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**In a nutshell**

**Nine killed as bus catches fire**  
**GURUGRAM:** Nine people, including five women and a 12-year-old girl, were burnt alive and 17 injured when a moving tourist bus caught fire near Dhulawat village in Haryana's Nuh district on Saturday. The incident took place around 2 am on KMP Expressway. The bus was carrying around 60 people who were returning from pilgrim towns of Mathura and Vrindavan. All of them are relatives, the police said. **PTI**

**Extreme heat grips northwest India**  
**NEW DELHI:** The extreme heat scorching large parts of northwest India will continue for another five days, with Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh predicted to bear the maximum impact. A brutal heat wave swept swathes of north India on Friday, with the maximum temperature soaring to 47.4 degrees Celsius in Delhi's Najafgarh, highest this season in the country so far. **NATION PAGE 8**

**Killer tiger tranquilised**  
**NAGPUR:** The Forest Department on Saturday tranquilised and rescued a sub-adult tiger, which had killed three persons in villages of Maharashtra's Chandrapur district in the last few months. Tig cat had attacked and killed three persons from villages adjoining Nimdihela Round. The Forest Department launched a rescue operation and the tiger was rescued from compartment 59 of the Khadsangi forest range, the official said. **PTI**

**Teen kills brother for game addiction**  
**BENGALURU:** A teenager, who killed his minor brother for the latter's game addiction, was arrested in Bengaluru on Saturday. The accused was identified as Shivakumar, a resident of Neriga village near Anekal town. Shivakumar confessed to the Sarjapura police that he hammered 15-year-old brother Praneesh to death as he was upset over the latter taking his mobile and playing games all day. **IANIS**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm .....	Rs. 150
Retail live .....	Rs. 172
With skin .....	Rs. 249
Skinless .....	Rs. 284
Egg Rates (12 eggs) .....	Rs. 72



**Kartik off to hometown Gwalior**  
 Actor and director Kabir Khan to launch film's trailer in the MP town

## TS realtors oppose market value revision

**Say move may hit realty hard which is already witnessing slump**

**S SANDEEP KUMAR**  
 HYDERABAD

Will the State government's proposed move to revise market values hit the real estate sector in Telangana, which is already witnessing a slump?

Builders and developers are apprehensive over the move, which became a topic of discussion after a recent review meeting by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy with an eye on shoring up revenues. They fear that the revision of market values at this particular point in time could further slow down business, which has been going through a slump ever since elections were announced late last year. The State government's policies are still unclear on different issues, builders feel, saying that considering all these factors, it might not be the right time to take up such exercises.

**Review meeting**  
 The Chief Minister, during the meeting with officials from the Stamps and Registration Department and others on Thursday, instructed

### Realty on pause

**RS 18,500 CRORE:** EARNINGS FROM STAMPS AND REGISTRATION DEPT AS PER BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2023-24

- Govt earned **Rs 14,295 crore**, recording **77%**
- State achieved **91%** of earnings target from Stamps and Registrations in **2022-23 FY**
- BRS govt revised registration charges in **July 2021** from **6% to 7.5%** after being in power for **7 years**
- This will help increase transactions and sales volume, ensure cash flow in market
- Builders feel govt's policies still unclear on different issues
- Consumers would be forced to wait and watch as there would be uncertainty over pricing



**MARKET HAS BEEN VERY SLOW SINCE LAST SIX MONTHS AND THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS COULD FURTHER SLOW THINGS, SAYS CREDAI HYD MEMBER**

them to initiate measures for revising the market value of lands. He said land and property values across the State had increased drastically but the income from Stamps and Registrations did not increase accordingly. There was a disparity between market value and the actual sale price of the land or properties, he had said, suggesting that the market value had to be revised in a way to promote the real estate sector and boost the State government's revenue.

Admitting that there was a provision to revise the market values every year, a member of CREDAI Hyderabad observed that this was not the right time to revise the values. The market has been very slow since the last six months and these announcements could further slow things, he said. Consumers would be forced to wait and watch as there would be uncertainty over the pricing. It has been six months since the State government came to power and now was the time to

boost the investors' confidence and take steps that could trigger a real estate boom in the State, he suggested.

**Registration charges**  
 The BRS government revised the registration charges in July 2021 from 6 per cent to 7.5 per cent after being in power for seven years. In February 2022, market values were revised but considering the escalating land values, there was no impact on transactions, a builder said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Kejri's aide held in Maliwal case

**NEW DELHI**

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar was arrested on Saturday in connection with the alleged assault on AAP MP Swati Maliwal, even as the party claimed she was "blackmailed" by the BJP as she faces a corruption case.

Kumar was picked up from the Chief Minister's residence by a Delhi Police team, a senior police officer said, a day after Maliwal recorded her statement before a magistrate at the Tis Hazari court.

