



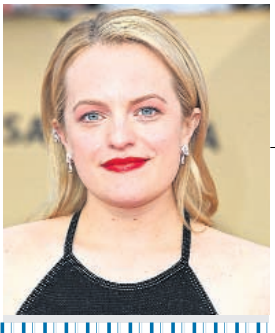


**HUDSON REMEMBERS FRANKLIN ON HER 2ND DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

Actor Jennifer Hudson remembered songstress Aretha Franklin on the R&B legend's second death anniversary. The Oscar winner, who is set to play Franklin in her upcoming biopic *Respect*, shared a black-and-white picture of the late singer on Instagram Sunday.

**ACTING IS HER FIRST LOVE, SAYS ELISABETH MOSS**

*The Handmaid's Tale* star Elisabeth Moss may have turned producer, but she says acting is her first love. Moss, who launched her production banner Love & Squalor Pictures last month, said being involved behind the camera enriches her performance on screen.



**FORTUNE FORECAST**

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**ARIES**  
You may get all nostalgic and wistful today, predicts Ganesh. You will go out of your way to improve your relationships. To you, your commitment is an investment for the future. The result is loving life-long bonds.

**TAURUS**  
Financial gains are on the cards today, predicts Ganesh. Happiness will fly in as you receive some good news from an overseas friend. If you have feelings that you haven't expressed to someone you dearly love, today is a good day to go ahead and let them know.

**GEMINI**  
Today, you will have the required intentions and courage to propose your sweetheart. You will be dressed to kill, or rather to marry. You will make a favourable impression with the way you'll look tonight. You will be an open book to your future partner, which is likely to work in your favour.

**CANCER**  
You will be in high spirits today, foretells Ganesh. It is a favourable day to engage in household activities, like gardening, cooking or even washing laundry. In the evening, work will be eclipsed by the pleasures of love.

**LEO**  
Time is one thing that you have in short change today, says Ganesh. There is every possibility that you shall remain extremely busy. The tasks may be small — like writing a letter to revive old contacts — but it is important that you do them. Chances are that you may also end up giving a few interviews over the phone.

**VIRGO**  
Family matters will matter today. They hold more weight in your thoughts than everything else, says Ganesh. Business will be good today. Spend the evening relaxing and chilling out. On the cards is a visit to a place of worship.

**LIBRA**  
Your concern for your family surmounts all else, that much Ganesh knows. Today, you will fulfil your filial duties in all that you undertake. As Ganesh rightly points out: All good things begin at home, including your fortune and good luck.

**SCORPIO**  
A healthy and hectic day is in store for you today. You are likely to finish your pending tasks with new zeal. But the chaotic day will blossom into a fabulous evening when you hang out with your sweetheart, says Ganesh.

