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KUWAIT: BODIES OF 45 IDENTIFIED

Dubai/Kuwait City, Jun 13: Kuwait on Thursday said authorities have identified the bodies of 45 Indians and three Filipinos killed in the fire in a building housing foreign workers.

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NBW ON BSY FOR SEXUAL ABUSE

Bengaluru, June 13: A Bengaluru court on Thursday issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against former chief minister and senior BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa in a Pocco case.

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'MAHILA SHAKTI' CANTEENS IN TG

Hyderabad: The state government will launch at least 150 'Mahila Shakti' canteens across Telangana in the next two years. These outlets will offer subsidised food and will be on the lines of the 'Indira canteens' of Karnataka.

■ Full report on Page 3

Rajiv Swagruha plots buyers accuse BRS govt of cheating

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

People who purchased Rajiv Swagruha plots across the state two years ago have accused the previous BRS government of cheating them.

They had paid ₹5,325 crore in the auction but the BRS government despite its promises did not provide basic amenities such as roads, underground drainage system, drinking water and electricity. The plots cost ₹7,000 to ₹20,000 per square yard in the districts and ₹40,000 in Hyderabad and Ranga-

reddy districts. Initially, there were no takers for these plots as there were no basic amenities. The BRS government ran an aggressive campaign promising that these layouts would be developed on par with government layout in Uppal Bhagayat with 40 feet roads, parks, underground drainage system, street lights, greenery, electricity, drinking water facilities among others.

The government appointed district collectors as incharges for these auctions and fixed targets for them to ensure the sale of all plots.

Under pressure from

higher ups, the collectors sprung into action and brought pressure on local businessmen, rice millers, wine shop dealers and others to purchase the plots, as well as on government employees and teachers.

The government auctioned 1,408 plots in an extent of 1,575 acres in 10 districts. These auctions were conducted by HMDA in areas that come under its jurisdiction in Hyderabad, and Rangareddy districts, while TGIIC held auctions in districts.

■ Page 3: Buyers now left with barren plots

NO GRACE MARKS, 1,563 STUDENTS FACE NEET RETEST

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

Amid the raging row over NEET-UG, the Centre told the Supreme Court that the decision to give grace marks to 1,563 NEET-UG 2024 candidates for admission to MBBS, BDS and other courses has been cancelled and they will be given the option to take a re-test on June 23. "If these candidates do not wish to take the re-test, then their earlier marks, without the grace marks, will be given for the purpose of results," Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said.

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Deploy counter-terror ops arsenal, says PM

Modi reviews J&K security, speaks to Shah, NSA

AMRESH SRIVASTAVA | DC
NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

Following back-to-back terror attacks in the last four days, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir in a high-level meeting. He asked the officials to deploy the "full spectrum of counter-terror capabilities."

According to sources, national security adviser Ajit Doval and other senior officials attended the meeting, where the Prime Minister was given a full overview of the security-related situation in the region and was apprised of the counter-terror efforts being undertaken in Jammu and Kashmir.

Modi also spoke to Union home minister Amit Shah and discussed the deployment of security forces and counter-terror operations, government sources said. "Modi spoke to Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant-governor Manoj Sinha as



Prime Minister Narendra Modi emplanes for Italy to attend the 50th G7 leaders' summit, in New Delhi, on Thursday.

— PTI

well and took stock of the situation in Union territory. Sinha briefed him on the efforts being undertaken by the local administration," the sources further said.

Meanwhile, the security forces have detained 50 people in connection with the probe into the recent terror attack on a bus carrying pilgrims in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, the UT police

said on Thursday. The sources in the security setup also said that to hunt down the terrorists, the security forces have launched a massive search operation that has been expanded to the Reasi district's far-flung Arnas and Mahore regions to track down and neutralise the attackers at the earliest.

■ Page 10: 9 terrorists killed in four days

Now, ED to join sheep scam probe

SANDEEP ERUKALA | DC
HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao is headed for more trouble with the Enforcement Directorate initiating a probe into the alleged ₹700-crore sheep distribution scam that occurred during the previous BRS regime.

Rao has already received notices from the Justice L. Narasimha Reddy Judicial Commission, which is probing irregularities that occurred in the power sector during the BRS regime. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) will conduct a detailed investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)-

2002 into the alleged fraud in the implementation of the Sheep Rearing Development Scheme (SRDS). It has sought details from Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), which is probing the case. The CAG had also noted the scam, including claims that dozens of sheep were transported on two-wheel-

ers, autorickshaws and even ambulances. The ED asked the Telangana Sheep and Goat Development Cooperative Federation Limited (TGS-GDCFL), which is the implementing agency, to provide details of district-wise beneficiaries.

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HCA prez faces new charges

Joint secy demands accountability for all expenditures crossing ₹25 lakh

NEERAJ KUMAR I DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA), which is mired in a plethora of controversies with accusations ranging from black-marketing of tickets to not appointing committees ahead of the recent IPL matches, had another shocker when its joint secretary T. Basava Raju shot off an open letter to its president A. Jagan Mohan Rao listing various violations of guidelines.

After it came to their notice, many senior government officials have reportedly expressed serious concern over the infighting and gross failure of the HCA in performing its duties as the "custodian of the glorious game of cricket in Hyderabad and Telangana". Though the



A. Jagan Mohan Rao

new cricket season is about to start, the HCA is yet to come up with a response to the charges.

Although, the apex council has to take decisions and the final call, reportedly only a few members, who call the shots, are taking all the decisions and acting as per their whims and fancies.

In his letter, Basava Raju urged Jagan Mohan Reddy to respect the apex council and take decisions by

EX-HCA PRESIDENT MOHD. AZHARUDDIN told Deccan Chronicle that HCA was flouting all norms and the apex council was not functioning in a fair and transparent manner. He added selection of vendors during the IPL was carried out without calling for tenders.

Ever since Jagan Mohan Rao, an entrepreneur and secretary-general of the Handball Association of India, was elected to the HCA post during the BRS regime, the cricket board has been facing criticism. Rao is said to be close to the previous BRS government. Basava Raju asked Rao to share details of every activity along with the summary statement of payments made.

Talking to Deccan Chronicle, Basava Raju said that he has placed all the facts in his open letter but nothing had come of it. Any payment and expenditure, which is in excess of ₹25 lakh, must be enumerated and uploaded on the website of HCA. But, nothing of that sort has been done, even after spending huge amounts to host the IPL matches.

Former HCA president Mohd. Azharuddin told Deccan Chronicle that the HCA was flouting all norms and the apex council was not functioning in a fair and transparent manner. The selection of vendors during the IPL was carried out without calling for tenders and the process was based on personal choices.

About 30 per cent of tickets are earmarked for cricket clubs, former cricketers, government agencies and others. But, none of them got tickets during the IPL matches, the former India captain said. Azharuddin expressed concern that HCA did not conduct the prestigious Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi T20 tournament, which served as the perfect platform for budding players to showcase their skills.

Spores to make narcotic shroom sold on eportals

MANVI VYAS I DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Even as India fights against the proliferation of narcotic drugs, attempts are being made to sell liquid culture to produce internationally-controlled substances like psilocybin, which could produce psychedelic effects, through leading e-commerce platforms.

Sold by a nondescript Thane-based seller Hydra Spore's & Liquid Culture on Amazon.in, the liquid culture for mycelium, which is used in the cultivation of magic mushrooms which contain psilocybin, a naturally-found psychedelic compound.

According to Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau chief Sandeep Shandilya, the cultivation, transportation and sale of magic mushrooms is prohibited under the NDPS Act.

The 10-millilitre liquid containing spores and a syringe — which could be used to produce magic mushrooms — is available under a misleading name of 'APE Revert Mushroom Isolated Spore Syringe 10ml - Perfect for Mushroom Enthusiasts' on Amazon India for ₹2,000 apiece. The seller claims to have sourced the spores from Truro, England-based Orangetan Trading Co Ltd.

Psilocybin and psilocin are listed as Schedule I drugs under the UN

Convention on Psychotropic Substances.

Hinting at potential violation of law in several countries, the UK-based seller promises to "keep things as discreet as possible. No markings on the box, just plain cardboard, like nature intended."

According to a paper in American Society for Microbiology, magic mushrooms contain an active ingredient called psilocybin. Speaking of the impact of the psilocybin mushrooms, Bajresh Ramesh, a clinical psychologist and a mental health adviser for the Minerva University in California, said, "Magic mushrooms contain a hallucinogenic compound called psilocin, which can produce psychedelic effects such as altered perception of time and space, intense changes in the mood, vision distortions, hallucinating experiences, both visual and auditory. Sometimes, they can create intense anxiety among people who have consumed them."

"Some people have reported a euphoria-like state for 30 minutes to one hour after the consumption," he explained.

Discussions on popular social media site Reddit revealed that the sellers of isolated spores are taking a legal cover claiming that they are not selling magic mushrooms, which are prohibited.

City clicks



Nawab Ehteram Ali Khan at an exhibition in Salar Jung Museum on Thursday. — P. SURENDRA



A fleet of helicopters seen in Nizampet, Hyderabad on Thursday. — K. DURGA RAO

LAWCET RESULTS OUT: OVER 73% PASS 3-YR LLB

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

P.G.M. Ambedkar topped the Lawcet for the three-year LLB course with 97.49 marks, and Peri Bala Sai Vishnu Vardhan, who secured 76 marks, was the first ranker for the two-year LLM course, in the results released on Thursday.

The three-year LLB course saw 20,510 students qualifying, a pass rate of 73.27 per cent and the five-year course saw 5,478 candidates make the mark. Sriram Boddu emerged as the top ranker in the LLB 5-year course with 87 marks.

The LLM course saw a pass rate of 84.65 per cent, with 3,270 qualifying. Osmania University led the local area performance with 72.36 per cent of candidates qualifying followed by Andhra University (81.44) and Sri Venkateswara University.



IT and industries minister D. Sridhar Babu (third from right) inaugurates Innovera Pharmaceuticals' latest site in New Jersey, US. — DC

Sridhar Babu opens Innovera's new site

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

IT and industries minister D. Sridhar Babu inaugurated Innovera Pharmaceuticals latest site in New Jersey, USA, during his recent visit. The facility is expected to play a crucial role in expanding Innovera's research, development and production capacity.

The company's officials had interacted with Telangana officials, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and minister Sridhar Babu, at the recent World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos. These discussions paved the way for the company to invest in Telangana.

Within 30 days of an announcement, a groundbreaking ceremony was held in February in Suryapet for enhancing local manufacturing capabilities and infrastructure. The partnership showcases how regional governments can support enterprises in scaling their operations globally.

Innovera has experience in developing several products including patent challenges and setting up vertically integrated pharmaceutical companies that manufacture active raw materials, finished dosage forms and sell the finished products in the United States as well as globally.

City-based paracyclists in Paris Summer Games

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL I DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Paracyclists Jyoti Radheshyam Gaderiya and Shaik Arshad have taken the city to the centre stage of Paralympics in Paris from August 28 to September 8, by qualifying for the premier event. Both are products of the Hyderabad-headquartered Aditya Mehta Foundation.

Gaderiya, a promising kabbadi player, she met with a horrifying life-threatening accident in 2016 at her village in Maharashtra.

Her left leg was amputated and she went into depression that lasted all of two years. It was her steely resolve that kept her alive and she took to cycling. Now she is all set to represent India in the cycling events at Paris.

Arshad, the No. 5 ranked paracyclist in the world, is jubilant that he will compete in Paris.

When he was 12 years old, in 2014, his left leg



Shaik Arshad Jyoti R. Gaderiya

was amputated following an autorickshaw accident near Nandyal in Andhra Pradesh.

Recalling her fight back, Gaderiya, 26, told Deccan Chronicle, "I took up para rowing and clinched an international bronze in 2019. I shifted priorities and my concentration is now on cycling, in which I have won 12 international medals."

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SHORT TAKES



FTCCI president Meela Jayadev invites nominations from entrepreneurs for presenting excellence awards on Thursday.

FTCCI AWARDS FOR INDUSTRIES, BIZMEN SLATED FOR JULY 5

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Trade body Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) on Thursday announced the 2023-24 edition of excellence awards for industries and entrepreneurs. The awards will be presented on July 5 in Hyderabad.

FTCCI will present awards in 21 categories across the sectors. This year's edition, it has added two new categories - digital transformation by enterprises and ESG performance.

The trade body has called for nominations from industries and entrepreneurs in the state for its excellence awards and the last date for nominations is June 20.

FTCCI jury will recognise the companies for excellence and their contribution to the state GDP. "FTCCI completes 50 years with this year's edition in awarding industries and entrepreneurs in the state. The endeavour is the testament to our commitment to induce the spirit of entrepreneurship in Telangana by honouring them with these awards," said Meela Jayadev, president, FTCCI.

₹8,000-crore project failed to irrigate a single acre: Bhatti

Accuses former BRS govt of misusing funds under guise of redesigning

P. SRINIVAS | DC BHADADRI-KOTHAGUDEM, JUNE 13

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has accused the previous BRS government of squandering public funds under the guise of redesigning the Sitaramasagar project. During a six-hour inspection of the project, he claimed that despite the BRS government spending ₹8,000 crore over nine-and-a-half years, the project failed to provide irrigation to even a single acre.

Accompanied by irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, and agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, Bhatti inspected various components of the project, including its cross regulator, pump houses at Kothur and Pusugudem, and the canal.

Officials from the irrigation department made a presentation of the project's key features.

In a subsequent review



Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Tummala Nageswara Rao inspect the Sitaramasagar project at Aswapuram in Bhadadri-Kothagudem district on Thursday.

meeting with irrigation officials, Bhatti criticised the BRS government's handling of the project. He noted that the Rajiv sagar and Indirasagar projects could have been completed at a cost of ₹2,654 crore. Instead, the BRS government

renamed them as the Sitaramasagar project, inflating its estimated cost to ₹20,000 crore. Despite the substantial expenditure, no irrigation facilities were delivered, he alleged.

Bhatti said the Congress government

was committed to completing all pending projects.

The state government has sanctioned ₹72 crore for the nine-km-long Enkooor link canal, connecting the Nagarjunasagar left canal to the Sitaramasagar project.

This canal would be named the Rajiv canal. He added that work for the trial run of pumps was underway.

Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy condemned the previous BRS government's irrigation policies, attributing financial difficulties in the sector to their mismanagement.

He claimed that thousands of crores were wasted on ineffective irrigation projects, leaving Telangana burdened with debt due to visionless planning.

Uttam Kumar Reddy highlighted that the BRS government spent ₹90,400 crore on the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme, which provided irrigation to only 93,000 acres.

Similarly, despite an expenditure of ₹27,000 crore on the Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation scheme, no irrigation facilities were delivered.

He accused the BRS government of failing to complete a single irrigation project during its tenure.

Congress ramps up 'Operation Akarsh'

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The Congress is all set to ramp up 'Operation Akarsh' following the conclusion of the Lok Sabha elections.

Party sources said that several BRS MLAs and MLCs are evincing interest in joining the Congress before the assembly session in July. The state party leadership has consulted the high command to seek approval for the switch-over.

The Congress launched operation 'Op. Akarsh' for the first time in March after Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced that he was opening the 'gates' to welcome BRS leaders into the Congress. In an almost immediate response, BRS MLAs Danam Nagender (Khairatabad), Kadiam



Japanese ambassador to India Hiroshi Suzuki calls on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday.

Srihari (Station Ghanpur) and Tellam Venkat Rao (Bhadrachalam) joined the ruling party.

The joining spree came to a halt due to the Lok Sabha elections. Although several BRS legislators met Revanth Reddy earlier, raising speculations of an imminent move, it did not happen. It was said that they

wanted to wait for the Lok Sabha election results to get clarity on the future of BRS. With the BRS failing to win a single seat, it is learnt that several of its MLAs

and MLCs have firmed up their decision to join Congress as the BRS had no future.

Congress sources said that 10 BRS MLAs, mostly from Greater Hyderabad limits, are ready to join the party. It is likewise with a dozen BRS MLCs, who are also reportedly in touch with the Congress leadership, in order to protect their political interests.

The BRS had won 39 of 119 seats in the Assembly elections. Of these, the Congress wrested the Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly seat bypoll recently. With three of its MLAs shifting to the Congress, the BRS strength in the Assembly has come down to 35.

The Congress is planning to strip the main Opposition status that the BRS enjoys by weaning away 26 of its MLAs into its fold.

150 women canteens across TG

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The state government will launch at least 150 'Mahila Shakti' canteens across Telangana in the next two years. These outlets will offer subsidised food, and will be on the lines of the 'Indira canteens' of Karnataka.

The canteens would be allotted to women SHGs (self-help groups). The special canteens will be set up in all state government offices, district collectorates, tourist spots, prominent temples, bus stands and industrial areas with the assistance of women organisations. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had



MLC Naveen Kumar alias Teenmaar Mallanna coming out after taking oath on Thursday.

released the Mahila Shakti policy document at Parade Ground on March 12 in the presence of around one lakh women SHG members.

After launching the policy document, Revanth Reddy had declared that the Congress government

would make one crore women members of SHGs 'roropatris' in the next five years by sanctioning ₹1 lakh crore loans through banks and the state government's 'Stree Nidhi' initiatives. He said that the earlier Congress government

led by Y.S. Rajashekar Reddy had made women SHG members 'lakh-patis'.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary A. Santhi Kumari held a review meeting on Thursday to draw a plan of action for setting up mahila canteens. She directed officials of panchayat raj and rural development to prepare a detailed action plan on the functioning, management and the space required to set up the canteens. A study has been done on the canteens in Kerala and West Bengal, she pointed out. The management of these canteens will be handed over to rural women groups.

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Efforts to step up coal output: Kishan

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Union coal and mines minister G. Kishan Reddy on Thursday said that the Centre would take steps to increase coal production in order to improve thermal power generation in the country as an effective means to address the power shortage problem.

Speaking to media persons after assuming office, Reddy said that the two ministries that he now heads will work towards making the country self-reliant in both sectors. Reddy said that the country used to face acute power shortage till about 10 years back, but the situation improved remarkably from the time Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister.

Recalling those days, he said that industrialists used to stage protests in Hyderabad demanding a more streamlined power situation, while crops used to dry up due to non-availability of water and power. But, things have changed in most of the states because now the focus is on increasing coal production, he said, adding that they were trying to reduce coal imports. The country is now mostly dependent on thermal power, he said.

The Union minister said that the central government would take measures for a more vibrant mining activity in the country so as to provide employment and export the surplus to boost the economy.

Pointing out that coal and mines play a key role in strengthening the country's economy, Kishan Reddy assured to fulfill the poll promises made in Sankalp Patra in the next five years.



G. Kishan Reddy assumes charge as Union minister for coal and mines.

Greeting colleague



Associate minister Nityanand Rai congratulates Bandi Sanjay with a bouquet after he takes charge as Union Minister of State for Home Affairs in North Block on Thursday.

Education dept recalls Telugu textbooks still naming KCR as CM

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The school education department on Thursday has recalled Telugu textbooks for Classes 1 to 10 just a day after schools reopened on June 12. The textbooks, distributed on Wednesday, have outdated information in the foreword, listing K. Chandrashekar Rao as Chief Minister

Teachers and students noticed the error and reported it to officials. The department has asked all principals to return the textbooks immediately and plans to hold a meet-

ing to decide on the next steps. In a previous similar incident, stickers were used to correct the information. However, it is unclear if this method will be used again or if new textbooks will be printed.

The recall has caused some disruption, but officials are working to resolve the issue as soon as possible, sources said. Further instructions are expected after the meeting to be held soon.

Plot buyers now left with barren land in Hyd

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However, the BRS government failed to fulfil any of the promises made to buyers until it remained in office till December 2023. The BRS lost power in December 2023 Assembly polls and the Congress formed the government in the state.

Two years later, the promised amenities remain nonexistent. The affected plot buyers are now left with barren plots, lacking the basic infrastructure required for habitation.

Frustrated and feeling deceived, these buyers are currently running from pillar to post, visiting district collector offices to attend 'Praja Vani' programmes eve-

ry Monday to lodge their complaints and grievances. A few buyers visited Praja Bhavan in Begumpet to air their grievances in the Praja Vani programme being held twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. They are urging the present Congress government to intervene and address their concerns.

Nerella Kishore, a teacher, who bought a plot for ₹40 lakh in Angarika township of the Telangana Rajiv Swagraha Corporation Ltd (TRSCL) at Nusthulapur village in Thimmapur mandal of Karimnagar district in March 2023, said, "We have been running around the collector office from the past one year requ-

esting the collector to develop the layouts as promised during auction but in vain."

