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SANGAREDDY: Five people from Telangana died in a road accident at Digawal in Maharashtra on Tuesday. According to their families, four persons from Narayankhed and two from neighbouring Banswada in Kamareddy district went on a Mumbai tour last Sunday. They were on their way back when the driver reportedly lost control of the car's steering. The vehicle turned turtle after hitting a culvert.

Auto driver electrocuted
SANGAREDDY: An auto-rickshaw driver got electrocuted, reportedly while hanging a wet cloth to dry on an electric wire, near his residence at Kyasaram village of Patancheru mandal under the BDL Bhanur police station limits. The incident occurred on Tuesday when Srinivas Goud (46), after cleaning his auto with a wet cloth, was hanging it up to dry on a wire. He suffered an electric shock and died.

Man killed by kin over land dispute
SANGAREDDY: Family members killed a man in full public view allegedly over a land dispute at Malgi village in Nyalkal mandal on Tuesday. The victim, T Babu (52), reportedly had serious differences with his brothers and other kin in the village. When he was alone at his residence, the accused called him out and attacked him indiscriminately with an axe, rod, sticks and rocks. They fled when he lost consciousness.

Monsoon covers entire country
NEW DELHI: The southwest monsoon has covered the entire country six days ahead of the normal date despite making sluggish progress during mid-June, the IMD said on Tuesday. "The southwest monsoon has further advanced into the remaining parts of Rajasthan, Haryana, and Punjab today. Thus, it covered the entire country on July 2 against July 8," IMD said.

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 107
Retail live.....	Rs. 129
With skin.....	Rs. 187
Skinless.....	Rs. 213
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70



Munija enters 100-cr club
 Being 100-crore girl definitely has a nice ring to it, says Sharvari

UP shocker: Stampede at satsang kills 116

Tragedy strikes when people try to get glimpse of 'Bhole Baba'



Relatives mourn outside a hospital where the bodies of the victims of the Hathras stampede were brought, in Etah on Tuesday. Barring seven children and a man, the dead were all women, officials said. — Photo: PTI (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 8)

PTI HATHRAS
 A stampede at a religious congregation here killed 116 people on Tuesday as devotees suffocated to death and bodies piled atop each other in the worst such tragedy in recent years. The stampede took place as the devotees — most of them women — headed home after a 'satsang' in Hathras district's Phulrai village, conducted by Baba Narayan Hari, who is also

known as Saakar Vishwa Hari Bhole Baba. Some accounts said some people slipped in the slush, triggering the stampede. Twenty-seven bodies were brought to a hospital in neighbouring Etah district. Senior Superintendent of Police Rajesh Kumar Singh said 23 of them were women. And, 89 lay dead in Hathras itself. UP Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh put the death toll at 116. Barring seven children and a man, the dead are

all women. Singh said 72 have been identified so far. Victims, dead or unconscious, were brought to the Sikandra Rau Trauma Centre in trucks and 'tempos'. The bodies lay scattered outside this Hathras health centre as people milled around them. Clips before the stampede showed people in a large 'shamiana', listening to 'Bhole Baba'. The 'baba' sat before them on a throne-like chair. District Magistrate Ashish Kumar said the 'sat-

sang' was a private event for which the Sub-Divisional Magistrate had granted permission. The local administration provided security outside the venue while the arrangements inside were made by organisers, he added. According to Sikandra Rau Sub-Divisional Magistrate Ravendra Kumar, the stampede took place when devotees tried to get a glimpse of Bhole Baba. They also wanted to collect some soil from around the 'baba's' feet, he said.

Ryot, who voted for Cong, ends life

Shoots video asking Revanth, Bhatti for justice

STATE BUREAU Khammam

A farmer, B Prabhakar (45) of Poddutur village in Chintakani mandal, shocked the State on Tuesday with a heartbreaking video, which he shot before ending his life, stating how he had voted for the Congress hoping for a farmer-friendly government, but was now left with no option but to die.

The video, which forced Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to respond even as it acquired political overtones, saw 10 persons being booked on charges of abetting suicide.

In the video purportedly shot near Khammam before he consumed pesticide on Monday, Prabhakar was seen in tears, complaining that some persons from the village had damaged his three-acre land under Survey Nos. 277 and 276 by digging up the soil using earth-movers.

Stating that he had voted for the Congress wishing for a pro-farmer government, despite being a Telugu Desam Party supporter, Prabhakar appealed for help from Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka to address his problem and do justice to his family. He said he was forced to end his life as none



B Prabhakar

In video, Prabhakar complains that some persons damaged his three-acre land; 10 booked on charges of abetting suicide

of the local officials, including the police, had helped him. He was said to have shot the video by placing his mobile on a nearby wall or a tree branch.

Repeatedly breaking down into tears, Prabhakar said he had complained to the local SI and Tahsildar, but they failed to solve his problem, following which

he reached Khammam on Monday to bring the matter to the notice of the District Collector at the Prajavani programme. But as the grievance cell meeting had ended, he could not do so.

Police said Prabhakar later consumed pesticide and called his family members, who alerted the police. However, by the time his relatives and cops reached the spot, he died. The body was taken for a post-mortem examination on Tuesday several hours after his death.

Meanwhile, the Khanapuram Haveli police booked a case against the accused under Section 108 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, based on a complaint by Prabhakar's father B Veerabhadraiah.

