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ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Uttarayana Tithi: Ashada Bahula Padyami till 4.51 am (Thursday) Star: Uttarashada till

10.59 pm Varivam: Sesha Varivam up to 7.14; 3.25 am to 5.11 am (Thursday) Durmuhurtam: 11.56 am to 12.47 pm

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Fajar: 4.43 am **Zohár:** 12.32 pm **Asar:** 4.55 pm Maghrib: 7.59 pm Isha: 8.15 pm SUNSET TODAY 6.54 PM

SUNRISE TOMORROW 5.50 AM **MOONRISE** TOMORROW 6.35 PM **MOONSET** TODAY 5.07 AM



Thank god, they aborted Chandrayaan-2... otherwise it was very difficult to

UK begins India start-up fund

London: British Prime Minister Theresa May on Tuesday announced the creation of a new 40-million pound Fast-Track Start-up Fund, focussed on India's emerging technology enterprises as part of the wider UK-India Tech Partnership. The announcement came as May marked the 'India Day' here. She describing India and the UK as twin pillars of the Commonwealth .

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Congresswomen hit back at Don

Washington: Democratic Congresswomen targeted in a xenophobic tirade by US President Donald Trump hit back on Monday, saying he was trying to distract attention away from his policies with his "blatantly racist attack". The President first

attacked the four lawmakers with tweets on Sunday, saying they should "go back" to their countries of origin.

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Pak conjoined twins separated

London: Two-year-old twins joined at the head have undergone successful surgery at a British hospital to separate their skulls, brains and blood vessels, doctors said on

Tuesday. The highly complex surgery involved multiple operations on Safa and Marwa Ullah, who were born in Pakistan in January 2017 with a condition known as "craniopagus".

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FRESH GUARD

ESL replaced in AP, TS may get new Gov

Speculation on Narasimhan continuing in TS

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 16

With the appointment of Odisha BJP leader Biswa Bhusan Harichandan as Governor of Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday Pradesh on evening, speculation is rife that the Centre is considering replacing Governor E.S.L. Narasimhan, who has been Governor of both Telugu states after the state of Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated.

Mr Narasimhan, a former director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB), was formally appointed Governor of the undivid-ed state in January 2010 by the UPA government. He had taken over a month earlier in the aftermath of his predecessor N.D. Tiwari resigning after a sex

The BJP-led NDA government that came to power in 2014 did not replace him, though many other Governors were replaced. In June he became the longest-serving Governor

There was talk of him replaced being

EUROPEANS

CHECK VISA

SHOPPING

VINEETA PANDEY I DC

European countries have

become active to stop

'Visa Shopping'. Passen-

gers at airports in India

are being checked thor-

oughly for hotel book-

ings and other docu-

ments to cross-check if

passengers have given incorrect information in

As per Schengen Visa

norms, in case of travel

to multiple countries, you need to take visa

from the country where

you will have maximum

days of stay, irrespective

of the fact which country

is your port of entry to Europe. In case, you are

visiting two countries

with equal days of stay

then country to be visit-ed first will issue the

visa. Visa Shopping is the practice of applying

sulate, where it is easier

or faster to get travel per-

mission compared to oth-

ers. Since some countries give visas faster,

many use their visas to

enter Europe and stay in

other countries

longer duration.

"visas" at a con-

order to get visa faster.



A seasoned politician, advocate and writer Mr Harichandan was elected to Odisha Assembly five times - twice on a Janata Dal ticket and thrice with the BJP ticket.

Telangana state two years ago, but this did not happen. According to sources in Raj Bhavan, the extended term of Mr Narasimhan ended in June.

Congress leaders alleged that Mr Narasimhan was lobbying to get another extension in Telangana state. They alleged that Mr Narasimhan's inclination for the ruling

TRS clearly showed that he was either seeking another term or would join the TRS after his retirement.

TRS leaders are tight-lipped about Mr Narasimhan's future, saying that the appointment of the Governor is in the realm of the Centre.

A seasoned politician, advocate and writer Mr Harichandan was elected to Odisha Assembly five times twice on a Janata Dal ticket and thrice with the BJP ticket. In the Janata Dal government led by Biju Patnaik from 1990 to 1995, the former Jan Sangh held the portfolio of food and civil supplies and cooperation.

Known as crusader against injustice and cor-ruption, Mr Harichandan is also a dramatist of repute. His has penned many plays that have been enacted at various places, drawing huge crowds. Some of the important literary works include Maru Bataas, Rana Pratap, Jhalak, Asta Sikha and Manasi

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Paytm deal shows city drug buyers

COREENA SUARES | DC

Paytm transaction between a drug dealer and his client revealed a net work of purchasers in which prominent names of the city figured Though the drug peddler

was caught in June, the case has been kept under wraps because the pur-chaser of the drug is an influential person. Even within enforcement agencies, the information is on a "need to know" basis.

In June, excise enforcement officials arrested a couple, Sheikh Fahad and his wife Salima Shaikh, at Banjara Hills near Saibaba temple and seized nine grams of cocaine and ₹3 lakh cash from them. The police also seized a Maruti Swift car, which was used to transport the cocaine, one swiping machine, and

four mobile phones. The couple was allegedly involved in transportation and sale of cocaine,

police said. "Fahad's phone was confiscated and when his Paytm transactions were checked, we found the highest paid amount was close to a lakh, which we suspected was for buying cocaine. The online pay-



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ments exposed his client

list."
The person who made the one lakh purchase is owner of a well-known pub who has friends among the city's elite. Neither the police nor the excise department will confirm whether the pub owner has been arrested.

Sources told this newspaper that the pub owner wasn't a drug user him-self but bought drugs on behalf of users. It was a transaction made from his account that got him

Page 4: Pub were warned on drugs, say cops

a businessman. India had on May 8, 2017 taken Mr Jadhav's case to the

On May 18, 2017, the ICJ had barred Pakistan from executing Mr Islamabad had claimed he had been engaging in New Delhi has consisclaims. India had argued that Mr Jadhav was "kidthe Navy, and was then

Pak opens up its airspace

India lifts curbs; operational costs down by ₹20L per flight

DC CORRESPONDENT **NEW DELHI, JULY 16**

Four months after India conducted airstrikes in Balakot following the Pulwama terror attack, Pakistan reopened its airspace for international civilian flights on Tues-day, leading to normal air traffic operations between India and Pakistan.

"Ever since the Pakistani airspace was closed, we had to reroute our flights south of Pakistan. The flying time for longhaul flights towards the US increased by 90 minutes with additional fuel usage. The US-bound flights had to be stopped at Vienna, where the crew had to be changed. It takes three hours. As Pakistani



restrictions in its air- retaliation for the space due to the Pulwama attack heightened tensions. on February 14.

airspace is now open, aircraft utilisation will go up and the crew requirement will come down by 25 per cent. Flight operation costs for US-bound flights may also come down by ₹20 lakh one way and for Europe-bound flights by ₹5 lakh. From today, night

Pakistan had closed its airspace on February 26 after the IAF struck a JeM terrorist training India had imposed camp in Balakot in

> flight operations may be on the original schedule, as it was earlier before the closure of Pakistani airspace," an Air India spokesperson said.

> Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority on Tuesday issued a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) at 12.41 am

(IST), saying the country's airspace has been opened with immediate effect for all types of civil traffic on "published ATS (Air

Traffic Service) routes' Shortly after Pakistan's move, India also issued a "revised NOTAM", announcing that normal ATS had resumed. "After can-cellation of NOTAMs by Pakistan and India, there are no restrictions on the airspaces of both countries, and flights have started using the closed air routes, bringing significant relief for airlines," the civil aviation ministry said in a tweet. "This is great news. A big relief to air passengers," it added.

■ Page 6: Westbound flights

INDIA, PAK **AWAIT ORDER ON JADHAV**

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC **NEW DELHI, JULY 16**

Anxiety is mounting as both New Delhi and Islamabad await the International Court of Justice verdict at The Hague in the Netherlands that will be pronounced on Wednesday in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case. Former Indian naval officer Kulbhushan Jadhav remains in Pakistani custody, with Pakistan continuing to deny India consular access to him. A Pakistani military court had on April 10, 2017, sentenced Mr Jadhav to death on charges of 'espionage and sabotage", but India has maintained that Mr Jadhav was illegally abducted from Iran where he was working as

Jadhav till the court pronounces its final decision in the case. Mr Jadhav was "apprehended by Pakistan law enforcement agencies on March 3, 2016, after he illegally crossed over into Pakistan", and that "espionage activities aimed at waging war against Pakistan". But tently rubbished these napped from Iran, where he was carrying on busi ness after retiring from shown to have been arrested in Baluchistan" on March 3, 2016.

■ P6: India had sought suspension of death row

SC verdict on 15 rebel Karnataka MLAs today

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI/ BENGALURU.

All eyes will be on the Supreme Court on Wednesday morning when it announces its verdict on the pleas of 15 rebel Congress and JD(S) MLAs seeking a direction to Karnataka Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar to accept their resignations from the House and not delay the process. The verdict will have a bearing on the trust vote which Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy intends to seek in the Assembly on

Thursday. A direction to the Speaker to accept the

resignations could well



the resignations

could well seal the

fate of the CM. seal his fate as the JD(S)-Congress government's numbers would slip from 118 to 101 (including the Speaker) in the Assembly as against the BJP's 107 (which includes two

Independents). On the other hand, if the

court decides that the plea submitted by Congress leaders seeking the dis-qualification of the dissident MLAs should be taken up first, it could prove to be a severe blow for the rebels and could coalition to up the presthe party fold to escape

disqualification.
On Tuesday, a SC bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi concluded hearing the arguments presented by the counsels for the rebel MLAs, the Speaker and Chief Minister H.D. Kumara-

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11 DEAD, 40 TRAPPED



NDRF personnel carry out rescue operation at the collapse site of the four-storey Kesarbai building at Dongri in Mumbai, on Tuesday, which killed 11 people besides - DECCAN CHRONICLE

■ Page 7: French visas in

48 hours much in demand

IN THE | FAST LANE | Gadkari says people need to pay toll if they want good roads in villages, hills

Toll gates to stay, FASTags must in 4 months

NEW DELHI, JULY 16

Union highways and road transport minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said that FASTag in vehicles will be mandatory to cross toll booths after four

While replying to a discussion on demands for grants for the road transport and highways ministry in the Lok Sabha, Mr Gadkari said that though tolls cannot be removed, but passing through them can be made easy through these FASTag for electronic toll collection.

He added people need to pay toll if they want good roads and the money collected from areas that have the capacity to pay is utilised for building roads in rural and hilly areas. "Toll zindagi bar band

nahi ho sakta... Kam zyaada ho saktha hai. Toll ka jaanamdata mein hoon.. (Toll system can never end though the rates may vary from time to time," Mr Gadkari said while adding 'If you want good services, you have to pay for it. Government does not have money." However, the minister said that his ministry is considering exempting



school buses and state transport buses from tolls. Talking about road accidents and crashes on highways, Mr Gadkari said his ministry has identified 786 black spots out of which 300 such spots have been corrected and urged the Members of Parliament (MP) to identify such spots • Centre says it is considering exempting school buses and state transport buses from tolls.

in their constituencies and work to improve them to bring down accident rates. He also blamed poor road engineering, tyre technology and unskilled drivers among the reasons for crashes. In this context he mentioned use of nitrogen

in tyres to prevent acci-

The minister also said that to curb a shortage of over 25 lakh drivers, his ministry was willing to open a driving training centre in their constituen-Mr Gadkari said that his

government has provided 203 new ambulances on national highways in addition to existing 350 to save life on roads. "The new ambulances are equipped with cutting tools and drivers are equipped to cut damaged vehicles to rescue passengers. These drivers are also trained to give saline water (intravenous) to the injured," Mr

Listing out his govern-

Gadkari said the government has built 40,000 kilometres of highway in the last five years. In this context he mentioned that land acquisition has been a major problem in road construction projects despite the government land cost higher than the market rate. He mentioned cases in West Bengal and Bihar

ment's achievements Mr

where the progress is slow. Gadkari also informed the House that the ministry is working on a new expressway between New Delhi and Mumbai.

serve as a much-needed morale booster for the sure on them to return to

MODI WARNS ABSENTEE MINISTERS

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 16

Taking serious note of Union ministers skipping their roster duties in Parliament, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked parliamentary affairs minister Prahlad Joshi to give him the names of all the absentee ministers the same evening.
At the BJP parliamen-

tary party meeting here, sources said the PM asked all ministers to follow the duty roster and said they should carry out their work as assigned. On a few occasions, Opposition memin both Houses raised the issue of the absence of ministers and there were instances when Cabinet ministers or their deputies due to be present in either the Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha, as per the roster, were absent. Sources said the Prime

Minister said the ongoing session could be extended, if required, to pass the government's legislative agenda, but as of now, the session's extension was not on the government's agenda. The session is now due to

end on July 26.

Briefing the media, Mr
Joshi said the PM had
asked all BJP MPs to nurse their constituencies by playing a leading role in its development and advised them to take up a cause of human sensitivity like eradication of leprosy or tuberculosis and water conserva-tion. The PM noted that India had fixed a deadline of 2025 for eradicating TB, against the global deadline of 2030.



TRS lacks principles, that is why it is threatening BJP leaders

— Somarapu Sathyanarayana

POWER SHUTDOWN

Kanaka Durgamma temple, TRS Office area; Banjara, Banjara Green, Music World, MS Goud area, Road No.13, Part of Road No.11, Taj

8 am to 2 pm: Banjara Hills Roads No. 2, 3 and 12, Panchavati Colony area, AK Apts area, Care Hospital area, Balagoud PT area behind masjid, Water Works, Vijaya Rama Rao residence area; Maruthi showroom area, Shangari La Complex area, Natco area, SBI, Jubilee Hills check post, KBR Park

10 am to 1 pm: Langer Houz crossroad, Pensionpura, Golla Basthi, Baghdad Colony, Basthi, Bagnuau Colon, Ahmed Colony, Company Bagh, Military Hospital, Indiranagar, Flour Mill, Hill Colony, Vivekananda Colony, LIC Vivekananda Colony, LIC Colony, MIGH, Kranthinagar, Amba Theatre, Income Tax Colony, Ram Murthi Colony, Mehdipatnam bus depot area, Santhoshnagar, Venkannanagar, Sri Nikethan Apts., Rethibowli, Foodworld, Midway Colony G. Pulla Reddy Way Colony, G. Pulla Reddy College, Mehdipatnam, Vivek-ananda Colony, Jandharnagar, Ayodyanagar

2 pm to 5 pm: Ratnadeep supermarket, Eye Drusti area; Humayun Nagar, Mehdipatnam, MIGH, Sriramnagar, Muradnagar. Ahmednagar, Masab Tank, Garden Towers, Ahmednagar, Police Mess, Khadi Board, Khajanagar, First Lancer, Diamond Hotel, Fazal Residential Colony, Function Hall. Banjara Niloufer Hospital, Lakdikapul, AC Guards, Saleem Function Hall, Nampally police station, Town Planning, Election Commissioner's Office, Municipal Commissioner's Office, Ganga Jamuna Hotel.

MAHA OFFICIALS IN TS TO STUDY **HARITHA HARAM**

C CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Maharashtra Forest Department has sent a team of its officials to Telangana state to study the activities undertaken by the Haritha Haram project. They visited different forest divisions to learn about the development work such as bund stabilization, assisted natural regeneration and cultural operations as well as urban lung space creation.

Telangana state forest department had recently organised a workshop to share forestry skills and strengthen the interstate cooperation with Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra

Pradesh and Maharashtra Mr Srikanth Bandu from Telangana state forest department said that such inter-state activities were helpful in sharing knowledge with each other.

POOR | SCHEME

High-rises to measure impact on traffic load

Owners of new buildings asked to help ease burden

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 16

The GHMC has declared that all high-rise buildings including office spaces, malls, hospitals, schools, colleges and multiplexes will have to submit an assessment certificate on how they will impact traffic — along with their building permits to assess new buildings' impact on traffic volume.

A corporation official said the initiative is a first of its kind in the country. He said property owners of high-rise buildings and commercial establishments will have to contribute to the infrastructure to be constructed by the civic body to accommodate any additional traffic caused by such structures.

Officials said contribution does not necessarily imply monetary contribu-tion and could entail provision of additional space during road widening or the construction of an alternative link to the concerned road to ease the resultant traffic burden.

The corporation has prepared a set of guidelines for each building based on its business activities to prevent irregularities or fake traffic impact assess ments. This was done following a study conducted by LEA Associates South Asia Pvt Ltd of the situation of city roads wider than 100 feet. The GHMC had asked the consultant to submit a report explaining traffic jams on such roads. The agency in its report said gaps in issuing building permissions are responsible for the current traffic situation.

Sources said the corporation has concentrated on parking spaces, set backs, greenery, rainwater harvesting pits but not on the lines of commercial establishments. Although high-rise buildings are supposed to provide 44 per cent parking space to accommodate vehicles, they have done nothing about the traffic snarls they cause on adjacent

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA

Two infants aged four days and nine months respectively who were admitted to Shishu Vihar,

Yousufuguda died of

Surprisingly, one of the two children died of nasal

bleeding two days after the

B. Srinivas, a social worker at Shishu Vihar, stated in his complaint to SR Nagar police that

declared

complications.

HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Building owners, architects face jail, fine for violations

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

As per the draft Municipal Act, unapproved layouts and unauthorised buildings will not be registered by the stamps and registration department. To minimise human interference, building owners can self-assess their proper-ties and download occupancy certificates after the completion of construction.

To prevent irregularies, the Municipal Administration

Urban Development (MA&UD) (MA&UD) department will hold architects and building owners responsi-ble during physical inspections. In case of violations, both will be liable to imprisonment and a minimum penalty of ₹25,000.

These rules will be applicable in all municipal corporations expect the GHMC and urban local bodies.

Highly placed sources said the Directorate of Town and Country Planning (DTCP) in consultation with city planners has recommended the government not to register unapproved layouts and unauthorised constructions in all urban

During the weekends, however, window shop-

pers, early film patrons,

the existing parking facili-

ty thereby directly impact-

ing the free flow of the

To avoid such instances.

of suspicious deaths.

Nithya, weighed 1.3 kg at

the time of admission. She

was later taken to Niloufer

hospital for a general check-up, and the doctors

there informed the atten-

dant that she was com-

pletely healthy but needed

proper feeding. She was then sent back to Shishu

the corporation in collabo-The corporation, for ration with the traffic police has prepared guideinstance, would accord building permission to a lines for all high-rise plex theatres with a total seating capacity of 2000 if it provides parking facili-ty for 750 vehicles.

Shishu Vihar under lens as 2 kids die

Based on the complaints filed by B.

Srinivas, a social worker at Shishu Vihar,

the SR Nagar police registered two cases

tificates.

buildings depending on their nature of business. GHMC Chief City Planner (CCP) S. Devender Reddy said the traffic impact assessment certificate will be made mandatory in addition to the other documents and gamers (in malls with gaming zones) overburden required to be furnished to secure building per-

He said building owners will be held accountable said.

her nose and rushed her to

Niloufer Hospital, where

In another instance, Begumpet police admitted

the nine-month-old Satya

Sri to Shishu Vihar after

her mother's demise on

June 9. She was then taken to Niloufer hospital

for a general check-up.

she was declared dead.

making changes, he added.

Building owners will be liable to increase the size of the concerned roads or construct a link road or contribute a share of the total cost of corridor improvement undertaken by the GHMC, he said. This will apply to structures coming up adjacent to city roads 100 feet or wider, up to 250 feet. This initiative is the first of its

FIGHTING GRAFT

■ The Directorate of Town and Country Planning (DTCP) has recommended the government not to register unapproved layouts and unauthorised constructions in all urban local bodies barring the HMDA iurisdiction.

If registered, the inspector-general, stamps and registration, will take legal action and suspend the sub-registrar for at least 18 months.

local bodies barring the the MA&UD, revenue and HMDA jurisdiction. If panchayat raj departments. Builders and ownregistered, the inspectorers will be able to check title deeds and approved layouts, authorise archigeneral, stamps and registration will take legal action and suspend the tects, obtain online buildsub-registrar for at least ing permissions, conduct

Additionally, a Development Permission Management System (DPMS) will be introduced in all urban local bodies and municipal corpora-tions including Warangal, Khammam, Nizamabad, Ramagundam and Karimnagar. For plots over 500 square yards area, owners can selfassess properties and download occupancy cer-

A senior DTCP official said that to enhance transparency, the government will integrate databases of

if found guilty after departmental inquiry. The final draft of the act will be sent to the government and released only after

a self-assessment for pay-

ing property tax and download occupancy certificates, he said.

He explained that this is

being done to make offi-cials accountable. If dis-

crepancies are found, then

the concerned official/s will be suspended imme-

diately till the facts are

discerned and imprisoned

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for any additional traffic burden they cause on existing roads.

suffering from a fungal

infection and multiple

Subsequently, she was

admitted to the hospital for treatment. She died on Sunday while undergoing

Based on the complaints filed by Srinivas, the SR

Nagar police registered

two cases of suspicious

SR Nagar inspector S. Murali Krishna said, "We

received two complaints of

babies' deaths at Shishu

Vihar. The reasons behind

the deaths will be ascer-

treatment.

deaths.

disorders.



Motorists and pedestrians wade through the waterlogged road opposite the police control room

Emergency teams at work as rains pour miseries

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Two trees fell due to heavy rains - one opposite the Telugu Academy Himayatnagar and another in Chenna Reddy Nagar, Amberpet — causing traffic jams. Although the rains were scattered, it rained heavily over cer-

tain areas in the city. Waterlogging was noted almost all over the city and the disaster manageteam and the GHMC's monsoon workers were seen clearing clogged drains. Waterlogging at Nectar

Garden in Madhapur, DLF Road in Gachibowli and Raj Bhavan slowed traffic flow in these areas. The traffic police issued an advisory asking people to use other routes while the roads were being cleared. At Begum Bazaar police

station, staff had to open manholes to ensure the flows water Waterlogging was also reported in Nagole, Kothapet, Saroornagar

circle, Earrum Manzil and a few other areas.

Secunderabad's Sithapalmandi, GHMC cut cables to eliminate the obstruction and facilitate the flow of

While the rainfall persisted, the constant effort of the monsoon team and the traffic police kept the situation under control.

The weather bureau has forecast heavy rain from July 19 to July 21 owing to the depression over the Bay of Bengal.

ERRUM MANZIL:

HC TO HEAR

GOVT TODAY

DC CORRESPONDENT

completed their argu-

ments in the seven PILs

challenging the govern-

demolish Errum Manzil and the Telangana High Court said it would hear

tention from Wednesday. Asking additional advocate-general J. Rama-

chandra Rao to file

counters to the PILs, a

division bench compris-

ing Chief Justice Ragha-

vendra Singh Chauhan

and Justice Shameem Akther said that coun-

opportunity to respond.

Continuing the arguments from Monday, Mr

Nirup Reddy, counsel for

Yadagiri, said that dele-

tion of Regulation No.13

of the Hyderabad Urban

Development Authority Zoning Regulations 1981

was a malicious move of

state government to demolish Errum Manzil. The deleted reg-

ulation provides a scheme of identification

of conservation and her-

itage and historical buildings. The counsel

said that the list of about 165 structures to be protected was pre-

pared by the Urban Act

Commission comprising

eminent personalities.

This was negated by GO 183 issued in 2015 to delete the regulation. He said that there were

only six heritage structures in the list at pres-

ent against 132 earlier.

the petitioners would be given an

government's

sels of

journalist

petitioners have

decision to

HYDERABAD, JULY 16



Susy, a Chimpanzee which turned 33 on Tuesday, enjoys

Zoo celebrates chimp's birthday

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

The Nehru Zoological Park celebrated the 33rd birthday of its pampered chimpanzee Susy. She continues to enjoy the lavish lifestyle she was used to since the time she was presented by Mr Subrata Roy of the Sahara Group in 2011.

On her birthday, Susy's enclosure was decorated with fruits and vegetables and she was given honeysoaked bread slices. An event was organised with young visitors, veterinary staff and animal keepers and a cake was brush and Pepsodent, and bathes only with Pears soap. She never misses

A zoo official said, "Susy is perfectly sound and healthy and has a strict diet plan which

are venomous," she said.

her coconut oil massage. Susy prefers Nescafe and Cadbury.

includes fruits, corn flakes, bread with honey, nuts for her lunch. Her love for Cadbury chocolates has never reduced.' Also on Tuesday, the zoo celebrated World Snakes Day with an awareness programme on the rep-

tiles. Reptile expert Swetha explained the role of reptiles in biodiversity. "Only 375 of the 3,000 known species of snakes

LEOPARDS KILL 35 CATTLE IN SIX MONTHS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Residents of Thukkalapalli village, Yacharam from the city, reported a leopard sighting on Monday Forest depart-ment officials suspect that the male leopard is accompanied by a female leopard and a hyena. It is said that they have killed 35 cattle in the village over six months.

Mr M. Jankiran, forest divisional officer, Amangal forest division, said two teams have been commissioned to capture the wild cat. 'Ŵe have also called in a dog team to speed up the process," he said.

around 1 am on June 12, Around 7.10 pm on The doctors at Niloufer tained from the post-Begumpet police admitted Sunday, some attendants hospital informed the mortem reports which cut in her enclosure. attendants from Shishu Hospital will Susy starts her day by a four-day-old girl to the at Shishu Vihar noticed Gandhi Nithya was bleeding from Vihar that Satya Sri was brushing with a new childcare center. The baby, share with us soon.'

■ Dues from TS government for expenses on patients mount to ₹1,500 crore

State apathy leaves Aarogyasri hospitals in poor health

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Mounting debts in hospitals for the Aarogyasri scheme have peaked to ₹1,500 crore. With no solution in sight, the Telangana Aarogyasree Hospitals Association has told health minister Etela Rajender to find a solution to the problem by July 31 or else they will be forced to discontinue the scheme.

In a meeting with health officials and the minister, TANA members stated that they were not going to strike as it had not helped them retrieve their dues in the past.

