



IN BRIEF
One killed in lightning as heavy rain hits Kolkata
A heavy downpour, lasting about 90 minutes, threw Kolkata city and surrounding districts out of gear on Friday. Torrential rain started around 3 p.m. in Kolkata and within an hour, several parts of the city were flooded, causing huge traffic snarls. About 17 people who took shelter under a tree were struck by lightning and one of them, Subir Pal died.

AK-47 recovered from Bihar MLA's home
Police in Bihar recovered an AK-47 assault rifle, some cartridges from the ancestral house of the Independent MLA representing Mokama, Anant Singh, at Ladma in Barh of Patna district. Mr. Singh, known as 'Chhote Sarkar' (mini government) in his area, said the recovered weapon had been planted by the police as he had not visited his ancestral home for the last 14 years.

Wall of Azam Khan's luxury resort demolished
The Rampur district administration on Friday demolished the boundary wall of Samajwadi Party MP Azam Khan's luxury resort 'Humsafar', after serving him a notice for grabbing the land. Two JCBs were engaged in pulling down the wall constructed over a 'nullah' of the Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department. The demolished portion extends to about 1,000 sq. m. ians

Army wins Scout Masters contest
The Army has won the 5th International Army Scout Masters Competition held at the Jaisalmer Military Station in Rajasthan from August 6 to 14. Eight teams from Armenia, Belarus, China, Kazakhstan, Russia, Sudan and Uzbekistan participated in the competition. India participated in the games for the first time. The International army games are organised by Russia.

ISRO arm begins search for PSLV makers

NSIL invites expression of interest from experienced companies to produce launchers

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BENGALURU
NewSpace India Ltd, the new public sector space business company, on Friday launched a formal search for industry consortia which can regularly manufacture and deliver entire PSLV satellite launch vehicles for its parent, the Indian Space Research Organisation. It will initially outsource five PSLVs - Indian rockets that can lift light payloads to 'low earth orbits' some 600 km in space. NSIL has called a pre-bid meeting of potential parties on August 26. The four-stage PSLV is needed to place both Indian remote sensing satellites and small satellites of foreign customers to space.

Formed in March
NSIL was formed in March this year to promote Indian space commerce. In its first tender it invited expressions of interest or EoIs from one or more experienced companies or consortia to produce



Expanding horizon: ISRO successfully launched PSLV - C 46 / RISAT - 2 B from the Sathish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on May 22.

the launchers end to end: their job starts from component procuring, electronics, to large stages and finally the assembly, integration and testing (AIT) of the vehicles. Selected parties can use ISRO facilities where required, it said. In the August 16 document titled 'EoI for PSLV production by Indian industry consortium', NSIL said,

PSLVs per annum under a separate contract." At the Bengaluru Space Expo held a year ago, ISRO Chairman K. Sivan had urged industries to relieve ISRO of the manufacturing burden, saying the space agency must do 59 launches by 2021 and needed a PSLV strike rate of two a month. Of the over ₹6,000 crore sanctioned last year for the

India gets its first national essential diagnostics list

Current system can manage only a few notified devices

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NEW DELHI
India has got its first National Essential Diagnostics List (NEDL) finalised by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) which aims to bridge the current regulatory system's gap that do not cover all the medical devices and in-vitro diagnostic device (IVD). The current system is equipped to manage only the few notified devices. With this, India has become the first country to compile such a list that would provide guidance to the government for deciding the kind of diagnostic tests that different healthcare facilities in villages and remote areas require.

He said implementation of NEDL would enable improved health care services delivery through evidence-based care, improved patient outcomes and reduction in out-of-pocket expenditure; effective utilisation of public health facilities; effective assessment of disease burden, disease trends, surveillance, and outbreak identification; and address antimicrobial resistance crisis too. "While affordability of diagnostics is a prime concern in countries like India, low cost, inaccurate diagnostics have made their way into the Indian market which has no place in the quality health care system," said a senior official at ICMR.

Drug control inspector booked for asking bribe

CBI has registered a case against him

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NEW DELHI
The CBI has booked a Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) inspector and others for allegedly demanding bribe to ignore the deficiency in samples of dobutamine injection produced by an Amritsar-based pharma company. The drug is used to treat acute heart failure. Those accused in the FIR are inspector Ankur Bansal, Kwalty Pharmaceutical Limited managing director Ramesh Arora, its director Ajay Kumar Arora and chief pharmacist Karunakar Tiwari, besides unknown public servants. The CBI registered the case following a source information about alleged conspiracy between certain

WEATHER WATCH
RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY
[Map of India showing weather data]
Forecast for Saturday: Heavy to very heavy rain likely at isolated places over Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Rajasthan, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, West Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Sikkim, Konkarn, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal.