"There are not even approaching roads to our plots. The prices of layouts developed by private realtors surrounding government layouts have increased sharply as they have all facilities but there is no demand for our plots. We will not get even the purchase price if we sell these plots now," Kishore said. M. Suguna Kumari, a government employee, who purchased a plot in Nalgonda said, "Collectors showed Uppal Bhagayat layout to us and promised to create the same facilities in Nalgonda. Nothing was done after we purchased plots".

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IN BRIEF

PDS rice hoarding gang busted

Hyderabad: The commissioner's task force busted a PDS rice accumulation gang with raids in the Humayannagar, Chilkalguda, Musheerabad, Malakpet, and Yakutpura police limits. The task force arrested five persons and seized 46 quintals of PDS rice, four of wheat, a weighing machine, a two-wheeler and a goods carrier. The accused were identified as Vishal Yadav, Mohammad Nasir, Mohd Shoab, Mohd Jahangir, Md Shahbaz, Sangam Lova Raju, Syed Raheem, Syed Nazim and Mohammed Mazher, some of whom are absconding.

2 peddlers held with ₹2 L ganja

Kothagudem: A special task force of the prohibition and excise department on Thursday arrested two ganja peddlers and seized 7.5 kg of ganja worth ₹2 lakh from their possession. The accused, Rekula Sai Kumar from Kataram in Bhupalapally district and Ekula Srujan Kumar from Kolanor in Peddapalli district were ganja consumers who had joined the trade. They had purchased the ganja from the Telangana-Odisha border.

Locals rescue man at Udayasamudram

Nalgonda: Locals rescued a man from the Udayasamudram at Panagal near here, while another drowned when they entered the waterbody to catch fish. The victim was identified as Mohammed Anjan of Manyam Chalka and the survivor as his friend Waheed Ali. Anjan lost his footing and caught hold of Ali, dragging him into the deep water. They were noticed by one Paladugu Krishna who rushed in and helped Ali but Anjan went missing in the water. The body of Anjan was recovered on Thursday.

ACB arrests CCS cops for ₹3 L bribe

Hyderabad: The ACB arrested Chamakuri Sudhakar, inspector of the economic offences wing at the Central Crime Station (CCS) for accepting a bribe of ₹3 lakh from one Mani Ranga Swamy for the disposal of a case registered against him. This was part of a ₹15 lakh bribe demand, the ACB said. Sudhakar had already received the first instalment of ₹5 lakh. Swamy lodged a complaint with the ACB.

Sex racket busted by task force

Hyderabad: The west zone task force along with the Panjagutta police busted a commercial sex trade racket with the arrest of two organisers, three sub-organisers and a customer. The police rescued six female victims and sent them to a state home. The accused were identified as Surya Kumari, K. Vijaya Sekhar Reddy, Lakshmi, Arkojit Mukherjee and Venugopal Balaji, apart from a customer from Manikonda. The accused had lured women from Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Tripura and providing them housing. Shekar Reddy had created a database of customers who are contacted and female victims are arranged to meet them at the desired location of the customer. Surya Kumari collected the payments.

Now, sheep rearing scam under ED lens

Ex-CM KCR heads for trouble in ₹700-cr scam

SANDEEP ERUKALA | DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Former chief minister K. Chandrababbarao is headed for more trouble with the Enforcement Directorate initiating a probe into the alleged ₹700-crore sheep rearing scam that occurred during the previous BRS regime. Rao has already received notices from the Justice L. Narasimha Reddy Judicial Commission, which is probing irregularities that occurred in the power sector during the BRS regime. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) will conduct a detailed investigation under the Prevention of Money

UNDER SCANNER

ED WILL CONDUCT a detailed investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)-2002 into the alleged fraud in the implementation of the Sheep Rearing Development Scheme (SRDC).

THE CAG had also noted the scam, including claims that dozens of sheep were transported on two-wheelers, autorickshaws and even ambulances. **THE ED** asked the TGS-GDCPL to provide details of district-wise beneficiaries.

Laundering Act (PMLA)-2002 into the alleged fraud in the implementation of the Sheep Rearing Development Scheme (SRDC). It has sought details from Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), which is probing the case. The CAG had also noted the scam, includ-

ing claims that dozens of sheep were transported on two-wheelers, autorickshaws and even ambulances. The ED asked the Telangana Sheep and Goat Development Cooperative Federation Limited (TSGSDCPL), which is the implementing agency, to provide

details of district-wise beneficiaries. The probe agency also sought information on the bank accounts from which funds were disbursed by the TGS-GDCPL to district authorities and subsequently to the beneficiaries. Additionally, the ED sought details of the funds received from beneficiaries as their contribution to the scheme, including the bank accounts in which these funds were deposited. The agency also asked for district-wise details of the transport agencies selected for delivering sheep to beneficiaries, payments made to these agencies, and information about the vehicles used.

COURT QUESTIONS STATE ON VACANT CONSUMER FORUM PRESIDENT POST

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR | DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The Telangana High Court questioned the state government over the day in appointing the president of the State Consumer Redressal Commission; the post has been vacant since February 2023.

A division bench of the High Court comprising Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti granted two weeks to the government provide clarity, and to follow the Supreme Court judgment which had relaxed the mandate of the written exam for former judges of the High Court who aspire for the post.

The bench was dealing with a PIL filed by advocate Baglekar Akash Kumar. Since July 2023, the government has been seeking adjournments.

The Supreme Court, in a general ruling last year, had mandated that the selection of the president and members for state and district consumer commissions should be based on the candidates' performance in a written test comprising two papers.

On March 7 this year, the Supreme Court said that those seeking to be presidents of the consumer dispute commissions should be selected on the basis of a written test and viva voce.

Government counsels told the Telangana High Court that they were not aware about the Supreme Court orders and sought time.

The High Court bench directed government counsel to go through the Supreme Court judgment and sought a response by June 24. The court observed that the consumer dispute redressal forums were established to benefit the citizens and the governments were making them non-functional by not filling up the posts. By that, the governments themselves were stopping the consumers from getting resolution of their disputes.

PLEA SEEKS ROAD IN SEZ, CENTRE OPPOSES

L. RAVICHANDER HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Justice T. Vinod Kumar of the Telangana High Court required officials to file a counter on permissions sought for laying a 100-foot road on land belonging to the Ameenpur special economic zone (SEZ).

The judge was dealing with a writ plea filed by Omics International Pvt. Ltd. seeking to restore and maintain access of the road approved

by the HMDA. It was contended that the SEZ had no roads, and the HMDA was not acting upon the application filed by the petitioner.

V.T. Kalyan, appearing for the Centre, said the petitioner had no locus since no application had emanated from the petitioner.

The SEZ property had been attached as proceeds of crime and the question of the development of the land did not arise, Kalyan told the High Court.

CHILD DROWNS, WOMAN, 2 KIDS SURVIVE SUICIDE BID IN AMEENPUR

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

A child died when a software engineer attempted suicide along with her three children at Ameenpur lake at about 2 am on Thursday.

The engineer and two children were rescued, said Ameenpur inspector Ch Sada Nagaraju. The police said that she and her husband, also a software engineer, used to quarrel over their duties towards their three children.

Police officials said they were on patrol at the lake and heard a sound and went to investigate.

On spotting the woman and two children, the police entered the water and rescued them.

They were taken to a hospital. Once there, she said there was another three-year-old child with her. "Around 4 am, we went back and looked for the child, but unfortunately he was dead," said constables. Janakiram and Prabhakar.

A case been registered against the engineer. Her condition is said to be stable.

THE ENGINEER AND two children were rescued, said Ameenpur inspector Ch Sada Nagaraju. The police said that she and her husband, also a software engineer, used to quarrel over their duties towards their three children.

For Bakrid celebrations



Hyderabad police commissioner Kothakota Sreenivasa Reddy holds a coordination meeting for Bakrid at Salarjung Museum Auditorium. He assured people that the police will cooperate to conduct Bakrid peacefully. He assured all participants that all rules will be followed. — DC

Police caution people to be wary of Dhar gang

GEETA VALABOJU | DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Police have cautioned the people to stay vigilant following reports of the 'Dhar gang' of Madhya Pradesh, known for their cruelty, being active on the city outskirts. The issue came to light when a resident of Kuntluru, Hayathnagar, lodged a complaint with the police on Tuesday. The family had called the police immediately, thwarting the gang's robbery bid.

The Dhar gang consists of more than five members, who are ruthless. Their operations are well coordinated and meticulously planned, said Rachakonda DCP

(crimes) V. Aravind Babu. They target houses in the suburbs. If they are confronted, they resort to violence. "Sometimes it is challenging to identify the gang members as the comfortably blend in with the locals," Aravind Babu said.

The gang receives support from local gold shops where they exchange gold, which complicates police efforts to arrest them. This alleged support provides them with resources and information and makes their operations more efficient, said a reliable source.

The gang members stay in the outskirts for a week or thereabouts and return to their native place,

where they hand over the stolen property and return, he said.

Residents have been urged to look out for suspicious activities, unfamiliar vehicles that are moving around late at night. Unusual behaviour, such as people loitering around homes or making frequent rounds in neighborhoods, should also be reported, the police said. Meanwhile, the March 22 incident involving the chaddi gang has left residents in Miyapur and Nizampet on the edge as the perpetrators remain elusive. The thieves left with ₹7.8 lakh from a private school and the police remain clueless about the burglars or their whereabouts.

Three get lifer for murder of five persons of a family

L. RAVICHANDER HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The Telangana High Court on Thursday sentenced three persons to undergo life imprisonment for the murder of five persons in Amberpet. The panel of Justice K. Lakshman and Justice Sreedevi allowed a state appeal against the acquittal. The 1st Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Hyderabad, had in February 2012 acquitted all the accused. It was the case of the state that Syed Jehangir and eight others had murdered his wife, her parents and two brothers. The panel, speaking through Justice Lakshman, granted four weeks to the accused to surrender before the trial court. The marriage between the accused and his wife was solemnized in 2008 but soon disputes arose and multiple cases, including dowry prohibition and maintenance, were



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filed. In an 82-page verdict, the panel, speaking through Justice Lakshman, found that there was clear evidence that the accused came together to the house of the deceased and had committed the murders.

MOTHER OF TEEN GETS VISITING RIGHT

The Telangana High Court gave one-hour visiting rights on Saturdays to the mother of a victim, presently lodged in Prajwala Rescue Home, Hyderabad. The panel of Justice Sam Koshy and Justice Sambasivarao Naidu was hearing a habeas corpus petition filed by the mother of the 14-year-old victim.

The mother had stated that the victim was being sexually abused by the father. The child welfare committee on a representation by the mother had moved the child to the home. In the present writ petition, the petitioner complained that the confinement was illegal. Deepak Mishra, counsel for Prajwala, pointed out that custody of the minor child was based on an order of a statutory authority. The panel granted visiting rights to the mother on Saturdays in the presence of a Prajwala functionary.

NO BAIL FOR THREE GANJA PEDDLERS

Justice N. Tukaramji dismissed a bail petition filed by Dnyanoba Amul Gore and two others in a Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act case. Counsel for the accused argued that all the accused were lorry drivers and

were falsely implicated in the case. They were in judicial custody for more than six months, and the investigation was complete.

LAWYER, CLIENT GET CONTEMPT NOTICE

The Telangana High Court issued a contempt notice to practicing advocate Gangula Narahari and his client C. Manohar. The panel of Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti acted upon a letter addressed to the court by the Senior Civil Judge, Bodhan. According to the letter, the Senior Civil Judge had required the contemnors to appear before the court. Instead, the advocate issued a show cause notice to the trial court and the senior superintendent of the court, levelling allegations of abuse of administration of justice.

Full report on deccanchronicle.com

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

B.V.K. Reddy (Retd.)
 DOB: 16-07-1956
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 In Loving Memory of Sqn Ldr B.V.K. Reddy (Retd.), a courageous fighter Pilot, whose bravery and spirit continue to inspire us all. On this First Anniversary of his passing, Forever remembered and loved.
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Late Smt. B. Shakuntala
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 In Grief: Sandhya Kaur (Wife), Chaitanya Dev Singh, Manmohan Singh (Sons) & Entire Family Ph. 9885101000, 9951891000
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Birthday Remembrance

Anne Nirmala Samuel
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 (S/2425/D00266)

She always praised the Lord... 18th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

KATAKAM NIRMALA RANI
 W/o. JAYANAND REDDY, K.
 Slept in the Lord on 14-06-2006
 You left us to Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever
 WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE U AND MISS U
 Yours Ever Lovingly... Jayanand Reddy K. Ranjaya, Akhila, Kyra, Rajiv, Pranathi and Aavya.

PREPARATION OF GADS INCLUDING STRUCTURAL DESIGN WORK
 Tender Notice No.: CON/MLG-1/JUNE/2024/01. Dated: 10-06-2024 E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No.: DYCE1-MLG-GAD-24-01; Name of Work: Preparation of GADs including structural design work of sub & Super structure of 4 nos. of ROBs, 5 nos. of RUB/LHS, extension of 05 nos. of minor Bridges, Scheme for dismantling the existing ROB and providing specification/scheme drawing for shifting for utilities like water supply pipeline, electric/ cable lines, Preparation of Plan for diversion of road traffic, geotechnical investigation and report and proof checking from IIT/NIT in connection with construction of Third Line from Kamakhya to Guwahati section. Tender Value: ₹54,96,117.98; Earnest Money: ₹1,09,900/-; Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening at 16:00 hrs. on 02-07-2024. For complete information please visit our website www.treps.gov.in. Dy. CE/CON-1, Maligaon NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY Construction Organization Serving Customers With A Smile

SHORT TAKES

PROBE ORDERED INTO DEATH OF PRISONER ON FEB. 2

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The Hyderabad collectorate has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the death of remand prisoner Degavath Kishan on February 2 at the Osmania General Hospital. He was lodged in the custody of the Central Prison, Hyderabad.

The collectorate asked blood relatives of the deceased to share information before the special executive magistrate on June 29 between 11 am and 5 pm at his office situated in the premises of the collectorate at Lakdikapal.



A person speaks outside the Gachibowli police station after NRIs from US were taken into custody. — R. PAVAN

NRI GROUP: U.S. INTEL VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The Gachibowli police arrested members of a group called 'Targeted Individuals of India' on Thursday as they tried to protest alleged human rights violations by US intelligence agencies, at the US Consulate here. They had planned to raise concerns about 'directed energy weapons, neuroweapons, and artificial intelligence' allegedly used to victimise people.

The police apprehended the group based on information obtained from the hotel where they were staying.

According to the protesters, who claimed to be NRIs working in the US, corporate giants were experimenting with mind control to manipulate consumer behaviour. They argued that these experiments constituted harassment and violated personal rights.

The group, in a WhatsApp message, said the "corporate forces' attempts to enslave the population through synthetic telepathy" must be resisted. They stressed that what may seem like a myth was a reality.

The protesters said that certain social media platforms were used by intelligence agencies and market forces to monitor and influence discussions.

They called for support from those researching neuroweapons, the so-called Havana syndrome (in which US personnel posted abroad reported several symptoms after being exposed to certain kinds of sound, synthetic telepathy, and mind control technology to uncover the truth.

Brief, intense rain leads to waterlogged roads

IMD predicts scattered rainfall to continue till June 17

DC CORRESPONDENTS HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Many areas in the city witnessed brief yet intense showers on Thursday, cooling down the day after the mercury had touched 33.7°C. In the GHMC area, the average rainfall stood at 3.7 mm.

Moderate rainfall was reported from Malakpet, LB Nagar, and Santoshnagar; light rainfall in several circles including Begumpet and Secunderabad. Some circles like Ramachandrapuram and Amberpet recorded no rain at all, according to the Telangana Development Planning Society's.

The Disaster Response Force (DRF) of the GHMC attended to 11 major rain-related complaints in different parts of the city. Chandrayangutta, the Malakpet Metro Rail station, City College near Charminar and Santoshnagar saw water logged roads. Tree branches fell in Lalaguda, in Hayathnagar and Madanapet. Ibrahimpatnam Rangareddy district recorded the highest rainfall at 74.5 mm, followed by Konijerla in Khammam with 68.8 mm.

According to the IMD, light and scattered rainfall is expected to continue in Hyderabad until June 17.

IMD-Hyderabad scientists said that the city saw less rainfall due to the forward movement of the monsoon currents.

The IMD forecast subdued phase in rainfall activity till June 17, predicting a reduction in overall precipitation.



Motorists struggle to negotiate a water logged road in Secunderabad after a heavy downpour on Thursday. — S. SURENDER REDDY



across the state. Meteorologists attribute these weather patterns to a "monsoon break spell," typical for this time of year.

Three buildings near Osmansagar demolished GHMC razes 10 houses built near Hussainsagar

NABINDER BOMMALA | DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The GHMC on Thursday demolished 10 dwelling units in Begumpet, citing their location within the full tank level (FTL) of the Hussainsagar. The structures, consisting of concrete walls, tin roofs, were deemed illegal by the authorities.

Residents claimed that their properties were registered in the year 2020.

"The authorities had then said that the area is not in the FTL of Hussainsagar," said Prakash Antardvedi, an owner.

A verification revealed that the irrigation department had stated in 2020 that these houses were within the Hussainsagar FTH.

Although the land was not encroached upon, building concrete structures was prohibited, and only plantation activities were permitted.

"The houses fall in the water conservation zone where concrete construction is not allowed," explained V. Sammaiah,



A bulldozer razes a temporary structure at Begumpet. (below) A multi-storey building is demolished in Vattinagulapally. — P. SURENDRA, BY ARRANGEMENT

GHMC deputy commissioner, Begumpet.

"In-charge commissioner Amrapali Kata has proposed to set up a nursery here," said Sunanda Rani, GHMC additional commissioner.

Elsewhere, the Rangareddy district task force demolished 3 multi-storey buildings in Vattinagulapally as they were built in

the area covered by the Government Order (GO) 111, which is meant to protect the Osmansagar and Himayatsagar.

Two of the buildings were in Tulsi Layout and one at Shankar Hills Layout of Vattinagulapally. Officials of the Narsingi municipality and HMD were part of the task force.

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF T.S. LTD.
Operation Circle, Saroornagar
Tender Notice No. 01/2024-25
Tender specification No. W01/24-25 for E/s to 1No. 30KV NDIL to M/s. Indus Towers Ltd., W02/24-25 for E/s to 5 Nos. each 5HP Agri. loads, W03/24-25 for E/s to 1No. 5KW Cat-VII(B) load to Telangana Drinking Water Supply, W04/24-25 for E/s to 5Nos. each 5HP Agri. load to M/s. Sanghi Textiles Processors Pvt. Ltd., duly erecting 30 25KVA DTR and W05/24-25 for Bifurcation of 11KV Torru feeder duly erecting 0.6KM 11 KV line and W06/24-25 for erection additional 5MVA PTR at 33*11KV Acharya Sub Station in Saroornagar Circle. Please visit www.tgspower.com Contact Phone No. 7901093649.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer/Elect, Op/Saroornagar Circle, Hyd.
Ro No.: 571-PP/CL/AdvT/1/2024-25

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF T.G. LTD.
OPERATION : VIKARABAD CIRCLE,
Tender Notification No. 02/24-25
Bids are invited from eligible Bidders: 1) Est. for erection of 1.15KM Inter linking line b/w 11KV Teerapole for & 11KV Insular for from 33*11 KV Nagaram SS to 33*11 KV M. Chittampally SS in V.K.B. 2) Est. for erect. of 0.75KM Inter linking line b/w 11KV Alamapally for & 11KV STP for from 33*11 KV Vikarabad SS in V.K.B. 3) Est. for erect. of 3 Nos. 1-Ph 25 KVA DTR at Burampet (V) in Bomraspet (W) of KDGL. 4) Est. for erection of Addl. 1 No 100 KVA DTR in KDGL (T) S) Est. for erect. of Addl. 3 Nos 1-Ph 25 KVA DTR at Chettupally tandra in Dudyal of KDGL.
www.tgspower.com
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R.O. No.: 517-PP/CL/ADV/1/2024-25
Sd/- Superintending Engineer Operation, TGSPDCL Vikarabad Circle, Vikarabad.