Dr V. Rakesh, senior member of TAHA, said, "Our strike in December 2018 was to make government realise that we have debts of ₹1.000 crore and they must clear it immediately. At that time, they released ₹200 crore. After that there has not been any payment."

IN DEBT TRAP

hospitals are empanelled in the Aarogyasri scheme. They allege that the health department, since January 2018, was clearing only small bills.

■ The hospital authorities said they have fallen into the debt trap and are now defaulting on payments to medical companies.

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He said the dues have scheme," Dr Rakesh said. increased to ₹1,500 crore. The hospitals cannot take the burden any more and we can only pursue the matter with meetings and constant reminders. We cannot strike every now and then. The last resort is to stop participating in the scheme as we cannot become bankrupt for operating a government

There are 242 hospitals empanelled in the Aarogyasri scheme. A senior doctor said the health department, since January 2018, has adopted a technique of clearing only small

"Large bills have not been cleared. In this way, each hospital has only part

amounts cleared since 2018," Dr Rakesh said. In January 2019, the Aarogyasri department stated that only ₹300 crore payment was pending. It is now petting the dues to TAHA at ₹800 crore. TAHA members stated that if ₹800

crore is pending, that must

be cleared. Another senior doctor said, "The problem is that the government wants to operate the scheme as it is a vote bank for them. But they are not able to channelise resources for the same. The government has allotted ₹700 crore but is not willing to disburse this amount,

which is very unfair. The 20 members of TAHA state that the scheme has now become a burden for them as they have fallen into the debt trap and are now defaulting on payments to medical device companies and also pharmaceutical companies.

Hospitals losing discounts due to delayed payments DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, JULY 16

The medical fraternity in Telangana state says that their support to the Aarogyasri scheme has ended up making them defaulters as they are not able to pay the medical device and pharmaceutical

companies on time.
With the credit term extending by more than six months and payments not being given by government, the implant companies are now charging a higher rate instead of a subsidised rate to the hospitals due to their inability to pay on time. This is affecting small and

■ With the credit term extending by more than six months, the implant companies are now charging higher rates from hos-

medium hospitals. Payment to consultants and specialists is becoming a challenge. Hospitals state that because of this 'fat bill' patients are not being treated and are referred only to corporate hospitals in the case of Aarogyasri.

A senior doctor, "Patients of the Employee Health Scheme are also now under

Aarogyasri and that is adding to our burden. Small hospitals are not taking these cases as it is draining their funds. These selective omissions

are being carried out to avoid sinking further into debt. Health officials said that Aaroyasri did not have adequate staff to carry out verification and the process of clearing cheques was being delayed due to this.

They added that they were discussing the issue with the finance department to clear maximum dues as bills were pending with the chief executive officer. The matter as being rigorously pursued, they said.

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DECCAN CHRONICLE

BDL to expand its wings

COREENA SUARES | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), one of the leading defence PSUs in the city, which is approaching its 50th anniversary, is tying up with international defence manufacturing companies. The defence sector is BDL's largest customer.

BDL in 2018 recorded a turnover of ₹3,069 crore and purchase orders worth ₹8,084 crore with execution time up to 2023-24. BDL manufactures anti-tank

guided missiles like MILAN-2T and Konkurs-M, surface-to-air missiles like Akash and underwater weapons like light and heavy torpedoes (Varunastra) among others. Chairman and managing director Commodore Siddharth Mishra (retired) said BDL is the only defence PSU to manufacture guided missiles for the armed forces.

"We manufacture and supply Prithvi surface-to-surface missiles, Akash surface-to-air missiles (inducted into the Army in May

Now Everyone Can Fly

2015) and the seeker-based multirole air defence missile MRSAM (mediumrange surface-to-air missile), which is being developed jointly by the DRDO & IAI, Israel," he said.

BDL is engaged in the codevelopment programmes of the DRDO. These include QR SAM, Akash 1S, Akash NG, MPATGM, ASTRA and Sonobuoys.

BDL heads claimed discussions are underway to acquire new technology by signing an MoU with M/s Thales, UK, for

STARSTREAK missiles.
BDL presently has three manufacturing units of which, two are located in Telangana — in Hyderabad and Bhanur — and one in Visakhapatnam. Further, BDL has created a facility in Ibrahimpatnam, which has a one-of-its-kind static test facility for testing all types of rocket motors, for the production and testing

BDL recently also acquired land to manufacture VSHORADs in Amravati, Maharashtra.

AirAsia

JNU, DU, UoH OTHERS EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH TISS STUDENTS

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Students from across various institutes including Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, University of Hyderabad, and TISS's Mumbai, Guwahati and Tuljapur branches, have come out in support of the students of the Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) Hyderabad branch and condemned the decision of the TISS management in closing the academic cam-

pus for an indefinite period. TISS students in Hyderabad are protesting the payment of enhanced hostel fees at one go instead of in instalments as was the case

The Birsa Ambedkar Phule Students Association, in its letter of solidarity stated, "We extend our solidarity to TISS Hyderabad, which is facing a wave of student protests against the fee structure and other antistudent policies of the TISS Hyderabad Administration. After the protests last year against the stopping of Government of India-Post Matric Scholarships (GOI-PMS) for students from marginalised communities this is the second time students are forced to protest against

the anti-student policies."
Meetings are being held across the student community regarding the course of action to support the student community at TISS,

Hyderabad.
The hashtag #injusTISS was created on the microblogging site Twitter, through which students across the country have expressed their support to the TISS Hyderabad students and demanded that the management reopen the campus as soon as possible and not waste an academic year.

In the tweets TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, Chief Telangana Minister's Office, and minister of social justice were also tagged to seek their intervention. People's rights stalwarts Medha Patkar of Narmada Bachao Andolan and Aruna Roy, Nikhil Dey, and Shankar Singh from the National Campaign for People's Right to Information wrote an open letter to the TISS management on Tuesday in which they said they are "deeply disturbed and dismayed" by the administration's decision to close down the academic campus, sine die.

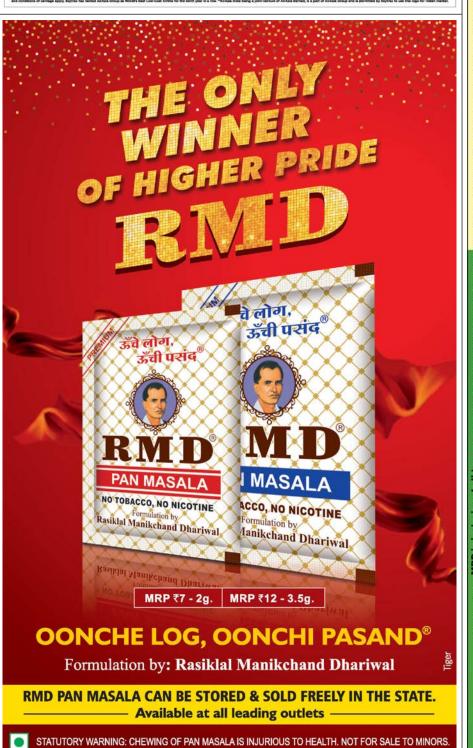
"We are also quite concerned at the manner in which the administration has sought to "respond" to the peaceful protests of the students, which includes young Dalit, Adivasi and women students."

It further said that "we stand in solidarity with the student community at this moment in their struggle to uphold ideals of social justice and their right to seek accessible, quality education with safety and dignity. It pains us to state that the approach of not engaging adequately and comprehensively with the student's demands and unilaterally shutting down the Hyderabad centre does not behave an institution of the

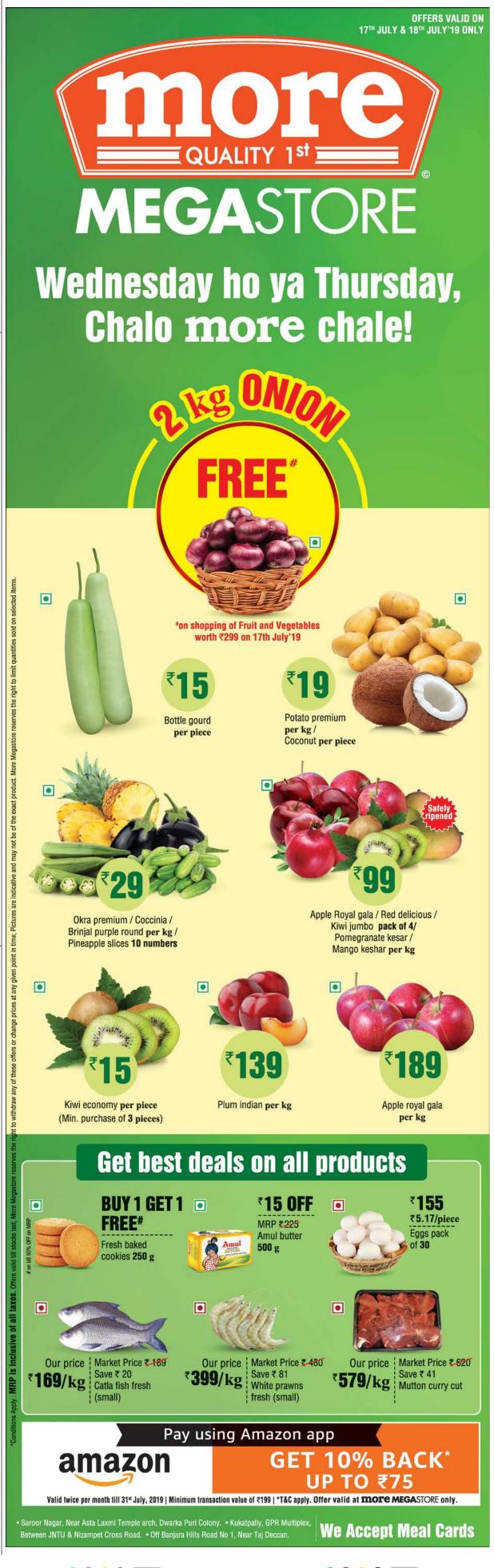
nature and status of TISS". The letter said TISS should revoke the administrative order to close the Hyderabad centre and "take necessary steps to ensure that Dalit, Adivasi and other students from marginalised and bahujan backgrounds have access to hostels and other amenities". It also demanded proper medical support for students who have been on hunger strike.

■ TISS-Hyderabad on Monday closed campus for an indefinite period over students protesting the payment of enhanced hostel fees at one go.



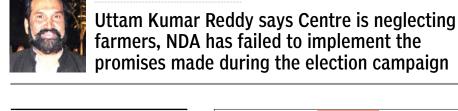


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DECCAN CHRONICLE





KCR government did not send farmers list to the Centre for Kisan Samman Nidhi

> — Bandaru Dattatreya **BJP** leader

IN BRIEF **2 AP WOMEN RUN OVER IN** CHENNAL

SINDHIYA SAMUEL I DC CHENNAI, JULY 16

In a gruesome road mishap on Anna Salai in central Chennai Tuesday morning, two women on the pillion of a male bike rider were crushed to death when a MTC bus ran over them. The 20-year-old rider Nissan Kola Shiva was grievously injured and is in a critical condition in the ICU of Rajiv Gandhi GH, police said.

They have identified the women as Nagalakshmi and Bhavani. It appears all the three are from Andhra Pradesh and were working as engineers in a private firm at Egmore. They lived at Velachery. The bike carried AP registration.

Shiva and Nagalakshmi hailed from Seethanagaram in East Godavari while Bhavani was from West Godavari.

The tragedy happened at about 8.50 am on Anna Salai close to a mosque opposite YMCA grounds. A police video from a CCTV, has gone viral.

The video shows Shiva speeding through the narrow space between a MTC bus on his right and another bike on his left. The rider on the left appeared to have turned slightly to avoid hitting an auto that suddenly entered the road from a side road and that resulted in his bike handle-bar hitting Shiva's and both the riders lost control.

While Shiva, with his two woman pillion-riders, fell right in front of the bus and went under its wheels, the other bike rider recovered quickly from the impact and managed to get up. Nagalakshmi and Bhavani died on the spot, Shiva was badly injured.

PUB OWNERS WARNED ON DRUGS: POLICE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

A Paytm transaction between a drug dealer and his client revealed a network of purchasers in which prominent names of the city figured.

The senior officer with the Hvderahad Task Force said that "pub owners have been warned not to encourage drug abusers or entry of drugs into the pub. If found, the owners will also be booked as a separate party

He said drug abuse in the city has reduced by 20 per cent from what it was in 2017. "With the local police, excise department and anti-narcotics unit cracking down on peddlers, drug peddlers are diverted to other cities. In 2018 over 10 international peddlers were deported from the city. On July 16, too, the local has cracked down on illegally staying foreign students.

SUDDEN CHECK

Foreigners face visa scrutiny

JAYENDRA T. CHAITANYA I DC HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Twenty-three foreign nationals, mostly from Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Yemen, were found living in the city illegally. Some foreigners were found living along with their children.

They were found during a joint operation conducted by the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), a wing of the Intelligence Bureau, the Counter Intelligence Cell, Special Branch and Task Force person-

nel of the city police. Though there are thousands of foreign nationals living in the city, only those whose visas and passports have expired were identified and questioned.

Officials said that those whose passports visas expired recently will be given a grace period to apply for renewal while others would be deported following due proce-

The searches started at 4 am on Tuesday and about 75 foreigners mostly from Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen, were picked up from Banjara Hills, Asifna-gar, Chikkadpally, Chan drayangutta, Golconda, Saifabad, Amberpet and Humayunnagar police limits. They were taken to Asifnagar where police

collected fingerprints of illegal residents and information of their places of residence. As many as 23 foreign nationals were found to be living illegally.
"It was found that a family of six from

Yemen including children, were living illegally. There are a few whose visas expired recently and who did not apply for a renewal. persons were given grace time to regularise their stay by applying for a visa,' said a police official.

"Some foreign nationals have both their visas and passports expired and are living for a long time in the city. Their antecedents have to be verified to an exit visa and leave

Strict vigil on Pak nationals

Sometimes, foreign

nationals do encoun-ter problems. In one

such instance, Same-

ena (name changed),

a Pakistani national

living in the city and

married to an Indian national, had visited

Pakistan just before

the Pulwama attack.

She was not permit-

ted to return as ten-

Sameena and her

two children, who are Indian nationals, were visiting her par-

ents in Pakistan.

"She went to Pakistan after obtain-

ing a NORI certifi-

cate. While return-

ing, she was stopped

by the Pakistan gov-

ernment, as it was only a few days after

the Pulwama attack.

She struggled a lot to

reach the city and

was allowed to fly

back 45 days later and rejoin her husband,"

said a police official.

worse for Sameena. "If persons holding LTV do not return in

90 days, their visa

would be considered

expired and they

would have to apply for a fresh LTV," said

the official.

the country."

He said things could have been much

sions escalated.

DC CORRESPONDENT time travel permit-HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Keeping in view the untoward incidents that have taken place in the city, the Hyderabad police is keeping a continuous vigil on foreign nationals living in the city, especially those from Pakistan and Bangladesh on a long-term visa (LTV).

Verification of the whereabouts of these foreign nationals is done every month to ensure that they are residing in the places where they have to be. Though they are vigilant, the police say they do not interfere with the routine activities of the foreign residents.

Many people from Pakistan and Bangladesh are living in the city on an LTV after getting married to Indian nationals. They are permitted to visit their home nation only once a year for a period of 90

For such travel, they have to obtain a No Obligation to Return to India (NORI) Certificate from the police. Only under emergency circumstances is second

find if they are involved in any illegal activities." said a senior police official from the Hyderabad com-

police Hyderabad commissioner Anjani Kumar said, "The joint operation conducted by 21 teams was to find illegally residing foreign nationals and we found 23 such persons of Somalia, Yemen, and Sudan. They were given a grace period to regularize their stay by paying a penalty, failing which they will be detained and deported.

Responding query, the commission-er said, "Everyone across the globe is welcome to live in the beautiful city Hyderabad, but it has to be a legal stay. Nobody was targeted in the drive. It was only to find illegal residents.

A drive was conducted to collect details of 65 foreigners whose records were not stored at the FRRO. Similar ned under the Cyberabad and Rachakonda police commissionerates to crack down on illegal residents.

Cops free 56 children

They also can obtain

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Forced to work for 17 hours a day in a stinking environment and confined illegally in bangle manufacturing units located on the outskirts of the city, 54 children from Bihar, who trafficked to Hyderabad, were freed from child labour by Rachakonda police.

Police arrested seven persons including four from Bihar and three

of trafficking of dren, while four accused are yet to be nabbed.

The children, all hailing from Bihar, belong to poor families. The accused, who run bangle manufacturing units in the city with the help of agents, trafficked the children by paying meagre amounts to their parents and detained them illegally.

Rachakonda commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat said that six

Aslam, 50, Mohammed Ahsan, 22, Shaik Habeeb, 66, and Mohammed Musleem, 36, of Bihar and Shaik Mohammed Riyaz, 30, Mohammed Asgar, 18, and Mohammed Naseem Akram, 22, of Balapur were arrested near the Falaknuma station.

"The children are forced to work from 6 am to 11 pm in a day. Thev are provided stinking food and do not have basic amenities and were all put in a

NEW | MODEL Focus to be on investigation, monitoring of trial

New chief for cop school today

VIKRAM SHARMA I DC HYDERABAD, JULY 16

He believes that for young Indian Police Service (IPS) trainees, the urge to become leaders has to come from within while training can only equip them to function as leaders. A senior IPS officer of the Odisha cadre, Abhay is all set to take over as the Director of the prestigious Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy

on Wednesday. In an exclusive interview with Deccan Chronicle from New Delhi, Abhay, who goes by the single name, said that he would be putting extra emphasis on "investigation" and "monitoring of trial" domains. "A good police officer is one who follows the law," says the 1986 batch IPS officer.

Mr Abhay has been additional DG (Training) in the additional DGP, Crime Branch, Odisha, and has had a long stint in the CBI. Immediately prior to his appointment as NPA director, Abhay was posted as Director General of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). He will continue in the post till his superannuation on June 30, 2021 or until further orders.

He says all assignments at the senior level in government have their own challenges, be it CBI, CRPF or Narcotics Control Bureau. Training assignments (like NPA) are always more enriching and fulfilling. I look forward to my posting as director, NPA.

What changes would you like to bring



about in the NPA, and in the training of IPS officers in particular?

Training has evolved over a period of time. Because of my background, I would like to put a little extra emphasis on "investigation" and "monitoring of trial" in our (NPA's) inservice courses.

What new aspects will you include in the training modules to make IPS trainees into good officers?

We will be conducting a syndicate brain storming by IPS trainees to come up with new ideas. Addition to and modification of modules is a constant process.

QWould you be looking at training modules and facilities for police officers worldwide and try and introduce them in the police academy?

During my career, I've had the opportunity to visit training academies within and outside the country. We will brain storm and introand required at National Police Academy.

Mother poisons 2 kids, ends life **Both children survive bid**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Alleging harassment by her husband, a private school teacher from Chilkalguda committed suicide after poisoning her two sons. The woman died at a hospital and her younger son is stated to be critical, while another child is said to be out of danger, said the police.

The victim, V. Anjali, 28, was working as a teacher at a private school near her house in Parsigutta. She married one V. Prasad, a carpenter, about 11 years ago, at the age of 17. Prasad who was addicted to liquor was harassing Anjali physi-cally for a long time, police said.

In June, Anjali lodged a complaint at the women's police station in Begumpet against her husband alleging domestic violence. The couple had attended a counselling session and on Tuesday, the second session was scheduled.

Prasad who has been living separately since the complaint attended the counselling, but Anjali told him that she has some work at the school and would not visit the police station. At about noon, she consumed poison and administered it to her two sons.

Chilkalguda sub-inspector A. Varunkanth Reddy "The elder boy vomited immediately and alerted the house owner, who rushed the children to a hospital. The younger kid's condition is critical and he was sent to Gandhi Hospital. Their mother Anjali died at Gandhi Hospital."

The SI said that Anjali left a note alleging harassment by her husband as a reason for her to take the extreme step. A case has been registered against Prasad on the charges of abetment to suicide and search is on to nab him. The elder child is with his maternal grandparents, said Mr Reddy.

Juvenile, pal nabbed with 15 stolen bikes

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Nacharam police Tuesday apprehended a juvenile and his associate for bike theft. Fifteen bikes were recovered from the duo.

According to the police, the juvenile, 17, committed seven offences in Nacharam, three in LB Chaitanyapuri and one in Uppal. The crime team collected technical clues

and apprehended the boy. who confessed to having sold the bikes to his relative V. Raju, 22, for sale at cheaper prices in nearby villages. Based on the confession, the team recovered the 15 bikes. The owners of two bikes

among those recovered are yet to be identified. A false key was used in the theft. The juvenile is a repeat offender, previously apprehended by LB Nagar police for similar

MORE ANGLES TO ANANTAPUR MURDERS

NAGABHUSHANAM HOSKOTE I DC ANANTAPUR, JULY 16

Mystery shrouds the brutal murder of three persons whose blood vas offered to the Shiva Lingam and smeared in a temple in Korthikota village under Tanakal police limits. Although during the preliminary investigation, the police suspected treasure hunters to have committed the human sacrifice to acquire the treasure hidden in the temple premises, various other possibilities are now

unfolding in the case. Shivarami Reddy, a retired instructor from ITI college and native of Tamballapalle, Chittoor district, was spending some time at the Lord Shiva temple in Kortihkota. The temple was built over five decades ago by his brother-in-law, and Mr Reddy had been looking after it and offering prayers there. Other than his own funds, he had been collecting funds from devotees to

renovate the temple. Reddy, Shivarami Kamalamma and Satya Lakshmi were beaten to death during the wee hours on Monday. Their blood was later offered to the Shiva Lingam in the temple. The Clues teams were unable to crack the mystery behind the murders.

Sources said Satya Lakshmi possessed around 10 tolas of gold jewellery and ₹10 lakh in cash at the time of the murder. The trio also had mobile phones on them. The accused did not touch the gold or the cash.

Some sources claimed that Shivarami Reddy had kept in close contact with every local in the village. Police sources said

Reddy had lent money to several people in Tamballapalle and developed differences with some of them over repayments. Special teams are verifying the role, if any, of these debtors in the triple murder.



9th DEATH ANNIVERSARY REMEMBERANCE

Late Shri DEVRAJ MAKOL

S/o Late Shri Banarsilal Makol DOD: 17th July 2010 Your memories will remain in our hearts forever Inserted by: Smt. Premiata Makol (Wife) Sons, Daughter-in-Laws and their Grand Childrens Cell No: 9849012392



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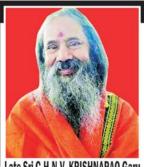
Your life was a blessing Your memory a treasure You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measures From Loved Ones

27th DEATH ANNIVERSARY In Loving Memory of



A Wonderful Father True and Kind Loved and Respected by All Arround

J. AUGUSTINE ALEXANDER ASP (Retd)



Late Sri C.H.N.V. KRISHNARAO Garu DOD: 17-7-2017

2nd Death Anniversary You have not been with us, physically for the last two years; but you remain in our hearts forever. Your ethics and

May his soul rest in peace. avant Rao, Director

values have touched our lives

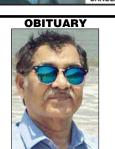
and will guide us always.

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ely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of m and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Ps. 23:6 A CELEBRATION OF LIFE **TUPILI JOHN SOMA SUNDER RAO** n: June 22, 1941 • Promoted to Glory: July 11, : YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED ::

MEMORIAL SERVICE at Millennium Methodist Church Kindly treat this as a Personal Invitation Inserted by: CHARLES (Son) & Family



R.S.V. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO ired Manager, Andhra Ba Expired on 15-07-2019 ineral on 17-07-2019 from his sidence, opp. to Sardar Patel College idmaraonagar, at 9 a.m.

Inserted by: Classmates of St. Thomas (SPG) High School, Secunderabad. - Class of 1969. Ph: 8885002789, 7396557791



Regret to inform the sad demise of **SMT. DEEPA MATHUR** W/o. Late. Dr. Ajit Chandra Mathur on 15th July 2019 In grief

Amod Chandra & Nikki Mathur Mobile: 98480 20941

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

WE MISS YOU FOREVER



Lt. Col. (Dr.) SURESH RAMACHANDRAN DOB:11-03-1946 DOD:15-07-2019 Loving father, wonderful husband and doting grandfather passed away on the 15th of July 2019, after a brief illness Inserted by: Lt. Col. (Dr.) Uma Ramachandran Radhika and Deepanjan Roy Rupali and Siddharth Dolia

human, Aishwarya, Nayantar

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R.S.V. CHANDRA SEKHARA RAO

R/o No. 6-1-119/6/1A, Padma Rao Naga Secunderabad had expired on 15.07.201

Funeral Procession will taken place from his residence to Bansilalpet of 17.07.2019 from 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 noon

Contact No: 9701340022

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Your presence was always a pleasure today, your memories are our treasure

KARRA VINEETH SAGAR

Inserted by: Father - K. Ratna Sagar,

Mother - K. Valli Sagar,

Brother: K. Saneeth Sagar,

Uncle: B.B. Vital Rao, All Family Members & Friends

& FAMILY KOTHAPALLY FAMILY

DOB: 17-7-1991

THOTA HARI GOPAL

You are always alive in our hearts forever Wife: Thota Sujatha Ph: 8790921032



ANIL KUMAR SINGH (Husband) AKSHAT AND ANEESHA (Children)

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



M. PAUL PRANEETH KUMAR Dear Chinnu - Safe in the Arms of Jesus Our ray of Sun shine came and went A beautiful treasure only lent.
In God's keeping quietly sleeps,
This child we loved but could not keep.
"MISS YOU"

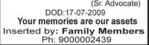
10[™] DEATH ANNIVERSARY I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalms 23:6 In Loving Memory of our Dear Parents

MRS SARAH G CHARAN Called to Glory on April 15th 2009 MR PREM CHARAN(TIKKU) Called to Glory on July 17th 2009 We Miss vou Dearly.

