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## WEATHER

Max: 31°C  
Min: 23.7°C  
RH: 62%  
Rain: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky.  
Moderate rain.  
Max/Min temp. 31/23°C

## ASTROGUIDE

Plava: Uttarayana  
Tithi: Jyeshta Shuddha Dasami till 4.17 pm  
Star: Chitta till 6.45 pm  
Varjyan: 11.52 pm to 1.20 am (Monday)

Durmuhurtam: 5.05 pm to 5.57 pm  
Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm

## HIJRI CALENDAR

Zeeqad 8,1442 AH

## PRAYERS

Fajr: 4.32 am  
Zohar: 12.27 pm  
Asar: 4.54 pm  
Magrib: 6.58 pm  
Isha: 8.15 pm

SUNSET TODAY 6.53 PM  
SUNRISE TOMORROW 5.43 AM  
MOONRISE TODAY 1.23 PM  
MOONSET TOMORROW 12.59 AM

## COUNTER POINT

INDIAN DEPOSITS IN SWISS BANKS RISE TO ₹20,200 CR.



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## SHORT TAKES

## Book FIR for doc assaults: MHA

**New Delhi:** The Centre on Saturday asked state governments to register cases and invoke the stringent Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Act, 2020 against those who indulge in assault on doctors and healthcare professionals. Union home secretary Ajay Bhalla's letter to States and Union Territories came following several incidents of attack on doctors.

## Bhagirathi past danger level

**Dehradun:** Ganga and Bhagirathi rivers in Uttarakhand crossed the danger mark on Saturday following three days of incessant rains in the hills prompting authorities to sound an alert and evacuate villages along their banks. The Ganga exceeded danger level in Haridwar and Rishikesh districts while Bhagirathi crossed it at Devprayag in Tehri district, reports said.

## Tech to translate in real time

**New Delhi:** The Central government is working on a technology that can translate in real time various vernacular Indian languages to enable exchange of communications between two persons not speaking the same language, a top official in the Ministry of Electronics and IT said on Saturday. This ambitious language translation project, with a timeline of 5-7 years, is being developed using artificial intelligence and modern technologies to end the language barrier in the country.

## 3rd wave in 6-8 weeks: AIIMS

**New Delhi:** If Covid-appropriate behaviour is not followed, the next wave of the viral infection can strike the country in the next six to eight weeks, AIIMS director Randeep Guleria warned on Saturday. Until a sizeable number of the population are vaccinated, Covid-appropriate behaviour needs to be followed aggressively, he said and stressed on the need for stricter surveillance and area-specific lockdowns in case of a significant surge.

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Raisi wins Iran presidential vote



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Griezmann rescues France against Hungary

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## Race for TPCC chief gathers pace in Delhi

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

After a brief lull, the race for the post of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president has intensified again with aspirants camping in Delhi and lobbying hard with the party high command to secure the post.

The issue has taken centre stage after reports emerging from Delhi that the party high command has initiated the process to select the new TPCC chief and it has shortlisted some names for the purpose before zeroing in on one. Congress circles are abuzz that the party high command has shortlisted the names of Bhongir MP Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Malkajgiri MP Anumula Revanth Reddy, Air Force T. Jeevan Reddy and former minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu. An official announcement is expected anytime this week.

THE FRONTRUNNERS  
rushed to Delhi to meet AICC leaders and bag the coveted post

This prompted frontrunners to rush to Delhi and camp there to meet AICC leaders and make efforts to bag the coveted post. Leaders from Backward Classes led by former MP V. Hanumantha Rao are also making strong efforts to ensure a BC leader gets the post this time, alleging that leaders from the Reddy community had failed to take on the ruling TRS effectively since 2014 due to which the Congress was facing humiliating defeats in elections for the past seven years since the formation of the new state.

The appointment of the TPCC chief is getting delayed under one pretext or the other, testing the patience of Congress leaders and cadres since incumbent chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy offered to

step down after owing responsibility to the party's worst performance in the Assembly elections in December 2018.

The party continued to suffer defeats at the hands of the TRS in rural and urban local bodies polls in 2019, bypolls for the Huzurnagar, Dubbal and Nagarjunasagar Assembly seats and the GHMC, Warangal and Khammam municipal corporation polls. Except for winning four Lok Sabha seats in 2019, the party has had nothing to cheer. Besides the TPCC chief post, there are expectations that four working presidents, vice-presidents and secretaries will also be appointed to pacify disgruntled leaders and to balance caste, region and religion equations in the party. At present, there is a jumbo TPCC consisting of 11 vice-presidents and 31 general secretaries which was constituted in April 2016.



Cadets celebrate after the combined graduation parade at the Air Force Academy at Dundigal in Hyderabad on Saturday.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

## LAC to Covid fight: IAF chief showcases power

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HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

The Indian Air Force is currently in a phase of intense and rapid infusion of niche technology and combat power, in view of the security scenario in India's neighbourhood, Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria said.

The IAF chief was speaking at the combined graduation parade at the Air Force Academy in Dindigul on the outskirts of the city on Saturday.

The transformation of IAF, he said, was "primarily because of the unprecedented and rapidly evolving security challenges that we face, coupled with rising geopolitical uncertainty in our neighbour-

hood and beyond." The past few decades, Air Chief Marshal Bhadauria said, established the critical role of air power in achieving victory in any conflict.

"It is in this backdrop that IAF's ongoing capability-enhancement assumes tremendous significance," he said, adding that the IAF, over the past year, also increased vigilance amid the tussle with China in Ladakh.

The IAF chief also spoke about how the Air Force assisted in the country's fight against Covid-19. "Strict Covid discipline within the IAF helped us to undertake all Covid tasks on a war-footing," and that the IAF's trans-

port fleet flew more than 3,800 hours within two months in a huge effort within and outside India to transport critical oxygen tankers, and other medical equipment and supplies.

To the graduating cadets, he said, "It is essential for all of you to bear in mind that, as future leaders, you will stand shoulder to shoulder with your comrades in olive greens and whites and prosecute integrated operations. You will be an integral part of this important transition in the years ahead."

Bhadauria said that the IAF was on track for inducting 36 Rafale aircraft by 2022. The timeline for receiving the Rafales was on track, he said.

NAMA DENIES RUMOURS HE IS JOINING BJP

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

Khammam MP Nama Nageswara Rao, the Telangana Rashtra Samiti floor leader in the Lok Sabha, on Saturday rubbished reports of him quitting the party to join the BJP to protect his business interests in the wake of recent raids by the Enforcement Directorate on Madhucon Group of firms owned by his family members.

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DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

Former bureaucrat A.K. Sharma, considered close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was appointed vice-president of the BJP's Uttar Pradesh's unit after speculations of him being inducted in the state Cabinet have been doing the rounds for the past couple of weeks.

In a rejig in the state organisation ahead of the Assembly polls next year, the party in a statement by

its state unit chief Swatantra Dev Singh, named Archana Mishra from Lucknow and Amit Valmiki from Bulandshahr as secretaries of the state unit.

Sharma, a former IAS officer, who had joined the BJP in January this year and is an MLC, was Modis secretary during his tenure as the Gujarat Chief Minister. He is credited for handling the Vibrant Gujarat campaign to get investments to the

state and was involved in the MSME ministry's affairs, a crucial department working under the PM's plan for the revival of the economy.

The BJP central leadership has held series of meetings with the state leadership, including Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, BJP national general secretary(organisation) B.L. Santhosh and UP incharge Radha Mohan Singh are expected to meet party leaders in Lucknow next week.

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## Amid reshuffle talk, ex-babu close to PM is UP BJP V-P

MEMORY TRACKS

'Flying Sikh' used to train at EME Centre, run up Ammuguda hill with stone-filled bag

## Sprinter Milkha was made in Secunderabad

MOSES KONDETY | DC  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

Milkha Singh made waves at the 1960 Olympics in Rome, but his baby steps as a sprinter were taken here in Secunderabad, where he was recruited in the Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (EME) of the Army back in 1952.

The 'Flying Sikh' died of Covid complications late on Friday night. He was 91. He trained in and around the EME Centre area, building his strength and stamina by taking up many an uphill task — he would

run up the Ammuguda hill carrying a stone-filled bag and also run alongside a train, which ran on the then metre gauge track between Bolaram and Ammuguda.

"The driver of a particular train used to encourage and egg me on. It was kind of a motivation and I could run for a longer distance," Milkha recalled in interviews later. He has always credited the Army, EME and Secunderabad Cantonment for his sporting success. "Had I not joined the Army I would not have worked so hard,"

Milkha said. Fittingly, a colony in the EME Centre is named after him, as also the Stadium inside the EME Centre where he trained. While inaugurating the Milkha Singh Stadium in 2014, the legend had got emotional, kissed the turf and said it was like a gurudwara to him.

Secunderabad, where Milkha lived from 1952 to 1960 and prepared for the 1960 Olympics at which he missed the 400 metres bronze medal by a whisker, was always special to him. "Whenever he came across athletes from Secunderabad/Hyderabad, he would develop an instant affinity. 'Mai Secunderabad ka rice khane kiya' (I have started running after eating rice in Secunderabad) he once told me in jest. He would also talk about his many memories here," Prabhakara Rao Mulagala, veteran long distance runner from the city, told this newspaper.

