



NATION | PAGE 07

**Killing of five soldiers in J&K will be avenged, says govt**



WORLD | PAGE 09

**Ukraine attacked children's hospital, claims Russia**  
 Toll from the strikes rises to 42, rescue operations on



SPORT | PAGE 10

**Gambhir named head coach of Team India**

**In a nutshell**

**Rape accused kill victim's mother**

**KANPUR:** Two men accused of raping a woman, broke into her home in Uttar Pradesh's Unnao district and opened indiscriminate fire, killing the woman's mother and injuring three other family members, police officials said. One of the accused then died by committing suicide, the police said. The woman's family said they had approached police last week, alleging death threats from the accused duo. **IANS**

**CBI arrests two more in NEET case**

**NEW DELHI:** The CBI has arrested two more persons, including a candidate, from Patna in connection with the alleged leakage of NEET-UG paper, taking the total number of arrests by the agency to 11. NEET-UG aspirant and father of another candidate have been arrested. NEET-UG is conducted by the NTA for admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in government and private institutions. **PTI**

**Assembly bypolls in 13 seats today**

**NEW DELHI:** Bypolls to 13 Assembly constituencies in seven States will be held on Wednesday. The electoral exercise, the first since the Lok Sabha elections, will decide the fate of many veterans and some debutantes including Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur. The bypolls are held against vacancies created either due to deaths/resignation of incumbent members. **PTI**

**BMW crash: Accused arrested**

**MUMBAI:** Almost 60 hours after the fatal BMW crash in Worli which killed a fisherwoman, police traced and arrested the prime accused Mihir R Shah from his hideout in Thane. Mihir, 24, the son of ruling ally Shiv Sena leader Rajesh Shah, was on the run after the hit-and-run accident just before dawn on July 7, which sparked a major political furore. **NATION PAGE 7**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 105
Retail live.....	Rs. 127
With skin.....	Rs. 184
Skinless.....	Rs. 210
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70

## BRS to expose Cong hypocrisy on defections

**Explores ways to move SC, approach President & ECI**

STATE BUREAU  
NEW DELHI

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has decided to intensify its fight against the Congress, which has been encouraging unlawful defections of MLAs in Telangana. Party working president KT Rama Rao said they would seize every opportunity to expose the hypocrisy and double standards of the Congress at the national level.

Accompanied by former Minister T Harish Rao, Rama Rao has been in Delhi consulting with legal and constitutional experts, exploring ways to approach the Supreme Court and seek disqualification of defected elected representatives. "We have already submitted our petitions before the Telangana Assembly Speaker and the Telangana High Court seeking disqualification of the defected MLAs. We will take further steps based on the outcome," he said. Speaking to the media in Delhi on Tuesday, Rama Rao revealed

**Congress raised curtains for political defections and introduced the Aayaram Gayaram culture in India**



plans to approach President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President and Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankar, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and the Election Commission of India in this regard. The party is also mulling over holding a meeting of like-minded political parties at the Constitution Club to discuss a united approach against defections. The party called on all the victims of the BJP and the Congress to join this collective effort. Stating that the Congress raised curtains for political

defections and introduced the 'Aayaram Gayaram' culture in India, he said it was ironic that the same party had introduced the Anti-Defection Law in 1987 when the Congress itself faced defections. He said the Congress was now encouraging defections in Telangana, violating the same law they once championed.

"The Congress claims to be the saviour and vanguard of the Constitution. Rahul Gandhi, who often flaunts the Constitution of India before the media and makes a huge cry over its violation by the BJP, is also responsible for its desecration," he said, pointing out the irony of Congress' stance on defections, noting their outcry over defections from their party in Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and other States, while they themselves were encouraging the practice in Telangana. "Rahul Gandhi made Congress candidates in Goa take oath against defecting to other parties," the BRS working president said. **(SEE PAGES 2, 5)**

## Job aspirants step up stir

**Stage dharna on OU campus, demand deferment of DSC by two months**



BRSV members being detained by the police for staging a protest against the State government on OU campus. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Teacher job aspirants have upped the ante against the Congress government, demanding deferment of the District Selection Committee, a teachers' recruitment exam, by at least two months. After a protest at the DSE on Monday morning, they staged a dharna on the Osmania University campus from late night on Monday till Tuesday morning.