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LTD.
METRO ZONE, MINT COMPOUND: HYDERABAD-63
e-procurement Tender Specification No. eMZ-01/24-25
Tender Notice No. 1/24 (Paper Notification)
Tenders are invited from the eligible agencies for e-Tender for the work of "Extension of 33 KV Supply to 1 No. HT service of 5000 KVA CMD with connected load of 5000 KW under HT Cat-IX with connectivity at Picket bay by double isolator arrangement on 33KV new feeder emanating from 132KV Gunrock SS to M/s. Depot Manager Picket at TSHFC, JBS, Secunderabad in Karbhana sector of Marredupally sub division of Secunderabad Division in Secunderabad Circle under Capital Works.
Any further information in this regard can be viewed from the website of www.tender.telanganapower.gov.in and www.tgspower.com
Sd/- Chief General Manager, Metro Zone, Hyderabad.
Ro No.: 513-PP/CL/AdvT/1/2024-25

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
Regd office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813.
Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact no: 96461-17659)
Tender Enquiry No. 1667/Th.Op/O&M/PC-2538
Dated 12-06-2024
Chief Engineer/ O&M (P&P Cell-II), GHPT, Lehra Mohabbat, Invites E-tender for the Procurement of Two No. Fire Tenders for GHPT, Lehra Mohabbat, Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 12-06-2024 at 17:00 hrs. onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
RO No. PR-AdvT.No:76155/12/2952/2023/34556 GHPT-37/24

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(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-07205
Open Tender Enq. No. 521/P-IV/EMP-W-12676 Dt: 06-06-24
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-2) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites Open E tender ID No. 2024_POWER_121956_1 for Assistance in Breakdown/ Preventive maintenance and annual overhauling of ATRs, HPBP, STC, APRDS, Generator instrumentation and Analyzer system of Unit # 3 to 6 of GGSSTP, Rupnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 11-06-24 from 05:00 PM onwards.
Note: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://pspcil.in>
RO No. PR-AdvT No:-76155/12/2925/2023/34480 RTP-42/24

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Tender Notice No. e-Procurement No.01/2024-25/CE/Civil/TG Transco/D.No.100/24.
Dt: 05.06.2024.
Name of work: Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 50KW Capacity Rooftop SPV Power Plant with MONO PERC Solar Modules Connecting with Existing Net-Metering with 05 years Comprehensive Maintenance Contract above Carleen Building, Vidyut Soudha, TG Transco, Hyderabad.
Approximate estimated value of work : Rs. 23,38,000.00
Tender specification No. : 01/2024-25 of Chief Engineer / Civil, Vidyut Soudha, Hyderabad.
Bid Document Downloading Start Date (Online) : 07.06.2024 after 05:00 PM
Bid Document Downloading End Date (Online) : 27.06.2024 at 03:30 PM
Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids (Offline) : 27.06.2024 up to 04:30 PM
Price Bid Opening Date (financial bid stage) : 27.06.2024 after 04:30 PM
Name and address of tender inviting officer: Chief Engineer / Civil, TG Transco, Vidyut Soudha, Room No. 105, A Block, Khairatabad, Hyderabad. Phone Nos. 040-23396000, Ex.No. 3202, 3354, 3352, 3569.
Further details can be seen on "e-Procurement" market place www.tender.telanganapower.gov.in
DIPR R.O. No.: 55-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADV/1/2024-25, Date: 13-06-2024 Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER / CIVIL

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Swarnajayanthi Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad-500 082
PUBLIC NOTICE
Planning Department
File No. 1340/Pig-3/TG/PASS/HMDA/2018-Layout
It is to inform that, M/S TIF Integrated Industrial Parks Pvt Ltd., applied for revision of earlier approved draft Industrial layout vide file No. 1340/Pig-3/TG/PASS/HMDA/2018-Layout and Layout Permit No.017/GPASS/Pig-3/HMDA/2023 Dt: 06.04.2023 with some modifications in survey Nos. 707/P, 712/P, 714/P, 765/P of Dandumalkapur Village, Choutuppal Mandal, Yadadri- Bhuvanagiri District, to an total extent of 3.61,384.3 Sq.mtrs equivalent to 89.30 Acres. For establishment of M/s.TIF Integrated Industrial Parks Pvt Ltd.,
Therefore, the Plot owners / Purchasers/ Agreement holders if any Draft Industrial layout permission in survey Nos. 707/P, 712/P, 714/P, 765/P of Dandumalkapur Village, Choutuppal Mandal, Yadadri- Bhuvanagiri District may file their objections/ suggestions in writing if any within 15 days to this office from the date of Publication of this notice. If no objections/ suggestions are received within the above mentioned period, the request of the applicant for revised draft Industrial layout permission will be considered basing on the material papers available with this office. Chief Planning Officer (RB), TG/PASS, (IBP) HMDA.
DIPR R.O.No.: 55-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADV/1/2024-25, Date: 13-06-2024

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
MAHANADI PROJECT, RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH).
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
(Tender Cancellation Notice)

S. No.	Name of Work	NIT No./ System Tender No./ Dated	Probable Amount of Contract	Reason for cancellation of tender
1.	Renovation of Residential/ Non Residential Buildings & Construction of Boundary Wall of Bhatagaon Irrigation Colony at Block Kurud, District Dhamtari. (G.No. 07840)	11/SAC/2023-24/ 152735/ Dated - 12.02.2024 (Third Call)	Rs. 287.00 Lakhs	Cancel due to lack of qualified tenders
2.	Restoration of damaged lining work from R.D. 0 Km to 22.78 Km. and Concrete Structures of Sihawa Distributory of Sondur Reservoir Project in Block Nagri, District Dhamtari (G. No. 07840)	12/SAC/2023-24/ 152737/ Dated - 12.02.2024 (First Call)	Rs. 539.43 Lakhs	Cancel due to non participation of tenderer

Sd/- Executive Engineer
M.R.P. Dam Division No.2, Rudri
For, Chief Engineer,
Mahanadi Project, Raipur (C.G.)
G-242500260/1

CHHATTISGARH STATE POWER GENERATION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of C.G. Undertaking)
No.: 03-03/S&M/TN-01/2024/711 dt. 10.06.2024
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. TN-01/2024
Online bids with reverse live auction are invited through CSPCL, E-bidding system (SAP SRM) for the supply of following item:-

Sl. No.	Tender Specification	Description	Tender fee (Rs)	EMD Amount (Rs)	Due date & time for receipt of bid	Bid opening date (EMD, Tech. Bid)
1	03-03/S&M/CP-01/2024 (RFX No. 8100037039)	70:30 Cu:Ni Condenser Tubes. Size OD: 25.4 mm, Thickness: 1.240 mm, length: 6400 mm Wt. 5.8 Kg per tubes (Approx) as per technical specification.	1000/- + GST @18% = 1180/-	98,100/-	Dated 02/07/2024 upto 15.00 Hrs.	Dated 02/07/2024 from 15.30 Hrs.

For qualifying conditions of tender documents & other details kindly visit our website <https://cspc.co.in/espcl/tendernotices/central/offices>. The tender document can be viewed and downloaded online from our e-bidding portal <https://ebidding.cspcl.co.in:50724/irj/portal>. Any corrigendum/amendments, if required, shall be displayed on above website.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (S&P) GEN CSPCL :: RAIPUR
Save Energy For benefit of self & Nation S-40375/ 1

CHHATTISGARH STATE POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD
No.02-03/ED (S&P)/ACE/NIT/2838 Raipur, dt. 13.06.2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Scaled tenders, for the following items are invited:-

Tender Specification No.	Item	Approx. tender value (₹ in Lakhs)	Purchase /download of Tender document fee with GST (₹)	Last date of tender submission
02-03/ED (S&P) /869	BIS certified EEL -'2' (as per amendment, 4 march 2021 of IS 1180 (Part-1):2014) 11/0.433 KV Distribution Transformers of various ratings.	38094.65	10,000/-	14.08.2024
02-03/ED (S&P) /870	ISI marked 1.1 KV grade single core stranded Aluminium conductor, XLPE insulated PVC sheathed unarmoured cable of various sizes.	2839.83	10,000/-	22.08.2024
02-03/ED (S&P) /871	ISI marked 30 4W HT trivector meter of accuracy class 0.5S.	157.41	5000/-	11.07.2024
02-03/ED (S&P) /872	New Transformers oil (Type -II) as per IS:335:2018.	144.97	5000/-	21.08.2024
02-03/ED (S&P) /873	NBIOT Modem.	118.00	5000/-	10.07.2024
02-03/ED (S&P) /874	ISI Marked LT Aerial Bundled Cable of various sizes.	4194.09	10,000/-	23.08.2024

IMPORTANT: (I) Please note that any Notice for Corrigendum or extension of due date of tender opening shall not be published in newspapers. It will be displayed only on official website of the company. (II) The tenders will be processed through e-bidding module of SAP-SRM. Bidders are advised to visit our website www.cspcl.co.in/espcl for viewing detailed instructions regarding submission of offer through SAP-SRM. For details, visit our web site: www.cspcl.co.in
SAVE ELECTRICITY S-40369/ 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (S&P)

Pickles not in danger as raw mango sales pick up

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Pickles made of raw mangoes is a must on almost every dining table in the two Telugu-speaking states. Sale of raw mangoes has been quite satisfactory, according to market circles. Pickle makers did good business from January to the middle of June, when the season comes to an end.

A wholesaler at the market said that there were initial fears of crop loss because of the untimely rains and winds, but the supply and sales have been satisfactory this year.

The major raw mango markets in the city are Monda market, Miralam Mandi, Dilusukhnagar, Chikkadpally, Naryanguda, Badi Chowdi and several other vegetable markets. The onset of summer opens up seasonal employment opportunities, while



Raw mangoes, used for pickles are in great demand in vegetables and fruit markets in the city. — DC

the produce goes directly from the farms to sellers and wholesalers.

Anil Kumar Pasula from varala venkaiah raw mango merchants, said "this is a big business that lasts for four to five months. Each bag of raw mangoes weighing around 40 to 50 kg is priced between ₹400 and ₹2000, depending on the variety. This season the quality of raw mango was low compared to previous years."

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Kuwait fire deaths: Lessons in how to fix accountability

In Kuwait's worst ever fire accident, nearly 50 people, 45 Indians among them, have died and an equal number of people suffered burns or from smoke inhalation and so fatalities may rise. It is tragic that most of the deaths, some a result of jumping from the blazing building, were those of Indian expatriate workers who put in their blood, sweat and toil to get out a living so they can send back enough money for their families to get by at home.

India which takes huge pride in being the top country in the world to get remittances from Indians working abroad, nearly \$100 billion worth last year, has responded with messages of condolences, sent a minister to the spot and ordered the payment of a token sum as compensation with the Kerala government also contributing and individual businessmen chipping in.

Caring for Indians in trouble wherever they are in the world is a praiseworthy trait of the Indian government, but it has huge lessons to learn from the kind of prompt executive action that the Kuwaitis took with the Emir ordering a probe to fix accountability and the interior minister asking police to immediately apprehend the owner and janitor of the six-storey Al Mangaf building that was home to expat workers. Pakistani, Filipino, Egyptian and Nepali workers were also among the dead.

Such quick action stands out in contrast to what we see happen in India with those who are to be held accountable doing everything to duck responsibility and whatever they can to upset due process

Action was also ordered to begin checking all such places of residence where some kind of ghettoisation of migrants might be taking place with several guest workers being crammed into small flats just to save costs for the recruiting companies that have to provide housing for expat workers.

Several officials, including second rung officers of the Al-Ahmadi governorate, an official of the municipality of the location as well as the director of the audit and engineering department and the official in charge of ensuring such violations, were spotted. All of them would have to face the might of the law in a monarchy known to act by the book.

Such quick action stands out in contrast to what we see happen in India with those who are to be held accountable doing everything to duck responsibility and whatever they can to upset the process of fixing accountability that the law enforcing machinery and the judiciary may attempt to put in motion after the event.

Force majeure conditions like a storm may have caused the large hoarding to come down in Mumbai, but only after the event were several glaring irregularities exposed — like the hoarding lacking permission and even the petrol pump on which it fell being in operation illegally. How long a luxury car could run in Pune without registration plates was yet another pointer to the laxity or outright corruption that holds our system in thrall.

Whatever action is taken, the dead cannot be helped but, by taking corrective steps after an event, the recurrence of such tragedies can at least be averted. What is it in our system that is stopping it from allowing the full force of the law to dictate terms to those guilty of offences? There are lessons to be learnt even from an extreme tragedy like the accidental fire in Kuwait.

Odisha: Another young BJP CM

The selection of Mohan Charan Majhi as Chief Minister of Odisha which has elected the BJP to power for the first time ever, ending the unbroken 24-year rule of Naveen Patnaik and his Biju Janata Dal, fits into the pattern the saffron party has employed in several other states and promises to widen the acceptance the party has got in the mineral-rich but impoverished eastern state.

Majhi, a tribal leader and a four-time MLA, supersedes several BJP top guns including Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan. The choice must have a lot to do with the fact that 22.85 per cent of the state's pollution is made up of tribal people. That Majhi is a non-controversial leader with a clean image must have added to his electability.

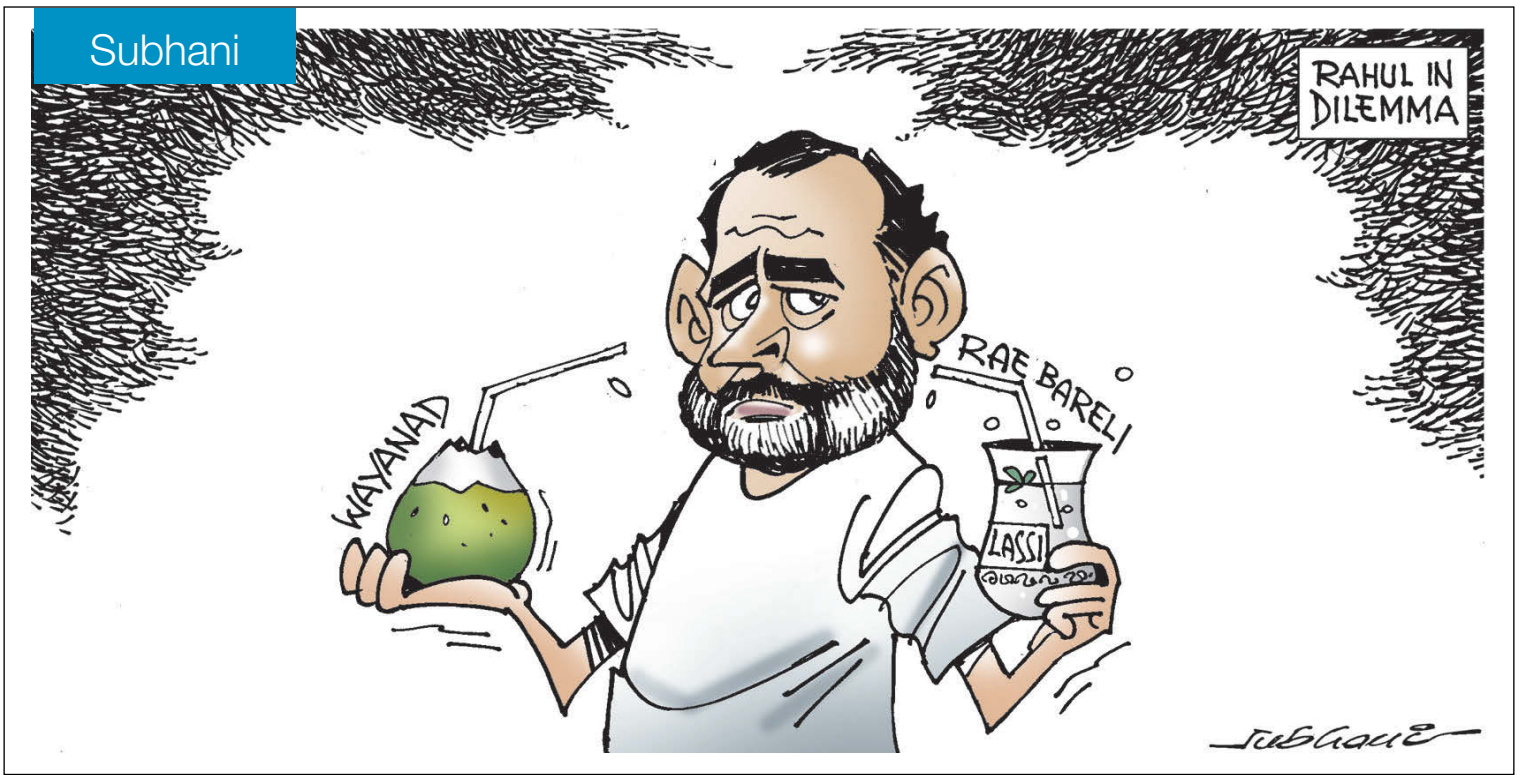
The state with immense natural resources is one of the poorest and there has been no substantial change in the fortunes of the people in the several decades after independence.

The BJP leadership's search for Chief Ministers in several states where the party has come to power recently often overlooks the claims of the veterans and ends with the selection of relatively unknown young faces who would pose no questions to it.

They are also kept under leash with a couple of deputy chief ministers who would take care of the interests of the several social factions which the party thinks are important for its success.

Odisha is perhaps the biggest paradox India has ever produced. The state with immense natural resources is one of the poorest and there has been no substantial change in the fortunes of the people in the several decades after independence. The state is one of the richest Indian states in terms of its history and culture, but it has not helped the people make advances in their lives. If Majhi's selection is not just a token which the BJP can go to the town with, and if the party and the new CM mean business, then it will mark a new dawn in the history of the state.

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How China stokes unrest globally to contain West



Claude Arpi

At the end of an informal meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing earlier in May, the two leaders hugged each other, something rather unusual for Xi (though he did it with Prime Minister Narendra Modi as well). US National Security Council spokesman John Kirby jokingly commented: "I'm not good at talking about personal human bodily affection one way or the other. I think I'll leave it to these two gents to talk about why they thought it was good to hug one another."

Whatever the US spokesman may say, the encounter was significant, as it heralded a still closer relationship between Russia and China. According to Reuters: "Russia, grappling with Western sanctions after its invasion of Ukraine, is increasingly reliant on its booming trade with China, which is challenging US supremacy in areas from quantum computing to espionage and hard military power... The leaders signed a lengthy statement that sharpened their opposition to a US-led world order and pledged cooperation across fields ranging from space and nuclear technologies to finance and manufacturing."

It is a fact that for Moscow, though the Chinese economy may be facing serious difficulties, Beijing is an ally of weight.

The Three Battles: At the same time, China is more and more asserting itself all over the planet. Long Kai-feng, a PLA commentator associated with the Kunlun Policy and Strategy Research Institute, a Communist Party of China think tank, recently wrote about "CPC's 3-Battle Scheme" to erode America's power prior to a clash in the Taiwan Strait; among other things, the author argues that the outcome of the "Three Battles" will see the US dollar becoming worthless. Long explains: "On a glob-

al scale, three major battles are in Europe, the Middle East and Asia respectively. The Ukrainian war represents the European front; the Middle Eastern battle will be a conflict between Israel and Palestine, and the Asian theatre might be the second Korean war. After these battles, the US military and dollar dominance established post-Cold War will fall. The US dollar will depreciate, becoming worthless — a trend seen as inevitable."

The PLA scholar further notes: "Given the current situation, Russia seems poised to win in Ukraine. Reconciliation between Saudi Arabia and Iran and unity in the Arab world are crucial to counter US-Israeli dominance. In East Asia, North Korea is ready, possessing nuclear capabilities and openly challenging US dominance."

Beijing's Assertiveness: In India's neighbourhood, this translates, for example, in the Maldives falling for Beijing's promises or in Nepal, a recrudescence of territorial claims in the Kalapani area, clearly influenced by Beijing.

Regarding Africa, China is, of course, deeply involved. In a research paper, Hema Narang from Delhi University believes that infrastructure diplomacy is the key to China's influence in Africa. The scholar gives an example: "China gifted Zimbabwe a new Parliament building in 2023. This gift is emblematic of China's strategy of gifting large-scale projects worldwide, especially in Africa, to establish itself as a modernisation facilitator and gain international prestige. These projects, often grand structures such as government buildings and stadiums, transform the dynamics of donor-recipient relationships, augmenting China's global reputation and subtly reinforcing material inequalities, while their architectural grandeur and visible labels such as 'China Aid' prominently emphasise China's

Massive quantities of Chinese arms, ammunition, military grade communication and other intelligence gathering equipment were found in Hamas warehouses in Gaza during the raids conducted by the Israel Defence Forces

commitment to development and cooperation."

She concludes: "In international societies, gifts work in a similar way, establishing prestige for the giver and reaffirming the receiver's position."

