have information about the company and its shady deals. The task will become easier if the forensic experts know exactly

what they are looking for, failing which there is every possibility of missing out on crucial infor-

mation. Since all the operations of the China-based Beijing T Power company — for which Hao was the head of operations for southeast — are shady and involve transactions running into thousands of crores, it is expected that there could be heavy use of coded language in the communication between Hao, his company and

large number of emails, details of inward

business associates.

and outward payments, expansion plans and tieups, bank transactions and Hao's contacts across the world are expected to be known through his laptop besides other incriminating material. The sleuths might also stumble upon some personal information about Hao, who so far remains a mystery.

Investigators are trying to recover and review deleted files which Hao may have gotten rid of hours before his arrest. It is learnt that while he was sipping coffee in New Delhi airport from where he was picked up by a national was hurriedly running his fingers on the kevpad. The sleuths are waiting

to get seven-day custody of

Hao and other accused during which he would be confronted with the contents in the laptop, provided the investigators are able to retrieve and analyse information from it. When it comes to Chinese language, there is a large variation in writing styles and changes that occur in typed text. At the moment, detectives are staring at several Chinese characters.

among the locals because are opting for mourning at home with close family members and not allowing outsiders like in earlier times.

Others are opting for online sermons and following practices that have been sent by their respective religious bodies. The biggest question haunting most of the devout is about the uncertainty over holding the Bibi Ka Alam procession. Hadi Ali, senior member

of the community, said, "It is very clear that due to Covid-19 there cannot be a procession and the Alam will be carried inside the ashoorkhana premises. Congregation is not possible this year due to the Coronavirus. Young and old are equally upset and they are insisting that some steps must be taken. But it is not possible due to the infectious nature of the virus.'

IIIT-H TO GET TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION HUB

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

International Institute of Information Technology-Hyderabad (IIIT-H) has been selected by National Mission on Interdisc-iplinary Cyber-Physical Systems to set up a technology innovation hub (TIH) on data driven technologies with a funding of ₹110 crore from the Union department of science and technology (DST).

IIIT-H is the only institu-tion outside of the IITs and IISc in the initial list of 17 selected TIHs. Commenting on the TIH, Prof P.J. Narayanan, IIIT-H director, said, "We will focus on creating and curating diverse datasets under the data foundation being set up under the hub. Translational research will be a particular focus of our Hub." A special initiative around Covid-19 has started at the IIIT-H. As part of the Rakshak effort by DST, a project to curate and compile data sets that can be used to address Covid-19-related solutions around diagnostics and treatment protocols has commenced

KTR SAYS RECRUIT **WARD OFFICERS IN MUNICIPALITIES**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

To take government services to the citizens, the state government has decided to recruit ward officers in all municipal wards. The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) minister K.T. Rama Rao on Friday.

MA&UD officials will take up rationalisation of staff and posts before filling 2,298 vacancies in the department.

Rama Rao said the decision will help in the efficient implementation of the new Municipal Act and speed up development. This is the first time in the country that officers are being recruited for each ward, he said.

He said the govern-ment had decided to appoint two chief engineers to avoid delay in engineering works in the municipalities. He also gave the green signal to the appointment of two to three assistant engineers to assist the

JAC has 7L signatures Hyderabad: The JAC

for Reinstatement of Secretariat's mosques has obtained about seven lakh signatures to pressurise the government to reconstruct the mosques at the same. location. Tappa Chabutra police briefly arrested two youth, who were obta-ining the signatures after Juma prayers for not maintaining social

distancing.



IN BRIEF

Class IV kid donates masks

Kurnool: Akarshana Satish, a Class IV student, donated 100 masks, 24 sanitisers and five face shields to the police on Friday, with the

money she had been saving. Akarshana on August 9 wrote to Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar seeking his appointment to give the donation. Appreciating the girl's kind-

ness, the commissioner donated her a Ganesh idol made of seeds.

3 Nigerians held for drug peddling

Kurnool: Three Nigerian nationals involved in smuggling narcotic drugs were held by the Excise enforcement wing on Friday. The officials seized 6 gm cocaine, a car, one bike, four mobiles from Samuel Smith Nelson, 32, of Tolichowki, James Morrison, 27, and Marwan Abdul Kareem Abdullahal Taher, 32, both from Malakpet. Officials said the drugs were supplied to them by one Immanuel Ummudu, a resident of Mumbai, who was earlier and the Raidurgam police for supplying drugs.

Raped by 143

persons: Woman

Kurnool: A 25-year-old woman, hailing from Mirvalguda and residing in the city, lodged a complaint with the Punjagutta police on Thursday alleging that she had been raped by 143 persons. She also named some women. The police registered a case and sent the victim for medical examination at a government hospital. The victim claimed she had married in 2009 and divorced her husband a year later for physical and sexual harassment by her husband,

in-laws and 20 others She alleged that she was being sexually assaulted for about a decade. She named student activists, film personalities, personal assistants of politicians.

The police said a case has been registered against 139 persons named by the alleged victim and four others whom she does not remember.

"The questioning of the suspects would reveal more information," said a Punjagutta police official.

Couple arrested for fraud

Hyderabad: A couple who cheated people on the pretext of providing high returns and collected ₹13 crore was arrested by the Hyderabad Central Crime Station (CCS) police on Friday. Accused P. Padmaja, 42, and her husband P. Venkata Subramanya Varaprasad, 47, of Motimagar were booked for duping 20 persons. Claiming to be directors of Runadhara Financial Services, the couple offered five to 10 per cent interest. They collected

the money from April last

year to June this year and

absconded.

SCB GETS 31st SPOT IN SWACHH RANKING

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH I DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) has secured the 31st spot in the released on Thursday out of 62 cantonments in the country. It scored 2,277.04 points out of 6,000. Last year, the SCB was rated the worst performing cantonment.

The criteria for the ranking includes, direct observation. service level progress, citizen feedback and certification. The Jalandhar cantonment topped the category with 3,670 points. The SCB is the second largest cantonment in the country. "This year, we were able to get participation, from all the stakeholders. Unlike, last year this time there was active participation from the people. We had a lot of attention garnered for the survey, Ajith B. Reddy, SCB CEO, told Deccan Chronicle.

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Rare documents in danger

Week-long rains caused damage to roof, walls of State Archives

ATHER MOIN I DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

Over 50 million documents in the TS Archives and Research Institute (TSARI) are at risk as rainwater has entered the stacks.

The week-long rains caused damage to roof and walls of the building. Mould and mildew have sprung up on the dampened walls. The 55-year-old building faces collapse.

Foreign and Indian scholars visit the TSARI, though the facilities are appalling. They have to go through dark passages to access dusty stacks

with documents falling apart. There is no computerised record to help the seeker find books, documents and papers.
The Kiran Kuman

Reddy's government had sanctioned ₹20 crore to digitise the records but only ₹2 crore has been released so far. This institution could not get any special budget since the formation of the state for the preservation and maintenance of records.

The TSARI has 50 million archival documents and historical records. Only two outsourced employees have been engaged to manage the entire stack area.



Water leaks in a room of State Archives on Friday

Before bifurcation, it had the cadre strength of 180. Of them, 102 employees were allocated to AP and 78 retained in TS, but only 40 employees have remained, including those posted at the interim depository, a part of the secretariat, so far. Boasting records from Shah Jahan's time and

about 1.5 lakh documents depicting the rule of Aurangzeb from 1658 to 1708, particularly related to his administration in the Deccan, the oldest documents in the TSARI belong to the Bahmani farman (royal decree) of 1406 AD.

one million records

state, especially of the Asif Jahi dynasty, depict-ing political, administrative, socio-economic conditions during the peri-

The documents related to Andhra Pradesh, mostly of Madras presidency, have been transferred to AP, but it still has 80 per cent of all the documents and records. About 90 per cent of the

documents are Persian and Urdu. The neglect of treasure only shows the

indifference of the state to its own history as the The TSARI has close to rains destroy it with impudence.

18 Nagarjunasagar dam gates opened

S.A. ISHAQUI I DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

In view of the heavy inflows from the Srisailam dam, 12 gates of the gates of the Nagarjunasagar project were opened on Saturday to a height of five feet to release water. Six more gates were opened later in

Water is fast reaching the full reservoir level, necessitating the opening of gates. Nagarjunasagar is receiving 3.6 lakh cusecs and the water stood at 585.70 feet

against the FRL of

590 feet. The outflow

is 1.2 lakh cusecs.
Along with NSP chief engineer Narsimha, Nagarju-nasagar MLA nasagar Nomula Narasimhaiah opened four crest gates by pressing a switch on the control board at 11.40

am. With the increase of inflows, the engineers opened another eight gates. The district imposed Section 144 at the project to prevent peo-ple gathering at the site to watch the water release. The apprehension is that many people will use the weekend holidays to travel to the dam



Twelve gates of the Nagarjunasagar dam were opened on Friday. Another six gates were

Srisailam near full capacity

D. SIVA RAMI REDDI

KURNOOL, AUG. 21

The Srisailam project discharged 3,12,260 cusecs of water into Nagarjunsagar dam by opening 10 gates to a height of 12 on Friday evening.

The dam received 3,77,549 cusecs of water from the Krishna and Tungabhadra rivers. The Priyadarshini Jurala project discharged 3,42,606 cusecs while the Sunkesula barrage on the Tunga-

charged 33,936 cusecs. Srisailam reservoir now brimming with water, which has received nearly 200 tmc ft of water this year. The dam has 206.5365 tmc ft of

water now, against its capacity of 215.8070

tmc ft. AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy was expected to visit the project but it was put off due to inclement weather as well as the fire at the power house located on the left side of Srisailam reservoir in the Telangana

HC curbs on structures near Ameenpur lake

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA I DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

The Telangana High Court directed authorities not to sanction permission for buildings and layouts within the full level Ameenpur lake in Sangareddy district.

A division bench of Justice A. Rajasheker Reddy and Justice B. Viiavasen Reddy was dealing a PIL pertain-

of Ameenpur lake, the first water body to be recognised, in 2016, as a biodiversity heritage site in India for its resident and migratory birds.

The PIL filed by Hyderabad Birding Pals stated that the authorities were not concerning on the preservation of the lake and its surrounding lakes, which host more than 166 bird species, both resident and migratory from

tion and rejuvenation different places of the lake was built during the reign of Ibrahim Qutub Shah (1550-1580). The lake was being

encroached upon and illegal constructions were coming up in the full tank level. Water channels and weirs were being blocked, the PIL said.

