

ABVP extends help to flood victims



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Volunteers of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has extended help to the flood affected locals under Thoubal District today. A team of ABVP members comprising 18 male and 5 female distributed essential

commodities-potatoes 10kg, poori 5kg, rice-40kg, daal-5kg to flood affected 17 households at Thoubal Ningombam. The team also distributed rice 50kg, .15 kg potatoes, daal-8kg, poori-5kg to 60 flood affected families. While, at Khekman ABVP distributed the essential goods to 60

households and at Wangkhem area a total number of 300 affected households were given rice, daal and potato and a total number of 1000 affected households at Thoubal Sabaltongba were given their essential goods and edible items by the ABVP members as part of its social response initiative.

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Thousands rendered homeless as Manipur, Assam & Tripura reel under floods

The flood situation in Tripura remains critical on the third-day even as most rivers in Unokoti, Dhalai, Khowai, Gomati and South Tripura districts receded last night. There is no report of any casualty. The Union Home Ministry last night sent a large contingent of NDRF volunteers along with 20 advanced boats from Uttar Pradesh by an Indian Air Force carrier. The Indian Army and other paramilitary forces were engaged in relief and rescue operations. As many as 80 special medical teams were constituted and

sent to affected areas since this morning. The met Department has forecast heavy rainfall for the next 48 hours across Tripura. Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has said that the flood situation is improving in the state. Talking to AIR, the Chief Minister said that the water level of various rivers in the state is receding. He also said that in Unakoti district due to the damage of embankment there is waterlogging and administration is working actively on it. He also said that the state

government has talked to the PMO and Home Minister Rajnath Singh and asked for the help. He also said that compensation of five lakh rupees will be given to the kin of those who lost their lives due to rain and flood. Our correspondent reports that the Chief Minister said that NDRF team has reached in the state and rescue operation is going on. He said that a health team is put in place to provide mineral water, food, and medicines to the affected people and inmates in camps in various districts of the state.

FIFA World Cup

Spain to clash with Portugal in key match; Egypt face Uruguay while Morocco meet Iran in other two fixtures



In the FIFA World Cup in Russia, three matches are scheduled for today, the second day of the tournament. In the first encounter, Egypt will take on Uruguay in Group A at 5.30 p.m. at Ekaterinburg Arena. In the two Group B games later, Morocco will meet Iran at the Saint Petersburg Stadium in St. Petersburg at 8.30 p.m., while Portugal will face Spain

at the Fisht Stadium in Sochi, at 11.30 p.m. The Spain versus Portugal fixture is the highly anticipated group stage clash in the ongoing World Cup. Spain are unbeaten in 20 games while European champions Portugal, have lost one competitive match since September 2014. Having played at the Real Madrid Club for years, Club captain Sergio Ramos will certainly be wary of talismanic forward Cristiano Ronaldo's skills. Yesterday, Russia opens their World Cup campaign with a commanding 5-0 win over Saudi Arabia in front of an 80,000-capacity Luzhniko crowd. Denis Cheryshev struck twice for Russia as the FIFA World Cup 2018 hosts thumped Saudi Arabia 5-0 in the

opening match of the tournament in Moscow on Thursday. Iury Gazinsky scored after 12 minutes and Cheryshev added a second before the break after coming on as an injury replacement for Alan Dzagoev. Artem Dzyuba netted a third before terrific late efforts from Cheryshev and Aleksandr Golovin wrapped up Russia's first win since October to launch their Group A campaign in style. Russia headed into the curtain raiser at the 80,000-capacity Luzhniko, the crucible of Russian and Soviet sport, without a victory in over eight months and ranked a lowly 70th in the world. For Saudi Arabia it was a return to the global showpiece for the first time in 12 years, with their only previous finals wins at the 1994 World Cup.

National & International News

Seen On CCTV, 3 Men Suspected Of Killing Journalist Shujaat Bukhari

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Hours after senior journalist Shujaat Bukhari was shot dead in the heart of Srinagar on Thursday evening, the police released security footage of three bikers believed to be the killers. The faces of all three were obscured, either by a helmet or cloth, and the man in the middle held what appeared to be a sack of weapons.

Releasing the photos on Twitter, the police appealed for public help to help identify the killers. The identity of those providing information would be confidential, said the police. Mr Bukhari, 62, was shot at close range when he was leaving his office in Press Colony in a relatively safer part of Srinagar, around 7.30 pm. His two security guards were also killed in the attack. Mr

Bukhari had been protected since 2000, when he survived an attempt to kill him. The police say the killers had been waiting for Mr Bukhari to come out. "They were shot before they could react," Jammu and Kashmir police chief SP Vaid told NDTV. "They (the terrorists) chose the iftar time when everybody was rushing home. We will look into who these people are," Mr Vaid

said. On hearing the gunshots, other journalists ran to the spot and found Mr Bukhari's bloodied body slumped over a seat. His two guards were also in the car. After firing multiple shots, the terrorists escaped. The attack took place hours after Home Minister Rajnath Singh held a security review meeting for the annual Amarnath pilgrimage that starts later this month.