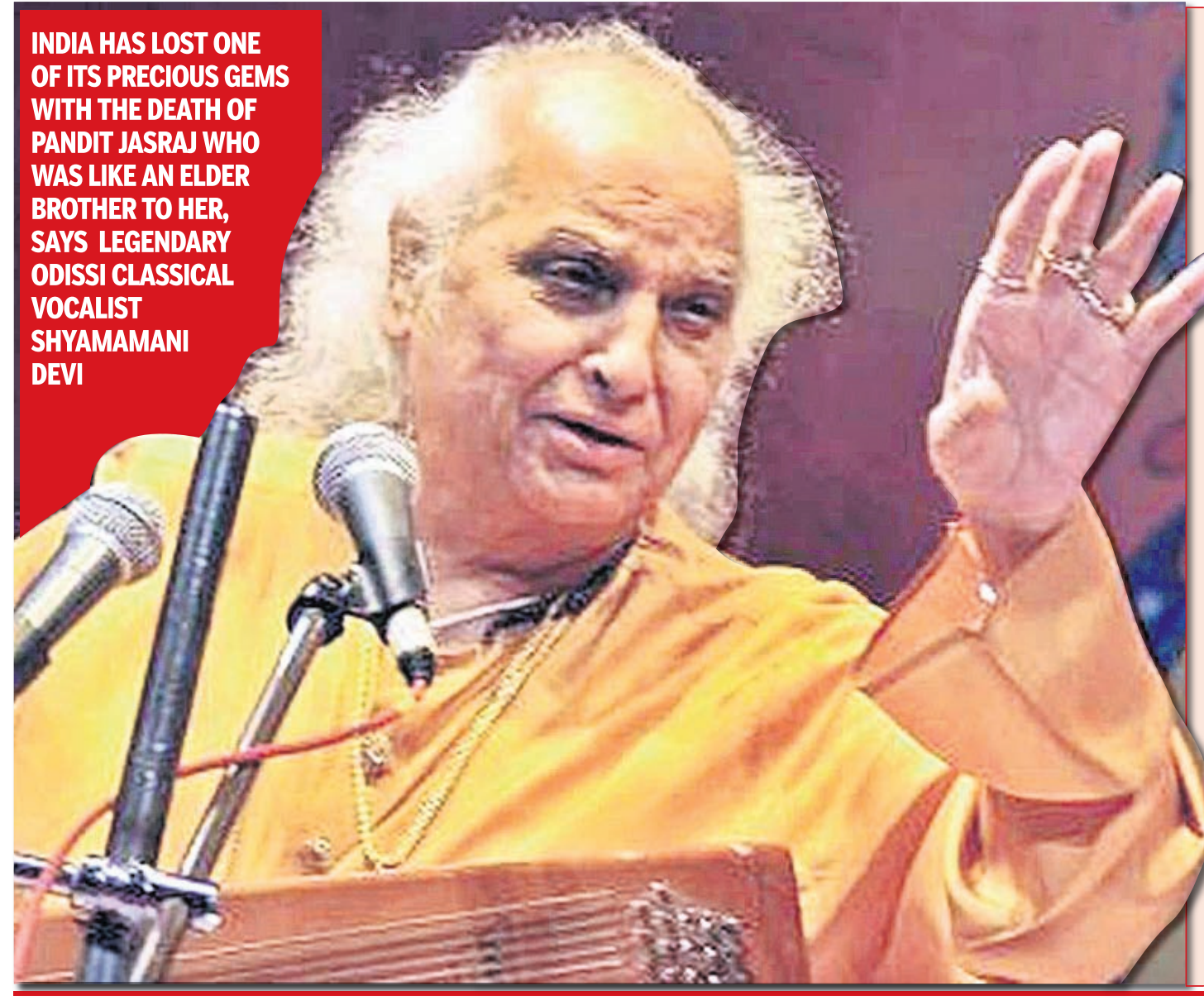
**SAGITTARIUS**  
Chances of you hitting a roadblock today are high. But remember the saying, 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going.' So don't succumb to pressure, advises Ganesh, but rise up to the occasion and show who's the boss.

**CAPRICORN**  
You will have heard of many emotional fools who let sentiments rule their lives. Try not to be one of them, and if it's too difficult a task, at least pretend not to be one of them, for Ganesh says going by your feelings can leave you at a low ebb. In other words, your feelings can come in the way of your success. A solution to this problem is to remain dispassionate and let the opportunist think you are a hard nut to crack.

**AQUARIUS**  
You will prove yourself today by staying ahead of your rivals in all ways. You will conquer your frustrations, and will soon be raring to go. Your pleasing demeanour endears you to others and you win admiration from all quarters, says Ganesh.

**PISCES**  
An action-packed day awaits you, busy as you will be corresponding with old contacts, telephonic interviews, organising meetings and scheduling tasks, says Ganesh. Do not forget to breathe!

**A SOULFUL VOICE FALLS SILENT**



**INDIA HAS LOST ONE OF ITS PRECIOUS GEMS WITH THE DEATH OF PANDIT JASRAJ WHO WAS LIKE AN ELDER BROTHER TO HER, SAYS LEGENDARY ODISSI CLASSICAL VOCALIST SHYAMAMANI DEVI**

**Reactions from Odia classical vocalists**

India has lost one of its precious gems in the death of Pandit Jasraj. I have grown up listening to him. He used to treat me like his younger sister...difficult to control my emotion now.

