

Sky Hospital announces free treatment for heart diseases



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On the 72nd Independence Day of India, SKY Hospital and Research Centre which is the only full-fledged heart hospital of Manipur has been empanelled by the Government of Manipur under the Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT) Scheme and Ayushman Bharat (National Health Protection Mission) Scheme, Government of India. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of Manipur and SKY Hospital on 15th August, 2018 at a function in Chief Minister's Secretariat with Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh in the Chair. Shri N. Biren has

handed over the MoU to Dr. L. Shyamkishore, Chairman of SKY Hospital (photo) empanelling the SKY Hospital for implementation of the schemes for free treatments of various heart diseases with immediate effect. Patients with various heart diseases holding a CMHT card or who are eligible for Ayushman Bharat (National Health Protection Mission) can avail a complete in-patient treatment of various heart diseases free of charge. The package includes the following, among others, common heart conditions and treatment modalities: Heart Attack, Heart Failure, Heart Valve Diseases, Birth Heart Defects, Palpitation, Pacemaker Implant Operation, Coronary Angioplasty with Stent, any Open Heart

Surgery, Surgical Closure of Holes in the heart, Heart Valve Replacement Operation (Single/Double), Coronary Bypass Surgery (CABG), Device Closure of various holes in the heart, Balloon Dilatation of blocked heart valves, RF Ablation for various palpitation (PSVT, VT) etc. Dr. L. Shyamkishore, Chairman & Chief Cardiologist of SKY Hospital happily announced that people in various category of the society (poor or rich) can now avail high standard of heart care (both interventional and surgical) free of charge at SKY Hospital under the above schemes and through reimbursement process (for Government Employees and their family members).

India to decline all foreign help to rebuild Kerala, will focus on domestic effort

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Soon after flood-hit Kerala's Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday announced that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has promised an assistance of USD 100 million (about Rs 700 crore) for the state's reconstruction, sources said the Central government has decided to decline all offers of financial help from foreign countries. Vijayan, who chaired a meeting of the state Cabinet to seek a Rs 2,600 crore special package from the NDA government under Centrally-sponsored schemes and called a special meeting of the state Assembly on August 30 to discuss the flood situation, said, "Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, called up Prime Minister Narendra Modi and made the offer for assistance." Sources in New Delhi said that the NDA government has "taken a considered decision to rely solely on domestic efforts to tide over the challenges".

Kerala has struggled to find its feet after the devastating deluge that left 223 dead in a fortnight. About 10.78 lakh people, including 2.12 lakh women and one lakh children under 12, have been displaced and sheltered in 3,200 relief camps.

On Monday, the Union home ministry declared Kerala floods, the worst in 100 years, a "calamity of severe nature". This tag gives the way for higher Central assistance to the state.

The chief minister had earlier estimated the damage to be about Rs 20,000 crore and so far the Centre has, in phases, announced interim assistance of Rs 680 crore for the state. On the Union government's decision not to accept offers



of financial help from foreign countries, sources said that New Delhi wants to convey that the country is capable of handling the flood situation on its own both, financially and logistically. According to some reports, even the previous UPA-2 government had declined foreign aid in 2013 when floods struck Uttarakhand.

The Modi-government has apparently also communicated to all embassies its position on not accepting foreign financial help for Kerala tragedy. In a message to Indian missions, the government said, "If a foreign government makes an offer of help, you may kindly express your appreciation for the sincere sentiments and willingness to assist..."

Earlier, Vijayan told reporters that Kerala would ask the Centre to hike the limit of loan it can secure from the open market for the massive rebuilding exercise. Under the present

arrangement, Kerala can obtain three per cent of its gross state domestic product (GSDP) as loans and wants the limit to be raised to 4.5 per cent so the state can mobilise an additional Rs 10,500 crore from the open market, he said. With rains easing and water receding in some areas of flood-ravaged Kerala, people started returning to their homes as Union minister KJ Alphonso appealed for cooked food and skilled workers to rehabilitate the displaced people.

Though there has been some respite from the rain in the last two days, the water level has not come down in several areas of the Ernakulam, Thrissur, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha and Kollam districts, officials said. State government officials and defence forces said rescue efforts will continue till the last person is brought to safety. As the state drowned in unprecedented misery, the Muslim festival of Id-ul-Adha

on Wednesday is expected to be low key. State government events to mark the Onam festival on August 25 have also been cancelled.

Road and rail services have resumed in most parts of the state but clearing houses of the debris washed up by surging flood water is a daunting task.

The state government is also preparing a comprehensive health action programme to prevent outbreak of water-borne diseases.