"We should also remember Milkha used to run on cinder tracks, not on the present synthetic ones that give athletes the advantage of up to a second. He was the first to run the 400m under 46 seconds, at a meet in Oslo (Norway) a fortnight or so before the Rome Olympics, where he was unfortunate to finish fourth, 0.1 second behind Malcolm Spence of South Africa. Later, South Africa was banned from sport for 36 years because of apartheid... that bronze could've belonged to Milkha, who competed against the world's best," added Prabhakara, who has won 300-plus gold medals at national and international races, and at 69 still competes in races.



The Milkha Singh Colony at EME Centre in Secunderabad.

— MOSES KONDETY

**SHORT TAKES**  
**SHOPS CAN OPEN TODAY WITH COVID PROTOCOL**

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It said that while shops, offices, and establishments can open on Sunday, they will have to ensure Covid-19 safety norms of physical distancing and sanitisation are followed. The establishments will be held responsible if they fail to implement these norms and will attract action under Disaster Management Act, 2005 and other relevant Acts.

**EDUCATION DEPT. TO PREPARE GUIDELINES**

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With educational institutions getting reopened from July 1, the Cabinet directed the education department to prepare instructions and guidelines on compulsory attendance of students, online classes and other related issues and release the same at the earliest.

The Cabinet sought support and cooperation from people for its decision, which was taken in order to safeguard livelihoods and for the general benefit of public life. However, the Cabinet made it clear that lifting of lockdown should not lead to negligent behaviour; people should wear masks, maintain physical distance and use sanitisers and other self-regulatory methods to curtail the spread of the virus.

**AUNT ARRESTED FOR KILLING 2-MONTH-OLD**

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

The two-month-old baby boy, whose body was found in an overhead tank on Friday, was allegedly murdered by his maternal aunt, Abdullapurmet police said on Saturday. Police said the aunt, Swetha, had murdered the baby, Uma Maheshwar, to avenge some comments made by his mother.

K. Purushotham Reddy, assistant commissioner of police Vanasthalipuram, said that around 3 am, Swetha kidnapped the baby and took him to the terrace where she tried to smother him to death. When the baby started crying, she dropped him in the water tank and waited till he died.

Police said that Swetha had previously suffered an abortion when she was three months pregnant. Doosari Latha, the baby's mother, had allegedly insulted Swetha stating that she may never conceive again. Police said Swetha bore a grudge against Latha since then.

Latha had come to her parents' house for the delivery; she and her autorickshaw driver Tirumalesh had the baby after 12 years of marriage. Her younger brother Balraj and his wife Swetha, a childless couple, were also residing there.

**TPCC MARKS RG'S BIRTHDAY WITH 'SEVA DIWAS'**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

The TPCC observed party former president Rahul Gandhi's birthday on Saturday as 'Seva Diwas' and distributed essential items, including face masks, medicine kits and cooked meals to the poor.

At a programme held at Gandhi Bhavan, TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy inaugurated the free Covid-19 vaccination camp organised by the NSUI and rice distribution camps organised by the OBC and minority cells of the TPCC. CLP leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, former PCC president Ponnala Laxmaiah, former minister G. Vinod, PCC vice-president Kumar Rao, NSUI state president Venkat Balmoor, state minority cell chairman Amir Sohail, OBC cell chairman N Srikanth, Woman Congress state president N. Sarada and others participated in the programmes. TPCC general secretary M. Vinod Reddy organised a food and mask distribution programme at King Koti Hospital. Uttam Kumar Reddy hailed Rahul Gandhi as a visionary and man of the masses. He said that despite being offered the Prime Minister's post, he had preferred to serve people that showcased his simplicity.

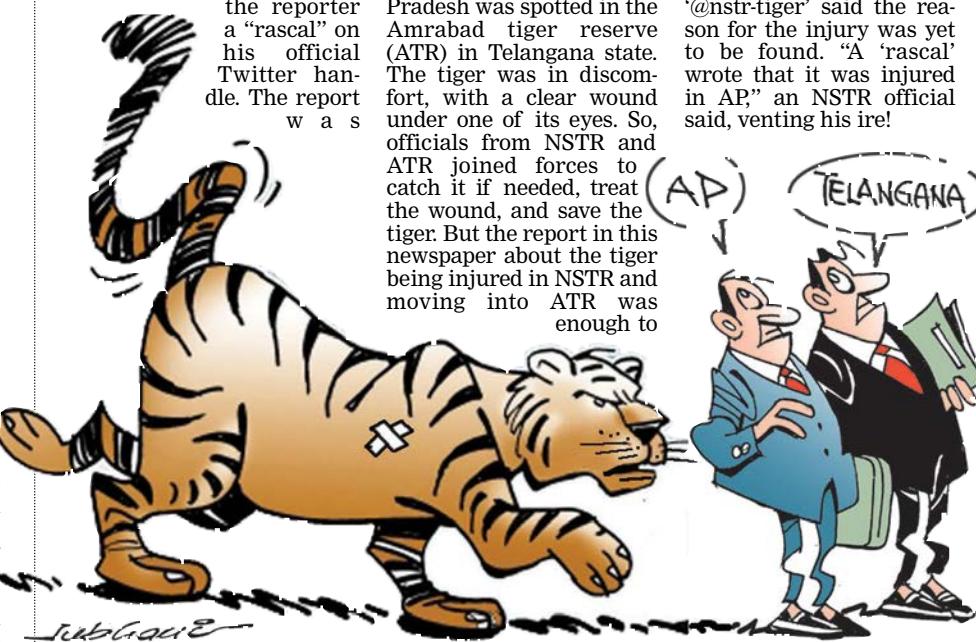
Sangareddy MLA T. Jayaprakash 'Jagga' Reddy distributed 30 wheelchairs to the physically challenged in Sangareddy town.

## Neta natter

### Hell hath no fury like officials scorned!

Our bureaucrats seem to get a tad touchy when someone points out their negligence. A recent report in these columns on a wounded tiger enraged them to such an extent that one of them called the reporter a 'rascal' on his official Twitter handle. The report was

about the efforts of forest officials in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana state in catching and providing treatment to an injured tiger. The tiger which belongs to the Nagarjunasagar tiger reserve (NSTR) in Andhra Pradesh was spotted in the Amrabad tiger reserve (ATR) in Telangana state. The tiger was in discomfort, with a clear wound under one of its eyes. So, officials from NSTR and ATR joined forces to catch it if needed, treat the wound, and save the tiger. But the report in this newspaper about the tiger being injured in NSTR and moving into ATR was enough to



### Muthyala Raju finally gets a Herculean task

Finally, R. Muthyala Raju, who entered the AP Chief Minister's Office more than two months ago, has got something to do, with his immediate boss Praveen Prakash allocating him some subjects. Raju, who has earned for himself the tag of a hard-working and sincere officer, had to wait for a longer period than most. He has now got housing and CM Relief Fund besides the Herculean task of addressing the problems of elected representatives. Ideally the subject of resolving issues raised by MPs and MLAs should be handled by senior officials as they involve inter-departmental consultations which need lots of pushing and pulling of strings. Apparently, all senior officers in the CMO avoided the task, which the babus consider a headache. Maybe they could have learnt a lesson from former chief secretary S.V. Prasad's unparalleled handling of the CMO during the Naidu regime. With an everlasting smile, Prasad used to receive MPs and MLAs, lend a patient hearing and try to resolve their issues. However, his successors with some exceptions like Ajay Kallam have avoided meeting people's representatives, leave alone addressing their problems.

### Old photo of KTR opposing sale of state lands goes viral on social media

Political parties and leaders adopt divergent stands on specific issues while in power and when they are in the Opposition. An old picture of IT minister K.T. Rama Rao has gone viral on social media platforms of late, its newsworthiness being the row over auctioning government lands to raise funds for welfare schemes and development programmes. In this picture, KTR is seen sitting on a dharna on a road holding placards against the then Congress government's decision to sell land parcels in Hyderabad to raise

funds. The placards read, 'Stop sale of government lands' and 'State government must stop indulging in real estate business'. Now, the TRS is in power Telangana and the government has put up public lands for sale. In a strange twist, Rama Rao

and finance minister T. Harish Rao, who had strongly opposed the land sale by the previous Congress government, are now the members of the Cabinet sub-committee on resource mobilisation which has recommended that the government sell its land assets to raise revenues. In fact, Harish Rao is heading this committee; he was once arrested when he tried to block the sale of government lands by the then Congress government.



Big schools like Meridian, Glendale, Johnson Grammar and the like also said that they were prepared for any scenario, and would wait for detailed guidelines from the state government before reaching a decision on managerial level.

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● **BIG SCHOOLS** like Meridian, Glendale, Johnson Grammar said that they were prepared for any scenario, and would wait for detailed guidelines from the state government.

