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**In a nutshell**

**PPA: SC to hear KCR's plea today**  
**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on July 15 a plea of BRS supremo K Chandrashekar Rao challenging a Telangana HC order dismissing his plea to declare as 'illegal' the constitution of a commission to inquire into the alleged irregularities in the power sector during his tenure as the Chief Minister. The plea is listed to be heard by a bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and justice JB Pardiwala. **PTI**

**Infiltration bid foiled along LoC**  
**SRINAGAR:** The Army foiled an infiltration bid by a group of heavily armed terrorists across the Line of Control in J&K's Kupwara district. Officials said that alert troops of the army noticed the movement of heavily armed terrorists along the LoC in the Keran sector of Kupwara. "The terrorists were challenged after which an exchange of fire started between the army and the terrorists," officials said. **IANIS**

**PM most followed leader on X**  
**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the world leader with the largest following on the social media platform X, surpassing 100 million followers. "A hundred million on. Happy to be on this vibrant medium and cherish the discussion, debate, insights, people's blessings, constructive criticism and more," Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on X. **IANIS**

**Italy: 33 Indians freed from slavery**  
**ROME:** Two Indian nationals have been arrested for allegedly enslaving 33 farm labourers, all from India, in Italy's Verona province. Finance police also seized assets worth 4,75,000 euros from the suspects, who own two agricultural sector firms with no employees on the books and are allegedly total tax evaders, ANSA news agency reported on Saturday. **WORLD PAGE 9**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 110
Retail live.....	Rs. 132
With skin.....	Rs. 191
Skinless.....	Rs. 218
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70



**Britney needs to 'slow down'**  
 Popstar says she had false confidence post-divorce

## Assassination bid on Trump

**Gunman fires at him during poll rally, shooter gunned down; Biden orders probe**

**AP WASHINGTON**

Donald Trump survived an attempt on his life when a young gunman fired multiple shots at the former US President at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania, injuring his right ear.

Trump, 78, was addressing his supporters at the packed outdoor election rally in Butler town on Saturday when bullets started flying. Video footage showed him grabbing his ear as shots were fired. Trump was seen with blood on his ear and cheek as he was rushed off the stage by Secret Service agents.



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump reacts as he is surrounded by US Secret Service agents after the shooting incident, at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania. — Photo:AP

Meanwhile, in an address to the nation from the White House, President Joe Biden appealed for the country to "unite" and said he was ordering an independent security review of the lead-up to the attack. He also asked the country not to "make assumptions" about the perpetrator's motives or affiliations. Biden was scheduled to deliver extended remarks to the nation in a prime-time address from the Oval Office.

The shooting created chaos with people in the back of the venue immediately running to the exits. As he was being rushed off the

stage, a defiant Trump boldly pumped his fist into the air and told the crowd to "fight!" The shooting, which left one spectator dead and two others critically injured, is being investigated as an attempted assassination. The male attacker was also shot and killed by a member of the Secret Service.

A spokesperson for the Trump Campaign said the former President is "fine" after the "heinous act."

The gunman was identified by the FBI as 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks of Bethel Park. He was registered to vote as a Republican. Though Trump received only minor in-

juries, it was a close shave - a photograph by Doug Mills of the 'New York Times' appears to show the streak of a bullet cutting through the air near the former President's head.

"It was God alone who prevented the unthinkable from happening," Trump said of the shooting incident

in a social media post on Sunday. He said he would remain "resilient" and added, "Our love goes out to the other victims and their families." "In this moment, it is more important than ever that we stand united, and show our true character as Americans, remaining strong and determined, and not allowing evil to win," he said. "I truly love our country, and love you all, and look forward to speaking to our great nation this week from Wisconsin," indicating that he is going to attend the three-day Republican Party convention from Monday.

In a post on his Truth Social social media account soon after the incident, Trump elaborated on what happened and described his injuries: "It is incredible that such an act can take place in our Country. Nothing is known at this time about the shooter, who is now dead. I was shot with a bullet that pierced the upper part of my right ear. I knew immediately that something was wrong in that I heard a whizzing sound, shots, and immediately felt the bullet ripping through the skin. Much bleeding took place, so I realised then what was happening," Trump wrote.

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## Apologise to job aspirants, KTR to CM

**Demands Revanth to release white paper on notifications**

**STATE BUREAU Hyderabad**

Cornering the Congress on the demands of government job aspirants, BRS working president KT Rama Rao dared Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to release a white paper on the job notifications and job calendar by the Congress government. He also demanded Revanth Reddy to tender an unconditional apology for his recent derogatory remarks against the unemployed youth and address the issues of job aspirants without further delay.

"Revanth Reddy's comments are offensive and unacceptable. If he has integrity, he should release a white paper on jobs given and notifications issued by the Congress government in the last seven months immediately. The youth of Telangana deserve respect and action, not empty promises and insults," he said.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of a book release at Prasad Labs here on

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— KT RAMA RAO  
 BRS WORKING PRESIDENT

Sunday, Rama Rao criticised the Chief Minister for his disrespectful comments about job aspirant Motilal Naik, who recently sat on a hunger strike, and also the coaching centres in Ashok Nagar. "Revanth Reddy, who benefited from these coaching centres and came to power, is now insulting them. This is why the youth of Telangana are angry today," he added.

