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## Michaung leaves a trail of destruction, toll rises to 12



NDRF personnel clear uprooted trees from a street following the landfall of Cyclone Michaung, in Nellore, on Tuesday. — Photo:PTI

CHENNAI/AMARAVATI/BHUBANESWAR/HYDERABAD

Severe cyclonic storm Michaung made landfall crossing the south Andhra Pradesh coast between 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm on Tuesday leaving its maximum fury to be felt on Monday in Chennai and adjoining areas in neighbouring Tamil Nadu. Southern districts of Odisha and eastern Telangana continue to be on alert. At least 12 people lost their lives in various rain-related incidents in and around Chennai even as personnel on fishing boats and farm tractors were engaged in rescuing stranded people in

**TS districts put on alert**

**HYDERABAD:** The official machinery in the districts, where heavy rainfall is likely to occur under the impact of Michaung Cyclone, has been put on high alert. Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari held a teleconference with Collectors and asked them to take precautionary measures in view of the India Meteorological Department warning that moderate to heavy rainfall was likely to occur in many districts of north and south Telangana. (SEE PAGE 2)

**Flash flood warning**

**HYDERABAD:** The Indian Meteorological Department issued a warning of moderate flash floods for specific areas of Telangana, citing the influence of severe cyclonic storm Michaung. In an official statement, the IMD highlighted the potential for moderate flash floods impacting a few districts within the next 24 hours. Districts such as Suryapet, Khammam, and Nagarkurnool have been identified as at risk. (SEE PAGE 2)

the city on Tuesday. The city and adjoining districts faced relentless rains on Monday as Michaung loomed over the north coastal areas of Tamil Nadu. Odisha's southern districts too received rains on Tuesday in the wake of severe cyclone Michaung. Authorities have deployed five teams of ODRAF and eight teams from the Fire Service Department for rescue operations in the five southern districts — Malkangiri, Koraput, Rayagada, Gajapati and Ganjam. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Revanth new Telangana CM

**To be sworn in tomorrow; thanks Sonia, Congress party workers for their support**

STATE BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

After nearly 48 hours of uncertainty and multiple meetings in Hyderabad and New Delhi, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) on Tuesday evening declared Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president A Revanth Reddy as the new Congress Legislative Party leader in the Telangana Assembly. He will be sworn in as the Chief Minister on Thursday.

The end to the long hours of speculation, rumours and debates over who would be selected as the Congress Legislative Party (CLP) leader came with AICC general secretary KC Venugopal announcing at a press conference in New Delhi that AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge had decided to go with Revanth Reddy as the "new CLP of Telangana Legislative Party." Calling Revanth Reddy a dynamic leader who campaigned in these elections extensively with other senior leaders like N Uttam Kumar Reddy and Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Venugopal said the AICC was very sure that the first and foremost priority of the new government was to "fulfil the aspirations of the people



All India Congress Committee general secretary KC Venugopal said the party will "recognise" all senior leaders.

of Telangana, especially the guarantees we have given to the people." "This is going to be a clean and very energetic and able government which is going to provide maximum governance to people of Telangana," said Venugopal, who evaded queries on the Deputy Chief Minister and Ministers. Instead, he said the party would "recognise" all senior leaders. "It's going to be a team, not a one-man show. The Congress will go with the team," he said. Expressing his gratitude to the AICC leadership, especially Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi, Revanth Reddy later shared a post on X, thanking them and the Congress party workers who stood by him for their support. Prior to Venugopal's announcement, high drama prevailed in Delhi and Hyderabad as consensus eluded the party with quite a few leaders making their CM ambitions public. Following this uncertainty, the AICC summoned AICC observers, DK Shivakumar, Manikrao Thakare, besides Uttam and Bhatti to Delhi early on Tuesday. Though there were several meetings, including one reportedly at Uttam's official residence in Delhi, it was the meeting at Kharge's residence that finally ended in the decision. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)

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## Antibiotic resistance kills 1 kid every 9 mins

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

India ranks among countries with the highest mortality rates due to antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and statistics show that one child dies every nine minutes due to illnesses caused by bugs that resist antibiotics.