**Shyamamani Devi, Odissi classical vocalist**  
Pandit Ji's demise has created a void in the world of classical music. I was fortunate enough to do 'sangati' in Tanpura at Bharat Muni musical festival held in Bhubaneswar

**Sangita Gosain, CEO, Guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra Odissi research centre.**  
I had the opportunity to work with Guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra, who was regarded as a brother by Pandit Jasraj. I was extremely lucky that Pandit Ji appreciated my song *Chudamai Pradana* at the Sankata Mochan Festival in Varanasi

**Guru Bijay Jena, Classical vocalist and principal of Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalay**

**The unfortunate demise of Pandit Jasraj Ji leaves a deep void in the Indian cultural sphere. Not only were his renditions outstanding, he also made a mark as an exceptional mentor to several other vocalists. Condolences to his family and admirers worldwide. Om Shanti.**

NARENDRA MODI | PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

**A** pall of gloom descended on Indian music industry Monday with the sudden demise of celebrated classical singer Pandit Jasraj at his New Jersey residence in the USA. While Jasraj's intoxicating music will continue to reverberate the music world for a long time to come, Orissa POST takes a look at the life and times of the legend and finds out what the state classical vocalists have to say on the huge loss.

The musical career of Pandit Jasraj, winner of all three Padma awards, has spanned more than 80 years and adorned with numerous other major awards. Jasraj has taught music in India, Canada and the US. Some of his students have in turn become notable musicians.

**Early days**  
Born January 28, 1930, in a middle-class Brahmin family to Pandit Motiram at Pili

laga of Hisar district in Haryana, Jasraj spent his youth in Hyderabad. However, he used to travel to Sanand in Gujarat to study music with musicians of the Mewati gharana. In 1946, Jasraj moved to Calcutta, where he began singing classical music for radio. In 1962, Jasraj married Madhura Shantaram, the daughter of eminent film

director V Shantaram, whom he had first met in 1960 in Bombay. They initially lived in Calcutta but moved to Bombay in 1963. The couple has two children, a son, Shaarang Dev Pandit, and a daughter, Durga Jasraj.

**Signature style**  
Pandit Jasraj's unique style of rendition came from Mewati Gharana but his tuneful voice and devotional content of compositions were his hallmarks.

**Bhakti-element in genes**  
While speaking about the devotional elements in his compositions to a national daily at Delhi during Shriram Shankarlal Music Festival last year the maestro revealed, "My father was in the court of Raja Pratap Singh, the Shaivite king of Kashmir, who used to worship Shiva's Parthiv Ling, which he and the group of Brahmin priests of his kingdom would make out of mud in early morning from 3 am to 6 am and then would

merge in the Tavi river as a daily ritual. Being the musician of his court, my father's day would begin with singing devotional music daily for these three hours. So the element of 'bhakti', I believe, was there in my genes."

**Celebrity students**  
Several of his pupils had gone on to achieve stardom. Some of those classical musicians include Saptarshi Chakraborty Sanjeev Abhyankar, violinist Kala Rammath, Tripti Mukherjee, Suman Ghosh, flautist Shashank Subramanyam, singers Anuradha Paudwal, and Sadhana Sargam

**Global presence**  
Pandit Jasraj was the founder of schools for Indian classical music in Atlanta, Tampa, Vancouver, Toronto, New York, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Mumbai, and Kerala. He was teaching some of his international students through Skype even at the age of 90.

**Nora's latest music video inspired by Beyonce's Mine!**

**Mumbai:** The latest music video of dancer-actress Nora Fatehi is drawing attention for the uncanny resemblance it bears with a song of pop star Beyonce.

Nora's new video is for the female version of *Pachtaoge*. In the video, the dancing sensation is seen in an all-white outfit, with background dancers dressed in nude-coloured outfits.

