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'Delhi's scheme bigger than Ayushman Bharat'
NEW DELHI
The Delhi government's umbrella health scheme is "10 times bigger and comprehensive" than the Centre's scheme, Ayushman Bharat programme, wrote Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Friday.
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Kargil war veteran who was declared foreigner gets bail

Assam resident asked to initiate action against ex-official



SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT GUWAHATI
The Gauhati High Court on Friday granted interim bail to ex-serviceman Mohammed Sanaulah, who was sent to a detention camp after a tribunal declared him a foreigner on May 23.
A team of lawyers, led by Indira Jaising and Hafiz Rashid Ahmed Choudhury, appearing for the Kargil war veteran, moved the application for his release.
After hearing the arguments, a Division Bench of Justices Manojit Bhuyan and Prasanta Kumar Deka ordered the release of the 52-year-old former Junior Commissioned Officer on his furnishing a bail bond of ₹20,000 with "two local sureties of a like amount."
The court also asked Mr. Sanaulah to take steps to serve notice by registered post on Chandram Das, former investigating officer of the Assam Police's border wing, whose report in 2008 made the ex-serviceman a "foreigner."
The judges also directed the ex-serviceman not to move out of the territorial jurisdiction of Kamrup and Kamrup (Metro) districts without the approval of the Superintendent of Police (Border), Kamrup, Guwahati, where he resides, falls under Kamrup (Metro).
The court also directed the authorities to obtain Mr. Sanaulah's biometrics and fingerprints before releasing him on interim bail. "In all likelihood, he will be released from the detention centre tomorrow [Saturday]," Mr. Choudhury told *The Hindu*.
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G. VENKATARAMANA RAO AMARAVATI
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy announced on Friday that there would be five Deputy Chief Ministers in his 25-member Cabinet, which will be sworn in on Saturday.
Addressing 151 YSR Congress Party candidates who were elected to the Assembly but have not yet been sworn in and seven MLCs at the second YSR Congress Legislature Party meeting at the Tadepalli party office, Mr. Reddy said the posts of Deputy Chief Minister would be given to five MLAs-elect belonging to the Backward Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, the minorities and the Kapus.
The Kapu community has been agitating to be included in the Backward Classes. Mr. Reddy met Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan, who came here from Hyderabad in the evening for the swearing-in of the Cabinet, and submitted to him the list of 25 legislators to be sworn in as Ministers.
While the Chandrababu Naidu Cabinet had two Deputy CMs – one BC (K.E. Krishnamurthy) and a Kapu (Ch. China Rajappa) – Mr. Reddy has increased the number to five. Mr. Reddy told the legislators that 90% of the Cabinet members would be replaced after two-and-a-half years to give a chance to others.
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Jagan to have 5 Deputy CMs, to form new Cabinet mid-term

Deputies will represent the BCs, SCs, STs, minorities and Kapus



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DTC buses register lesser earnings: Outcome Budget
NEW DELHI
State-run buses being operated by DTC registered a lower fleet size in addition to lesser earnings while ridership on Delhi Metro registered a slight increase but fell short of its target for the 2019-20 as per the Delhi government's Outcome Budget released on Friday.
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Monsoon checks in



First of the season: Two men hurry home as dark clouds gather over a river at Kadamakudy near Kochi on Friday. The IMD has forecast very heavy rain in Thrissur on Monday and in Ernakulam, Malappuram and Kozhikode on Tuesday. • THULASIA KAKKAT

NPP first to become national party from N-E
GUWAHATI
The Election Commission on Friday declared the National People's Party led by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma as a national party. This made the NPP, formed by his father and former Speaker Purno A. Sangma in 2013, the first from the Northeast to earn the tag.
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Two police deserters, two Jaish men killed in Kashmir

The policemen went missing from Pulwama

PEERZADA ASHIQ SRINAGAR
Two Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) militants and two policemen, who went missing on Thursday with their service rifles, were killed by the security forces in Pulwama on Friday.
The police said the two militants were surrounded in a residential area at Panjan in Pulwama's Litter area on Thursday evening, triggering an encounter that continued into the night.
The operation followed a tip-off that the militants were meeting two Special Police Officers (SPOs), who

had deserted from the District Police Lines along with their rifles and intended to join the militant outfit.
"The two SPOs, who became members of the JeM, were also killed," said the police.
The slain JeM militants were Ashiq Hussain Ganaie from Pulwama's Panjan and Imran Ahmad Bhat from Arihal.
The two slain SPOs were Mohammad Salman Khan from Shopian's Uthmulla, and Shabir Ahmad Dar from Tujan, Pulwama.
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New chief for Al-Qaeda in India

The terror outfit Al-Qaeda has announced a new chief for its India wing, Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind, two weeks after its top 'commander' Zakir Musa was killed. Hameed Lelhari will replace Musa and Ghazi Ibrahim Khalid will be his deputy, a spokesman said in a video. Musa was killed on May 23 in Tral. He had replaced slain militant Burhan Wani in 2016, but quit the Hizbul Mujahideen.
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Row over Army logo on Dhoni's gloves

ICC says he must remove insignia

K.C. VIJAYA KUMAR LONDON
M.S. Dhoni's wicket-keeping gloves have always been an object of awe among the cricketing fraternity. The manner in which he pouches catches, his lightning stumpings and reverse flick run-outs have further enhanced a halo built around his muscular batting exploits.
But little could he have imagined that his wicket-keeping gloves would actually become the focus of a raging controversy that has set social media abuzz with a torrent of views of varied persuasions.
It started with Wednesday's World Cup match at Southampton, where India defeated South Africa by six wickets. Lost in the reporting of the day's crickering exploits was the sighting of an additional logo on Dhoni's gloves. The logo, an Army signage depicting a regimental dagger insignia of the Indian Para Special Forces, raised the hackles within cricket's governing body, the International Cricket Council (ICC), as players are only allowed to sport two logos on gloves.
Dhoni holds the rank of an honorary Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army
Ever since news broke about the ICC's request to the Board of Control for Cricket in India asking



M.S. Dhoni and the gloves with the dagger insignia. • AP

Dhoni to remove the extra logo, a nationalistic narrative emerged on Twitter.
The BCCI's Committee of Administrators chief Vinod Rai backed Dhoni and said: "The BCCI has already sent a formal request to the ICC for clearance."
The ICC, however, made it clear on Friday that the extra logo had to go.
"The ICC has responded to the BCCI to confirm the logo displayed by M.S. Dhoni in the previous match is not permitted to be worn on his wicket-keeping gloves at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019," it said in a statement. "The regulations... do not permit any individual message or logo to be displayed on any items of clothing or equipment."

SBI to offer home loan linked to repo rate

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI
Home loan shoppers will have a new product to opt for come July 1. The State Bank of India will introduce a product where the interest rate is linked to the repo rate of the Reserve Bank of India.
Repo rates are benchmark rates set by the RBI and those opting for the SBI's new home loan product will see interest rates moving instantly in sync with the repo rate.
Now, the SBI's home loan rates are linked to its marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) due to which transmission of rate cuts are slower. All banks link their retail lending rates to their MCLR.
The SBI has also cut by 25 basis points (bps) its rates on cash credit and overdraft ac-

SIT to probe Aligarh murder

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT LUCKNOW
The Uttar Pradesh police on Friday constituted a Special Investigation Team to probe the murder of an infant in Aligarh amid huge public outcry.
A forensic team will also be part of the probe to ascertain the full nature of the crime; preliminary autopsy reports ruled out rape and concluded the child was murdered by strangulation.
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