Khandu launched Chief Minister's dashboard

Agency
Arunachal Pradesh, June 15

Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Thursday launched the Chief Minister's Dashboard (h t t p : / / c m d a s h b o a r d . a r u n a c h a l . g o v . i n) that will help the State Govt to monitor the implementation of various development projects and schemes of the Centre and the State Govt in the districts. "The web-based real-time monitoring system will help us in assessing the performances of districts and the departments and in ensuring effective delivery of services and faster decision making," Khandu said during the inaugural session. "This project was one of the few

initiatives I had undertaken after taking over as Chief Minister with the objective to curtail corruption and to bring in efficiency by shifting to digital mode," he said. Khandu said, "Old system of paperwork incurs huge costs and delay that cuts down the efficiency of the government" and appealed the Govt officers to make the dashboard the ultimate repository point to access all information and data's related to government departments. The Chief Minister said, initially only three departments - Education, Health and Agriculture - have their database integrated with the CM Dashboard and urged all the other departments to follow suit.

He urged the departments to be proactive and responsive in providing timely and updated data as and when required in the dashboard to make the project serve its intended purpose. The CM suggested on having reliable and appropriate Key Performance Indicator (KPI) to assess performances across the state that can have different performances level in different sectors due to varying nature in population, topography, availability of cultivable lands etc. Khandu also suggested that the information in the dashboard should be made available to the public too without restricting it for the authority alone. "This will

help the public to directly monitor the performances of departments and overall of the government," said the CM. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Chief Secretary Satya Gopal also spoke. Special Secretary (IT) Prince Dhawan gave a power-point presentation on working manual of the CM Dashboard. The CM dashboard project commenced on 10th Nov 2017 and the Arunachal Pradesh State Council for IT & E-Governance (SCITeG) and Department of IT & Communications were entrusted to develop and maintain the automated centralized web based dashboard.

Delhi ministers' sit-in: Denied meet with Arvind Kejriwal, CM's wife urges L-G Anil Bajjal to intervene

Agency
New Delhi, June 15

Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's wife on Thursday alleged that the families of the ministers, who are staging a sit-in at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat since Monday evening, were not being allowed to meet them.

Sunita Kejriwal said on Twitter that even prisoners are allowed to meet their family members. According to the chief minister's wife, she, her mother-in-law, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia wife and Health Minister Satyendar Jain's wife had gone to meet them at the Lieutenant-Governor Anil Bajjal's office on Thursday, but were not allowed. "Respected lieutenant-governor sir, are we four ladies, mother and wife of chief minister, wife of deputy chief minister and wife of Satyendar Jain threat to your security that you are not allowing us to enter the road leading to your house? Kindly intervene. Please do not feel so threatened by everyone. Regards," she

tweeted. In another tweet, she said, "Lieutenant-governor sir, we waited for long but denied any meeting with our family. Even the prisoners are allowed to meet their family members." Sources in the lieutenant-governor office said the ministers' family members can meet them outside the lieutenant governor office as no restriction has been imposed on such meetings. Kejriwal and AAP ministers Manish Sisodia, Gopal Rai and Satyendar Jain have been staying put at the waiting room of the lieutenant-governor office over their demands, including a direction to IAS officers to end their "strike" and action against those who have struck work.

In counter-protest, BJP MP Pravesh Sahib Singh Verma, three party MLAs and AAP's rebel legislator Kapil Mishra sat on dharna outside the chief minister's office at Delhi Secretariat. The general administration department of the Delhi government on Thursday ordered removal of posters and banners put up by the BJP and Mishra following a complaint. Following a request of Opposition Leader Vijender Gupta, the department provided a television in the waiting room of the chief minister's office. Besides Verma and Mishra, BJP MLAs Gupta, Manjinder Singh Sirsa and Jagdish Pradhan have sat on dharna, saying they will not leave the chief minister's office till their demands are met.

Afghan president touts cease-fire in Eid address

Agency
Kabul, Jun 15

Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani is touting a three-day cease-fire with the Taliban in an address to the nation heralding the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr. The holiday marks the end of the Ramadan holy month, when devout Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. The cease-fire took effect at Friday and lasts through the three-day holiday. Ghani is using the opportunity to appeal for a lengthier cease-fire and call for the Taliban come to the negotiating table instead of returning to the battlefield. The Taliban agreed to the cease-fire but leader Haibatullah Akhunda reiterated his demand for talks with the U.S. before sitting down with the Afghan government. Across Asia, the faithful are celebrating the end of the holy month in Indonesia, Pakistan, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Three Naxals gunned down by SF

Agency
Raipur, Jun 15

Three Naxals were killed in an encounter with security forces in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh today, an official said. The gunbattle took place in the forest area located between Gattapad and Tokanpalli villages under Chintagufa Police Station area around 10 am, Sukma Superintendent of Police Abhishek Meena told Agency. "A joint team of District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Special Task Force (STF) had launched a search operation in the forest of Chintagufa, located around 500 kms away

from the capital Raipur, last night," he said. When the patrolling team was cordoning off the forest between Gattapad and Tokanpalli, the Naxals opened fire on them, he said. Security forces fired in retaliation and the gunfight continued for a while. However, Naxals soon escaped into the forest, he said. During a search of the area, bodies of three ultras clad in "uniform" along with four weapons, including a 315 bore rifle, a pistol and a muzzle-loading gun, were recovered from the spot, he said. The process of identifying the slain Naxals was on, he said.

Four injured in leopard attack

Agency
Balmampur (UP), Jun 15

Four persons were injured when a leopard attacked them in Bharavandeh village under Rampur range of Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary here, an official said. Kanshi Ram (30) was working in his agriculture field when a leopard attacked him yesterday evening, DFO R.K Mittal said. On hearing his cries, three persons rushed to his help and were also attacked by the leopard, the DFO said. All the four have been admitted to a hospital. Efforts were on to catch the leopard and a big cage has been placed outside the village to trap it.