The set-up bears a resemblance with the music video of Beyonce's 2013 song, *Mine*, which featured in her album, *Beyonce*. In the *Mine* video, the American superstar is seen in similar all-white outfit and dancers dressed in various shades of browns. The anonymous Instagram account, Dietsabya called out the similarity, sharing videos of both the songs. "@series.official out here stealing from THE QUEEN. Guts on! Top: @beyonceMINE; bottom: @norafatehi in PACHTAOGE," the clips were captioned.

The female version of *Pachtaoge* is sung by Asees Kaur and it was unveiled last week.

**Drishyam director Nishikant Kamat passes away**

**Mumbai:** Filmmaker Nishikant Kamat passed away in a Hyderabad hospital Monday. He was 50. Kamat was battling liver cirrhosis for the past two years.

A statement issued by a Hyderabad hospital, where the filmmaker was admitted, confirmed the news Monday evening.

Several Hindi film celebrities took to their verified social media accounts to express condolences.

Ajay Devgn, who starred in Kamat's 2015 release *Drishyam* tweeted: "My equation with Nishikant was not just about Drishyam, it was an association that I cherished. He was bright; ever-smiling. He has gone too soon. RIP Nishikant." "I will miss you my friend. #NishikantKamat Rest In Peace," tweeted Riteish Deshmukh who made his acting debut in Marathi cinema with Kamat's critically acclaimed directorial *Lai Bhaari* in 2014. "Nishikant Kamat. Really sad to hear about his untimely demise," tweeted Yami Gautam.

"Shocked to hear the demise of talented filmmaker Nishikant Kamat. My condolences to his family & friends. #OmShanti," posted director Madhur Bhandarkar.

