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In a nutshell

Revanth for Delhi today
HYDERABAD: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is flying to New Delhi on Monday to attend the oath-taking ceremony of Congress MPs from the State, besides meeting a few union Ministers ahead of the Budget session. He is likely to stay in New Delhi for two days when he is expected to meet AICC leaders and discuss a few issues, including the State Cabinet expansion and appointment of the new TPCC president.

Another bridge collapses in Bihar
MOTIHARI: An under-construction small bridge collapsed in East Champaran district on Sunday in the third such incident in Bihar in less than a week, officials said. No casualty was reported in the incident, which occurred at Ghorasahan block in Motihari, they said. The 16-m-long bridge was being built over a canal by the State's Rural Works Department to connect Amwa village to other areas of the block. **PTI**

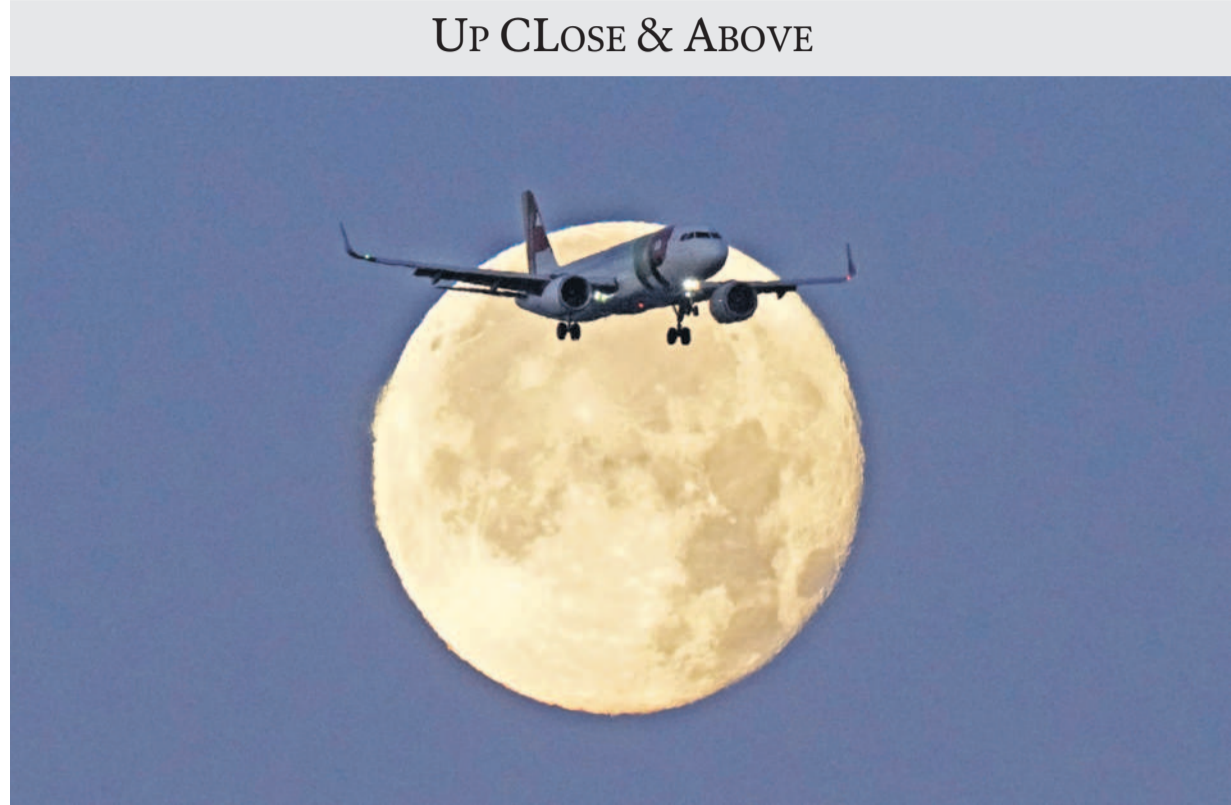
4 news channels blocked in Andhra
AMARAVATI: Some news channels have gone off air at several places in AP following the declaration of the results of the Assembly and Parliamentary elections, with an opposition YSRCP Parliamentarian alleging coercion by the State government leading to them being blocked. Allegations of TV9, NTV, 10TV and Sakshi TV being blocked have been levelled against the government. **(NATION PAGE 7)**