We welcome the decision as Covid-19 cases are few. It's not just about selling liquor and food. Many families depend on these sectors. We will mandate all precautions.

— Leena Mary  
Primary teacher, Bhegas High School, Malkajgiri

— B. Surendhar Reddy  
Shruthi Restaurant and Bar

It is not safe to open schools. The under-18 population has not been vaccinated, and this decision may lead to another crisis where children become victims. The decision will help people earn their livelihood but I think this should be reconsidered.

— Osman Ali, Paan shop owner

Life over livelihood. It's a welcome move, done when the cases are under control. Many in the hospitality sector are facing acute poverty. Now there is hope for them. There is a vaccine for Covid-19 but no vaccine against poverty.

— Dheeraj Melwani, MD, Dirty Martini Pub

## MIC TESTING

### Pandemic ignites passion for music; Ukulele tops the charts, sells four times more

## Lockdown helps Kadence achieve a musical high

KASTURI SHIVAKUMAR | DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

The pandemic and its different lockdowns have brought in a lot of free time for people, which they are using to experiment with different things while being at home. An innate passion for music has been one of the big discoveries for a considerable lot over the last one year.

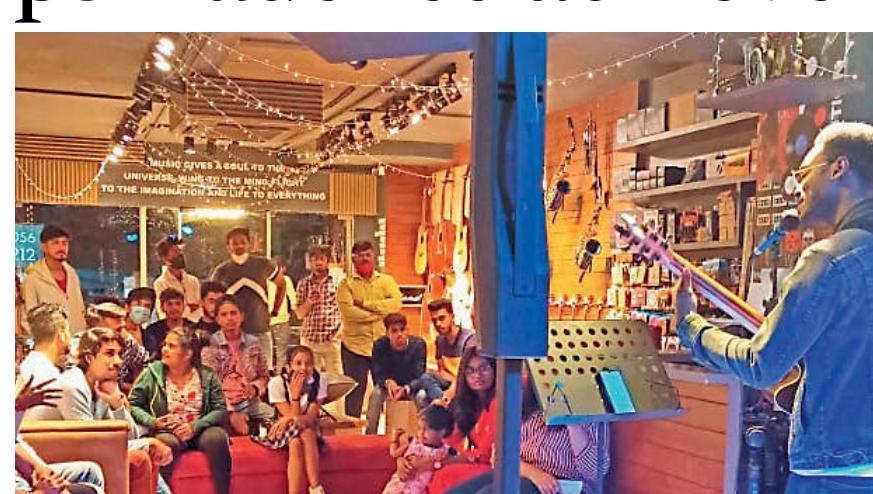
"I have been singing for almost two decades now. But somewhere inside me I always wanted to learn how to play an instrument. Somehow it never transpired that way till lockdown happened. For starters, I decided to try out a rather simple instrument. Lo Presto! I picked up a ukulele. It was a fulfilling experience because it was a dream come true

for me, besides I had a chance to learn something new," says Aishwaraya R, a corporate communications professional.

She is not alone. A big reason for the tiny instrument becoming a rage has been open mic events on various virtual platforms - from YouTube to FB live, from Instagram to Clubhouse.

Aishwaraya says "I am still learning and trying to sing and play together. I can tell you that ukulele comes across as a tiny bundle of joy."

She is a client of Kadence, a leading musical brand, which has helped many individuals



to get started and subsequently pick up melodious tuning. Over a decade old, it is one of India's leading musical instrument br-

ands. Besides the ukulele, they also manufacture guitars, pianos, wind, amplifiers, saxophones, violins, mandolins and percus-

sion. They also provide accessories for instruments. Started by Siddhartha Jhunjhunwala, it has become a favourite destination for music lovers and amateur artists ever since the pandemic erupted.

● **OUR PHILOSOPHY** is 'music for everyone'. We encourage everyone to play a musical instrument. It is good as a stress management and entertainment tool, says Yash Gupta, its chief operations officer.

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Yash Gupta, its chief operations officer, points out that "we also helped our audience experience music with open mics, evenings filled with music, melodious ambience and an open stage to tap the latent artist. It does not matter whether the person is an amateur or a professional, it helped provide a platform for everyone to be ingrained with music in their lives. We have organised about 25,000 per-

formances featuring over 10,000 artists."

They have conducted live-streaming workshops and hosted videos on their Instagram page to encourage amateurs to hone ukulele techniques. Besides being cost-effective, the instrument provides high-quality experiences for amateur artists ever since the pandemic erupted.

Kadence has sold four times more ukuleles during the lockdown period last year and the trend has continued with the second lockdown.

"Our philosophy is 'music for everyone'. We encourage everyone to play a musical instrument. It is good as a stress management and entertainment tool. Those apart, it gives one a sense of contentment and accomplishment," adds Gupta.

## IN BRIEF

## Man hurt in mishap dies

**Hyderabad:** A 28-year-old two-wheeler rider who was injured in a road accident died while undergoing treatment said the KPHB police. The victim was identified as Kishore Chary, 28, a carpenter from Jagathgirigutta, Guntubupur. Police said Chary was riding in a rash manner, hit another two-wheeler and fell down. He was first taken to a private hospital and then to Osmania General Hospital where he died.

## Metro to start at 7 am on June 21

**Hyderabad:** With the government removing the lockdown restrictions, Hyderabad Metro Rail has revised its schedule from Monday. From June 21, the first train will start from the terminal stations at 7 am. The last train will start at 9 pm and reach the terminating stations by about 10 pm. For everyone's safety, HMR asked passengers to strictly follow Covid-19 safety guidelines including social distancing, wearing of face masks, regular hand sanitisation and thermal screening.

## Four of a family killed in mishap

**Hyderabad:** Four persons of a family died and three others were injured in an early morning road accident in Kodangal under Vikarabad district on Saturday. The deceased were identified as Moulan Bee, 58, her sons Babu Miya, 39, Mohd. Abdul 35, and grandson Mohd. Rasheed, 27. According to police, the family was taking Moulan Bee to Yadgir for treatment of her fractured leg. The family hired a car that was driven by one Abdul Ameer, and left at 6 am. "Ameer was driving in a rash manner," police said.

## Health, happiness clinic at AIIMS

**Hyderabad:** A health and happiness clinic was started at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Bibinagar where the focus is to promote health and wellness of the individual, family and community. A 24-hour helpline has been started for suicide prevention and there will be counselling for stress, anxiety and depression. Meditation, yoga, mindfulness and music therapy are also available for patients. The clinic was inaugurated by Rajya Sabha member Dr Banda Prakash. Sessions were taken up for World Yoga Day celebrations to be observed on June 21.

## Minor girl dies by suicide

**Hyderabad:** A 16-year-old minor girl, a student, allegedly died by suicide on Friday late night. Reportedly, the victim's mother had scolded her spending a lot of time on the mobile phone. The teenager had dinner with her family. When they went to sleep, she left home and latched the main door from the outside. After some time, the mother woke up and found the daughter missing. The family searched for the girl and then called the Ghatskar police. After a search, police found the body of the teenager with burns in an open plot opposite a school. Police said the complainant stated that their daughter died due to mental agony.

## NINE DISTRICTS REPORT RISE IN COVID INFECTIONS

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

The trend of a slow climbdown in new Covid-19 cases continued on Saturday, but the chart presented a mixed picture with some districts reporting marginal to moderate increase in cases while others reported a drop of a similar nature.

Nine districts – Khammam, Mahabubnagar, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Nirmal, Sangareddy, Suryapet, Vikarabad, Mahabubabad, and Jangaon – reported an increase while the rest reported cases falling. Eight districts reported single-digit cases but two reported triple figure cases.

With the current phase of the lockdown that was first imposed from May 12, and extended twice to end on Saturday, health department officials urged people to strictly follow Covid-19 safety protocols.

The data for Saturday is as follows: New cases: 1,362; Deaths: 10; Tests: 1,23,005; Active cases: 18,568; Total cases: 6,12,196; total deaths: 3,556. Most new cases: GHMC area 145; Khammam 112; Ranga Reddy 97; Suryapet 89; Karimnagar 84; Fewest new cases: Kamareddy 3; Adilabad Asifabad and Nirmal 5 each.

## No deal, HMDA loses ₹100cr toll

## Toll charges from the ORR not revised

MADDY DEEKSHITH  
IDC  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

it has been losing about ₹4 crore on a monthly basis since last two years.

It is a general practice for National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and other agencies, which operate and maintain expressways, to revise toll charges every year, said a senior official from Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL). Toll charges are hiked depending on the increase in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI).

When last revised, charges for car and jeep category vehicles had been increased from ₹1.86 per km to ₹1.92; LCV/mini bus from ₹3.02 to ₹3.11; bus/two-axle truck from ₹5.33 to ₹5.51; three-axle commercial vehicle from ₹6.89 to ₹7.11; heavy construction machinery/earth moving equipment/four, five and six axle trucks from ₹9.89 per km to ₹10.22 per km and oversized vehicles (seven or more axles) from ₹12.05 per km to ₹12.44 per km.