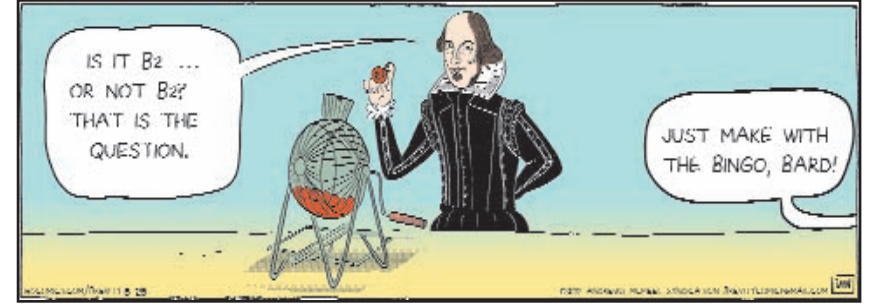
**PEANUTS**



**CALVIN AND HOBBS**

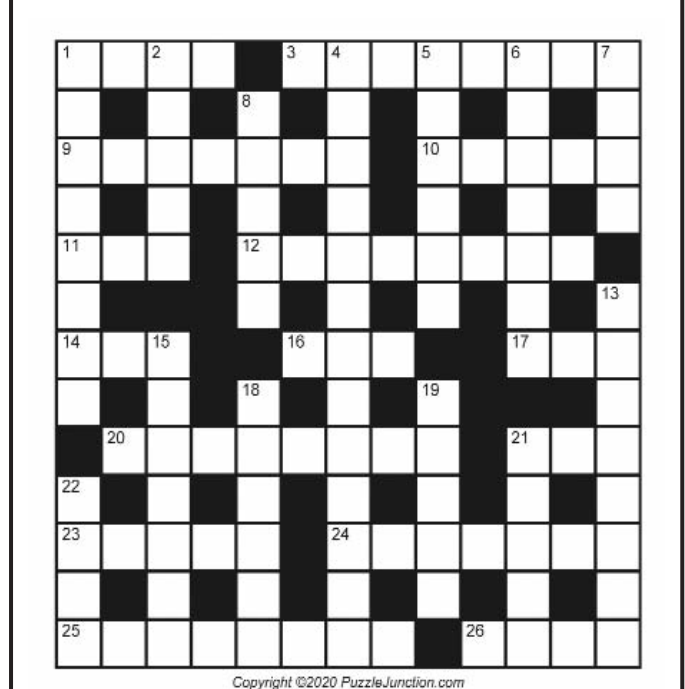


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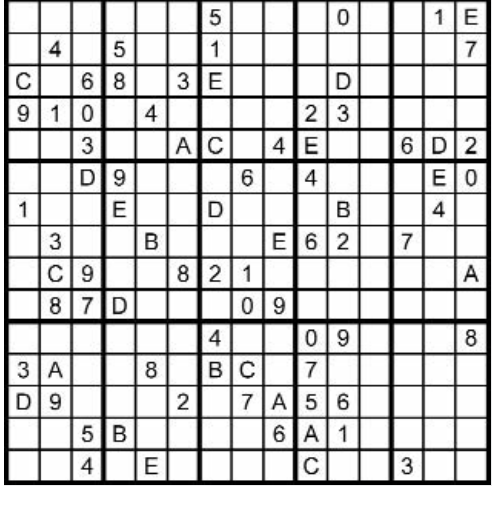
**CROSSWORD**



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**SUDOKU**

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to E.

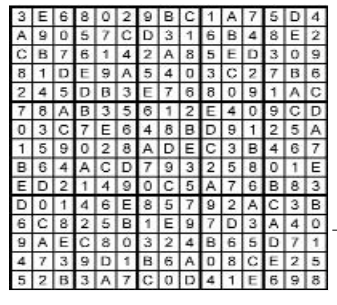


**SOLUTIONS**

**CROSSWORD**



**SUDOKU**



CHECK FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE PUZZLES TOMORROW















### of the day quote

**Bulandshahr, Hapur, Lakhimpur Kheri and now Gorakhpur.** Such repeated incidents have proven that the Uttar Pradesh government has completely failed in providing security to women



**PRIYANKA GANDHI** | CONGRESS GENERAL SECRETARY

**The steps taken by the Narendra Modi government in the healthcare sector in the last six years ensured India's success in containing the effects of the coronavirus pandemic to a large extent**



**MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI** | UNION MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

**Seeing the spread of COVID-19 in the state, adequate measures should be taken to protect the public representatives from the disease**



**AKHILESH YADAV** | SP CHIEF

### SHORT TAKES

**Fire doused**  
**New Delhi:** Seven fire tenders were rushed to the Parliament Annex building here Monday after a fire broke out on the sixth floor. The fire was soon brought under control and a short-circuit is believed to be the cause of the incident. The fire department said that further investigation is on. "A call was received at 7.30 a.m., and it is suspected the fire started following a short-circuit. The fire has been brought under control," Atul Garg, Director, Delhi Fire Services said.

**Dubey aide held**  
**Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh):** Rajendra Mishra, another aide of gangster Vikas Dubey and father of slain Prabhakar Mishra, who was carrying a reward of ₹50,000, has been arrested from near a factory in Shivrajpur area. Superintendent of Police (Rural) Brajesh Srivastava said Mishra was wanted under sections 147, 148, 149, 302, 307, 394, 120b, 7 Criminal Law Amendment Act (CLA) and 3/25 Arms Act in connection with Bikru shootout on July 3 in which eight policemen were killed. The SP said that Mishra was caught near a factory on Sunday while he was going to the place of an acquaintance to seek help for his surrender before the court.

**Lawyer killed**  
**Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh):** A lawyer has been shot dead allegedly by his relatives over a land dispute in Gorakhpur district. The incident took place on Sunday in Shivpur village of the Gagha area in the city and two persons have been arrested. The deceased has been identified as Rajeshwar Pandey, 45. He was practicing at Gola tehsil in Gorakhpur. The Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) office spokesman said, "On Sunday, Rajeshwar had some argument over land with the grandfather of his relative Chanki Pandey. After a heated argument, someone fired at the back of the lawyer from close range. He was rushed to the hospital but he succumbed on the way."

