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people, including two children, died and four others were injured after the van they were travelling in reportedly rammed a truck at Gundenahalli cross in Byadagi Taluk. The deceased children, both boys, were aged four and six, they said. Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced a compensation of Rs 2 lakh each to the kin of those who died in the accident. PTI

Hemant Soren walks out on bail

RANCHI: The High Court of Jharkhand granted bail to former Chief Minister Hemant Soren in a money laundering case. The court had on June 13 reserved its order on Soren's bail plea. "...The petitioner is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs 50,000 with two sureties of the like amount each," said the order passed by the single Bench of Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay. NATION PAGE 7

Dogs maul 6-yr-old boy to death

SANGAREDDY: Street dogs continued to make life miserable for the people in the State as a pack of dogs mauled a six-year-old boy to death, while another 8month-old girl sustained severe injuries in another incident in Patancheru. The boy was identified as Vishal, the son of a migrant couple from Bihar. Vishal was living at a construction site with his parents at Isnapur village.

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Defections will have no impact on BRS: KCR

Says party creates leaders, not the other way around



BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao addressing the party activists from Korutla and Jagtial Assembly constituencies.

STATE BUREAU Hyderabad

Leader of Opposition and BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao asserted that the defection of BRS MLAs to the ruling Congress will have no impact on the party.

parture of certain leaders would only strengthen the party, which has the capacity to train new leaders and provide them opportuni-ties to serve the people of

Telangana. "Don't worry about those who are leaving the party to join the thieves. It will not affect the party. One must remember that the party creates leaders, not the other way around," he told the party activists from Korutla and Jagtial Assembly constituencies,

who came to meet him at

his Erravelli residence on

Party cadre should not get discouraged. Work for people, notwithstanding whether we are in power or not

Instead, he said the de-

Hyderabad outskirts on Friday. Reflecting on the party's achievements, the BRS supremo noted that the party, which led the movement for Telangana Statehood, has the unique understanding needed to address the State's chal-lenges. The BRS president called on the party activists to work with renewed

aspirations.

Delhi airport roof collapses amid rain mayhem, 1 killed

Flights suspended; first day of monsoon brings national capital to its knees

PTI NEW DELHI

The monsoon arrived in Delhi on Friday, raining devastation on a city ill-prepared for a three-hour downpour that led to the roof of Delhi airport's Ter-minal-1 collapsing, killing one person and suspending flight operations, and inundating many parts of the capital. The early morning rain, which brought India's national capital to its knees, claimed at least one more life with a 39-year-old man electrocuted in Rohini area.

Besides, three labourers were trapped when an under-construction wall in Vasant Vihar collapsed early morning. Rescue operations continued till evening, their hopes of sur-vival dimming with each passing minute. Delhiites woke up to rain-soaked morning with water entering homes, submerging ve-hicles and leading to mileslong traffic snarls that took hours to detangle.

At the airport's busy Terminal 1, the rain destruction took a tragic turn. Around 5 am, the massive canopy covering the departure area gave way, trapping several people. Besides the roof sheet, support beams collapsed, pinning down parked cars. A taxi driver, identified as Ramesh Kumar, was rescued from a car on which an iron beam had fallen but was declared dead when he was taken to the Medanta Hospital facility near the terminal. The injured were admitted to



Vehicles crushed after a portion of the roof at the Delhi Airport's Terminal-1 collapsed amid heavy rainfall, on Friday. - Photo: PTI

the hospital "... flights to & from Terminal 1 have been closed till further notice. Alternate arrangements are being made for the smooth operation of the flights," the Civil Aviation Ministry said in a post on X.

Delhi airport operator DIAL, which set up a technical committee to probe the roof collapse, said in a statement, "While the cause for the collapse is being assessed, the primary cause seems to be the continued heavy rainfall over the past few hours.'

Chaos in

Parliament

over NEET

The opposition caused re-

peated disruptions in Par-

liament on Friday over the NEET paper leak issue,

with both Houses being ad-

journed for the day without

NEW DELHI

I.N.D.I.A blames PM for incident

NEW DELHI: I.N.D.I.A bloc leaders targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Delhi Airport canopy collapse incident and termed it as a failure of the Ministry of **Civil Aviation. Congress MP Pramod Tiwari** said, "Just like what the condition has been of 'Modi Empire', Terminal-1 has collapsed like that only. For 10 years it was under their upkeeping, despite that it couldn't sustain the first rain. Modi govt will meet a similar fate, they are fully responsible for it." AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi said, "It's a saddening incident. I hope DGCA will take note of it and will tell country why and how this happened." ANI

