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In a nutshell
Bypolls: Liquor shops to be shut
HYDERABAD: In view of the bypolls to the Telangana Legislative Council from the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda graduate constituency to be held on May 27, Rachakonda Police Commissioner Tarun Joshi issued an order to shut liquor outlets across the Yadadri-Bhongir zone from 4 pm on May 25 up to 4 pm on May 27. Clubs, star hotels and restaurants possessing different categories of licences will also not be allowed to sell alcohol.

WB braces for cyclone Remal
KOLKATA/NEW DELHI: A depression in the Bay of Bengal is likely to concentrate into a severe cyclonic storm and make landfall along the adjoining coasts of West Bengal and Bangladesh around Sunday midnight, bringing heavy rain in the coastal districts of the State and in north Odisha, the Met department said. This is the first cyclone in the Bay of Bengal this pre-monsoon and will be named Remal. (REPORT PAGE 8)

Three killed in car-bus collision
HYDERABAD: Three friends from the city died after the car in which they were travelling collided with a bus near Ramanutha village in Amangal on the Hyderabad-Srisailem highway, about 80 km from Hyderabad, on Friday. Police suspect that the driver had dozed off resulting in the crash. All the three occupants of the car suffered grievous multiple injuries and died on the spot. (REPORT PAGE 3)

TS man dies in Australia
HYDERABAD: A man from Shadnagar has died under suspicious circumstances in Australia. Arati Arvind Yadav, a native of Shadnagar town, was the only son of local BJP leader Arati Krishna Yadav, who had been residing in Australia for 15 years and got married just 18 months ago. According to reports, Arvind left the house in Sydney on Monday and did not return. His body was found in the sea and his car was recovered nearby. (REPORT PAGE 3)

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 130
Retail live.....	Rs. 152
With skin.....	Rs. 220
Skinless.....	Rs. 251
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 72



Indian film scripts history
 Filmmaker Payal Kapadia and movie's cast get standing ovation



A Hawaiian surfer trains for the WSL Tahiti Pro competition in Teahupo'o, on the island of Tahiti, French Polynesia. — Photo: AFP

SC refuses to issue directions to EC

NEW DELHI
 The Supreme Court on Friday refused to issue directions to the Election Commission (EC) on an NGO's plea for uploading polling booth-wise voter turnout data on its website during the Lok Sabha elections and favoured a "hands-off attitude" amidst an ongoing electoral process.

A vacation Bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Satish Chandra Sharma adjourned the hearing on the application filed by the Association for Democratic Reforms and said it will be heard with the NGO's writ petition filed in 2019 after the Lok Sabha elections.

It said everyone wants free and fair elections but



"we are also concerned that there could be mischievous people looking to take advantage". "The arguments on the interim application were heard. Prima facie we are not inclined to grant any relief on the interim application at this stage in view of the similarities of prayer 'A' of interim application with prayer 'B' of writ petition out of which the interim application arises. Grant of such interim relief would

Says it favours 'hands-off attitude' amidst poll process on NGO's plea for uploading booth-wise voter turnout

amount to granting the final relief in the writ petition," the court said.

It said the 2024 elections are spread over seven phases, of which five are already over and the sixth is on May 25. "This complacency which you (NGO) are insisting upon would require not only manpower but also mandamus (a judicial writ). It is not possible during this period. We have to be conscious of the

ground reality and cannot change the process midway," the SC said. "Let us tell you, we keep it pending and (will) hear along with Article 32 writ petition after elections are over. In between the elections, hands-off attitude has to be there," the Bench told senior advocate Dushyant Dave, appearing for the NGO.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for the EC, questioned the maintainability of the interim application and claimed it has been filed on the basis of mere suspicion, apprehension and false allegations. The Bench, which posed to Dave several questions, asked why the interim application contained an identical prayer made in of 2019. PTI

Resolve Adani coal imports case, 21 global groups urge CJI

NEW DELHI
 At least 21 international organisations have written to Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud and requested the Supreme Court to speedily resolve the pending case filed by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, investigating Adani Group firms for alleged overvaluation of Indonesian coal imports.