Daughter & Son In Law, Son



Late. MANOHAR RAJ SAXENA You will always remain in our hearts MARUMAMULA GNANESHWAR RAO







Secretarait has become like a bats' den, which is why we want a new one

> — Karne Prabhakar **TRS leader**

IN BRIEF

HC plea seeks Bigg Boss ban

Hyderabad: Alleging that the TV game show Bigg Boss-3 was promoting violence, obscenity, and vulgarity and encouraging immoral activities, a PIL has been filed before the High Court seeking to stay the show scheduled to broadcast from July 21. City resident Kethireddy Jagadishwar Reddy alleged the show was

misguiding children. SHABBIR ALI **SAYS DISCUSS FARMER WOES**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Congress senior leader Mohammad Ali Shabbir criti-cised Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao for convening a session to pass the Municipal Act aimed at extracting political benefits while ignoring other crucial issues including the drought

"Due to the delayed rainfall, farmers are in distress and KCR is not hearing their cry because of the people surrounding him," he said. Mr Shabbir Ali demanded a special session to discuss farming issues, and a White Paper on the state's financial position.

HC: INSPECT SCHOOL WHERE GIRL DIED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

The Telangana High Court has directed the district education officer to inspect the safety measures provided at the Nagarjuna Model High School at Nagole, where a Class X student died after falling from the school building, before coming to a conclusion on whether or not to give permission to run a school in

that building.

Justice A. Rajasheker Reddy
was dealing with a petition by
Telangana Private Educati-Institutions Association stating that seizing the school on account of one unfortunate incident was unfair to the 800 other stu-

COURT SEEKS TS INFO ON SURPLUS LAND

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

The High Court sought information about more than 210 acres of surplus land in Keesara Dayara, Medchal.

Justice P. Naveen Rao was dealing with a petition by one Ragi Rajeshwar Reddy alleging that 210 acres of surplus land in Survey No.s 166, 167 and 173 to 196 that was surrendered by his family was in the custody of the private per-

Mr Harish Kumar, counsel for the revenue department, said the petitioner had not approached the court with clean hands. He said the records belong to the petitioner's family and had remained in their name after the land was surrendered.

DC CORRESPONDENT

The Centre appointed advo-

cate, writer, and senior BJP leader (Odisha) Biswa

Bhusan Harichandan, 85, to

Narasimhan, 73, as Gover-

"I thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving

due recognition and respect

to Odisha. Mr Modi said to

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din ke andar badi responsi-

nor of Andhra Pradesh.

Mr

VIJAYAWADA, JULY 16

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Tie-up with TD was suicidal: Congmen

■ Leaders rue poll rout hit party base

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 16

Congress leaders are ruing the alliance with the Telugu Desam during las Assembly year's elections last which they say has turned out to be a suicidal move for the

The election debacle shattered the party's base. Besides, the much-talked-about "covert understanding" between the Congress and the BJP during the Lok Sabha elections affected it

A senior leader of the Congress admitted in private that its leaders took the party "to its deathbed by sleeping with the enemy during the Lok Sabha elections. Though we had some hope after winning 19 seats in the Assembly elections, the tacit understanding with the BJP during the Lok Sabha elections demoralised the

He said it would be difficult for the party to win back the confidence of its cadres and lower-rung leaders who are the backbone of the party. "They openly witnessed the understanding of the party with the enemy in Bhongir, Nalgonda, Malkajgiri, Zaheera-Secunderabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Adilabad, and Mahbubnagar Sabha seats.

The BJP backed Congress candidates in Bhongir, Malkajgiri, Nalgonda, and Zaheerabad and t Congress won three. the leaders

Congress ensured that their

LAXMAN FLIES TO US TO LURE TELUGUS INTO BJP

AVINASH PUJARI | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 16

dent Dr K. Laxman flew to the US for a week-long stay to encourage Telugu NRIs to join the party. A special fourmember team will be established to conduct regular programme for the BJP NRI cadre.

Dr Laxman is holding closed-door meetings with NRI TRS and Congress members to switch sides.

A senior leader from the BJP told Deccan Chronicle that BJP president Amit Shah had asked Dr Laxman to assure the Telugu NRIs that the party would stand by them in every situation. It is expected that if Dr Laxman succeeds in his mission, not only the Telugu NRI community but also their family members in India will shift to the BJP.When Deccan Chronicle tried to

votes went to the BJP in Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Secunderabad, Adilabad and Mahbub-Except for Mahbubnagar, the BJP

won all the rest. He said this covert understanding destabilised the party base and the BJP was taking advantage of it and going for the kill. Other Congress lead-

ers also expressed a similar opinion off the

Dr Laxman is urging NRI TRS and Congress members to switch sides.

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ask about this effort, and how the party was trying to counter it, no TRS leader was available to comment. A senior leader shared that leaders had e got strict instructions from the high command not to speak before the municipal elections.

Congress spokesperson said, "We have seen in the context of Telangana movement that NRIs played a very prominent role. Congress has a very vibrant NRI wing led by Dr Sam Pitroda. Probably the BJP is replicating the idea.'

record. They felt that having a tie-up for the elections Assembly ťhe Desam, which had almost disappeared, was a historic blunder. They said that hav-

ing a tacit understanding with staunch rival BJP in the Lok Sabha Well-known digital stratepolls completely killed the party in the state and gave the BJP an opportunity

Vigilance enquiry into Sadavarti lands scam

DC CORRESPONDEN VIJAYAWADA, JULY 16

The AP government on Tuesday announced in the state Assembly that a vigilance enquiry will be constituted into the infa-Sadavarti land scam that runs into thousands of crores.

When YSRC MLA Alla Ramakrishna Reddy raised the issue in the endowments minister Vellampalli Srinivas said that the report will be ready in three months.
The Sri Sadavarti

Choultry was set up in Amaravati in Guntur district before independence by the then zamindar Raja Vasireddy Venkatadri Naidu. The objective was to provide boarding for economically weak Brahmin students who were pursuing Vedic studies.

To meet the future needs, the raja had donated 471.76 acres of land that are located in what is today the suburbs of Chennai. The lands are in Navalur, Talambur, and Padur in Chengalpattu taluk of Kanchipuram district. These villages form part of the high-value IT belt of Chennai and some of the satram lands flank the Old Mahabalipuram

New AP Guv is advocate and writer

road. wnen the YSRC was in the opposition, it had fought against handing over these valuable lands for a paltry sum to TD supporters.

After the TD came to power, party MLA Kommalapati Sridhar wrote to the then chief minister seeking the sale of the lands of Sadavarti Choultry on the pretext that the lands were being encroached upon. The CM's office responded positively and forwarded the letter to the endowments department on September 12, 2014. The AP government issued orders on April 6, 2015 (Memo No: 28228) for the sale of 83.11 acres and the land was auctioned on March 28, 2016.

To this, Mr Ramakrishna Reddy said: "The value of an acre of land in Thalambur is ₹6 crore, according to the government's estimation. Going by the ventures of private real estate companies in the same locality, the value of the 200-yard plot is around ₹55 lakh. This means the market value of the land is ₹13 crore

per acre. He said the executive officer of the choultry cited encroachments and proposed to sell the land at the upset price of ₹50

iakn acre. department accepted his proposal without any

question.

"Generally, in any auction, the sale takes place only when the bidders come up with a better price than that of the upset price. Or else, the government would cancel the auction and call for a fresh one. However, in the auction of the Sadavarti lands conducted on March 28, 2015, exactly the opposite to the general principles of auction took place," the YSRC MLA said.

He added that the officials stated that there were no buyers for the upset price and took the highest bid — which was far below the upset price into consideration and confirmed the sale.

Thus, the 83.11 acres of land was sold for ₹22.44 acre. The valuable land were purchased at a throwaway price by Chalamalasetty Rama-nujaya's family along with Mandala Sanjeeva Reddy, M Sunitha Reddy, Chavali Krishna Reddy, M. Suryakiran Mouli, D. Pavan Kumar and R Sivarama Krishna Rao. This auction was cancelled by the AP High Court due to visible irregularities.

Khammam TikToK staff face pay cut

RAVINDRA SESHU I DC

DECCAN CHRONICLE

The 11 outsourcing employees of the Khammam Municipal Corporation who were caught shooting TikTok videos on Tuesday suffered a 10-day pay cut as punishment for misusing office premises.

Data entry operators were shifted to other sections and office subordinates seen in the videos were sent to do field work. KMC commissioner Srinivasa Rao said their performance would be assessed and their services terminated there was no change in their behaviour.

The employees were identified from the videos went viral. The media also covered the incident of the employees



shooting the TikTok videos during working hours. The videos went to the notice of collector R.V.

Karnan who took a strong view against it and asked the KMC commissioner

vidoes and identified 11

outsourcing staff.
"They have been warned about their indecent behaviour, damaging the reputation of the corporation,' the municipal commission-

er said.
The staff was expected to be busy working on issuing birth and death certificates, entering property tax details, addressing problems of persons coming to the KMC office.

Those seen in the videos were identified as system assistants P. Ravi and Suresh, associate Rajasekhar, data entry operators N. Sankar. T. Praveen Kumar. P. Anita and L. Upender

and office subordinates Veeranna, Vamshi, Jyothi and V. Sridevi.

State moves on waiver of loans

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 16

The state government has been working on the modalities for the ₹1 lakh loan waivers to farmers. During the December

2018 elections, Chief Minister K. Chandra-sekhar Rao had promised ₹1 lakh loan waivers to farmers as he did during his first term. He declared December 11, 2018, as the deadline.

From 2014 to 2018, the government paid ₹16,124 crores in five instalments towards the loan waiver.

Although the government allocated ₹6,000 crores to the scheme in

2019-20, the government has not yet announced the modalities for the scheme According to officials of the agriculture department, the CM has held discussions regarding payments under the scheme

with bankers. Officials said that as per the records available with the department, the total loan amounts to ₹26,000 crore but bankers put it at ₹20,000 crore excluding the loans availed by sugar cane and turmeric farmers. They said that the government is likely to announce the scheme to be followed after the

Assembly session. **AP HIRES TECH STRATEGIST**

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, JULY 16

gy consultant Krishna G.V. Giri has been appointed adviser to the AP government for industrial promotion. Principal secretary R.P. Sisodia issued a government appointing Mr Giri as adviser on Tuesday. Mr Giri is a former vice-Chairman and managing partner of Ho Accenture India Singapore.

"Dr Krishna is a phenomenon especially his projects in Malaysia and Singapore in digital transformation. More than public services, he is credited with creating the backbone for Unilever globally that made them competitive to take on P&G," a close associate of Mr Giri

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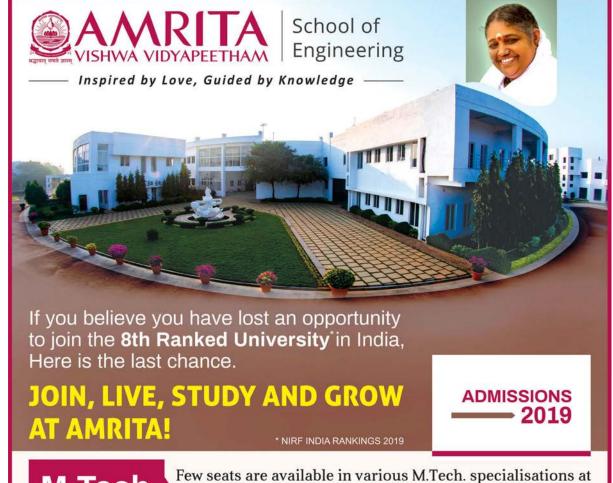
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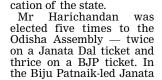
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Mr Narasimhan was for-

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Harichandan said.

Dal government (1990-1995). Mr Harichandan held the food and civil supplies and cooperation portfolio. In the Naveen Patnaik-led BJDgovernment (2000-2009), he held revenue,

rural, law and industries. Harichandan was detained under MISA during the emergency in 1975. He joined the BJP and held the position of its Odisha president from 1980 to 1988. He joined the Janata Party in 1988 and became its state

vice-president but returned

to the BJP on April 4, 1996. In an interview with Deccan Chronicle, Mr Harichandan said, "A large and beautiful state, Andhra Pradesh is our neighbour, and the people of both states have strong socio-economic ties. I will do my best to strengthen the relationship further.'

Asked about his role in some contentious issues, including the Polavaram project, Mr Harichandan said he will keep within the constitutional framework.













worry for all of us, says BJP working president J. P. Nadda

Roc.No.PR4/13908/Adv.No.166/PRO/2019, Dt: 16-07-2019



Building collapse in Dongri is anguishing. Condolences to victims

> — Narendra Modi. **Prime Minister**

Giridih (Jharkhand): A sexa-

BRIEF

2 trampled to death by jumbos

genarian woman and a minor girl were trampled to death by an elephant herd in Jharkhand's Giridih district, a forest official said Tuesday. Two persons were also injured and 12 huts were also damaged in the incident, that occurred at Koshi-Kanjhia village on Monday, forest ranger Abhay Kumai Sinha said here. The kin of the two crushed to death by the elephants have been given an exgratia of 50,000 by the forest department, he said. It is also assessing the damage caused by the elephants and will release compensation to people.

WESTBOUND FLIGHTS TO TAKE LESS TIME

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 16

Four months after India conducted airstrikes in Balakot following the Pulwama terror attack, Pakistan reopened its airspace for international civilian flights on Tuesday. Westbound flights from India to the US and Europe will not only take less time now, as there will be no detour, but airfares on these routes, which had shot up over the past few months, are also likely to come down significantly soon.

"Consequent to Pakistan issuing NOTAM to lift all airspace restrictions, relevant authorities have informed that India has also issued revised NOTAM immediately thereafter. With this, normal air traffic operations have resumed through all Flight Information Regions between India and Pakistan," a government source said.

British Airways was the first to fly through the reopened Pakistani airspace at 2 am on Tuesday. The move gives relief to several airlines that had to take a detour due to the closed

Pakistani airspace.
Pakistan had closed its airspace on February 26 after the Indian Air Force struck a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist training camp in Balakot in retaliation for the Pulwama terror attack on February 14. Later, Pakistan opened two of its 11 routes, both passing through the southern region.

India too had imposed restrictions in its airspace due to the heightened tensions between the two sides, but the restrictions were only in certain sectors and that too for a brief period. "Only on February 27 we had stopped Srinagar air-space for two-three hours. We did not allow tensions with Pakistan to dictate our civil aviation because our economy is much bigger and much stronger as compared to theirs, Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa, the Chief of Air Staff, had

said recently.
Following the airstrike, Air India had to re-route, merge or suspend many of its inte-rnational flights that connect India with European and American cities.

NATIONAL PARK TURNS WATER PARK



One-horned rhinoceros seen moving to an elevated area following floods due to incessant monsoon rainfall in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, on Tuesday. 90% of the Kaziranga National Park is still submerged. The floods, coupled with spread of Japanese Encephalitis, have made the life miserable for the people in Assam, where overall flood situation

has further aggravated on Tuesday as the total number of flood-hit people shot up to nearly 50 lakh in 4,157 villages. The flood-related death toll has also gone up to 15, with fresh reports of four death cases connected with flood received from the districts of Goalpara, Morigaon, Nagaon and Hailakandi in past 24 hours.

25 killed in Bihar floods, Opp. slams Nitish govt

People forced to eat rats due to food shortage: MLA

NAYEAR AZAD | DC

PATNA, JULY 16

With the water level rising in Bihar, the flood situation turned worse on Tuesday. According to Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar, at least 25 people have died due to floods in around 16 districts of the state.

Nitish Kumar, who had earlier conducted an aerial survey of the affected areas, claimed that heavy rains in Nepal were responsible for the situation which led to floods in various

parts of the state.
"The situation has occurred due to heavy rains in Nepal but we are prepared to face the situation. The state government has been closely monitoring the

NITISH KUMAR claimed that heavy rains in Nepal were responsible for the floods in various

parts of the state. relief and rescue works and will take all necessary measures to compensate for the losses occurred due to flood", Mr Kumar said.

Mr. Kumar gave the statement while replying to questions raised by Opposition parties in the state Assembly on Tuesday. RJD has been blaming the state government for the flood crisis in Bihar. On Monday, former chief minister Rabri Devi and other Opposition leaders had criticised

raised questions on the state government's preparedness to deal with the situation.

In his reply, Mr Nitish Kumar said that the disaster management department and district officials have been asked to monitor the situation and step up relief and rescue operations in the affected areas. Meanwhile, Congress MLA Shakeel Ahmed said he has written a letter to the CM seeking assistance for stranded people.

"There are areas where people are not getting enough food material. I was told that in some parts people are also forced to eat rats in order to sur-Mr Khan told

Mumbai building collapse kills 11, including a child

Nitish Kumar and

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs MUMBAI, JULY 16

At least 11 people were ers feared trapped under the debris as a decrepit building that was at least a nungred years old collapsed on Tuesday in south Tuesday in south Mumbai's congested Dongri locality, once again exposing the creaking infrastructure of India's financial cap-

four-storey The Kesarbai Building 25/C, a residential complex, in a maze of byzantine lanes and houses clustered closely together, came down at around 11.40 am, civic officials said.

The National Disaster Response Force said six men, four women and a child were killed while eight others were injured.

Officials of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation had put the death toll at four and the number of injured at nine.

Maharashtra housing minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil earlier said 12 to 13 people were killed, citing preliminary information. At least eight people had been rescued, including two infants. Doctors

THE ACTUAL number of people trapped beneath the debris is unknown as the original tenants had vacated their homes and rented it out to other families after the building was declared dilapidated.

and hospital staff were at the site to offer immediate medical

help.
"After the building collapsed, locals started lending a hand by attempting to remove big boulders," said Dilip Sawant, who had joined in the rescue efforts. Another Good Samaritan at the site said, "We have inserted a pipe into the debris so that the trapped people do not suffocate. This has saved lives." The actual number of people trapped beneath the debris is unknown as the original tenants had vacated their homes and rented it out to other families after the building was

declared dilapidated. While Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis ordered a probe into the incident assured strict action against those found guilty, the parties Opposition pointed a finger at the state government, the BMC and the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority, holding responsible for the disaster. However, late Tuesday

evening, Mhada's chief spokesperson Vaishali

Gadpale cleared the air on the building's ownership status. In a statement, she said: "The main dilapidated structure — Kesarbai Building 25/C — was completely evacuated by the Mhada last year and the building, which collapsed on Tuesday. was the illegal rear portion of this building which was not within the purview of the Mumbai Building Repair and Reco-Repair and Reconstruction Board." The difficult access to the site prevented ambulances and earth movers from being deployed, and rescue workers, including residents, used bare hands to remove concrete chunks, door frames and household items. Ambulances had to be parked some 50 metres away. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was

expressed his anguish.

with start-up fund

London, July 16: British Prime Minister Theresa May on Tuesday announced the creation of a new 40million pound Fast-Track Start-up Fund, focussed on India's emerging technology enterprises as part of the wider UK-India Tech Partnership. The announcement came as May marked the 'India Day' here.

Describing India and the UK as twin pillars of the Commonwealth built on shared values of democracy and the rule of law, she called on the Indian government to raise its proposed international sovereign bond later this year in the financial hub of

We have opened a GBP (pound) 40 million Fast-Track Start-Up Fund, supported by both the UK and Indian governments, to invest in Indian start-ups focussed on emerging technology," May said in a

keynote address. "When the Indian government raises its first ever international soverhope they do so in the City

INDIA HAD SOUGHT **SUSPENSION OF DEATH RAP**

DC CORRESPONDNET **NEW DELHI, JULY 16**

Anxiety is mounting as both New Delhi and Isla-mabad await the International Court of Justice verdict at The Hague in the Netherlands that will be pronounced on Wednesday in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case.

Granting the provisional relief sought by India on May 18, 2017, the ICJ had ordered that "Pakistan shall take all measures at its disposal to ensure that Jadhav is not executed pending the final decision in these proceedings and shall inform the court of all the measures taken in

implementation present order".

It also said this was legally "binding" on countries and "international involve legal obligations" of these countries.

The ICJ had added that 'the mere fact that Mr Jadhav is under a death sentence and might therefore be executed is sufficient to demonstrate the existence of a risk of irreparable prejudice to the rights claimed by India".

At the ICJ, India had sought the relief "by way of immediate suspension of the sentence of death awarded to the accused (Jadhav)... (and) restraining Pakistan from giving effect to the sentence awarded by the

military court" The reliefs sought by India at the ICJ were immediate suspension of the sentence of death awarded to Jadhav, declaring that the sentence of the Pakistani military court was arrived at in brazen defiance of Vienna Convention rights, restraining Pakistan from giving effect to the sentence awarded by the military court, and directing it to take steps to annul the decision of the (Pakistani) military court. India had contended that it was not informed of Mr Jadhav's after his arrest.

UK marks India Day

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■ MAY CALLED on the Indian government to raise its proposed international sovereign bond later this year in the financial hub of London.

of London whose capital markets, with their unrivalled depth and liquidity, are the best in the world.

As a caretaker Prime Minister, who is in Downing Street until a new leader is elected between Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt next week, the outgoing leader said she was "immensely proud" of the work done with Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past three years in office to strengthen India-UK ties and ensure the "very special relation-ship" works for everyone.

"Over the past three years, Indian companies have raised GBP 2 billion through green bonds listed on the London Stock Exchange. We are in the midst of an immensely productive period of economic relations between India and the UK," May said.

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CORRIGENDUM No. 01

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CHANGE IN NATURE Tanslocated royal Bengal tigress continues to be headache

Sundari loses the killer instinct

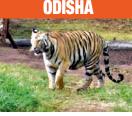
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Sundari, a royal Bengal tigress brought from Madhya Pradesh to be rehabilitated in Odisha forests under the programme of translocation, continues to be a headache for the state administration, which is now holding her in a special enclosure, is now trying its best to safely release

the big cat into the wild. Since the tigress has lost its instinct to hunt its preys and is surviving on supplied foods, the state government is planning to rewild the tigress before releasing it into the forest.

As per the chief wildlife warden of Odisha, Ajaya Moahapatra, the tigress has lost the faculty of preying after spending time enclosures and discussions were held on Monday to take steps for restoration of the hunting abilities of Sundari. At a meeting on the future of the tigress, discussions were held on rewilding of Sundari for which a 25 hectare enclosure has been proposed.

Experts from National



Tigeress Sundari

Conservation Authority (NTCA) and Wildlife Institute of India will be roped in to assist in rewilding efforts. "After staying in captivity for long, it is necessary to rewild the animal. It's a

procedure and the animal can be released to the forest after rewilding. As far as the timeline is concerned, it will depend on the condition of the tigress and its adaptability," Ånup Nayak, NTCA member secretary, said on Tuesday.

Moreover, discussions were held to shift the tigress from the Satkosia wildlife division to the Mahanadi wildlife divi-sion. Apart from the chief wildlife warden of Odisha, the meeting was attended by NTCA member secretary and officials of the

Satkosia forest division.

ought from the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve was released into the Satkosia Tiger Reserve in August as a part of inter-state tiger translocation project. But allegations of death

of two persons and a bullock due to attack by the tigress in separate incidents in Baghamunda and Tainsi villages inside the tiger reserve area in October last year, sparked public outcry and forced the forest department to relocate the big cat back into the special rehabilitation enclosure.





Cops will face strict action for custodial torture and indulging in misdeeds.

— Pinaravi Viiavan. Kerala chief minister

BRIEF

Protection Act to

be tabled soon: Min Bhopal/Jabalpur: The Mad-

hya Pradesh government Tuesday said the draft of the Advocates Protection Act-2019 has been prepared and will soon be presented for approval in the state cabinet. Lawyers across MP observed a state wide strike on Tuesday demanding a law for their protection. "The draft of **Advocates Protection Act-**2019 has been prepared so that lawyers can carry out their duties without fear. The draft will soon be presented for the approval of the state cabinet," state minister for law and législative affairs PC Sharma said. Mr Sharma said the proposed legislation envisages stricter punishment for attacks on lawyers.

Youth SP leader shot dead in UP

Lucknow/Faizabad: A Faizabad-based youth leader of the Samajwadi Party has been shot dead, police said on Tuesday. Thirty-year-old Akhilesh Yadav of Kanakpur village in Maharajganj police station area was shot at point blank range when he was working out at a gym

near his house on Monday evening, Faizabad SSP Ashish Tiwari said. He was the area president of the Samajwadi Lohiya Vahini, the officer said. The incident prompted the SP chief Akh-ilesh Yadav to attack Yogi Adityanath government over "deteriorating" law and order situation in the state.



AIR FORCE CHIEF: IAF PREPARED TO **FACE ANY CRISIS**

New Delhi: Air Force chief B.S. Dhanoa on Tuesday said that Indian Air Force is prepared to fight across the entire spectrum of warfare, be it an all-out war, a skirmish like Kargil conflict or retaliation to a terrorist attack. Addressing a seminar on '20 years of Op Safed Sagar', Mr Dhanoa said that during the Kargil conflict, precision bombing capabilities existed only on Mirage-2000. However, he said that now it is also available on Su-30, Jaguar, MiG-29 and MiG-27 aircraft.

Air chief said that presently, beyond visual range (BVR) missiles are carried by MiG-29, Su-30 and Mirage-2000 aircraft.
"IAF has the Airborne
Warning and Control System
(AWACS) aircraft to monitor the airspace deep inside the enemy territory and operates on secure communication with network-centric warfare capabilities," he said.

Air Chief Marshal Dhanoa,

who was then the Commanding Officer of 17 squadron and operating from Srinagar, recalled the air action that took place during the Kargil conflict. "It was for the first time that the MiG-21 aircraft carried out air to ground bombing at night in the mountains," he said.

■ Working in accordance with Constitution, performing duty: Kumar

Speaker can't keep resignations

with agency inputs NEW DELHI/ BENGALURU,

All eyes will be on the Supreme Court on Wednesday morning when it announces its verdict on the pleas of 15 rebel Congress and JD(S) MLAs seeking a direction to Karnataka Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar to accept their resignations from the House and not delay the process.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, who appeared for the 15 MLAs, argued that the Speaker cannot keep the resignations of the MLAs pending and by doing so, he was acting in a partisan manner and attempting to coerce them to vote for the government during the trust vote on Thursday as they would continue to be part of the ruling coalition.

