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In a nutshell

Naidu seeks more aid for Andhra
NEW DELHI: AP Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national capital on Thursday and described their discussions on key development issues concerning the State as "constructive". During the meeting, Naidu advocated for increased assistance to AP in lieu of special category status. He presented several crucial proposals for the State's development. (NATION PAGE 7)

Modi to visit Russia, Austria
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit to Russia from July 8-9 to hold the 22nd India-Russia annual summit that will review the entire range of multi-faceted ties between the two countries, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Thursday. After concluding the trip to Russia, Modi will travel to Austria, which will be the first visit by an Indian prime minister to that country in 41 years, it said. (PTI)

Six arrested for Hathras stampede
HATHRAS: The Uttar Pradesh police on Thursday said they arrested six 'sevadars', including two women, of the organising committee in connection with the Hathras stampede that killed 121 people. The only accused named in the FIR is at large while preacher Surajpal, who is known as Narayan Sakar Hari and Bhole Baba, will be questioned during the investigation, an official said. (NATION PAGE 7)

Keshava Rao quits Rajya Sabha
HYDERABAD: The resignation of K Keshava Rao from the membership of Rajya Sabha, after he defected to the Congress from the BRS, has set off an animated discussion among political circles on whether other defected MLAs would also follow suit. Keshava Rao was nominated to Rajya Sabha for two consecutive terms by BRS and had two more years of his term. (HYDERABAD PAGE 4)

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

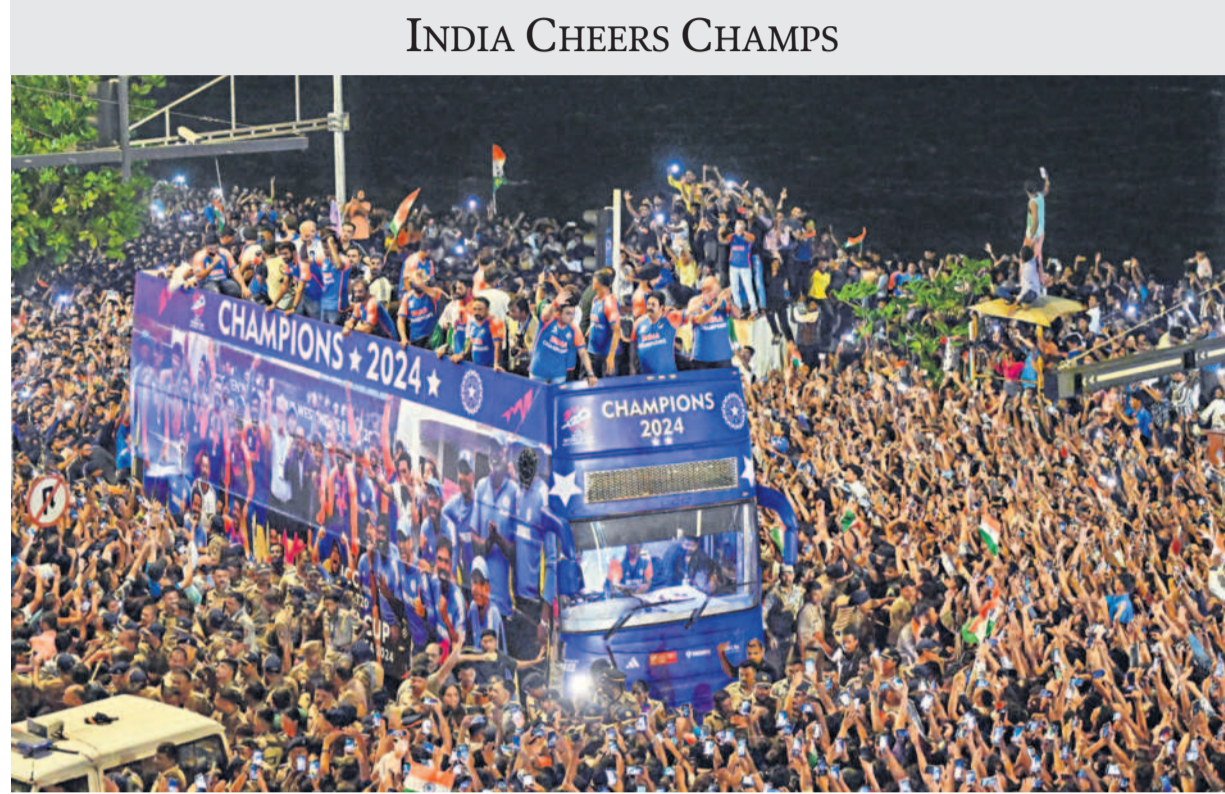
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Vaani to be seen with Fawad

Upcoming romantic comedy is set to be shot in UK

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Indian cricketers gesture during an open bus roadshow upon their arrival in Mumbai on Thursday, after winning the ICC men's T20 World Cup in Barbados. — Photo: AFP (REPORT PAGE 10)

INDIA CHEERS CHAMPS

KCR promises to fight for farmers

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Notwithstanding the recent electoral setbacks, BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao vowed to continue his ambitious 'Abki Baar Kisan Sarkar' agenda and fight for farmer-centric governance in the country.

He said the decision of the people of Telangana came as a huge disappointment for farmers across the country, especially in Maharashtra, who wanted a Telangana model development in their respective States.