A senior police officer said Kumar was arrested from the Chief Minister's residence on Saturday. The officer said Kumar had gone there in the morning to meet Kejriwal. "He will be produced before a court and police will seek his custody for further interrogation," the officer said. Police said they have recorded the statement of at least 10 people, including security personnel and other staff at the Chief Minister's residence, who were present at the time of the alleged assault on May 13. Earlier in the day,

**Bibhav Kumar will be produced before a court and police will seek his custody for further interrogation, say police officials**

Bibhav Kumar wrote to police, saying that he was ready to cooperate in their investigation, but they should also consider his complaint against Maliwal. On Friday, Kumar filed a police complaint, alleging Maliwal breached the security of the CM's residence to gain unauthorised entry on May 13 and created a ruckus there. The CM's aide also alleged that when he tried to stop her she hurled abuses at him. Senior AAP leader Atishi addressed a press conference here in which she said if the Delhi Police is impartial, it should also register an FIR on Kumar's complaint. Atishi claimed the former DCW chief faces arrest in an illegal recruitment case and she was "blackmailed" by the BJP. **(SEE PAGES 2, 7)**

## 3 realtors held for Rs 60 crore scam

**CITY BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

Three realtors, who collected Rs 50-60 crore from investors under the pretext of 'pre-launch offers' with false promise of constructing residential apartments in Kompally locality, were arrested by the Cyberabad Police on Saturday.

The arrested include the chairman of Bharathi Builders, Dupati Nagaraju, MD of the company, Mulpury Shivarama Krishna and CEO, Thoddakula Narasimha Rao, according to an official press release.

**Pre-launch offer**  
 They collected huge deposits from prospective buyers through 'pre-launch offer' at a price of Rs 3,200 per sq ft by publishing colourful brochures and conducting meetings at the venture in Kompally and their office in Madhapur. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## HEAVY RAINS LASH HYDERABAD



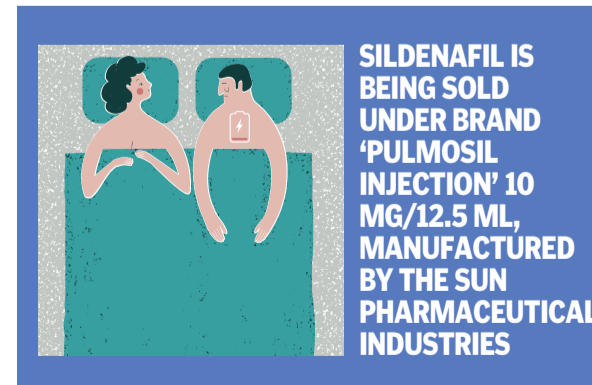
A biker makes his way amid heavy rain in Hyderabad on Saturday. Following a brief respite from intense rain on Friday, Hyderabad was hit by a downpour and thunderstorm on Saturday afternoon, leading to extensive disruptions and flooding in low-lying areas. — Photo: AP (REPORT PAGE 3)

## Caution against fake drug to cure erectile dysfunction

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

Authorities in Telangana have cautioned the public against the availability and sale of a counterfeit version of Sildenafil, a drug supposed to cure erectile dysfunction.

The Drug Control Administration (DCA) asked druggists to stop its sale and notify officials about this particular batch of injections sold under the brand 'Pulmosil Injection' 10 mg/12.5 ml (with batch number KFA0300, Mfg Dt 06/23 with expiry date of 05/25) purportedly manufactured by the Sun Pharmaceutical industries in Turkapally on city outskirts. DCA Director General VB Kamalasan Reddy said the authorities found fungus in sealed vials of the counter-



feit version of the product in question. In light of these grave findings, the DCA issued a 'spurious/counterfeit drug alert and a stop use notice' regarding the counterfeit version of Pulmosil. Reddy said the counterfeit product could be identified by these parameters: While the counterfeit injection has a "white flip-off

seal", the original has a "violet flip-off seal"; the label edges of the counterfeit one have "sharp or straight edges" while the original has "curve edged labels or rounded corners"; the contents in the counterfeit injection have a "light pale yellow colour solution" while the original one has "clear colourless solution". **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Property row: Man kills mom, daughters

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Khammam

In a barbaric incident, a man allegedly killed his mother and his two daughters at Gopalpet village in the district on Saturday.

It was said that the accused, Pittala Venkateshwarlu, strangled his mother P Pichamma (60), and his daughters Neeraja (10) and Jhansi (6) to death. He was also suspected of killing his wife, Kanakadurga, who died under suspicious circumstances on May 31, 2022, but no case was booked against him.

According to locals, after the death of his wife, the accused married another woman, Triveni, and was living in Khammam. He reportedly was harassing his mother for some time now, forcing her to register a house, in which she was liv-

ing now at the village, on his name besides one acre of agricultural land.

Pichamma, however, with the help of the villagers transferred the property rights of the house to her granddaughters, who were being taken care of by her after the death of their mother. Of the one acre, half an acre was registered on the name of Pichamma and the remaining half on the names of the children as her son was said to be a drunkard.

The accused, who wanted to own the properties, got angry at his mother's move and resorted to the inhuman act, the villagers suspected. The local police visited the spot following information from the villagers, booked a case and took up investigation. Two police teams have been formed to nab the accused.