He told the court that the Speaker has to only see if the resignations were voluntary or not. "It is my fundamental right to do whatever I want to do and I cannot be bound due to non-acceptance of the resignation by the Speaker," Mr Rohatgi said arguing for the MLAs.

He also wanted to know from the bench if the 15 rebel MLAs could be exempted from appearing in the Assembly with the coalition partners issuing a whip to all MLAs. His contention was that the coalition government has been reduced to a minori-

The counsel for Mr Kumaraswamy, Mr Rajeev Dhavan, told the court that the rebel MLAs were hunting in a pack to destabilise the coalition government and that the court should not have entertained their peti-



tions. "This is not the Speaker versus the court. This is between the chief minister and somebody who wants to become the CM and bring down this government," he added. Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, who appeared for Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar, argued that Spe-akers cannot be asked to

decide a matter in a timebound manner. "Such orders are not passed even to a trial court," he said.

As many as 16 MLAs — 13 from the Congress and three from the JD(S) — have resigned.

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If the resignations of the 16 MLAs are accepted, the ruling coalition's tally.

He also said that a valid resignation should be submitted to the Speaker personally adding that the MLAs appeared before the Speaker only on July 11, five days after they submitted their resignations to his office.

Meanwhile, Ramesh Kumar against whom 15 ruling coalition rebel MLAs have moved the Supreme Court alleging delay in accepting their resignations, on Tuesday said he is working in

Constitution and was performing his duty

The apex court will pronounce its order Wednesday morning on the pleas of 15 rebel Congr-ess-JD(S) MLAs seeking direction for Mr Kumar to accept their resignations from the Assembly.

"Ultimately, what the Supreme Court will come out (its verdict), after going through that, I will respond," Mr Kumar told reporters in Kolar dis-

Stating that he was working in accordance with the Constitution, he said "I don't have freedom to comment on all other matters being Speaker.'

"I am not someone who is going to challenge... Iwill only perform my duty..Every one will have to wait till tomorrow," he added.

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CPI, NCP, TMC MAY LOSE STATUS

New Delhi, July 16: The following their perform-Nationalist Congress Party, ance in the just-held Lok Trinamul Congress and Sabha elections. Communist Party of India face the prospect of losing their national party status

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Home Minister Amit Shah and other Ministers take part in the BJP Parliamentary party meeting in New Delhi on -PRITAM BANDYOPADHYAY Tuesday.

Partition miscarriage of history, says Singh

New Delhi, July 16: The Partition of India was a "miscarriage" of history and it would not have taken place if forprime minister Jawaharlal Nehru hadn't intruded into his home minister Sardar Vallabhai Patel's domain. Union minister Jitendra Singh said on

Mr Singh, a minister in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), also said that the time has come to change the narrative and to raise questions that were never asked in the last 70 years.

'The tragedy of the Indian subcontinent has been that many of the decisions were taken not



Jitendra Singh

at the behest of the people, but at the motivation of a handful of people," he said after releasing a book on Kashmir by Raghuvendra Tanwar. "The Partition of India

had been detested by a majority of the Indian

population, including the Muslim community and a forum of Muslim intellectuals and litterateurs by the name Progressive Writers Association, had vehemently opposed it, but the haste and the greed to grab power by dividing the country into two took a toll on public sentiment," Mr Singh said. The Partition of India

in 1947 was a "miscar-riage" of history, its ramifications are being still felt, he said. "The so called 'two nation theory', on the basis of which Pakistan was carved out, got defeated with the creation of Bangladesh," the minister said PTI



Former Samjwadi Party leader and MP Neeraj Shekhar being welcomed by BJP working president J.P. Nadda in New Delhi. —BIPLAB BANERJEE

AMARINDER TO DECIDE ON SIDHU TODAY

DC CORRESPONDENT **NEW DELHI 16 JULY**

Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh on Tuesday said he would decide on Navjot Singh Sidhu's resignation on Wednesday after going through the contents of the letter. Mr Sidhu offi-cially resigned from the Cabinet on Sunday.

The former cricketer took to twitter to announce his resignation from the state cabinet. Mr Sidhu has been loggerheads with Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh and was stripped off key portfolios in the cabinet reshuffle in June.

BJP GETS NEW CHIEFS IN UP, MAHARASHTRA

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 16

The BJP on Tuesday named Uttar Pradesh Cabinet minister and a prominent OBC leader in the state, Swatantra Dev Singh, to succeed Mahendra Nath Pandey as its state unit chief.

In Maharashtra, the saffron party named one of its prominent Maratha faces, Chandrakant Patil to lead the state unit ahead of the Assembly

Mr Pandey is now part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's team. Mr Patil succeeds Raosaheb Danve Patil, who is a minister in the Modi government.

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French visas in 48 hrs in demand

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European countries have become active to stop 'Visa Shopping'.

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el within the zone freely. The country competent for deciding on your visa application must be the one that is your sole destination of visit; whose territory is the main destination of your visit (as far as length or purpose of stay), or the country whose borders you intend to cross first to enter Schengen Area. However, several travellers use the short cut to get

the embassies and not adhering to any of these norms. Officials in embassies in India said that it is not possible to verify itinerary of all the visa applicants due to heavy rush and added that to pre-vent "Visa Shopping", immigration officers are there at airports to question passengers and check for discrepancies in informa-

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Trump on the warpath ahead of 2020 election

resident Donald Trump, in his avatar as a politician, has stepped out on to the electoral warpath. America's leader, best known for his Twitter rants, came out all guns blazing against four Democratic Congresswomen with a vicious racist attack that has already set the tone for a blistering 2020 re-election campaign. Mr Trump isn't known for any sensitivity on what his tweets may convey to various sections of his country's ethnically diverse and increasingly foreignborn citizenry. In directing his ire at four progressive women who are young faces of the Democratic Party, he made his agenda crystal clear. He is appealing once again to white nationalists who may have been the ones to most facilitate his entry into the White House. Two-and-a-half years into his first term, Mr Trump may have reason to feel that he has nothing to worry about the furore he is causing in trumpeting his racist and xenophobic policies.

The call to "Go back to your country"

that Mr Trump may have caused to **US-British relations...** Mr Trump stands for, but it doesn't matter to him as long as his actions and words

May's comments may sound somewhat familiar to us in reflect the damage India where people not considered amenable to the powers that be are often asked to "go to Pakistan". The trend of a swing to the right of the political firmament became apparent long ago and Mr The world knows what Trump is aware that his baiting will hit home with the section of the electorate he is aiming at. It might seem incongruous to us that, of the legislators he named, only one was born outside the US and the othare Americans since please his supporters. Alarmingly, very few voices of dissent were heard about the Trump diatribe from

among Republicans, except for the moderate Senator Susan Collins. The party knows well that the situation is now different, with a majority of Twitter users following Mr Trump approving of his performance in the White House.

Theresa May standing up to Mr Trump may be just an indication of her position as Britain's PM as she is on the way out. The comments do reflect the damage that Mr Trump may have caused to US-British relations with his vitriolic attacks on the British ambassador to Washington recently. The point is: The world knows what Mr Trump stands for, but it doesn't matter to him as long as his actions and words please his supporters. It may worry Republicans that his peccadilloes may do little to attract those who are not part of their core base, but they are as helpless as the world is in seeing the viciously divisive campaign now under way.

Kartarpur: Flawed strategy?

s India's Kartarpur gambit running the danger of mimicking its ear-lier policy on Sri Lanka, where India let its domestic compulsions on Tamil Nadu fishermen being taken captive by Lankan authorities take precedence over its foreign policy imperative of preventing a Beijing stranglehold on Colombo? As the second round of talks ended, Delhi is patting itself on the back for getting Pakistan to take pro-Khalistan separatist Gopal Singh Chawala off the 10- member Pakistan Sikh Gurudwara Prabhandhak committee that he chaired, while pushing for visa free travel. Pakistan, to India's surprise, agreed to allow 5,000 pilgrims to visit every day, and 10,000 on special occasions.

While Congress Chief Minister in Punjab, Capt. Amarinder Singh and the BJP at the Centre, allied to the Akali Dal, believe this is a sure-fire route to win Sikh votes, has Delhi asked what Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, egged on by military chief Gen. Qamar Bajwa, gains from facilitating visa free travel for Indian Sikhs. Is India, bent on tarring Pakistan with the terror brush, missing the wood for the trees? Surely, this is Pakistan shifting gears. Post Pulwama, Pakistan cannot employ terror in Kashmir on the same scale. But it can resurrect the Khalistan

bogey to destabilise Punjab. With India working to get the Financial Action Task Force to black-list Pakistan and block an economic bail out, Islamabad distanced itself from terror chiefs, Masood Azhar of JeM, and Hafiz Saeed of LeT and JuD, behind every major terror attack on India including 26/11; the date, curiously, of the first round of talks. But with Islamabad, integral to U.S. President Trump's troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, and Imran Khan conferred with a White House invite, India must wonder what's next. Arm-twisting to hold talks with Pakistan?

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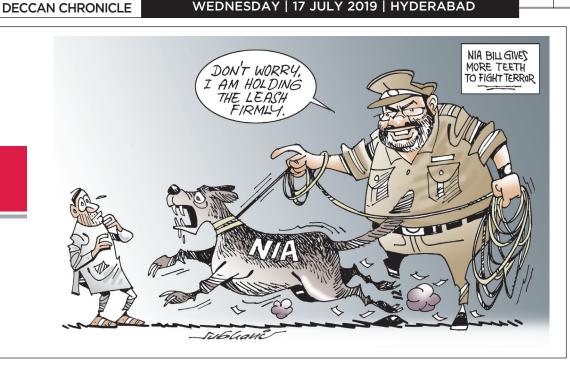
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Can Speaker dictate terms of resignation?



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Congress with 78 seats formed the government last year around this time, it was clear that the two adversaries came together to keep the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) out, which was the single largest with 104 seats, and that the resulting JD(S)-Congress government would barely last beyond the Lok Sabha election in 2019. The Congress and the JD(S) had hoped but failed to defeat the BJP in the Lok Sabha election. Logic would have dictated that the Congress and JD(S) hang together much more now than ever before because the BJP has won a commanding majority in the Lok Sabha. But inherently rickety coalitions are bound to break earlirumour mills are agog as to who is behind the resignation of three JD(S) and now 15 - initially 10 - Congress legis-lators. Chief minister H.D. Kumaraswamy had made it clear from day one that he is in the most unenviable position and that he would be under immense pressure from the ruthless Congress politicians. It is then not hard to

infer that the resignations from the initial 10 Congress legislators was a pressure tactic to arm-twist Kumaraswamy government further and that it has the tacit support of Mr Siddaramaiah and other Congress leaders. The Congress as a party would not want to be blackmailing the government. The "Congress rebels" then carry the onus for the party. The exit of three JD(S) legis-

lators reveals the fissures within the JD(S). There is, of course, the BJP in Karnataka that would want to assume power in the state now that the party has won a creditable victory in the Lok Sabha elections. Defections would be difficult to carry out because the BJP would have to persuade at least 13 legislators from the JD(S), or the much bigger number of 26 from the Congress, to avoid violating the anti-defec-tion law. BJP leaders, both at the Centre and in the state, have put on their poker face saying that they have nothing to do with the resignation fracas though they would be the ultimate beneficiaries. And nei-ther any of the politicians nor the parties are playing by any norms while they certainly want to use all the

chinks in the law to

score political points.

running into an unex-pected legal quicksand of its own. It falls upon the Speaker of the state Assembly to accept the resignations of Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs). An amendment to Article 190, which prescribes the conditions for a legislator's decision to quit, allows the Speaker to ascertain that the member is not under pressure or intimidation for doing what he or she is doing. The Speaker can disqualify the legislator if reasons for his resignation are not valid. This is the kind of legal impasse only a litigious polity like India would come up with, coming up with remedies worse than the evils that they are sup-

posed to address. The presiding officer of Indian legislatures, at the Centre as well as in

the states, has been found to be a partisan, somewhat like the governor, the other constitutional officeholder. Speaker Ramesh Kumar has to perform the extremely sensitive task of performing a political exercise of saving the government (because the Speaker belongs to the ruling party or coalition) while conforming to the constitutional obligations. It is natural then that the rebel legislators do not trust the impartiality of the Speaker and they approach the Supreme Court, which is what the 10 Congress MLAs have done, and they have now been joined by five more

Congress members.
The Supreme Court in its bid to provide relief to the petitioners — the rebel MLAs — could be seen as interfering in the proceedings of the legislature, which in principle is out of bounds for the court. But it is the aggrieved legislators who have approached the apex court, and the court is forced to respond. So, the fines lines that mark the separation of powers between the legislature and judiciary are blurred. So, in the Karnataka resignation drama, the Supreme Court wanted Speaker Ramesh Kumar not to take any decision before Tuesday. It will now pronounce its own verdict on the matter today. Meanwhile, Chief Kumara-Minister swamy asked Speaker to allot a day for moving the motion of confidence to prove majority of the ruling coalition in the House. Mr Kumar has set that

Speaker Ramesh Kumar has to perform the extremely sensitive task of performing a political exercise of saving the government while conforming to the constitutional obligations

date to be July 18.

Kumaraswamy's gambit is intriguing. He must be relying on the fact that if 18 legislators - 15 from the Congress and three from his JD (S) are out of reckoning in the House of 224, then the JD(S)-Congress could still hope to sur-vive by a whisker. But there is also the motive and desire to get the rebel legislators dis-qualified because then they would not be able to contest the by-elections. Many of these rebel legislators could get re-elected if their resignations are accepted. And many of them could walk into the BJP camp. It is a Machiavellian power tussle at its dramatic best.

At the heart of the political crisis is the question: Can an elected representative choose to break away from his party and resign with the intention of contesting again? Will this unleash an unwelcome storm and make turbulence a permanent fea-ture of legislative poli-tics? Should the party in power through the office of the Speaker be in a position to punish the rebel MLA by disqualifying him or her? If the rebel legislator is forced to contest the by-election because he has left the party on the ticket of which he had won, then whatever may be the ulterior motive of the legislator, he should have the right to walk out of the party and contest again. If people disapprove of his action. then they will not re-elect him. The argument that it is irresponsible on the part of a legislator to quit on a whim, and that there should be justifiable reasons for doing so, and that it is for the Speaker to decide whether the reasons for resignation are justified or not, seems a stretch The party bosses should not be allowed to penalise legislator.

The writer is a Delhibased commentator and

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The critics of Swara Bhaskar appear to follow the same views of former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu who says that he built and developed Hyderabad (Controversy over history, Hyderabad Chronicle, July 16). We can clearly see the signatures of the Mughals and the British in the development of India. A large amount of taxpayers' money is being spent for development, but the figures on the papers and facts are a world apart. An example is the road underbridge at Anandbagh. The work was started six years ago, but it is still incomplete. Incumbent governments claiming credit for development is not fair.

> **Gregory Pradeep** Hyderabad

GAME, THE WINNER

New Zealand breathed a new life into cricket with their performance. All cricket fans across the world would have enjoyed the match to the fullest. Defeat in sport should be taken sportively. Whether it is a hit or a miss, there would be no loser

P.N. Sree Lekha

WRONG JUDGMENT

It was a grave mistake by on-field umpires, as pointed by Mr Simon Taufel, which cost New Zealand their World Cup but what was the third umpire doing? (Kiwis over-thrown, DC, July 16) New Zealanders might have lost the trophy, but they have won many

> K. Ganesh Hvderabad

The World Cup final match was a thriller up to the last ball. But deciding the winner of such a big tournament on the basis of boundaries scored defies any logic. Even the super over is a lottery. Instead, if the scores are tied, whoever has lost lesser number of wickets or the team consuming lesser number of balls should take the Cup. This is logical and fair to both the teams, thus minimising the luck factor.

Krishna Murthy Thanikanti

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Media under fire all over, but giving up not an option

7ears ago, I heard Beena Sarwar (journalist and editor) narrate a story involving veteran journalist Aziz Siddiqui, who was part of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan at the time. Angry and frustrated at the turn of events (of which there are many in Pakistan), Beena asked him what the point was of all the effort people such as her put in for journalism, democracy and human rights — to name a few. He looked up and said, "Tau kiya karain, hathyar daal dain?" (What else can we do? Give up?")

Twenty years on, the story never leaves me for it is a reminder to simply plod on. There is no other choice for most of us who have only one home — Pakistan — and no second passport for an exit strategy.

It is also a story that is never far from my mind these days as we cope with the various challenges — financial and others — that confront journalism.

But the fact that one is not alone in this effort to plod on was brought home recently at a conference on the state of the media. Held in London, the first of its kind, the everywhere including those who are worried about the pressures on the fourth estate. Speaker after speaker spoke of Jamal Khashoggi and his brutal death, which seems to have been forgotten by most of us

rather quickly.

Indeed, the press is under fire everywhere, from the United States (where the leader of the Free World tweets against it) to the Middle East and Myanmar and beyond. In comparison, perhaps, what is happening in our neck of the woods may not even be all that alarming. If being muted is our major problem, let us consider those who are being detained in Egypt, or kidnapped in Gaza, or trying to report on Syria and Yemen, or surviving assassination attempts in Lebanon. (A speaker at the conference was a Lebanese journalist who lost her arm and leg in as assassination attempt.)

It is time we all tried to understand the shifts taking place globally. Even if we may differ on where exactly Pakistan fits in — the polarisation among us has even split opinions on the enormity of what confronts us — it would do well to remember that our experience is event featured journalists from not an isolated one. The challenges

being faced here are not unique, but are part of the larger trend being witnessed worldwide. And it is important to realise this especially as we operate in a country that has always been vulnerable to outside intervention. In fact, at an informal roundtable of South Asian journalists, it was interesting that we found common ground in describing covert pressures, which makes work difficult, but are hard to document and protest against. Those ruling us have discovered better, quieter ways of silencing voices while we have fallen behind times and are yet to find ways to resist this.

Indeed, in our part of the world and in others, more dangerous ones, the threats are legal and economic as well as physical.

At the conference, governments pledged money to set up a fund to support journalism, especially by providing legal assistance to journalists being tried. This perhaps can prove to be a much-needed step. Because as the world has become a harsher place for journalists, charges, trials and imprisonments

have become more frequent.
There are chances of Pakistan following this worldwide trend — not

so much for reporting, but because of the haphazard world of social media. Unfiltered opinions on social media — unchecked and ungoverned — will be targeted with the help of new laws which cover cyberspace. It has already begun and will get worse (before, hopefully, it gets better). But this is not the only aim behind creating the fund.

The idea behind the billion-dollar fund is to support media platforms, good journalism and individual journalists. As mentioned earlier, individuals are already in need of help and will welcome it, especially when embroiled in legal troubles.

But how easy will it be to support investigative journalism or institutions which can then strengthen reporting? If Pakistan provides any indication, support for national level journalism from outside might not be too welcomed. After all, we live in times where isolationism has overshadowed internationalism. And a growing sense of nationalism and insularity has increased suspicion of outsiders and their agendas.

At home, for a number of reasons, the distrust of the outside world and its 'interest' - or rather 'agenda' -

for Pakistan has grown in recent years. This has been especially true in the post-Musharraf period when the romance with the West slowly began to fade away after 9/11. This distrust and suspicion has extended to Western outlets that can and do report on Pakistan, relatively free of the encumbrances faced by their local counterparts. Their reportage and intentions behind it are now suspect — in perception — as are many capitals once seen as close friends. This is different from the old days when the BBC and others were seen as credible institutions which had the strength to report what perhaps the rest of us were not

able to do so.
Within this context, if there is reporting in Pakistan, for instance, which is made possible by donations coming from elsewhere, will it enjoy the credibility it requires to make a difference? Do similar sentiments exist in other countries also. where the press is under fire? It is hard to say for sure, but it may be a question that will be raised more than once before the answers are discovered.

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Iran deploying proxies to resist US coercion?



Syed Ata Hasnain

n the post-Cold War era the earliest sufferer of war by proxy was India; in Jammu and Kashmir in 1989. The progenitor of this was the war in Afghanistan against the Soviet invasion and occupation, right through the 1980s. The United States and its ally Saudi Arabia had concerns about the southward Soviet expansion. They thus merged their resources and employed Pakistan as a front, launched a disparate army of transnational mercenaries from various Islamic nations into Afghanistan in a classic irregular war, duly funded and provisioned by them. It helped defeat and drive out the Soviet Army after almost a decade of vicious bloodletting. The lessons learnt from there and the availability of rump elements of the mercenaries at the end of the war came in handy for Pakistan in launching its proxy effort in Kashmir in 1989; Bosnia was the other

elements moved to fight a proxy war without identified sponsors. Another nation which has used the same principles in employing proxies to gain strategic advantage or neutralise its adversaries has been Iran; in fact in a far more refined way.

As the unending drama involving the US-Iran standoff in the Middle East unfolds, the feasibility of Iran falling back on its carefully crafted strategy involving the use of proxies is likely to emerge. How proxies fit into the genre of modern warfare is an important aspect to analyse to assess the emerging threats in the Middle East.

Weaker nations choose to fight through proxies who are not exactly unorganised and undisciplined elements, but its their ability to fight quasi-guerrilla style which adds to their effectiveness. They owe allegiance to the sponsor state which caters for their higher leadership, the technical aspects of intelligence, supply wherewithal, chains finances and ideological moti-

1980s, war employing proxies has become far more refined, leading to new labels such as "fourth generation warfare" (4GW) or "new terrorism" primarily due to the infusion of technology. Information technology, networks, secure communications, lethal explosives, weapons and means of psychological war plus training have all helped proxies in their effectiveness in fighting organised armies. The demarcation of boundaries remains iust lines on maps and paper; they can be crossed at will. Afghanistan and J&K have been single nations and subregions targeted by proxies, but the Middle East has already witnessed multiple nations and regions under their effective influence and the future promises to see much more of it. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has its tentacles spread through the entire region. It controls Hezbollah in Lebanon and Syria, the Houthi militias in Yemen, the Shia militias in Iraq and can muster much Shia support in eastern Saudi Arabia, where the crucial energy belt exists. Its influence over Hamas in Palestine is also profound. Thus it's a cluster of countries where Iran's influence exists and geographically the strategic space of the Levant is in its virtual control.

vation; all ingredients of a clas-

In recent weeks, a signal from as small an event as Iran's Quds force commander Qassim Suleimany meeting a few Iraqi militia leaders caused immense consternation in Washington. That is the power of proxies in the psychological domain.

The New York-based Ali Soufan group, a think tank on transnational terror, says "Iran's playbook starts with arming mostly Shiite groups that evolve into political movements that acquire political legitimacy, seats in national parliaments and cabinets, and, over time, major roles as national decision-makers. It essentially seeks to nurture its allies and proxies to the point where they, and by extension Iran, can take over state power from within". The defeat of the Islamic State (ISIS) can very largely be ascribed to Iran's proxies, although in that effort the United States and Iran were ranged on the same side.

one's proxy, yet its actions as a terror group against the *USS Cole* in Yemen in October 2000 revealed the vulnerability of military resources to acts perpetrated

Although Al Qaeda is no

conventional

be proxies. The recent attacks on oil tankers in the Persian Gulf and the Saudi energy pipeline without any ownership diffuses responsibility and immediately starts getting labelled a "false flag operation" confounding confusion and making the situation even more tenuous and risk-prone. In fact, no one is quite sure whether the attack on Saudi facilities came from the Houthis in Yemen or by mili-

DECCAN CHRONICLE

It is well known that the United States, under President Donald Trump, is attempting a strategic change through coercion of Iran. Mr Trump pulled the US out of the July 2015 Iranian nuclear deal with the intent of either forcing a "better deal" on American terms, or coercing regime change through enlarged sanctions, threats of war or actually targeting Iran militarily. The scope in the domain of military targeting remains limited to massive aerial action on the lines of "shock and awe", as seen during the Second Gulf War in 2003, but followed by almost no ground action. The lessons from the Iraq experience will almost certainly limit US military actions as there is very little appetite for an intractable and endless ground commitment with its resultant unpredictable consequences. The US is therefore attempting brinkmanship, or the threat to go to war, taking the situation to the edge of the precipice without pulling the final trigger. It hopes for an internal uprising in Iran triggered by the negatives of the economic situation, to overthrow the regime of the Iranian clergy, but there can never be a guarantee that regime change will bring anything which favours change in Iran's strategic behaviour.

Brinkmanship can work only up to a point. Iran's scope for response is not limited to its own frontiers or that of its waters. Its understanding of local dynamics is far more refined. For years now, it has worked on ensuring that it is not hemmed in by military action by a superior military power.

The IRGC has demonstrated its 4GW capability through an intricate network of proxies that can strike across the East Middle against military conventional deployment or interests of the US and its allies. That means the need for a much larger footprint of ground forces with no guarantee of securing the required interests. In May 2019, a large Iranian convoy of trucks carrying missiles and other munitions crossed over from Iraq into Syria to reinforce Hezbollah; this despite the most advanced surveillance systems deployed the US and Israel,

reconfirming standing that land borders today are just lines on a map. The complexities involved in countering proxies in just one country such as Afghanistan or a sub-region such as J&K are well understood to be immense. Imagine having to counter proxies operating across a region involving several nations and targeting several deployments. There is no nation

militarily strong as the United

States and it has tremendous institutional capability to refine technology to suit strategy. However, war by proxy is also receiving equal focus by smaller nations, and ideas are not limited. In recent weeks, a signal from as small an event as Iran's Quds force commander Suleimany meeting a few Iraqi leaders immense consternation in Washington. That is the power of proxies in the psychological domain; while in the physical domain hopefully we will not see it play out in the increasingly worrisome

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situation in the Middle East.