The BRS chief shared his sentiments during a gathering with supporters from Khammam, Mahabubabad, Vemulawada, Narsapur, Ibrahimpatnam and other Assembly constituencies at his Erravelli residence on Thursday. He reiterated that the complete transformation of Telangana remains to be the primary goal of the party.

Chandrashekar Rao said under the BRS rule, Telangana was a model State, excelling in the areas of electricity, water, drinking water and agriculture. He



BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao addressing supporters at his Erravelli residence on Thursday.

said just like the people of Telangana, neighbouring States such as Maharashtra supported his vision for a farmer-led government. However, the latter were disheartened by the election outcome in Telangana.

The former Chief Minister felt that the farmers of Maharashtra and the country suffered more loss than those of Telangana, due to the defeat in the State which deprived the country of a visionary leadership that could transform it into a farmer's State. He said the farmers in Maharashtra and

across India had looked forward to his leadership, particularly those who had struggled against the BJP's agricultural policies.

Despite the setback, Chandrashekar Rao reiterated his commitment to people's issues, including sufferings of farmers of the country and winning their affection. "In a democracy, power is not forever. Opposition is not permanent. We have the people's mandate. Politics is a continuous process and has nothing to do with winning or losing," he said. (SEE PAGE 2)

HC orders medical review of pregnant minor rape survivor

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
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The Telangana High Court on Thursday directed the Superintendent of Gandhi Hospital to urgently constitute a medical board to examine a pregnant minor rape survivor with regard to the gestation period of the foetus and the feasibility to go for medical termination of pregnancy. It also directed the board to submit a report in a sealed cover by Friday morning (July 5).

This urgent direction came from Justice B Vijasen Reddy, who was dealing with a writ plea filed by the victim's mother, a domestic worker, challenging the action of the Gandhi Hospital Superintendent in not taking steps to medically terminate the pregnancy of the petitioner's minor child despite the medical reports.

The petitioner also sought directions to forthwith constitute a Medical

Directs Superintendent of Gandhi Hospital to urgently constitute medical board, submit report in sealed cover by Friday morning

Board of Gynaecologists and Radiologists to examine the minor and take steps to arrange for a medical termination of pregnancy as per the provisions of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act.

Vasudha Nagaraj, the petitioner's counsel, moved a lunch motion on Thursday, stating that an unforeseen incident took place with the minor, who was gang-raped by 10 men, and she conceived.

The counsel pointed out the negligence of medical practitioners when the victim approached Gandhi Hospital. (SEE PAGE 2)

TS, AP CMs' meet to focus on water row

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The upcoming meeting between the Chief Ministers of Telangana and AP is expected to focus on several critical issues related to river water sharing between the two States.

The meeting is being viewed as an occasion laden with significance as it aims at resolving long-standing issues pertaining to the State Reorganisation Act, 2014. Both States have tried to find a solution to such issues on multiple occasions, but because of the hard stance taken by both sides, they continued to elude solutions.

The Godavari River Management Board and Krishna River Management Board, established under the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, were intended to help manage and regulate the river waters between the two States. But both States often find themselves at loggerheads with respect to Krishna water sharing. (SEE PAGE 2)

7.2% of daily deaths linked to pollution: Study

Delhi has most deaths caused by PM2.5 air pollution

PTI
NEW DELHI

On average, 7.2 per cent of all daily deaths in 10 of the largest and most polluted cities in India, including Delhi, Bengaluru and Mumbai, were linked to PM2.5 levels higher than World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines for safe exposure, according to a study published in The Lancet Planetary Health journal.

Delhi was found to have the largest fraction of daily and yearly deaths attributable to PM2.5 air pollution, caused by particles sized 2.5 micrometres or less in diameter. Sources of such pollution include vehicular and industrial emissions.

Researchers said daily exposure to PM2.5 pollution in Indian cities is linked with a higher risk of death, and locally created pollution could be possibly causing these deaths. The interna-

Watch your breath!

STUDY PUBLISHED IN THE LANCET PLANETARY HEALTH JOURNAL IS THE FIRST MULTI-CITY, TIME-SERIES ANALYSIS OF SHORT-TERM EXPOSURE TO PM2.5 AND DAILY MORTALITY IN INDIA

7.2%
of all daily deaths in country's 10 largest and most polluted cities linked to PM2.5 levels higher than WHO norms

- Increase of **10 micrograms** per cubic metre in average of **PM2.5** pollution measured over two days linked to **1.4% higher** daily mortality
- Death risk doubles to **2.7% per 10 microgram** per cubic metre increase
- Causal effects especially strong in cities with lower concentrations of air pollution, such as Bengaluru, Chennai, Shimla

tional team included researchers from Varanasi's Banaras Hindu University and the Centre for Chronic Disease Control, New Delhi.

They found that an increase of 10 micrograms per cubic metre in the average of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution measured over two days (short-term exposure) was related to 1.4 per cent higher daily mortality.

The death risk was found to be doubled (2.7 per cent) per a 10 microgram per cubic metre increase, when the researchers restricted their analysis to observations below Indian standards of air quality, less stringent than WHO guidelines for safe exposure, which prescribe 15 micrograms per cubic metre of PM2.5 over a 24-hour period. (SEE PAGE 2)

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