The court sought information from the government about the FTL marking and

Bhadradri dist. still under flood threat

RAVINDRA SESHU I

KHAMMAM/BHADRAC HALAM, AUG. 21

People living in the six mandals located on the banks of the Godavari Bhadradri district are still under threat as water levels have been fluctuating for last

The Godavari was running at 55.30 feet at Bhadrachalam and 14.60 lakh cusecs of water is flowing past the holy town. A third warning of 53 feet is in force even as there worrving increase in the flood

Bhadradri collector remains.Paddy fields M.V. Reddy said that

Indian Meteorologi- under cal Department (IMD) has predicted moderate to heavy rains for the next three days in the catchment areas of the Godavari. Officials should be on alert and the people of

these mandals should inform officials if they face a flood-like situation, he said. About 679 families from the flood-affected villages are in 22 rehabilitation camps in Bhadrachalam.

Burgumpahad, Dummugudem, guru, Aswa-puram, Charla and Pinapaka mandals.

Another 57 camps are ready, keeping in mind the threat perception that damaged. flood Manuguru, water from Edullavagu submerged Sundaraiahnagar colony, whose residents have since been shifted to the

Interestingly, Munner, a tributary of Krishna, witnessed flood once again. The water level is more than 26 feet and lowlying areas have been inundated.

rehabilitation centre.

In colonies like Mothinagar, Bokkalagadda and flood Sarathinagar. water entered around 360 houses and the rehabilitation centres.





Mrs. CH. LEENA SAMSON nserted by: CH. Samson Godfrey, Children and Grand Children Ph: 9393867555, 9542471125



Retired Veterinary Doctor DOB: 21-11-1936 DOD: 18-08-2020 orial Service will be held on 22-08-202 me: 11.30 a.m. Wesley Church, Ramkote derabad. Ph: 9573010678 Without you, life will never be the sam gain. We miss you. We cherish you nemories forever." erted by - Wife: MADDELLA AMRUTHA

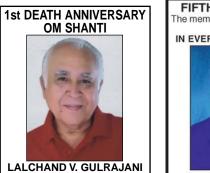
Daughters, Sons-in-law and Grand Children 1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY



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Torupunuri Srinivas Goud & Pavani Torupunuri Punith Raj & Vineeth Nag Goud



DOD: 14-08-2020 10th Day Ceremony on 23-08-2020 13th Day Ceremony on 25-08-2020 From: DUBEY FAMILY, Sitafalmandi. Ph: 9849008470



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Birth Anniversary P.M. GANPATH REDDY

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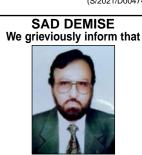
Ph.: 9849162637, 9908117556

I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Ps. 23:6 **OBITUARY**





THALARI STEVEN RAJ KUMAR DOB: 15-04-1970 DOD: 12-08-2020 have fought the good fight, I hav inished the race, I have kept the faith. Inserted by: Mother, Sons, Sisters,
Brothers-in-law, Nephews and Nieces



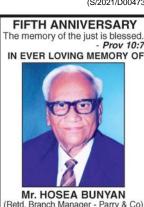
Mr. SHAIK MUSTAFA HASAN JUNAIDI (Electrical Engineer) S/o Late Shaik Abul Hasan Junaidi R/o Red Hills, Hyderabad Expired on: 19th August 2020 We request every one to please pray for his Maghfirath & Allah May place him in annath ul Firdouse Ameen.

Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS

Call: 9705149039



Mr. M. PHILLIPS ANIL KUMAR Advocate DOB: 01-11-1970 DOD: 22-07-2020 Dr. M. SUNIL KUMAR & FAMILY



(Retd. Branch Manager - Parry & Co) S/o Late Bishop Bunyan Joseph 08-07-1921 - 23-08-2015 - Family Members



Mr. S. SAMSON SOMA SUNDER RAC DOB: 22.07.1943 DOD: 22.08.2000 Your fragrance of love, righteous juidance, Godly principles are stil guiding us day by day. Inserted by: Children & Grand Childre

FARMER KILLS FRIEND OVER SUSPICION

Hyderabad: Hours after having dinner together, a farmer killed his friend over suspicion that the latter had stolen ₹1,000 from his home at

Chowdariguda in Shadnagar. The police arrested the accused who chopped the body of his friend and dumped it in an a well.



"I fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" 2 Timothy 4:7

Dr. P.P. WILLIAMS IAS (Retd)

16 MAY 1943 - 22 AUG 2016

WE MISS YOU

— In Loving Remembrance—— MRS. NIRMALA WILLIAMS CHILDREN & GRAND CHILDREN

INTEQAL Inna Lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un MIR AZHER HUSAIN

S/o. Late Mir Mazhar Hussain Rtd. Executive Engg. Irrigation Dept Govt. of Telangana. Expired or 13th August 2020, Laid to rest at Takhi Jail Qabrastan, Nimboliadda Inserted by Mir Amer Hussain Mir Arshad Hussain, Samee Hussain, Ambreen Azher & Other Family Members.



MEKALA RAGHUMA REDDY Wife :Suvarna, Son: Mekala Prabhakar Reddy Daughter in-law: Mekala Samyuktha Reddy Grand sons: Dr. Bharath & Rohit Grand daughter's . Tanvi & Minathi

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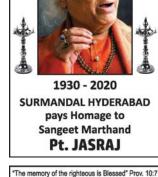
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Daughters-in-law and Grand Children Tel.: 23210503, 6301253625



M. SAMSON PRADEEP KUMAR OB: 9.11.1957 DOD: 22.8.2017 S/o Late Malle Prakasham H/o Mrs. M. Amrutha Vani



Exp: 21-08-2005 nories always in our hearts forev erted by : Wife - MEKALA LAXMI DEV & Family Members Srinagar Colony, Hyderabad. Ph:040-23750418, 9849010377





Retd. Teacher, H.M., C.S.I Schools Medak, Jagtial & Karimnagar Born: 22.08.1918, Entered into Glory: 07.01.2011 Late Kattekola Vimalabai Baburao Born: 03.09.1925, Entered into Glory: 26.07.2016 Fondly Remembered by: Sons, Daughter Daughters-in-law, Son-in-law Grandchildren and Great Grandchildre

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> Mrs. CHILUKA ARUNA Brothers: Konka Ramakrishna Konka Raghu Mohan Rao

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Husband: Z. Wilson Vijay Raj

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. Moses and Z. Kezia, Z. Sethjacinth



IN FOND MEMORY OF Beloved MARY SUNITA Inserted by: Sonu Aaron, Son & Parents

SHORT TAKES **RAJIV KUMAR APPOINTED EC IN PLACE OF LAVASA**

New Delhi, Aug. 21: Retired bureaucrat Rajiv Kumar was on Friday appointed as elec-tion commissioner in place of Ashok Lavasa who resigned.

President Ram Nath Kovind cleared his appointment with effect from the date he assumes office.

His appointment is in place of Lavasa who resigned with effect from August 31.

"In pursuance of clause (2) of article 324 of the Constitution, the president is pleased to appoint Shri Rajiv Kumar, (IAS retired) as the election commissioner with effect from the date he assumes the office vice Shri Ashok Lavasa, election commissioner who has resigned with effect August 31," an official notification of the Ministry of Law and Justice said.

Rajiv Kumar is a retired IAS officer of 1984 batch of Jharkhand cadre.

Earlier last week Lavasa had resigned. He will be joining the Asian Development Bank

as vice-president. Lavasa was next in line to head the poll panel.

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MENTAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS INFECTED **WITH VIRUS**

VRUSHALI PURANDARE | DC MUMBAI, AUG, 21

As many As 21 patients and 50 Mental Hospitals of Maharashtra got infected with Covid-19 till date. The four hospitals in the state are at Thane, Nagpur, Pune and Ratnagiri The BJP has filed a petition with the Human Rights Commission accusing the state government of completely ignoring these hospitals.

The hospital management has suspended group therapy and called off family visits to prevent the virus from spreading further. The health officials also mentioned that maintaining social distance and making the mentally ill patients wear a mask is difficult. Restrictions on travel during the lockdown, meanwhile, have also forced a large number of patients, declared fit for discharge, to continue to wait at the facilities inducing restlessness in some, they said. At the Thane mental hospi-

tal, which houses 807 patients so far 17 patients and 22 staffers have been afflicted by the coronavirus disease. In May, a female staffer had succumbed to the virus, while two patients died in June.

According to staffers, at least 40 patients share a ward at the hospital, sleeping within a foot of one another, some on mattresses others on the floor, which makes maintaining three-foot distance impossible.

'MARKET SHANKAR' KILLED IN ENCOUNTER

SINDHIYA SAMUEL I DC CHENNAI, AUG. 21

gunned down Shankar alias 'Market Shankar' in an encounter on Friday morning at New Avadi Road. The drug peddler also involved in murder cases was shot dead when he made an attempt to escape by attacking a police officer with a machete.

Shankar, a 48-year-old 'A category rowdy' hailing from Ayanavaram in Chennai had 51 criminal cases pending against him, including four murder, four attempts to murder, sale of ganja and extortion. He had five non-bailable warrants pending against him and had been detained under the stringent Goondas Act nine times in the past. According to the police, he was supplying drugs and had been threatening local vendors for money.

According to police sources, a special team of officers led by Ayanavaram police inspector Natarajan went to arrest Shankar in connection with a murder case and for possession of ganja. At around 6:30 am on Friday, he was taken to the dump yard in New Avadi Road, where he had hidden his stash. When the police officials were recovering the contraband, Shankar attacked constable Mubarak with a machete that he has hidden in the debris and made an attempt to escape. The police said that the opened fire on him in selfdefence and shot him down.

Risky gamble



People. violating social distancing norms, step out for shopping on the eve of Ganesha Chaturthi festival at Dadar market in Mumbai on Friday.

SSR's case: CBI recreates scene

CBI grills Rajput's cook, house manager

DC CORRESPONDENT

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) swung into action on Friday in connection with the probe in Sushant Singh Rajput's suicide and began recreating the scene at the actor's residence in Bandra. The CBI also questioned Rajput's cook Neeraj and house manager Samuel Miranda in connection with suicide, as they were present in the res-

were present in the residence when the actor hanged himself to death on June 14.

Multiple teams of the CBI are probing separate angles involved in the suicide.

Ahead of the probe,

the CBI officials met their counterparts in the Mumbai police and collected the set of evidences including the statement copies, elec-tronic devices of the actor, case findings, CCTV camera DVRs and other documents along with the pictures and panchnama of the suicide spot.