At the same time, everybody is not fooled by Beijing's generosity: a "gift" does not always mean a free meal.

The Ukraine War: Another question often asked: Is China supporting Russia in the Ukraine war? There is no doubt that China is a vital partner for Russia, helping Moscow to soften the impact of sanctions imposed by the United States.

When asked if China was providing Russia with weapons, US secretary of state Antony Blinken told BBC: "What's not happening is the provision of actual arms by China to Russia for use in Ukraine." However, the US leader added: "About 70 per cent of the machine tools and 90 per cent of the microelectronics Russia imports come from China."

Without Beijing, Moscow would certainly not have survived the Western sanctions so easily.

The Hamas War: More important perhaps is China's hand behind the Hamas attack on Israel. A newspaper article says: "The evidence of the PRC green-signalling Hamas' attack on Israel goes beyond the circumstantial."

Quoting Guermantes Lailari, a retired US Air Force foreign area officer specialising in counter-terrorism, who recently visited New Delhi, the article says: "Massive quantities of Chinese arms, ammunition, military grade communication and other intelligence gathering equipment were found in Hamas warehouses in Gaza during the raids conducted by the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), in the aftermath of the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel by the

Palestinian terrorist group. At least two tunnel engineers from China's People's Liberation Army were captured by the IDF, suggesting that extensive Chinese help was given to Hamas to construct the huge network of tunnels under Gaza City. Apart from this, the PLA has been giving military training to Hamas."

The informant added that the head of Hamas' military wing, Mohammed Deif, who masterminded the attack on Israel, lived in the China for years, and maintains deep contacts with the PLA.

One More Battle: One more front (or "battle") seems to be in the French enclave of New Caledonia, which witnessed an insurgency from the local population. While President Emmanuel Macron struggles to restore some order, a question is recurrently asked: Who is behind the unrest?

Paris has put the blame for the violence on extremist independence groups, supported from outside; Gerald Darmanin, the interior and Overseas France minister, asserted that Azerbaijan has some responsibility for the unrest: "It's not a fantasy, it's a reality", he said. The Azerbaijan flag was repeatedly seen in the hands of rioters. The next question is logically: "Who is behind Azerbaijan?"

Has Russia opened up a second front in its proxy war against France?

Though Azerbaijan has described the allegations "insulting", and said: "We deny any link between the leaders of the Caledonian freedom struggle and Azerbaijan", one could also put the question differently.

Who benefits most from the current mess in New Caledonia?

No doubt China is trying hard to make its presence felt in the chain of Pacific islands and an independent Caledonia would be a great boon for Beijing, while President Macron has never been in such a weak position, particularly after the recent European Parliament elections.

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LETTERS

LIFT APARTHEID

Though Hyderabad has evolved into a cosmopolitan city, discrimination against delivery executives persists (*Discrimination in use of lift draws flak, June 13*). We must not forget the crucial services they provided during the pandemic, when we referred to them as delivery warriors. We must establish legal and regulatory bodies to address this discrimination.

M.N. Srinivas
Malkajgiri

All housing societies that indulge in such discrimination must be boycotted. No services must be provided there. Only then will they come to their senses. Can they do away without depending on maids?

Damodar Joshi
Secunderabad

NAIDU'S WIN

With his stunning victory, TD chief N. Chandrababu Naidu has enhanced the image of Telugu people at the national level (*Andhra hopes as Naidu starts a record 4th term as CM, June 13*). As Chief Minister, he has the responsibility of developing Amaravati on par with Singapore.

Dr Velpula Ramanujam
Jagtial

KUWAIT FIRE

It was very sad news (*Kuwaiti inferno kills 49 Indians; 50 hurt, June 13*). Most of them were from Kerala. The state government should come to the aid of dependents.

Sivaprasad K. Vanoor
Secunderabad

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50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle

Wall around airport runway

By a staff reporter

HYDERABAD, June 13. The Civil Aviation Department had decided to build a compound wall around the operational area to check the entry of cattle into the runway. It may be recalled that some time ago one cow was killed on the runway and the airport authorities had made persistent appeals to cattle owners to prevent their cattle from entering into the operational area of the airport. Aviation officials from Delhi had also visited Hyderabad to probe into the matter.



Mahir Ali

Whither Europe? The centre holds, but it has clearly moved rightward

Shortly after Joe Biden and a phalanx of European leaders gathered in Normandy last week to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings that launched the endgame in the continent's bitterest conflict, citizens in 27 states began to vote in European parliamentary elections that were predicted to demonstrate a surge in support for precisely the kind of ideologies that purportedly perished in 1944-45.

One aspect of Operation Overlord that seldom scores a mention in current commentary is that the Soviet Union had been pleading for a second front since soon after Operation Barbarossa, when the Nazis swept across its territory three years before D-Day. There were those in Europe who relished the prospect of a combat between the USSR and Nazi Germany, and the Normandy landings were at least partly motivated by the fear that the Red Army would overrun Europe and take sole credit for Hitler's defeat.

Soviet forces did indeed reach Berlin before their Western allies — and a brief camaraderie made way before long for the Cold War. Stalin's regime is accurately accused of imposing its will on Eastern Europe. Somewhat more subtly, the US did the same in Western Europe.

One of the CIA's first missions was to ensure that Italy did not vote in a communist or socialist majority in its first postwar poll. Part of the effort involved incorporating Nazi operatives or collaborators into 'democratic' Europe's postwar establishments.

The precursor of France's Rassemblement National, whose gains in last week's polls panicked Emmanuel Macron into calling a snap parliamentary election, was Front National, which was co-founded by Nazi collaborators. RN leader Marine Le Pen has been trying to cleanse the party of its fascist associations, including by distancing it from Germany's Alternative für Deutschland, some of whose leaders refuse to stop expressing their admiration for the Third Reich. Notwithstanding some recent scandals involving its international associations — kowtowing to the Kremlin, for instance, and spying for China — the AfD did better in the Euro polls than any component of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's supposedly centre-left coalition, but not as well as the Christian Democrats (CDU).

The CDU's Ursula von der Leyen, who greeted the European election results by offering the assurance that the centre is holding, hopes to win a second term as European Commission

president. She has lately been courting Giorgia Meloni, whose 'post-neofascist' Brothers of Italy came on top in another former Axis state. Ms Meloni postures on the international stage as the acceptable face of Europe's far right, while her government's domestic attitudes reflect a clearer image of its perverse inclinations.

A defining feature of European politics in recent decades has been the extent to which the centre (both left and right) has sought to 'combat' the hard right by co-opting its ideas, notably (but not exclusively) on immigration. In many parts of Europe, for instance, economic distress is related to ageing societies and diminishing populations. But where is the party advocating better-organised immigration as a possible solution? The focus is identification, powered mainly by white Christian nationalism. Hence the EU devotes its energies not to educating the masses but to bribing North African states to detain and brutalise the politically or economically persecuted unfortunates who aspire to a new life on the fringes of a European experiment that they don't realise has failed.

The second round of the French election, on July 7, will precede the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics barely by a fortnight.

Macron is obviously hoping that the anti-fascist voters will emerge to thwart the likelihood of an FN majority. As many commentators have indicated, though, it could mean cohabiting with the hard right for the remainder of his presidential term, and then handing over to Ms Le Pen in 2027.

Whether or not it crossed voters' minds, the war in Ukraine was a factor in the EU elections, with some of the far right as well as far left parties calling for accommodation with Vladimir Putin — the D-Day ceremonies also highlighted Russia's aggression as an echo of Nazi attitudes. Without excusing Putin's self-serving trespasses, it might have been more fruitful to focus on why Moscow might suspect the intentions of hostile neighbours.

Neither the EU's dedication to Ukraine nor its devotion to Israel, notwithstanding the latter's genocidal tendencies, is likely to shift much in the near future, but the future of the anyhow inadequate European Green Deal is in doubt. Add a second Trump administration to the equation, and humanity's short-term future shifts from gloom to doom, regardless of anything Putin or Xi Jinping might be plotting.

—By arrangement with Dawn

SHORT TAKES

COPS TO HOST FREE MEDICAL SCREENING CAMP

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The Hyderabad city police commissionerate and the Aakar Asha Hospital, Centre for Reconstructive Surgery, would be collectively organising a free medical screening camp for reconstructive surgery for birth defects, burns, physical deformities caused due to accidents and tumours, on June 15 from 9 am to 2 pm at Bharosa Centre, HACA Bhavan, Opposite Public Garden, Saifabad.

The camp is free of cost. Applications can be made to bharosahypolice@gmail.com, or on phone 8712658700; Bharosa Centre 040-27852500 or Aakar Asha helpline 040-48215050.

The selected patients will be taken up for surgical treatment at Aakar Asha Hospital, Kukatpally, Hyderabad and the attendants will be given hospital dormitory and food free of cost.

The hospital has tied up with Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram of the Centre, the Telangana department of women, child and disabled persons and MEPMA (Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas) for the provision of free services.

BOB TO LAUNCH ONLINE HACKATHON ON GENERATIVE AI

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Bank of Baroda has announced the launch of a nationwide online hackathon on generative artificial intelligence (GenAI), in collaboration with Microsoft.

The hackathon aims to inspire participants to develop innovative solutions using GenAI technology to address specific business areas defined by the bank.

The top three teams will receive cash prizes of ₹5 lakh, ₹3 lakh and ₹2 lakh, and the bank will look to implement the best ideas that emerge from the hackathon.

Contestants can participate in the hackathon by visiting <https://bobhackathon.com>. Participants can form a team of a maximum of four people. Ideas must be submitted before June 30.

The shortlisted teams will be asked to develop a prototype.

Sanjay Mudaliar, executive director, Bank of Baroda, said, "We firmly believe that by working together with like-minded innovators, we can create transformative solutions that will redefine the banking landscape for the better. We are also pleased to collaborate with Microsoft in this initiative."

Puneet Chandok, President, Microsoft India and South Asia, said, "Through the Gen AI Hackathon, we look forward to developers utilising Azure OpenAI's capabilities to architect unique digital solutions for the Indian banking sector."

COLRUYT GROUP TO INVEST ₹15L CR IN FUND

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Colruyt Group India, the IT engineering centre of the Belgium-based Colruyt Group, has committed to invest ₹15 crore in Pavestone Technology Fund, an alternative investment fund.

This is its second investment for Colruyt Group India, after pi Ventures in 2023. Colruyt's Hyderabad facility has about 800 employees covering data analytics, IoT, and RPA, among many others.

"India's tech ecosystem, thriving start-up culture, and skilled workforce is set to drive deep tech trends leading to technological advancement, eventually contributing to economic growth and societal development," said Hari Subramanian, managing director of Colruyt Group India.

V. Laxmikanth, managing partner at Pavestone said the Colruyt Group India's industry experience would enhance the firm's ability to capitalise on promising investment opportunities.

Till date, it has invested in E42, NewSpace Research and Technologies, LivNSense, and Bellatrix Aerospace, according to a release.

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TG farmers smiling again as monsoon sets in early

Hectic activity on fields as farmers sow various crops

M. SREENIVAS | DC
HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

After months of reeling under adverse climatic conditions that affected agriculture and allied activities during the previous BRS regime last year, smiles are back on the faces of farmers with the early onset of the southwest monsoon, prompting them to intensify their farming work.

The fields are witnessing hectic activity with farmers, including women, engaged in sowing paddy, cotton, maize, jowar and red gram. A majority of farmers started work on paddy in the last week of May, expecting that the monsoon would hit Telangana by mid-June.

"The last monsoon was disastrous due to less rainfall. These days, every farmer in our village is busy in his or her field," said a farmer, R. Bala Goud, who is cultivating jowar in his two-acre land at Achampet in Mahbubnagar district.

He appreciated the Congress government for the timely supply of seeds and other required material in addition to continuous supply of power. He said if the rainfall continued to lash the state for a few days, farmers would set a crop production record.

Agriculture officials said 16 varieties of crops mainly paddy, cotton, maize, red gram and soya beans would be cultivated during 'Vanakalam' (Kharif) season. The department has proposed sowing in 144.4 lakh acres. Of this, paddy comprises 66 lakh acres, cotton 60 lakh acres, maize six lakh acres and red gram 5.6 lakh acres.

Singing Telangana folk songs in unison, farmers were seen attending agriculture activity. "We never expected that the monsoon would arrive so early. By God's grace it has happened; and we are sowing paddy with ease," said Jakkula Lingaiah Yadav, a farmer from Suryapet.

Officials said receiving the optimum quantity of rainfall was more crucial for agriculture than a deluge. The normal rainfall



Prices of all vegetables have risen and no vegetable is available for less than ₹50 a kg. —S. SURENDER REDDY

FARMERS HAPPY WITH SEED SUPPLY

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ESTIMATED ACREAGE FOR VANAKALAM-2024

Paddy	66 lakh
Cotton	60 lakh
Maize	6 lakh
Red gram	5.65 lakh
Soya bean	4.97 lakh
Green gram	56,000
Jowar	38,000
Groundnut	23,000
Black gram	20,000
Bajra	1,000
Ragi	320
Sesamum	500
Sunflower	60
Safflower	165
Castor	3,500
Total	1.44 cr.
(All figures in acres)	

● Agri department has proposed sowing in 1.44 crore acres, including paddy in 66 lakh acres and cotton 60 lakh acres.

would percolate into the soil whereas heavy rainfall would wash away the soil and fertilisers and damage transplanted saplings.

Nizamabad district agriculture officer Wajid Hussain told *Deccan Chronicle* that paddy transplantation has been accelerated in 4.3 lakh acres out of 5.50 lakh acres of agricultural land in the district, while maize, soya beans and turmeric crops are cultivated in remaining 1.2 lakh acres.

He said farmers in Bodhan, Chandur, Yedpalli, Pothangal, Sathura and other mandals were mainly cultivating paddy and cotton, and other mandals in the district are opting for maize and turmeric. "The conjunctive use of resources instead of waiting for the irrigation projects to be filled with rainwater helped farmers to execute their work without any hurdles this time," Hussain explained.

Using water drawn from 1.77 lakh submersible pump sets, the farmers started their work in the last week of May. The round-the-clock power supply enabled them to use water to their fields effectively.

P. Chengal Reddy, the chief adviser of the Consortium of Indian Farmers Association, underscored the need for implementing a holistic approach in providing better marketing of the crops produced by farmers.

On its part, the agriculture department has taken steps to ensure that farmers get quality seeds and fertilisers. Following complaints that some shopkeepers were selling spurious seeds, the department in coordination with the police constituted district-level task force teams and cracked the whip on such units.

For the last 45 days, the task force teams arrested 37 people for allegedly selling spurious seeds to farmers. Around 20 cases each were registered in Ramagundam and Komaram Bheem-Asifabad district, while five cases in Siddipet and four in Khammam.

Two cases each were booked in Rajanna Sircilla and Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri district after conducting raids on shops. Three separate cases in Nizamabad and one in Adilabad were registered against unlicensed shopkeepers. Senior officials said the

raids would continue till completion of Kharif season.

They said a control room was set up at the police headquarters in Hyderabad for better coordination among the departments.

In weather-based agro-advisories, the Indian Meteorological Centre, Hyderabad, said the southwest monsoon entered some parts of Telangana on June 3.

The IMD has forecast light to moderate rains or thundershowers in different parts of the state. Farmers were advised not to stand under trees and don't allow cattle, goats and sheep to take shelter under trees. It asked farmers to stay away from water bodies, electric poles and wires.

The IMD said parts of erstwhile Mahbubnagar, Warangal, Karimnagar, Khammam, Medak and Nalgonda received large excess rainfall from May 30 to June 5 while erstwhile Ranga Reddy district got excess rainfall and Adilabad, Hyderabad and Nizamabad, received normal rainfall. These districts received rainfall between 11 cm and one cm from May 30 to June 5.

Fervour marks St Anthony's feast

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

Cardinal Poola Anthony led the Holy Mass while celebrating the annual feast of St Anthony of Padua at the St Anthony's Shrine in Mettuguda, Secunderabad, on Thursday. Devotees started attending the Holy Mass from the early hours of the day.

St Anthony, known for performing miracles, is revered by Catholics. The Cardinal greeted all those named Anthony during the Holy Mass.

According to the Parish Priest, Fr Selvakumar



Cardinal Poola Anthony blesses people on St Anthony's feast at Mettuguda on Thursday. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

Aloysius, "A small chapel was built on the land and dedicated to St Anthony of

Padua, which became very popular in the twin cities. A devotee named Clara Peters donated the present shrine land to build a church." The procession of the statue of St Anthony started in the evening and went around parts of Mettuguda, with devotees participating by singing hymns while standing in queue to honour the saint.

Derik Tornton, who was part of the team on the tabla, said, "This is an annual festival. We feel it is a privilege to be part of this celebration."

LIFE GIVING On World Blood Donor Day, experts bust myth that blood donation could lead to weakness

TG faces shortage of over 93,000 units of blood

HIMAVARDHAN GOUD and LAKHAN BANJARE | DC
HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

While one cannot be God, everyone can be a saviour. You do not have to perform any extraordinary feats for this label. Just donating some blood is enough as it is the lifeline of every human being — and it is in short supply, especially in India.

With a population of more than 140 crore, India needs 1.46 crore units of blood every year. However, it faces a shortfall of 10 lakh units of blood annually, during child-birth, accidents, surgeries and chronic illnesses such as Thalassaemia.

Telangana, on the other hand, faces a shortage of 93,000 units of blood as 3.07 lakh units are available as against the demand for nearly 4 lakh units.

There are several factors which contribute to India's blood shortage.

On the eve of the World Blood Donor Day, which



Health minister Damodar Rajanarasimha holds review meet with officials on Thursday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

falls on June 14, *Deccan Chronicle* reached out to experts to bust this myth that blood donation can lead to weakness.

According to medical experts, an average human body contains about five litres of blood and any person aged between 18 and 65 — weighing at least 45 kgs and having a fit and healthy body — can donate one unit of blood every three months.

One unit or 450 millilitres of blood can save up to four lives, depending on the components extracted. Blood is composed of cellular and non-cellular components like red blood cells, platelets, and plasma. According to data available on November 30, 2023, India has 4,153 licensed blood banks, while Telangana has 287 — 62 government-run and 225 privately managed.



File photo of police donating blood at a blood donation camp.

"A majority of the blood units are used for cardiologically-related surgeries and for treating road accidents. All positive blood groups are easily available at the blood banks but negative groups are hard to come by and 'Bombay blood group' is scarce. We are going to colleges to set up blood donation camps and spread awareness among the youth," said an official of NTR Memorial



Drainage pipeline works goes on at the new road which was recently completed near ICCB building Road No. 12 in Jubilee Hills. —R. PAVAN

Bad roads pose major threat to commuters

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC
DC CORRESPONDENT

Even with the rainy season beginning in Hyderabad, the roads have been damaged at several places. Potholes, pebbles on the road and waterlogging are made worse by contractors who leave work midway and dump material on the roadside. Dangerously hanging electric wires, add to the threat.

These issues are not restricted to any one or two localities but are common across the city, including Ramnagar, Mahendra Hills, Begumpet, Madhapur, Old City, Dilusukh Nagar and Trimulgherry, et al.

According to M. Pradeep Kumar, roads in Ravi Colony and Trimoorthy colony in Mahendra Hills are in a terrible shape.

"We are bearing the brunt for the past few years. Whenever there is rain there is waterlogging. People constructing new houses dig up for water connections and fix it with concrete. Laying of a new road should be the priority. Many bikers are getting hurt as their vehicles skid."

Residents of Vital Raonagar in Madhapur, which is a residential and commercial area, rue the overflowing drains, water stagnation and uncovered potholes.

Those living in Padmarao Nagar complain that the road between Vignana Bharati Girls College and the Chilkalguda idgah is full of potholes.

According to Mudumala Shobha, "I travel on my two-wheeler. Bikes skid on the roads at Nanalagar, which has many potholes. The road had been dug for some pipework and it has been left haphazardly. A similar situation prevails near Babu ghat where road works are underway and the material is almost on the road. Accidents happen because of this and the authorities unabashedly put the blame squarely on drivers."