Link between cricket and the nation was neither natural nor inevitable



Jawed Nagvi

EEING the leg-endary Farokh Engineer among the spectators at the Old Trafford, with his shock of curly white hair and a Falstaffian girth that seemed to meld nicely with his incorrigibly impish smile, my mind went into the enticing time machine for a rendezvous with the

once flaunted. Then, the penny dropped. The 1983 and 2011 Indian cricket teams that won the world cup encompassed what Rahul Dravid would call the country's cultural colours, which were just about missing in Virat Kohli's social mix. This is not to say that a cultural mix is necessarily more formidable or that it would have produced a happier result, say, in the critical semi-finals that India lost to New Zealand. In fact, on the flip side of the argument, the all-white South Africans were probably the stronger team in the world on their day, even if few were willing to court them for fear of violating stringent anti-apartheid laws.

The all-black West Indies could be just as invincible on a given outing, but they gained and certainly didn't lose when Rohan Kanhai and Alvin Kalicharan came into the squad with a different colour of skin, just as Makhaya Ntini, Hashim Amla or Imran Tahir among others brought new apartheid South African

And why forget that even the West Indies inducted a white player in the squad against New Zealand in the

And doesn't it behove black man in the squad who delivered the crushing blow for the mainly white English team in the nail-biting finals against New Zealand at Lord's was not even in the national eleven a few weeks earlier? In the early days of Indian Test cricket, it was a common habit to expect Parsi players of the order of Nari Contractor, Polly Umrigar, Engineer or Rusi Surti to embellish every Indian's favourite team. It was thus that for a predominantly Hindu country, Kapil Dev's squad that lifted the first World Cup for India boasted of Roger Binny, Syed Kirmani and Balwinder Singh Sandhu who added to the cherished moment on the world stage, just as Harbhajan Singh, Sreesanth, Zaheer Khan, Yusuf Pathan and Munaf Patel were in the trophy-

winning squad in 2011. One could identify at least The 'Indian' cricket team was broached in 1898. The early British ventures failed to put together a team 'because of fierce divisions between Hindus, **Parsis and Muslims** over the question of their representation in the proposed team'.

two solid players in the Bangladesh World Cup squad who breached its dominant cultural profile. And in a heavily Sinhalese Sri Lanka, where would the team stand without the priceless talent of Muttiah Muralitharan

Pakistan, where display of majoritarian religion has gained currency for a variety of sociopolitical reasons, Anil Dalpat and Yusuf Youhana had fortified the squad. It is another matter that Youhana discovered greater spiritual solace in embracing the identity of Pakistan's religious majority.

A country's approach to inclusivity need not, of course, be worn as a cultural amulet in a thread around the neck. New Zealanders, for example, found a subtler method to express their eclectic cultural expanse — by singing the national anthem in two languages, English and Maori, spoken by the country's original inhabitants.

We had read in school about Britain's bold, risky, but often humorous enterprise to initiate the natives of Gilbert and Ellis Islands to cricket. A Pattern of Islands by Sir Arthur

Grimble was a regaling story as much as it also informed the reader about the colonial celebration of cultural diversities they tried to encourage and preserve, including by intro-ducing cricket to the remote Pacific islands.

A friend recently forwarded an essay from the BBC's website by Prashant Kidambi of Leicester University. It offers a brilliant insight into the early efforts of Indian and British elite to stitch together an 'Indian' cricket

"In this last decade," Kidambi quotes former cricketer Rahul Dravid as saying in 2011, "the Indian team represents, more than come from — of people from vastly different cultures, who speak different languages, follow different religions, belong to different classes

And yet, the link between cricket and the nation was natural inevitable.

"It took 12 years and three aborted attempts before the first composite Indian team took to the cricket field in the summer of 1911. And contrary to popular perception — fostered by the hugely successful Hindi film *Lagaan* 'national team" was constituted by — and not against — empire."

The first Indian cricket team sparked great interest in the British press, according to the historian from Leicester. A diverse coalition of Indian elite and British governors (among others) made possible the idea of Indians on the cricket pitch.

The "Indian" cricket team was thus first broached in 1898, inspired by the rise of Kumar Shri Ranjitsinhji, or Ranji, an Indian prince who bewitched Britain and the wider imperial world with

his sublime batting.
The early British ventures failed to put together a team "because of fierce divisions between Hindus, Parsis and Muslims over the question of their representation in the proposed

When they succeeded, the captain of the team was 19-year-old Bhupinder Singh of Patiala, "the pleasureseeking, newly enthroned maharaja of the most powerful Sikh state in India".

the basis of religion: there were six Parsis, five Hindus and three Muslims in the side. Palwankar Baloo, the Dalit bowler, was the "first great Indian cricketer", Kidambi writes. 'The composition of this

team shows how in the early 20th-century, cricket took on a range of cultural and political meanings within colonial India."

Farokh Engineer's presence in Manchester reminded me of a hair cream the debonair cricketer advertised — and a generation embraced. But he also triggered memories of an interview the great playback singer Asha Bhosle gave. Asked to choose between Kishore Kumar, Mukesh and Manna Dev as her favourite legendary duet singers, she said: "You have forgotten Mohammed Rafi."

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Moin Qazi

The virtues of tolerance

e are all human beings. Our human job is to learn to live together honourably and fairly. How do societies resolve conflicts between two opposing moralities? It is tolerance. Discord is the great ill of mankind; and tolerance is the only remedy for it. Tolerating difference should not get in the way. The heart of toler-ance is self-control. Tolerance is the greatest of all human virtues and requires deep religious or moral con-

viction. Moreover, it is based upon respect for the dignity of the individual and is rooted in a conception of the self that is rich enough to ground respect diverse Tolerance helps us understand humans and build trust with

When we tolerate something, we resist our urge to forcefully prohibit the expression of that something even if we find it unpalatable. More abstractly, tolerance can be understood as a practice aiming at neutrality, objectivity or fairness on the part of those who have control over others. It is deliberate restraint of the power that one may

have for negating the actions of those with whom one has a conflict or disagreement. Toleration is usually grounded upon an assumption about the importance of the autonomy of individuals. This assumption and the idea of toleration are key hallmarks of a civilised society. Tolerance has an odour of superiority, and its implica-tion is that one is impacted and bothered about the conduct of others but chooses not to mind. The virtue of tol-

erance leads to a type of behaviour that is conducive to cohabitation by people with deeply different beliefs. This disposition requires nurturing through exposure to various scriptures and the teachings of great sages. The edicts of nneror Asoka are notable

their accommodation of other faiths proclaiming, for instance, that "all religions should reside everywhere" and that "there should be growth in the essentials of all religions.

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Off to moon, greatest voyage of all times

CAPE KENNEDY, July 16. REACHING for a dream, the Apollo 11 astronauts rocketed from earth today to make man's first attempt to

land on the moon.

Apollo II, carrying three astronauts and the dreams of humanity, blasted off for the moon today on a historic voyage to place the footprints of man in the dust of an alien world.

"We are looking good," called Command Pilot, Neil A. Armstrong as he and his crewmen, Michael Collins and Edwin E. Aldrin, thundered into space exactly on time at 9.32 a.m. EDT (1902 IST), the culmination of eight vears work. "This is a big one," said launch Director Rocco Petrone after



the present lift-off. "Our first step has been started right." If all goes as planned, Armstrong and Aldrin before dawn on Monday will become the first men even to set foot on the moon. US President Nixon predicted this would "lift the spirits of the American people and the whole

Will a 'no-deal' Brexit be a disaster? Probably not, here's why

Anthony Browne

ow bad would a no-deal Brexit really be? This is now perhaps the most important question in politics. The answer will help decide whether parliament allows Brexit to happen, and whether Tory MPs bring down their own government. If they think calamity would follow, patriotic rebels might risk a general election. But what if it would not be so bad?

Almost everyone accepts it will cause problems, but views range from manageable to "national suicide". It is difficult to predict complex events without historic precedent, but there are other reasons for the divergent views.

The first is that there is not a single "no deal", but a whole spectrum. Leaving the EU with no deal (and no preparation) would indeed be "crashing out". But leaving with no deal in, say, 2022, with government and business having prepared meticulously for three years, would be less dramatic. It is a moving target: given the preparations, no-deal Brexit now would be less damaging than a year ago.
The government has given con-

flicting signals about no deal, with parts of it sounding the alarm. "It was definitely deliberate to keep all the no-deal plan-ning invisible," one former Brexit minister told me. It means the government is better prepared than is recognised — a source of irritation for the planners, who are never given credit for their success. A frustrated civil servant wrote anonymously in the Daily Telegraph in

December: "Very detailed plans have been proposed, assessed, analysed to death and ... are now being executed." So what are the preparations? Last year the French ports of Calais and Boulogne weren't ready, leading to predictions of the M20 becoming a lorry park, and shortages of food and drugs. But Calais has now stepped up the number of checkpoints, employed 700 customs staff, and bought scanners which check lorries as they drive past. The president of the Port has said "there will not be any delay" in a no-deal Brexit. This will disappoint Dutch ports, which have been gearing up to take business from France.

On the UK side, government has rolled out two computer systems to cope with new customs controls. It has set up an inland clearing site for lorries in Milton Kevnes, to keep them away from ports. Major supermarkets have A no-deal Brexit at the time of the referendum would have been a major threat to financial stability, but three years later the international banks have the laws, people and capital in place. They can carry on business whether Brexit comes with a deal or without.

reassured ministers they have diversified supplies enough that food will remain on the shelves. Despite the concern about car manufacturing, one of Britain's best-known car companies has told government it can cope. In an act of belts and braces, NHS stockpiling ensures that even if the border preparations failed, patients still get drugs. Drugs companies tell me they have two years' of supplies. 'The scare stories about food and drugs are completely unjustified,' one

When I was chief executive of the British Bankers' Association, I convened the meetings of industry leaders in the wake of the referendum to decide how to respond. The only responsible position for a major industry is to hope for the best and plan for the worst. We wanted a transition deal, but banks - reluctant to put their fate in the hands of politicians — prepared for no deal. A no-deal Brexit at the time of the referendum would have been a major threat to financial stability, but three years later the international banks have the legal structures, people and capital in place. They can carry on business whether Brexit comes with a deal or without. It cost banks billions for no immediate benefit, which understandably

annoys them, but they are prepared. But they have the cash for such contingency plans: smaller companies don't and haven't bothered preparing for no deal. Only about 40 per cent of exporters that need to register for an export number have done so. With more political clarity, that will change quickly.

The EU has been preparing to ensure that haulage, aviation and visa-free tourism can continue. But many preparations have been kept quiet. To be able to export food to the EU, the UK needs recognition as a thirdcountry supplier. The Commission quietly told the UK that in a no-deal Brexit it would immediately give that recognition if the UK stays aligned to EU

standards for nine months. There is then the issue of tariffs with the EU — about 4 per cent on average. They would clearly be bad for trade. But on average

they are less than the depreciation of sterling, so exporters would still be more competitive than they were before the referendum. And there are solutions for badly hit sectors. The agricultural sector most potentially affected by Brexit is sheep farming, with 30 per cent of our lamb exported to Europe. But even if the EU imposes 40 per cent tariffs, the government will introduce a compensation scheme to offset it, costing £100 million a year. That brings us to the £39 billion. No one can agree on how much the UK needs to pay to meet its legal commitments, but it is clearly less than £20 billion. This gives huge fiscal headroom to provide short-term relief. It can also provide a powerful incentive for the EU to agree to tariff-free trade.

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European Commission president nominee Ursula von der Leyen says she is prepared to extend Britain's exit from the EU beyond October 31 deadline if needed

DECCAN CHRONICLE

■ But front-runner

Boris Johnson and

Foreign Secretary

refused to call the

when pressed to

Jeremy Hunt

tweets racist



I have expressed my disagreement and asked Rohani for clarification

- Emmanuel Macron, **French Pres demands answers** over academic's detention

IN BRIEF

Air rage: Oz model **gets sentenced**

Los Angeles: An Australian model who assaulted a flight attendant and hurled obscenities while apparently drunk on a flight from Australia to Los Angeles was sentenced on Monday to three years' probation. Los Angeles federal court judge Cormac Carney also ordered Adau Mornyang, 25, to perform 100 hours of community service and undergo mental health and alcohol abuse counselling. Mornyang, who migrated to Australia from South Sudan, was also fined \$2,000, but it was waived as she does not have the ability

PIO convicted of killing wife

New York: An Indian-origin man extradited from India was convicted by a US court for killing his estranged wife 12 years ago when she asked for a divorce, according to media reports. Avtar Grewal, 44, who was extradited to the US in 2011, was found guilty of first-degree murder by the jury on Monday, for strangulating and submerging his 30-year-old wife Navneet Kaur in a bathtub in the Phoenix suburb of Ahwatukee in 2007, the Arizona Republic reported. His sentencing is scheduled for August 23. The two got married in India in 2005, but



30 iakii Spent in one day on ex-PM card

Kuala Lumpur: Credit cards belonging to Malaysia's disgraced ex-leader Najib Razak were used to spend over \$800,000 in one day at a luxury jeweller in Italy, a court has heard. The 2014 spending spree is the latest evidence of what critics say is the lavish lifestyle enjoyed by Najib after he and his cronies allegedly plundered state coffers. The former PM his family members and inner circle are accused of stealing billions of dollars from Malaysian sovereign wealth fund 1MDB in a fraud that stretched around the world.

MOON MISSION ASTRONAUTS TO REUNITE TODAY

Cape Canaveral, July 16: Fifty years ago on Tuesday, three American astronauts set off from Florida for the Moon on a mission that would change the way we see humanity's place in the universe.

The crew's surviving members, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, will reunite at the same launchpad on Tuesday, the start of a week-long series of events to commemorate Apollo 11. Their commander Neil Armstrong, passed away in 2012. But Aldrin and Collins, 89 and 88 respectively, will meet Tuesday at precisely 9.32 am at the Kennedy Space Centre's pad 39A to kick off the festivities. Their spacecraft took four days to reach the Moon, before its lunar module, known as "Eagle, touched the lunar surface on July 20, 1969, Armstrong emerged a few hours later. Collins remained in lunar orbit in the module Columbia, their only means of returning to Earth

"They knew, I knew, if they couldn't get off, there was nothing I could do," he said in May as part of a series of

WAR OF WORDS

Congresswomen hit back after 'racist' Trump tirade

■ 'The Squad' sees ploy to create distraction, urge people not to take the 'bait'

Washington, July 16: congresswomen targeted in a xenophobic tirade by US President Donald Trump hit back on Monday, saying he was trying to distract attention away from his policies with his "bla-

tantly racist attack." The president first attacked the four lawmakers - all but one of whom were born in America — with a series of tweets on Sunday, saying they should "go back" to their countries of ori-

The four — Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, Ilhan Omar of Minnesota and Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts - struck back at a news conference on Monday and urged people not to "take the bait." Trump was simply trying to distract with his "blatantly racist attack"

on the four women of color, Omar said. "This is the agenda of white nationalists," she said. Pressley also urged the American people "to not take the bait." "This is simply a disruption and a distraction from

U.S. ABORTION

IMMEDIATELY

CURBS EFFECTIVE

Washington, July 16: Taxpayer-funded family

planning clinics must

stop referring women

for abortions immedi-

ately, the Trump admin-

istration said on Monday, declaring it will

begin enforcing a new regulation hailed by reli-

gious conservatives and

denounced by medical

women's rights groups.

The head of a national

umbrella group repre-

senting the clinics said

the administration is fol-

lowing "an ideological agenda" that could dis-

rupt basic health care

for many low-income

Ahead of a planned conference on Tuesday with the clinics, the

Health and Human

formally notified them

that it will begin enforc-

ing the ban on abortion

referrals, along with a

requirement that clinics

finances from facilities

that provide abortions. Another requirement that both kinds of facili-

ties cannot be under the

same roof would take

effect next year. -AP

Services

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WORLD REACTS

■ The two candidates vying to become Britain's next prime minister both condemned on Monday US.

the callous chaotic and corrupt culture of this

administration, all the

said. The four lawmakers

— who have been nick-named "The Squad" by

some media — said attention should instead be

focused on healthcare

and immigration and, in

particular, the treatment

of asylum seekers on the

Johannesburg, July 16: South Africa's former

president Jacob Zuma,

facing allegations of cor-

ruption, told an inquiry that he initiated the idea of having an "alternative

media" in the country that

led to the controversial

Indian-origin Gupta fami-

ly establishing their media empire.

Zuma appeared for the first time on Monday at

investigating allegations

that he oversaw a web of

corruption during his

term in office. The allega-

tions against 77-vear-old

Zuma focus on his rela-

tionship with the Gupta

family, which was accused

of influencing Cabinet

appointments and win-

ning lucrative state ten-

ders through corruption.

"I have been vilified,

alleged to be the king of corrupt people," Zuma told the inquiry led by

AROUND WORLD

the inquiry, which

southern border.

down,"

President Donald Trump's xenophobic tweets about progressive Democrat congresswomen as "totally offensive" and "totally unacceptable".

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Ocasio-Cortez.

"Weak minds and lead-

ers challenge loyalty to our country in order to avoid challenging and debating the policy," said

Trump "does not know how to defend his policies, so what he does is

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do so during their last debate. **NOBODY BELIEVES SOMEBODY** SHOULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO GIVE THEIR OPINION

MCCARTHY HOUSE **MINORITY**

ation of his racist and xenophobic playbook." "We cannot allow these hateful actions by the president to distract us from the critical work to hold this administration accountable to the inhumane conditions at the border that is separating children from their loved ones and caging them up

in horrific conditions," she said. -AFP

TRUMP CLAIMS **MANY 'AGREE'** WITH HIM

Washington, July 16: Defiant after widespread censure, President Donald Trump escalated his demand for four Democratic congresswomen of colour to leave the US "right now," stoking the discord that helped send him to the White House and claiming "many people agree with me.'

The episode served notice that Trump is willing to again rely on incendiary rhetoric on issues of race and immigration to preserve his political base in the leadup to the 2020 election. "It doesn't concern me because many people agree with me," Trump said on Monday at the White House. "A lot of people love it, by the way." At the Capitol, there was unanimous condemnation Democrats and discontent in some Republicans, but not from congressional leaders. — AP

AIDS DEATHS DOWN: UN

■770,000 HIV-related deaths deaths in 2018, which is 33 % lower than in 2010

■ UN warned that global efforts to eradicate AIDS were stalling as funding dries up

■ 37.9 million people estimated to now live with HIV

■ AIDS-related deaths in Africa have plummeted

■29% and 10% rise year-on-year, those same regions

■23.3 million of those with HIV have access to some antiretroviral therapy (ART)

800,000 people had died of AIDS

in 2017

■1.2 million AIDSrelated deaths in 2010

■ 5% rise in death toll in Eastern Europe and 9 per cent rise in Middle **East and North** Africa

We urgently need increased political leadership to end AIDS. Ending AIDS is possible if we focus on people not diseases... and take a human rights-based approach to reaching people most affected by HIV. - Gunilla Ćarlsson,

UNAIDS executive director

Conjoined Pak twins separated

London, July 16: Two-year-old twins joined at every year, of which only around 15 are thought to the head have undergone successful surgery at a British hospital to separate their skulls, brains and blood vessels, doctors

said on Tuesday. The highly complex surgery involved multiple operations on Safa and Marwa Ullah, who were born in Pakistan in January 2017 with a con-dition known as "cran-iopagus" in which the girls' skulls and parts of their brains were joined and intertwined.

"Craniopagus is an exceptionally rare and complex condition," said David J. Dunaway, who coled the surgical team that treated the twins.

The operation, conducted in February, was the most complex such separation his team had per-

formed to date, he said. Having twins joined at the head with fused skulls bodies separate occurs in less than one in a million births, while having the connection extend into the brain tissue is rarer still. Around 50 sets of craniopagus twins are estimated to be

survive beyond the first 30 days of life. Dunaway said this sepa-

ration was helped by state-of-the-art technology including virtual realitv. advanced imaging and three-dimensional rapid prototyping — allowing the surgeons to use images of the girls' brains and blood vessels to plan and practice the surgery in advance to minimise complications.

The procedures took place at London's Great Ormond Street hospital, with the girls well enough to be discharged from hospital four months later on July 1.

"These cutting-edge scientific techniques greatly increased the chance of success for Safa and Marwa. Their brains were more intertwined than the previous sets of craniopagus twins making it the most complicated separation to date," the Great Ormond Street

Five months after their final operation, Safa and Marwa are making slow but steady progress, the doctors said.

team said in a statement.



have since

relocated

to Dubai,

amid calls

for them to

Former South Africa president Jacob Zuma

CHARACTER ASSASSINATION CONSPIRACY

has claimed a "conspiracy" by foreign intelligence organisations to launch a character assassination campaign against him.

Zuma confesses he put Gupta kin

in trouble, gave new media ideas

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is very biased". The Zondo

Commission is inquiring

into allegations of "state

capture" during Zuma's

Judge Ray Zondo. Zuma told the judge that he had conceived the idea of having an "alternative media" in South Africa because

BAR ON U.S. GOODS HIKED

Washington: US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order raising the standards for products to be designated as Made in America, that will have a major impact on procurement of products by the federal and state government that runs into billions. "Today, we will begin our Buy American requirements, even stronger. Currently, a product can be 50 per cent foreign and it still counts as Americanmade," Trump said.



London's Great Ormond Street hospital tweets the twins suffering from "craniopagus" separated.

PROTESTS OVER **TELESCOPE ATOP HAWAJIAN HILL**

July Hawaii, Singing, chanting and lying on the ground in the road, hundreds of people demonstrated on Monday against the construction of a giant telescope on a mountain top that some native Hawaiians consider sacred.

The protests were the latest salvo in a yearslong fight that pits scientific discovery against cultural preservation. Scientists hope the massive telescope planned for the site, a worldrenowned location for astronomy, will help them peer back to the time just after the Big Bang and answer fundamental questions about the universe. But some Native Hawaiians consider the land holy, as a realm of gods and a place of worship.

A group of elders, sat on chairs, tying themselves together and blocked the road to the summit of Mauna Kea. Other protesters lay on the ground, with their arms shackled under a grate in the road.

NORTH WARNS US-SK DRILLS IUCLEAR TALKS

TRUMP SAYS **Jobs Stolen** Washington: US Pres-

ident Donald Trump alleged that previous administrations allowed foreign countries to steal jobs and plunder wealth. "Today, US manufacturers contribute \$250 billion to our economy than they contributed before the 2016 election," Trump said. "We are heeding to our Founding Fathers' wisdom by restoring our economic independence and reawakening our industrial might."

South Korea military drills could impact the proposed resumption of nuclear talks between Pyongyang and Washington, and hinted that it could reconsider its moratorium on nuclear testing. It was the first statement from Pyongyang on the talks since US **President Donald Trump** and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un agreed to their resumption at an impromptu meeting in the

Seoul: North Korea on

Tuesday said looming US-

lock between the two

The joint drills have been held for years but were scaled down to facilitate dialogue with the North after Trump's historic first summit with Kim in Singapore last year. "If the military exercise really goes ahead, it would affect the DPRK-US working-level talks," an unnamed foreign ministry spokesperson said in comments carried by state news agency KCNA using the official acronym for North Korea.

Demilitarised Zone in June, following months of dead-

PACIFIC ZONE

■ Shape of islands likely to change instead of simply sinking due to rising sea

Some reef islands resilient to climate change

Wellington, July 16: The Pacific's low-lying reef islands are likely to change shape in response to climate change, rather than simply sinking beneath rising seas and becoming uninhabitable as previously assumed, new research has found.

nations Tuvalu, Tokelau and Kiribati lie only a few metres above sea level and are considered the world's most vulnerable to global warming, with fears their populations will become climate refugees as waters

But a study published this week found that such islands "morphodynamically respond" to the environment because they are composed of skeletal remains of tiny reef-dwelling organisms, rather than solid rock. The researchers said proof that such islands slowly change like shifting sands had profound implications for climate change plan-

Co-author Murray Ford of Auckland University said low-lying reef islands appeared more resilient than previously thought.

ning in affected nations.

CHANGING RESPONSE

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"The effects on individ- become uninhabitable, ual islands will vary so that while some areas may pace with rising seas," he

ernments and communities to decide how to respond over time, but we think this study highlights the fact that nature provides a template for adaptation and island communities may need to adapt too." The study, conducted by researchers from New Canada, was published by the Geological Society of America this week.

The researchers created 1:50 scale model of Tuvalu's Fatato Island in a 20-metre flume tank to test the impact of rising seas

and increasing storm surges caused by climate change. They found the crest of the island became higher and the entire landmass shifted across the underlying reef. 'These insights high-

light an urgent need to incorporate island morphological dynamics into reassessments of future wave-driven flood risk projections for reef islands,' the researchers said. The concept of climate

change forcing Pacific homes is a sensitive issue in atoll nations.

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Piped water will need \$270 billion

Private banks' share in MF holdings nears 20% Overleaf

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Mindtree to pay ₹20/share special dividend

* As of 10:30 pm IST

Shareholders of Mindtree, including the new promoter Larsen and Toubro (L&T), approved proposal for a special dividend of Rs 20 per share for FY2019. At the AGM on Tuesday, L&T sought to assuage investor concerns, saying it can provide further impetus to Mindtree's growth by way of board-level oversight and relevant client connects.

Premji: Wipro will transform to hit new heights



Wipro will transform to scale new heights as the world changes, Chairman Azim Premji, who will retire on July 30, said at the firm's AGM. He also expressed confidence that the future of Wipro would far outshine "anything that we have done before." He said Rishad will bring new ways of thinking and competence that would lead Wipro to greater heights.

Christine Lagarde to leave IMF on September 12

French politician Christine Lagarde said she will resign as the Managing Director of International Monetary Fund with effect from September 12. She has been nominated by the **European Council as President** of the European Central Bank. Her resignation has been accepted by the IMF Executive Board with effect from September 12.

Brazil seeks WTO dispute panel against India

Brazil has sought establishment of a dispute panel under the aegis of the World Trade Organization in a case against India's sugar subsidies to farmers. In February, Brazil and several other countries have dragged India into the WTO's dispute settlement mechanism alleging that New Delhi's sugar subsidies to farmers are inconsistent with global trade rules.