The CBI teams consist of forensic experts who would revisit the elecgadgets and analyse them in light of the suicide spot not having untouched. been left

"The cook and house manager were questioned and the facts of the incident, as they were in the house, are being collected while also comparing them with their statement given to the Mumbai

ED questions Sushant's sister

New Delhi, Aug. 21: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday questioned and recorded the statement of Priyanka Singh, elder sister of Sushant Singh Rajput, in connection with a money laundering case probe linked to the actor's

death, officials said.

The statement of
Priyanka Singh was
recorded under the
Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in Delhi, they said. It is understood that the ED wants to obtain information to Rajput's finances, personal and professional deals that Priyanka Singh was

police," said CBI offi-

The officials grilled the two at the DRDO and Indian Air Force guesthouses in Santacruz where the visiting team has set up their base. The officials will also grill others, including Rajput's housemate Siddharth Pithani and locksmith who was also one of the first persons to visit the house soon after the actor was found hanging.

Meanwhile, Dire-Enforcement ctorate on Thursday recorded the statement of filmmaker Rumi Jaffery. They are probing into the alleged money laundering as per the actor's father. The family alleged that at least ₹15 crore was fraudulently ferred from his bank

privy to, in order to take its investigation forward into the allega-

tions of money laun-

dering and alleged financial irregularities

perpetrated on the actor. The 34-year-old actor had starred in

many hit Hindi movies

including the biopic of

former Indian cricket

team captain M.S. Dhoni.

recorded the state-

ments of Rajput's father K.K. Singh and

another sister Meetu

Singh. The actor, found hang-

ing at his sea-facing flat

in Mumbai's Bandra

area on June 14, has

four sisters.

The ED had earlier

account.
The ED is investigating the companies that were floated with the actor, Rhea Chakraborty and her brother Showik being appointed directors in it. The criminal case has named Chakrabortys as the main accused

Congress-AIUDF likely to join hands in Assam

MANOJ ANAND I DC GUWAHATI, AUG. 21

With preparation for 2021 Assembly polls gaining momentum in Assam, former chief minister Tarun Gogoi has started exercise of stitching a new political alliance between Assam Congress and All India United Democratic (AIUDF) India United that may turn out to be a formidable combination to take on the saffron party in the state.

However the foundation of this alliance was laid during the last Raiva Sabha elections when Gogoi walked hand-in-hand chief Badruddin Ajmal to ensure the victory of journalist Ajit Kumar Bhuyan. Bhuyan won, along with two others

led alliance. Congress-Now. AIUDF alliance for the upcoming state elections early next year is likely to be officially announced soon. The formation can give rise to a polarisation of votes besides containing the division of anti-BJP votes in the state.

The U-turn of veteran

supported by the BJP-

Congress leader and three-time Assam chief minister Tarun Gogoi, from his remarks like

who is Ajmal, AIUDF is a communal party and for that matter defining AIUDF as B-team of BJP, has certainly come as surprise to many but a large section of political observers, consider the move of the veteran Congress leader as masterstroke to regain its footholds in minority vote bank to which the party had started

Though, perception of a section of state leaders was still that in Assam, which fragmented by raging identity issues, any alliance with the AIUDF might be perceived as communally polarising, thereby helping the BJP.

losing to AIUDF.

Perfume baron Badruddin Ajmal had floated All India United Democratic (AIUDF) in 2005 and since then it has strengthened its hold among the minority.

tured a large support

base among Muslims of

Bengali descent, and

Front The AIUDF in its first elections in 2006 cap-

won 10 seats out of the total 126, and became a force to reckon with.

While justifying the need of an alliance AIUDF general secretary Aminul Islam, said, "We have to forget differences of the past, and work towards securing the future of the Assamese people and Assam through a common minimum programme. We are hoping that Akhil Gogoi-led Sangram Samiti, the Left parties, and the new front launched by newly elected Raiva Sabha MP Ajit Bhuyan, will come with us.

To what the former chief minister is defining as "grand alliance", has also been backed by Assam Congress chief Ripun Bora who said, "The AIUDF believes in the Assam Accord and supports its implementation. The AIUDF is against the CAA. They are in the interest of the people of Assam. They are not communal — they are not anti-Hindu, but the BJP is anti-Muslim. Of course, they are working for the community they represent, and that is not a crime.

India records highest single day Coronavirus recoveries

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, AUG. 21

India's overall cases of Coronavirus crossed 29 lakhs officially on Friday after 68,898 new cases were detected in the last 24 hours. Out of these new cases, the highest were detected in Maharashtra where close to 15,000 persons were found to be infected with the deadly virus. Fresh cases in Andhra Pradesh were close to 10,000 while Karnataka had nearly 8,000 new cases in the last 24 hours, according to the Union health

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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. ECR/ CAO/CON/TS/2020-21/03. E-TENDER

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tender is invited on behalf of the President of

 Name of work with it's location for OPEN TENDER NO. 04/20/0265/TS (e-open)

Fabrication & Supply of assembly for

mproved Switch Expansion Joint (ISEJ) to

RDSO Drg. No. T-6902 (Alteration-3) for

ong welded Rail with 80 mm max. gap BG,

60 Kg, UIC on PSC Sleepers. Conforming

to IRS Specification No. T-10-2000 with

Corrigendum no. 1 of Dec-2016 and

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Drg No. T-6902 and latest corrigendum to

IRS specification/Technical specification as

applicable 10 days before the date of

closing of e-tender will be applicable.

2. Approx cost of the work for OPEN

TENDER NO. 04/20/0265/TS (e-open)

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deposited for OPEN TENDER NO.

04/20/0265/TS (e-open) : ₹14,41,460/-

Date & time of closing of e-tender : A

15.00 hrs. on 09.09.2020. 5. Website

particular, Notice board location where

complete details of tender can be seen and

addressed of the office from where the

ender form be purchased etc. : The

complete details of tender document is

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PR/0543/CON/Engg/T/20-21/48

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Block 'A', HMDA Complex, Tarnaka, Hyderabad - 500 00
Public Notification U/s. 15 (3) of HMDA Act.2008

Lr.No.MIC006058420951MP1/PIg-3/TS-iPASS/HMDA/2019

Dt: 01.07.2020
In exercise of powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 15 of HMDA Act 2008, it is proposed to make the following changes to the land use in the Notified Master Plan MDP 2031 vide G.O. Ms.No.33. MA & UD, dated 24.01.2013. The site in Sy.No.715. 716,722/A Y 272/A/1 situated at Nandigama (V), Nandigama (M), Range Reddy District, to an extent of 5938.39Sq.mtrs, which is presently earmarked for residential use zone is now proposed to be designated as manufacturing use zone for setting up unit of Warehouse under Green category. The details of the above are available in Web sites http://gazette.telangana.gov.in// and http://hmda.gov.in//. Objections/Suggestions would be considered from any person or body to the said proposals. They can submit objections / suggestions in writing either to the M.C, HMDA or to Principal Secretary to Government, MA & UD Dept., Telangana Secretariat. Hyderabad within Seven (7) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

R.O. No.: 819-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2019-20 Sd/- for Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA

CAO/Con/South/

ECR/Mahendrughat, Patna

India for the under mentioned work.

The overall fatalities due to Covid-19 so far are 54,849 with 983 new deaths in the last one day. As per covid19India.org, the total deaths were past 55,000 At the same time, India

logged the highest single day recoveries as 62,282 were discharged in the last 24 hours taking total recoveries to nearly 21.59 lakhs. "The gap between recovered patients and active

cases has increased and reached 14,66,918 today. As a higher number of patients recover, their percentage rate continues to steeply rise along with steady decline in percentage active ca-

of recoveries, India's Recovery Rate has soared past 74 per cent (74.28 per cent) ensuring more and more patients are recovering. This is bolstered by 33 states and UTs reporting Recovery Rate more than 50%," said health ministry officials. Officials underlined that

the current active cases (6,92,028) compose the actual case load of the

country.
"It is 23.82% of the total positive cases today, registering further drop in the last 24 hours," they added. India's Case Fatality Rate is now at 1.89 per cent.

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
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R.O. No.: 388-DP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21

Master Akash DOB:02-02-2019

Sd/- Dist. Welfare Officer

Department of Atomic Energy Hyderabad Regional Purchase Unit

Corrigendum to e-Tender Notice

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Notice No.-ECR-CAO-C-N-ETN-27-20-2

Name of work with it's location Construction of Major Bridge No. 97/

(2x30.5m, OWG) on well foundation, Mino Bridge No. 97B (2x5.00+1x5.00m RCC

Box), Bridge No. 98 (2x4.00m RCC Box along with construction of permanen

diversion, linking of track and supply fabrication, erection, launching of OWG

etween Km 41.4 to 42.6 in Jhanjharpu

Tamuria section in connection with gaug

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Samastipur Division, 2, Approx. cost of the

work of : ₹20,13,19,243.91. 3. Earnest money to be deposited : ₹11,56,600/-. 4.

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Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL) Chandrayanagutta, Hyderabad - 500005

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Democrats' message is clear: Get Trump out

he hoopla may have been missing as the four-day Democratic Party convention had to go virtual in the time of the pandemic but the message rang loud and clear. In just over two months, when the fate of the battle for the White House will be sealed on November 3, it will be most of America versus the Republican President Donald Trump and his running mate who could be his Vice-President Mike Pence. More than seeking votes, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden made it a mission to capture the heart and soul of the USA. In a pitch perfect speech launching his bid for the most coveted place in the Oval Office, the former vice-president to Barack Obama aspired to be the white knight on a charger looking to take back America at a difficult time.

A country overrun by three crises all at one time — the worst pandemic in a century, the harshest economic crisis since the Great Depression and the most compelling need for racial justice since the emancipation—seems ready enough for plucking at what is seen as an inflection point in contemporary history. Mr Biden's appeal for an "American moment' rather than a "partisan moment" could not have been better timed as the Black Lives Matter movement has galvanised USA into examining its racial attitudes and its systemic prejudices against sections of the population that are African-American, non-White Hispanic or of Asian descent. Sharing his Democratic ticket in a changing nation that has become

even more of a melting pot of races, cultures and aspirations is the first person of colour and semi-Indian American senator, Kamala Harris, who seems poised to enhance Mr Biden's candidature with her appeal to that section of Americans identified as racial or ethnic minorities. And, with an endearing reference to her aunts as "chithis", she may have won over not only 2,40,000 Tamil Americans but also a majority of the 1.8 million Indian Americans with a vote that may count more than ever

The war is just beginning against a candidate who showed that he would be using every trick in the book, including slowing down the postal service to cast doubts on mail-in voting that people of colour may intend to use because of their fear of going to the ballot booth. Mr Trump's support for QAnon, an ultra-Right group that believes in theories like all Democrats are Satanic and into sex trafficking of children, is just the tip

of the iceberg as he falls back on his White Conservative vote bank. As Kamala Harris said so pertinently — "There is no vaccine for racism."