This shocking revelation was made at a plenary session of the Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF) here on Tuesday, where experts discussed the role traditional medicines can play in overcoming the threat of AMR, which is rising in almost every part of the world, prompting WHO to declare it as one of the top health threats.

Speaking on the issue, Professor Thomas Rampf from the University of Duisburg-Essen in Germany, an expert in integrative medicine, said

the US and European countries also face the threat from AMR, but the risk to countries in Asia and Latin America is bigger. Termining resistance to antibiotics a "new phenomenon," he recalled that resistance to Penicillin was reported in 1940, though the drug was put into use by 1928.



**EXPERTS SAY INDIA IS AMONG COUNTRIES WITH HIGHEST MORTALITY RATES DUE TO AMR**

This led to the creation of newer antibiotics to overcome that, but in the last three decades, no new antibiotics have been developed and this has aggravated the problem. He also said the use and overuse of antibiotics are leading to their resistance. He stated that this is not limited to the medical field, as over 80 per cent of the antibiotics produced in the world are used in farms and fisheries, which inevitably enter our food chain. (SEE PAGE 2)

## FedEx opens \$100 mn tech hub in Hyderabad

MUMBAI

FedEx Express, an arm of New York Stock Exchange-listed, global express transportation firm FedEx Corp, on Tuesday inaugurated its first tech hub in India at Hyderabad, set up at an investment of \$100 million.

Envisioned as a hub for technological and digital innovation, the facility is aligned with the Telangana government's strategic emphasis on nurturing a thriving pool of tech talent, the company said

in a statement. In addition to boosting employment opportunities, it will also contribute to the development of new capabilities and meeting the technological requirements of FedEx operations worldwide, it said. "Marking a significant investment of \$100 million in Hyderabad's economic landscape, FedEx Express inaugurated its first Advanced Capability Community (ACC) in Hyderabad on Tuesday," the company said in the statement. PTI

## Group-II exam on Jan 6-7

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The recruitment test for Group-II posts is all set to be conducted on January 6 and 7, 2024. The Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) is making elaborate arrangements and has asked the District Collectors to finalise the centres and furnish the information to it by Thursday.

The Collectors have been asked to prefer the centres having CCTV surveillance cameras, particularly for the chief superintendent's room in which confidential material will

**TSPSC making all arrangements; Collectors told to finalise centres and furnish info by Thursday**

be opened and distributed. While accommodating candidates, the officials were told to ensure either 24 or 48 candidates per room except for the last room besides arranging seats in rows with approximately 2 sqmts of space for each candidate.

Earlier, the commission scheduled the recruit-

ment test for November 2 and 3. However, it was rescheduled to January 6 and 7, 2024 due to the State Assembly elections as the critical administrative and police personnel required to conduct the examination would be occupied with the poll work.

The TSPSC issued Group-II notification for a total of 783 posts, including 165 Assistant Section Officers in the GAD, 126 Mandal Panchayat Officers, 98 Naib Tahsildars in the Land Administration Department and 97 Prohibition and Excise Sub Inspectors. (SEE PAGE 2)

## 'Ready to hold polls in J&K, EC to take call'

NEW DELHI

The government is ready to hold Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir whenever the Election Commission takes a final decision in the matter, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Intervening in the discussion on the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office (PMO) said "whenever the EC announces it (Assembly

election in Jammu and Kashmir), we are ready." He said this in response to a demand from opposition parties for holding early Assembly polls in the Union Territory. "The EC has its own mechanism of gathering inputs according to its requirements and it will take a final call. Let us all trust the wisdom of the EC and not appear to be interfering in its functioning," Singh added. He further said democracy must reach the grass-root level and in the future, "we will do" what is in the best interest of the people of J&K. PTI

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