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Gas distributors to lose monopoly in 34 cities

NIDHI VERMA & PROMIT MUKHERJEE NEW DELHI, JULY 16

The government will introduce rules in six months that could lead to the phase-out of monopolies controlled by natural gas distribution companies in 34 cities, including New Delhi and Mumbai, allowing consumers to choose a new supplier, a senior regulatory official

In 2009, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Board Regulatory (PNGRB) gave exclusive gas marketing rights, initially for five years, to companies who had established gas distribution net-works in cities across the country as a way to recover their costs along with exclusive rights to use the

networks for 25 years. However, the regulator will open the marketing business to competition, said Satpal Garg, a PNGRB board member who is in control of its commercial and monitoring responsibilities.

These companies have more than recovered their costs as indicated by their profitability and market cap," he said.

The rules will be ready in three months, and imple**OPENING UP MARKET**

City gas distributors were given exclusive rights to use the networks for 25 years

▶ GAIL, Mahanagar Gas, Indraprastha Gas, & Gujarat Gas to face competition in their areas

Some cities awarded to Indian Oil and Adani Gas would also be open to new distributors



have rivals moving into mentation would take another three months as the 11 cities in which it distributes gas, including Jamnagar, Ahmedabad, Hazira, Surat and Rajkot the regulator will first seek feedback from companies and the public, he in Gujarat.

The move could affect Some cities awarded to the business of GAIL (India) Ltd, the biggest gas Indian Oil and Adani Gas Ltd would also be open to distributor in the country.
GAIL has direct or indinew distributors, under the new provisions.

No immediate comment was available from the five

The PNGRB recently awarded over 130 city gas projects and is hoping that those will involve new

crore (\$17.50 billion).

Notable winners include GAIL, Adani, Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum Corp and Hindustan Petroleum

The companies will provide piped gas to an additional 22.1 million domestic customers, build 4,600 fuel stations and increase the size of the pipeline network by two-thirds.

At the end of March 2019, India daily supplied about 21.1 million cubic metres of gas to about 5 million households, 35,000 commercial and industrial clients and for vehicles through 1,700 fuel stations, Garg said.

The country plans to raise the share of natural gas in the overall energy mix to 15 per cent by 2030 from the current 6.2 per cent and connect 10 million households with piped gas by 2020.

Garg said that by opening up the existing markets, the government hopes to attract foreign invest-ment into the industry.

The board is also formulating guidelines to allow new participants in the city-gas markets to pay a fee for using the spare pipeline capacity of the existing distributors, he

— Reuters

Nestle creates sugarless chocolate

CORINNE GRETLER ZURICH, JULY 16

Nestle SA has found a way to create chocolate without adding any sugar, relying on left-over material from cocoa plants for sweetening as consumers look for natural and

healthier fare.
The food company is using a patented technique to turn the white pulp that covers cocoa beans into a powder that naturally contains sugar. This fall in Japan, Nestle will start selling KitKat bars with 70 per

cent dark chocolate under the new recipe, which doesn't include any added sugar, the Vevey, Switzerland-based firm said. Until now, the pulp has never been used as a sweetener for chocolate, and usually it's mostly thrown out

Nestle could use the same process to make milk or white chocolate in the future, Alexander von Maillot, Head of Nestle's confectionery business, said in a

phone interview. The food and beverage industry is under pressure from consumers and governments alike to make healthier prod-— Bloomberg

Nayara to enter petchem, expand fuel outlets

ASHWIN J. PUNNEN MUMBAI, JULY 16

Russian oil major Rosneftbacked refinery Nayara Energy said on Tuesday it will be investing \$850 million to expand into petrochemicals, even as it is expanding its fuel retail network.

After the Russian company acquired Essar Oil's assets, including its fuel retail outlets, about two years back, Nayara is making ambitious plans to increase its fuel retails to over 7,000 by 2020.

Nayara is also planning expand its petrochemicals business by setting up a 4,50,000 tonnes a year polypropylene plant, the company said in a state-

The company licensed technology from WR Grace & Co to produce a broad range of phtha-late-free products from its 4,00,000 barrel per day refinery in Gujarat. In case of the retail out-

lets, the company has retained the Essar's brand name. As Nayara uses franchisee-owned, fran-chisee-operated model, whereby the franchisee leases land to the company for a period of 30 years and thereafter invests in setting up the infrastructure for the outlet, the company does not have to

invest in setting up these outlets. The cost of constructing a retail outlet is Rs 70 lakh-Rs 1 crore. The company currently has over 5,000 outlets.

With the expansion plans, Nayara will remain the largest private fuel retailer in the country. Other private players like Reliance Industries and Shell trail Nayara by a huge margin. While Reliance has over 1,300 fuel retail outlets, Shell operates about 120 fuel retail stations. Shell, which is an expansion mode, has acquired land for another 150 stations, which are under-construction and is also planning to open 1,200 retail stations across India over

next 10 years. Nayara Energy has recently raised \$750 million through an offshore loan aimed at reducing the company's cost of debt and strengthening its bal-

Cotton yarn mills cut output as orders dry up

rect control of many of the

single-city distributors, such as Mahanagar Gas

Ltd in Mumbai and Indraprastha Gas Ltd in New Delhi. They could

now face new competition.

Gujarat Gas Ltd may also

SANGEETHA G

Cotton varn mills are cutting down production due lower demand from both domestic and export markets. While a few mills have stopped production, some are reducing the number of working days and shifts. Almost 60 per cent yarn

mills, which are largely small and medium units, have cut their production. Some of them have cut the number of working days while some others have reduced the number of shifts from three to two, according to the South Indian Mills Association.

"Almost 50 per cent mills in north India are affected. A few mills have stopped production...New orders are not coming. Hence they are fulfilling whatever orders they had received. Those who do not have orders in hand have stopped production," said G Balasubramanian,



Around 6 million spindles are lying idle. In February 2013, the monthly yarn exports to China stood at 140 million kg and this has now come down to around 40 million kg

Secretary General, Northern India Textile Mills' Association

Around 6 million spindles out of the total 44 million spindles are lying idle due to lower demand. "The demand is down both from the domestic market and

the overseas market. As the garment exports have slowed down the domestic market is absorbing lesser yarn. Exports too are down, mainly due to lesser off-take by China," said K Selvarjau, Secretary General, SIMA.

Suzlon defaults on payments

New Delhi, July 17: Wind turbine maker Energy Tuesday defaulted on a payment of \$172 million of principal amount related to outstanding bonds.

"The company has not made the payment of the principal amount of the outstanding bonds, being \$1,72,000,000 (about Rs 1,180 crore), which was due on July 16, 2019, (Tuesday) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bonds," Suzlon Energy said in a

statement.
It added that the company is working on a holis-tic solution for its debt and continues to be in discussions with various stakeholders in relation to its outstanding debt, including the bonds.

The outstanding principal amount of \$172 million was part of a bond issue of \$546.91 million.

Lenders plan to call bids for Jet asset sale Mumbai, July 16: The

lenders to the bankrupt Jet Airways, who met here on Tuesday for the first time since the carrier was sent to the NCLT, understood to have decided to call for expressions of interest to sell the meager assets of the airline by Saturday.

The airline's meager assets include 14 aircraft including 10 Boeing planes—down from 124 before the grounding— and 49 per cent stake in Jet Privilege and a few buildings, while its liabilities are over Rs 36,000 crore, including more than Rs 10,000 crore of vendor dues, Rs 8,500 crore along with interest to the lenders, over Rs 3,000 crore in salary dues and more than Rs 13,500 crore in accumulated losses of the past three years.

The company is no more a going concern and had for many years run into negative networth. The lenders also list



spares, slots and routes as the "assets" of the airliner that was promoted by Naresh Goyal and operated its last flight on April 17. The airline was sent to the NCLT on June 17.

But it can be noted that government had temporarily given away all its domestic slots in April itself and its international routes in June.

The insolvency resolution professional for the airline Ashish Chhawchharia and the lenders led by State Bank will be laying down the bidding

criteria, a source told PTI. Voting on the timeline for issuing the expressions of interest and the eligibility criteria will be completed by the targeted date of July 19 and the EoIs are likely to be issued the next day on July 20, the source added.

Financial creditors have made a claim of Rs 8,500 crore, while the claims from operational creditors and employees-which are much higher than the former—are yet to be verified, the source said.

Life insurers set to report strong quarter In comparison, HDFC

FALAKNAAZ SYED MUMBAI, JULY 16

Life Insurance companies

are expected to report

strong first quarter earnings, as the individual business premium (NBP) growth for them has been over 30 per cent. In addition, during the first quarter, the 10-year benchmark yield was down by 46 basis points, which should lead to a 1 per cent to 3 per cent boost in their embedded values. On the flip side, while the rates are down, the default incidents have picked up in the recent months,

folios, feel analysts. Historically, the first quarter is marked by weak volumes for the sector, driven by seasonality in the fourth quarter, which contributes around 35 per cent of the NBP growth. However, FY20 has started on a strong

note with private players

requiring a closer moni-

toring of investment port-

registering annual premium equivalent (APE) growth of 30.5 per cent, as per the IRDAI. APE is an international formula that gives 100 per cent weightage to regular premium while taking into account 10 per cent of a single premium. "We expect private players to continue to gain

market share from LIC through better product offerings, with the focus on volume game through sale of ULIPs and margin accretion via sale of protection and other traditional products such as annuities. We expect HDFC Life and SBI Life to report a very strong set of numbers in 1Q with APE growth of 57/37 per cent YoY and expansion in value of new business margins (20-30 basis points over FY19)," said Emkay Global.

"Our top pick in the sector is SBI Life Insurance with a target price of Rs 850. The current market



price of Max Financial also adequately builds in risks and offers meaningful upside potential. We have a Buy with a target price of Rs 681," said Madhukar Ladha, Analyst at HDFC Securities.

During April to June 2019, the first year premium income of ICICI

Prudential Life Insurance grew by 29 per cent to Rs 2,226 crore, driven by a strong growth in individual regular premium. However, the life insurer reported a muted growth of 5.3 per cent YoY for Q1FY20 at Rs 1,470 crore. The retail APE was flat at Rs 550 crore (up 0.6 per cent YoY). Policies sold rose 8.4 per cent YoY in June 2019, while the retail

APE ticket size fell by 7.7

per cent YoY.

strong APE growth of 73 per cent YoY to Rs 680 crore in June 2019. For Q1FY20, APE grew 62.2 per cent at Rs 1620 crore. Retail APE grew by 87.2 per cent YoY to Rs 590 crore. The new business premium rose 21 per cent YoY to Rs1360 crore. Policies sold increased 5.2 per cent YoY in June 2019. The retail APE ticket size jumped by 79.5 per cent YoY.

SBI Life Insurance reported 38.5 per cent rise in APE at Rs 1,790 crore in Q1FY20 while Max Life reported APE growth of 20.3 per cent YoY at Rs 670 crore.

"We continue to like this space due to structural undercurrents. We continue to remain overweight on SBI Life due to comfort of both growth and valua-tion and Max Financial due to its consistent delivery and attractive valuations, said Emkay Global.

Oyo buys Innov8 to enter commercial real estate

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, JULY 16

Indian hotel startup Oyo has bought local co-workof its entry into commercial real estate business under the brand name Oyo Workspaces.

Though the company did not disclose the deal size, sources said that it could be a \$30 million allstock deal. At the time of launch,

Oyo Workspaces will have 21 workspaces, with 15,000 seats across 10 cities in India. Of these, Innov8 is currently spread across 6 cities of Delhi, Noida, Gurgaon Bengaluru, Chandigarh and Mumbai, with 16 centres hosting over 6,000 employees of brands like Swiggy, Paytm, Pepsi, Nykaa, OLX, Lenskart, amongst others. Powerstation has one centre in Gurgaon

with over a 1,000 seats and Workflo has set up 4 cen-tres across NCR, tres across NCR, Hyderabad and Bangalore with a hosting capacity of over 1,500 seats already.

Oyo Workspaces aims to expand its presence to over 50 centres across India by the end of 2019. Oyo will directly compete with WeWork, which also backed by SoftBank.

Gurugram-headquar-tered Oyo said it would offer three options of coworking real estate in the upper-mid scale, mid scale and economy cate-

gories. Innov8 offers upmarket shared workspaces, private office costs as high as Rs 64,999 a month and a desk is sold for Rs 9,999 per month. However, Oyo is offering introductory price points of Rs 7,999 and Rs 6,999 per seat respectively.









Piped water will need \$270 billion

Mumbai, July 16: The policy thrust on supplying piped water to every home amidst the ongoing crisis will need investments of a whopping \$270 billion over the next 15 years, says a report.

The controversial riverlinking project alone will account for \$168 billion in investments over the next 15 years, while the ambitious plan to supply piped water to every home will entail another \$94 billion of investments, according to the estimates by American brokerage Bank of America Merrill Lynch. "It is very difficult for

the government to find all the resources needed to be invested in such projects and it is important for models to evolve to ensure that the private sector can participate in India Research Amish Shah said.

Capitalism needs course correction: IMF

Paris, July 16: Rising anger at the increasing inequality blamed on globalisation calls for a change of directions, acting IMF chief David Lipton said on Tuesday.

But he said, that does not mean there is an "inherent flaw in capital-ism," Lipton said in a speech celebrating the 75th anniversary of the creation of the IMF and World Bank.

While capitalism "has been the engine behind so much of the success we have experienced," Lipton said, "it is an imperfect system in need of a course correction." He noted that much of the anger is because of concerns about the fairness of the system. "Part of the problem is the rise of excessive inequality," he

"Although poverty rates have declined worldwide since 1980, the top tenth of the top one per cent worldwide has garnered roughly the same economic benefits that have accrued to the bottom 50

Sarvita Sethi appointed Coca Cola VP

New Delhi, July 16: Global beverages major Coca-Cola on Tuesday announced top-level changes in its India & South West Asia unit with the appointment of Sarvita Sethi as Vice-President — M&A and New Ventures and Harsh Bhutani as Vice President — Finance (CFO).

PSPCL ties up with MNC for Mohali service

Mohali, July 16: The Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL) has tied up with French MNC Teleperformance to resolve power supply related complaints in the Mohali circle. As part of the initia-



A S Secretary-Principal Power, Punjab Govt, and CMD, PSTCL, has flagged off well-equipped Complaint Handling Bikes (CHBs) for the circle.

Baldev Singh Sran, CMD, PSPCL, NK Sharma, Director-Distribution, HS Boparai, Chief Engineer South and Ravinder Singh Saini, Deputy Chief Engineer, were present on the occasion.

■ Funds resume buying of small-cap & mid-cap stocks

Private banks' share in MF holdings nears 20%

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, JULY 16

Private banks, the top sectoral holding of mutual funds, saw their weightage touch a new high in June. The segment, which surged by 2.6 times in the past five years, saw an increase in holding for the ninth successive month to a new high of 19.9 per cent, according to a report by Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Mutual funds have now also started buying the Small-Cap and Mid-Cap stocks selectively, said another report.

month-on-month basis, the weight of private banks, consumer, utilities, technology, NBFCs, retail, metals and PSU Banks increased, while that of oil & gas, chemicals, autos and cement moderated as June saw a notable change in sector and stock allocation of the top mutual funds, the report said.

"Private Banks (19.9 per cent) was the top sector holding in June 2019, fol-lowed by NBFCs (9.2 per cent), Technology (8.7 per cent) and Capital Goods (8 per cent)," Deven Mistry, Research Analyst, Motilal



Oswal Securities said. Retail, utilities, metals, real estate and consumer were the top sectors witnessing an increase in

value month on month. In terms of value increase month-on-month basis, six of the top 10 stocks were financials in June 2019 - ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Shriram Transport Finance, SBI, Finance, and HDFC.

NTPC saw value increase of Rs 1,260 crore in June 2019, as the stock was up 6 per cent. Notably, the stock saw net buying by 16 of the top 20 mutual funds.

decrease month on month basis, five of the top 10 stocks were from Oil & Gas. Reliance Industries, GAIL, Yes Bank, HPCL and IIPL witnessed the maximum decline in value on month-on-month basis.

"Banks, finance, softconsumer durables and petroleum products were the top 5 where equity sectors AUMs invested their funds in June 2019 and they cumulatively accounted for around 55.6 per cent share," said another Analysis by Care Ratings.

According Emkay Global Services, "Among sectors, mutual

ferred banks, capital goods and NBFCs, while they took money off from oil & gas, auto and pharma sec tor stocks.

"Preference of the Small-Cap and Mid-Cap stocks has been inching up among mutual funds, after bottoming in December 2018 quarter. Emami and Shriram Transport Shriram Transport Finance were the key stocks bought, while UPL and Power Grid saw large selling by mutual funds," Emkay Global said. On the debt side, the

overall exposure of mutual funds to NBFCs stood at Rs 2.02 lakh crore in June 2019, a drop of Rs 63,000 crore since July 2018, when the NBFC crisis began. While the amount has reduced, the percentage share also fell from 19 per cent in July 2018 to 14.8 per cent of debt asset under management (AUM)in June 2019.

Investments in corporate debt paper of NBFCs fell to around Rs one lakh crore in June 2019. The percentage share also declined to 7.35 per cent of debt AUMs in June 2019, compared with July 2018.

OIL signs up for dozen oil blocks, Vedanta for 10

New Delhi, July 16: State-owned ONGC and Oil India Ltd alongside private sector Vedanta Ltd on Tuesday walked away with almost all of the oil blocks auctioned in the latest licensing round as part of the government's effort to raise domestic production.

The winners of Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) Round II and III, which closed earlier this year, signed exploration and production contracts with the government at a function here on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said more production of oil and gas is priority of Modi-2.0 government as it looks to meet its rising energy demand of fast growing economy.

"There is possibility of \$1 billion in OALP-II and III,' he said. Oil India Ltd signed up for the 12 out of 32 oil and gas exploration blocks it won in the twin rounds that ran parallel because OALP-II was delayed. Vedanta Ltd walked away with 10 and Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) got eight blocks.

Reliance Industries and its British partner BP Plc signed a contract for the sole KG basin gas they had



bid, while Indian Oil Corp (IOC) too got one block.

Reliance-BP combine outbid ONGC in one Krishna Godavari basin block in the Bay of Bengal. This is an area that ONGC had previously relinquished and is said to hold natural gas prospects.

According to the DGH, OIL won 6 out of the 14 blocks on offer in OALP-II, while Vedanta walked away with five. ONGC, Reliance-BP and IOC won one block each.

In OALP-III, ONGC won 7 blocks while OIL got 6 and Vedanta the remaining five.

PROJECTION FOR TODAY

Market to remain choppy

The bench mark indices closed in the green on Tuesday even as the broad market continued face selling pressure. The Sensex rose 234.33 points to close at 39,131.04 while the Nifty ended with a gain of 72.70 points at 11,661.

The market breadth was negative as about 1,285 shares declined against 1,149 advancing shares on the BSE. The Nifty Mid-Cap gained 0.7 per cent while the Nifty Small-Cap ended flat.

Technical View

"The Nifty needs to sustain and move decisively above this resistance area in the short term to consider further strength in an upside bounce. If the Nifty fails to sustain above 11650 levels in the next 1-2 sessions, we may expect a sharp fall from the highs, Nagaraj Shetti, Technical Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

"Now holding above strong support of 11600 zone we may expect this small rally to extend further. Nifty bank closed a day at 30571 with gains of 125 points forming Doji candle pattern on daily chart. The Nifty bank has good support near 30400-30200 zone and resistance is coming near 30800-31000zone," said Rohit Singre, Senior Technical Analyst, LKP Securities

"We expect the markets to

Market View

remain choppy in the near term in the backdrop of weak domestic sentiments given the ongoing economic slowdown. The monsoon has considerable shown improvement over the past 1-2 weeks which is positive for Indian economy. However, the progress of monsoon would be actively tracked by traders and investors. Further, earnings announcement by companies is likely to lead to stock specific volatility. On the global front, geopolitical tensions could have a oearing on Indian mar kets as crude price have inched higher in the recent past," said Ajit Mishra, VP, Religare Broking Ltd.

-Ashwin Punnen

PERFORMANCE STREET

În terms

HDFC AMC's Q1 net profit rises 42%

FC BUREAU MUMBAI, JULY 16

HDFC Mutual Fund's posted net profit of Rs 291.7 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, 2019 of FY 2019-20, a year-on-year increase of 42 per cent as against Rs 205.2 crore for the quarter ended June 30,

The asset under manage-

Federal Bank net

zooms over 46%

Mumbai, July 16: Private sector lender

Federal Bank on Tuesday reported a 46.25

percent jump in June quarter net at Rs

384.21 crore on a healthy growth in non-

The Kochi-based lender reported a 17.77

per cent growth in core net interest

income at Rs 1,154 crore on a 19 per cent

growth in advances, and a stable net

interest margin which stood at 3.10 per

cent. Boosting the bottomline, other

income clipped 44.55 per cent to Rs 391.52 crore, and Managing Director and Chief

Executive Shyam Srinivasan attributed this to broader growth across the core fee

lines and also on treasury operations.

crore income and stable asset quality.

ment (AUM) of the largest fund house rose to Rs 3,56,700 crore, a year-onyear rise of 18 per cent.

Operating profit from core asset management business for the quarter ended June 30, 2019 was Rs 381.5 crore as compared to Rs 264.7 crore for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, marking an increase of 44 per cent. Profit before tax

for the quarter ended June 30, 2019 was Rs 429.9 crore as compared to Rs 294.6 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, an increase of 46 per cent.

HDFC Mutual Fund registered an increase of 10 per cent in the number of live individual accounts from 83.6 lakhs as of June 30, 2018 to 92 lakhs million. as of June 30, 2019

DCB Bank net profit rises 17% to ₹81 cr

New Delhi, July 16: DCB Bank on Tuesday reported a rise of 17 per cent in its net profit to Rs 81 crore for the first quarter ended June 30.

The bank's net profit in the April-June 2018 quarter had stood at Rs 70 crore. Total income during the quarter rose 10 per cent to Rs 392 crore as against Rs 356 crore in the year-ago period, the bank said in a regulatory filing.

Net interest income moved up to Rs 305 crore from Rs 273 crore, while the noninterest income during the quarter stood at Rs 87 crore as compared with Rs 83 crore a year ago. Net advances rose to Rs 24,044 crore, up by 13 per cent.

KPMG makes bid to revive Videocon

FC BUREAU MUMBAI, JULY 16

Videocon's resolution professional, KPMG, with an intention to help Videocon in regaining its consumer electronics market share in India, has taken a bold step by handing over its all-India after sales service to "247around", a digital postpurchase home appliance servicing platform.

Noida-based "247around will "provide services such installations, repair, returns-validation, maintenance contracts, and warranty thereby ensuring seamless customer experience.

It will enable Videocon's customers to perform self-diagnostics, decipher issues, and estimate prices much before the

at home," said a release. Videocon Industries is now back into the process of manufacturing, sale, and distribu-tion of consumer goo-

engineer arrives

ds. The company recently launched artificial intelligence (AI) enabled smart television. "They recently launched India's latest AIenabled television, which is

the flagship product of the season. Powered by Sensy Technology, the television provides a superior vieand takes care of a has handed

family's diverse over all-India tech needs. Howafter sales service ever, to help the to "247around", a users adapt to digital post-purand accept this chase servicing new generation platform of smart TVs comfortably, they need assistance that is easily

accessible," the release said. decades old Videocon has 17 manufacturing sites in India and plants in mainland China.

BPCL buys Euro-IV petrol

Singapore, July 16: Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd has bought petrol for Kandla in a rare move to meet demand and plug a supply gap after canceling an earlier purchase tender, industry sources said on Tuesday. BPCL bought 20,000 tonnes

of 91.2-octane grade gaso-line at a premium of about \$9 a barrel to Singapore

quotes on a cost-and-freight (C&F) basis.

Mumbai but the reasons

The fuel is of Euro IV-compliant grade and scheduled July 18-22 arrival at Kandla port located in Gujarat. BPCL had previously cancelled a tender to buy 35,000 tonnes of petrol for June 20-24 arrival at

India is undergoing heavy refinery maintenance this vear as the country prepares for cleaner fuels from

April 2020. This is coming at a time when motorists in India are increasingly turning to petrol-powered vehicles and away from diesel-driven automobiles.

Yes Bank rises 11.48%

demand and rose over 14 per cent intra-day, just a day before the first quarter financial result are to be declared. Speculation that the private bank may also announce capital infusion by private equity (PE) players also led to buying on the counter. Yes Bank shares touched a high of Rs 106.50 on the NSE and Rs 106.30 on the BSE and finally closed

Yes Bank shares were in 11.48 per cent up at Rs 103.90 on the BSE. In a clarification sought by the BSE to reports saying "4 PE players set to infuse capital in YES Bank," the bank clarified saying "The Bank is not aware of the source, which resulted in the above mentioned news item and as a matter of policy, the Bank would not like to comment on

DHFL up 4.3% from nadir

Shares of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation gained 4.33 per cent on Tuesday after touching a new low of Rs 44.45 on the BSE. A day earlier DHFL shares had fallen over 28 per cent post announcing a massive loss of more than Rs 2,000 crore during the fourth quarter of FY 18-19 and its viability as a going concern.

DHFL shares closed at Rs 50.60 on the BSE gaining 4.33 per cent. DHFL on July 15 reiterated in a communication to stock exchanges saying DHFL remains a strong going entity. It further said, 'While the sectoral stress is well known for months, DHFL has withstood intense pressure and continues to remain strong and solvent."

Interglobe up 4.69%

such speculation.'

Dust seems to be settling down after the promoters spat. The shares of Interglobe Aviation which operates Indigo Airlines gained 4.69 per cent on the

After moving in the red in morning trade, there was sharp recovery in the stock as the day progressed and it touched a high of Rs 1,458.45 and finally closed 4.69 per cent up at Rs 1,445.90.

Earlier on July 12 in a clarification sought by stock exchanges to news saying "Indigo shareholder pact to be checked by government for violations" it clarified saying, "The company has not received any official communication in relation to the matters referred to in the news report.'

-RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

2-wheeler, commercial vehicle inventory rising: FADA

MICHAEL GONSALVES PUNE, JULY 16

Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations or FADA, the top body of automobile retail industry, on Tuesday said passenger vehicle or PV manufacturers continued to reduce wholesale billing to dealers as well as regulated production in June, which helped dealers to address their high inventory levels. With this trend continuing for a couple of more weeks, inventory in PVs will for the first time since the downturn

will come down to healthy levels of around four weeks across many markets.
FADA said retail sales of PVs in June fell 4.6 per cent to 2,24,755 units as compared to the same period last year, hit by

liquidity issues and delayed monsoon.

The dealers had sold 2,35,539 units in June However,

April-June quarter PV sales dropped only by one per cent at 7,28,785 units, down from 7,36,290 units

Renewables seen leaving a huge gap in power market

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current rates, temperatures

will rise at least 3-degrees

celsius (5.4-degrees fahren-

heit) by the end of the cen-

tury, missing by a wide mar-gin the 2015 commitments

made under the Paris

decades, we have to simulta-

neously replace current power generation from coal,

natural gas and oil with

zero-carbon sources, while

doubling the existing out-

put of electricity using,

again, zero-carbon power sources," according to the

Wind and solar power are

set to increase the amount

of power they supply eightfold over the next two decades. Even so, that would leave the world with

a potential electricity short-fall as great as 20,000 ter-

Within the next two

Agreement.

JONATHAN TIRONE VIENNA, JULY 16

The world needs explosive growth in renewable energy for the next three decades, but even that probably won't be enough to forestall catastrophic climate change.

That's the conclusion of study commissioned by First Light Fusion Ltd., the British start-up that's building a machine to mimic the power that makes stars shine. With greenhouse accumulating at record rates in the atmosphere, researchers at SystemIQ wrote that entirely new zero-carbon technologies will be needed to avert the rising seas, superstorms and famines predicted by runaway global warming.

'We need to continue building renewables at the maximum possible rate, but if we're going to solve the problem we need new tech-nologies," First Light Co-Founder and Chief Founder and Chief Executive Officer Nicholas Hawker said in an interview. His company near Oxford University has drawn investments from IP Group and has an advisory board that includes former Energy Secretary Steven Chu.

Pressure to adopt cleaner power is intensifying. A series of reports showed that efforts, while substantial, are still far short of what's needed to keep cli-



rawatt-hours, almost as much electricity as the

"One consequences is a proliferation of private fusion companies," said Tim Bestwick, the Director of Business and Innovation at the UK's Atomic Energy Authority. "There is un-doubtedly scope for high degree of innovation in the field."

The electricity gap that needs to be filled is the target of First Light, as well as competing fusion start-ups being funded by Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates and Peter Thiel. They're pursuing designs they hope can start generating power sooner than the 35-nation, \$25 billion Tokamak fusion reactor known as ITER, the largest research project in history, whose collaborators have been laboring on a gigantic demonstration reactor in

France since 2010.

"The internal tension in the field of fusion comes down to size," according to Hawker, who said that bigger machines, in which plasma reactions can be more easily be calibrated, also cost more for investors. 'We want a design that will reduce the upfront capital

SAVING THE EARTH

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The SystemIQ study assesses that "if fusion can be delivered at \$60 a megawatt-hour, the addressable market could be about 460 gigawatts globally." Countries with limited space and poor solar conditions like the UK, as well as places with rapidly expanding power grids like India are ideally suited for fusion, according to the confidential report that were shared with Bloomberg News.

- Bloomberg

SHORT TAKES



EUROPE'S GPS ALTERNATIVE IS BEEN OFFLINE

Washington, July Galileo, the European satellite navigation system, has been suffering a major outage since Friday, reports BBC News. The system's status page currently lists all 22 of its satellites as either "Not Usable" or "Testing," as part of an inci-dent that started early on

Friday morning.
In a statement, the European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency said the system is being affected by a "technical incident related to its ground infrastructure.'

The outage means the satellites aren't able to provide timing or positioning data to smartphones or other devices in Europe that normally use the system. As of February last year, over 30 smartphone models support Galileo, including iPhones released

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TWITTER'S FASTER SITE IS FINALLY HERE

Mumbai, July 16: It took quite some time, but the new *Twitter.com* is finally here.

Months after teasing parts of it, Twitter has announced that it is now rolling out its redesigned site globally, which will bring people a web experience that's faster, easier to browse and more customisable. In addition to making conversations simple to follow, Twitter says the goal with this updated look and feel is for it to be more consistent with wnat vou use on mobile devices. That's why the overhaul will make features like Explore, Bookmarks, Lists, Direct Messages and your Profile easier to access, removing the friction of having to switch between tabs, windows or screens to begin a new task or look at Top Trends.

Twitter also knows there are people who have multiple accounts, so it's made changes to let you switch between directly from the side navigation — now you don't have to keeping logging in and out of — Agencies



MS TO END ITS INTERNET BOARD. **CARD GAMES**

Washington, July 16: Microsoft has already given users of older Windows versions some not-so-subtle hints that it's time to move on.

Now, it's giving them more of a push by removing things dear to their hearts: their board and card games. The soft ware giant is shutting down several Internet Games for people using Windows 7 and earlier, including Backgammon, Checkers, Hearts, Reversi Spades and MSN Go. Just when you'll lose access will depend on your version of Windows. The first ones to lose access will be Windows XP and Windows ME users. For them, compatible games (everything except MSN Go) will vanish in mere days on July 31, 2019 Windows 7 users will get a bit of a break. They'll have access to Backgammon, Checkers, Spades and MSN Go until January 22, 2020, or roughly a week after Microsoft ends normal support for Windows 7

SPOOKY WORLD

WA, Telegram media files aren't so secure

■ Hackers can use malicious app to subtly alter media files

strongly encrypting messages in transit, apps like WhatsApp and Telegram may not always be able to keep files safe after they're on your phone.

Today, researchers from Symantec explain how hackers could use a malicious app to subtly alter media files sent through the services.

On Android, apps can choose to save media, like images and audio files, through either internal storage that's only accessible through the app, or external storage which is more widely available to other apps. WhatsApp, by default, stores media through external storage, and Telegram does so when

the app's "Save to Gall-ery" feature is enabled. According to the researchers, the design means malware with external storage access could be used to access WhatsApp and Telegram media files, maybe even before the user sees them. If a user downloads a malicious app, for example, and then receives a photo on WhatsApp, a hacker could manipulate the the without receiver ever noticing. A WHAT DOES ENCRYPTION DO

HERE'S HOW ENCRYPTION WORKS WHEN SEND-**ING A SECRET MESSAGE**

message,

• A clearly readable message ("hello mum") is encrypted into a scrambled message that is incomprehensible to anyone looking at it

("OhsieW5ge+osh1aehah6"). The encrypted message is sent over the Internet, where others see the scrambled

"OhsieW5ge+osh1aehah6". When it arrives at its destination, the intended recipient, and only the intended recipient, has some way of decrypting it back into the original message ("hello mum").

that the issue can be easily resolved without diluting end-to-end encryption and affecting the privacy of users.

ENCRYPTION IS WEAK

A few days ago, with India pressing for traceability of

WhatsApp messages to

check the spread of fake

news, a professor at the

Technology-Madras stressed

Indian Institute of

hacker could theoretically alter an outgoing multimedia message as well. The researchers call the attack "Media File Jacking." In many ways, it's a known issue, and a trade-off between privacy and accessibility for messaging apps on Android. By using the external storage setting, which is widely used, apps are more compatible with others, allowing

pictures and other data

to move more freely. But that comes with a cost: last year, researchers pointed out similar

issues. Telegram did not immediately respond to a request for comment. A WhatsApp spokesperson said changing its storage system would limit the service's ability to share media files, and even introduce new privacy "WhatsApp has looked closely at this

issue and it's similar to previous questions about mobile device storage impacting the app ecosystem," spokesperson said in a statement. "WhatsApp follows current best practices provided by operating systems for media storage and looks forward to providing updates in line with Android's ongoing devel-

DECCAN CHRONICLE

— Agencies

INTEL AI CHIPS CAN POWER PROSTHETICS

Los Angeles, July 16: Intel is still working on hard on its Loihi "neuro-morphic" deep-learning chips, modeled after the human brain.

Now, it has unveiled a new system, code-named Pohoiki Beach, made up of 64 Loihi chips and 8 million so-called neurons. It's capable of crunching AI algorithms up to 1.000 faster and 10.000 times more efficiently than regular CPUs for with autonomous driving, electronic robot skin, prosthetic limbs

and more.

The Loihi chips are installed on a "Nahuku" board that contains from 8 to 32 Loihi chips. The Pohoiki Beach system contains multiple Nahuku boards that can be interfaced with Intel's Arria 10 FPGA developer's kit, as shown above.

Pohoiki Beach will be very good at neural-like tasks including sparse coding, path planning and simultaneous localisation and mapping.

8BITDO'S LATEST CONTROLLER FULLY CUSTOMISABLE

New York, July 16: The latest controller from the minds of 8BitDo is fully customisable, allowing you to adjust button configurations and sensitivity levels for the joysticks, triggers and vibrations.

Using 8BitDo's Ultimate Software, you can also set up macros for the SN30 Pro+ controller and with custom profiles, you can save settings on a game-by-game basis. The SN30 Pro+ works with Nintendo Switch, PC, macOS and Android, and the battery should be good for up to 20 hours of use on a sin-

gle charge. The button remapping might prove especially popular among Switch games offering few builtin options on that front. A common complaint about The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild was the lack of controller customisation, which made it difficult for some players to, for instance, focus on targets because they had to hold down a button.

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IN IOS 13, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE SONGS AND WATCH MOVIES WITH A FRIEND, WITH EACH OF YOU USING YOUR OWN AIRPODS. THE NEW FEATURE IS CALLED AUDIO SHARING, AND IT LETS YOU INSTANTLY — AND TEMPORARILY — PAIR A SECOND SET OF AIRPODS TO YOUR IPHONE OR IPAD.

HERE'S HOW TO USE IT.

1 Personal hardware cloud just open up a new pair of AirPods near your iPhone, and they automatically connect. Once done, they are then available to any of vour other devices, thanks to iCloud sync.

2Automatic Setup | When you buy a new device, you can have it talk to your existing devices in order to grab your iCloud details, and even your Wi-Fi

It doesn't work with all devices, or all of Apple's wireless headphones.

You can use any AirPods (first and second generations), but the only officially compatible Beats headphones are the PowerBeats Pro. Compatible iPhones and iPads follow:

to make setup completely painless. Sharing your home Wi-Fi with a riend, without a password: AirDrop. The list goes on. And now

it includes sharing your AirPlay audio with a friend.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Pair two sets of AirPods with your iOS 13 device. Then you can send the same audio stream out to both of them, as you can with any AirPlay 2 devices. This is the way to go if your friend is using an iPhone/iPad running iOS 12 or ear-

The better and easier way to do it is only available if both of you are using iOS 13. In this case, all you have to do is have your friend bring their device near your.

iPhone 8

All iPhone X series

• iPad Pro 12.9-inch (second

generation and newer)

iPad Air (3rd generation) iPod touch (7th generation) iPad mini (5th generation)

Now, AI-based system will help spot cancers

New York, July 16: Researchers associated with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and medical tech and computational pathology startup Paige has published a new article in the peer-reviewed medical journal Nature Medicine detailing its artificial intelligencebased detection system for identifying prostate can-cer, skin cancer and breast cancer, which the

company says achieves "near-perfect accuracy."
The tech described in the article, which employs deep learning trained on a data set of almost 45 000 data set of almost 45,000 slide images taken from more than 15,000 patients spanning 44 countries, is novel in that it can eschew the need to curate data sets for training first, which greatly decreases cost and time required to build accurate AI-based diagnostic tools.

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Series A funding and a partnership with Memorial Sloan Kettering Center company, is not only bet-(MSK) to gain access to one of the largest single repositories of pathology slides in the world.

MSK is also home to the lab of Dr Thomas Fuchs, Paige's co-founder and chief scientific officer, and possibly the world's foremost authority in computational pathology. Paige's approach uses much larger data sets th-

an are typically employed in AI-based diagnostics, but without the tight curation that focuses other Last February, Paige efforts much more narrowly on specific types of

company, is not only better performance, but also a resulting system that is much more generally

applicable.

Next up for *Paige* is to commercialise its technology, which is something it's already pursuing. The work described in the article published in Nature Medicine has already been employed in technology currently under review the FDA, albeit for a different final application than the ones described in the study published by the magazine.



SNAPDRAGON 855 PLUS IS A **NATURAL FIT**

London, July 16: Qualcomm has announced a mid-year refresh of its flagship Snapdragon 855 chipset.

The new Snapdragon 855 Plus is further opti-mized for gaming, VR, AI, and 5G connectivity. It sticks to the same overall design and chip layout as the 855, but Qualcomm says the Plus' eight-core Kryo CPU runs at higher peak clock speeds of up to 2.96GHz.

But more important to gamers is a 15 percent performance improvement from the Adreno 640 GPU. That will likely result in the 855 Plus making its way into the next wave of gamingfocused smartphones like those we've seen from Asus, Razer, and other companies. As for AI and VR improve-ments, Qualcomm is continuing to talk up its fourth-generation Engine that's capable of "more than 7 trillion operations per second."

The Snapdragon 855 Plus will deliver "best-in-class cellular performance, superior coverage and all-day battery life in premium 5G devices," according to the company. It's still using two separate modems to get there, however, with both a Snapdragon X24 LTE 4G modem and Qualcomm's X50 5G modem on board. We won't see a more efficient approach until the inevitable Snapdragon 865. The 855, announced late last year, has already led to a generation of Android premium smartphones that have felt more responsive and

GM Toff to head NPE team of FB

Washington, July 16: Is Facebook preparing to launch a serious competitor to TikTok? If so, the company just picked up some key talent to make that happen.

Last week, Facebook announced plans for a new division, called the NPE Team, which will build experimental consumer-focused where it will try different ideas and features, then

see how people react. Now, Facebook has picked up former Vine G.M. Jason Toff to join the NPE Team as a product management director.

Toff's experience also includes time spent at Google, most notably as a product lead for YouTube before exiting to Vine in 2014. At the short-form video app maker, Toff worked as head of Product for a year, then became Vine's general manager. Vine, of course, was

later snatched up by Twitter — and there, Toff moved up to director of apps have had longer Product Management runs, as the company boomeranging perore back to Google, where his initial focus was on AR and VR projects. Most recently, Toff worked as a partner at Goo-

gle's Area 120, Google's in-house incubator where employees work on experimental projects.

That's not all that differ-

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ent from what Facebook appears to have in store with its own NPE Team ambitions. Similar to Area 120 or Microsoft Garage, for example, the NPE Team plans to deliver apps that will "change very rapidly" in response to consumer feedback. It also will be quick to close down experiments that aren't useful to people in fairly short order.

Facebook itself operates. Its more experimental used them to gain feed back to inform its larger projects. For example, its photo-sharing Moments ran from 2015 through early 2019, and its TrueCaller-like app Hello for emerging markets ran for several years, despite fairly limited adoption. — Agencies



UNDER | SCRUTINY | Trump had tweeted that Libra 'will have little standing or dependability'

Congress starts hearings in FB's currency case

Washington, July 16: Facebook's ambitious plan to create a financial ecosystem-based on a digital currency faces questions from lawmakers, as it's shadowed by negative comments from President Donald Trump, his treasury secretary and the head of the Federal Reserve.

Congress begins two days of hearings on Tuesday on the currency planned by Facebook, to be called Libra, starting with the Committee.

Meanwhile, a House Judiciary subcommittee will extend its bipartisan investigation of the market power of Facebook, Amazon and

Mr Trump tweeted last week that the new curren-cy, Libra, "will have little standing or dependabili-

Both treasury secretary Steven Mnuchin and Fed Chair Jerome Powell have expressed serious concerns recently that Libra could be used for illicit activity.

The treasury department has "very serious con-cerns that Libra could be misused by money launfinancers," Mnuchin told reporters at the White House on Monday. "This is indeed a national security issue." Facebook has "a lot of work to do before we get to the point where we're comfortable with it,"

BIG RISK

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Mnuchin said. Already under intense scrutiny from regulators and Congress over privacy and dominance, market Facebook stirred anger on Capitol Hill last month with the unveiling of its plan to create a financial ecosystem based on a digital currency

Senate and House hearings went on the calendar, and the Democratic head of the House Financial Services Committee,

regulators could review it. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., said that Facebook, with some 2 billion users around the world, "is continuing its unchecked expansion and extending its reach into the lives of its users." She called Libra "a new Swiss-based financial system" that potentially is too big to fail and could require a taxpayer bailout.

plan until Congress and

David Marcus, Facebook executive leading the project, says in his testimony prepared for Tuesday's hearing by the Financial Services panel that Libra "is about developing a safe, secure and

which is holding Wednesday's hearing, called on Facebook to suspend the suspending the world. We believe that Libra can make real progress toward building a more inclusive financial infrastructure.' Facebook agrees with

Powell's view that the government's review of Libra must be "patient and thorough, rather than a sprint implementation,' Marcus' statement says.

"The time between now and launch is designed to be an open process and subject to regulatory oversight and review. In fact, I expect that this will be the broadest, most extensive and most careful prelaunch oversight by regulators and central banks in FinTech's history." — PTI Bangladesh are resting allrounder Shakib Al Hasan (in pic) but







Thank you Achrekar Sir for being Guru & guide and making me what I am today.

— Tendulkar pays homage to coach Ramakanth Achrekar

SHORT TAKES

Pak yet to clear players for T20s

Karachi: The Pakistan Cricket Board is yet to give clearance to the players who have signed up for the Global T20 League in Canada and the European T20 League, according to official

sources. Pakistani players Shahid Afridi, Shoaib Malik, Wahab Riaz, Shadab Khan, Muhammad Nawaz and Umar Akmal have been named by the Canadian T20 franchises but a PCB official said that the Board has not yet given clearance to the players for the event or the European T20 league. Apart from Afridi, who is now retired and can play in any league, all the other players require No Objection

Certificates (NoCs) from the PCB as, with the exception of Akmal, they all are contracted with the Board. The official said the PCB has, however, given NoCs to some players to play in the English

T20 Blast, starting this week. "Babar Azam is playing for Somerset, Muhammad Aamir for Essex, Fakhar Zaman for Glamorgan, Faheem Ashraf for Northamptonshire while Imad Wasim has also applied to play for a county," the official said.

The Canadian T20 Global League is scheduled to start later this month and end mid-August while the European T20 League is from late August to late September. - PTI

Kiwi party is put on hold at home

Wellington: New Zealand Cricket Tuesday said an immediate homecoming ceremony for the national team has been put on hold due to players arriving in batches at different

"We've been in conversations with the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Grant Robertson, and are mindful of the Prime Minister's (Jacinda Ardern) enthusiasm for a welcome home celebration," NZC chief executive David White was quoted as saying by stuff.co.nz. "At the moment however with some players arriving back at different times, some not arriving back at all, and others having alternative playing commitments, it's just not practi-

cal," he added White acknowledged the calls from New Zealand public for a grand welcome ceremony befitting the team's lion-hearted performance in the showpiece. "Hopefully, given the interest surrounding this, we can organise something appropriate in the weeks to come." -PTI

ARCHER LOST HIS COUSIN DURING CUP

London: England star Jofra

Archer was grieving over the death of his cousin in Barbados

during his team's incredible success at the Cricket World Cup. Ashantio Blackman, 24, was shot dead outside his home in St Philip the day after England's World Cup campaign started with a win over South Africa in May. Despite the shocking news, Barbados-born Archer finished as England's leading wickettaker with 20 wickets in 11 innings during the World Cup. He also bowled the Super Over in which Eoin Morgan's side clinched their victory against New Zealand in Sunday's dramatic final at Lord's. Archer's father Frank told the Times newspaper: "(His cousin) is the same age as Jofra and they were really close, he even messaged him in the days before he died. Jofra was really affected by his death but had

to carry on. Archer qualified for a British passport thanks to his father and only became eligible to play for England in March. "People have been questioning his Britishness, but him playing for England has shown he will inspire everyone to play cricket, because it's usually seen as an elitist sport," his father said.

HUNT IS ON FOR COACH

New Delhi, July 16: The Indian cricket board on Tuesday invited applications for the men's team support staff including head coach who will need to be less than 60 years of age with a minimum inter-national experience of two years.

The BCCI has streamlined the process of hiring the support staff including head coach, batting coach, bowling coach, fielding coach, physiotherapist, strength and conditioning coach and administrative manager. The application deadline for all the roles is 5 pm, July

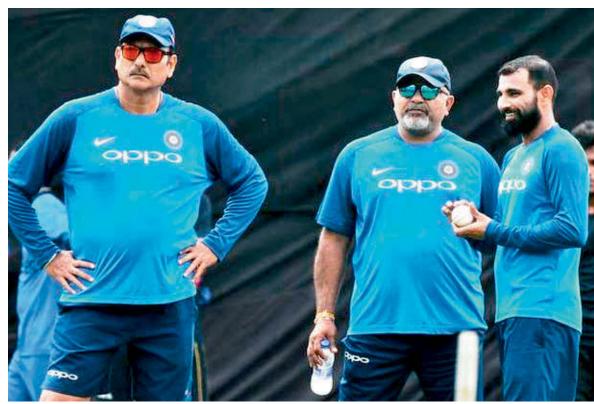
Before Ravi Shastri was appointed as the head coach in July 2017, the BCCI had issued a ninepoint eligibility criteria which lacked focus and clarity. This time, it is only a three-point criteria for all the coaching roles including head coach besides the positions in the batting, bowling and fielding department.

The current coaching staff of Team India will get an automatic entry in the recruitment process," said the BCCI in a state-

The head coach should have coached a Test playing nation for a minimum of two years or three years with an associate member/A team/IPL side. The applicant also should have played 30 Tests or 50 ODIs.

The criteria remains the same for batting, bowling and fielding coach except the number of games played. The three personnel should have played at least 10 Tests or 25 ODIs and be less than 60 years of

age.
The current support staff comprising Shastri, bowling coach Bharat Arun.



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Head coach Ravi Shastri (left), bowling coach Bharat Arun (centre) and fast bowler Mohammed Shami during a training session of the Indian cricket team in this file photo.

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batting coach Sanjay Bangar and fielding coach R. Sridhar were given a 45-day extension following World Cup, covering the West Indies tour from August 3 to September 3. All of them can re-apply

but the team is set to have a new trainer and physio after the departure of Shankar Basu and Patrick Farhart following India's

After the West Indies ended prematurely in con-

tour, India's home season kicks off with a series against South Africa, beginning September 15. Shastri was appointed India chief coach in 2017 after Anil Kumble's tenure

troversial circumstances. The 57-year-old was also India's director of cricket from August 2014 to June 2016. India have not won a major ICC event under his guidance though.

Sachin is in favour of 2nd super over

New Delhi, July 16: Sachin Tendulkar on Tuesday endorsed a second super over to decide the winner instead of considering the boundary count if such an extraordinary situation arises like it did in the World Cup final.

In a gut-wrenching final at Lord's on Sunday, England were adjudged the World Cup winners on the basis of their superior boundary count - 22 fours and two sixes to New Zealand's 16 — after both the regulation match and the ensuing Super Over ended in a tie.

"I feel there should be another super over to instead of considering the number of bound-aries scored by both teams. Not just in a World Cup final. Every game is important. Like in football, when teams go into extra time, nothing else matters," Tendulkar told 100mb.

Current and former cricketers including Rohit Sharma, Gautam Gambhir and Yuvraj Singh, have questioned ICC's "ridiculous" rule on boundary count that decided the World Cup

After table toppers India were knocked out of the World Cup after losing the semifinal to New Zealand, skipper Virat Kohli had suggested IPL-like playoffs instead of knockouts in the World Cup going forward.

Asked if the World Cup format needs to be changed in the knock out stages, Tendulkar said: "I think the two teams that finish at the top should definitely have something going for them for having consistently the tournaplayed through ment.

During India's semifi-nal, former skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni was sent at number seven with Hardik Pandya and Dinesh Karthik being promoted in the batting

Asked what batting order he would have gone with for the chase, Tendulkar said: "Without a doubt, I would've sent M. S. Dhoni at his usual position, No.5. With the kind of situation that India was in and the experience that he has, the need of the hour was for him to build the innings. Hardik could've batted at 6 and Karthik would've followed at 7." — PTI

KIWI COACH WANTS ICC

Wellington, July 16: New Zealand coach Gary Stead has called for the Cricket World Cup's rules to be overhauled, labelling the showpiece final "hollow" after England defeated the Black Caps on a technicality. "It's a very, very hollow feeling that you can play 100 overs and score the same amount of runs and still lose the game, but that's the technicalities of sport," Stead told reporters in remarks released by New Zealand Cricket on Tuesday.

He said such a thrilling match deserved a better way to determine the result. "There's going to be many things they look at over the whole tournament — I'm sure when they were writing the rules they never expected a World Cup final to happen like that. I'm sure it'll be reviewed (and) there's many different ways that they'll probably explore,'

Stead shrugged off suggestions England had been mistakenly handed an extra run after a overthrow. "At the end of the day the umpires are there to rule. They're human as well," Stead said.

Big Ben likely to be knighted for heroics No one lost the final

London, July England's World Cup hero Ben Stokes is likely to be bestowed with knighthood for his sensational performance in summit clash against New Zealand which helped the hosts claim their maiden title in the ICC's 50-over showpiece event.

Stokes smashed an unbeaten 84 off 98 balls to help England tie the final match at the Lord's on Sunday. He then scored eight in the Super Over which also ended in a tie. England were then adjudged World winners on the of boundary Cup basis count.

Stokes' World Cup heroics impressed Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt, the two con-tenders to be the next prime minister of the UK. "I will give dukedoms, whatever — I will go to the maximum, to, what, the Garter King of Arms," said Johnson, the frontrunner to replace Theresa May as Britain's PM, during a series of rapid-fire 'yes or no' questions at the end of leadership debate hosted by *The Sun* and talkRADĬO.