Global interest seems extraordinary already and not only in India because of the presence of a person on the ticket with roots in Chennai. The election may redefine the very fount of modern democracy where deep-rooted covenants with freedom seem to be in peril from the machinations of an authoritarian President. If Mr Obama was withering in putting down a succeeding President, it only showed the extent of the dubious contributions to a nation in crisis of the most divisive leader who is now fanning the flames of racial hostility as an election strategy.

Strong-arming the Opp.

he BJP targeting parliamentary standing committee on IT chairman Shashi Tharoor for speaking publicly on the controversy involving Facebook betrays its desperation at the development. Panel member Nishikant Dubey has written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla that Mr Tharoor, a Congress leader, runs the affairs of the committee "unprofessionally" and he be replaced with any other member. Both Mr Tharoor and Mr Dubey have moved breach of privilege notices against each other. Mr Tharoor had recently announced that the committee would seek the

views of the officials of the US company on the report by the Wall Street Journal that it turned a blind eye to hate speeches by individuals and organisations associated with the BJP to protect its business interests. The Congress had demanded that a joint parliamentary committee investigate the veracity of the report

Those who have a stake in Indian democracy can rightly be upset by the allegation that a multinational corporation sought to further its business interests in India with acts that can undermine the nation's political process. Promoting violence and instigating a communal divide are punishable as per Indian laws, too. Facebook is accused of providing a plat-

form for committing such crimes, and hence of being complicit in it.
This is not a BJP versus Congress issue; it's about the survival of India's democratic and political processes, and a proper investigation into the claim is what is called for. The government, however, has been silent on the issue except advancing lame excuses. The BJP and the government must stop targeting leaders who demand investigation into a contention and instead take early stens to ensure that we have systems MNCs from manipulating our systems. "Off with his head" does not reflect a democratic mindset, and the ruling party must avoid it.

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In search of Idealistic India: It will rise again



Shobhaa De

ast week, just after listening Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day address, I met a fine young man at a friend's home. Why "fine"? Let's start with the lineage. Impeccable. Education? Top rate. Attitude? Awesome. Not only was he an engaging and impassioned speaker, he made a lot of sense. Representing old money and coming from an affluent South Mumbai business family, the good-looking, stylish young man was exactly the kind one could glibly the kind one could glibly dismiss as a "dandy" or a "dilettante". At best (and only if one were to be in an exceptionally generous mood), one might have a second glass of wine with such a person, just to indulge him. I did just that and asked idly what he had been doing during the lockdown... did he have immediate future? Yup, as a matter of fact, he did! He had arrived at an important decision and he seemed very happy with it. Check out what he did! A few weeks ago he had received a coveted letter of acceptance from Harvard University. He sensibly figured that it was going to be way too much money to spend on virtual classes. But... he still lusted after that Harvard degree. Tough. So, he went ahead and asked if his admission could be deferred by a year — he was certain he'd be turned down. But hey — he wasn't! That left him with another question: what to do during these trying times while waiting for the world to get back on its feet? He applied for and got into a top corporate house, thanks to his impressive academic

credentials. As a passionate environmentalist, civic issues were a top priority. He had put in four slog years teaching underprivileged children in Mumbai. He was not a resident of La La Land — Mumbai's grotty ground realities

did not faze this young man. And his new assignment brought him a little closer to what he dreams of doing eventually — working to improve basic living conditions for those with little or zero access to almost every little thing he himself has taken for granted his entire life. There are many, highly motivated young people like him. They want

to use their privileges and education to "make a difference" — even if that is an overused cliché. They are aware of the countless challenges — especially in an increasingly vitiated political environment undaunted. This young man has taught himself to understand the system and work with it, not against it. Yes, there are frustrations galore, especially when one is up against bureaucratic that seem designed to discourage anybody from attempting change. He spoke with feeling about the

Are we shortchanging this generation of intelligent, capable young people? We refuse to pay attention when they voice their concerns. We are not willing to co-opt them in the decision-making process.

shrinking space for free-

doms, big and small. He

This is the perfect time to reimagine India. with all its fault lines... how does one tell the youth of our country that their dreams do matter? That they matter? That idealism and imagination are what will finally redeem us all?

talked about the power of dissent in a democracy and how it is being systematically stifled. He has realised that the might of the State can silence anybody who does not fit into a grid decided by authority. Despite that, he is full of constructive which aren't OTT. But as in most such matters -where does he find the funding? It's back to boring money! Isn't it always? Then comes the question of infrastructure and getting likeminded people together he assures me there

are hundreds more like him, in his locality alone, who are eager to participate in activities that can transform the city and make Mumbai shine. But for that dream to materialise, he will need to play ball with babudom — and nothing can kill a young man's enthusiasm as much sarkari hurdles.

In a country as young as ours, we are failing to harness our greatest asset — the youth. Most are directionless and adrift, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. Those who have put themselves out there and engaged in community work, speak about the immense sense of satisfaction they derive from seeing projects big and small getting off the ground, despite the odds. The common lament is over the absence of moral leadership, and the increasingly authoritarian atmosphere that is being imposed in subtle and not-so-subtle ways. Are we shortchanging this generation of intelligent, capable young people?

We refuse to pay attention when they voice their concerns. We are not willing to co-opt them in the decisionmaking process. This is the time for some longoverdue introspection, when the world has hit the pause button. Especially in our cities, where we have

ample opportunities to motivate people like the young man I met, whose commitment to India cannot be in doubt. He has the brains and the vision to contribute in a meaningful way to remake India. Will we continue to be foolish enough to destroy his idealism? By way of contrast, I am looking at the bold decision taken by a couple in their forties (who are friends of friends), who have relocated to Canada recently and are willing to start from scratch. "We're done with India!" they announced jauntily, and off they went. Come on you two — it's not all that easy to be "done with India"! Instead, this is the perfect time to reimagine India, with all Unfortunately, an idealised "leader" is nowhere in sight. In such a scenario, how does one tell the youth of our country that their dreams do matter? That they matter? That idealism and imagination are what will finally redeem us all? The vaccine to battle

the Covid-19 pandemic may be around the corner. Of course, it will save countless lives. Only then will the real battle to recapture the minds of young India begin. Let's hope someone will also discover a vaccine for hate by then. Through centuries, the pandemic of hate has killed far more people than the coronavirus ever could. Sad, but true. Jai Ho! All is not lost... Prashant Bhushan has Idealisitic India lives on... to rise another day.

> Readers can send feedback to www.shobhaade. blogspot.com

LETTERS

OIL SPILL CAPTAIN

It was embarrassing to learn that the captain of the oil tanker that caused the oil spill in Mauritius was an Indian (Mauritius arrests Indian captain, DC, Aug. 20). With all the technological advances, nothing could be done to prevent the oil spill. The damage will take years to repair. While everyone is aware of the urgent need to protect the ecosystem, not much is done to advance technology to handle disasters that ravage nature. What is the use of funding outer space explorations when Earth is in shambles?

> Joyce Carvalho Hyderabad

BEST MEGA CITY

Happy to note that Hyderabad has been adjudged as best mega city (Hyd best mega city: Swachh Survekshan, DC, Aug. 21). However, overflowing garbage bins, clogged and overflowing drains and filthy roads are still seen in the city giving a different seen in the city giving a different picture. It is advisable to get the feedback from citizens again through a non-governmental agency to support the award. **Dr O. Prasada Rao** *Hyderabad*

MERCY ON BHUSHAN

The right course of action for the SC is to withdraw the politically motivated contempt proceedings (Ido not ask for mercy: Bhushan, DC, Aug. 21). It looks like the judges have realised their mistake. The nation is against arbitrary and whimsical exercise of power in the

S. Chandrasekaran

Soviet maps of India to be banned

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 21 The Central Government will prohibit the entry into India of the Soviet encyclopedia which contained maps showing large chunks of Indian territory,
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incorrectly.

and Kashmir as Chinese. An official spokesman said the Government had promulgated laws prohibiting entry into India of publications which showed India's boundaries

In Bihar, JD-U, BJP, LJP pull in different directions

Desertions galore

ll is not well in Bihar's JD(U)-BJP coali-Ali is not wen in Dilital & December 19 has conveyed to its central leadership its reservation about the BJP's Bihar in-charge, Bhupender Yadav. The party complained that both Yadav and Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi are biased towards Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and they work in favour of the JD(U). The LJP's discomfort is growing with the expected return of former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi back to the NDA fold. Bringing Mr Manjhi back was Nitish Kumar's calculated move to squeeze the LJP out, as Chirag Paswan has been behaving more like an Opposition leader than an alliance partner.

The Bihar poll dates have not been announced but Nitish Kumar and the BJP have unleashed a "demolish Mahagathbandan" campaign. Every day, someone or the other deserts the RJD or the alliance. First it was Jitan Ram Manjhi, then former Union minister and senior RJD leader M.A.A. Fatmi's son Faraz Fatmi; and then Lalu Yadav's samdhi Chandrika Rai announced his decision to join the JD(U). Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav's grandson Jaivardhan Yadav too left RJD. The Congress is also under pressure from its upper-caste lobby to stay away from the RJD's Tejaswi Yadav but Rahul Gandhi is said to be keen to stay on in the Mahagathbandan.

Shah's 'WFH'

The sudden shifting of Union home minis-**⊥** ter Amit Shah from Medanta hospital to Delhi's AIIMS led to a bout of concern in the corridors of power. Thankfully there was nothing serious or problematic. Shah's wife travelled from Ahmedabad to Delhi to look after her husband who is said to having issue with steroid-based medicines. At AIIMS, the home minister has been given a VVIP room reserved for the Prime Minister, President etc. Last heard, a heavy load of government work was done from the hospital as the minister has been Covid-19 negative.

