

In a nutshell

Kirti Chakra for Col Manpreet

NEW DELHI: Colonel Manpreet Singh, who was killed while leading from the front in an anti-terror operation in J&K's Anantnag in September last year, has been posthumously awarded Kirti Chakra, the second-highest peacetime gallantry award. President Murmu approved 103 Gallantry awards to the armed forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel. **NATION PAGE 7**

Rahul Navin new ED director

NEW DELHI: Acting Enforcement Directorate (ED) chief Rahul Navin was on Wednesday appointed as the full-time director of the federal anti-money laundering agency. Navin (57) joined the ED in November, 2019, as a Special Director. He was appointed as the acting Director of the ED after the tenure of his predecessor Sanjay Kumar Mishra ended. **PTI**

P Harish to be India's envoy to UN

NEW DELHI: Seasoned diplomat Parvathaneni Harish was on Wednesday appointed India's next ambassador to the United Nations in New York. Harish, a 1990-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is currently serving as India's ambassador to Germany. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly, the Ministry of External Affairs said. The position had been lying vacant after Ruchira Kamboj retired in June. **PTI**

KCR Kits stalled at hospitals across State

New mothers not being given kits for the last three months

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The much-loved KCR Kits scheme, the innovative flagship initiative of the former BRS government in Telangana, aimed at encouraging pregnant women to opt for government hospitals for safe delivery, has been stalled in all government Maternal Child Health (MCH) facilities and tertiary maternity hospitals at Sultan Bazaar and Petlaburj in Hyderabad and even in the districts.

For the last three months, the KCR Kits, replete with goodies for mother and baby, which used to be handed over to new mothers at the time of their discharge from government hospitals, is not being distributed anymore.

The Health Department has not supplied a single KCR Kit to couples, even as they wait for the promised phone call from the hospital authorities. The senior and junior managements of the government maternal healthcare facilities also have no idea if the scheme will be continued or re-

What does KCR Kits contain?

TWO SAREES, T-SHIRTS, CLOTHES FOR INFANT, A TOY, TOWEL, BABY MATTRESSES, BABY KIT WITH BABY POWDER, OIL, SOAPS, 2-3 DIAPERS



FINANCIAL COMPONENT

- Rs 13,000 for girl child, Rs 12,000 for boy child
- Earlier amount used to be released in phases — during and after delivery
- This used to ensure timely antenatal, post-pregnancy checkup of the mother
- A portion of the money used to be released after delivery during first immunisation
- This boosted infant immunisation in Telangana

placed by another one. At the newly launched MCH centre in Gandhi Hospital, there is no stock left of the kits anymore.

Senior doctors from the hospital said the State government has to provide some clarity on the issue and decide whether they want to continue with the initiative as pregnant women and their families keep asking about them.

"During discharge, they took our contact details and promised to distribute it once fresh stock of the kits arrived. However, I already delivered a baby here and today is the post-delivery check-up. Neither have I received the cash component of Rs 13,000 nor have I received the special kit," says Vennella, a new mother from Yadadri, who came all the way to the MCH facility

at Gandhi Hospital because of her high-risk pregnancy.

Senior doctors from maternity hospitals in Sultan Bazaar, Petlaburj and the MCH facility at Gandhi Hospital pointed out that for the past 12-18 months, the cash component linked to the KCR Kits initiative had stopped. Now, there is no stock left of the KCR Kits at any hospital in Telangana.

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Telangana cop gets President's Medal

NEW DELHI



The Union Ministry of Home Affairs on Wednesday announced service medals for 1,037 police personnel of various central

and state forces on the eve of Independence Day. According to the Ministry, the President's Medal for Gallantry has been awarded to a Head Constable of Telangana Police. The

Medal for Gallantry has been given to 213, Medal for Distinguished Service to 94 and Medal for Meritorious Service to 729. The PMG has been awarded to Chaduvu Yadaiah, Head Constable of Telangana Police who

showed rare gallantry in a robbery case on July 25, 2022. "On 26.07.2022, the Cyberabad Police apprehended two notorious individuals, but they stabbed Yadaiah with a knife repeatedly," the Ministry said. **IANIS**

ARMY CAPTAIN, TERRORIST KILLED IN J&K ENCOUNTER

JAMMU: An Army Captain and a terrorist were killed in an ongoing operation in the higher reaches of Jammu's Doda district on Wednesday, officials said. A civilian was also injured in the encounter that broke out on the eve of Independence Day. **PTI (REPORT PAGE 7)**

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