Asked deserves knighthood, Johnson said, "Yes is the answer, absolutely.'

When Hunt was asked the same question, he replied succinctly: "Of

Eleven English cricketers have been knighted for services to cricket till now with former Test and ODI skipper Alastair Cook being the last to be conferred with the honour.

The 28-year-old Stokes had missed the 2017-18 Ashes due to a pending investigation into his role in a fight in Bristol that had left a man in hospital with facial injuries. He was later found not guilty of affray — PTI



British Prime Minister Theresa May (centre) holds aloft the World Cup trophy along with England captain Eoin Morgan while members of the team are all smiles outside her 10 Downing Street residence in London on Monday.

Strauss urges Stokes to stay grounded

Strauss has urged Ben Stokes to keep his feet on the ground after the allrounder earned hero status with his role in their incredible

World Cup final triumph. Stokes scored 84 not out against New Zealand at Lord's on Sunday to force a Super Over in which he and Jos Buttler pushed England towards their

first World Cup crown. Former England captain Strauss believes Stokes will be deluged with demands on his time and he warned the star not to be distracted by his sudden spike in popularity.
"What will be hard for Ben going forward is the

levels of adulation he'll

receive. That was a burden for Freddie Flintoff. He to the police station often lived up to it and that was great, but increasingly you are under more and more pressure to be the man every time you play and that is a big burden," Strauss said during an interaction on Tuesday.

man-of-the-Stokes' match display went some way towards making up for the 2016 T20 World Cup final when Carlos Brathwaite hit him for four sixes in the final over to grab an unlikely victory for the West Indies.

It also came less than a year after Stokes was found not guilty of affray following a late-night brawl in Bristol, an incident that forced him to

to the police station with Ben. I spent a long time with Clare, his wife, waiting for him to come out of the jail. What struck me as soon as he came out was actually his character.

Because he stood up and said, 'I've got this horribly wrong. I apologise sincerely for what I've done here.' - ANDREW STAUSS

former England captain

miss an Ashes series and placed his future in doubt. Strauss was director of England cricket at the time and was present when Stokes was released

from his police cell before helping guide h through the aftermath. guide him Strauss sensed early on that the 28-year-old would go on to flourish despite

the controversy.
"You know what, I just remember going down to the police station with Ben. I spent a long time with Clare, his wife, wait-

ing for him to come out of the jail," he said. "What struck me as soon as he came out was actually his character. Because he stood up and said, 'I've got this horribly wrong. I apologise sincerely for what I've done here'. From that moment on, I thought

this was going to be a good

thing for him. It was very

hard to know which way it

was going to go. People can go two ways after something like that happens to them," he said. "Anyone who knows Ben

and who has played with him knows what an incredible person he is to have on your team. What we've seen is some of those rough edges just smoothed a little bit over the last 12 or 18 months without him losing that incredible desire and hunger to win.

"It's an easy story to say what happened in the World Cup final is redemption for him, but I just think it was one of English cricket's talents showing what he can do on Strauss said

the final. says Kane

Wellington, July 16: "No one lost the final," New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson said Tuesday as his team tried coming to terms with the gut-wrenching defeat against England in the World Cup's greatest summit clash.

New Zealand lost to England at the Lord's Cricket Ground on Sunday due to inferior boundary count (16 in 50 overs to hosts' 24) after both the regulation 50 overs and the Super Over ended in ties.

Cricketers, current and former, shared New Zealand's pain on losing the title on boundary count with many of them asking for a "seri-ous look" into the rule, slammed as "absurd".

"At the end of the day nothing separated us, no one lost the final, but there was a crowned winner and there it is," Williamson Newstalk ZB.

Widely praised for the grace with which he and his side accepted the defeat, Williamson said they had signed up to the rules that governed the tournament. "I suppose you never thought you would have to ask that question and I never thought I would have to answer it (smiling)," was Williamson's first reaction when asked

about the rule. "While the emotions are raw, it is pretty hard to swallow when two teams have worked really, really hard to get to this moment in time. When sort of two attempts to separate them with a winner and a loser it still doesn't perhaps sort of shine with one side coming through, you know," Williamson, one of the finest gentleman playing the sport, said.

VAN AERT ALERT!

Belgian rookie wins stage 10 of Tour de France

Albi (France), July 16: Belgian rookie Wout Van Aert won stage 10 of the Tour de France on Tuesday as Julian Alaphilippe extended his overall lead after a blistering late charge split the peloton.

Yellow jersey wearer Alaphilippe launched the attack from 38 kilometres out, where narrow roads and a crosswind created perfect conditions for the

devastating attack.

Defending champion
Geraint Thomas and his powerful Ineos team leapt into the fray in what turned into a rampage all the way to the quaint Tarn town of

Pre-stage title pretenders Richie Porte, Thibaut Pinot, Jakob Fuglsang, Rigoberto Uran all lost 1min 40sec, while Movistar's Mikel Landa lost over two minutes.

Frenchman Alaphilippe leads second placed Thomas by 1min 12sec, a second Ineos rider, Egan Bernal, is at 1min 16sec, and van Aert's teammate Steven Kruijswijk is another 11sec off in fourth.

Pinot, who started in third, dropped to 11th, 2min 33sec behind his country-



Belgium's Wout van Aert celebrates as he wins the 10th stage of the 106th edition of the Tour de France cycling race between Saint-Flour and Albi on Tuesday.

ambitions, and we will many top guys," he said. defend this jersey every day," he added.

Ineos boss Dave Brailsford said the stage went exactly as he had planned. "I feel like we just scored a

"We knew there was a chance of a split," said Alaphilippe. "I have my substitute in the solution of the split in the solution of the split in the sp

"This race is like no other, if you lose your attention you can end up losing major time, and that's what hap-

pened to all those guys. "We saw the weather and spoke about this in the prerace briefing," said the That's ho Briton who has plotted six explained.

Tour de France victories from the last seven. Thomas, the 2018 champion, looked like the cat that

"It was just a positioning error from them and they lose a minute and a half. That's how it goes," he

got the cream.

The 22-year-old Bernal takes the best young rider's white iersev

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"It was wild, but that's the Tour, every day is superhard here and anything can happen," said the slightly built Bernal, who proved again here he can keep up with the burly riders who do well in crosswinds.

Nairo Quintana of Movistar was all smiles too, after finishing in the minipeloton after an exhausting long-range dash.

"I was fortunate to be aware of what was happening, I feel lucky in a way, that's racing," Quintana.

Jumbo Visma's Belgian stage winner van Aert claimed his first Tour de France victory beating top sprinters drained by the hīgh-speed run in.

Van Aert, who also won two stages on the Criterium du Dauphine after converting from cyclo-cross, is the latest breakout star on an unpredictable 2019 Tour.

For Jumbo Visma, it was the third individual stage victory this year, following Mike Teunissen and Dylan Groenewegen. The Dutch outfit also won the team time trial. "That's three stage wins for us so far, said the 24-year-old multiple cyclo-cross world cham-



I live in fear of injuries: Chanu

New Delhi, July 16: Top will happen if I get injured weightlifter Mirabai Chanu Tuesday said she lives in fear of injuring herself ahead of year's Olympics despite recovering from an unspecified back problem, which marred her progress in

After the gold-winning performance in the Gold Commonwealth Games last year, Mirabai had complained of lower back pain.

The injury puzzled doctors across the country, who were unable to diagnose the cause, forcing the 24-year-old to miss the Asian Games and the World Championships in the same year.

"A lot has changed after the injury. There is a always a fear as to what

again. I have to think twice before every lift, every training session," Mirabai

About nine months later, the back pain has subsided allowing Mirabai to make a successful comeback to the arena. She notched up a gold medal a the EGAT Cup in Thailand in her first out-

ing after the setback. The injury has led Mirabai and coach Vijay Sharma to tweak their training regimen. "My approach has changed because we don't know why the pain occurred in the first place. Was it because of some exercise or was it because of my technique, we still don't know that," she said.

"She is taking things a bit slowly," added Sharma.

onal, Commonwealth, world and Asian records. The sports minister spent time talking to the 37-member contingent and congratulating them

INDIA CAN

MATCH CHINA,

New Delhi, July 16: Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday said India has the potential to

give traditional weightlifting powerhouses such as China and North Korea a run for their money.

India returned from the

Commonwealth Champ-

ionship in Apia, Samoa

with a rich tally of 35

medals in the youth, junior and senior categories,

breaking numerous nati-

SAYS RIJIJU

on their achievements. "Good performances in tournaments are good signs. India can become the weightlifting power-house in the coming

days," Rijiju said. "We can have a very close competition with China and North Korea. India has the potential and I want that we should be at the top and get number of medals in the

Olympics," he added.
India has traditionally been a frontrunner in the Commonwealth tournaments in weightlifting while country's like China, South Korea and North Korea dominate globally.

Recent results show India is making steady progress in senior and junior categories. -PTI

Ganesh, Yash super bats, Shiv and Darsh have ball

■ Vinay, Venkat, Sahendra, Shukla, Sisodia, Ashwad, Abhishek, Ibrahim, Priyesh shine

DC CORRESPONDENT **HYDERABAD JULY 16**

G. Ganesh scored an unbeaten triple century, Yash Gupta got a blistering double ton while P. Shiv Anurag and Darsh Abhinay turned in seven-star performances to emerge the best on show Hyderabad Association's league matches.

Ganesh made 318 not out with the help of 44 boundaries and seven sixes while teammate Mahesh Jaidu got Mahbubnagar District piled 622 for 5 against Raju CC, who were bowled out for a pathetic

Yash stroked 222 off 286 balls as he slammed 29 boundaries and two sixes as Team Sri Shyam defeated Crown by 270 runs. Md Ibrahim Ali Siddiqui did well to take 5 wickets while conceding 20 runs for the winners

Shiv Anurag was the star for Pasha Beedi. The tearaway fast bowler proved too hot for Visaka as he ran through their line-up to scalp seven wickets while conceding 50 runs. However, his brilliant effort fell just short as his side suffered an agonising defeat by just one

Darsh Abhinay put up a scintillating show taking a 7



P. Shiv Anurag



Darsh Abhinay









Vinay Yadav wicket haul for 39 as

Ashwad Rajiv took six

Hyderabad Titans Classic by 179 runs.





beat



side drew their

wickets for 53 while Priyesh took 5 for 31 in Future Star's victory over Telangana. Sahendra Mallu took six wickets for 72 as National bt Khamman District.

Vinay Yadav from team Khalsa was another batsman who scored big. His 178 from 148 balls contained 27 boundaries and four sixes.

Venkat Karthik PKMCC hit 128 with 19 boundaries and 1 six as his



Venkat Karthik

Ibrahim Siddiqui against Brothers XI

M. Narayan Shukla of New Blues got 107 off his 148 balls including 17 four and four sixes as his team bt Nalgonda District by 108

Rishiket Sisodia put up a splendid performance hitting 106 in 110 balls with 13 boundaries and four sixes. Team Sri Chakra lost by seven wickets to Budding Stars.

Sportive beat WMCC by 9 wickets thanks Abhishek's 5 for 31.

Attention: Taxpayers!



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What is FORM GSTR-9 annual return?

- FORM GSTR-9 is an annual return to be filed once in a year by specified taxpayers under GST.
- This return requires taxpayers to report summary of outward supplies, inward supplies, input tax credit availed, details of tax paid under different tax heads i.e. CGST, SGST and IGST, particulars of demands, refunds, etc.
- It consolidates the information furnished by the taxpayers in their monthly/quarterly returns filed during the year.
- Taxpayers registered under Composition Levy Scheme have to file a simple annual return in FORM GSTR-9A.

Who should file FORM GSTR-9/9A annual return?

Filing of GSTR-9/9A Return is compulsory for every registered person, other than-

- A Casual Taxable Person
- An Input Service Distributor A Non-resident Taxable Person
- A Person paying tax under Section 51 (Tax deduction at source) or Section 52 (Collection of tax at source) of CGST Act,
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BRIEF SCORES (TWO-DAY LEAGUE) Group-1 (Pool-A)

Pasha Beedi 179 in 63.4 overs lost to Visaka 181/9 in 58.3 overs (Vigneshwar 67, T Jagdish 56, **P. Shiv Anurag 7/50 — 19.3-5-50-7). Points:** Visaka 4, Pasha Beedi 0

■ Sri Chakra 159 in 49.3 overs lost to Budding Star 162/3 in 35 overs (Rishiket Sisodia 106 n.o — 110b, 13x4, 4x6). Points: Budding Star 4, Sri Chakra 0 New Blues 305 in 69.4 overs (Sumitav Nayak 32, M. Narayan Shukla 107 - 153b, 174, 1x6, S Eshwar 45, Nadeem Khan 41, Md Zak 3/75) bt

70, Md Sharif 37, Md Yakub 4/50, M Narayan Shukla 3/17). Points: New Blues 4, Nalgonda District 0 ■ Vijay Hanuman 141 in 39.3 overs lost to Rohit XI 143/6 in 42 overs (Shahnawaz Khan 30).

Nalgonda District 197 in 56 overs (Shaik Majeed

Points: Rohit XI 4, Vijay Hanuman 0. Postal 187 in 46 overs (Mohammed Ahmed Shakeer 85, B Vikram 4/53) bt Medak District 183 in 43.4 overs (Md Afreedi 76, Md Azam Raza 37, K Chandrakanth 4/56, Md Khadeer 4/54). Points: Postal 4, Medak District 0

Khalsa 470/8 decl in 71 overs (S Vikranth 55, Sarthak Bharadwaj 75, **Vinay Yadav 178 — 148b, 27x4, 4x6**, Md Abdul 87, Amit Kumar Singh 35

n.o, Yuvaraju 4/122) vs Jai Bhagwathi. Group-1 (Pool-B)

■ Sri Shyam 386/7 in 90 overs (Yash Gupta 222 BS Sarang 74) bt Crown 116 in 40 overs (Md Ibrahim Ali Siddiqui 5/20 -12-3-20-5). Points: Sri Shyam 4, Crown 0 Baalaji CC 283 in 56.2 overs bt Team Speed 205 in 69.5 overs (B Rishikesh Reddy 48, Anvesh 54, Venkata Chaitanya 38, G Arjun

4/42). Points: Baalaji 4, Team Speed 0.

Group-2 (Pool-A)

Mahbubnagar District 622/5 in 90 overs (G. Jaidu 106 - 78b, 9x4, 5x6) bt Raju CC 135 in 29.4 overs (G Dheeraj 30, Sundeep Rajan 53, C Ravindra Venkat 3/58, Kayum 4/28). Points: Mahbubnagar District 4, Raju 0

Hyderabad Titans 378/5 in 90 overs bt Classic

199 in 52.2 overs (Dheeraj Goud 90, Harsha 39, Darsh Abhinay 7/39 — 14.2-4-39-7). Points: Hyderabad Titans 4, Classic 0 National 230 in 69 overs bt Khammam District 155 in 30.2 overs (Sunil Arvind 69, Sahendra

Mallu 6/72 - 15.2-0-72-6). Points: National 4, Khammam District 0 Future Star 170 in 55.2 overs (Ashwad Rajiv 6/53 — 22.2-6-53-6) bt Telangana 147 in 43 overs (Sushant R 49, Sashwat 48, Priyesh 5/31 -

14-5-31-5, S Vaishnav Reddy 4/21). Points: Future Star 4, Telangana 0 ■ Brothers XI 290 in 86.4 overs drew with PKMCC 223/5 in 62 overs (Venkat Karthik 128 -19x4, 6x1, Anirudh Kapil 30). Points: Brothers XI

bt Deccan Blues 50 in 18.4 overs (CH Manikant 3/14, Anish Rao 4/14). **Points:** Osmania 4, Deccan Blues 0 ■ WMCC 129 in 42.3 overs (Krishna 30, Harsh Patel 34, Abhishek 5/31 — 19.3-10-31-5, Gaganjeet 3/54) lost to Sportive 130/1 in 27.2 overs (Shashidhar Reddy 86 n.o). Points:

Osmania 199 in 50.3 overs (Debansu R 48 n.o)

Group-2 (Pool-B) HUCC 130 in 37.5 overs bt Cheerful Chums 103 in 28.4 overs (Atul Vyas 3/17, Kiran 3/18). Points: HUCC 4. Cheerful Chums 0 Rakesh XI 137 in 43.3 overs lost to Concorde

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141/6 in 59.3 overs (R Praneeth 37 no). Points:













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Rory's going to be hard to beat because he's Rory McIlroy. It's not because we're playing Royal Portrush.

- Justin Thomas, world No. 9 golfer ahead of the British Open

SHORT TAKES

Vijayveer shoots gold at junior WC

New Delhi: Vijayveer Sidhu picked up his third gold medal of the ongoing ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany, combining with Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu and Adarsh Singh to clinch the men's 25m pistol event on Tuesday. For Adarsh, it was his second gold of the competition. India maintained its top spot at the medal standings after day three with seven gold in a total of 16 medals won so far.

The day's second medal came

in the men's 10m Air Rifle with the trio of Hriday Hazarika, Yash Vardhan and Paarth Makhija winning the team silver with a combined score of 1877.4, which was just 0.4 less than the gold winning Chinese team's score. China also equalled the junior world record in the process. Junior world champion Hriday, however, endured heartbreak in the 10m air rifle individual competition. He was leading till the 18th shot of the 24-shot final, but an effort of 9.6 in his 19th

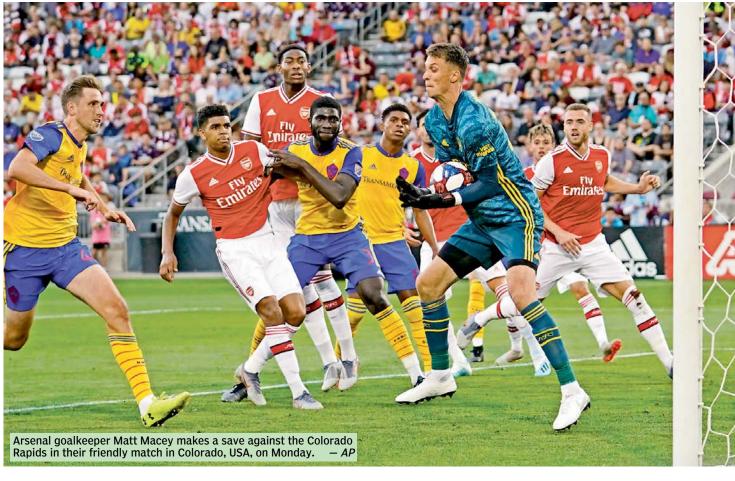
De Gea set to sign

new United deal

shot saw him slide down to

fourth. - Agencies

Perth: Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said on Tuesday he was optimistic that goalkeeper David de Gea would sign a new deal to remain at Old Trafford as Manchester United prepared to face old rivals Leeds in Perth. United's pre-season tour of Australia has been overshadowed speculation over the futures of several stars, including De Gea who is in the last vear of his contract and has been linked with French champions Paris Saint-Germain. . The Spaniard is reportedly close to signing a new five-year deal with United worth in excess of £350,000 a week that would make him the highest paid goalkeeper in the world. De Gea was rested from United's pre-season opener against Perth Glory on Saturday but will line up against Leeds on Wednesday to wrap up the Red Devils' 10-day visit to the Western Australia city. "He'll play and hopefully we can agree (on a new deal) with David, as I've said a few times," Solskjaer told reporters. - AFP



Rapid-fire Gunners

Arsenal blank Colorado Rapid 3-0 in friendly

Los Angeles, July 16: attack by Unai Emery and Brazilian Gabriel sent an early chance wide. Saka, 17, was an ener-Arsenal debut on Monday as the English Premier League club launched their pre-season tour of the United States with a 3-0 friendly win over the Colorado Rapids.

Bukayo Saka and James Olayinka also scored for the Gunners, who cruised to the victory at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in suburban Denver.

Martinelli, the 18-yearold forward signed from Ituano on July 2, was given a surprise start in

getic presence and put Arsenal up 1-0 in the 13th minute as he collected a through-ball from Eddie Nketiah. Another teenager — 18-year-old Olayinka — doubled the score in the

29th, seizing a stray pass

from defence and racing

in to fire into the top left corner of the net. having Martinelli, having missed his early chance, capped the scoring in the 61st when he slotted home a cross from close range.

The Rapids, in the midst

THE RESULT

Colorado Rapids Arsenal (Saka 13, Olayinka 29, Martinelli 61)

of the Major League Soccer season, fielded a mostly reserve side that featured several players from the Colorado lower-rung Springs Switchbacks.

Arsenal, too, started a reserve team as they begin their build up to the Premier League season after again failing to

Martinelli, the 18organisations published a statement on Monday hit-ting out at Stan Kroenke's year-old forward signed from Ituano "passive ownership" on July 2, was Under a ha "WeCareDo You" given a surprise start in attack by

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"WeCareDo You" the statement decried a "soulless" atmosphere at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium and a lack of

transfer strategy.

Kroenke, who began investing in the club in 2007 through his company secure a Champions League berth. The tour hasn't started without Kroenke Captain Enterprises and took full ownership in 2018, also owns the Rapids as well as

INTERNATIONAL

Lampard ready for 'biggest challenge'

Yokohama, July 16: Chelsea legend Frank Lampard said Tuesday he won't be looking back-wards as he takes on possi-bly the biggest challenge of his career: managing his former team.

Speaking in Japan where the Blues are playing two friendlies, Lampard said he was "very happy" with his squad but expects to work the team hard during the pre-season.

"For me the story is not to look backwards," said Lampard, whose return to his former club as head coach was confirmed earlier this month.

"I know the club very well, I know the players very well. I have my own way that I want to work with the players," he told reporters in Yokohama, where Chelsea will face Japan's Kawasaki Frontale on July 19.

Lampard acknowledged taking on leadership of the Blues will be a major undertaking, with Chelsea having lost their best play-er of recent times, Eden Hazard, to Real Madrid last month, and serving a twowindow transfer ban that prevents him from making new signings. But he said there was no

reason to dwell on the ban. "I think I inherited very good players. We cannot bring in any players we know that... But I'm very happy with the squad.

"My job now is to work hard in pre-season with them. I like my teams to play with a lot of energy and speed, with and with-out the ball, so I want to win it back as quickly as we can," he said. Chelsea's new \$72 million

signing, Christian Pulisic, is listed as one of the team members visiting Japan, but it was not year clear when he will arrive.

Lampard declined to reveal the line-up for the



Chelsea coach Frank Lampard at a press conference ahead of an exhibition match with Japan's club team Kawasaki Frontale in Yokohama on Tuesday.

two friendlies on Chelsea's calender, which include a much-anticipated face-off against Barcelona on July

American international Pulisic signed a five-and-a-half year contract with Chelsea in January but was immediately loaned back to Germany to finish the season at Borussia Dortmund.

Lampard won 13 trophies in 13 years and became Chelsea's all-time leading marksmen with 211 goals from midfield during a decorated playing career at Stamford Bridge.

But he has a lot to prove in his new role. The former England midfielder has just one season of managerial experience having led Derby County Championship final in May, when they were beaten by Aston Villa.

— AFP

Woods bids for 16th major title at Open

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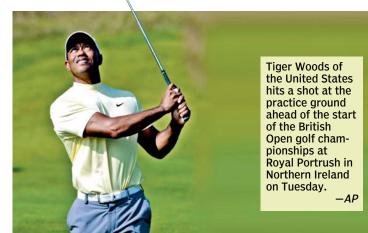
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Portrush, July 16: Tiger Woods said on Tuesday he is confident his body can hold up under the rigours of links golf this week as he bids for a 16th maior title at the British Open.

The 43-year-old, who capped one of sport's greatest-ever comebacks with victory at the Masters in April, will be playing in just his fourth tournament since winning the green

With cold, wet weather predicted for all four days as the British Open returns to Northern Ireland and Royal Portrush for the first time since 1951, Woods' trouble-

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some back could come under extra strain.

But he was keen to point out tricky conditions may also play into his hands, as they did for Tom Watson when he lost in a playoff to Stewart Cink at the age of 59 at Turnberry in 2009, and Greg Norman when he finished third at Birkdale in 2008 aged

"It's just part of, unfortu-

nately, dealing with the procedures I've had, and being a little bit older," said Woods, who returned to elite golf in

December 2017 after spinal

fusion surgery. "It just doesn't move quite as fast when it's a little bit cooler. "But the great thing is playing in an Open Championship, you can do it. Look what Tom did at Turnberry, what Greg did at Birkdale. The golf course is fast enough, even if you don't have the speed to carry the ball.

"You just have to navigate the bunkers and navigate around the golf course. And that's true, that's understanding how to play an Open Championship."
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umph was his first major victory since the 2008 US Open. but the success relaunched his bid to chase down Jack Nicklaus' record tally of 18 titles.

The American admitted the effort needed to get over that major hurdle again had taken

BRITISH OPEN

Shubhankar and Koepka reunite

Portrush July 16: Asian Tour Ireland), Reigning Order of Merit champion Shubhankar Sharma of India will get another opportunity to play alongside world number one Brooks Koepka of the United States after being paired together in the opening round of The 148th Britsh Open golf starting on Thursday.
Together with 2010

Open champion Louis Oosthuizen of South Africa, the trio will tee off at 1.04 pm (local time) as they commence their quest of lifting the iconic Claret Jug at the year's final Major. Sharma was only 16 and

sional event when he was paired with Koepka in the final round of the Gujarat Kensville Challenge on the European Challenge Tour in 2013. Although they did not

playing in his first profes-

win that event, both have

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> dous success, a huge crowd is anticipated at their game together again this week. "I've played with him before in India. He came for the Challenge Tour event in 2013 and I'm looking forward to playing with him again," Sharma said. Koepka also believes it will be an enjoyable opening round as he gets to meet Sharma again after six long years. "It was a long time ago. I haven't spoken to him since then. It will be fun to play with him again," Koepka said. — Agencies

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