Farmer electrocuted
MEDAK: A young farmer was electrocuted while he was fixing a technical glitch in a transformer at Vadiyaram village in Chegunta mandal on Sunday. Mogili Venu (25), a resident of the same village, was working in his field when he noticed a disruption in the power supply to his borewell. Trying to resolve the snag, he came in touch with live wires and died. Police registered a case.

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 119
Retail live.....	Rs. 141
With skin.....	Rs. 204
Skinless.....	Rs. 233
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 69

Sonakshi, Zaheer hitched
 Have low-key ceremony in the presence of family and close friends



A TAP Air Portugal Airbus A320 is silhouetted against the setting moon while landing in Lisbon at sunrise on Sunday. — Photo: AP

NEET: CBI gets into action

NEW DELHI
 The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Sunday took over the probe into the alleged irregularities in the medical entrance exam NEET-UG following a reference from the Union Education Ministry.
 With a section demanding the cancellation of the May 5 exam, the Ministry officials reiterated the government's earlier stand that the incidents of malpractices were "localised" or "isolated" and it was not fair to jeopardise the careers of lakhs of candidates who cleared the exam rightfully. The Bihar Police's Economic Offences Unit (EOU) handed over a report to the Ministry on Saturday following which the probe was handed over to CBI. However, a CBI team was allegedly attacked by the

813 of 1,563 students take NEET-UG retest
New Delhi: As many as 813 of the 1,563 candidates, who were earlier awarded grace marks in NEET-UG, appeared for a retest on Sunday, officials said. The retest was conducted at seven centres following an order from the Supreme Court. The grace marks were awarded to make up for the loss of time at six centres where the examination started late on May 5. "At least 52 per cent — 813 out of 1,563 candidates — appeared for the retest on Sunday," a senior National Testing Agency (NTA) official said. Meanwhile, NTA debarred 17 candidates from centres in Bihar for 'malpractices'. **PTI**

local people in the Rajauli area of Bihar's Nawada, after which four persons were arrested by police on a complaint from the central agency, officials said on Sunday. **(SEE PAGES 2, 3)**

Two CoBRA personnel killed in naxal attack

SUKMA
 Two personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force's jungle warfare unit CoBRA were killed after naxalites blew up a truck with an improvised explosive device (IED) in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district on Sunday. The naxal blast took place around 3 pm near Timmapuram village between Silger and Tekalgudem camps of security forces, over 400 km from state capital Raipur, police said. An advance party of the 201st unit of CoBRA had launched patrolling. **PTI**

"CM stands for Cutting Master?"

STATE BUREAU Hyderabad
 BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Sunday launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, accusing him of reducing the number of beneficiaries in various welfare schemes.
 He questioned whether 'CM' stood for 'Cutting Master', referring to the Chief Minister's practice of cutting down on promised benefits.
 In a statement, Rama Rao lashed out at the State government for imposing numerous restrictions to reduce the number of eligible farmers. "During elections, you asked farmers to get crop loans with a promise to waive them. But now, you are imposing numerous riders to implement the Rs 2 lakh loan waiver," he said, also pointing out that the required amount for the

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scheme was significantly reduced from Rs 39,000 crore to Rs 31,000 crore since the Congress took power.
 He warned that the BRS would not keep silent if the Congress government attempted to deceive lakhs of farmers by using excuses like not having passbooks or ration cards, farmers filing I-T returns or having lower-rank government jobs. He charged the government with depriving people of other schemes. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Hyd's bustling nightlife to take a hit

