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Monsoon in no mood to stop in August

Country's rain deficit shrinks to 14%

NEW DELHI: India's south-west monsoon is showing no signs of weakening and is instead expected to gain further momentum during the first half of August, raising hopes of a strong recovery after weeks of uneven rainfall across the country. The India Meteorological Department's latest rainfall data shows the all-India monsoon rainfall deficit has narrowed to 14%, a significant improvement from much steeper short-falls recorded earlier this season. Meteorologists say the revival is being driven by the strongest weather system of the monsoon so far, a deep depression moving across Maharashtra.

PM discusses West Asia crisis in key Cabinet meet

CCS discusses global security situation, supply chain constraints

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) and held detailed discussions with senior ministers on the prevailing global security situation, with a focus on maintaining uninterrupted supply chains amid ongoing conflicts affecting key maritime routes such as the Strait of Hormuz, the Black Sea, the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

The meeting reviewed measures taken by various ministries and departments to safeguard India's energy



security, fertiliser supplies, shipping operations and the interests of Indian citizens and the Indian community living abroad.

The two-hour meeting at the Parliament House com-

plex was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, along with ministers handling

petroleum, commerce, shipping and fertilisers.

Officials said this was the fourth special CCS meeting convened on the West Asia situation.

The Cabinet Secretary briefed the CCS on the current geopolitical developments and steps taken to ensure adequate availability of petroleum products, including LNG and LPG. He informed the committee that LPG procurement sources have been diversified and that overall stocks of major petroleum products remain adequate.

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AP preferred destination for global investors: Lokesh

Lays foundation for Tata, Suzlon renewable energy projects in Kurnool

HANS NEWS SERVICE PATTIKONDA (KURNOOL)

DECLARING that Andhra Pradesh has regained the confidence of global investors, Minister for Education, IT and Electronics Nara Lokesh said on Thursday that the state has emerged as a preferred investment destination in view of the present government's focus on policy stability, speed, and investor-friendly governance.

He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited's (TPREL) 800 MW hybrid renewable energy project near Hosur in Pattikonda constituency. He said the Rs.5,350-crore



Minister for Education, IT and Electronics Nara Lokesh at the foundation-laying ceremony of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited's 800 MW hybrid renewable energy project near Hosur in Pattikonda constituency on Thursday

project, spread across Kurnool and Anantapur districts, reflects renewed investor confidence in Andhra Pradesh. Lokesh observed that the state's renewable

energy capacity has increased by nearly 400 per cent over the past year, attributing the growth to restored credibility and consistent policy implementation. Continued on Page 7

Centre defends ethanol blends

Says no verified engine failures in over 20 cr vehicles
 Claims E20 petrol can reduce fuel economy by 2-6%



NEW DELHI: Amid the debate over ethanol-blended fuel, the government on Thursday said E20 offers a "higher-octane rating, superior anti-knock characteristics, cleaner combustion and smoother engine performance." More than 20 crore two-wheelers and over 3 crore petrol cars have been operating on ethanol-blended fuel without any verified evidence of widespread engine failure or vehicle breakdown attributable to ethanol blending, Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari told the Lok Sabha in a written reply. Gadkari said E20 improves acceleration and ride quality while reducing carbon emissions. "Laboratory studies, field validation and real-world operating experience have not established any adverse impact on vehicle performance due to E20 fuel. This is evident from the fact that E15 blended petrol has been in widespread use for over three-and-a-half years and E19-E20 fuel for over two-and-a-half years," he said.

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Puri holds talks with Team Bharat Group activist Tehseen Poonawalla arrested



Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri with Team Bharat activist Tehseen Poonawalla

NEW DELHI: Post the Jantar Mantar protests and clashes, the Narendra Modi government appears determined not to repeat the missteps that turned the recent student protests into a movement powerful enough to force Dharmendra Pradhan to step down as the Union education minister. With the Ethanol-Blended Petrol programme now drawing similar backlash, New Delhi is moving early.

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Security beefed up at Bhogapuram for PM's visit

Modi to inaugurate new airport on Aug 1 ■ 5,000 police personnel being deployed for security

VASU POTNURU/ VISAKHAPATNAM

AHEAD of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to inaugurate Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport, security has been heavily beefed up at Bhogapuram. Close to 5,000 police personnel are expected to be deployed to ensure a safe, secure and smooth inauguration of the airport followed by the public meeting which is expected to draw 2 lakh people. During his visit to Bhogapuram, Narendra Modi will spend two hours and twenty-five minutes participating in various events. A no-fly zone has been declared for 72 hours. Restrictions are in place within a 5-km radius of the new airport, public meeting venue, helipad and surrounding routes from 8 pm on July 29 to 8 pm on August 1. Continued on P7



A view of Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport

Bhogapuram Airport set to propel north Andhra growth

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విజయవాడ నగరపాలక సంస్థ

మలేరియా అంతం.. మనతోనే సాధ్యం...

దోమకాటును - నిర్మూలన చేస్తే

అనారోగ్యం మరియు ప్రాణహాని

చిన్న చిన్న జాగ్రత్తలతో మలేరియా, డెంగ్యూ, చికున్ గునా వ్యాధులను వ్యాప్తిచేయు దోమలను మనం పూర్తిగా నిరోధించవచ్చు

దోమల వృద్ధి చెందే ప్రదేశాలు

మొక్కల త్రాలు మనీ ప్యాంట్ / షుల్డర్ బ్యాగ్ ఖాళీ టైర్లు ఖాళీ కొబ్బరిదోండాలు

దోమలు కుట్టకుండా తీసుకోవాల్సిన జాగ్రత్తలు

దోమ తెరలు ఉపయోగించుట దోమలు కుట్టకుండా వస్తువులు ధరించుట దోమలు కుట్టకుండా తోషణలు రాసుకొనుట

చెయ్యకూడనవి

- మీ ఇంటి పరిసర ప్రాంతాలలో నీరు నిల్వ ఉంచకూడదు.
- వ్యాధి లక్షణాలు కనిపించిన వెంటనే అస్తర్ల చేయకుండా డాక్టర్ ను సంప్రదించవలెను.
- దోమలు నియంత్రించు పద్ధతులు పట్ల ఆలసత్వం వహించకూడదు.
- మీ ఇంట్లో పనికిరాని మరియు పగిలిపోయిన వస్తువులు ఉంచకూడదు.

ప్రతి శుక్రవారం "డై డే" పాటిద్దాం!

మలేరియా, డెంగ్యూ వ్యాధులను నివారిద్దాం !!

కమ్యూనిటీ, నగరపాలక సంస్థ విజయవాడ