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KOTHAGUDEM: A youth from Hyderabad was washed away in the Godavari at Bhadrachalam on Sunday. According to police, five youngsters from Hyderabad came to Bhadrachalam to offer prayers at the Bhadradi temple. They stepped into the river for a bath, when one of them, Harish (28) from Amberpet, drowned.



15 injured in AP cement factory
NTR DISTRICT: Around 15 workers suffered injuries, including five seriously, at a cement factory here on Sunday, police said. Nandigama Assistant Commissioner of Police B Ravi Kiran said when workers were on the second floor, some extremely hot material used in cement manufacturing fell on them from the third floor at the Budawada Ultra Tech cement factory in Jaggaiahpet mandal of NTR district. PTI

'Hathras stampede a conspiracy'
NEW DELHI: Self-styled godman Bhole Baba's lawyer AP Singh alleged on Sunday that witnesses told him some people opened cans containing a poisonous substance in the crowd during the July 2 Hathras 'satsang', triggering the stampede. Addressing a press conference in Delhi, Singh also alleged a conspiracy, which he attributed to Bhole Baba's "rising popularity", behind the stampede. NATION PAGE 7

'Adani report shared in advance'
NEW DELHI: US short-seller Hindenburg Research had shared an advance copy of its damning report against Adani group with New York-based hedge fund manager Mark Kingdon about two months before publishing it and profited from a deal to share spoils from share price movement, Sebi said. Sebi detailed how they benefited from the over \$150 bn routs in market value of 10 Adani listed firms. NATION PAGE 8

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 114
Retail live.....	Rs. 136
With skin.....	Rs. 197
Skinless.....	Rs. 224
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70

Kaleshwaram to roar back to life soon

Irrigation officials ready pump houses, firm on resuming operations

D CHANDRA BHASKAR RAO
 HYDERABAD

The Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), once written off as a wasteful expenditure by the ruling Congress, could soon roar back into life, with irrigation officials firm on resuming pumping operations under the project and keeping all its pump houses ready.

The multi-stage project involves several pumping facilities. It has in all 35 units that manage the project's outflows at the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages. These units play a crucial role in the reverse pumping of water from the confluence point of the Godavari and Pranahita rivers to the Sripada Yellampalli project.

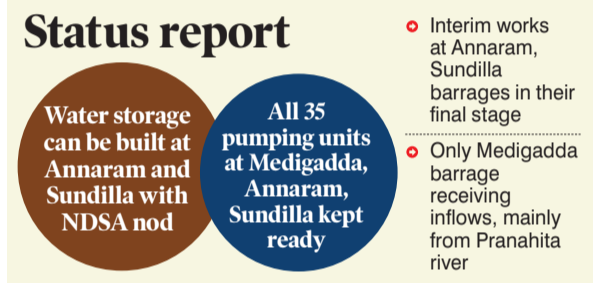
The Kannepalli pump house comprises 17 giant motor pumps, each weighing 2,376 metric tonnes, and are meant for lifting water from the Godavari in the first stage.

These powerful pumps, known as 'Baahubali motors', have the capacity to lift 3,000 million cubic feet (TMC ft) of water every day. All of them have now been kept ready for resuming operations.

Since no impounding of water is allowed at this stage in the Medigadda barrage, the possibility of lifting from the natural flows has been



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examined. Only the Medigadda barrage has been receiving some inflows, thanks to the contribution of the Pranahita river. Lifting of water from Medigadda would be possible if the inflows are in the order of some 30,000-35,000 cusecs. The inflows at Medigadda

are in the order of 17,000 cusecs now and are expected to be doubled within a week.

Lifting of water to the designed capacity of 2 TMC a day may not be immediately possible without building the storage level. The project authorities are of the

view that the river would receive heavy floods from the second week of July to September. The need for building the storage would arise only from October when there would be a dip in inflows.

They plan to build a makeshift cofferdam, or weir kind of structure, after three months to retain water in the Medigadda barrage to facilitate pumping into Annaram in the lean period. The pump houses at Annaram and Sundilla barrages have also been overhauled and kept ready to resume operations. No significant inflows were, however, received at both the barrages so far. (SEE PAGE 2)

Hyderabad pub raided, 24 held for taking drugs

Most guests found to have smoked or consumed ganja

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

In a midnight swoop, the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGANB) raided the Forest Alchemy-3rd Edition event, which was being held at The Cave Bar and Lounge at Manikonda on Saturday night, and nabbed 24 persons for allegedly taking drugs.

Acting on specific information, a special team of the bureau, under the supervision of Director Sandeep Shandilya, raided the upscale bar. While the much-publicised event began at 8 pm, the anti-drug authorities, who kept a close watch on the place, made an entry around midnight, taking the guests by surprise.

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 — SANDEEP SHANDILYA, TGANB DIRECTOR

dozen of them, including the DJ, tested positive for drug consumption," Shandilya told *Telangana Today*.

Most of the guests were found to have smoked or consumed ganja, while four others, including the DJ, tested positive for cocaine too. One person was found to have consumed MDMA. The event was held in the city on the weekend and, for

the first time, DJ Sandeep Sharma of 'White Wizard' alongside Foe'Xan was performing. Despite the rain, a large number of people attended the event where Electronic Dance Music (EDM) and psychedelic music were being played.

Madhapur DCP G Vineeth said a total of 24 people, including businessmen, students and IT professionals, were arrested under the NDPS Act. "The management of the club was aware of the event and knew that the guests would be under the influence of drugs. They were also involved in the case and a manager of the bar was arrested, while four other employees are being questioned," said the DCP.