According to GHMC contractors association adviser Rajesh Lahoti, "several road works that were



Potholes dot the road at Tolichowki. —DC



Rainwater stagnated on road at East Marredpally Ravi colony and Trimurti colony, which were dug up by GHMC authorities. —S. SURENDER REDDY



The King Koti to Ramkote Road is dotted with potholes after the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board dug up the road for laying pipelines. —P. SURENDRA

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Minister: Bolster blood bank at IPM

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

The health minister assessed the performance, management, and strengthening of blood banks and directed officials to strengthen the comprehensive blood bank in Narayanguda here. He emphasised the need to fill the vacant positions in the Narayanguda's Institute of Preventive Medicine Blood Bank. Speaking at a review meeting on Thursday, eve of the World Blood Donation Day, Rajanarasimha also directed officials to upgrade components in 14 well-performing blood banks under government administration to ensure enhanced efficiency. He sought detailed reports on the performance and man-

agement of the 63 government-run blood banks.

He instructed officials to utilise the occasion of World Blood Donor Day to highlight the importance of blood donation.

The meeting was attended by health secretary Dr Christina Chongthu, family welfare commissioner R.V. Karnan, project director of AIDS Control Society, Haimavathi, Director of Medical Education, Dr Vani, commissioner of Telangana Vaidya Vidhan Parishad Dr Ajay Kumar and director of IPM Dr C. Sivaleela.

Over 170 medical students donated blood at a donation camp at Kakatiya Medical College. Navadeep Ashwini, a medical student who donated blood for the ninth time, drew special praise.

CHANDU CHAMPION
SAJID NADIADWALA AND KABIR KHAN PRESENT
A KABIR KHAN FILM
IN CINEMAS TODAY

RAMAKRISHNA GLITTERATI, ABIDS, 11:30, 6:00, 9:15 p.m.

MUKTA A2 SENSATION (Fully Renovated)
KHAIRATABAD, 11:45 a.m., 3:00, 9:30 p.m.

AMB CINEMAS GACHIBOWLI, 10:20 a.m., 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30 p.m.

PRASADS MULTIPLEX NTR GARDENS, 12:00 Noon, 1:20, 2:15, 5:00, 10:45 p.m.

CYBERABAD INORBIT MALL - MADHAPUR, 10:30, 1:40, 4:50, 8:00, 11:10 p.m. | SUJANA FORUM PRISTAGE MALL - KOPPL, 10:30, 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40 p.m. | ICON HI-TECH - MADHAPUR, 10:20, 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 11:00 p.m. | NEXT GALLERIA MALL - PANJAGUTTA, 10:10, 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:50 p.m. | IRRAM MANZIL, 10:00, 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40 p.m. | CENTRAL MALL - PANJAGUTTA, 10:20, 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 11:00 p.m. | I BK MALL - BANAJARA HILLS, 11:50, 1:30, 7:30, 10:40 p.m. | ATRIUM MALL - GACHIBOWLI, 10:10, 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:50 p.m. | PRESTON PRIME - GACHIBOWLI, 10:00, 1:10, 7:50, 11:00 p.m. | GVK ONE - BANAJARA HILLS, 10:10, 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:50 p.m. | MP MALL - KACHIGUDA, 10:10, 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:50 p.m. | GSM MALL - MIYAPUR, 10:00, 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40 p.m. | SATTVA NECKLACE MALL - KANAKADUGUDA, 10:10, 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:50 p.m. | ASHOKA - KUKATPALLI, 10:20, 1:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m. | S2 CINEMAS MALLAPUR, 10:00, 1:10, 7:40, 10:50 p.m. | S2 CINEMAS WARANGAL, 10:25, 1:35, 7:30, 10:40 p.m. | ARMOOR |

LULU MALL - KUKATPALLI, 10:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m. | MANTRA MALL - ATTAPUR, 10:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m. | CCPL - MALKAJGIRI, 10:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m. | SUDHA - SHALIBANDA, 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00 p.m. | DSL VIRTUE MALL - UPPAL, 10:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.

CINE PLANET - KOMPALLY, 10:45, 1:35, 4:20, 7:20, 10:40 p.m. | VAISHNAVI, 10:50, 1:35, 4:25, 7:25, 10:40 p.m. | M CUBE MALL - ATTAPUR, 10:50, 1:35, 4:25, 7:25, 10:40 p.m. | MUKTA CINEMAS A2 MJR CINEMAS NARAPALLY, 4:30, 10:30 p.m. |

BALANAGAR, 10:30, 1:30, 7:50, 10:50 p.m. | CHNADRA NAGAR, 11:20, 2:20, 7:50, 10:50 p.m. | MIYAPUR, 11:00, 2:00, 7:40, 10:40 p.m. | MALKAJGIRI, 11:00, 2:00, 7:40, 10:40 p.m.

PLATINUM GACHIBOWLI, 9:00, 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 p.m. | AMEERPET, 10:30, 1:30, 10:30 p.m. |

VENKATARAMANA COMPLEX KACHIGUDA, 11:30, 6:00 p.m.

AMR MALL MOULALI, 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45 p.m.

SECUNDERABAD, 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40 p.m.

AAA CINEMAS AMEERPET, 10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20 p.m.

J PRASAD MADINAGUDA, 10:45, 1:35, 4:20, 7:20, 10:40 p.m.

TARAKARAMA KACHIGUDA, 11:15, 2:15, 4:00, 9:00 p.m.

METRO BAHADURPURA, 11:30, 2:30, 4:00, 9:00 p.m.

SAI RAJA MUSHEERABAD, 11:30, 2:30, 4:00, 9:00 p.m.

GRAND RELEASING TODAY

SHANTHI 70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

MEGA 70MM-DILSUKNAGAR
11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

LAXMIKALACINEPRIDE
11.30AM(ONE SHOW)

MAHALAXMICOMP-11.15, 2.30

Cinesquare-1.45PM
JP Cinemas-1.00PM
MJR SQUARE-10.50PM

Forum Mall-10.40AM
Irrummanzil-10.45AM
Central Mall-1.40PM

Miraj Balanagar-4.30PM
Miraj Shalini-4.40PM

GSM MALL-4.35PM
NECKLACE-10.40PM

CCPL | MANTRA MALL | SUDHA MALL
LULU MALL | DSL MALL

SHRAY MOTION PICTURE THRU PARAMJYOTHI FILMS

APARNA CINEMAS
Where Luxury Meets Cinema
NEO MALL, NALLAGANDLA

SCHEDULE FOR 14TH JUNE

CHANDU CHAMPION (HINDI)
10:40 AM, 01:40 PM, 4:40 PM, 7:40 PM, 10:40 PM

HAROM HARA (THE REVOLT) (TELUGU)
10:25 AM, 01:00 PM, 04:45 PM, 07:20 PM, 10:30 PM

INSIDE OUT 2 (2D) (ENGLISH)
01:50 PM, 04:00 PM, 06:00 PM, 08:10 PM

JHAMKUDI (GUJARATI)
10:20 PM

MAHARAJA (TAMIL)
07:55 PM

MAHARAJA (TELUGU)
10:50 AM, 01:15 PM, 04:15 PM, 10:50 PM

MANAME (TELUGU)
01:35 PM, 04:10 PM, 07:00 PM, 10:50 PM

MUNJYA (HINDI)
01:30 PM, 04:10 PM, 10:10 PM

THE WATCHERS (ENGLISH)
03:40 PM, 08:30 PM

THE GARFIELD (ENGLISH)
06:10 PM

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RELEASING TODAY

HAROM HARA - THE REVOLT

SUDHEER BABU IN
A GNANASAGAR DWARAKA FILM
PRODUCED BY SUMANTH G NAIDU
A CHAITAN BHARADWAJ MUSICAL

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ASIAN CINEMAS
SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

ASIAN RADHIKA - AS RAO NAGAR
MUSIC SHOP/MUNJYA/NEE DHAAREY Rs.150/250 INSIDE OUT 2 Rs.200/300
MANAMEY/MAHARAJA/HAROM HARA/MAHARAJA Rs.200/300
HAROM HARA (TEL) 10:50AM, 1:50PM, 4:50PM, 7:50PM, 10:50PM
10:45AM, 4:40PM, 10:25- INSIDE OUT 2 Rs.200/300 | 11:15AM, 4:50PM, 7:50PM, 10:50PM | 1:40PM, 7:30PM, 10:50PM | 1:40PM, 4:35PM, 7:30PM, 10:45PM
KATHA (TEL) 10:45PM, 1:35PM

ASIAN CINEPLANET - KOMPALLY
CHANDU/MUNJYA Rs.150/250 INSIDE OUT 2 Rs.220/320
HAROM HARA (MUSIC SHOP) YEVAM/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA Rs.200/300
CHANDU CHAMPION (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
HAROM HARA (TEL) 10:40AM, 1:40PM, 4:40PM, 7:40PM, 10:40PM
10:35AM, 4:45PM, 7:10- INSIDE OUT 2 Rs.200/300 | 11:10AM, 4:50PM, 7:50PM, 10:50PM | 1:40PM, 7:30PM, 10:50PM | 1:40PM, 4:35PM, 7:30PM, 10:45PM
MUSIC SHOP MURTHY (TEL) 10:40PM, 1:40PM, 4:40PM, 7:40PM, 10:40PM

ASIAN CINE SQUARE - UPPAL
YEVAM/MUSIC SM/NEE DHAAREY Rs.150/250 INDRANI/INSIDE OUT 2 Rs.200/300
MANAMEY/MAHARAJA/HAROM HARA/MAHARAJA Rs.200/300
HAROM HARA (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
11:10AM, 1:45PM, 7:40, 10:30- MAHARAJA (TEL) 10:45AM, 4:35PM, 7:25, 10:20- MUSIC SHOP MURTHY (TEL) 10:45PM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
(TEL) 10:45PM, 1:35PM, 4:35PM, 7:35PM, 10:35PM | 7:30PM, 10:35PM, 1:35PM

ASIAN M CUBE MALL - ATTAPUR
CHANDU CHAMPION/MUNJYA Rs.150/250 INSIDE OUT 2 Rs.220/320
MANAMEY/MAHARAJA/HAROM HARA/MAHARAJA Rs.200/300
CHANDU CHAMPION (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
10:35AM, 4:40PM, 10:30- INSIDE OUT 2 Rs.200/300 | 11:10AM, 4:45PM, 7:40PM, 10:40PM | 1:50PM, 7:40PM, 10:50PM | 1:50PM, 4:45PM, 7:40PM, 10:45PM
MAHARAJA (TEL) 10:45PM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
ASIAN LAKSHMIKALA CINEPRIDE - MOOSPATNAM
MANAMEY/MAHARAJA/HAROM HARA Rs.50/100/150
MUSIC SHOP/INDRANI/YEVAM Rs.50/100/150
MANAMEY (TEL) 11:25AM, 2:40PM, 6:25, 9:35- MAHARAJA (TEL) 10:45PM, 11:30AM, 2:45PM, 6:30, 9:35- HAROM HARA (TEL) 2:40PM, 9:40PM
MUSIC SHOP MURTHY (TEL) 10:45PM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
11:25AM- YEVAM (TEL) 10:45PM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM

ASIAN CINEMART - RC PURAM
CHANDU/YEVAM/MUSIC SHOP Rs.150/250 INSIDE OUT 2 Rs.220/320
HAROM HARA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA Rs.200/300
CHANDU CHAMPION (TEL) 10:40AM, 1:40AM, 4:30, 7:25, 10:35- MANAMEY (TEL) 10:30AM, 1:30AM, 4:25AM, 7:25AM, 10:35AM
10:35AM, 4:25PM, 7:25, 10:20- INSIDE OUT 2 Rs.200/300 | 11:15AM, 4:30PM, 7:25- MAHARAJA (TEL) 10:35AM, 1:35PM, 4:35PM, 7:35PM, 10:35PM | MUSIC SHOP MURTHY (TEL) 10:35PM, 1:35PM, 4:35PM, 7:35PM, 10:35PM

RELEASING ON 21ST JUNE (FRIDAY)
NINDHA
OMG

RELEASING ON 27TH JUNE (THURSDAY)
KALKI

GRAND RELEASE TODAY

SAPTHAGIRI 70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

RAJADHANI DELUXE-DSNR
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

MALLIKARJUNA70-KUKATPALLY
11.15, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

JAGADAMBA 70MM
11.30, 6.30PM(2 SHOWS)

RAMAKRISHNA70MM-11.30, 6.00

VENKATARAMANA/PADMAVATHI
11.15, 6.15PM(2 SHOWS)

AMB-10.30, 1.20, 7.15, 10.20PM

AAA-10.15, 4.15, 10.15PM

PRASAD'S-11.20, 5.55, 10.30PM

ASIAN CINEMART-1.35, 7.30, 10.30PM

LAKSHMIKALA-11.30, 2.45, 6.30, 9.35PM

INOX
GVK MALL-10.45, 4.40, 7.45PM
NECKLACE-10.30, 7.35, 10.40PM
MP MALL-4.40, 10.20PM
ASHOKA ONE-10.20, 7.25, 10.30PM

DILSUKNAGAR-10.30, 1.50, 8.00PM
MALKAJGIRI-10.30, 5.00, 10.30PM
CHANDANAGAR-11.10, 7.30, 10.30PM
MIYAPUR-10.30, 5.00, 10.30PM
BALANAGAR-11.10, 5.20, 7.30, 10.30PM

JP CINEMAS-1.35, 4.30, 7.45, 10.45PM
RADHIKA-1.40, 7.30PM
MUR SQUARE-1.40, 4.50, 7.20PM
MCUBE MALL-1.50, 7.40PM
SHA&SHAHENSHA-6.30, 9.45PM
SIVAGANGA-11.15, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15PM
CINESQUARE-10.45, 4.35, 7.25, 10.20PM
CINEPLANET-4.40, 10.15PM

NEXUS MALL-10.50, 7.45, 10.50PM
MUSARAMBAGH-11.20, 4.00, 10.50PM
MALLAPUR-11.00, 7.40, 10.45PM
IRRUMMANZIL-10.15, 7.40, 10.45PM
INORBIT MALL-11.00, 4.15, 10.50PM
CENTRAL MALL-10.15, 7.45, 10.50PM
RK-5.25, 10.50PM | PRESTONE-11.05, 4.55, 10.50PM
ATRIUM MALL-10.50, 4.40, 10.30PM
ICON HI TECH-10.05, 5.10, 10.30PM
L&T GALLERIA-10.35, 4.25, 10.50PM

SUDHA MALL-11.00, 1.35, 10.45PM
MANTRA MALL-11.00, 2.00, 7.20, 10.20PM
LULU MALL-10.00, 1.20, 7.50PM
CCPL-10.30, 1.30, 10.45PM | DSL VIRTUE-10.50, 1.45, 10.45PM

BVK 1.30, 7.30, 10.40
AMR MALL 10.15, 4.15, 10.15

11.00, 1.50, 7.40, 10.40PM
GPR MALL 10.30, 7.30, 10.30PM

GACHIBOWLI-9.15, 3.00, 8.15PM
AMEERPET-2.00, 7.30, 10.15PM

INDRA/NAGENDRA70 11.15, 2.30, 6.15, 9.15
ASIAN SWAPNA70 11.15, 6.00PM
ASIAN SENSATION 2.30, 9.15PM
BR HITECH70MM 11.00, 6.00PM
GOKUL70MM 11.15, 2.30, 6.15, 9.30
SAIRANGA70MM 2.00, 9.00PM
SAIPOOJA70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00
SRISAIRAM70MM 2.30, 9.45PM
SUSHMA70MM 11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM
VLS SRIDEVI70MM 11.15, 2.30, 6.00, 9.15PM
VYJAYANTHI70MM 11.00, 6.00PM
ASIAN JYOTHI70 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00

SANTOSH70MM 11.00, 6.00PM
ALANKAR70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00
SRIRAMANA70MM 11.00, 6.00PM
RAJYALAKSHMI 11.15, 2.15, 6.00, 9.00

SUPER70MM 11.15, 6.15PM
SRISAIRAM70MM 2.30, 9.45PM
SVC SIVASAKTHI70 11.30, 6.30PM
TALLURI70MM 11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

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SANDHYA 35MM
ENJOY 4K LASER PROJECTION & DOLBY ATMOS
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

ARJUN70-11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

RAJADHANI70MM-DSNR
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

JAGADAMBA70MM
2.30, 9.30PM(2 SHOWS)

RAMAKRISHNA70MM-2.30, 9.15PM

VENKATARAMANA/PADMAVATHI
2.30, 9.15PM(2 SHOWS)

TALLURI70MM-ECIL
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

PRASHANTH70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

MUKTA SENSATION70
11.15, 6.15PM

ASIAN SWAPNA70MM
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15

SUPER70MM
2.15, 9.15PM

BR HITECH70MM
2.15, 9.15PM

INDRA/NAGENDRA
11.00, 6.00PM

SAIRANGA70MM
11.00, 6.00PM

SREERAMULU70MM
11.30, 2.30, 6.30, 9.30PM

SRISAIRAM70MM
11.30, 6.30PM

VIJETHA70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

VYJAYANTHI70MM
2.00, 9.00PM

SREERAMANA70
2.00, 9.00PM

SRIRISHNAUPPAL
11.00, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15PM

SVC SRILAKSHMI
11.00, 2.15, 6.00, 9.15PM

SVC EESHWAR70
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

BHUJANGA70MM
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

SAMPOORNA70
11.15, 2.15, 6.15, 9.15PM

SVC SIVASAKTHI70
2.30, 9.30PM

SANTOSHIBPATNAM
2.00, 9.00PM

NARTHAKI70MM
2.30, 9.30PM

APARNA-10.25, 1.00, 4.45, 7.20, 10.30PM

AMB-10.00, 1.35, 4.30, 7.40, 10.45PM

AAA-10.15, 1.20, 4.30, 7.35, 10.40PM

PRASAD'S-10.45, 1.30, 8.05, 10.50PM

LAKSHMIKALA CINEPRIDE-2.40, 9.40PM

INOX
GVK MALL-10.40, 4.10, 7.25, 10.40PM
GSM MALL-10.10, 1.25, 7.35, 10.50PM
MP MALL-10.40, 12.50, 7.25, 10.30PM
ASHOKA ONE-10.05, 1.20, 7.25, 10.40PM
SATTVA NECKLACE-10.35, 1.10, 7.45, 10.40PM

BALANAGAR-2.10, 10.35PM
MALKAJGIRI-2.00, 11.00PM
CHANDANAGAR-11.10, 4.40, 7.50, 11.00PM
DILSUKNAGAR | MIYAPUR

11.00, 1.50, 7.30, 10.30PM
10.30, 1.45, 4.45, 8.00, 11.00PM

TIVOLI 10.45, 4.35, 7.15, 10.15PM

GACHIBOWLI-10.00, 3.00, 8.00, 10.55PM
AMEERPET-10.00, 4.00, 7.15, 10.00PM

SUDHA MALL-11.00, 1.35, 10.45PM
MANTRA MALL-11.00, 2.00, 7.20, 10.20PM
LULU MALL-10.00, 1.20, 7.50PM
CCPL-10.30, 1.30, 10.45PM | DSL VIRTUE-10.50, 1.45, 10.45PM

JP CINEMAS-10.45, 4.40, 7.25, 10.25PM
RADHIKA-10.50, 7.35, 10.30PM
MUR SQUARE-10.50, 1.50, 7.35, 10.35PM
MCUBE MALL-10.50, 4.40, 10.30PM
SHA&SHAHENSHA-11.15, 2.30, 6.15, 9.15PM
SIVAGANGA-11.00, 6.00PM
CINESQUARE-10.45, 1.50, 4.50, 7.50, 10.50PM
CINEPLANET-10.40, 1.40, 7.30, 10.30PM

NEXUS MALL-10.10, 1.25, 4.40, 7.55, 11.10PM
MUSARAMBAGH-10.45, 1.45, 7.50, 11.05PM
MALLAPUR-11.10, 4.15, 7.05, 10.20PM
IRRUMMANZIL-11.00, 4.35, 7.50, 11.05PM
INORBIT MALL-11.10, 1.45, 7.50, 11.05PM
CENTRAL MALL-11.00, 1.20, 7.25, 10.40PM
RK-11.50, 4.30, 11.00PM | PRESTONE-11.20, 4.15, 7.30, 10.45PM
ATRIUM MALL-11.10, 4.10, 7.25, 10.40PM
ICON HI TECH-10.35, 4.15, 7.30, 10.45PM
L&T GALLERIA-11.00, 2.15, 7.45, 10.45PM

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SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

