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Sena man shot by BJP MLA

Opens fire inside Thane PS over property row

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THANE/MUMBAI

A local Shiv Sena leader was in critical condition on Saturday after a BJP MLA shot him inside a police station in Thane district, prompting the opposition to demand Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's resignation over the deteriorating law and order situation.

Ganpat Gaikwad (56), MLA of Kalyan in Thane district, admitted to opening fire, telling a news channel that he was provoked as his son was being beaten up in the presence of police during the incident that took place on Friday night.

Gaikwad and his two associates were produced before a magistrate on Saturday evening and remanded in police custody for 14 days. While CM Shinde said the incident was "very unfortunate", deputy CM and Home Minister Devendra Fadnis ordered a high-level probe. The BJP MLA opened fire on Mahesh



Sena leader Mahesh Gaikwad in hospital after he was allegedly shot by BJP MLA Ganpat Gaikwad. — Photo: PTI

Gaikwad (40), Kalyan unit chief of the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, inside the chamber of the senior inspector of Hill Line police station in Ulhasnagar around 10.30 pm on Friday, said police.

Talking to Marathi news channel 'Zee24taas' over phone before his arrest, Ganpat Gaikwad claimed he fired from his pistol as his son was being beaten up. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was trying to estab-

lish a "kingdom of criminals" in Maharashtra, he alleged. Ulhasnagar, 45 km from Mumbai, falls in the Kalyan parliamentary constituency represented by CM Shinde's son Shrikant Shinde. Talking about the land dispute that led to the firing, Ganpat Gaikwad said he had bought a plot of land ten years ago. There were some legal issues, but he won the court case. Mahesh Gaikwad, however, occupied it by force, he alleged.

US strikes militias in Iraq, Syria

WASHINGTON

The US has conducted major airstrikes on 85 targets in Iraq and Syria against Iranian Revolutionary Guards and affiliated militia groups in retaliation for a drone strike on an American base in Jordan last Sunday that killed three of its service members. President Joe Biden and other top US leaders had been warning for days that America would strike back at the militias, and they made it clear it wouldn't be just one hit but a "tiered response" over time.

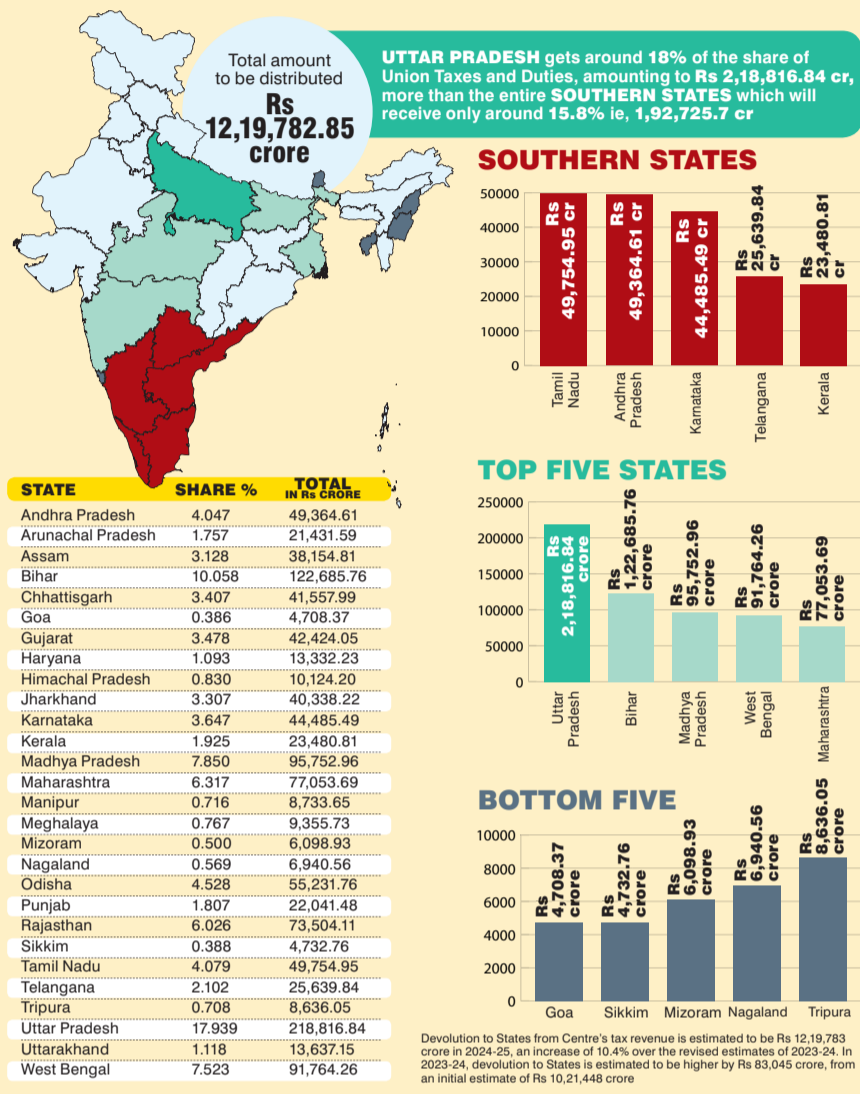
Biden said the US military response "will continue at times and places of our choosing." "The United States does not seek conflict in the Middle East or anywhere else in the world. But let all those who might seek to do us harm know this: If you harm an American, we will respond," Biden said in a statement after the US started carrying out such strikes on Friday.