Tension prevailed on the campus as the police continued with their crackdown on the protesters. Students

aborted their rally plan as police detained several protesters in the landscape garden. However, several BRSV leaders who managed to gain entry to the OU Arts College despite heavy police deployment, burnt effigy of the CM, demanding postponement of the DSC.

"As the syllabus is vast, aspirants like me are unable to cover the entire syllabus. The government appears to be playing with the lives of unemployed youths," said Mangalpally Srikanth, a School Assistant (biology) aspirant. Deferring the exam by one or two months, the

**Aspirant on indefinite hunger strike**

**HYDERABAD:** V Gopi, a teacher job aspirant, sat on an indefinite hunger strike demanding the postponement of the DSC, in his hostel at Dilksukhnagar. The Congress used the unemployed youth for its political gains during the Assembly elections and is now betraying them, he said, adding that their pleas to Ministers and Congress leaders to postpone the DSC fell on deaf ears. "We are not asking for the Chief Minister's chair, job calendar or increasing the teacher posts but just DSC postponement for about two-three months," he added.

aspirants said, would not make much difference and it could also be held in the offline mode if there were no slots for the CBT. Another

aspirant, Badepally Prashanth, said mega DSC was only for name sake as number of posts in his Nagarkurnool remained same.

## Dialogue only way to peace, Modi tells Putin



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin in Moscow on Tuesday. — Photo:PTI

MOSCOW

Delivering an unambiguous message, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday told Russian President Vladimir Putin that a solution to the Ukraine conflict is not possible on the battlefield and peace efforts do not succeed in the midst of bombs and bullets, even as he flagged concerns over a deadly missile strike on a children's hospital in Kyiv.

In his televised opening remarks at summit talks with Putin in the Kremlin, Modi said the killing of in-

nocent children is heart-wrenching and very painful, a day after a suspected Russian missile struck a children's hospital in Kyiv triggering global outrage. "Whether it is war, conflicts, terror attacks, everyone believing in humanity is deeply affected when there is a loss of lives. But even in that, when innocent children are killed, when we see innocent children dying, then it is heart-wrenching and that pain is very horrible," Modi said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**  
**(RELATED REPORTS PAGE 7)**

**Zelenskyy terms hug disappointing**

**MOSCOW:** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy strongly condemned Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "hugging" Russian President Vladimir Putin during their recent meeting. "It is a huge disappointment and a devastating blow to peace efforts to see the leader of the world's largest democracy hug the world's most bloody criminal in Moscow on such a day," Zelenskyy said on X. **PTI**

## Hostel shocker: Rat in chutney

STATE BUREAU  
Sangareddy

In a shocking incident, a live rat was found swimming in a vessel of 'chutney' prepared to serve students of the JNTU-Sultanpur on Monday evening.

With students shooting a video of the incident and sharing it on social media, the incident snowballed into a major controversy on Tuesday, prompting the State government to order a probe, even as the college principal tried to accuse the students, saying that they had intentionally dropped the rat in the 'chutney'.

Top officials, including the JNTU-Hyderabad Registrar, Additional Collector and food safety officials, rushed to the college as the nauseous video of the rat struggling about in the watery 'chutney' went viral on social media and television news channels. Health

**Lizard in upma, 35 students taken ill**

**MEDAK:** In yet another incident of sheer negligence in government hostel kitchens, 35 students of the Telangana Model School in Ramayampet fell ill after consuming upma for breakfast, with students alleging that they saw a house lizard in the food. **(REPORT PAGE 4)**