HAROM HARA - THE REVOLT (TEL) (A)
10:00 AM, 01:35 PM, 04:30 PM, 07:40 PM, 10:45 PM

INSIDE OUT 2 (ENG 3D) (U)
10:15 AM, 12:25 PM, 05:00 PM, 08:25 PM, 10:45 PM

CHANDU CHAMPION (HIN 3D) (UA)
10:20 AM, 01:20 PM, 04:20 PM, 07:25 PM, 10:30 PM

MAHARAJA (TEL) (UA)
10:30 AM, 01:20 PM, 07:15 PM, 10:20 PM

MANAMEY (TEL) (UA)
10:35 AM, 04:35 PM, 07:30 PM, 10:30 PM

MUNJYA (HIN 3D) (UA)
01:45 PM, 05:45 PM, 07:40 PM, 10:35 PM

THE WATCHERS (ENG) (A)
04:45 PM, 10:20 PM

MUSIC SHOP MURTHY (TEL) (UA)
10:40 AM

NEE DHAAREY NEE KATHA (TEL) (U)
10:45 AM

BAD BOYS: RIDE OR DIE (ENG) (A)
07:30 PM

MIR & MRS MAHI (HIN) (U)
01:45 PM

ROCKSTAR (HIN) (UA)
02:35 PM

SATYABHAMA (TEL) (UA)
04:30 PM

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BOOKINGS OPEN NOW

ASIAN CINEMAS
CINEPLANET-11.00AM
CINESQUARE-1.30PM
ASIAN MJR SQUARE-10.50AM
JP CINEMAS-4.35PM

LAKSHMIKALA CINEPRIDE
6.30PM(ONE SHOW)

ASIAN CINEMART-RC PURAM
1.35PM(ONE SHOW)

PVR CINEMAS
ATRIUM MALL-7.45PM
IRRUMMANZIL-5.00PM
L&T GALLERIA-1.55PM
FORUM MALL-5.00PM

INOX
ASHOKA ONE-1.30PM
GSM MALL-4.25PM

DSL MALL-UPPAL
2.40PM

GPR MALL-KUKATPALLY
1.15PM

MIRAJ CINEMAS
MIRAJ GEETHA MALL
4.50PM

AMB CINEMAS-GACHIBOWLI
ASIAN SATYAM-AMEERPET
PRASAD'S-NTR GARDENS

ASIAN CINEMAS
SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

ASIAN SHIVA GANGA - DILSUKNAGAR
MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA/HAROM HARA/MAHARAJA Rs.50/100/150
MAHARAJA (TEL) 11:15AM, 2:15PM, 6:15, 9:15- MANAMEY (TEL) 10:45PM, 2:00PM, 9:00- HAROM HARA (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM

ASIAN SHA & SHAHENSHA - CHINTHAL
HAROM HARA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA Rs.50/100/150
HAROM HARA (TEL) 11:15AM, 2:30PM, 6:15, 9:30- MANAMEY (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
11:15AM, 2:45PM- MAHARAJA (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM

ASIAN MUKHTA A2 MJR SQUARE MALL - NARAPALLY
CHANDU/MUNJYA/MUSIC SHOP/YEVAM/NEE DHAAREY/20 Rs.150/250
HAROM HARA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA Rs.200/300
HAROM HARA (TEL) 10:50AM, 1:50PM, 4:50PM, 7:50PM, 10:50PM
10:35AM, 7:15PM, 10:20- MAHARAJA (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:40PM, 4:40PM, 7:40PM, 10:45PM
MUNJYA (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
4:35PM, 10:20- MUSIC SHOP MURTHY (TEL) 10:45AM, 4:30PM, 7:30PM, 10:45PM
(TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM

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SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

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ASIAN SHA & SHAHENSHA - CHINTHAL
HAROM HARA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA Rs.50/100/150
HAROM HARA (TEL) 11:15AM, 2:30PM, 6:15, 9:30- MANAMEY (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
11:15AM, 2:45PM- MAHARAJA (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM

ASIAN MUKHTA A2 MJR SQUARE MALL - NARAPALLY
CHANDU/MUNJYA/MUSIC SHOP/YEVAM/NEE DHAAREY/20 Rs.150/250
HAROM HARA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA Rs.200/300
HAROM HARA (TEL) 10:50AM, 1:50PM, 4:50PM, 7:50PM, 10:50PM
10:35AM, 7:15PM, 10:20- MAHARAJA (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:40PM, 4:40PM, 7:40PM, 10:45PM
MUNJYA (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
4:35PM, 10:20- MUSIC SHOP MURTHY (TEL) 10:45AM, 4:30PM, 7:30PM, 10:45PM
(TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM

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ASIAN SHA & SHAHENSHA - CHINTHAL
HAROM HARA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA/MAHARAJA Rs.50/100/150
HAROM HARA (TEL) 11:15AM, 2:30PM, 6:15, 9:30- MANAMEY (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM
11:15AM, 2:45PM- MAHARAJA (TEL) 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM

ASIAN MUKHTA A2 MJR SQUARE MALL - NARAPALLY
CHANDU/MUNJYA/MUSIC SHOP/YEVAM/NEE DHAAREY/20 Rs.150/250
HAROM HARA

SHORT TAKE

NAIDU REFUSES TO MEET OFFICERS ALIGNED WITH YSRC

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 13

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday refused to meet IAS and IPS officials who were accused of favouring the YSRC in the previous Jagan Mohan Reddy government.

These included IAS officers Ajay Jain, Y. Srilakshmi and K.V.V. Satyanarayana and IPS officers P.S.R. Anjaneyulu and P.V. Sunil Kumar. The officers, along with others, had lined up to meet Naidu at the Secretariat in Velagapudi in Amaravati.

Jain had reportedly given a statement to the CID against Naidu. There are allegations that Anjaneyulu, intelligence chief of the YSRC government, had cooperated in the "conspiracies" against the TD chief. Srilakshmi, special chief secretary of the municipal department, has been accused of colluding with Jagan Mohan Reddy and CMO officials to commit large-scale corruption.

Satyanarayana has been accused of manipulation in the finance department. It is reported that the controversial officials turned back after the Chief Minister's office did not allow them to meet Naidu.

● **THE OFFICERS** had lined up to meet CM at the Secretariat in Velagapudi in Amaravati. It is reported the controversial officials turned back after the Chief Minister's office did not allow them to meet Naidu.



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu takes charge at the Secretariat on Thursday in the presence of ministers K. Atchannaaidu, Nimmala Ramanaidu, Payyavula Keshav, and Chief Secretary to the CM M. Ravichandra. — BY ARRANGEMENT

Naidu takes charge, signs mega DSC 1st

MD ILYAS JDC VIJAYAWADA, JUNE 13

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu assumed charge at the CM's Chamber in the first block of the state Secretariat at Velagapudi on Thursday.

Taking charge at the auspicious muhurat 4.41 pm, the Chief Minister put signatures on five files, all relating to promises he gave the people during the election campaign. The first signature was on the Mega DSC file, the second on repeal of the Land Titling Act, the third for increase of social security pension to ₹4,000 from the present ₹3,000, the fourth sign being to restart the Anna canteens and fifth signature on the process of skill censuses.

Chief secretary Neerabh Prasad, ministers K. Atchannaaidu, Kollu Ravindra, Nimmala Ramanaidu, Payyavula Keshav and others were present. As Naidu arrived at the secre-

tariat as CM, he was warmly welcomed by senior officials and leaders of employees. To start with, the CM signed the mega DSC file for filling of 16,347 teacher posts.

The category-wise details of posts are: SGT 6,371 posts, PET 132 posts, school assistants 7725 posts, TGT 1781 posts, PGT 286 posts and principals 52 posts. The CM reviewed the status of DSC 2024.

Officials explained to him that, under the Department of School Education, there are 61,755 institutions, including government-managed and private, with a total enrolment of 81,59,400 students.

The DSC notification, which was issued on February 12, 2024, carried 6,100 vacancies. These vacancies attracted registrations from 4,72,487 candidates. The earlier government notified only 6,100 vacancies, which created an uproar among the aspirants.

NBW against Yediyurappa for sexually abusing minor

K'taka home minister says former CM may be arrested if necessary



B.S. Yediyurappa

Bengaluru, June 13: A Bengaluru court on Thursday issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against former chief minister and senior BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa in a Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (Pocso) case.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID), probing the Pocso case against Yediyurappa, had earlier summoned him for questioning. He, however, had sought time to appear before the investigation officer of the CID.

The BJP veteran, who is also a member of the party's parliamentary board, is presently in Delhi, and he is likely to join the probe after he returns, sources close to him have said.

According to police, Yediyurappa has been booked under the Pocso Act and Section 354 A (Sexual harassment) of the Indian Penal Code based on a complaint by

the mother of a 17-year-old girl who alleged that he sexually assaulted her daughter during a meeting on February two this year; at his residence in Dollars Colony here.

On March 14, hours after the Sadashivnagar police registered the case, Karnataka DGP Alok Mohan issued an order transferring it to the CID for further investigation with immediate effect.

The 54-year-old woman, who had leveled the charge against Yediyurappa, died at a private hospital here last

month, due to lung cancer.

The 81-year-old Yediyurappa has denied the charge and said he would fight the case legally.

Karnataka home minister G. Parameshwara said the former CM may be arrested if necessary. "Notice has been served procedurally, the chargesheet has to be filed by June 15. Before that they (CID) will file the chargesheet. They will have to follow procedure for it. They will have to record his statement and produce him (in court), all these are procedures and the department will do it," he said here.

"If necessary they will arrest. I can't say (if) it is necessary, CID has to say it. If they feel it is necessary, they will do it."

The government, has appointed Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Ashok H. Nayak to represent the CID in the case. — PTI

Darshan case: CCTV captures abduction

Bengaluru, June 13: Three people, including the close aide of Kannada star Darshan Thooodeepa, were arrested in connection with the murder of Renukaswamy even as the police recovered CCTV footage showing the suspected abduction of the victim in a car. According to police, Darshan's aide Nagaraj was looking after all his dealings.

He was also taking care of Darshan's farmhouse in Mysuru.

Nagaraj was on the run ever since the police arrested Darshan, his friend and actress Pavithra Gowda and 11 other henchmen. Sources did not divulge details about his co-star Pradosh's role in the murder. Pradosh had appeared in minor roles in some movies in which Darshan was in the lead. Another henchman identified as Ravi surrendered before the deputy superintendent of police on Thursday evening. He is a resident of Kurubarahatti in the district headquarters town of Chitradurga, and was at large ever since the murder came to light. So far 16 people have been arrested. Renukaswamy was allegedly killed on June 8 for sending lewd messages to Pavithra. His body was then dumped in a stormwater drain in K-amakshipalya. Police got to know about the murder when a food delivery boy alerted them about dogs eating the body of a man. — PTI

Kuwait building fire: 45 Indians, including 23 Malayalis, identified Kerala man makes a daring escape

Kasaragod (Kerala), June 13: A split-second decision by Nalinakshan, who was among those in the residential building in Kuwait which caught fire, saved his life. At least 45 Indians have died in the fire tragedy, according to Kuwaiti authorities.

The resident of Thrikkaripur in northern Kerala, found himself trapped on a third floor apartment in the building when disaster struck. In a daring bid to escape the flames, he made a split-second decision that saved his life — he jumped onto a nearby water tank.

Though the leap to safety left him with broken ribs and injuries, Nalinakshan managed to survive the tragedy.

Relatives who lived nearby quickly found him and rushed him to a hospital in Kuwait for urgent medical care.

"We received the shocking news around 11 am on Wednesday. He had jumped onto the water tank but couldn't move. Our relatives found him there and immediately took him to the hospital," Nalinakshan's uncle Balakrishnan said.

He said the family could not speak much to Nalinakshan because of the phone as he was bleeding from his mouth.

"We haven't been able to speak much with Nalinakshan because of the injuries. His surgery will be performed, and we are slightly relieved because he is being treated at a good hospital there," Balakrishnan added.

Meanwhile, pall of gloom descends over two Kottayam families as the news hit here.

The eldest of three brothers, Stephin Abraham Sabu (29) from Pampady here was excited about moving into their newly-built house by August after living in a rented accommodation for over 13 years.

KUWAIT FIRE TRAGEDY

DEATH TOLL

Kerala	23
Tamil Nadu	7
Andhra Pradesh	3
Karnataka	1

TAMILS IDENTIFIED

- Rama Karuppan
- Veerasamy Mariappan
- Chinnadurai Krishnamurthy
- Mohammed Sherif
- Richard

STEPS are being taken to bring bodies home and ensure necessary medical care for the injured.

IAF AIRCRAFT ON STANDBY TO BRING BODIES

● **KUWAITI AUTHORITIES** are conducting DNA tests on the bodies.

● **MoS** for external affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh reached Kuwait to oversee assistance to Indians injured in the fire and to ensure early repatriation of mortal remains.

● **On Wednesday**, EAM S. Jaishankar spoke to Al Yahya and urged him to ensure early repatriation of the mortal remains.



MoS for external affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh meets injured Indians at the Jaber hospital in Kuwait on Thursday. — PTI

When I went there, I saw that his face was completely swollen and the nose was covered with soot. I was unable to identify him. I just could not.

— PRADEEP Father of deceased Srihari

RELIEF FOR VICTIMS & FAMILIES

KERALA GOVT to provide ₹5 lakh financial assistance to the families of the people from the state who died in the tragedy and ₹one lakh to those injured.

PROMINENT businessmen M.A. Yusuff Ali and Ravi Pillai will provide ₹5 L and ₹2 L respectively, to each of the families of the Keralites who died in the fire.

Besides Sabu, another person from Kottayam, 27-year-old Srihari Pradeep, also living in the same building, lost his life. His father Pradeep was able to identify the body only from the tattoo on his hand.

Pradeep said he was called by the authorities to identify his son's body kept in a hospital mortuary. "When I went there, I saw that the face was completely swollen and the nose was covered with soot. I was unable to identify him. I

MoS REACHED KUWAIT, BODIES TO BE SENT HOME

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

Following the horrific fire-accident in Kuwait on Wednesday in which at least 45 Indian workers perished and over 50 were injured, minister of state (MoS) for external affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh arrived in the Gulf nation on Thursday and immediately visited hospitals there where the injured are being treated. He also met Kuwaiti Ministers who conveyed their condolences in the wake of the tragedy.

Singh visited the Jaber, Mubarak Al Kabeer and Adan hospitals where the injured Indians are being treated. He also called on the Kuwaiti First Dy PM Sheikh Fahad Yousef Saud Al Sabah who conveyed Kuwait's "condolences on behalf of the Amir and his instructions to ensure all necessary assistance." He also called on Kuwaiti foreign minister Abdullah Ali Al Yahya who also "assured full support including medical care and early repatriation of bodies."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had earlier directed Singh to rush to the Gulf nation immediately to "oversee assistance to those injured in the fire tragedy and to coordinate with local authorities" there for early repatriation of the mortal remains of the deceased.

New Delhi had stated, "In an unfortunate and tragic fire-incident earlier today in a Labour housing facility in Mangaf area of Kuwait, around 40 Indians are understood to have died and over 50 injured."

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- CHANDU CHAMPION (U/A) (HINDI) 11:45AM, 3:00PM, 9:30PM
- MUNJYA (U/A) (HINDI) 6:30PM

Khairatabad, Lakdikapul, Hyderabad

TIVOLI TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- HAROM HARA(A) (154 MIN)(TEL) 4.40, 10.30PM
- MAHARAJA (146 MIN)(U/A) 11.00, 1.50, 7.40, 10.40PM
- MANAME(U/A) (U/A) (155 MIN) 1.40, 4.30, 7.20PM
- MUNJYA(U/A)(HIN) 11.15, 2.30, 7.30, 10.20PM
- CHANDU CHAMPION (U/A)(143 MIN)(HIN) 11.00, 1.50, 4.40, 7.40, 10.40PM
- INSIDE OUT2(U) (96MIN)(ENG) 12.15, 5.20PM

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RAM MOHAN TO REVIEW AIRFARES

LAXMI PRANATHI | DC VISAKHAPATNAM, JUNE 13

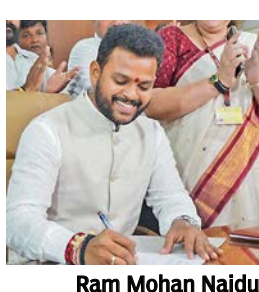
Telugu Desam MP, Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, assumed charge as civil aviation minister in New Delhi on Thursday, succeeding Jyotiraditya Scindia.

The 36-year-old three-time MP expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for giving him the opportunity to join the Union Cabinet and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for assigning him the civil aviation ministry.

Rammohan Naidu said one of his priorities will be to create an "ease of flying" scenario, making air travel more accessible and affordable. Focus will be on ensuring comfort, convenience, safety, and security of passengers, he said.

The minister said he would prepare a 100-day action plan for the ministry, as advised by the Prime Minister. On the high air ticket rates, he would hold review meetings to address this issue.

He highlighted the stability of the NDA alliance under Modi's leadership, stating that all alliance partners were happy with their roles and responsibilities.



Ram Mohan Naidu

SAD | TALE Large number of migrant workers go to GCCs with 2 or 3-yr labour contracts

NRIs in Gulf living in pathetic conditions

GILVESTER ASSARY | DC THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 13

The fire tragedy in Kuwait that claimed the lives of 49 people including 24 Keralites has brought into sharp focus yet again, the miserable living conditions of migrant workers in the Gulf countries.

More than 50 lakh persons from India are said to be working in the Gulf countries, a majority are engaged in hard labour and low-paid jobs. The Kerala Migration

Survey 2016 put the number of migrant workers from Kerala at 22 lakh, and 90 per cent of them working in the Gulf.

Cooperation Council (GCC) countries of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

A large number of migrant workers go to the GCC countries with two or three-year labour contracts. Most of them stay in pathetic living conditions in cramped labour camps. Lack of adequate sanitation, basic health facilities

and drinking water make these labour camps a place with sub-human conditions.

Thousands of complaints are received from Indian migrant labourers, the highest from Kuwait. These complaints pertain to non-payment of salaries, miserable working and staying conditions, lack of basic amenities including food and water, harassment, unfair treatment by employers and problems in getting bodies of dead migrant workers repatriated.

In many instances, the passports of workers are confiscated upon arrival, so they have to be at the mercy of the employers.

Many organisations, from time to time, have called for regular checks and inspections in labour camps by Indian embassies and missions. There have also been demands for visits of the joint parliamentary committees to the countries to study the living conditions of Indian migrant workers. Nothing much has happened on the ground.

"More than five years ago when I chaired the parliamentary standing committee on external affairs, I requested the government to prepare an updated Emigration Bill to ensure decent conditions of work and security for our migrant workers. I am shocked that five years later there is still no Bill. I urge the government to address this issue at the earliest," Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor wrote on X, reacting to the Kuwait tragedy. The remittances sent

to Kerala by emigrants in Gulf countries have risen to over ₹1 lakh crore which clearly shows the crucial role they play in sustaining the state's economy.

Besides, the migrant workers contribute immensely to the economic growth of Gulf countries. Representatives of expatriates say these countries should reciprocate by ensuring labour reforms, better living conditions, social protection schemes, timely wages and mechanisms for redressal of contract violations.

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SHORT TAKES

TOP COURT STAYS RELEASE OF FILM 'HUMARE BAARAH'

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the June 14 release of Annu Kapoor's movie *Humare Baarah* after taking note of allegations that the film is derogatory to the Islamic faith and married Muslim women.

The apex court directive came after a vacation bench watched the movie trailer replete with offensive dialogues. A vacation bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta took note of the submissions of lawyer Fauzia Shakil, representing the petitioner Azhar Basha Tamboli, and asked the Bombay High Court to take an expeditious decision on the plea.

C'GARH DEPLOYS GPS-BASED DEVICE TO DELIVER MEDS

DC CORRESPONDENT RAIPUR, JUNE 13

The state-owned Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation Limited (CGMSCL) has deployed GPS-based tracking systems to strengthen the supply chain and ensure smooth delivery of medicines to government health facilities.

The corporation supplies life-saving drugs and essential consumables to over 1,300 facilities including primary and community health centre, district and medical college hospitals from its 16 warehouses to cover all the 33 districts in the state.

"Fortyfour vehicles used for medicine delivery have now been GPS-enabled and can be monitored online", an official press release issued here on Thursday said. The GPS data coupled with the DPDMS (Drug Procurement and Distribution Management Information System) application enables officials to track and monitor any shipment from warehouse to the facilities.

TIPS TO CLEAR UPSC: LAST DAY PREPARATIONS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JUNE 13

As the Civil Services Prelims examination approaches, candidates are undoubtedly feeling a mix of excitement and anxiety. Rau's IAS Study Circle CEO Abhishek Gupta shares a few essential tips to help candidates navigate this final stretch with confidence and poise.