The complainant stated that the accused — Kurapati Kishore, Pentyala Rama Rao, G Nagamalleswar Rao, Mogili Srinu, Mogili Muthaiah, Velpula Kotaiah, Shaik Siddaiah, Velpula Narasimulu, Shaik Saidulu and Mogili Madhava Rao, along with some members of the local fishermen society — dug up the land and dumped the soil in a tank. The accused, reportedly followers of Bhatti Vikramarka, threatened Prabhakar that his land was under the limits of the tank and that he had no ownership over it. (SEE PAGE 2)

Modi slams Rahul for 'childish behaviour' in LS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi replying to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Lok Sabha on Tuesday. — Photo: PTI

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said people have given his government a mandate for stability and continuity for the third consecutive term after seeing its work of 10 years and accused the Congress of trying to build a narrative that it has defeated the BJP-led NDA in the Lok Sabha polls. Replying to a two-day debate on the President's ad-

dress to both Houses of Parliament, he also accused the Congress of working towards creating economic anarchy in the country. Modi singled out Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, saying the House witnessed the wailing of a person with "balak buddhi (childish behaviour)", who tried to gain sympathy without disclosing the wrongs he had committed. "This is the first time

Rahul writes to PM on NEET issue
NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi has written to PM Modi, requesting him to facilitate a debate on the NEET issue in Lok Sabha on Wednesday. He said the Opposition's request to discuss the issue was denied in both Houses of Parliament on June 28 as well as on Monday, and added that the Lok Sabha Speaker had assured the Opposition of discussing the matter with the government. Gandhi said the aim was to engage "constructively to find a way forward". PTI

that Congress has not crossed 100 seats three consecutive times. Instead of conceding defeat, they are being arrogant. They are building a narrative that they beat us," he said. PTI

Job aspirants' stir to intensify

YUVRAJ AKULA Hyderabad

The protests demanding that the Congress government fulfil its pre-election promises on jobs for the unemployed appear to be escalating with a 10 Million march being planned in the city.

A Groups' job aspirant, Motilal Naik, who broke his nine-day hunger strike on Tuesday, lambasted the Telangana government's indifference towards the voices of unemployed youth and announced plans to escalate the protests by



Motilal Naik addressing the press at Gandhi Hospital.

widening the scope of it. "This time, we will hold a 10 Million March. Not just unemployed youth, we will go to the villages and take

the support of farmers on our demands. We will take this as a challenge," Naik told "Telangana Today" after ending his hunger strike at Gandhi Hospital. Unemployed youth have been demanding that the Congress government honour its Assembly poll promises, including the selection of candidates for the Group-I Main exam in 1:100 ratio, increasing Group II and III posts, mega DSC with 25,000 vacancies and revoking of GO 46. "Now, we will also take the support of political parties," he said on the day. (SEE PAGE 2)

'BRS will be back, rule for 15 yrs'

STATE BUREAU Hyderabad

BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao on Tuesday exuded confidence that the party would return to power in Telangana and remain in governance for the next 15 years. He criticised the Congress rule, stating that its tenure had historically led to the mismanagement of the State administration and dissatisfaction among the people.

Chandrashekhar Rao was addressing a gathering of Zilla Parishad (ZP) chairpersons of the BRS, whose tenure concluded recently, at his Erravelli residence on the outskirts of Hyderabad on Tuesday. "The Congress has this unique practice of



KCR addressing ZP chairpersons of the BRS on Tuesday.

coming to power and disturbing normalcy, which makes people regret their choice. We have seen this

earlier after former CM NT Rama Rao's government in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh," he said. He ridiculed the

Congress government's attempts to phase out his initiatives in a 'childish' attempt to wipe out the legacy he left behind in the State's administration. He said to wipe out his name, one needs to wipe out the presence of Telangana itself.

Expressing concern over the Congress government's handling of Rythu Bandhu, the BRS chief said rather than implementing its promise of Rythu Bharosa with increased investment support, the Congress was attempting to shelve both schemes. He emphasised the need to continue people-oriented schemes, pointing out that the previous BRS government had continued Aarogyasri and fee reimbursement initiated by the YSR government. (SEE PAGE 2)

Govt nod to fill 3,035 posts in TGSRTC

CITY BUREAU Hyderabad

The State government has accorded permission to fill 3,035 vacant posts in the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC). The green signal was given for filling all posts, for which the RTC officials had sent proposals.

The posts include 2,000 of driver, 743 of labourer, 114 of deputy superintendent (mechanic), 84 of deputy superintendent (traffic), 25 of depot manager/assistant traffic manager, 23 of assistant engineer (civil), 15 of assistant mechanical engineer, 11 of section officer (civil), seven of medical officer (general) and seven of medical officer (specialist). (SEE PAGE 2)

State awaits NDSA nod for pumping water into barrages

STATE BUREAU Hyderabad

A major part of the interim works recommended by the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) on the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages — the key components of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) — have been completed.

"We are now confident of resuming pumping operations at the Annaram and Sundilla barrages. We are waiting for the NDSA nod to go ahead with the lifting of water from the Godavari," senior officials of the Irrigation Department said.

The NDSA team was expected to revisit the three barrages last week to take stock of the works com-

BRS calls out Cong's false claims on KLIS

The BRS is upping the ante against the Congress government over KLIS. Amid reports that the interim works recommended by the NDSA at Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages of the project were completed, paving the way for the partial release of water, the BRS is learnt to be planning to expose the false propaganda by the Congress during the elections. (REPORT PAGE 5)

KTR calls Kaleshwaram Telangana's pride

BRS working president KT Rama Rao asserted that KLIS has proven to be the ultimate solution to Telangana's long-standing drought problem. He said the BRS can withstand such political machinations and criticism to grow further. He said Kaleshwaram is a transformative project that has alleviated the suffering caused by water scarcity in Telangana. (REPORT PAGE 5)

pleted. However, citing the ongoing Parliament session, they postponed their visit. They are expected to make a stock-taking visit by July

10. Once the completion of the interim works as desired is certified by NDSA, officials will focus on pumping operations. (SEE PAGE 2)