The letter comes after a report by the London-based *Financial Times*, citing documents from George Soros-backed Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, alluded to a "fraud" by the Adani Group by selling low-grade coal as high-value fuel in 2013. They contended that they stand against the continued use of fossil fuels. (SEE PAGE 2)

Harish hits out at Minister for TIMS hospital remarks

STATE BUREAU Hyderabad
 Former Minister and BRS MLA T Harish Rao raised strong objection to Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy's remarks on the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) hospitals project initiated by the previous BRS government.

He said the Roads and Buildings Minister was speaking about the construction of these hospital buildings without the slightest understanding of their utility.

In a statement on Friday, Harish pointed out that the previous BRS government made swift progress in establishing TIMS hospitals to meet the needs of the growing population. However, after the Congress came to power, the construction works were stalled for the

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 — HARISH RAO, BRS

last five months. Instead of completing the construction, the Minister was making baseless accusations, he said.

The former Minister noted that the TIMS hospital at LB Nagar was to have G 14 floors, not 27 floors as claimed by the Minister, who misunderstood the construction details. He asked why Venkat Reddy ig-

nored similar highrise hospital projects in other States, such as the 24-storey hospital in Jaipur initiated by the Congress government led by former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and the 22-storey hospital being built in Delhi by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, an ally of the Congress-led L.N.D.I.A bloc.

Harish urged the Congress government to focus on completing the TIMS hospitals project promptly to benefit the poor. He stressed the need to expand medical facilities in line with the population growth. "If the Congress government really cares about the poor, they should ensure the timely completion of TIMS hospitals," he said, urging Venkat Reddy to refrain from making uninformed and derogatory comments that did not suit his stature.

KTR slams govt for targeting BRS cadre

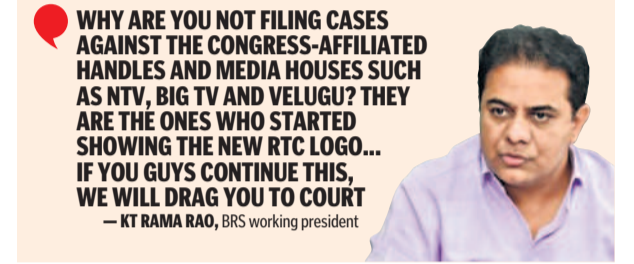
Questions officials on filing false cases

STATE BUREAU HYDERABAD
 BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday questioned officials on filing false cases specifically targeting BRS cadre while ignoring the real culprits.

He pointed out that no action was initiated against those who initially posted the alleged new logo of the TGSRTC, but only against BRS cadre, who were targeted for just sharing it and raising questions.

"Why are you not filing cases against the Congress-affiliated handles and media houses such as NTV, Big TV and Velugu? They are the ones who started showing the new RTC logo," he asked Director General of Police Ravi Gupta and Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) Chairman and Managing Director VC Sajjanar, emphasising that these were the primary sources of misinformation.

Taking to X on Friday, Rama Rao expressed anger over biased enforcement, warning that if the harassment continued under the influence of political leaders, legal action would be pursued.



“CONGRESS IMPOSING 'BRU' TAX ON PEOPLE”

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 — KT RAMA RAO, BRS working president

"If you guys continue this harassment under the direction of political bosses, we will drag you to the court of law and make sure justice is delivered," the BRS working president asserted.

He also criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for spreading false information and questioned why "such a habitual fake news peddler" should not be jailed.