**Two arrested**  
**Jammu:** Two people have been arrested in Jammu city in connection with uploading a video likely to incite communal sentiments, police said Sunday. Inspector General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh said a video had gone viral on the social media in which accused, Satpal Sharma is seen making utterances which have the potential to incite communal sentiments.



**States must use CAMPA funds exclusively for afforestation and not for payment of salaries**  
**Prakash Javadekar** | UNION ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

### SHARAD PAWAR TESTS COVID NEGATIVE

NCP president Sharad Pawar has tested negative for Covid, an aide said Monday. The NCP patriarch had undergone a test last week at Breach Candy Hospital after a couple of his security personnel had tested positive

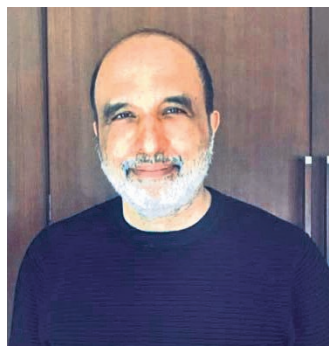


## Cong rebuffs Sanjay Jha's claim

Sanjay Jha who has been sacked as party spokesperson tweeted, "It is estimated that around 100 Congress leaders (including MPs), distressed at the state of affairs within the party, have written a letter to Sonia Gandhi asking for change in political leadership and transparent elections in CWC"

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**New Delhi, August 17:** Suspended Congress leader Sanjay Jha has claimed that about a hundred party leaders have written to interim president Sonia Gandhi for elections to the Congress Working Committee and the party president's post. Sanjay Jha who has been sacked as party spokesperson tweeted, "It is estimated that around 100 Congress leaders (including MPs), distressed at the state of affairs within the party, have written a letter to Sonia Gandhi, asking for change in political leadership and transparent elections in CWC." Congress leader Randeep



Surjewala vehemently denied such a letter: "Special Misinformation Group on Media-TV Debate Guidance" in its what's app of today directed to run the story of a non-existent letter of Congress leaders

to divert attention from Facebook-BJP links. "Of course, BJP stooges have started acting upon it," added Surjewala. Party Secretary Pranav Jha said "no such letter has been received" by the party. Responding to a question, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said that "the party has internal democracy and the party gives liberty to such leaders to write a letter to the party and the CWC is well within the right to elect its leader." The party alleged that such leaders are acting at the behest of the Bharatiya Janata Party. It was earlier reported that Congress leaders were considering writing a collective letter to the

Congress Working Committee to elect or appoint a new full-time party president as Sonia Gandhi is set to complete one year as interim party chief. Top sources had said at that time that the group of leaders has met at least twice to deliberate on the issues of party organisation and a draft letter is being prepared. One of the leaders who is privy to the developments confirmed the move. But the sources did not reveal the names as the group wants to have wider consultations on the issue. However, sources said, "the move is not against Rahul Gandhi as the only motive is to have a permanent president and there should be a clear line of command in the party"

### HC DISMISSES PLEA FOR PROBE

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**New Delhi, August 17:** The Delhi High Court Monday dismissed a petition seeking directions to the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Enforcement Directorate for initiating a probe into alleged links between Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Yes Bank founder Rana Kapoor. A single judge bench of Justice Vibhu Bakhru refused to entertain the petition while raising jurisdictional issue over the plea filed by an NGO named Akhil Bhartiya Shanti Pratishthan. The plea sought a detailed inquiry into the allegations that Vadra sold a painting for ₹2 crore to Kapoor even though it was the property of the Congress party. The petition also sought directions from the court to register an FIR in person against Priyanka Gandhi, Rana Kapoor and Milind Deora for alleged money laundering, cheating, extortion, fraud, misrepresentation etc. The NGO alleged that Vadra in connivance with Milind Deora, partner conspirator, and Rana Kapoor, who is one of Yes Bank Ltd. co-founder, in a pre-planned manner performed an illegal act of money laundering with the intention of cheating and forgery.