The official said the police will identify the persons who supplied the drugs to the guests. (SEE PAGE 2)

4 kg gold seized, two arrested

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) officials seized around 4 kg of gold from two persons, who were smuggling it in a bus from Kolkata to Hyderabad. The gold is estimated to be worth Rs 2.89 crore.

Acting on specific intelligence regarding the movement of smuggled foreign origin gold from Kolkata by



bus, the DRI officials caught the two suspects and found that they had concealed the precious metal in cloth

waistbands and worn them. The total weight of the gold is 3,982 kg, the officials said.

The property has been seized and the two persons have been arrested. The two persons were arrested under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962.

Further investigation is in progress, according to an official press release issued by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence on Sunday with regard to the case.

Naidu hails Telangana's development in last 10 yrs

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Not hiding his political aspirations in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday heaped praise on the young State, stating that it had scaled new heights in the last 10 years. He also wound up his speech with an uncharacteristic 'Jai Telangana'.

Without attributing the State's growth to the BRS regime led by K Chandrashekhara Rao that ruled the State from its inception for nearly 10 years, Naidu said Telangana was leading the charts in the country in terms of per capita income (PCI) among large States.

With a per capita income of Rs 3,08,732, the State had recorded the highest PCI

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beating the likes of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka, Naidu said. Andhra Pradesh, meanwhile, had recorded a PCI of Rs 2,19,518, he said while addressing a party meeting at NTR Bhavan in Hyderabad.

Telangana and Andhra Pradesh separated in 2014. In the last 10 years, the difference in PCI between the two States was 35 per cent and it was mainly due to Hy-

derabad, he said, claiming that after the relentless hardwork by the Telugu Desam government in Andhra Pradesh from 2014 to 2019, the difference came down 27.5 per cent.

Again after a "destructive government" came to power in Andhra Pradesh, the difference increased to 44 per cent, he said.

"More than bifurcation, bad governance in the last five years resulted in severe loss to Andhra Pradesh. Had the same government continued, the difference in PCI would have increased to 100 per cent," he added.

"Telangana has got a good base and foundation. The current government has a good opportunity to take it to the next level," the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister added. (SEE PAGES 2, 4)

BONALU FESTIVITIES BEGIN



A Potharaju at the Golconda Bonalu festivities, which commenced in Hyderabad on Sunday. — Photo: Anand Dharmana (REPORT PAGE 2)

SI who tried to end life dies in hospital

STATE BUREAU
 Kothagudem

After battling for life for a week following a suicide attempt, Aswaraopet SI Sriramula Srinivas died at a private hospital in Hyderabad on Sunday. His vitals dropped because of the pesticide he had consumed in a bid to end his life on June 30.

The 34-year-old Srinivas hailed from Narakkapet in Nallabelli mandal of Warangal district. He was transferred to the Aswaraopet police station from Manugur in February this year. It might be re-

called that after the suicide attempt at Mahabubabad, he called a 108 ambulance for medical assistance.

The news of the suicide attempt by the SI, a dalit, created commotion across the State with dalit organisations demanding action against Aswaraopet CI K Jithender Reddy and four constables whom the SI accused of harassment. Following a complaint by the SI's wife Krishnaveni, a case was registered against Jithender Reddy and constables Shiva, Subhani, Sanyasi Naidu, Shekhar. (SEE PAGE 2)

Govt agencies to take over Dharani

PS DILEEP
 Hyderabad

The State government plans to hand over operations of the Dharani portal to government agencies such as the National Informatics Centre, Centre for Good Governance or Telangana Online Services.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is learnt to have asked officials to make arrangements in this regard and an official announcement is expected soon. The contract of TerraCIS, along with its technology and strategic partner Quantela Inc, which has been handling the management of the Dharani portal, will expire in October. The Congress, which has been criticising

Five-member panel recommends the constitution of revenue tribunals, delegation of powers to tahsildars, setting up grievance redressal system

the Dharani Integrated Land Records Management System, including the website, had already decided to do away with the private company before making changes to the system.

The new land records management system was proposed in 2018 and the Dharani portal was launched in October 2020 to digitise all land records and maintain them in a centralised storage. The previous BRS government also brought the Telangana Rights in Land and Pattadar

Pass Books Act, 2020, popularly known as the Record of Rights (RoR) Act, to bring reforms in the land records management system. Initially operated by IL&FS, the management of the Dharani website was later handed over to TerraCIS and later to Quantela Inc.

Sources said the decision to hand over the operations to State-owned agencies was part of the reforms proposed by the five-member committee led by senior Congress leader M Kodanda Reddy.

The committee was constituted by the State government soon after assuming power to study the functioning of the portal and make recommendations for its overhaul. The committee is learnt to have completed its study and prepared a draft report with recommendations to be submitted to the Chief Minister.

As part of the reforms proposed by the committee, the State government will replace the website with 'Bhu Matha'. The committee has also suggested enacting a comprehensive legislation governing land-related issues by bringing all land-related legislations of the Revenue Department under one umbrella to ensure their effective implementation.

Sena leader's son runs over woman with BMW, flees

MUMBAI

In another shocking case of a hit-and-run accident in Maharashtra, a fisherwoman was killed and her husband injured when a BMW, allegedly driven by a Shiv Sena leader's son, who was reportedly drunk, rammed their two-wheeler in Mumbai's Worli early on Sunday and dragged the victims for 100 metres on the bonnet, police said.

The car was allegedly driven by Mihir Shah, the son of Rajesh Shah, a Palghar leader of the ruling MahaYuti ally Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Ek-nath Shinde. (FULL REPORT PAGE 7)



Sidharth remembers real-life hero

Actor marks 25th death anniversary of Kargil hero Captain Batra