"Revanth manufactured a shameless lie that my relative got a Rs 10,000-crore Covid drug contract. The same joker created a fake narrative that I dug up Nizam's jewels, which were under the Secretariat. Revanth circulated a fake video of union Home Minister Amit Shah. Being a Chief Minister, he posted a fake circular of Osmania University," he pointed out. (SEE PAGE 2)

B'desh MP murder: CID arrests butcher

KOLKATA
 The West Bengal CID arrested one person from the State's Bongaon area in North 24 Parganas district for his alleged involvement in the "murder" of Bangladesh MP Anwarul Azim Anar, an officer said on Friday.

The man, a butcher by profession, admitted during interrogation that he helped the other accused in chopping the victim's body before disposing the parts in different locations, the officer claimed.

The Bengal Police confirmed the murder the Anar, an Awami League MP from the Jhenaidah-4 segment in Bangladesh, on Wednesday after the victim went missing from Kolkata on May 13. State CID sleuths on Friday took the arrested person to the Bhangar area where the chopped body parts were put in plastic bags and scattered, he said. PTI

EAPCET admissions for engg, pharmacy from June 27

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON FRIDAY ANNOUNCED A THREE-PHASE SCHEDULE FOR UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING AND PHARMACY ADMISSIONS VIA THE TELANGANA ENGINEERING, AGRICULTURE AND PHARMACY COMMON ENTRANCE TEST (TG EAPCET) 2024. THE ADMISSION PROCESS WILL COMMENCE ON JUNE 27

SCHEDULE

FIRST PHASE	SECOND PHASE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration: June 27-July 5 Certificate verification: June 29-July 6 Exercising web options: June 30-July 8 Provisional seat allotment on or before July 12 Online self-reporting: July 12-16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration: July 19 Certificate verification: July 20 Web options: July 20-21 Provisional seat allotment on or before July 24 Online self-reporting, physical reporting at college: July 24-26
CENTRALISED INTERNAL SLIDING	SPOT ADMISSIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web options: Aug 12-13 Provisional seat allotment on or before Aug 16 Self-reporting online, in new branch in same college: Aug 16-17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 17 JUNE 19: Detailed notification will be available on tgeapcet.nic.in/

FINAL PHASE

- Registration: **July 30**
- Certificate verification: **July 31**
- Web options: **July 31-August 2**
- Provisional seat allotment: **August 5**
- Online self-reporting: **August 5-7**

Flyer tries to open aircraft door mid-air

CITY BUREAU Hyderabad
 The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) police has issued a notice to a passenger in connection with an incident involving the latter allegedly attempting to open the door of an aircraft mid-air.

The passenger, identified as Anil from Gajulararam in the city, was flying from Indore in Madhya Pradesh to Hyderabad recently when the incident

Prajwal case: SIT gets calls from 30 victims

BENGALURU
 Over 30 victims have approached the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged sex videos case involving Prajwal Revanna, JD(S) MP and grandson of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, sources said.

But none of the victims are ready to lodge a complaint. They are so frightened that even after assurances of protection, they are not ready to lodge complaints. IANS (REPORT PAGE 7)

AWCS saves jackals trapped in Maha well

STATE BUREAU Sangareddy
 Members of the Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS), an Ameenpur-based NGO, travelled all the way to a village on the Maharashtra-Telangana border to rescue a couple of jackals, which accidentally slipped into a 50-ft-deep dry agriculture well.

The well was located amid sugarcane fields. The team, led by a woman member of the AWCS, Santoshi Pradeep, travelled 350 km on Thursday. It received a call from villagers on Wednesday, the day when



The jackals, which were rescued from the agricultural well, at Shahapur village on the Telangana-Maharashtra border.

the Telangana-Maharashtra border, where the jackals were found in the well on the outskirts of Shahapur village.

Santoshi got down into the well with a cage, safely captured both jackals in the cage and pulled them up. Since they were healthy, they were released into the wild with the help of the local forest officials. The two jackals were reunited with three other jackals, which were waiting at the well, after their release.

AWCS members Ganesh, Arun and Ramesh were also part of the rescue team. (SEE PAGE 2)