'Conspiracy to defame me'

Row over a deleted Facebook post raked up again, she says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI
A Gauhati University research scholar at the centre of a 'beef' controversy over a Facebook post she had deleted two years ago, has said she is being targeted to stop her from working on the ground to help people stressed out by the ongoing exercise to update the National Register of Citizens (NRC). In a video and statement sent to The Hindu, Rehna Sultana said news stories about her by a section of the media were part of a "well-planned conspiracy to defame me and the work I am currently engaged in." The 28-year-old research scholar said she did not circulate any post on beef consumption or supporting the Pakistan cricket team on



Bakrid. Such news released a couple of days before Independence Day was a planned attempt to create disorder in society, she added. The Assam police on August 14 registered an FIR against Ms. Sultana over the Facebook post that resurfaced on social media platforms more than two years

after she had deleted it. She was booked under Section 153A of the Indian Penal Code and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act. "This is to bring to your notice that I had written a post in 2017. The context of the post was a cricket match and the post was written in the form of a parody, primarily out of the frustration of India having lost to Pakistan because of bad fielding and batting. That was also the time when many lynchings had taken place over beef," Ms. Sultana said. "I had deleted the post barely two minutes after posting it, having realised it was done in an agitated state of mind and could convey a different meaning. I also gave a clarification regarding the same," she said.

ED attaches assets of IL&FS members

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NEW DELHI
The Enforcement Directorate has attached assets worth ₹570 crore held by members of the committee of IL&FS Financial Services and others in connection with a money laundering case. On Friday, based on the findings in the case, the ED filed the first chargesheet in a Mumbai court. The attached properties include bank accounts and immovable properties in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Brussels in Belgium. "They belong to Ravi Parthasarathy, Ramesh Bawa, Hari Sankaram, Arun Saha and Ramchand Karunakaran. We also attached various immovable properties held indirectly by Sivasankaran," said an ED official.

Assam boy dies after kangaroo court fines him

He was asked to pay ₹42,000 penalty

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI
The police in western Assam's Bongaigaon district on Friday registered a case against a group of villagers for alleged moral policing that drove a 16-year-old boy to death. Reports said a kangaroo court in Bharalkundi village had fined the boy, Uday Malo, ₹42,000 for allegedly being disrespectful to a woman three days ago. There was no clarity on what exactly happened, but some villagers said the boy had hit the woman while

riding his bicycle. The villagers said the boy was going through depression since the kangaroo court slapped the penalty. "His family did not have the money to pay," a villager said, adding that the boy was run over by a train. The boy's family lodged a complaint after his death late on Thursday. "I have asked the local police to investigate and find the cause behind the boy's death and see that the culprits are not spared," said Subodh K. Sonowal, the district's Superintendent of Police.

Major General dismissed from service by Army

He was accused of sexual harassment

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI
A serving Major General was on Friday dismissed from service for sexually harassing a woman officer while serving in Nagaland in 2016, military sources said. The punishment awarded to Major General R.S. Jaswal by a general court martial in December last year was approved by Army chief General Bipin Rawat, they said. The general court martial under the Western Army Command at Chandimandir recommended dismissal of Major General Jaswal after

finding him guilty under Section 354A of the IPC (sexual harassment) and Section 45 (unacceptable conduct) of the Army Act. He was attached to an Army formation in Ambala under 2 Corps as part of the disciplinary proceedings, and he had been informed about his dismissal from service, the sources said. Major General Jaswal denied the charges, and claimed that he was a victim of a factional feud, following Gen. Rawat's appointment as the Army chief in December 2016.

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As per the directives of the Competent Authority, it has been decided to organize a Pensioner's Grievance Meeting on August 23rd, 2019 from 10-00 a.m. onwards in order to ensure quick redressal of Pensioners grievances within the framework of extant policy guidelines.

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
DIRECT RECRUITMENT TO THE UTTAR PRADESH HIGHER JUDICIAL SERVICE - 2018 (Part-III)
ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT
Online applications for Direct Recruitment against 61 Vacancies (SC-12, ST-01, OBC-16 and Unreserved-32) of the Uttar Pradesh Higher Judicial Service in the Pay Scale of Rs. 51550-1230-58930-1380-63070 are invited from Advocates having not less than 07 years' continuous practice as on the last date fixed for the submission of application forms, who must have attained the age of 35 years and must not have attained the age of 45 years as on 01.01.2020, i.e. the candidate must have been born on or after 02.01.1975 and not later than 01.01.1985. Age limit shall be higher by 03 years in case of SC/ST/OBC category candidates belonging to the State of U.P. only. There shall be 20% horizontal reservation for women belonging to State of U.P. only. The application shall be filled online only (www.allahabadhighcourt.in) from 11.08.2019 to 25.08.2019 till 23:59 hours after which the link will be disabled. Applications received through any other mode would not be accepted. The recruitment will be based on a Preliminary Examination (objective type) to be held at Prayagraj (Allahabad) and only those candidates shall be called to appear in the Main Written Examination who secure 45% or more marks in the Preliminary examination, provided candidates not more than 20 times of number of vacancies category-wise i.e. separately for General, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes shall be admitted to the Main Written Examination. The candidates are advised to visit website of Allahabad High Court (www.allahabadhighcourt.in) for information with regard to eligibility, application form, detailed instructions for the guidance of the candidates, syllabus, dates of examination and other details.