As HMDA has not invited tenders afresh,

increased by 3 per cent annually over the charges during the previous year. The revision is to be affected from April 1 each year, with the hike being limited to 40 percent of increase in WPI," the HGCL official explained.

Though the government has given its nod for collecting the higher toll charges following a proposal by HGCL, the revision has not yet been affected.

"As per GO No. 365, under Nehru ORR (Toll) Rules-2012, user fee charges collected from vehicles are to be

## JioMart celebrates Father's Day with film

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

Sunday is Father's Day. To mark the occasion, JioMart, the online destination retailer from Reliance Retail, has launched a #BeDadTo Dad campaign with a short film in which a father is sensitised by his two sons on the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

JioMart said it had started a positive and important narrative which talks about the lifestyle of the man of the house, according to the company. It is usually seen that fathers neglect their well-being as they hustle between their daily work and taking care of their families.

In the process, many fathers end up neglecting some small lifestyle



A still from the JioMart video

issues that may potentially cause bigger health issues later.

"Using this insight, JioMart fabricated a 'cause marketing approach', and built a purposeful communication," the company said. This short film is available on platforms such as Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.

In the film, two kids deliver the message that fathers need to take care of themselves too,

in a light-hearted way. The film moves on to show how a father neglects his own well-being, and how the children remind him to take care of himself. It signs off with a strong Father's Day message of let us #BeDadToDad with JioMart.

JioMart, the company said, is a multi-category online shopping platform serving over 200 plus cities and towns in the country.

## Auto driver's son in IAF

DC CORRESPONDENT  
VISAKHAPATNAM, JUNE 19

His is a story of unyielding grit and unusual tenacity. Gudla Gopinath, 26, son of an autorickshaw driver in Visakhapatnam, passed out of the Air Force Academy (AFA) at Dundigal on Saturday as a Flying Officer.

Gopinath was all smiles as he clicked selfies after the graduation parade at the AFA in Hyderabad. It was no cakewalk for the otherwise not so aggressive boy from Arilova in Visakhapatnam slums.

"He made his family and relatives proud by becoming a Flying Officer. My father who toiled day in and day out as an autorickshaw driver is the happiest man today. So is my mother," said Gowri Priya, younger sister of



Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria speaking at the combined graduation parade at the Air Force Academy in Dindigul on Saturday.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

Gopinath, who teaches botany at a junior college in Visakhapatnam.

Gopinath did his schooling and Intermediate in Arilova and joined a coaching academy to train for the defence services test. When nothing clicked, he went for higher studies and did his post graduation in mathematics and MBA.

"I failed the Service Selection Board test

nine times during the last four years. Finally, I succeeded last year and passed out today. It was my father who inspired me to do something meaningful in life," Gopinath told this correspondent soon after the parade on Saturday. He said his father, unlike others in his profession, maintained calm and always thought about him and his little sister.

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An elderly woman from the Parsi community takes the Covid-19 vaccine at a special camp in Hyderabad.



## FIRST SKIN BANK IN TELUGU STATES TO OPEN AT OSMANIA ON JUNE 28

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

The first skin bank in the Telugu states will open at the Osmania General Hospital on June 28. It has been set up in collaboration with Hetero Durgs Limited and Rotary Club.

Skin donation is possible

from cadavers, and it is taken with the consent of family members. Like Jeevandam where the organs of the body are donated, skin donation is required for treating burns patients. Skin is donated within the first two hours of death and it is stored for use.

## Covid vax drive held for Parsis

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

Meherji Agiary were vaccinated on June 16, the community members from Shapoora Baug, Sohrab Manzil and the others from the Hyderabad Agiary were vaccinated on June 19. The vaccine costs were borne by three Cheney cousins — Nadir, Homi, and Saam — the vaccination drive was managed by Jamshed Chinoy and Zariv Vasaigara, according to a news release.

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## SHORT TAKES

## PINGALI VENKAIAH'S STATUE IN WG

DC CORRESPONDENT  
KAKINADA, JUNE 19

The statue of the National Flag designer Pingali Venkaiah along with that of the first Chief Minister of Combined Andhra Pradesh, Tanguturi Prakasam Panthulu, will be installed at the historic village of Undi in West Godavari district. They will be unveiled by Deputy Speaker Konra Raghupathi on Sunday.

Central Film Sensor Board Member D.V. Bala Subrahmanyam said the statues are installed by Sri Veda Vignana Parishad and Sri Sena Sakthi Peetham.

Raghupathi will address the people after unveiling the statues.

Undi is a historic village as Mahatma Gandhi visited the village in 1929 and addressed the farmers at the present sub-registrar office during the freedom movement.

## BJP HITS OUT AT KCR OVER LOCKDOWN

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

The BJP on Saturday lashed out at Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao for the decision to lift the lockdown completely at one go from Sunday. The party also expressed severe concern over the decision to open schools and colleges from July 1.

The BJP said Rao's decisions were in utter disregard of the Centre's guidelines to gradually ease lockdown restrictions.

In a release issued on Saturday, BJP Telangana unit chief spokesperson K. Krishna Saagar Rao said that CM was gambling with the people's health with his 'hasty decisions'.

He said BJP was seriously concerned about the government's order to open schools for physical learning from July 1. Health experts all over the nation were warning of children being highly vulnerable during the possible Covid-19 third wave, Rao added. He asked the CM to not be reckless, negligent and irresponsible with his decisions regarding Covid-19, as the return of a new spike is a real possibility.

## 2 YSRC MEN KILLED IN AP FACTION FEUD

DC CORRESPONDENT  
ANANTAPUR, JUNE 19

Faction feud broke out in the district at Aravedu village in Yellapur mandal as two persons were brutally killed by rivals in connection with land dispute in the village. Both groups belong to the YSRC and are close aides of Tadipatri MLA K. Pedda Reddy. Yellapur police said Jitta Narayanaappa and Jitta Rajagopal of Aravedu village in Yellapur mandal had agricultural land in their possession for the past few decades. Nagesh of Aravedu village encroached the land and dug a borewell. Angered by this Narayanaappa and his brother filled up the borewell. While Narayanaappa, 34, and his brother Rajagopal, 50, were on the way to village from Yellapur on a motorcycle, rivals U. Nagesh along with close aides Mahadev and Nagaraju attacked them. Both brothers died on the spot.

## TS okays projects on Krishna to counter AP

## Cabinet expresses anger over AP move to build RLIS

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

The state Cabinet on Saturday approved the construction of irrigation projects to lift water from the Krishna river to safeguard the interests of Telangana state and to counter the 'illegal projects' undertaken by the Andhra Pradesh government.

The Cabinet expressed severe anger over the AP government going ahead with the construction of the Rayalseema lift irrigation scheme (RLIS) to divert Srisailam water over the Krishna as well as the right canal of the Rajibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) over the

Tungabhadra, terming both as 'illegal projects' being undertaken without any approval of regulatory bodies concerned. The Cabinet took strong exception to the Centre's inaction in ensuring a justifiable share of Krishna water to Telangana state even seven years after the formation of the state.

It said that though the Telangana state government had withdrawn the case from the Supreme Court on Krishna water sharing, complying with the Centre's assurance that it would reallocate Krishna water between the Telugu states, nothing had happened so far.

It was decided to construct a project at Alampur to divert 60 to 70 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft) through pipelines and fulfil the needs of the Palamuru Ranga Reddy lift irrigation project ayacut. A total of two lakh acres will be irrigated in Nalgonda and Suryapet districts by constructing the Pulichintala left canal.

Another lift irrigation project will be constructed at Sunkesula reservoir to irrigate one lakh acres in Nadigadda region in Nalgonda district. It was also decided to construct a flood canal at Kusumurthi village where the Bhima river enters Telangana.

The Cabinet decided to enhance

Kalwakurthy lift irrigation reservoirs capacity to 20 tmc ft.

A lift irrigation project will be constructed at Nagarjunasagar tail pond to irrigate two lakh acres upstream under Nagarjunasagar project limits.

It was also decided to take up hydel generation of power in all the projects over Krishna by utilising huge inflows during monsoon and lessen the financial burden of power on a count of lift irrigation projects. The Cabinet also decided to fight against AP's illegal projects on various forums besides raising the voice in Parliament.

## Rahul b'day gifts to the poor



TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, along with other leaders distributes groceries to the needy to mark party leader Rahul Gandhi's birthday, in Hyderabad on Saturday.

— P. SURENDRA

## ₹1,500 cr disputed land: Claims increase in HC

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 19

A parcel of land which has been under litigation for decades is finding a lot claimants for the past two years. The dispute is over the title of 74 acres of land in Survey No. 1007 of Kukatpally in Ranga Reddy district, which is worth more than ₹1,500 crore.

In the latest episode, ACE HIBC Private Limited, which is one of the firms along with Prime Properties claiming title over the land parcel, recently filed a writ appeal challenging a single judge order, which directed the sub-registrar of Kukatpally not to receive documents for registration in the survey number.

A division bench of the High Court was not inclined to interfere in the matter and directed the petitioner to file a vacate stay petition before the single judge who had issued orders.

