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### NEARBY



**Woman, 'lover' held for killing husband**

**NEW DELHI**  
A 34-year-old woman and her alleged lover have been arrested and a minor apprehended for the murder of the woman's husband in the servants' quarters of South Avenue, police said on Saturday.

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**Gurugram man held for raping foreign national**

**GURUGRAM**  
A 23-year-old foreign national was allegedly raped by a 36-year-old man in Gurugram on Friday. A senior police officer said that the accused, identified as Anjanya, a resident of DLF Phase-I, has been arrested. The victim, who is from Spain, had come to India a few weeks ago.

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**Akhilesh urges Governor to 'wake up' U.P. govt.**

**LUCKNOW**  
Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday urged Governor Ram Naik to "wake up" the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh to the spate of crimes in the State and the political violence faced by his party workers and supporters. Mr. Yadav asked Mr. Naik to direct the State government to bring the "jungle raj" under control.

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## Doctors stir: Home Ministry sends advisory to West Bengal

Strike enters sixth day; Mamata says all demands accepted

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As the stand-off between the West Bengal government and the junior doctors of the State-run hospitals continued for the sixth consecutive day on Saturday, the Union Home Ministry sought an urgent report from the State government on the strike and issued an advisory on the issue.

"This Ministry is in receipt of a number of representations from doctors and medical associations from different parts of country for their security in view of the ongoing strike by doctors in West Bengal. It is requested that a detailed report be sent urgently on the ongoing strike by the doctors," it



**Seeking succour:** A patient being brought for treatment during the strike at a hospital in Kolkata on Saturday. •PTI

said. Though Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee claimed her government had accepted "all demands" of the protesting doctors, the protesting junior doctors persisted with their demand that the

Chief Minister visit the Nil Ratan Sircar Medical College and Hospital (NRSMCH).

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## Want to make India a \$5 trillion economy by 2024, says PM

At NITI Aayog meet, he sets up agri task force and asks States to boost growth

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NEW DELHI

Each State must aim to at least double its economy if the country is to achieve the target of a \$5 trillion economy by 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told the Chief Ministers gathered for the NITI Aayog's fifth Governing Council meeting on Saturday.

Responding to concerns from the States, he announced the setting up of a high-level task force on structural reforms in the farm sector, as well as a potential revision of disaster relief fund norms.

"The goal to make India a \$5 trillion economy by 2024 is challenging, but can surely

**The goal to make India a 5 trillion dollar economy by 2024 is challenging, but can surely be achieved - NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER**



**NITI Aayog has not played the role of a facilitator. There is a growing realisation that it is not a substitute for Planning Commission**

**- PINARAYI VIJAYAN, KERALA CHIEF MINISTER**



**The erstwhile Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated in an unjust and inequitable manner, against the wishes of the majority of the people**

**- JAGAN MOHAN REDDY, ANDHRA PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER**



be achieved," said Mr. Modi, according to an official statement. For this, the States should recognise their core competence and aim to in-

crease their economy by 2 to 2.5 times, working towards raising GDP targets right from the district level, he said. He added that the com-

mon man's purchasing power would increase as a result. He urged the States to focus on their potential to grow exports.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Ministers of all States barring four - Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal, Telangana, according to NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar.

To transform the agri-economy, Mr. Modi said the high-powered committee for agriculture reforms "would include some Chief Ministers and take a holistic approach to the subject."

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## A red-hot rivalry

The most-awaited World Cup clash between India and Pakistan will take place at Old Trafford (Manchester) on Sunday

**India has won all six World Cup meetings against Pakistan, five of them while defending totals**

**1992, SYDNEY**  
India won by 43 runs

**1996, BANGALORE (QUARTERFINALS)**  
India won by 39 runs

**1999, OLD TRAFFORD**  
India won by 47 runs

**2003, CENTURION**  
India won by six wickets

**2011, MOHALI (SEMIFINALS)**  
India won by 29 runs

**2015, ADELAIDE**  
India won by 76 runs

India has won four of its last five ODIs against Pakistan. However, the only reverse came in the final of the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy at The Oval.

India has lost only two World Cup games after the 2007 edition (won 16, tied 1) and has picked up two wins from as many completed games thus far at the 2019 edition. In the 2007

tournament, India had exited at the group stage, losing to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

India and Pakistan have met once at Old Trafford, in 1999, when the former won by 47 runs.

Since winning that ODI against Pakistan at Old Trafford, India has played just one game there, losing by three wickets to England in 2007

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## Encephalitis toll in Bihar mounts to 69

Most of the victims are aged between one and seven

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PATNA

The death toll among children suffering from suspected Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in Bihar's Muzaffarpur rose to 69 on Saturday, with most of the victims aged between one and seven.

"The death toll today [Saturday] of children has gone up to 69 - 58 at government hospital, SKMCH, and 11 at privately owned Kejriwal hospital," Muzaffarpur civil surgeon Shailesh Prasad Singh told *The Hindu* over phone.