Old guard vs Turks

It's panic time in the Congress, too. News of a Congress Working Committee over the



weekend turned out to be a false alarm. Those responsible for arranging the video calls were not even alerted when a section of the media announced its date and time. The CWC has the crucial agenda to attend to,

which basically amounts to passing the baton of leadership from Sonia Gandhi to Rahul. The seemingly smooth transition has now developed hiccups. The old guard of the party wants Rahul to recognise and establish a functional hierarchy in the CWC and the AICC secretariat. Some want the revival of the Congress Parliamentary Board, which has not functioned since May 1991. The younger lot wants sweeping changes in the organisation. Problem is neither Rahul nor Sonia have authorised anyone to look into these issues

Divided house

The Pawar clan in Maharashtra is busy **1** immersed in differences. When the Supreme Court sanctioned a CBI probe into actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death, deputy CM Ajit Pawar's son Parth roared "Satyamev Jayate" prompting grandpa prompting grandpa Sharad Pawar to publicly chasten him. Patriarch Pawar's patronage to Rohit, a challenger to Parth, is said to have upset Ajit. A photograph of Ajit *dada* sitting in his enclosed chamber with gloves and mask,

and his cousin Supriya Sule sitting more than a normal social distance away, is doing the rounds. In the photograph, Sule is surrounded by others while Ajit Pawar is seen as treating her just as any other person.

Kalraj's dream

 ${f R}$ ajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra has a ${f R}$ coffee-table book on himself. It has been sent to all who matter in Lutyens' Delhi. The Governor's office has reportedly been calling up recipients seeking their response and feedback. Those praising Mishra's ancestry and his past political achievements, have gently been encouraged to send an email or put their appreciation in words. Perhaps a second edition of the coffee table book is on the cards. Or is the Rajasthan Governor looking for a career outside of Jaipur's Raj Bhavan ahead of the 2022 vice-presidential

> The writer is a keen observer of the goings-on in backrooms of power

IN BRIEF

Hurricane lashes Mexico's Baja

Cabo San Lucas: Hurricane Genevieve weakened to a tropical storm Thursday after lashing Mexico's Los Cabos tourist resorts with hurricaneforce gusts and heavy rains. And two new tropical depressions formed in the Atlantic Basin — both on potential tracks toward the U.S. Genevieve had a been a powerful Category 4 hurricane with winds of 130 mph on Tuesday, but weakened as it pushed past the Los Cabos region, the U.S. National Hurricane Centre said. The centre said the hurricane was expected to stay out in the Pacific while moving northwestward along the Baja coast and weakening on Thursday and Friday. But it was raking the shore with powerful winds and up to 4 to 8 inches of rain, creating the potential for dangerous

Israel bombs Gaza

as fire intensifies

Gaza City: Israeli warplanes bombed the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Friday, as Palestinians fired rockets and launched fire bombs into southern Israel, the army said. Parts of southern Israel were partially cordoned off by the security forces. Israeli planes launched raids against Gaza shortly after midnight on Thursday and then again later on Friday morning. Israel said the bombs were in response to seven rockets launched from Gaza, six of which were intercepted by its air defences. Witnesses in Gaza said rockets were launched towards the town of Sderot, just across the border. The rocket that was not intercepted damaged the roof of a house in Sderot, but did not cause any casualties, an AFP photographer said.

'Happy hypoxia' in patients decoded

New York: Covid-19 is causing significant dilation of the blood vessels of the lungs, contributing to the very low oxygen levels seen in patients with respiratory failure, according to a new research that may help provide better treatment to those who are severely affected by the disease. The pilot study of 18 patients, published in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, helps explain how Covid-19 behaves differently than classic acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) in which lung inflammation leads to leaky blood vessels in the organ. In ARDS, the study noted tnat the leaky blood vessels in the lungs flood the organ with fluid and make it stiff, impairing oxygenation. According to the scientists, including those from the Mount Sinai Hospital in the US, many patients with Covid-19 pneumonia experience severely low levels of oxygen in the blood that is markedly out of proportion to the degree of lung stiffness.

UK: PRINCE CHARLES MARKS 25th ANNIV OF HINDU TEMPLE

London, Aug. 21: Britain's Prince Charles has issued a special video message to mark the 25th anniversary of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in north London, which prides itself as a "made in India, built in London' grand monument and among the largest temples outside

The heir to the British throne, who has made four visits to what is commonly known as Neasden Temple to mark Holi and Diwali over the years, reflected on its role as a place of worship, learning, celebration, peace and community service. "It has given me immense pride to learn of the way in which the Hindu community, including such a large number of BAPS volunteers, have been so active in their support for those in need — providing thousands of hot meals and assistance for the elderly and most vulnerable," said the Prince of Wales in his video message on Thursday.

"I have also been struck by the very special beauty and craftsmanship of the buildadded the 71-year-old royal. The temple, as a vision of His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, began taking shape in July 1991 and opened its doors to visitors 25 years ago in August. Over the years, it has welcomed several dignitaries from around the world, including most recently UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson ahead of his election in December 2019 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he was the chief minister of Gujarat.

Biden vows to end 'darkness' created by Trump Presidency

Calls for unity urging voters to punish Don for 1.7 lakh Covid deaths

Joe Biden promised on Thursday to end the "darof Donald Trump's presidency in a speech accepting the Democratic nomination with an impassioned call for unity and a return to optimism.

"The current president has cloaked America in darkness for much too long. Too much anger, too much fear, too much division," Biden said.

"If you entrust me with the presidency, I will draw on the best of us, not the worst. I will be an ally of the light, not the

darkness," he said.

"It's time for us, for we the people, to come together." Speaking in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware, but with an audience almost entirely online or on television, Biden's acceptance speech reflected the enormity of the shutdown that has upended life across the United States in the battle against the deadly Coronavirus.

And Biden, 77, urged Americans in blistering terms to punish Trump for the chaos that has seen more than 1,70,000 deaths and economic

"We lead the world in deaths," he said in the 22-



Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, his wife Dr. Jill Biden, Democratic vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris and her husband Douglas Emhoff raise their arms on stage outside the Chase Centre after Biden delivered his acceptance speech on the fourth night of the Democratic National Convention on Friday. - AFP

Trump's performance
"unforgivable." "On day
one" of his own presidency, Biden said, he would implement a national Covid-19 plan and mandate mask wearing.

Biden is on his third White House bid after

minute speech, calling failing to win the nomination in 1988 and 2008.

But after months of relentless mockery from Trump and other Republicans who claim Biden is senile, the veteran politician's speech was markedly fluent and always full of passion. Democrats hope the

strong performance, as well as the vice presidential nomination of Kamala Harris — the first woman of colour ever to make it onto the White House ticket of a major party —will deflate those attacks. — AFP

UN opposes US bid to 'snap back' Iran sanctions

United Nations, Aug. The Trump administration ran into immediate opposition after its top diplomat officially informed the United Nations it is demanding the restoration of all UN sanctions on Iran, with allies and opponents declaring the US action illegal

and doomed to failure. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo insisted Thursday that the United States has the legal right to snap back" UN sanctions even though President Donald Trump pulled out of the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and six major powers that was endorsed by the UN

Security Council. Russia and China, along with European allies Britain, France and Germany, who often disagree, are united in declaring the US action "illegal" on grounds that you can't withdraw from a deal and then use the resolution that endorsed it to re-impose sanctio-

How this dispute plays out in the weeks ahead remains to be seen, but on Thursday's US move set the stage for showdown United Nations that could lead to a crisis of credibility for the Security Council, its most important and powerful body.

Telegram powers **Belarus** protests

Moscow, Aug. 21: Every day, like clockwork, to-do lists for those protesting against Belarus" authoritarian leader appear in the popular Telegram

messaging app. They lay out goals, give times and locations of rallies with business-like precision, and offer spirited encouragement.

'Today will be one more important day in the fight for our freedom. Tectonic shifts are happening on all fronts, so it's important not to slow down," a message in one of Telegram's so-called chan-

The app has become an indispensable tool in coordinating the unprecedented mass protests that have rocked Belarus since August 9, when election officials announced President Alexander Lukashenko had won a landslide victory to extend his 26-year rule in a vote widely seen as rigged.

nels read on Tuesday.

Peaceful protesters who poured into the streets of the capital, Minsk, and other cities were met with stun grenades, rubber bullets and beatings from police.

TURKEY DECLARES GAS DISCOVERY IN BLACK SEA

Istanbul, Aug. 21: President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Friday said Turkey had made a historic discovery of gas in the Black Sea, but would still speed up contentious exploration in the Mediterranean that has pitit against Greece and

Turkey hopes the discovery can help wean it off imported energy, including from Russia. which comes at a high cost at a time when the local currency is weakening and the economy is more fragile because of the Coronavirus.

Erdogan said the 320-billioncubic-metre deep sea find was made at a site Turkish vessel Fatih began exploring last

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Navalny's medevac from Russia fails

Moscow, Aug. 21: Family and allies of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny were fighting on Friday to get him moved to

JOE'S ELUSIVE QUEST

MUMBAI' CONTINUES

Washington, Aug. 21: When Joe Biden was elected

as one of the youngest US senators in 1972, one of the

first letters that he received

was from Mumbai, with the

sender having the same last

name as his. About five years

ago, the Democratic Party's

presidential nominee learned that there are five Bidens

living in Mumbai, but is pr-

obably yet to make a connec tion with them. The "Biden from Mumbai", then known

as Bombay, had congrat-ulated Biden on his election

as the senator from Delaware

and told him that they were

Biden, then 29, wanted to follow up on the letter and get in touch with the "Biden

from Mumbai". However, his

family and active life in poli-

tics meant that this wish

related to each other.

FOR 'BIDEN FROM

a German clinic from the Siberian hospital where he has been in a coma for over 24 hours after local doctors refused to authorize the transfer and amid confusion about what caused the politician's grave condi-

Navalny, a 44-year-old politician who is one of President Vladimir Putin's fiercest critics, was admitted to an intensive care unit in a coma in the Siberian city of Omsk on Thursday, following what his support-ers are calling a suspected poisoning that they believe

was engineered by the Kremlin.

A plane with German specialists and all the necessary equipment landed at Omsk airport on Friday morning, prepared to take Navalny to a clinic in Berlin. But doctors at the hospital said his condition was too unstable to transport him.

denounced the medical verdict as a ploy by the authorities to "stall and wait" until the suspected poison no longer is traceable in his

A chief doctor in Omsk said the physicians treated Navalny didn't "believe the patient suffered from poi-



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INDICATOR	%				
Sensex	38,434.72	0.56			
Nifty 50	11,371.60	0.53			
S&P 500*	3,390.17	0.14			
Dollar (₹)	74.83	-1.07			
Pound Sterling (₹)	98.77	-0.68			
Euro (₹)	88.45	0.22			
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	52,990▼ 94	0.17			
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	43.70	-1.20			
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.140	0.140			
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	0.643	-0.001			
* As of 9:30 PM IST					

NTPC gets nod to set up renewable energy biz arm

NTPC said it has received the approval of Niti Aayog and the Department of Investment and **Public Asset Management to** set up a wholly owned company for its renewable energy business. The development assumes significance because the NTPC targets to generate nearly 30 per cent or 39 GW of its overall power capacity from renewable energy sources by 2032. NTPC is planning to have 10GW of solar energy by 2022.