CITY BUREAU Hyderabad

Once bustling till late hours, Hyderabad's famed nightlife is losing steam.
 Citing law and order situation, the Hyderabad Police has directed commercial establishments to close down their business between 10.30 pm and 11 pm every day.
 The police issued the directions after Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy reviewed the law and order situation in the State following recent incidents of violent crimes.
 The police also advised people not to offer rides to strangers and move aimlessly on roads late at night. Those consuming liquor at public places were warned of stringent action.
 However, the city police's directions to close down the commercial establishments by 10.30 pm evoked sharp reactions from the business community and the citizens. Mohd Jabbar, a businessman from Pathergatti, said



The Hyderabad Police has directed commercial establishments to close down business between 10.30 pm and 11 pm every day. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

tourists and local people hang around Charminar till midnight and even beyond on weekends as it is a well-known tourist attraction. "The government should

control crime but it should not be at the cost of the livelihood of law-abiding citizens," he said.
 Another businessman, Mohd Sohaib, from Shah Ali

Banda, said the lifestyle in the city was changing and people preferred to move around with families in the evening. "We have customers rushing to the shop

during closing hours and making purchases. The government should allow the shops to remain open till midnight," he said.
 Anirudha, who runs a tiffin centre at Begum Bazaar, says in a city like Hyderabad, shops and commercial establishments should be allowed to run 24x7.
 "The city has an active nightlife and families move around round-the-clock. Keeping this in mind, it should be left to the management to decide when to open or close shops," he said.
 Sai Kiran, a chartered accountant, said the government should allow nightlife to prosper in a city like Hyderabad where people from different States are settling down. "The police should come up with effective ways to control crime without impacting law-abiding citizens. Common shoppers and shopkeepers do not create trouble, why should they be targeted," he wondered.

Cops' midnight raid shocks tourists

STATE BUREAU Nagarkurnool

Guests at the Hilltop Mrugavani resort in Eegalapenta on the Srisaillam road had a harrowing time on Saturday midnight when the local police knocked at their rooms and checked their antecedents.
 There are about 20 rooms at the resort. Usually, people from Hyderabad and other places visiting the Srisaillam temple book rooms at the resort. The police team is said to have barged into the resort around 1 am and despite the staff asking them to check the Aadhaar cards

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 — ARANI MAJUMDAR, A GUEST AT THE RESORT

and other details in the register, they insisted on checking the rooms personally and began knocking on the doors at the odd time, the resort staff said.
 Arani Majumdar, one of the guests, who was also checked by the police, posted about the disturbing experience on X: "Police-men knocking down our door and harassing and

under your administration where State police can harass women at night by barging into their rooms..."
 In the video posted on X, the police personnel can be seen questioning their antecedents. When the guests tried to seek a search warrant and question the absence of women constables, the police personnel captured photographs of the guests, including of women, and took videos. Speaking to *Telangana Today*, Majumdar said: "I have been living in Telangana for eight years now but never encountered such behaviour by the police." **(SEE PAGE 2)**

AP man killed in Arkansas shooting

AMARAVATI

A 32-year-old man from Andhra Pradesh was among four persons killed in firing at a grocery store in Arkansas in the United States.
 Dasari Gopikrishna, a native of Bapatla district, had gone to the US only eight months ago. He was working at the Mad Butcher grocery store in Fordyce, a small town in Arkansas, where a gunman opened fire on June 21. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Suraj Revanna held, CID to probe case

HASSAN

A case of alleged sexual abuse of a male party worker against JD(S) MLC Suraj Revanna has been handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for probe, Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara said on Sunday.
 Earlier in the day, Suraj Revanna — the brother of former MP Prajwal Revanna who is facing allegations of sexually abusing several women — was arrested in Hassan on charges

of "unnatural offences" against him, police sources said. He was booked on Saturday for allegedly sexually abusing a party worker a few days ago and has been booked under different sections of the IPC, including "unnatural offences".
 "The case registered in Hassan District Hole-narasipura Rural Police Station under Sections 377, 342, 506 and 34 of the IPC is transferred to CID for further investigation with immediate effect," the police statement read. **PTI**