### Girl raped, singed with cigarette butts

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**Gorakhpur (UP), August 17:** A minor girl was allegedly raped and singed with cigarette butts for two men in the Gola area of Gorakhpur district. The girl was found unconscious Sunday and is currently undergoing treatment at the district hospital. The police have registered a case against one Arjun of Dehribhar village and another unidentified man on the basis of a written complaint from the victim's mother. According to reports, the teenage girl, daughter of a brick kiln labourer, had gone to fetch water from a hand pump on Saturday night, when the two accused forcibly took her to a hut near a pond in the village on a motorcycle and allegedly raped her. They also tortured the girl by inflicting burn injuries on her with cigarette butts and fled when she became unconscious.

## China funds study on Nepal youth joining Gorkha regiment

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**New Delhi, August 17:** China has given 12.7 lakh Nepalese rupees to a Kathmandu-based NGO to carry out a study on what motivates Gorkha community members to join the Indian Army. Sources said that in the first week of June, China's Ambassador to Nepal, Hou Yanqi, funded a Nepalese NGO - China Study Centre (CSC) - to conduct a study on Nepalis being recruited in the Gorkha regiments of the Indian Army. "The CSC has been asked to conduct the study by addressing several points such as the reasons behind Nepalis joining the Indian Army,

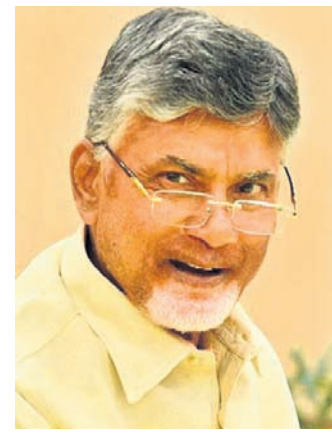
areas of Nepal from where such recruits are being made and their social-economic impact, their interest in joining the armed forces of foreign countries, among others," a source said. A fund of 12.7 lakh Nepalese rupees has been allocated by the Chinese Embassy for this task, said the source. There are seven Gorkha regiments in the Indian Army comprising around 28,000 Nepali citizens. The regiments have a total 39 battalions. In total, there were 11 Gorkha Regiments, out of which four went to the British Army after Independence. India has the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th and 11th Gorkha regiments



while the British Army has the 2nd, 6th, 7th and 10th regiments. The Gorkha community consists of mainly of four different tribes - are Khas (or Chetri), Gurung, Limbu and Rais.

## Naidu alleges phone tapping; seeks probe

In a letter to the Prime Minister, Naidu sought a probe by a competent authority of the Central government into the alleged tapping of phones



INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Amaravati, August 17:** Alleging that the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government in Andhra Pradesh was resorting to massive phone tapping of its opponents, former Chief Minister and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) president N. Chandrababu Naidu Monday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to order an inquiry. In a letter to the Prime Minister, Naidu sought a probe by a competent authority of the Central government into the alleged tapping of phones. The Centre should take stringent action so as to prevent the Jagan Reddy-led YSRCP and some private persons from resorting to such illegal activities that pose a threat to national security, he wrote. Naidu said that the ruling party and private individuals were using sophisticated technology and illegal software to tap the phones belonging to the opposition leaders, advocates, journalists and social activists. He wrote that this was a violation of the Articles 19 and 21 that provide for fundamental rights of citizens. The ruling YSRCP was using

illegal tactics to protect and preserve its power by intimidating and blackmailing the opponents and dissenting voices. These illegal activities were posing a serious threat to the right to privacy in the state, he added. The TDP chief alleged that even private individuals were using cutting edge technology and equipment to unlawfully tap the phones. "If these nefarious activities were not put to an end, they would proliferate and emerge as a bigger threat to national security and sovereignty of the country as a whole. If the Governments and private persons involved in such illegal activities were not restrained, they would attack and undermine the democratic institutions that were painstakingly built over decades of hard work in the country," he added. Stating that the YSRCP was already misusing its power to destroy institutions, Naidu deplored that systematic efforts were being made to deny fundamental rights and perpetrate oppression. He pointed out that as per the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 (Sec 5 (2)) and Information Technology Act 2000 (Sec 69), phone tapping is to be strictly used only in times of a threat to national security or the country's sovereignty or to national integration or when friendly relations with foreign countries are under threat. Naidu claimed that many Constitutional institutions were under attack since the YSRCP came to power. Systematic attacks were made on the State Election Commission (SEC), AP Public Service Commission (APPSC) and other institutions. Threats were being given to opposition leaders, advocates, media, social activists and all those who raise a dissenting voice against the ruling party's excesses, he added.