There are two papers in the UPSC CSE Prelims exam.

Candidates must ensure all the necessary items, including admit card, black ballpoint pen, photo ID proof, are ready and packed the night before. Candidates must familiarise themselves with the examination guidelines.

Gupta stresses that the day before the exam candidates should be calm. "Candidates must review key notes, follow relaxation techniques and ensure they have adequate sleep," Gupta said.

CALCUTTA HC DIRECTS CBI TO CHARGE GURUNG

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, JUNE 13

In a big blow to Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) chief Bimal Gurung, the Calcutta High Court has directed the CBI to include him as an accused and frame charges in the case of murder of All India Gorkha League (AIGL) president Madan Tamang in Darjeeling 14 years ago.

Tamang was hacked to death allegedly by Gurung's aides in the hills in broad daylight on May 21, 2010. The CBI probed the murder on the High Court orders following a plea by Bharati Tamang, wife of the slain AIGL chief, and chargesheeted 48 GJM leaders including Gurung in May of 2015.

All the accused surrendered before the City Sessions Court in Kolkata on December 21, 2016, and got bail. In August 2017, the same court dropped Gurung's name from the list of accused after his counsel submitted that his client was in Kalimpong the day Tamang was murdered and that the CBI had no proof against him.

Centre plans June 23 NEET re-test for 1,563

Rejects paper leak allegations; Cong., TMC demand probe

RAKESH K. SINGH and AVINASH PRABHAKAR | DC NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

Amid the raging row over NEET, the Centre told the Supreme Court that the decision to give grace marks to 1,563 NEET-UG 2024 candidates for admission to MBBS, BDS and other courses has been cancelled. They will be given the option to take a re-test on June 23.

The results of the Neet-UG were announced by the NTA on June 4, against the anticipated timeline of June 14.

The Centre informed the top court that "if the candidates, out of the 1,563, do not wish to take up the retest, then their earlier marks, without the grace marks, will be given for the purposes of the results. The results of the re-test will be declared on June 30 and counselling for admissions in MBBS, BDS and other courses will start on July 6."

Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan dismissed allegations of a paper leak in the medical entrance examination, saying there "is no evidence" of it.

"There is no evidence of a paper leak in NEET-UG. The allegations of corruption in the NTA are unfounded, it is a credible body. It conducts exams for more than 50 lakh school students annually, besides exams at the higher education level," he said.

The Congress and TMC, however, demanded a top court-monitored probe into the issue and the removal of the chief of the NTA, which conducts the NEET-UG.

During the hearing in the top court, a vacation bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta made it clear that the admission of successful candidates to medical colleges and other institutions will be subject to the outcome of the petitions, which have sought reliefs like the cancellation of the examination held on May 5 on grounds of question paper leaks and other malpractices.

The bench noted the decision to cancel the grace marks awarded to 1,563 candidates as "fairly reasonable".

At the outset, lawyer Kanu Agarwal, appearing



Mohan Majhi

ALL FOUR GATES OF JAGANNATH TEMPLE REOPEN

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 13

Three of the four gates of Srimandir, the abode of Lord Jagannath, which were closed by the previous Naveen Patnaik government for unexplained reasons, reopened for devotees in the presence of new Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and his council of ministers.

This decision to open the three temple gates was taken at the first Cabinet meeting chaired by Majhi on Wednesday evening.

The gates were closed in 2020, after the Covid-19 pandemic struck.

Only one gate called Singha Dwar (Lion's Gate) was open to devotees.

The three other gates-Hasti Dwar (Elephant Gate), Aswa Dwar (Horse Gate), and Byaghra Dwar (Tiger Gate)-were closed. "Devotees had a harrowing time to visit the temple, standing in the queue under extreme weather conditions to have darshan of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra," said a devotee.

WHAT IS NEET-UG CONTROVERSY ALL ABOUT?

MEDICAL ENTRANCE EXAM NEET-UG WITH OVER 24 LAKH CANDIDATES APPEARING FOR IT HAS BECOME A CENTRE OF CONTROVERSY OVER ALLEGATIONS OF SEVERAL IRREGULARITIES WHICH TRIGGERED PROTESTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND A POLITICAL SLUGFEST.

WHAT HAPPENED

ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES: There have been allegations of inflation of marks which has led to a record 67 candidates sharing top rank with perfect score.



Members of AIDS O shout slogans against the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG entrance exam result-2024, at Salt Lake area in Kolkata. — PTI

WHY WERE STUDENTS AWARDED GRACE MARKS?

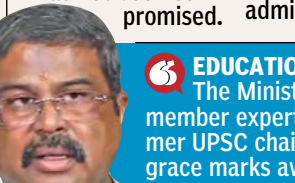
Students from at least six centres in Meghalaya, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Surat and Chandigarh had complained about the loss of time during the exams. A committee formed by the NTA investigated the matter and chose to use the formula devised and adopted by the apex court in a 2018 judgment.

GOVT V/S SC

NTA'S STAND: The National Testing Agency has maintained that the sanctity of the exam has not been compromised.

SUPREME COURT'S STAND

The apex court has noted that the sanctity of NEET-UG, 2024 was affected and has refused to stay the counselling process for admissions.



EDUCATION MINISTRY'S STAND: The Ministry has set up a four-member expert panel headed by former UPSC chairman to review the grace marks awarded to students.

Protests strengthen TN's demand: DMK

Chennai, June 13: The Tamil Nadu government on Thursday slammed the Centre over the alleged irregularities in the conduct of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admissions to medical courses, saying awarding grace marks was 'unacceptable' as it amounted to fraud.

The growing resentment and protests across the country against holding the NEET only strengthened the DMK's repeated plea to abolish the screening test, health minister Ma Subramanian said.

The NTA has to be blamed for the irregularities and confusion arising due to the conduct of the test, especially awarding grace marks. What was the basis for granting grace marks and has this decision been communicated to the NEET aspirants? Subramanian asked.

The irregularities and confusion have only caused mental agony to 23 lakh candidates who appeared for the test, he told reporters here and claimed that none from Tamil Nadu were given grace marks. — PTI

ANGER AGAINST NEET TO REFLECT IN PARL: CONG.

New Delhi, June 13: The Congress on Thursday again demanded a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the NEET exam issue, and asserted that the anger in the country over the matter will "reverberate inside Parliament as well".

The party also sought the removal of the National Testing Agency (NTA) director general and claimed that the BJP government's attitude towards the ongoing demand for an inquiry into the NEET examination is "irresponsible and insensitive".

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said that in the last 10 years, the Modi government has ruined the future of crores of youth. "Grace Marks was not the only problem in NEET exam. There has been rigging, papers have been leaked, corruption has taken place. The future of 24 lakh students appearing in the NEET examination is at stake due to the actions of the Modi government," he said. — PTI

Modi at G7 today; to hold bilateral talks with Biden

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

Prime Minister Narendra Modi may have a "pull-aside" meeting in Italy late on Friday evening (IST) with United States President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the G-7 summit at Borgo Egnazia in the Apulia region.

The Prime Minister, who left for Italy on Thursday evening to attend the outreach session of the G-7 meet that will take place on Friday, will have bilateral meetings with French President Emmanuel Macron and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak earlier in the day on Friday.

Later in the evening, Modi will hold bilateral

meetings with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Italian Prime Minister and G-7 summit host Georgia Meloni and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida. This will be the first set of meetings that PM Modi will have with world leaders in his third term in office and this is also his first foreign visit in his third term in power.

US national security adviser Jake Sullivan was

quoted as saying: "He (Biden) expects to see Modi here (in Italy)... Our expectation is that the two of them will have the opportunity to encounter one another. The nature of that encounter is still fluid because so much of the schedule is fluid." Sullivan made these remarks to reporters aboard Air Force One on his way to Italy to attend the G-7 summit, along with Biden.

Modi said in his departure statement that it will be "opportunity to deliberate on issues which are crucial for the Global South", adding that he was also "looking forward to meeting other leaders participating in the summit".

VOTER | HONOUR Dasanglu Pul becomes 1st woman Cabinet minister in the state after 20 years

Khandu sworn in Arunachal CM for 3rd term

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, JUNE 13

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt. Gen. K.T. Parnaik (Retd) on Thursday administered the oath of office to BJP leader Pema Khandu as the Chief Minister for the third consecutive term.

With Khandu, senior party leader Chowna Mein took the oath as Deputy Chief Minister. Ten other legislators also took the oath as ministers. The ten other Cabinet ministers are: Biyuram Wahge, Nyato Dukam, Gabriel Denw-

ang Wangsu, Wangki Lowang, Pasang Dorjee Sona, Mama Natung, Dasanglu Pul, Balo Raja, Kento Jini and Ojing Tasing.

It is significant that Dasanglu Pul, who was sworn in as a minister, is the first woman Cabinet minister in the state after a gap of 20 years.

Pul, 46, represents Hayuliang Assembly constituency in Anjaw district. She was first elected in a 2016 bypoll after the demise of her husband, former chief minister Kalikho Pul. She has since been re-elected twice, in

2019 and 2024, becoming one of the few women leaders in Arunachal to achieve such a rare feat.

Prior to joining the Cabinet, Pul served as an adviser to the women and child development department. Her appointment as a minister is being hailed as a significant step towards greater representation of women in the state's decision-making bodies.

Prominent leaders, including Union ministers Amit Shah, J.P. Nadda (also BJP president) and Kiren Rijiju, and Assam Chief Minister Himanta

J&K police detain 50, expand ops to all dists

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs JAMMU, JUNE 13

The police on Thursday said it detained fifty people in connection with the investigation into the recent terror attack on a bus carrying pilgrims in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Confirming the detention of 50 suspects in connection with the attack, a police spokesperson said it followed an intensive investigation. "Significant leads have been uncovered, aiding in the identification and capture of those who may be potentially involved in orchestrating the attack. To ensure a comprehensive probe, search operations have been expanded to cover the far-flung areas of Arnas and Mahore," the spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, massive search operations also continued in forest belts of different districts of J&K to track down and neutralise terrorists involved in recent attacks in the union territory, officials said.

Police joined the paramilitary forces in searches in the Narwal bypass area on the outskirts of Jammu after a woman reported suspicious movement of two persons, they said. Further details are awaited.



Activists of Shiv Sena and Dogra Front burn a poster of Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif during a protest against Pakistan, in Jammu on Thursday. — PTI

No nation has locus standi on J&K: MEA

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JUNE 13

India on Thursday rejected the "unwarranted references" to Jammu and Kashmir in a joint statement issued by China and its all-weather friend Pakistan during the recent visit by Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to China. New Delhi also rejected references to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) that passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We have noted unwarranted references to the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the joint state-

ment between China and Pakistan of June, 7. We categorically reject such references. Our position on the issue is consistent and well known to the concerned parties. The UT of J&K and the UT of Ladakh have been, are, and will always remain integral and inalienable parts of India. No other country has the locus standi to comment on the same."

Jaiswal added: "The same joint statement also mentions activities and projects under the so-called CPEC. We resolutely oppose and reject any moves by other countries to reinforce or legitimise Pakistan's illegal occupation of these territories."

9 terrorists killed in 4 days

FROM PAGE 1

The Arnas and Mahore areas in Reasi district were once terrorist hotbeds between 1995 and 2005, which were sanitised after successive operations in the past.

In the last four days, the terrorists struck at four places in Reasi, Kathua and Doda districts of J&K, killing nine pilgrims and a CRPF jawan and leaving seven security personnel and several others injured.

So far, two suspected Pakistani terrorists were

● THE FIRST terror strike was made on Sunday when they opened fire at a passenger bus carrying pilgrims en route to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra from the Shiv Khori temple.

killed in an encounter with security forces in Kathua and a huge cache of arms and ammunition was recovered from them.

The first terror strike was made on Sunday when they opened fire at a passenger bus carrying pilgrims en route to the

Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra from the Shiv Khori temple. The bus ferrying pilgrims from Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Delhi fell into a deep gorge following gunfire, killing nine people and injuring 41 others.

On Tuesday, terrorists fired at a joint checkpoint of the 4 Rashtriya Rifles and police at Chattergalla in Bhaderwah, while a search party in the Gandoh area of the district was attacked on Wednesday, resulting in injuries to seven security personnel, including a policeman.

Rajnath: Plan to hike defence exports, target set at ₹50K cr

PAWAN BALI | DC with agency inputs NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

Defence minister Rajnath Singh said that the objective of his ministry would be to increase exports, and set the target at ₹50,000 crore in the year 2028-29. He was speaking at a review meeting on the 100-day action plan of the defence ministry after taking charge for the second consecutive time as defence minister on Thursday.

Singh said noted that defence exports had touched a record ₹21,083 crore in financial year 2023-24. "It was historic," he said. Singh said that the focus would also be on providing renewed thrust in priority areas to establish a more secure, self-reliant and prosperous nation.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our aim will be to further strengthen the security apparatus of the country, with focus on achieving self-reliance in defence manufacturing.



National Security Adviser Ajit Doval calls on Union defence minister Rajnath Singh at South Block, in New Delhi on Thursday. — PTI

Armed forces modernisation and the welfare of the soldiers, both serving and retired, will continue to be our main focus," he said.

The defence minister asserted that the armed forces were being equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and platforms and were ready to face every challenge. He commended the military personnel for protecting the unity, integrity and sovereignty of the nation with valour and commitment.

Singh said that he would be conducting regular review meetings to fast-track the progress of the flagship schemes and the initiatives of MoD.

Meanwhile, Ajit Doval, one of India's most celebrated spymasters, was on Thursday re-appointed as the NSA for a record third term, the government said in an order.

With the fresh appointment, Doval has become the first NSA to be appointed to the key post for three consecutive terms.



Arunachal Pradesh Governor Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik administers oath of office to Chief Minister-designate Pema Khandu, at the DK State Convention Centre in Itanagar on Thursday. — PTI

SHORT TAKES

AT LEAST 22 KILLED IN MALI MINE COLLAPSE

Bamako, June 13: At least 22 artisanal gold miners died in southern Mali on Saturday after the shaft they were working in collapsed, the general secretary of the miners' confederation told Reuters on Thursday. The miners had entered the site in the commune of Kalana illicitly and dug tunnels which later collapsed, the confederation's Taouile Camara said. Artisanal mining is a common activity across much of West Africa and has increased in recent years due to growing demand for metals and rising prices.

PAK ANTI-TERROR JUDGE CRIES ISI HARASSMENT

Lahore, June 13: An anti-terrorism court judge, hearing the cases related to attacks on military installations in May last year by workers of jailed ex-PM Imran Khan's party, has accused Pakistan's powerful intelligence agency ISI of harassing him and his family members to get desired verdicts. Anti-Terrorism Court Judge (Sargodha) Muhammad Abbas has written a letter to Lahore High Court Chief Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan informing him how spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) officials harassed him and his family members. The judge has been hearing cases against Opposition Leader in Parliament Omar Ayub and other workers of Imran Khan's PTI related to attacks on military installations in May last year. Ayub had alleged that last week at a hearing in a case in Sargodha ATC Judge Abbas was made hostage by the intelligence agencies. In March, six judges of the Islamabad High Court had reached out to the Supreme Judicial Council informing alleged intrusion of intelligence operatives in judicial matters.

Israelis advance deeper into Rafah as diplomacy falters

Hezbollah strikes 9 Israeli military sites; Houthis attack Greek-owned ship

Cairo, Beirut, Dubai, June 13: Israeli tanks advanced deeper into the western area of Rafah, amid one of the worst nights of bombardment from air, ground, and sea, forcing many families to flee their homes and tents under darkness, residents said on Thursday. Lebanon's Hezbollah said on Thursday it had launched rockets and weaponised drones at nine Israeli military sites in a co-ordinated attack, ramping up hostilities on Lebanon's southern border for the second consecutive day. The attacks were made in retaliation for an Israeli strike on Tuesday that killed a senior Hezbollah field commander. The group said in a statement it had fired volleys of Katyusha and Falaj rockets at six Israeli military locations. Its *Al-Manar* television reported more than 100 rockets fired at once. Hezbollah's statement said it had also launched attack drones at the headquarters of Israel's northern command, an intelligence headquarters and a military barracks. Meanwhile, a suspected attack on Thursday by



Israeli army vehicles surround an ambulance at the entrance of Jenin in the occupied West Bank, during a raid on Thursday. — AFP

Yemen's Houthi rebels saw missiles strike a ship in the Gulf of Aden, authorities said, setting the vessel ablaze, in what would be the latest such assault in their campaign over the Israel-Hamas war. The attack happened in the Gulf of Aden off Yemen, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre

said. It said the vessel caught fire in the attack. The private security firm Ambrey said a merchant vessel made a radio distress call saying it had been struck by a missile. The ship "was en route from Malaysia to Venice, Italy," Ambrey said. It added that the ship was "aligned with the Houthi target profile," without elaborating. The Houthis did not immediately acknowledge Thursday's attack, but it typically takes the rebels hours or even days to claim them. The attack follows the Houthi launching a boat-borne bomb attack against a commercial ship in the Red Sea on Wednesday. Residents said the Israeli forces thrust towards the

Al-Mawasi area of Rafah near the beach, which is designated as a humanitarian area in all announcements and maps published by the Israeli Army since it began its Rafah offensive in May. The Israeli military denied in a statement it had launched any strikes inside the Al-Mawasi humanitarian zone. Israel said its assault aimed to wipe out Hamas' last intact combat units in Rafah, a city which had sheltered more than a million people before the latest advance began. Most of those people have now moved north towards Khan Younis and Deir Al-Balah in central Gaza Strip. The Israeli military said in a statement it was continuing "intelligence-based, targeted operations" on Rafah, saying forces in the past day had located weapons and killed Palestinian gunmen in close-range combat. Over the past day, the Israeli military said it had struck 45 targets across the Gaza Strip from the air, including military structures, militant cells, rocket launchers and tunnel shafts. — Agencies

\$50-bn deal for Kyiv, agrees G7

Borgo Egnazia, Geneva, June 13: Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) major democracies agreed an outline deal on Thursday to provide \$50 billion of loans for Ukraine using interest from Russian sovereign assets frozen after Moscow launched its invasion of its neighbour in 2022. Switzerland government websites were hit on Thursday by the first of an expected wave of cyberattacks ahead of a weekend summit on peace in Ukraine hosted by Bern. The National Cyber Security Centre said the distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, which make websites or network resources unavailable by flooding them with malicious traffic, resulted in minor outages. The agreement was the centrepiece of the opening day in southern Italy of the annual summit of G7 leaders, attended for a second successive year by Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The Ukrainian leader will sign a new, long-term security accord with US President Joe Biden on Thursday, as well as one with fellow G7 member

UK FOLLOWS U.S. WITH SANCTIONS ON MOSCOW

London, June 13: The United Kingdom announced on Thursday dozens of sanctions aimed at constraining Russia's war in Ukraine, including targeting Moscow's main stock exchange, a day after Washington announced similar measures. London said the 50 new curbs — part of "co-ordinated action with G7 partners" as the Western-led bloc's leaders meet in Italy — will hit the Russian financial system and suppliers supporting its military production. It follows US on Wednesday unveiling curbs, including on the Moscow exchange. — AFP

Japan. Many of the G7 leaders are struggling at home but determined to make a difference on the world stage as they also seek to counter China's economic ambitions. "There is a lot of work to be done," Italian PM Giorgia Meloni said. — Agencies

Shareholders' nod to \$56-bn package: Musk

Austin, June 13: Tesla shareholders were voting in favour of a \$56 billion pay package for Elon Musk and to move the electric vehicle maker's legal home to Texas, the CEO said on social media on Wednesday. "Thanks for your support!" Musk said on his

social media platform X on Wednesday. In his post, Musk included charts showing that the resolutions were set to pass, though shareholders are allowed to change their vote up to the start of the annual meeting. Approval of the largest pay deal in US corporate

history could allay investor concerns about Musk's future at the company, while giving the electric carmaker ammunition in its fight to reverse a court decision to void the pay package. A person familiar with the preliminary voting tally said a combination of big institutional

investors and retail investor votes were responsible for the support. Musk would still face a lengthy legal battle to convince the Delaware judge who said the Tesla board was "beholden" to him, while potentially fielding fresh lawsuits over the latest vote. — Reuters



Elon Musk

EU TOP COURT ORDERS HUNGARY TO PAY \$216-MN FINE OVER ASYLUM LAW

Brussels, Budapest, June 13: The European Union's top court ordered Hungary to pay a fine of \$216 million on Thursday for persistently breaking the bloc's asylum rules despite a previous European Court of Justice ruling, plus an additional 1 million euros for every day it fails to comply going forward. In reaction, Prime

Minister Viktor Orban wrote on X, "The ECJ's decision to fine Hungary with 200M euros plus 1M euros daily (!!) for defending the borders of the European Union is outrageous and unacceptable." The Prime Minister added that "illegal migrants are more important to the Brussels bureaucrats than their own European citizens". — Agencies

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INDICATORS		%
Sensex	76,810.90	0.27
Nifty 50	23,398.90	0.33
S&P 500*	5,412.98	-0.15
Dollar (₹)	83.55	0.00
Pound Sterling (₹)	106.80	0.21
Euro (₹)	90.24	0.45
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	71,275.695	0.97
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	82.58	-0.02
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.988	-0.025
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	4.3	0.005

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Suven Pharma to acquire Sapala stake for ₹230 cr

Suven Pharmaceuticals on Thursday said it will acquire 67.5 per cent stake in Hyderabad-based Sapala Organics for ₹229.5 crore. The company has entered into a definitive agreement for investment in Sapala Organics, it said in a regulatory filing. The company stated that it expects to complete the acquisition of the remaining equity stake in the target firm after FY2026-27, subject to the completion of customary closing conditions.