The BRS working president questioned the State government over its failure to issue a single job notification since its formation in December. (SEE PAGE 2)

## 'Stop issuing recovery notices'

**STATE BUREAU Hyderabad**

Following a report published in these columns on Saturday on how officials had issued recovery notices to Aasara pensioners, including an 80-year-old woman, to return amounts ranging from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh that they had received as pension, Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari on Sunday directed all departments and district Collectors not to initiate any steps for issuing notices or recovering amounts from beneficiaries, who have been included in various welfare schemes.

The Chief Secretary said it had come to the government's notice that several instances occurred where beneficiaries, who were ineligible were included for grant of benefits under various schemes. The government has undertaken widespread consultations to streamline these welfare schemes to ensure better and more efficient ways to reach out to eligible beneficiaries, she said. The issues identified and potential solutions were likely to be discussed during Budget session.

The government would soon issue clear guidelines aimed at ensuring better targeting of welfare scheme benefits and establishing procedures for the recovery (in cases and schemes deemed necessary) of undue benefits received by clearly ineligible persons, she said. Until such guidelines were issued, officials were asked not to initiate any steps for issuing notices or recovering amounts, she said. (SEE PAGE 2)

## CRPF jawan killed in Manipur attack

**IMPHAL**

A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawan was killed in a gun attack by suspected militants at Mongbung village in Manipur's Jiribam district on Sunday morning, police said. A policeman also suffered injuries he has been admitted to a hospital, they said. The deceased was identified as Ajay Kumar Jha, 43, a resident of Bihar.

"He suffered bullet injuries in the head and was declared brought-dead in hospital. The injured policeman is undergoing treatment, but he is out of danger," a police officer said. In a post on X, Chief Minister N Biren Singh condemned the attack and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured.

"I strongly condemn the killing of a CRPF personnel in an attack carried out by an armed group, suspected to be Kuki militants, in Jiribam district today. His supreme sacrifice in the line of duty shall not go in vain. I further extend my sincere condolences to the bereaved family of the deceased soldier, while praying for the speedy recovery of the ones injured during the attack," Singh said. **PTI**



Devotees during the reopening of 'Ratna Bhandar' at the Jagannath Temple, in Puri on Sunday. According to officials, the revered treasury of the 12th-century temple, was reopened after 46 years for an inventory of valuables and the repair of its structure. No snakes were found as was believed. — Photo:PTI (REPORT PAGE 7)

## Jobless youth to lay siege to Secretariat today

**CITY BUREAU Hyderabad**

BC Janasabha and unemployed youth, seeking postponement of Group-II and DSC examinations and an increase in Group-II and III posts, as assured by the Congress during the Assembly

elections campaign, have given a call to lay siege to the Secretariat on Monday.

The teacher job aspirants lamented the lack of time to prepare for the DSC examination, as a series of recruitment examinations - hostel welfare officer, divisional accounts officer,

TG TET and CTET were conducted in June. They also cite the vast syllabus for the DSC for seeking postponement of the examination, scheduled from July 18 to August 5.

With just a day gap after the DSC exams, the Telangana Public Service Com-

mission has scheduled the Group-II services recruitment on August 7 and 8. The majority of teacher job aspirants' also eye for Group-II services. The aspirants questioned the rationale behind holding Group-II with just one day gap after the DSC. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Brain-eating amoeba sparks concern

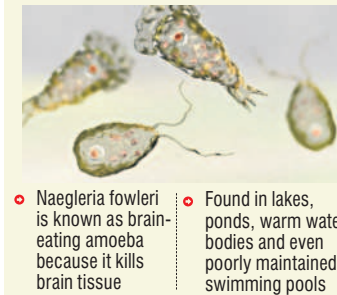
**M SAI GOPAL Hyderabad**

This infection is rare, but when it strikes, it can be extremely dangerous and unsparing.

*Naegleria fowleri* thrives in water, and if that water gets into the nose, the amoeba can travel up the nasal cavity and reach the brain to infect it. Often referred to as 'brain-eating amoeba', once *Naegleria fowleri* infects, it destroys the brain tissue.

This rare brain-eating amoeba has caused multiple

### Dangerous, unsparing



- *Naegleria fowleri* is known as brain-eating amoeba because it kills brain tissue
- Found in lakes, ponds, warm water bodies and even poorly maintained swimming pools

- Gains entry through nose and travels to brain to cause meningoencephalitis
- Causes headaches, fever, nausea, vomiting, confusion, stiff neck, hallucinations and loss of balance
- Once infected with meningoencephalitis, within 5 days the individual dies
- No brain infection if water with amoeba is swallowed through mouth

fatalities among children. The single-celled amoeba, which thrives in freshwater lakes and rivers, has already

claimed the lives of three children in Kerala, by entering into their brains through the nasal cavity. In all three

fatalities, the local public health officials reported that the kids had taken bath or indulged in fun activities in local water bodies. Once the brain gets infected by *Naegleria fowleri*, humans usually don't stand a chance, as the amoeba systematically destroys the brain tissue.

Based on Indian studies, *Naegleria fowleri* enters through the nose and travels to the brain, triggering severe Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM), causing irreversible necrosis or the death of the brain tissue. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Villagers block road for water

**STATE BUREAU Medak**

The villagers of Gavvalapally in Chinnakuram mandal on Sunday blocked the Chegunta-Medak road over the lack of drinking water supply to the village.

Stating that officials and elected representatives were not responding to their pleas, the villagers blocked the road on Monday morning, pointing out that the village was not getting water for a fortnight, disturbing normal life. They



Residents of Gavvalapally staging a rasta-roko on the Medak-Chegunta road on Sunday.

said the panchayat secretary was not taking calls while the sarpanch, MPTCs and other

elected representatives were saying that their tenures were over. (SEE PAGE 2)