"We're making all efforts to tackle the situation with all our infrastructure and additional support... sick children continue to come in at the hospital and total 110 children are currently admitted at the SKMCH," Dr. Singh added.

"It has been a critical mo-



**Testing times:** Children showing symptoms of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome being treated at a hospital. •PTI

ment for all and the district administration is quite alert to tackle the situation," asserted Muzaffarpur District Magistrate Alok Ranjan Ghosh. "There are enough ambulances for the convenience of patients and the awareness campaign about AES too has been launched in a big way in the district," he added.

On Wednesday, a central team of doctors had visited

the hospital to monitor the situation and submitted its report to the director general, health services, on Friday. A person privy to the report, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told *The Hindu* that the team had pointed out several inadequacies at the SKMCH in Muzaffarpur, including the fact that available resources were not being "optimally utilised" at the hospital.

## Seven die while cleaning septic tank in Vadodara

Police file charges against hotel owner

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Seven people, including four sanitation workers, died while cleaning a septic tank in a hotel near Vadodara on Saturday. Three of the victims used to work at Darshan Hotel, while the others were hired to clean the sewer line and the septic tank.

The police have lodged a complaint under charges of culpable homicide and causing death due to negligence against hotel owner Hassan Abbas Borhaniya, who was arrested on Saturday.

Vadodara's officiating District Collector Kiran Zaveri said, "They died of asphyxiation inside the tank as revealed in their post-mortem examination, conducted at a Vadodara hospital." The bodies of the workers have

been handed over to their families. The deceased have been identified as Mahesh Patanwadiya, 47; Ashok Harijan, 45; Brijesh Harijan, 25; Mahesh Harijan, 25; Vijay Chaudhary, 22; Sahdev Vasava, 22; and Ajay Vasava, 22.

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani expressed sorrow after coming to know about the incident and announced compensation of ₹4 lakh each to the dependents of the deceased.

BJP MLA Shailesh Mehta, who represents the Dabhoi Assembly constituency, said four sanitation workers were from nearby Thuvavi village and were hired to clean the sewer lines.

He added that the incident shows sheer disregard for the safety of workers. (With PTI inputs)

## Hong Kong suspends extradition Bill

Leader Carrie Lam yields after violent street protests

REUTERS  
HONG KONG

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam on Saturday indefinitely delayed a proposed law that would have allowed extraditions to mainland China, in a dramatic retreat after anger over the Bill triggered the city's biggest and most violent street protests in decades.

The Bill, which would

have covered Hong Kong's 7 million residents as well as foreign and Chinese nationals there, was seen by many as a threat to the rule of law in the former British colony.

Around a million marched through Hong Kong last Sunday to oppose the Bill, according to organisers of the protest. "After repeated internal deliberations over the

last two days, I announce that the government has decided to suspend the legislative amendment exercise, restart our communication with all sectors of society, do more explanation work and listen to different views of society," Ms. Lam said.

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## Bhutan throws up pay wall amid surge of Indian tourists

Flood of 'unregulated' tourists has prompted measures from pristine Himalayan destination

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THIMPHU

For centuries, parents of newborn children in the Thimphu valley have visited the Changangkha Lhakhang (temple) that rises above the Bhutanese capital, bringing their babies as young as four or five days old to be blessed by its deity.

But a surge of tourist inflows into Bhutan this year has left parents and pilgrims jostling for space in the temple's small inner sanctum.

The crowds have sparked a major debate across the country that could mean tougher regulations for tourists from the region, especially India.



**Shangri-La worried:** Bhutan promoted a brand of tourism that brought in only a few willing to pay well. •GETTY IMAGES

"It was suffocating for the mothers who were trying to get blessings for their children," explains a guard outside the temple, "They could barely say their prayers and

they were very upset," he added.

On June 7, the Tourism Council announced it was shutting the temple to all tourists for the three

months, or peak season. The notice, printed on a board outside the temple, says the closure was in the "interest of the safety of the tourists", and was done so as to allow "important religious events" to be conducted inside.

**Entrance fees**

When the doors of Changangkha Lhakhang re-open to tourists, they will be charged 300 Ngultrums (₹300) as entrance fees, the government has decided.

Other monasteries and temples in the country, known for its deep Buddhist religiosity, are quickly following suit.

The measures are part of

an entire list being compiled by the Tourism Council of Bhutan (TCB) in response to the large numbers of "unregulated" tourists now making a beeline for the Himalayan Kingdom, once called the "Last Shangri-La" for its remoteness and pristine environment.

For decades, Bhutan's government promoted an exclusive brand of "high value, low volume/impact" tourism, that brought in only a few tourists willing to pay well for luxury hotel brands, rather than 'backpackers' and tourists looking for a cheap holiday.

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