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Credit demand from firms on rise: SBI chief

New Delhi, June 13: State Bank of India (SBI) chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara has said there is a growing demand for credit from the corporate sector and loans worth ₹5 lakh crore are in the pipeline. Unlike the past few years, when the corporates had sufficient cash surplus on their balance sheet, they have started looking for credit to fund working capital requirements and capacity expansion, he said. "Now we have come to a stage where they (corporates) have started approaching banks for augmenting their capacity or for working capital purposes. Of course, this I can say with confidence because when we look at our unutilised term loan percentage, it has come down from 25 per cent to 18 per cent and when we see the working capital utilisation, even that has improved," he said. So, all these are confirming that private sector opportunities are going to be there and SBI will be in a position to create value for the sector, he said. At the same time, he said, "When we look at our pipeline for the new proposals, that is also quite healthy, somewhere around ₹5 trillion or so". With regard to retail agriculture and MSME (RAM) lending, Khara said, SBI can grow the book at 16 per cent during this year as well despite the high interest rate.



WITH REGARD to retail agriculture and MSME lending, Dinesh Kumar Khara said, SBI can grow the book at 16 per cent during this year as well despite the high interest rate.

during FY24. Emphasising that the bank has a very elaborate process of assessing the risk and underwriting RAM, he said that the current book looks pretty good. "We don't have any challenges, he said, adding, "We can comfortably grow 16 per cent as far as our RAM book is concerned. We don't envisage that the interest rate impact will be seen in terms of the quality of the loan book. "When we are making assessment for underwriting, we are quite cognizant of the likely interest rate scenario, and the ability of the borrowers to repay loan in time. That is the reason why our RAM book has not witnessed much challenge and we can afford to continue at 16 per cent," he said. Asserting that there is no stress on housing and vehicle loans, Khara said, the gross NPA in the whole retail portfolio is 0.7 per cent. — PTI

INDIA TO REMAIN ASIA-PACIFIC'S FASTEST GROWING NATION: MOODY'S

New Delhi, June 13: Moody's Ratings on Thursday said India will remain the Asia-Pacific region's fastest-growing economy in 2024, sustaining last year's domestically driven momentum. In a report titled Credit Conditions Asia-Pacific H2 2024 Credit Outlook, Moody's Ratings said Indonesia, the Philippines and India led the way in terms of growth in first half of 2024 and should continue to outperform pre-Covid growth numbers on the back of rising exports, local demand and government spending on infrastructure. "India will remain the region's fastest-growing economy, sustaining last year's domestically driven momentum. We anticipate policy continuity after the general election, and a continued focus on infrastructure development and encouragement of private sector investment," the rating agency said. Moody's said stronger portfolio inflows are likely in India and ASEAN economies, because of robust corporate credit metrics and appealing valuations. Last month, the rating agency projected India to grow 6.8 per cent in the current year, followed by 6.5 per cent in 2025, on the back of strong, economic expansion along with post-election policy continuity. — PTI

Mid, small-cap indices grow 10% in a month

BSE's m-cap rises to new high of over ₹431.67 lakh crore

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, JUNE 13

The broader market indices representing mid-cap and small-cap companies in the last one month have outperformed as they have risen over 10 per cent compared to over 5 per cent rise in the benchmarks Sensex and Nifty-50. The BSE mid-cap index hit an all time high of 45,576.53 and closed 0.79 per cent up at 45,521.86. BSE mid-cap index is up 10.55 per cent in the last one month period and 62.64 per cent in the last one year period. BSE small-cap index hit an all time high of 50,707.92 and closed 0.89 per cent up at 50,678.94. The BSE small-cap index has gained 11.89 per cent during the last one month period and 58.98 per cent



OUTPERFORMANCE OF midcaps and small caps is supported by robust earnings growth. Consensus anticipates the underlying earnings of midcap and smallcap indices to grow at a CAGR exceeding 20 per cent.

in the last one year period. Meanwhile, on Thursday Sensex made a new high of 77,145.46 while Nifty-50 clocked fresh high of 23,481.05 intra-day but their closing was lower on profit taking. BSE's market capitalisation rose to a new high of over ₹431.67 lakh crore or ₹5.17 trillion. The Sensex has gained 5.54 per cent during last one month and 21.65 per cent during last one year period. The Nifty-50 gain-

ed 5.86 per cent in last one month and 25.02 per cent in last one year period. "It is important to highlight that the outperformance of midcaps and small caps is supported by robust earnings growth. Consensus anticipates the underlying earnings of midcap and smallcap indices to grow at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) exceeding 20 per cent over the fiscal year 2024 to 2026, surpassing the mid-teens growth

seen in the Nifty 50. The higher valuations of the midcap and smallcap indices reflect this stronger underlying earnings trajectory," said Mythili Balakrishnan, co-fund manager, Alchemy Capital Management. Foreign portfolio investors were net sellers by ₹3,033 crore while domestic institutions net sold equities worth ₹553.88 crore. "The key equity indices, the Sensex and the Nifty-50, began trading at all-time highs on Thursday, followed by the good performance of global markets, boosted by a good U.S. inflation report, which raised anticipation of a likely interest rate cut by US Federal reserve," said Neeraj Sharma, technical analyst, Asit C. Mehta Investment.

FMCG is big opportunity: Tata

New Delhi, June 13: India's consumer market represents a long-term structural opportunity, driven by population, a growing middle class, rapid urbanisation, increasing disposable incomes and raising aspirations, said N Chandrasekaran, chairman, Tata Consumer Products on Thursday. The Tata group's FMCG arm is well positioned to capitalise on the significant opportunity, he said, while addressing the annual general meeting (AGM) of Tata Consumer

Products Ltd (TCPL). Chandrasekaran, who is also the chairman of Tata Sons, said the India economy has been growing very strongly and the current momentum continues to be high. India is likely to maintain similar growth momentum in the coming years, he said, adding that the global economic landscape has been rather volatile with the geopolitics reshaping supply chains, energy security, and overall resilience. The baseline forecast for

INDIA'S CONSUMER market represents a long-term structural opportunity, and it is driven by a young population, a growing middle class, rapid urbanisation, increasing disposable incomes. the world economy is to continue to grow over 3 per cent during FY25. However, "India has been growing very strongly with the economic

growth rate of 8.2 per cent for the fiscal 2023-2024. Looking at the future, the momentum continues to be high and India should maintain similar growth momentum in the coming years," he said. Notably, India's consumer market represents a "long-term structural" opportunity, and it is driven by a young population, a growing middle class, rapid urbanisation, increasing disposable incomes, and raising aspirations," Chandrasekaran said. — PTI

CRICKHIT



ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

SHORT SINGLES

B'desh close in on Super 8 berth

Shakib Al Hasan regained form with a sublime half-century before leg-spinner Rishad Hossain struck twice at a crucial juncture as Bangladesh inched closer to Super 8s with a 25-run win over Netherlands in the T20 World Cup match at Kingstown, St Vincent, on Thursday. Set a target of 160, the Netherlands ended at 134 for eight in their allotted 20 overs at the picturesque Arnos Vale Ground, which was hosting an international for the first time in 10 overs.

The result meant Sri Lanka were knocked out of the tournament.

Shakib roared back to form with a 46-ball 64 as Bangladesh posted a competitive 159 for five after being asked to bat. Besides Shakib, Tanzid Hasan struck 35 off 26 balls and Mahmudullah chipped in with 25 off 21.

In their chase, Netherlands lost two wickets with just 32 runs on the board, and most importantly, with the powerplay about to end.

Brief scores: Bangladesh 159/5 in 20 overs (Shakib Al Hasan 64 not out; Paul Van Meekren 2/15, Aryan Dutty 2/17) lost to Netherlands 134/8 in 20 overs (Sybrand Engelbrecht 33, Vikramjit Singh 26; Rishad Hossain 3/33).

Felt like playing a Ranji game: Dube

Accustomed to batting on belateders in India, big-hitting all-rounder Shivam Dube conceded that the two-paced tracks for the T20 World Cup matches here left him bamboozled to such an extent that it almost felt like playing a Ranji Trophy game. The Chennai Super Kings star regained some form with a 35-ball 31 in the seven-wicket win over USA that propelled India into the event's Super Eight stage on Wednesday.

"I was struggling with my form and focusing on my process," Dube said about his successive failures against Ireland and Pakistan at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in New York.

"But here, there was no pressure. All the support staff and coaches backed me and told me, 'It's difficult, but you have the ability to hit sixes, so apply it.'"

"I've never doubted myself for what I've done in the past. I just think that these conditions do not demand what I've done at CSK. These conditions require a different approach, so I was batting differently today," he added.

Nassau Stadium set for demolition

The makeshift Nassau County cricket ground, which was built specifically for the T20 World Cup, is all set to be demolished after the New York leg of the event came to an end with India's seven-wicket victory over co-hosts USA in New York. Built in just over 100 days, the stadium became notorious for its challenging drop-in pitches, which were sourced from Adelaide. The massive structure sat on the edge of the 930-acre Eisenhower Park in Long Island, New York.

The stadium had 10 drop-in pitches, four for the main ground and six for the adjacent training facility in Cantiague Park.

"After the last match is held at East Meadow on June 12, the stadium will be dismantled, the parts shipped back to Las Vegas and another golf event, and Eisenhower Park will return to normal, but with a world-class cricket pitch left behind," a *New York Times* report had stated a few days ago.

Prannoy & Sameer enter Australian Open quarters

Sydney, June 13: Indian shuttlers H. S. Prannoy and Sameer Verma progressed to the men's singles quarter-finals of the Australian Open with contrasting victories here on Thursday. While fifth seed Prannoy, a former world No.1, took just 46 minutes to get the better of Misha Zilberman of Israel 21-17, 21-15 in the round of 16, Verma had to toil for an hour and two minutes to upset eighth seed Loh Kean Yew of Singapore 21-14, 14-21, 21-19. Prannoy will be up against

second seed Kodai Naroaka of Japan in the next round, while Verma will take on Chinese Taipei's Chun-Yi Lin on Friday. It was curtains for Kiran George in the men's singles event as he lost 20-22, 6-21 against seventh seed Kenta Nishimoto of Japan. Among the women, eight seed Aakarshi Kashyap beat Australia's Kai Qi Bernice Teoh 21-16, 21-13 to enter the quarters, where she will play third seed Yu Po Pai of Chinese Taipei. The tournament ended for

Anupama Upadhyaya and Malvika Bansod in the women's singles second round. While Anupama lost 11-21, 18-21 to sixth seed Putri Kusuma Wardani of Indonesia, Malvika was shown the door by another Indonesian, eight seed Ester Nurumi Tri Wardoyo 17-21, 21-23. The mixed doubles pair of B. Sumeeth Reddy and N Sikki Reddy, continued to march, defeating Australia's Kai Chen Teoh and Kai Qi Bernice Teoh 21-11, 21-11. —PTI

RUTHLESS FORD

Rampaging Sherfane powers West Indies into Super 8

Tarouba (Trinidad), June 13: Sherfane Rutherford smashed a career-best unbeaten half-century before pacer Alzarri Joseph and left-arm spinner Gudakesh Motie ripped through the New Zealand line-up to steer West Indies into the T20 World Cup's Super Eight stage with a 13-run win here. Rutherford came up with the innings of his life, smashing half a dozen sixes and two fours for his 39-ball 68 to lift West Indies to 149/9 from 76/7 in 12.3 overs after New Zealand opted to bowl in a virtual knock-out Group 'C' fixture.

In reply, West Indies restricted the Kiwis to 136/9 with Rutherford's fellow Guyanese Motie returning with splendid figures of 3/25. Joseph turned up the heat lower down the order to become the wrecker-in-chief with his 4/19.

With three wins in a row, the tournament co-hosts qualified for the Super Eight stage, while New Zealand's hopes were all but over following back to back losses.

They had earlier lost to Afghanistan by 84 runs after being shot out for 75. The 2021 runners-up, among the most consistent sides in World Cups, have been found wanting this time.

They made the semifinal in the 2015, 2019 and 2023 editions of the ODI World

Cup, and in 2016, 2021 and 2022, the Black Caps ensured a last-four appearance in the T20 World Cups. It was half past midnight in Trinidad but the locals erupted in joy to celebrate their team's Super Eight qualification, erasing the disappointment of successive setbacks in the big event.

The two-time former champions were eliminated in the Super-12 stage of the competition in UAE in 2021, while in 2022 in Australia, they failed to make the tournament proper and exited in the group stage.

"It was fantastic. I was sitting there with Nicholas (Poooran) and it was such a beautiful night for someone to stand up and be counted," skipper Rovman Powell said.

"That (Rutherford) innings gave us confidence and belief. We watched what they did well and tried to replicate it."

"It is one tick in the box, but it is only the start of something big to come. Hopefully we can continue the momentum," said Rutherford on making Super Eight.

Williamson rung in three changes to the lineup beaten by Afghanistan and the intent was clear when Trent Boult dismissed Johnson Charles (0) in the first over, forcing the opener to chop on to his stumps. —PTI



Sherfane Rutherford of West Indies celebrates after scoring half-century against New Zealand during their T20 World Cup match at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba, Trinidad and Tobago, on Wednesday. West Indies won by 13 runs. — AP

SCOREBOARD

West Indies: Brandon King c Conway b Neesham 9, Johnson Charles b Boult 0, Nicholas Poooran c Conway b Southee 17, Roston Chase c Ravindra b Ferguson 0, Rovman Powell c Conway b Southee 1, Sherfane Rutherford not out 68, Akeal Hossain c Neesham b Santner 15, Andre Russell c Ferguson b Boult 14, Romario Shepherd lbw Ferguson 13, Alzarri Joseph b Boult 6, Gudakesh Motie not out 0. Extras (lb-3, w-3) 6. Total (For 9 wickets in 20 overs) 149.

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-20, 3-21, 4-22, 5-30, 6-58, 7-76, 8-103, 9-112.

Bowling: Trent Boult 4-1-16-3, Tim Southee 4-0-21-2, Lockie Ferguson 4-0-27-2, James Neesham 4-0-27-1, Glenn Phillips 1-0-9-0, Mitchell Santner 2-0-27-1, Daryl Mitchell 1-0-19-0.

New Zealand: Devon Conway c Chase b Hossain 5, Finn Allen c Russell b Joseph 26, Rachin Ravindra c Russell b Motie 10, Kane Williamson c Poooran b Motie 1, Daryl Mitchell b Motie 12, Glenn Phillips c Powell b Joseph 40, James Neesham c King b Joseph 10, Mitchell Santner not out 21, Tim Southee c&b Joseph 0, Trent Boult c Chase b Russell 7, Lockie Ferguson not out 0. Extras (lb-1, w-3) 4. Total (For 9 wickets in 20 overs) 136.

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-34, 3-39, 4-54, 5-63, 6-85, 7-108, 8-108, 9-117.

Bowling: Akeal Hossain 4-0-21-1, Romario Shepherd 3-0-36-0, Andre Russell 4-0-30-1, Alzarri Joseph 4-0-19-4, Gudakesh Motie 4-0-25-3, Roston Chase 1-0-4-0.

POINTS TABLE

GROUP A						
TEAMS	P	W	L	N/R	Pts	NRR
INDIA	3	3	0	0	6	+1.137
USA	3	2	1	0	4	+0.127
PAKISTAN	3	1	2	0	2	+0.191
CANADA	3	1	2	0	2	-0.493
IRELAND	2	0	2	0	0	-1.712

GROUP B						
TEAMS	P	W	L	N/R	Pts	NRR
AUSTRALIA	3	3	0	0	6	+3.580
SCOTLAND	3	2	0	1	5	+2.164
NAMIBIA	3	1	2	0	2	-2.098
ENGLAND	2	0	1	1	1	-1.800
OMAN	3	0	3	0	0	-1.613

GROUP C						
TEAMS	P	W	L	N/R	Pts	NRR
WEST INDIES	3	3	0	0	6	+2.569
AFGHANISTAN	2	2	0	0	4	+5.225
UGANDA	3	1	2	0	2	-4.217
PNG	2	0	2	0	0	-0.434
NEW ZEALAND	2	0	2	0	0	-2.425

GROUP D						
TEAMS	P	W	L	N/R	Pts	NRR
SOUTH AFRICA	3	3	0	0	6	+0.603
BANGLADESH	3	2	1	0	4	+0.478
NETHERLANDS	3	1	2	0	2	-0.408
NEPAL	2	0	1	1	1	-0.539
SRI LANKA	3	0	2	1	1	-0.777

AFGHANISTAN EYE SUPER EIGHT SPOT

Tarouba (Trinidad), June 13: Afghanistan will eye another all-round effort to crush an inexperienced Papua New Guinea here and enter the Super Eights of the T20 World Cup, and the result will have another underlying effect — knock out New Zealand.

The win will carry Rashid Khan's side to Super Eight from Group 'C' alongside the West Indies, who have qualified on Thursday with a win over New Zealand.

It will also mean curtains for the 2021 finalists New Zealand who have lost two out of two. —PTI

Arshdeep comes of age in a crucial group game

MOSES KONDETY | DC NEW YORK, JUNE 13

From dropping dolliers in previous World Cup games to pulling off stunners at crucial junctures in the current, like in the match against Pakistan, to turning in terrific spells, Arshdeep Singh has come a long way.

On Wednesday, the left-arm pacer set up India's victory over USA to take them to the next stage of the tournament.

His 4 for 9 in four overs was a jaw-dropper and added teeth to the Indian attack. The 25-year-old is keeping his feet on the ground though.

"It feels really good when you perform for the team and you get the right result as well. The emotions stay the same irrespective of the result," he said after the match.

"The main thing is to adapt to the conditions and situations whether we are batting or bowling first. If there is help on the wicket, we try to get early wickets and



restrict them to a low total and if we are batting first, we try to make as many as possible and give the bowlers a good enough chance to restrict the opposition," he explained. Asked if he was making a conscious effort to improve his batting, given his performance with the willow in the Pakistan game, Arshdeep said: "We are always learning, always trying to get better at all the skills, be it bowling,

batting, or fielding, because you never know when the team need those runs. It can be two runs, four runs, anything. So, you just have to give your best. And I am trying to work as hard as possible with Vikram (batting coach Rathour) bhai regarding my batting as well. In the last game, Jassi (Jasprit Bumrah) bhai was supposed to go before me, but I just went in after asking (captain) Rohit. I told them I will go up (the order) regardless of whatever you say," he said.

Having qualified for the Super Eight, Arshdeep said the team was not looking too far ahead.

"I remember a quote Vikram Rathour (batting coach) told us in the team meeting 'stay where your feet are.' So right now, we are just enjoying the win here and we'll fly to Florida and focus on the next game. So, whatever happens right now, we stay in the present and prepare for that," he said.

SHRUTI BECOMES 1ST INDIAN TO WIN 3-STAR GP EVENT

New Delhi, June 13: Veteran Shruti Vora has become the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event, the Equestrian Federation of India announced on Thursday.

Shruti scored 67.761 points in the CDI-3 event held in Lipica, Slovenia, from June 7 to 9. The Indian finished ahead of Moldova's Tatiana Antonenco (Aachen), who scored 66.522.

Austria's Juliane Jerich (Quarter Girl) completed the top-3 with a score of 66.087. "I am extremely delighted with the result," Shruti said. —PTI

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