### FESTIVE SPIRIT



An artisan paints an idol of Lord Ganesha for the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Amritsar, Monday

### Fresh lease of life

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**Hyderabad, August 17:** A patient at a hospital in Hyderabad received a lung from a brain dead donor in Pune, as different authorities came together to ensure the organ's transportation within one hour. A Green corridor was arranged by different departments in both cities for faster transport of the organ on Sunday. A patient suffering from terminal lung disease and undergoing treatment at KIMS Heart and Lung Transplant Institute here, was the recipient of the organ. He had registered his name under the Jeevandan scheme of the Telangana government. The family of a young person, who was declared brain dead at a private hospital on Sunday, came forward to donate the organ while Zonal Transplant Coordination Center (ZTCC) Pune ensured that the organ reached Hyderabad in time for the transplant. Dr Swarnalatha, who is In-charge of Jeevandan, Telangana guided and supported the cause, while Arthi Gokhle, Central Coordinator ZTCC Pune ensured



that it happened without any obstacles. The lung was brought by a chartered flight from Pune to Hyderabad. Traffic police of both the cities arranged the green corridor and the Airports Authority of India also came forward to help this noble cause. Finally, KIMS Heart and Lung Transplant Institute, Hyderabad received the lung by the evening without any delay from the city which is 560 km away, within one hour and transplanted the same to the needy patient. At a time when even smaller health issues are a big deal in Covid-19 pandemic times, the authorities showed that even tough things like lung transplantation can happen if there is a strong will. Before the transportation and transplant, the authorities took all precautions. Doctors at KIMS said the transplant was done after the donor tested negative for Coronavirus. As many as 7,31,697 samples were

## Covid tally crosses 26L-mark

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

**New Delhi, August 17:** India's novel coronavirus tally crossed the 26-lakh mark Monday with 57,981 new cases in 24 hours, while the death toll climbed to 50,921 with 941 more fatalities, said the Health Ministry. Out of the total 2,647,663 cases, recoveries have surged to 19,19,842 with a record 57,584 more people recuperating in the past 24 hours, taking the recovery rate to nearly 72.51 per cent. The actual caseload of the country is the active cases, which currently stand at 6,76,900. The country had touched the two-million mark August 7 and added more than six lakh cases in ten days. The silver lining, however, is that the gap between recoveries and active cases is growing every day. Currently, recoveries are over 12 lakh more than the active cases. As far as the death toll is concerned, the country had registered its first death on March 13 and crossed the 25,000-mark on July 17. The next 25,000 deaths were logged in the span of a month. Notably, the case fatality rate, which is the proportion of people who die from the disease among individuals diagnosed, has dropped to 1.93 per cent, the ministry said. As many as 7,31,697 samples were



tested on Sunday, taking the total to 3,00,41,400 samples being tested till date, according to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). Maharashtra remained the worst-hit state with a total of 5,95,865 cases and 20,037 deaths; followed by Tamil Nadu with 3,38,055 cases and 5,766 deaths. The southern state is followed by Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh. At the global front, the overall number of global coronavirus cases has topped 21.5 million, while the deaths were nearing 774,000, according to Johns Hopkins University. As of Monday morning, the total number of cases stood at 21,598,893 and the fatalities rose to 773,934, the University's Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) revealed in its latest update. The US accounted for the world's highest number of infections and fatalities at 5,403,213 and 170,052, respectively according to the CSSE. Brazil came in the second place with 3,340,197 infections and 107,852 deaths.