Following this, coun-

sel for ACE HIBC withdrew the appeal with a liberty to file the vacate stay orders before the single judge.

The title over the land parcel has been claimed by the state government, some private real estate firms and construction companies including Prime Properties, Sri Siddharth Infratech & Services Limited, ACE HIBC Private Limited and Aditya Constructions Pvt Ltd.

Some petitions filed by Prime Properties and Aditya Constructions are pending over the ownership of the land, the GHMC had constructed a flyover and roads between Kukatpally and Hitec City, occupying some portion of the land.

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## IN BRIEF

**AYESA: WILL CONTINUE FIGHT FOR L'DWEEP**

Thiruvananthapuram, Jun 19: Filmmaker Ayesha Sulhana, who was booked for sedition in Lakshadweep, on Saturday said she has not done anything against the country so far and would continue her fight till the islanders get justice.

She was talking to the media at the airport in Kochi before leaving to the archipelago to appear before the Kavaratti police for questioning on Sunday in connection with the case. She said her advocate was also accompanying her and she would cooperate with the police. "I believe that I will get justice as I have not done anything wrong."

My words were wrongly interpreted and I have already mentioned everything in detail in my recent Facebook post," Sulhana said.

On her controversial usage of 'biological weapon' during a television discussion, she said all these controversies had happened based on that particular word. "I have not done anything against the country. All these have happened over a word I uttered. So, it is my responsibility to prove that I have not done anything wrong. I will continue my fight till my land and people get justice," she added.

**ODISHA STUDENTS SHINE AT NASA COMPETITION**

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC  
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 19

Seven students from Odisha have excelled in the National Aeronautical Space Agency (NASA) competition by developing fasteners or nuts and bolts which will be part of NASA's space launch on June 24.

The nuts and bolts have been developed by using four different metals by the seven-member team of Young Tinker Academy from the state.

This experiment of the team has been selected for the next space mission of NASA.

Hundreds of participants from 73 countries had taken part in the 'Cubes in Space' competition.

As per reports, the fasteners developed by the students will be part of NASA's SR-7 rocket mission scheduled for June 24. The nuts and bolts will be sent in the rocket to check whether they could stand out in space.

"It was very difficult to develop the fasteners. We worked for 24 hours- researching and searching for the proper materials. We learned many new things during the entire process and it was a great experience," said Sriya Sahoo, a young scientist who is part of the seven-member team.

**NEARLY 2L COVID WARRIOR YET TO TAKE JAB**

DC CORRESPONDENT  
BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 19

Nearly two lakh registered health care workers (HCWs) and Frontline Workers (FLWs) in Odisha have not taken vaccine shots against Covid-19.

A letter issued by the state health department to district collectors, commissioners of municipal corporations, chief district medical and public health officers revealed this on Saturday.

As per the document, a total of 1,97,217 registered health care and frontline workers have not taken vaccines so far. It includes 1,36,170 health care workers and 61,047 frontline workers. The HCWs and FLWs who are honoured with the status of Covid warriors for leading the fight against the pandemic were the first priority group in the vaccination drive.

The health department shared a district-wise list of HCWs and FLWs who have registered in the government's CoWIN app but have not taken the jabs yet.

As per the list, the highest numbers of 17,407 health care and frontline workers have not taken the jabs in Bhubaneswar followed by Sundergarh (14,856), Ganjam (13,613), Bhadrak (11,892) and Khordha (11,858). Three other districts which have more than 10,000 such unvaccinated health and frontline workers are Mayurbhanj (10,519), Cuttack (10,347) and Balasore (10,316).

The additional chief secretary (health) Pradipta Mohapatra has directed the district administration and municipal authorities to vaccinate all HCWs and FLWs, who were registered but not vaccinated, within June 20.



Crowded Sadar market that reopened after further ease in lockdown restrictions in New Delhi on Saturday. - PTI

**PUNJAB CM DEFENDS GIVING JOBS TO SONS OF CONG. MLAs**

Chandigarh, Jun 19: Under fire from the opposition over giving jobs to sons of two Congress MLAs, Punjab CM Amarinder Singh defended the decision, saying it was a recognition of the sacrifices made by their grandfathers, who laid down their lives for the country in the next six to eight weeks, AIIMS chief Dr Randeep Guleria said on Saturday amid unlocking in many parts of the country after weeks of strict restrictions. The country's main challenge is vaccinating a huge population, he said.

"As we have started unlocking, there is again a lack of Covid-appropriate behaviour. We don't seem to have learnt from what happened between the first and the second wave. Again crowds are building up... people are gathering. It will take some time for the number of cases to start rising at the national level. Third wave is inevitable and it could hit the country within the next six to eight weeks... maybe a little longer. If all depends on how we go ahead in terms of Covid-appropriate behaviour and preventing crowds," Dr Guleria told a news channel.

The chief minister on Saturday said those who make a sacrifice for the nation can, and should, never be forgotten.

Their families deserve to be compensated for the loss, he further said while informally interacting with media persons outside the residence of Milkha Singh, where he had gone to pay his last respects to the legendary athlete.

Taking a swipe at the SAD and AAP, which have criticised the government's move, the CM said if these parties provide names of any youth whose father/grandfathers have made similar sacrifices for the nation, they will also be provided jobs in the government. - PTI

**AIIMS chief: Third wave is inevitable**

Guleria says it could hit the country in six to eight weeks

**Pawar says take warning of third wave seriously**

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC  
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar on Saturday asked people not to lower their guard against Covid in view of the possible third wave of the pandemic.

He warned people against visiting tourist attractions just because restrictions have been eased.

Mr Pawar said that the warning of a third wave needs to be taken seriously. Mr Pawar held a review meeting with officials over the coronavirus situation in Pune.

Later speaking with reporters, he said that if

**PUNJAB CANCELS CLASS 12 EXAMS**

Chandigarh, Jun 19: The Punjab government on Saturday cancelled Class 12 exams because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

State Education Minister Vijay Inder Singh said the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) will declare the results as per the pattern of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

With the pace of vaccination still slow, health experts feel that vaccination is the only way to prevent vulnerability to infection. Union health secretary Ajay Bhalla has written to states to worry about admissions to the higher classes, said Singh in a statement here.

people go out for tourism purposes, the administration would not be left with any option except imposing a 15-day quarantine regime on such people after their return to home.

As per the state's weekly review of the five level unlock categories, Pune city is under level-II, which means most of the establishments can be allowed to open with time restrictions.

Mr Pawar said that the coronavirus numbers are coming down, but as a precautionary measure, it has been decided that all the shops under the non-essential category, malls, hotels, and restaurants in Pune will remain closed on weekends.

Addressing eminent citizens of the state, Mr Chouhan said elected representatives of local civic bodies, social activists and eminent citizens in the localities would be roped in to join the campaign for mass vaccination of the people during the period.

Eminent citizens of the locality along with the health workers would visit people in their houses to extend an invitation to them with 'rice mixed with turmeric' (a traditional way of inviting guests) to get vaccinated, he added.

The slogan of the campaign would be 'get vaccinated, save life', he said.

Mr Chouhan said his government has set a target to vaccinate maximum people in the state by October to stop the third wave. He, however, said the government would not slow down the ongoing 'corona kill' drive focusing on testing and treating of people, despite the dip in new cases in the state.

"We will ensure that testing of 75,000-80,000 people is done every day," he added.

RABINDRA NATH CHOWDHURY | DC  
Bhopal, JUNE 19

Madhya Pradesh government is set to launch a 10-day special vaccination drive on Sunday. The government has set a target to vaccinate 10 lakh people on the opening day of the drive.

This was announced by chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan here on Saturday.

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**FRESH | START****Prominent Vidarbha leader quits BJP to return to Congress****Chavan indicates 'ghar wapsi' of netas**

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC  
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

Maharashtra may witness 'ghar wapsi' scenes like those in West Bengal, where Sunil Deshmukh, a prominent leader from Vidarbha joined the Congress after quitting the BJP.

He was welcomed into the party by former chief ministers Ashok Chavan and Prithviraj Chavan.

Speaking at the event, Ashok Chavan, who is also a state public works department minister, appealed to the state party leadership to expedite efforts to bring back former partymen.

**ASHOK CHAVAN**  
appealed to the state party leadership to expedite efforts to bring back former partymen.

"Those who left the Congress and joined the BJP are upset with their decision. The party should immediately take a call on their return. These leaders should be asked to work vigorously for strengthening the Congress in the state," he said.

Later Ashok Chavan tweeted, "I congratulate

Sunil Deshmukh on his homecoming. Several Congress leaders had earlier joined the BJP against their wish. But they have not settled there. Hence, a decision about their ghar wapsi should be taken at the earliest and they should be used for the party's growth."

Prithviraj Chavan also said that many former Congress leaders are regretting their decision to join the BJP. They want to come back to the party, he added.

Mr Deshmukh was

elected from Amravati on a Congress ticket in 2004 elections. However, he was denied a ticket in 2009 elections by the party, which instead fielded Raosaheb Shekhawat, son of the then President Pratibha Patil.

