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**NATION**  
Modi, Sharif to stay in same hotel

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**CRICKET**  
Amitabh in race for BCCI post



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**Market report**

**GOLD** 24 ct (1 gm): ₹2,673  
22 ct (1 gm): ₹2,498

**KERALA'S LOWEST MAKING CHARGE**  
BIS HALLMARKED 916  
**CHUNGATH Jewellery**  
K.P.C.C Jn., M.G. Road, ERNAKULAM, Ph: 2368232  
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**ASTROGUIDE**

**Kanni: 7, 1191**  
**Pooradam (2 nazhika 25 vinazhika)**  
**Rahu kalam: 12.00 noon - 01.30 pm**  
**Gulika kalam: 10.30 am - 12.00 noon**  
**Yamakandakalam: 07.30 am - 09.00 am**  
**PRAYER (JUMA MASJID)**  
**Fajar: 4.58 am**  
**Zohar: 12.20 pm**  
**Asar: 3.55 pm**  
**Maghrib: 6.24 pm**  
**Isha: 7.33 pm**  
**SUNSET TODAY 6.21 PM**  
**SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.14 AM**  
**MOONRISE TOMORROW 2.13 PM**  
**MOONSET TODAY 1.19 AM**

**FELICITATING BRAVEHEARTS**



President Pranab Mukherjee felicitates Indian Air Force Marshal Arjan Singh during a high tea organised for veterans of Indo-Pak 1965 War at Ceremonial Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Tuesday. —PTI

■ Nation salutes its heroes, Page 6

**SREEDHARAN SAYS KOCHI METRO 2ND PHASE UNVIABLE**

DC CORRESPONDENT KOCHI, SEPT 22

The plan prepared by Kochi Metro Rail Ltd for the second phase of the Kochi Metro project is not feasible, says E.Sreedharan, principal advisor to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.

At a meeting of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry here on Tuesday, Mr Sreedharan said that ₹3,600 crore envisaged by the KMRL for the project was totally inadequate to meet the requirement.

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**HC allows Malabar med college to admit 150 students**

**Kochi:** Kerala High Court on Tuesday granted provisional sanction to the Malabar Medical College, Kozhikode, to admit students to 150 MBBS seats for the next academic year.

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**Govt backtracks on encryption policy**

■ Allays fears, says draft will be reworked

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, SEPT 22

Bowing under intense public pressure, the Centre Tuesday withdrew its controversial draft national encryption policy under which individuals were to be mandatorily required to save their WhatsApp and other social media messages for up to three months.

"I personally feel some of the expressions used in the draft are giving rise to un-called-for misgivings. Therefore, I have written to DeitY (department of electronics and information technology) to withdraw that draft, rework it properly and thereafter put in the public domain,"

**UNDER PRESSURE**

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— RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD, Communications minister



said communications minister Ravi Shankar Prasad. As per the draft, individuals were required to save all their online and mobile data (WhatsApp messages,

Google chats, BBM messages and emails, among others) for 90 days, and provide it to law enforcement agencies in "plain text" on demand.

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**Senior official guilty of errors in SSLC results**

DC CORRESPONDENT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPT 22

The SSLC results fiasco in the state was caused by former Preeeksha Bhavan secretary M.I. Sukumaran and data entry operators. This is the finding of the committee headed by general education secretary V.S. Senthil which inquired into the errors in the results announced in April.

Education Minister P.K. Abdu Rabb told reporters here on Tuesday that action would be taken against the guilty persons after further discussions.

But the education department will not be able to proceed against the former secretary as he has already retired.

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**HR panel examining Cathlab deal**

DC CORRESPONDENT KOCHI, SEPT 22

State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) is examining the deal to entrust the cath lab and dialysis unit of Cooperative Academy of Professional Education's (CAPE) Sagara Hospital, Alappuzha, with Amrita

**DC IMPACT**

Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS) here. SHRC chairman Justice J. B. Koshy on Tuesday asked the chief secretary, director of medical education and director of CAPE to furnish on November 11, the details

of the MoU reached between the two.

Taking note of a DC report lawyer T. B. Mini presented, he said there was suspicion of corruption in the mind of the petitioner, and hence all details need to be examined to understand the nature of the deal.

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