Biden said this past Sunday that three American soldiers were in Jordan by a drone launched by militant groups backed by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC).

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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs. 101
Retail live	Rs. 123
With skin	Rs. 178
Skinless	Rs. 203
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 70

Greater flamingo, the VIP of Kishtareddypet

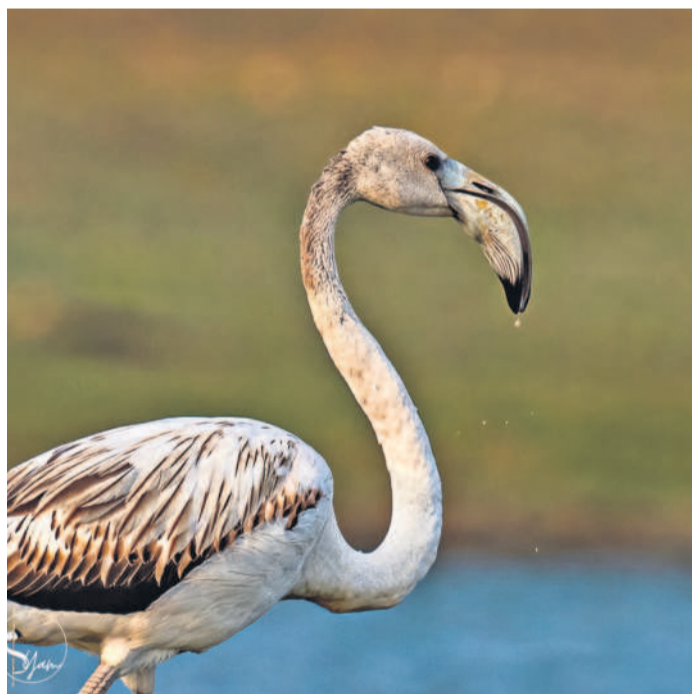
DENNIS MARCUS MATHEW
Hyderabad

Bird lovers and photographers are now heading to one lake that rarely had so much of visitors. And all that, just because of one rare visitor, who has triggered long discussions on social media on his mysterious, solitary presence.

A juvenile greater flamingo is the star of Kishtareddypet Lake and has been drawing visitors to the lake, right from bird lovers to photographers and even others who reach the lake on weekends just to have a glimpse of the rare avian guest.

With greater flamingos usually coming in flocks, the arrival of this loner, who has been around for a few weeks now, has puzzled birders here.

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The greater flamingo has been drawing visitors to the lake, right from bird lovers to photographers and others. — Photo: Dennis Marcus Mathew

Bharat Ratna for BJP stalwart Advani

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Saturday that BJP stalwart and former deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani will be conferred the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award, and described it as a "very emotional moment for me."