**Burglars flee with ATM in Kamareddy**

**KAMAREDDY:** A gang of burglars who found it tough to cut open the cash chest of an ATM kiosk did the unthinkable. They decamped with the entire ATM itself! The unidentified miscreants, who broke into an ATM kiosk of the SBI in Bichkunda, understood that the machine was full of cash. But their efforts to cut open the cash chest failed. Frustrated over their inability to lay their hands on the cash, they then struck upon an idea that was quite rare in ATM burglaries anywhere in the State. **(REPORT PAGE 4)**

**SI attempts to harass woman, shunted out**

**NALGONDA:** A Sub-Inspector, who tried to sexually harass a married woman, who approached him to lodge a complaint, apart from forcing her to make tea in the police station after summoning her for 'questioning' has been shunted out from his post. The cop, Praveen Kumar, who was the Shaligouraram SI, was placed under Vacancy Reserve (VR), after the woman, following his harassment, approached the Director-General of Police and the Superintendent of Police, Nalgonda. **(REPORT PAGE 4)**

**Telangana student dies in US waterfall**

**NEW YORK:** A 25-year-old Indian student studying at Trine University, died after he drowned at a waterfall at Albany in New York State, India's Consulate here said, the latest incident to hit the community grappling with a string of such tragedies. Sai Surya Avinash Gadde died on July 7 at Barberville Falls, Albany, about 240 km north of here. Gadde enrolled at Trine University. Reports said Gadde, originally from Telangana in India, had been spending the long weekend of July 4 in the waterfall area. **PTI**



**Trisha to make OTT debut**

Teaser of SonyLIV's web series showcases actor as beacon of hope

12

## Zoo lioness escapes, caught

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

An African lioness attacked an animal keeper at the Nehru Zoological Park and escaped from its enclosure on Monday.

The incident happened at the zoo on Monday when the animal keeper, Syed Hussain, was cleaning the enclosure of the lioness, Sirisha, aged about 8. The animal was kept under treatment at the summer house area (off-display area) as it was suffering from hindlimb paralysis. Syed Hussain was cleaning the night houses and did

**According to zoo officials, after escaping from its enclosure, the African lioness attacked an animal keeper**

not properly close the door situated between the enclosures. He went into another enclosure for cleaning purpose. "The animal, meanwhile, came out of its night enclosure and injured Hussain with paws," said Sunil S Hiremath, Director (FAC) & Curator, Nehru Zoo Park. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Four Telugus held for human trafficking in US

HOUSTON

Four persons of Telugu origin, including a woman, have been charged with allegedly running a human labour trafficking scheme out of a home in the US State of Texas, a media report said. The Princeton Police Department released details of an investigation that led to four people being arrested after 15 women were found inside the home as alleged victims of human labour trafficking, news portal Fox4News.com said on Monday night.

Chandan Dasireddy, 24, Dwaraka Gunda, 31, Santhosh Katkooori, 31, and Anil Male, 37, all arrested in March, are now charged



Chandan Dasireddy, Dwaraka Gunda, Santhosh Katkooori and Anil Male

with trafficking of persons, a second-degree felony, and more arrests are expected, the channel reported, quoting police.

The authorities found that all the young women, living in the same home, were forced to sleep on the floor

at a home on Ginsburg Lane in Collin County, Princeton. "There was basically no furniture inside the home at the centre of human trafficking, just a bunch of computer electronics and blankets," police said. Another news portal, McKinney Courier-

Gazette said officers with the Princeton Police Department were dispatched on March 13 to a residence regarding a welfare concern and suspicious circumstance. "After further investigation of the initial report, Princeton Police CID detec-

tives obtained a search warrant for the home of Santhosh Katkooori, where 15 adult females were located. During the investigation, it was discovered that the females were forced to work for Katkooori and multiple programming shell companies owned by him and his wife, Dwaraka Gunda," it said.

While the search warrant was executed, multiple laptops, cell phones, printers and fraudulent documents were seized. It was later determined that multiple locations within Princeton, Melissa, and McKinney were involved in the forced labouring of the victims, including adult males, the portal said. **PTI**