



Mamata unveils bust of Vidyasagar, urges unity to save Bengal culture

page 12



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to visit Delhi this month-end

page 13

PLAYING TODAY

AUSTRALIA vs PAKISTAN

VENUE: Taunton

Live on STAR Sports 1, 2 (SD & HD), 3 p.m.



Injured Dhawan to stay back, to be under observation

page 17

PRINTED AT · CHENNAI · COIMBATORE · BENGALURU · HYDERABAD · MADURAI · NOIDA · VISAKHAPATNAM · THIRUVANANTHAPURAM · KOCHI · VIJAYAWADA · MANGALURU · TIRUCHIRAPALLI · KOLKATA · HUBBALLI · MOHALI · MALAPPURAM · MUMBAI · TIRUPATI · LUCKNOW · CUTTACK · PATNA

NEARBY



City may get relief from heat today

NEW DELHI
The Capital continued to reel under heatwave conditions on Tuesday with the maximum temperature settling at 45.5 degrees Celsius, up five notches. However, relief might be in store with the Met department forecasting a cloudy sky with chances of light rain on Wednesday.

CITY PAGE 3

GEOGRAPHY OPTIONAL

FREE GUIDANCE PROGRAMME

13th June @ 6:30pm

ASPIRE IAS 011-47561070 8010068998

OPPORTUNITIES PAGE 2

SC orders release on bail of journalist arrested in U.P.

Cannot watch a citizen deprived of liberty for social media posts, says court

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered the immediate release of journalist Prashant Kanojia on bail, saying it had no intention to sit back and watch a citizen deprived of his personal liberty for his social media posts. Mr. Kanojia's family claims he was picked up from his home on June 8 by plainclothesmen and taken to an undisclosed location for allegedly sharing a video on social media of a woman claiming she has sent a marriage proposal to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. "Arrest? Arrest? A citizen's right to liberty has been infringed. We have gone through the records... Yes,

Yes, these sort of tweets should not be made... But to arrest him? Liberty guaranteed under fundamental rights is sacrosanct. Whatever it is, he [Kanojia] has to be released on bail immediately



We are not appreciative of the manner of his tweets, but we are bothered about his arrest and incarceration... We live in a country where there is a Constitution. Proceed against him in accordance with law, but should he be behind bars?

JUSTICE INDIRA BANERJEE
Supreme Court judge

these sort of tweets should not be made... But to arrest him? Liberty guaranteed under fundamental rights is sacrosanct. Whatever it is, he [Mr. Kanojia] has to be released on bail immediately,"

Justice Indira Banerjee addressed Additional Solicitor-General (ASG) Vikramjit Banerjee, appearing for the Uttar Pradesh government. The court called the action taken by the Uttar Pra-

desh government a "glaring case of deprivation of liberty", in which a citizen had been sent to custody for 13-14 days.

'Not endorsing tweets'
When the ASG said Mr. Kanojia's release would be construed by the public as an endorsement of his social media posts, Justice Banerjee shot back, "Why should it? It will be treated as an endorsement of his right to personal liberty." "We are not appreciative of the manner of his tweets, but we are bothered about his arrest and incarceration," she said.

FREE SPEECH CANNOT BE CHOKED BY ARREST, SAYS SC PAGE 12
THIN-SKINNED MASTERS EDITORIAL

Wreckage of missing AN-32 spotted in Arunachal: IAF

Team sent to Siang to verify the sighting

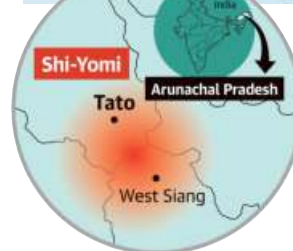
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI/NEW DELHI

The wreckage of the Indian Air Force's AN-32 transport aircraft that went missing eight days ago with 13 personnel on board in Arunachal Pradesh was located on Tuesday.

"The wreckage was spotted today 16 km north of Lipo, northeast of Tato, at an approximate elevation of 12,000 feet by the IAF Mi-17 helicopter undertaking search in the expanded search zone," the IAF said in a statement.

Tato is the headquarters of Shi-Yomi district, bordering China.

Different site?
However, Shi-Yomi Deputy Commissioner Mito Dirchi said local officials, engaged in coordinating the search



The AN-32 that crashed in Arunachal Pradesh.

which contact with the AN-32 was lost 35 minutes after it took off from Jorhat in Assam in the afternoon of June 3.