Irked by the decision, Mr Deshmukh rebelled against the party, but lost the keenly contested fight to Mr Shekhawat.

In 2014 polls, he joined the BJP and defeated Mr Shekhawat, but five years later he lost to the Congress' nominee, Sulabha Khodke.

**Kerala Cong. chief denies CM's charge of child kidnap plot**

Kochi, June 19: Kerala PCC chief K. Sudhakaran on Saturday denied Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's allegation of having plotted to kidnap his two children decades ago and asked why a police complaint had not been registered then.

Hitting out at Vijayan a day after he levelled the allegation during his press meet to give details of Covid-19, Sudhakaran wanted to know why no complaint had been filed.

"Vijayan raised so many allegations. It was the press conference of the Chief Minister. We saw the real Pinarayi Vijayan yesterday (Friday), who came out of the PR agency's cover. His stance was that of a political criminal. I cannot reply like him. My post and stature does not allow me to stoop to his level," Sudhakaran said.

"Vijayan alleged that a late friend of mine had told him that I had planned to kidnap Vijayan's children. Why has he not revealed the details, why has he not complained to the police? He said he had not revealed it to anyone. Not even to his wife. Usually, if there is any threat against kids, one will inform the mother as they are always there to protect the kids. Is that how a father reacts?" Sudhakaran asked.

Vijayan had on Friday, while replying to a query from reporters about certain remarks made against the Chief Minister.

Vijayan had raised allegations against the new KPCC chief after an interview of Sudhakaran was published in a vernacular magazine in which he said he had kicked Vijayan down during an incident that happened around 50 years ago at Brennen College, their alma mater, at Thalassery in Kannur district.

**J&K parties yet to take call on talks**

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 19

Jammu and Kashmir's mainstream political leaders are being invited for talks by the Centre next week. The move is seen by political watchers here as the first post-August 2019 major attempt by the Narendra Modi government to end the political stalemate in the erstwhile state.

Former chief minister and People's Democratic Party (PDP) leader Farooq Abdullah said that his National Conference party's core group will first sit to discuss how to respond if a formal invitation from the Centre comes and evolve a 'strategy' for such an engagement "keeping the interests of the J&K people above everything else."

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**SHORT TAKES**  
**Kohli props up India on Day One**

**Southampton:** Virat Kohli's watchful effort in challenging conditions helped India reach 120 for three at tea on day two of the World Test Championship final here on Saturday.

India, who had reached 69 for two at lunch, was only able to add 51 runs in the afternoon with the loss of Cheteshwar Pujara (8 off 54). Kohli (35 not out off 94) had the company of his deputy Ajinkya Rahane (13 off 54) when early tea was taken due to bad light.

Compared to the morning session, New Zealand's all pace attack showed much more discipline to not allow the batsmen any easy runs.

Earlier, Rohit Sharma (34 off 68) and Shubman Gill (28 off 64) staved off the initial swing threat posed by the opposition pace attack with disciplined batting before New Zealand fought back to leave India at 69/two at lunch. — PTI

**Brief Scores:** India 120/3 (Virat Kohli 35, Ajinkya Rahane 13, Rohit Sharma 34; Kyle Jamieson 1/14, Neil Wagner 1/19) vs New Zealand.

**Indian women reach 243/8 at tea**

**Bristol:** Indian women reached 243/8 in their second innings at tea on the fourth and final day of the one-off Test against England here on Saturday.

Five wickets fell in the eventful second session with the captain Mithali Raj (4) and

Harmapreet Kaur (8) getting out cheaply. Set batter Punam Raut also fell for 39 off 104 deliveries.

Sneha Rana (27 not out) and Tanya Bhatia (3 not out) were batting at the tea break as India toiled hard to save the match.

Earlier, Deepita Sharma (54) and Punam Raut (39) shared a 72-run stand for the third wicket in the second session as India wiped off the deficit after being forced to follow on by England on Friday.

Overnight batter Shafali Verma was dismissed in the 30th over by left-arm spinner Sophie Ecclestone for 63. — PTI

**Brief Scores (at tea):** England Women 396/9 decl. vs India Women 231 & 243/8 (Shafali Verma 63, Deepita Sharma 54; Sophie Ecclestone 4/83).

**Stricter rules for Oly-bound Indians**

**New Delhi:** The Indian athletes and officials travelling for the Tokyo Olympics have been asked by the Japanese government to undergo daily Covid-19 tests for a week prior to their departure and not interact with anyone from another country for three days on arrival, strictures that have left the IOA fuming.

Stricter regulations have been put in place for all travellers — including athletes, coaches and support staff — who have resided in 11 countries, including India, where different variants of Covid-19 have been identified, within 14 days of their arrival in Tokyo.

"The unfair and discriminatory" rules have drawn sharp criticism from the Indian Olympic Association. India's Covid-19 situation has improved considerably after a catastrophic second wave with daily cases declining from more than 3 lakh a few weeks back to just over 60,000 right now.

India has been clubbed in group 1 alongside Afghanistan,

Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. — PTI

**Verstappen pips Hamilton for pole**

**Le Castellet, France:** Max Verstappen claimed pole on Saturday for the French Grand Prix with Lewis Hamilton's Mercedes alongside the Red Bull driver on the front row to lay the foundations for another gripping instalment of this season's delicately-poised title battle. Valtteri Bottas in the other Mercedes starts on the second row with Verstappen's team-mate Sergio Perez.

Verstappen leads Hamilton by just four points in the Formula One world championship ahead of the seventh race of the season at the Circuit Paul Ricard on Sunday.

Hamilton won from pole the last two races staged at Le Castellet in 2018 and 2019, but Verstappen had approached qualifying as the man to beat after dominating the final two practice sessions.

Verstappen, claiming his first pole since the season-opener in Bahrain, is anxious to translate pole into a win after a shredded tyre robbed him of almost certain victory in Baku last time out. Carlos Sainz for Ferrari posted the fifth quickest time in qualifying. — AFP

# MILKHA FLIES AWAY

**New Delhi, June 19:** The track, to him, was like an open book in which Milkha Singh found the "meaning and purpose of life". And what a life he made for himself.

Before his 91-year-old body lost to Covid-19 on Friday after fighting it for a month, Milkha won the kind of battles that not many would have survived, forgot about living long enough to tell the world about them.

"Don't worry, I am in good spirits...I am surprised, How could I get this infection?...I hope to get over it soon," Milkha said before being hospitalised, sounding his usual jovial self, supremely confident of his legendary fitness.

One of independent India's biggest sporting icons was a tormented man but refused to let that come in the way of accomplishments which were unheard of in his era.

He saw his parents being butchered during partition, indulged in petty crimes to survive in refugee camps of Delhi, went to jail for those and failed three attempts at joining the Army.

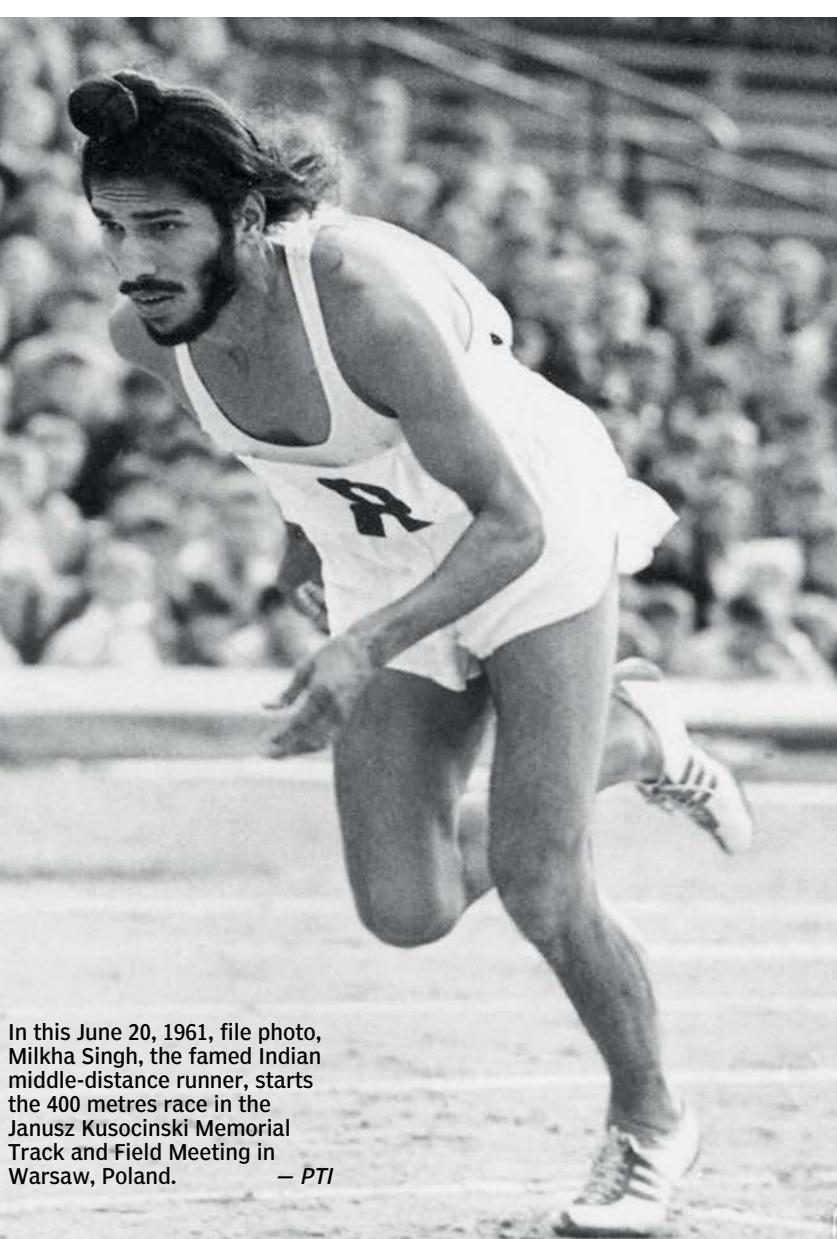
Who could have thought a man like that would get the sobriquet of 'The Flying Sikh'? But Milkha earned it and earned it with a master-class on how to be bigger and better than one's circumstances.