The Southern Air Command has said the Indian Air Force (IAF) said it will continue all out efforts in coordination with the civil administration to ensure that the people of the Kerala recover quickly from the calamity.

A total of 364 helicopter sorties were flown, 1.25 lakh kg of supplies dropped and 574 people rescued, a release said. The state level bankers committee has also decided to declare a moratorium on agriculture loan for one year.

Mumbai: Four dead, 14 injured in fire at Crystal Tower in Parel

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At least four people were killed and 14 injured in a level-3 fire that broke out in Crystal Tower near Hindmata Cinema in Parel area around 8 am on Wednesday. At least 20 fire-fighting tenders were rushed to the spot. The rescue operations were completed and the fire was doused after two hours. At least 25 people were rescued from the Crystal Tower and 16 people were taken to KEM hospital, of which 2 were brought dead; 1 was a senior citizen. An officer from fire department said, "The electrical wiring in the duct

area of the building caused the fire to start on the 12th floor. There were fire extinguishers but they were not operational. Because of the smoke and heat on the 12th floor, the people on upper floors were also trapped. The building is declared unsafe and power and water supply is stopped now. The evacuation process is completed. A thorough investigation will be conducted into the incident." The fire broke out on the 12th floor of the residential tower. People trapped in the staircase area due to smoke were rescued using a crane. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Gurudas Kamat passes away

New Delhi, Aug 22,

Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Gurudas Kamat passed away after a heart attack in New Delhi today. The 63-year-old leader breathed his last at a private hospital where he was taken this morning after he complained of breathlessness. UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi visited the hospital and paid her last respects to the departed leader. Congress President Rahul Gandhi said the passing away of Gurudas Kamat is a massive blow to the Congress family. Former President Pranab Mukherjee also expressed shock over his untimely demise.

Individual parents needn't be given right to challenge fee hike, says HC

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Individual parents need not be given the right to challenge fee hike by a school when the Parents Teachers Association's Executive Committee has a right to do so, the Bombay High Court has ruled.

A division bench of Justices SC Dharmadhikari and Bharati Dange, observed that the provisions allowing both PTA and the management the right to go to second level appeal, while only the management to go for first level appeal, were adequate. The first level appeal is before the Division/District Fee Regulation Committee and the second level appeal is before the Revision Committee. The court was hearing a petition filed by one Khed Taluka Vidyarthi Palak Sangh, seeking to declare certain provisions of Maharashtra Educational Institutions (Regulation of Fee) Act, 2011 as unconstitutional. The petitioners submitted that the law was skewed in favour of the school management

when it came to the right to challenge fee hike. The bench, however, observed that a PTA's EC, as provided in the law, was different from the management, and, would also include parents apart from teachers and the principal/headmaster of the school. The court observed that as per the law, the management is supposed to place its proposal for hiking the fees before the EC first, and the EC then has a right to call for the details based on which the management seeks the hike it does. The HC observed that the law then allows the EC to either approve or decide the fees afresh within 30 days based on parameters provided in law. And, in case the difference in fees proposed by the management and that decided by the EC is less than 15 per cent, then even the management does not have the right to approach the divisional/district committee. It's only when the difference is more than 15 per cent that the management has the right to approach the divisional/district fee regulation committee.

Japan Offers To Boost Sri Lanka's Security As China Makes Inroads

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Japan has pledged to help strengthen Sri Lanka's maritime security, authorities said Tuesday, in a new sign of efforts to counter China's strategic grip on the Indian Ocean island. President Maithripala Sirisena thanked Japan's Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera for donating two coast guard patrol craft costing over \$11 million in total, his office said in a statement after talks in Colombo.

"Attention has been drawn to further strengthening maritime security cooperation between Japan and Sri Lanka," the statement said. The visit came a week after the US State Department gave \$39 million to strengthen the island's naval capabilities. Sirisena said he was happy that Onodera, the first Japanese defence minister to visit, was travelling to

two strategic ports on the island. Onodera will visit Hambantota, which Colombo in December 2017 leased to a Chinese state-owned company for 99 years.

The government said it was forced to lease the port for \$1.1 billion because it could not service loans from Beijing to build the white- elephant facility agreed by former president Mahinda Rajapakse. Hambantota, 230 kilometres (143 miles) from Colombo, straddles the world's busiest east-west shipping route.

The Japanese minister will also visit Trincomalee, a natural harbour that was the target of Japanese bombing during World War II. China has edged out Japan as a key funder of ports and other projects in the island in recent years. Sri Lanka has become a key link in its ambitious "Belt and Road" international infrastructure initiative.

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