Siang Deputy Commissioner Rajiv Takuk also said locals claimed to have spotted the wreckage on the left bank of the river Siyom near Gatte. "A team has been sent to verify," he added.

on the ground for the missing aircraft with local hunters and villagers, reported the sighting of the wreckage near Gatte village in Siang district, adjoining Shi-Yomi. Gatte is in Payum circle over

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

Stronger together



A ceremony was held at Chennai port on Tuesday to seal affiliation ties between the Coast Guard and the 3rd (Naga Hills) battalion of Assam Rifles on ICGS Shaurya, left. A battalion of the Assam Rifles will train on the ship. *R. RAGU

Two ISJK militants killed in Shopian

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Two Islamic State-J&K (ISJK) militants were killed in a pre-dawn operation in south Kashmir's Shopian on Tuesday. A police spokesman said the militants, Sayar Ahmad Bhat from Kulgam's Yaripora and Shkir Ahmad Wagay from Shopian's Awneera, were surrounded at Awneera in an early morning operation. "During the search operation, the hiding militants fired on the search party. In the ensuing encounter, the two militants were killed and the bodies were retrieved," said the police.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

GDP growth overestimated during 2011-17: Arvind Subramanian

Actual growth only 4.5%, says ex-Chief Economic Adviser

TCA SHARAD RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI

Former Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) Arvind Subramanian has said India's GDP growth in the period 2011-12 to 2016-17 is likely to have been over-estimated, and the tag of the fastest-growing major economy may not hold.

In a research paper, 'India's GDP Mis-estimation: Likelihood, Magnitudes, Mechanisms, and Implications', published by Harvard University, Mr. Subramanian has argued that GDP growth during that period was actually 4.5% rather than the 7% presented by



Arvind Subramanian

official data. "Official estimates place annual average GDP growth between 2011-12 and 2016-17 at 7%. We estimate that actual growth may have been about 4.5%, with a 95% confidence interval of 3.5-5.5%."

Mr. Subramanian, whose term as CEA from October 2014 to June 2018 coincided in part with this period of "overestimation", has stressed that his paper deals with the technical origins of the overestimation and not the political aspects. Responding to Mr. Subramanian's paper, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation late on Tuesday reiterated its stance that the methodology adopted was in line with international standards as set by the United Nations and was as such robust.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

Life term to man for hijack threat

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In a first, a special NIA court in Ahmedabad sentenced Birju Salla, a businessman, to life imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹5 crore for placing a 'hoax' hijack note on a Jet Airways plane in October 2017.

Of the fine deposited by Salla, the pilots on the aircraft would get a compensation of ₹1 lakh each, each air hostess ₹50,000 and each passenger ₹25,000 for the "misery undergone by them," the court of special NIA judge K.M. Dave said.

DETAILS ON PAGE 13

Four pilgrims from T.N. die in train near Jhansi

Senior citizens were on religious tour

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Four senior citizens from Tamil Nadu, travelling on a train from Agra to Coimbatore, died on Monday near the Jhansi railway station in Uttar Pradesh. The deceased were part of a group undertaking a religious tour of north India.

The deceased were identified as Pachaiappan, 80, Balakrishnan, 67, Dhana-lakshmi, 74, and Subbarayan, 87.

Three of them are from Coimbatore and one from Coonoor.

A fifth member from the group, Kaladevi, 58, passed away before the group boarded the Kerala Express bound for Thiruvananthapuram at Agra.

Heat wave conditions

According to co-passengers, the four elderly victims were unable to bear the intense heat wave conditions prevailing in north India.

According to officials of Jhansi Division of the North Central Railway, an emergency call was made to the Jhansi Junction that four persons had "fainted" in the S8 and S9 coaches. Immediately, a railway medical specialist was kept in readiness.

When the train reached the station, the doctor examined the four persons, and found Pachaiappan, Balakrishnan and Dhana-lakshmi had already died while Subbarayan was in a serious

condition.

He was rushed to the nearby Jhansi District Civil Hospital, where he died later.

Case filed

The authorities passed on information to Government Railway Police, who filed a case and completed the post mortem examination at the Jhansi Civil Hospital.

The bodies were handed over to the group members and sent to Coimbatore in a separate coach on Tuesday.

Jhansi Divisional Railway Manager Neeraj Ambisht visited the station and instructed the officials to provide all necessary help to the victims.

According to the Jhansi Division Public Relations Officer, the train left New Delhi at 11.25 a.m. on Monday and reached Agra Cantonment at 2.05 p.m.

However, on hearing that the passengers were having health problems, the train, which had a travel time of 210 minutes and should have reached Jhansi at 5.40 p.m., reached almost an hour ahead. Regarding the cause of death, the PRO said the post mortem report is yet to be released.

One of the tour organisers, who did not want to be named, said that every year a large group from Coimbatore visited various places in north India in May. This year, the group of more than 100 persons had gone on a trip to Agra and Varanasi.