DGCA to probe issue: Minister

NEW DELHI: The Delhi airport roof collapse was a "very serious incident" and DGCA will look into the matter thoroughly, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu said on Friday. Following the incident, the Union Minister rushed to the spot to inspect and oversee rescue operations. After inspecting the spot, the Minister said, "I express my condolences to the life that has been lost in this tragic incident, and along with that, we are taking care of the four people who are injured. As soon as the incident came to our notice, we reacted immediately." IANS

Indian charged in \$2.75 bn fraud

WASHINGTON: At least one Indian and two Indian-origin persons were among 193 medical professionals charged by the US for their alleged participation in massive healthcare fraud schemes involving approximately \$2.75 billion in intended losses and USD 1.6 billion in actual losses, the Justice Department has said. The government seized over \$231 million in cash. NATION PAGE 8

CHICKEN RATES **IN HYDERABAD**

Turncoat MLAs in TS face imminent disqualification

vigour to fulfil the people's

PS DILEEP Hvderabad

Disqualification of the five BRS MLAs who defected to the ruling Congress in Telangana appears imminent. This situation has set the stage for potential bypolls by the year-end, unless Congress can orchestrate a highly unlikely merger of two-thirds of the BRS Legislative Party into its own over the next few weeks.

When it began

The defections began after Chief Minister A Revanth inducted Reddy Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender and the then Chevella MP G Ranjith Reddy into the party fold on

Chevella BRS MLA joins Congress

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- K CHANDRASHEKHAR

RAO, BRS PRESIDENT

HYDERABAD: Chevella BRS MLA Kale Yadaiah joined the ruling Congress in the presence of AICC Telangana in-charge Deepa Dasmunshi in New Delhi on Friday. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy presented him party scarf and formally welcomed him into the Congress fold. Yadaiah is the sixth BRS MLA to join the Congress. The BRS already approached Assembly Speaker seeking disqualification of MLAs, who defected to the Congress.

spectively. When the BRS March 17 this year. The BRS attempted to submit animmediately submitted a disqualification petition to other petition, there was no response from the Speaker. the Speaker on March 18, which is still pending. Shortly thereafter, Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiam Sri-Hence, MLA Vivekananda submitted the petition seeking the disqualification of the two hari and Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkat Rao MLAs on April 10 via regisjoined the Congress on tered post and email. March 31 and April 7, re-(SEE PAGE 2)

transacting much business apart from the Rajya Sabha taking up the Motion of Thanks for the President's address amid protests in-cluding by the BJD, which almost always supported the BJP in the previous Lok Sabha. At one point, the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and Congress president, Mallikarjun Kharge, too entered the Well of the House to join the opposition protest.

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5 dead in Shadnagar glass company blast

CITY BUREAU Hvderabad

Five persons were killed and at least 15 others injured in a blast that rocked South Glass Private Limited at the industrial area in Burugulla

of Shadnagar on Friday. The victims were identified as Nikith Kumar (22) and Ram Setu (24), both from Uttar Pradesh; Ram Prakash (31) and Chitranjan (31) from Bihar and Rathi Kanth (25) from Odisha. All injured hail from Odisha, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

The pressure of gas in the compressor furnace is suspected to have led to the blast leading to a massive

fire. The incident occurred around 5 pm when about 200 workers were present in the company, which is involved in the manufacturing and quality testing of toughened, laminated and solar

control automobile glasses. As a routine, the workers were testing the strength and durability of the glasses by sending them into the gas chamber. "There is a proper mechanism in place wherein the gas pressure gets cut off after reaching a

required point," said an official (SEE PAGE 2)

In just 11 minutes, cybercrime cops save techie's Rs 18 lakh

CITY BUREAU

Moving in swiftly, the Hy-derabad Cybercrime Police, in just 11 minutes, saved a software professional from being duped to the tune of Rs 18 lakh in a parcel fraud.

The 31-year-old complainant from Amberpet lost Rs 18 lakh to a cyber fraudster who impersonated as an executive of a

courier agency. According to DCP (Cybercrimes), D Kavitha, the fraudster told the victim that his Aadhaar credentials were used to transport ille-



Complainant lost the amount to a fraudster who impersonated as an executive of courier agency

gal drugs from Mumbai to Iran, and asked him to contact Mumbai cybercrime via Skype. "The cyber crooks also made the victim borrow a personal loan of Rs 18 lakh and then transfer it into their bank accounts," she said. The victim, who realised he was cheated, approached the cybercrime

police who registered an online complaint on the NCRP portal and escalated it with the victim's bank and to the suspect bank. "The bank responded quickly and blocked the transaction of Rs 18 lakh. The whole episode happened in a time span of just 11 minutes," Kavitha said.



by Kamini Saraf

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Monsoon

29th June, Saturday 10am to 8pm Taj Krishna, Hyderabad