SBI to issue Basel III bonds, raise over ₹8,900 cr



SBI said its board has approved a proposal to raise Rs 8,931 crore by issuing Basel III-compliant bonds to investors. The committee of directors for capital raising at its meeting held on Friday gave its approval to allot 89,310 Basel III-compliant nonconvertible, taxable, redeemable subordinated unsecured fully paid-up debt instruments aggregating to Rs 8,931 crore to bond subscribers on August 21, SBI said in a regulatory filing.

Max Healthcare lists on stock exchanges

Shares of Max Healthcare Institute debuted on the bourses following a demerger scheme and later closed with 5 per cent gains. After listing at Rs 107, the stock rose 5 per cent to Rs 112.35, its upper circuit limit, on the BSE. The listing is the final outcome of the amalgamation of erstwhile Max India into Max Healthcare and demerger of healthcare businesses of Radiant Life into Max Healthcare.

Kia Motors Sonet gets over 6,500 bookings in a day

Kia Motors India said it has received 6,523 bookings on the first day for its upcoming compact SUV Sonet. Prospective customers were able to book the car online and through company's sales network by paying an initial booking amount of Rs 25,000, the firm said. The response to the allnew Sonet proves that there is never a bad time to launch a good product, Kia Motors India MD & CEO Kookhvun Shim said.

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Up to ₹31,500 to be paid after 30 days of losing job

Jobless benefit under **ESIC** doubled to 50%

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, AUG. 21

Workers who are covered under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) scheme will now receive 50 per cent of average wages of three months as unemployment benefit if they have lost jobs during the pandemic period of March 24 and December 31

this year.

The ESIC has relaxed the norms of Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyna Yojna, which provides unemployment benefits to the work-ers covered under the ESI scheme. For the pandemic period between March-end and December-end, the unemployment benefit has been enhanced to 50 per cent of average wages, from 25 per cent earlier, payable up to maximum 90 days of unemployment.

made after 30 days of unemployment instead of 90 days earlier.

The insured person can submit the claim directly to the ESIC Branch Office instead of the claim being forwarded by the last employer and the payment shall be made directly to

his bank account.

The benefit will be available for those with insurable employment for a minimum period of two years before his/her

unemployment. which means freshers are not eligible for the benefit. S/he should have contributed for at least 78 days in a 'contribution period' (six-month period either dur-ing April-September or October-March) immediately preceding unemployment and minimum 78 days in one of the remaining three 'contribution periods' in two years

before unemployment.

extended the recently expired Atal Bimit Vyakti Kalyna Yojna for one more year up to June 30, 2021. Post-December 31, 2020, the scheme will be available with original eligibility conditions till June next The ESIC provides cover

to about 3.49 crore of workers. The ESI scheme covers employees with a monthly salary of up to Rs 21,000. Hence the benefit under the unemployment scheme will be capped at Rs 31,500 per beneficiary.

Labour minister Santosh Gangwar said on Friday claims under the scheme will be settled within 15 days from the date of an application.

The decision would be helpful to the workers, said Tirupur Export Association president Raja M. Shanmugham, hailing the

India weighs supply chain pact with Japan, Australia

SHRUTI SRIVASTAVA & ISABEL REYNOLDS AUG. 27

Japan, India and Australia are seeking to build stronger supply chains to counter China's dominance as trade and geopolitical tensions escalate across the region, according to people in Tokyo and New Delĥi with knowledge of the matter.

The three nations are discussing building a "supply chain resilience initiative," according to the people, who asked not to be identified. The talks are at a working level currently, but Japan would like to bring them to a higher level at some point, according to a person in Tokyo.

The Indian government is considering the plan and will make a decision soon about whether to participate, some of the people said. An Austra-lian official declined to

confirm the talks. The intensifying US-



China conflict and worsening diplomatic relations across the region are forcing companies to consider whether they can continue to do business in China as before. In addition, the disruptions to trade caused by Covid-19 brought home how dependent many nations were on China for essential goods such as ventilators or masks, spurring

talk about diversification. Japan is trying to pare its reliance on Chinese factories, with the govern-

companies to shift or expand operations in Japan and Southeast Asia. So far 87 firms are participating in the programme, which will pay out 243.5 bn yen (\$2.3 bn).

Both India's and
Australia's trade and
diplomatic relations with China are fraying. India has restricted some Chinese imports and banned several Chinese apps. In Australia, exports like beef, barley

ment subsidizing some

deteriorating ties between the two nations. Along with the US, Japan, Australia and India are members of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, or Quad, a loose grouping for national security consultation.

and now wine have been

targeted by China amid

spokesman for Australia's foreign ministry said the nation is working with a range of partners to ensure supply chains are kept open.

India Inc wage bill sees lowest growth in 18 years

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, AUG. 21

Wage bill of listed companies has seen the lowest growth in 18 years. Among the worst-hit sectors, tourism saw wage bills declining by 30 per cent and textiles by 29 per cent, indicating huge job losses.

The wage bill of 1,560 listed companies analysed by private think-tank CMIE recorded a 2.9 per

cent increase in the June 2020 quarter compared to the same quarter a year ago. This is the lowest growth in wages recorded by listed companies in the past 18 years.

companies saw a 7 per cent fall in their wage bill, the services sector was a mixed bag. Within manufacturing,

the textile sector has seen

the biggest hit with the

While manufacturing

sive industry, this sharp fall in the wage bill implies a very sharp fall in employment in textiles. The same holds true for leather, another labourintensive industry. Leather recorded a 22.5 per cent fall in its wage

wage bill falling by 29 per cent. Being a labour-inten-

bill in the June 2020 quarter. Automobile ancillaries reported a 21 per cent decline in its wage bill and

the automobiles' wage bill was down by 18.6 per cent. These are also labour intensive sectors.

In the services sectors, the wage bill of the tourism industry was down 30 per cent, hotels and restaurants down by 20.5 per cent, road transport down by 27.6 per cent and education by 28 per cent. Wage bill of the real estate sector was down by

However, the wage bill of the telecom sector increased by 10.7 per cent. Banks saw a 16.6 per cent increase in their wage bill and securities broking companies saw a 13.5 per

cent growth.
"What is revealing in this data is the stark difference between industries. A caveat before we discuss these is that these are still preliminary results and a better pic-

September 15 to publish their financial statements due to the Covid crisis. Nevertheless, results indicate a pattern which is worth noting even with these prelimi-nary data," said Mahesh

ture will emerge only after

a month as companies have been allowed time till

Vyas, managing director

The data indicates big job losses in many industries in the first quarter of 2020-21. Salaried jobs have been stagnating in recent times. In 2017-18 they grew by 1.6 per cent and in 2018-19 they grew by a meagre 0.1 per cent before contracting by 1.8 per cent in 2019-20. As a result, salaried jobs in 2019-20 stood at 86.1 million. This fell to 68.4 million in April 2020. By July 2020, their count had fallen further to

Healthcare steals Q1 sectoral show

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, AUG, 21

Healthcare and technology sector stood out in the first quarter (Q1) of FY21 while aggregate performance decline was led by the automobiles, metals and capital goods sector, according to brokerage firm Motilal Oswal.

The healthcare sector showed strong revenue and operating leverage along with sharp margin improvement due to cost savings. However, subdued US market performance impacted overall profits of select compa-

Among the IT companies, Q1 performance led to upgrades for most of them.

The Q1FY21 corporate earnings came in above our muted expectations. Cost control and cash preservation were effectively deployed as tools to offset the headwinds from the lockdown-induced volume declines, Motilal Oswal said in its Q1FY21 result review.

Just 6 per cent Ebitda decline in the Nifty-50 companies despite a 30 per cent revenue decline happened on account of the ability of India Inc to drive cost control when needed, the review said.

"The healthcare universe had a spectacular run this quarter with profit before tax/ profit tax registering growth of 29 per cent and 27 per cent year-on-year versus our estimated decline of 6 per cent/5 per cent YoY," Gautam Duggad, research analyst, Motilal Oswal, said.

"This was largely led by significant cost savings in the domestic formulation segment and market share gains by API companies. However, the benefit was offset to some extent by subdued performance in the US,"

Duggad said. Healthcare and Technology earnings stood outboth in absolute and relative terms – and these sectors would show continstrength ahead, Duggad said.

Aggregate US sales of pharma companies declined 8.3 per cent yoy

in Q1FY21.

MEIL wins tunnel project in J&K

HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

Megha Engineering & prestigious Zojilla pass unnei Jammu Kashmir-Ladakh. The National Highways and Industrial Development Corporation (NHIDCL) opened the bids on

The project is to be constructed in two sections totalling about 33 kilometres. The first section is to develop an 18.5-kilome-

In the second section, the Zojilla tunnel is to be built in the shape of a horseshoe of 14.15 km with a two-road lane. It is to be 9.5 metres wide and

7.57 meters high This project will have to be carried out innovatively in the most critical conditions, the company said in a release.

The Central government had floated tenders to complete this longpending road tunnel. MEIL quoted ₹4,509.5 crore for the 14.15 km tunnel, the lowest among a total of three firms.

lane road with bi-directional traffic would have to be constructed on the Infrastructure Ltd Zojilla route, which is (MEIL) has emerged as called a single tube tunthe lowest bidder for the nel. The road consists mainly

of shafts as well as por tal structures and excavated areas. This complex project would have to completed in 72 months.

He said the first part of the work is to widen the existing road from Judd-Morha to Zoiilla tunnel. about 3.018 kilometres. A new road of 13.842 km is to be constructed. Of this, one secton has a tunnel of 2.36 km and another 2.39-km section consists of five bridges. Two snow galleries are to be built with 300 metres and 150 metres each

Subbaiah said, "In addition to these, retaining walls. breast walls. gabion structures and mud wall will have to be constructed by MEIL for a total of about 10 kilometres. Catch dams, air blast, protection walls and deflector dams are constructed over a distance of about 6 km without any risk of snow-Ch. Subbaiah, director, storms.

Personal bankruptcy case against Anil Ambani could set a precedent

UPMANYU TRIVEDI & P. R. SANJAI

The Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) agreed to hear a petition by the State Bank of India seeking to initiate personal bankruptcy against tycoon Anil Ambani after the former billionaire failed to repay debt.