Modi was effusive in his praise of the contribution of the BJP's longest-serving president to public life. First in his posts on X and then at a public meeting in Odisha, Modi hailed Advani as one of the most respected statesmen who challenged dynasty politics and connected India's democracy to "all-inclusive and nationalist ideologies." Advani (96) greeted journalists at his home from a distance and



Lal Krishna Advani

later said in a statement that the award is not only an honour for him as a person but also for the ideals and principles that he strove to serve throughout life to the best of his ability. He expressed happiness and thanked President Droupadi Murmu for the award.

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'Revanth most uncivilised CM'

STATE BUREAU
Kothagudem

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is the most uncivilised and indecent Chief Minister in the country, former Minister T Harish Rao said here on Saturday.

The Chief Minister has been speaking in a "barbaric" and "uncultured" manner, tarnishing the image of Telangana in the country. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who indulges in tall talk about ethics, should speak some sense into Revanth Reddy, he said.

Addressing a gathering at the Mahabubabad parliamentary constituency preparatory meeting in Bhadrachalam, Harish Rao appreciated the cadre for working hard to win the Bhadrachalam Assembly seat and urged them to make efforts to win the Mahabubabad Lok Sabha seat

KTR takes a dig at Cong

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao said on Saturday that the Congress was no longer a viable alternative to the BJP. Rama Rao added that he would fully agree with Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee's opinion on this count.

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for the third time. Finding fault with Revanth Reddy's statement that the six guarantees would be implemented only if Rahul Gandhi becomes Prime Minister, he referred to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's comment that the Congress would hardly win 40 seats.

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This device can remotely track patient's oxygen, CO2 levels

M SAI GOPAL
Hyderabad

A senior anaesthesia specialist doctor from Government Medical College (GMC), Sangareddy district collaborated with a team of young biomedical engineers to innovate a novel medical device that can monitor and measure patient's vital medical (respiratory) gases in an ICU setting from a remote distance on a mobile phone.

The typical consoles that come with a medical device to track respiratory gases such as Oxygen and carbon dioxide in a patient are expensive. Such devices, which are part of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) set up are high-end and cost anywhere between Rs 1.5 lakh and Rs 2 lakh.



Prototype of the device, named Ecto2monitor capnograph, is already in the testing stage.

The prototype of the new device, named Ecto2monitor capnograph, and the exclusive software that is being

utilised on a mobile phone to track the patient's medical information is already in the testing stage. (SEE PAGE 2)

MAN DUPES PEOPLE OF Rs 2 CR IN DIGITAL CURRENCY TRADE, HELD

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Cyberabad Economic Offences Wing arrested a man for allegedly duping people to the tune of crores on the pretext of high investment in digital currency trade. The arrested, B N Satish (35), a native of Bengaluru along with his associate A Venkata Chalapathi

had set up an office at KPHB colony and lured people with investment in 'X coins' digital currency trade. He assured a profit in a ratio of 1:1 for three months on investment and 1:4 for one year investment in the business. They named their currency as 'XITO Currency.' Satish and Chalapathi were assisted by Raju, Prasad, Venkat and Jyothi.

ANTI-FUNGAL DRUG SEIZED FOR OVERPRICING IN KHAMMAM

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The drug inspectors of TS Drug Control Administration (DCA) seized stocks of 'Itralix 100', anti-fungal Itriconazole capsules (100mg) in Khammam that were being sold for more than the ceiling price set by the drug regulatory authorities. The MRP indicated on the packs of 'Itralix 100', manu-

factured by Nutralife Healthcare Pvt Ltd, Haridwar and marketed by Elixir Lifecare Pvt Ltd., Punjab, is Rs 362.40 for 10 capsules, which means a single capsule is being sold for Rs 36.24. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, the pricing regulatory authorities of medicines, however, fixed the ceiling price of Rs 16.67 for a single capsule. (SEE PAGE 2)

Punjab Governor resigns

CHANDIGARH

Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Banwarilal Purohit submitted his resignation to President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday, citing personal reasons. "Due to my personal reasons and certain other commitments, I tender my resignation from the post of Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh. Please accept the same and oblige," Purohit (84) wrote in his resignation letter. Purohit's resignation came a day after he met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi.

Their meeting came days after the BJP swept the Chandigarh mayoral polls, retaining all three posts, a setback to the Congress-AAP alliance which alleged tampering with ballot papers by the presiding officer. PTI