He "revered" the track like "the sanctum sanctorum in a temple where the deity resided."

To him running was both his God and beloved as he created his own little fairytale out of what what could have easily been a tale of horrors.

To talk of medals, the legendary athlete was a four-time Asian Games gold-medallist and the 1958 Commonwealth Games champion but his greatest performance was a near miss, the fourth place finish in the 400m final of the 1960 Rome Olympics.

His timing at the Italian capital remained the national record for 38 years and he was



In this June 20, 1961, file photo, Milkha Singh, the famed Indian middle-distance runner, starts the 400 metres race in the Janusz Kusociński Memorial Track and Field Meeting in Warsaw, Poland. — PTI

bestowed the Padma Shri in 1959.

But more than anything else, Milkha was the one who put Indian athletics on the world map by winning the gold in the then 440 yards race of the 1958 British and Commonwealth Games.

He became the first Indian athlete to win an individual gold in a Commonwealth Games, which led to then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru declaring a national holiday on his request.

Milkha put his career

record at 77 wins out of 80 races. He also claimed to have bettered the 'Olympics record' of that time in a race in France, but with sketchy records available, it is difficult to confirm just like his actual date of birth which is officially November 20, 1929.

He lost the race of his life in the Rome Olympics, finishing the 400m final in 45.6 seconds, 0.1 second short of the bronze medal mark.

Hard to believe but he had slowed down in a

colossal error of judgement as he wanted to preserve himself for the final 150m.

He remained tormented by that miss, one of the only two incidents in his life, which he described as unforgettable — the other being the killing of his parents in Pakistan.

"The one medal I had yearned for throughout my career had just slipped through my fingers because of one small error of judgement," Milkha wrote in his autobiography.

— PTI

## Legend, positive right till the end

**New Delhi, June 19:** Even after testing positive to Covid-19, sprint legend Milkha Singh exuded optimism, a trait that he carried all his life, through triumphs and defeats.

"Yes Bachcha, I tested positive for Covid-19 yesterday (May 19). But I am fine, I have no problem, no fever, no cough. It will go away. My doctor told me I will be alright in three-four days," he said after tested positive for the virus.

The 91-year-old died at Chandigarh's PGIMER hospital on Friday night after battling the infection for a month.

Milkha was first hospitalised at Mohali's Fortis hospital on May 23 as a precautionary measure.

While there, he was joined by his former national volleyball captain wife Nirmal Kaur, who died six days ago on Sunday because of Covid complications.

The couple shared a room before Milkha was discharged on the family's request.

Milkha was subsequently hospitalised again on June 3 after his oxygen saturation levels dipped, this time at the PGIMER where he battled it out till Friday night.

"Our cook had fever but he concealed it from us. We

sent him to his home (native village). After that we thought it's better that all the family members should get Covid-19 tests done," Milkha had said during the May 20 conversation detailing what exactly led to the positive tests.

"I am surprised. How could I get this infection?" he wondered.

At that point Milkha did not feel any symptoms and said that he had even been jogging and exercising.

"I have been keeping indoors except for morning jogging and exercise. I did jogging just yesterday. Don't worry, I am in good spirits," he asserted.

And it was this lifestyle that he was banking on to recover.

"Though I am surprised to have tested positive, I hope to get over it soon," he said.

— PTI



## INDIAN CRICKETERS PAY HOMAGE, WEAR BLACK ARMBANDS

**Southampton, June 19:** The Indian cricket team on Saturday wore black armbands on the second day of the World Test Championship final against New Zealand here as a mark of respect to 'Flying Sikh' Milkha Singh.

A police contingent reversed arms and sounded the last post in the sprinter's honour. Milkha was also given a gun salute. The Punjab government had declared a one-day state mourning and a holiday as a mark of respect to the legend.

Chief Minister Amarinder Singh had earlier in the day said the Punjab government will accord state funeral to Milkha Singh.

Earlier, the funeral procession started from Milkha's Sector 8 residence. His body was carried in a bedecked vehicle, with common people turning up along the short route to the Sector 25 cremation ground to pay their last respects to the legend.

— PTI



Police personnel pay last salute to legendary sprinter Milkha Singh, who passed away on Friday night, in Chandigarh on Saturday. — PTI

## Compete abroad: P.T. Usha remembers Singh's advice

**Chennai, June 19:** "You must compete in international meets abroad to improve," was the piece of advise P.T. Usha received from Milkha Singh when she met him way back in 1982 as she remembers the iconic athlete, who died on Friday.

Herself a track and field legend, Usha said she met Milkha Singh during an international competition in Korea. "I met Milkha ji for the first time in 1982 and it was a memorable one. He advised me to focus on participating in international meets to improve my level," Usha said.

"Milkha Singh Ji said he wants to see an Indian win an Olympic medal before he dies," said the 49-year-old, who broke the national record during the National Championships in Kolkata. Milkha was officially hand-timed at 45.6 seconds during his fourth-place finish in the Olympics, though an unofficial electronic timer at the Games clocked him at 45.73 seconds.

"It was a huge loss for the country that Milkha Singh Ji is no more. He was the pioneering legend of Indian athletics."



P.T. Usha with Milkha Singh in this file pic.

— PTI

Milkha ji through my coach, I always used to ask him a lot of questions. And, he was always ready to answer them. He offered suggestions and spoke in an inspiring manner."

Usha said Milkha Singh would remain in the hearts of millions of Indians.

"I was shocked after hearing the news of Milkha Singh's death. He was a great athlete... An inspiring personality. He will continue to inspire many and will remain in the hearts of millions of Indian people," the 56-year-old said.

"He used to call me PT. He was a very nice person and whenever I met him he used to enquire about my son, husband. He used to ask about my academy and the trainees," she added.

— PTI

## SPORTS UNIVERSITY TO HAVE A CHAIR AFTER FLYING SIKH

**Chandigarh, June 19:** A chair will be established after Milkha Singh's name at the Sports University, Patiala, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh announced here on Saturday.

"We are going to have a Milkha Singh Chair in Sports University, Patiala," the Chief Minister told reporters outside Milkha's Sector 8 residence.

Singh, accompanied by State Sports Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, had gone to meet Milkha's son Jeev and other family members to offer his condolences.

— PTI

## 'RECORD-BREAKER' PARAM PAYS TRIBUTE TO HIS IDOL

**New Delhi, June 19:** Inspired by Milkha Singh, he broke the very record that the iconic sprinter had against his name for 38 years and as Paramjit Singh mourned his idol's demise, he said he would forever cherish the time spent in awe of and with the "pioneering legend".

Singh broke Milkha's 400m national record in 1998, 38 years after the Milkha set it in the Rome Olympics for a fourth-place finish. The 91-year-old ran that memorable race in 45.6 seconds. "Milkha Singh Ji was so kind and generous that I was invited for a dinner at his place in Chandigarh after I broke his national record. He told me I should work harder to achieve success at the global level," Paramjit said on Saturday.

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## WHAT THEY SAID



In the passing away of Shri Milkha Singh Ji, we have lost a colossal sportsman, who captured the nation's imagination and had a special place in the hearts of countless Indians.

— NARENDRA MODI  
Prime Minister

India has lost its star. Milkha Singh Ji has left us but he will continue to inspire every Indian to shine for India. My deepest condolences to the family.

— KIREN RIJU  
Sports minister

Rest in Peace our very own 'Flying Sikh' Milkha Singh ji. Your demise has left a deep void in every Indian's heart today, but you shall keep inspiring several generations to come.

— SACHIN TENDULKAR  
cricket legend

A huge loss for the sport of athletics today. Rest well #MilkhaSingh ji.

— ANU BOBBY GEORGE  
Indian athlete

Saddened to hear about the passing away of the great Milkha Singh ji. May god give strength to his family to overcome this irreparable loss.