A two-member panel of the NCLT has appointed a bankruptcy administrator to verify a claim by SBI that Ambani offered about \$160 million of personal guarantees while seeking loans in 2016 for his now Reliance Communications Ltd and Reliance Infratel Ltd, according to an order on the court's website. The tribunal can admit Ambani into bankruptcy process or reject the case based on the

The NCLT order directing appointment of the resolution professional does not constitute an admission of SBI's insolvency application,' Ambani's spokesperson said in an emailed response. The court also rejected "SBI's request for a restriction on Ambani from dealing or appropri-



ating his assets," the

spokesperson said. The ruling is the most high-profile insolvency case against a founder who

pledged to pay loans on behalf of their companies, which have since been dragged into bankruptcy, and can set precedent for future law suits. Still, the legal case puts a moratorium on attempts to recover dues from Ambani and may hurt a group of Chinese banks' ability to enforce a separate London court's order asking Ambani to pay \$717 mil-

Ambani is taking advice on challenging the verdict in an appellate court, his spokesperson said. "The order of the NCLT will have no bearing on the operations of Reliance Infrastructure

Reliance Power Ltd. and Reliance Capital Ltd.,' Ambani's spokesperson added, listing out the tycoon's other companies. As per the rules, if the Mumbai court admits Ambani into the bankruptclaims against him will be compiled and a repayment plan will be worked out. Lenders can agree on a

> plan that may include payouts from his businesses or monetizing his assets. Ambani had also offered a personal guarantee on the banks' loans to Reliance Communications in 2012, Judge Nigel Teare said in a ruling on May 22 in London handing a victory to three state-controlled Chinese banks, including

process, a list o

Bank of China Ltd State Bank of India filed the latest petition on con-cerns that the Chinese banks will attempt to seize Ambani's assets after the UK court's ruling. "Such action would have

Industrial & Commercial

an adverse effect on the recovery rights," SBI said, according to the verdict on Thursday.
The NCLT ruling can be challenged in an appellate

court and then the Supreme Court. -Bloomberg

Pfizer vaccine on track for regulatory review in Oct.

JEFF SUTHERLAND

Pfizer Inc and BioNTech SE said the Covid-19 vac cine they are jointly developing is on track to be submitted for regulatory review as early as October. as they released additional data from an early-stage study. The companies said the vaccine was well tolerated with mild to moderate fever in fewer than 20 per cent of the participants. The companies are continuing to analyse data from the Phase 1 trials in the US

and Germany, they said. The confirmation of their October goal, first announced in July, helped lift S&P 500 futures early on Friday as part of a drumbeat of positive news on inoculation efforts that have the potential to end

the threat of lockdowns. Johnson & Johnson also confirmed it plans to test its Covid-19 vaccine in as many as 60,000 people, twice the number of other big trials being conducted in the U.S. The company first posted the design for the trial on August 10.

SKODA MAINTENANCE **PACKAGE REVAMPED**

—Bloomberg

Hyderabad, Aug. 21: Skoda Auto India has

revamped and re-chris-Ser-vice Maintenance Package as the SKODA SuperCare, which entails preventive maintenance as well as wear-and-tear repair work for NOTE four years. or 60,000 km.

In addition, Skoda has introduced an extended warranty programme for up to six years or 1,50,000 km, which can be availed of anytime for cars purchased after September 2016. New Skoda Auto customers can avail the SuperCare, which starts at Rs 29,999, among standard, enhanced and comprehensive options, within a timeframe of a year from the date of purchase.

Near end of rate cut cycle, over to govt: Report

FALAKNAAZ SYED MUMBAI, AUG. 21

High inflation could result in a more moderate easing of rates by the monetary policy committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India. The RBI would do well by continuing to resort to unconventional policy measures in the current circumstances to ensure financial stability, a

State Bank of India said. According to Soumya Kanti Ghosh, group chief economic adviser at SBI, we are the end of the rate cut cycle and expectations of large rate cuts must be anchored (ideally 25, best case 50) as inflation is unlikely to decline materially from current levels.

research report from the

"We believe it would better serve the financial markets if RBI continues to resort to unconventional policy measures as it has been significantly able to reduce the long and variable lags of monetary policy (fastest rate transmission and restoring financial stability within a quarter has been the notable achievements in FY21 by RBI in the current rate cut cycle that began from March'20),' said Ghosh.

"Fiscal policy should play a decisive role, if we have to nurture any hopes of a fast paced recovery! We believe from here on if fiscal policy does not play an active role, next change in monetary policy decision could throw a sur-



by distinctly favouring change in policy stance over policy strategy / liquidity regime. The other monetary policy alternative could be to reduce the width of the asymmetric policy corridor / increase in reverse repo rate when the pandemic subsides," added Ghosh in his report.

The comments come a day after the minutes of the central bank's interest rate-setting panel meeting of August 4-6, published on Thursday, showed its members have turned more hawkish over inflation, ruling out further rate cuts. The minutes revealed the conundrum the MPC was facing in the context of current extremely weak growth context impulses and a jump in inflation.

Shaktikan-ta Das suggested giving it time for past interest rate cuts to take effect. "I also feel that we should wait for some more time for the cumulative 250 basis points reduction in policy rate since February 2019 to seep into

remain watchful to see that the momentum in inflation does not get entrenched, which is also dependent on effective supply-side measures," Das said. The SBI economist said that inflation which came at 6.9 per cent for July - could be sticky because

his estimates show that

the large procurement by

the government may have

the financial system and

further reduce interest

rates and spreads. Given

the uncertain inflation

outlook, we have to

resulted in 0.35-0.40 per cent upward impact. The supply chain disruptions are showing no signs of abating and have played a spoilsport across

several states, he added.

SHORT TAKES

No Arjuna for Sakshi, Mirabai

New Delhi: The Sports Ministry on Friday decided against bestowing the Arjuna award on former Khel Ratna winners Sakshi Malik and Mirabai Chanu, pruning the list to 27 but accepted an unprecedented five recommendations for the country's highest sporting honour

this year. Last week, the Justice (retd.) Mukundakam Sharma-led selection committee had recommended 29 names for the Arjuna Award to the Sports Ministry

The list also included Rio Olympics bronze medal-winning wrestler Sakshi and 2017 weightlifting world champion Mirabai, but the decision on bestowing the Arjuna on them was left to the discretion of Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju. The five Khel Ratna winners for this year would be star cricketer Rohit Sharma, wrestler Vinesh Phogat, Paralympic gold-winner Mariyappan Thangavelu, TT player Manika Batra, and women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal, the ministry confirmed in a formal press release

United captain

in jail for assault

Athens: Manchester United captain Harry Maguire has been arrested on the Greek tourist island of Mykonos for an alleged assault and attacking officers, police said Friday. United said in a brief statement they were "aware of an alleged incident involving Harry Maguire in Mykonos last night Contact has been made with Harry, and he is fully co-operating with the Greek authorities." "At this time we will be making no further comment," the club added. A police officer in Syros, the

capital of the island group that includes Mykonos, confirmed that the suspects are "three British men, including a British football club player" but did not name Maguire.
The Syros officer said four

Mykonos officers had sustained slight injuries in the fracas. The suspects are also accused of resisting arrest and verbally insulting and threatening the arresting officers, he said. He said Mykonos police had been called to break up a fight between two groups late on

Indians struggle at British Open

Troon, United Kingdom: Indian trio of Aditi Ashok, Tvesa Malik and Diksha Dagar endured a rough start amidst brutal condi tions at the Royal Troon on the first day of the AIG Women's British Open

Strong winds, which went as high as 40 miles per hour. unsettled the golfers which resulted in Ashok (78) tottering at Tied-107 while debutant Malik (79) and Dagar (79) who had an eagle on par-4 18th, were T-125

With the cut likely at 8-over or even more, the Indians would need a good second round to make the cut. But the predictions for weather say the conditions will be tough once again in the second round.

Scotland's Catriona Matthew (71) rolled back the years on the links, but it was American Amy Olson who led after the opening round.

Ashok had two bogeys and one double bogey on the front nine and three bogeys on the back nine in her card of 7-over 78. — PTI

Touchdown Dubai

Top sides land in UAE for glitzy league

star-studded teams includ-ing Chennai Super Kings, Royal Challengers Bangalore and defending champions Mumbai Indians arrived in the UAE on Friday for the world's biggest league, beginning September 19.

All three teams posted All three teams poor their departure photos on media. The social media. The Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led CSK held a brief train-ing camp in Chennai before flying out and was the only team to do so.

RCB skipper Virat Kohli, who made his own arrangements to reach Dubai directly from Mumbai following all BCCI SOP, also posted a photo from the team hotel after touching down.

Both CSK and RCB are based out of Dubai while the Rohit Sharma-captained Mumbai Indians are camping in Abu Dhabi.

The players are not allowed to venture out of their rooms during the six-day isolation period.

The players, who were already tested multiple times before departure, will now undergo a sixday isolation period with testing on day 1, 3 and 6. If they clear all the tests, they will be eligible to enter the tournament's bio-bubble and start train-

Subsequently, the players and support staff will be tested every fifth day of the tournament. Sunrisers Hyderabad and Delhi Capitals will

land over the weekend. Sixty games will be played over 53 days across three venues — Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah. In 2014, UAE had hosted the IPL partially due to the general elections in

JINX'S FOCUS IS ON MENTAL HEALTH

New Delhi, Aug. 21: Ajinkya Rahane is focused on maintaining his physical as well as mental health ahead of a challenging Indian Premier League (IPL) even as Delhi Capitals teammate Prithyi Shaw wants to make the most of training sessions in the next three weeks.

"There is no doubt that it will be a challenging trip for everyone involved. But like everyone else, I've spent these last few months focusing on my physical and mental health, and taking care of my family," he said.

'So the time I've managed to spend with them has put me in a positive frame of mind."

This IPL will be a very different experience for all of us, and we need to make sure that we are all very positive when we hit the ground running. The key is to take one step at a time," he added. -PTI



Samaira pose for a photograph ahead of their departure to Dubai from the Chhatrapati Shivaji International airport in Mumbai on Friday.

No quarantine for Eng, Oz cricketers: RCB CEO

New Delhi, Aug. 21: Cricketers from Aus tralia and England might be able to feature from the start of the Indian Premier League despite a series between their countries ahead of the Twenty20 tournament, according to chairman of

the Bangalore franchise. Top stars including England's Ben Stokes and Steve Smith of Australia will be involved in the limited-overs series that ends three days before the start of the IPL in the United Arab Emirates on September 19.

But Sanjeev Churiwala of the Royal Challengers Bangalore feels the three will already be in a biobubble in England.

"For the players landing after the England and Australia series, September 17, that is very close to our matches, Churiwala said.

"The BCCI have also issued very detailed SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) and procedures to be followed by these players in terms of their participation.

PACER MALINGA SET TO MISS INITIAL MATCHES

New Delhi, Aug. 21: Veteran Sri Lankan pacer Lasith Malinga is likely to be unavailable for the first few games of Mumbai Indians in the upcoming

IPL due to personal reasons According to a report in ESPNcricinfo, the 36-yearold Malinga will not be travelling to the UAE, where the cash-rich league will be played from September 19 to November 10, as his father has not been keeping well for some time and may require surgery in the coming weeks.

The seasoned fast bowler, who has produced match-winning efforts for both Sri Lanka and his IPL franchise, wants to be around his father while training in Colombo

Malinga, who will turn 37 next week and was the captain of the side that won the T20 World Cup, last featured for Sri Lanka in a T20 International during the home series against West Indies in March this year, with his last ODI appearance coming more than a year ago.

— PTI

"What the SOPs say very clearly (is) that they can participate without quarantine, provided they satisfy certain very stringent conditions," the RCB ČEO

"Right from the biosecure bubble, they have to go straight to the charter

flight without getting into the extensive migration procedures, and without getting in touch with the general public," he added. A total of 29 players from England and Australia are part of the

eight IPL squads.

day of a Test. England, 1-0 up in a three-match con-test, need to avoid defeat if they are to win their first series against Pakistan in 10 years. They suffered an early

ENGLISHMEN

CRAWL OUT

OF TROUBLE

Southapmton, Aug. 21: Zak Crawley held one end

together after Pakistan

saw off England captain

Joe Root on the opening

day of the series finale at

Southampton on Friday. Crawley, 97 not out at tea, took two down to fine

leg off Mohammad Abbas

before an offside glide off

the paceman saw him to a 171-ball hundred, includ-

ing 11 fours in what was

This was just the fourth

first-class century of the

22-year-old right-hander's

career and it was an espe-cially valuable innings,

with no other England

batsman having made more than Root's 29 as

they reached tea on 184-4.

figures of 2/60 from 19

overs — a fine return for a leg-spinner on the first

Yasir Shah had interval

his eighth Test.

setback when Rory Burns nicked a ball from Shaheen Afridi. — *PTI* **Brief Scores:** England 184/4 in 56.0 overs (at Tea) (Z. Crawley 97 n. o., J. Buttler 24 n. o. , Y. Shah 2/60) vs

NARINE SHINES AS TRINBAGO KNIGHTS WIN

Tarouba (Trinidad & Tobago), Aug. 21: Sunil Narine's allround display which included a second straight half- century propelled Trinbago Knight Riders to the top of the Caribbean Premier League table with a seven-wicket victory over Jamaica Tallawahas.

In another rain affected game, St Lucia Zouks beat barbados Tridents by seven wickets courtesy Duckworth Lews

After the first set of two matches each, only Trinbago have two wins, while Guvana Amazon Warriors, Zouks, Jamaica Tallawahs and Tridents have one win each and St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots have lost both matches.

Trinbago electing to Jamaica struggling had Tallawahs from the start as Ali Khan and Jayden Seales and then Narine (1/19 in 4 overs) regularly chipped overs) regular, away at the line-up.
— PTI

BRIEF SCORES

Trinbago Knight Riders 136/3 (Narine 53, Munro 49 n. o. , D. M. Bravo 14) bt Jamaica Tallawahs 135/8 (Phillips 58, Russell 25, Asif 22, Seales 2/21, Ali Khan CHAMPIONS | LEAGUE

Maria, Gnabry to highlight title tie

of lesser-known players could prove decisive in the Champions League final

on Sunday.

While most will be watching Paris Saint-Germain forwards Neymar and Kylian Mbappe, or Bayern counterparts Thomas Muller and Robert Lewandowski, the title could come down to the likes of Angel Di Maria and Serge Gnabry.

They don't carry the same hype as some of their teammates, but they have been crucial for their teams this season. Both made an impact in the semifinals, with Di Maria leading PSG over Leipzig and Gnabry helping Bayern get past Lyon. Di Maria had a goal and two assists in PSG's 3-0 win over Leipzig.

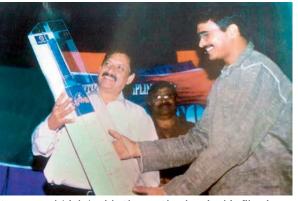
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C. V. Anand (right) with Chetan Chauhan in this file pic.

Chetan was top, says cricket cop

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, AUG. 21

Former cricketer and IPS officer C. V. Anand recollected his association with former Indian opener Chetan Chauhan who passed away last week, hailing him for his contribution to veterans cricket. "Mr Chauhan had taken

keen interest in reviving veterans (+35) cricket in India and had mobilised lot of ex-players all over the country to form state veterans cricket associations and play local tournaments to select the state teams to participate in the zonai cnampionsnips, to be held by rotation in each state. In 2005, Hyderabad won the South Zone championship at Trivandrum and I collected my Man of the Series award from him. Mohammad Azharuddin too had played in two matches of this tournament," Anand, who played veterans cricket from 2004 to 2010, said.

"Mr Chauhan was was instrumental in organising the Friendship Series India between Pakistan veterans in 2006-07. He selected me in the side which had stalwarts like Dilip Vengsarkar, Syed Kirmani and Azharuddin as we squared up against Waqar Younis and many others on the Pak side. However, with no encouragement from the BCCI, sponsorships becoming difficult after 2010 and Mr

Chauhan also having a bout of ill health at around that time, veterans cricket closed shop. But I continued to call on him whenever I visited Delhi," Anand, who played for Hyderabad U-19 and U-22 teams between 1984 and '88, said. A product of Nizam College, Anand left the game in 1989 to study for Civil Services exam and cracked it at the first attempt in 1990 with a rank of 77. He is now director of

(Sunday) league, which he plays for the Secunderabad Club side. Anand is also good with the racquet in hand — he's the All India Police champion in tennis.

National Industrial Secu-

rity Academy, Hyderabad.

The 52-year-old is still active in the Hyderabad

Cricket Association's one-

Speaking about Chauhan, Anand says "He used to keenly follow my son (Hyderabad Ranji Trophy player) Milind's career and would say that one day he would make it.'

Anand said Chauhan's end was abrupt. "It was very shocking for me to learn that he had fallen ill due to Covid-19 and even as I tried to wish him a quick recovery, fell prey to it. He was a noble soul and very humble. A determined fighter, his battles for India in facing fearsome fast bowlers in (Dennis) Lillee and (Lenny) Pascoe are well known. India will miss you Chauhan sir!"

BUCKS, LAKERS BOUNCE BACK

TO EARN WINS

Miami, Aug. 21: The Milwaukee Bucks stepped

it up on Thursday, bounc-

ing back from a humbling

loss to beat the Orlando

Magic 111-96 and knot their NBA playoff series

at one game apiece. Reigning NBA Most Valuable Player Giannis

Antetokounmpo led Milwaukee with 28 points

and 20 rebounds as the

Bucks brought the defen-

sive intensity that carried

them to the league's best

Meanwhile, Anthony Davis had 31 points and 11

regular-season record.

INDIA NOTCHES UP THREE EASY VICTORIES

Chennai: A dominant India notched up three easy wins against Zimbabwe, Vietnam and Uzbekistan respectively in the the FIDE Online Chess Olympiad on Friday. India defeated Zimbabwe 6-0 and rolled over Vietnam 4-2 but the highlight certainly was win against Uzbeks by 5.5-0.5 mar-

Winning each round got India two pointstaking them on top of the pool with six points while they also have the best game points 15.5 after 18 matches. India is on top of the standings followed by China. — PTI

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Too young to retire, PM Modi to Raina

New Delhi, Aug. 21: Prime Minister Narendra Modi distinctly remembers Suresh Raina's elegant cover drives during the epic 2011 World Cup quarterfinal against Australia in Ahmedabad, something that, he feels, the all-rounder's numerous fans will miss after he followed Mahendra Singh Dhoni into international

retirement. The 33-year-old Raina, a member of the 2011 World Cup winning India team, announced his retirement on August 15, minutes after Dhoni decided to call it quits internationally. The two players, who are close friends as well, will turn up for Chennai Super Kings in the IPL now.

'I do not want to use the word 'retirement' because you are too young and energetic to 'retire'," PM Modi, who also wrote a letter of appreciation to Dhoni, said a two-page note to Raina.

"During your cricketing faced setbacks including injuries but every time you overcame those challenges, thanks to your tenacity," he said.

Raina, on his part, thanked the Minister. "When we play, we give

our blood and sweat for the nation. No better appreciation than being loved by the people of this country and even more by the country's PM. Thank you @narendramodi ji for your words of appreciation & best wishes. I accept them with gratitude. Jai Hind," the former Indian cricketer put out on his Twitter handle.

In the letter, Modi recollected how much he enjoyed Raina's most famous innings of 34 not out in a tricky run-chase against a formidable Australia in the 2011 World Cup quarterfinal at



Former Indian cricketer Suresh Raina (from left), Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Raina's wife Priyanka Chaudhary in this file photo.

your inspiring role during the 2011 World Cup especially during the later matches. I saw you live in action at the Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad,

"India can never forget during the Quarter Final against Australia. Your anchoring innings had a

> team's victory.
> "I can confidently say that most fans will miss

big role to play in our

your elegant cover drives, one which I was lucky to witness that day," said the PM, who was back then the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

The PM also described Raina as the perfect teamman who enjoyed others' successes.

...Suresh Raina will always be synonymous with team spirit. You played not for personal glory but for the glory of your team and the glory of India.

"Your enthusiasm on the field was infectious and we could all witness that you would be among the first and most animated players to celebrate the fall of opposing team's wicket," the PM wrote.

A bonafide IPL legend, Raina was praised by the Prime Minister for his prowess in the T20 format. "As a batsman, you especially distinguished yourself across all mediums and particularly in the

newest form of the game, the T20 cricket. This is not an easy format.
"In tune with our times,

it requires quick fixes in double quick time. Again your promptness and speed were assets for this form," the Indian Prime Minister said, lavishing praise on the IPL's most prolific batsman.

His sharp fielding was also acknowledged in the Prime Minister's appreciation letter.

'Your fielding was exemplary and inspiring. Some of the best catches in recent international cricket have your distinctive imprint. It would take days to count the number of runs you saved with your alertness on the

field.' The PM also praised Raina for his participation in social initiatives like 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' and the cause of women's empowerment.

rebounds and the top-seeded Los Angeles Lakers bounced back from an opening loss to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 111-88 Thursday night in Game 2 first-round Western Conference play-

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