— ABHINAV BINDRA  
ace shooter

We lost a Gem. He will always remain as an inspiration for every Indian. May his soul Rest in peace.

— NEERAJ CHOPRA  
star javelin throwers

After winning World Championship U20 title and medal in Asian Games, I still remember a call from #MilkhaSingh sir that "Hima just keep on working hard, you have ample time and you can win a Gold medal for our country at a global level. I will try to fulfill your dream sir.

— HIMAA DAS  
Indian sprinter

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**Quick passes****Italy gear up for battle with Wales**

Why stop now? That's Italy's approach for their final group match at the European Championship against Wales.

The Azzurri have already advanced to the Round of 16 but they are playing with so much spirit and audacity that it's gotten to the point where it's become infectious.

Wales, who have four points, can secure a spot in the Last 16 with a draw or if Switzerland fail to beat Turkey in the other group match. Italy have won 10 straight matches all clean sheets and are on a 29-match unbeaten streak. —AP

**Switzerland in a must win situation**

At least someone on the Switzerland team has a reason to celebrate. Goalkeeper Yann Sommer went home after Wednesday's 3-0 loss to Italy for the birth of his second child, and then rejoined the team Friday. Now for the more difficult task of turning around a failing European Championship campaign.

With both teams in a must-win situation, Switzerland's game against Turkey on Sunday might just turn into a festival of attacking football. A draw is of no use to either as they try to advance to the Round of 16. And the bigger the margin of victory, the better. —AP

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# SCOTTISH HOLD

Scotland and lacklustre England play a goalless stalemate

London, June 19: England missed a chance to book their place in the Last 16 at Euro 2020 as Scotland kept their own hopes alive with a well deserved 0-0 draw on Friday.

Gareth Southgate's side would have been guaranteed to advance from Group 'D' with a win over their old rivals at Wembley.

But lethargic England managed just one shot on target and Scotland's combative display could easily have earned all three points.

Despite a flop that saw them booted off at full-time, England have four points and will be certain of qualifying if they avoid defeat by the Czech Republic in their last group game on Tuesday.

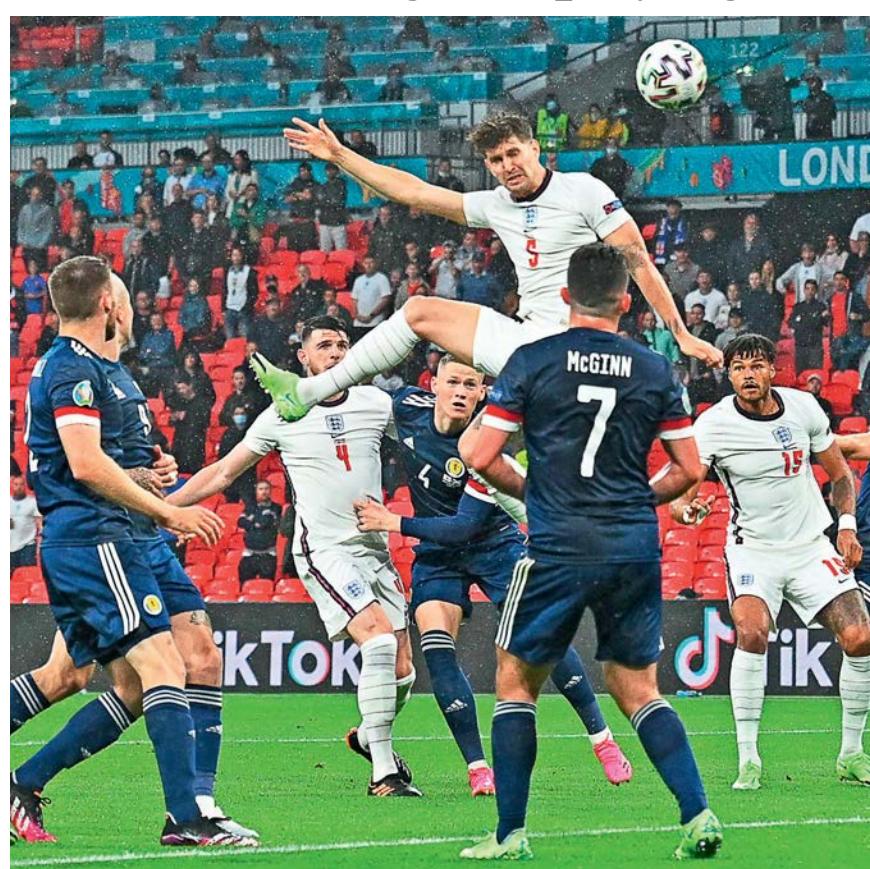
Scotland, in their first major tournament since the 1998 World Cup, looked far more composed than in their opening 2-0 loss to the Czech Republic.

They remain in with a chance of going through if they win their final match against Croatia.

Ponderous England's lack of cutting edge was a major issue for Southgate, who responded to Harry Kane's second successive lacklustre effort by hauling off his captain after 75 minutes.

Meeting in a major tournament for the first time since England's win at Euro '96, this was a redemptive performance for Scotland, whose fans serenaded their team at full-time.

It was the 115th clash between England and Scotland, an ancient rivalry that dates back to 1872



England's John Stones (centre) heads the ball during their Euro Group 'D' match against Scotland at Wembley Stadium in London on Friday. — AFP

on the pitch and centuries earlier off it.

**CROATIA HELD BY CZECHS**

Patrik Schick moved top of the Euro 2020 goalscoring charts with his third of the tournament as the Czech Republic held Croatia 1-1 in Glasgow to edge towards the Last 16.

Schick broke Scottish hearts on Monday with two goals to beat the hosts at Hampden Park 2-0, including an incredible

strike from nearly 50 metres that will go down as one of the best ever in the European Championship history.

He had a much simpler task from the penalty spot to open the scoring, but Ivan Perisic's stunning strike early in the second half maintained Croatia's chances of reaching the knockout stage. The World Cup finalists will have to beat Scotland on Tuesday to either pip the Czechs to second place in Group 'D' or most likely head through as one of the four best third-placed sides. The Czechs move a point ahead of England at the top of the group. — AFP

**France 1**

(Antoine Griezmann 66)

**Hungary 1**

(Attila Fiola 45+2)

## GRIEZMANN RESCUES DRAW FOR FRANCE

Budapest, June 19: Antoine Griezmann salvaged a 1-1 draw for France against Hungary in Budapest as the world champions missed the chance to clinch a place in the Euro 2020 Last 16 on Saturday.

Hungary threatened to blow Group 'F' wide open when Attila Fiola gave the hosts a shock lead in first-half stoppage time after catching out the France defence. But Griezmann, the Golden Boot winner at Euro 2016, equalised on 66 minutes as an unconvincing France avoided a first competitive defeat since June 2019.

Didier Deschamps' side took the section with four points, one above reigning champions Portugal who play Germany in Munich later. Hungary earned their first point and the Germans are bottom after losing to France in their opener. France stay in Budapest for their final game against Portugal, while Hungary travel to Munich to take on Germany, still hoping to qualify for the knockout phase for a second straight tournament. — AFP

# Argentina boss over Uruguay

Brasilia, June 19: Guido Rodriguez scored the only goal of the game as Argentina edged past fierce local rivals Uruguay in a disappointing Copa America clash on Friday.

The victory sent Argentina joint top of Group 'A' with Chile on four points while Uruguay remain without a point.

These two sides have played each other more times than any other local rivals and played the first ever international match to be held outside the United Kingdom.

They have won the Copa 29 times between them but familiarity can breed caution and for much of the encounter they canceled each other out.

Six-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi had the first real chance, cutting in from the right onto his favored left foot to force a full stretch save from goalkeeper Fernando Muslera, who was relieved to see Lautaro Martinez unable to turn in the rebound.

Moments later, Cristian Romero rose highest in the area to meet a Rodrigo De Paul cross but Muslera made a comfortable save.

The pressure was relentless in the early stages and Argentina took a deserved lead on 13 minutes as Messi got to the byline and stood up a cross to the back post where Rodriguez rose above his marker to head home off the far post.

Uruguay gradually stemmed the tide and started to get a foothold in the

**Argentina 1**

(Guido Rodriguez 13)

**Uruguay 0**

**Chile 1**

(Ben Brereton 10)

**Bolivia 0**

game, only to see Argentina counter at pace before Muslera parried a fierce Nahuel Molina drive at his near post.

**CHILE CHOKE BOLIVIA**

Earlier, English-born Ben Brereton was the unlikely hero as Chile beat Bolivia 1-0. The 22-year-old Blackburn forward was born in Stoke-on-Trent to an English father and Chilean mother, and only made his national team debut on Monday when he came off the bench in Chile's 1-1 draw with Argentina.

But Brereton, who has played his entire career in the English Championship, was in the right place at the right time to finish off a riper counter-attack and hand Chile victory.

Chile dominated the first period and could easily have gone in at half-time with a larger lead.

Bolivia's goalkeeper Carlos Lampe mounted almost solo resistance at times, saving from Jean Meneses, Erick Pulgar and Brereton. — AFP

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