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**Protocol breach sparks outrage**  
**HYDERABAD:** In a blatant breach of protocol, Congress leader Kitchennagari Lakshma Reddy, who finished third in the Assembly elections, was allowed to distribute cheques to temples for Bonalu in RK Puram division of Maheshwaram constituency on Monday. Former Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy was sidelined, forcing her to stage a sit-in protest. Outraged, she protested by sitting on the ground in front of the dais. She also boycotted the event and staged protests outside. **STATE PAGE 5**

**Karnataka for 7th Pay Commission**  
**BENGALURU:** The Karnataka Cabinet on Monday decided to implement the recommendations of the seventh Pay Commission effective from August 1, official sources said. The Chief Minister is expected to make an announcement regarding the pay hike to more than seven lakh State government employees in the Assembly on Tuesday. The 7th Pay Commission, headed by former Chief Secretary K Sudhakar Rao, has recommended a 27.5% hike on basic salary of government employees. **PTI**

**Oli sworn in as Nepal PM**  
**KATHMANDU:** KP Sharma Oli on Monday was sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister for the fourth time to lead a new coalition government that faces the daunting challenge of providing political stability in the Himalayan nation. The leader of Nepal's largest communist party was appointed as Prime Minister on Sunday by President Ram Chandra Paudel to lead the coalition government with the Nepali Congress (NC), the largest party in Parliament, apart from other smaller parties. **WORLD PAGE 9**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 102
Retail live.....	Rs. 124
With skin.....	Rs. 180
Skinless.....	Rs. 205
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70

## Riders may rob ryots of waiver

**Scheme guidelines come with tough conditions**

**STATE BUREAU**  
**HYDERABAD**  
The Congress government has once again revealed its true colours by imposing multiple riders for farmers if they want to avail the much-awaited crop loan waiver, for which guidelines were issued on Monday.  
Right from the amount that would be waived to the eligibility criteria that a farmer has to meet to become a beneficiary, all come with a tough set of conditions, which were not mentioned by the Congress, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy in particular, when the promise of the loan waiver was repeatedly made during the recent Assembly and Parliament election campaigns.  
The conditions have already triggered apprehensions that several farmers could lose out on the waiver, for which they were waiting desperately ever since Revanth Reddy egged them on during his campaign to go and avail loans immediately and that he would waive them off.  
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**REAL PICTURE**  
Despite CM Revanth Reddy repeatedly assuring farmers that no strict conditions would be imposed, the scheme's guidelines are far from what was promised

- Waiver not be applicable for rescheduled loans or restructured loans
- To be limited to Rs 2 lakh per farmer's family
- Principal amount, interest component to be included
- Interest as on Dec 9, 2023 to be considered
- Beneficiary has to first pay loan amount excess of Rs 2 lakh, including interest
- Only after excess amount is paid will waived amount be transferred to farmer's account
- Beneficiaries require ration cards
- Food security card database of Civil Supplies Department is parameter to determine farmer's family
- Waiver applicable only to short-term crop loans obtained between Dec 12, 2018, and Dec 9, 2023
- Waiver only for loans obtained from scheduled commercial banks, rural banks, district cooperative banks

State, in the government order (G.O. Rt. No 567) listing out the guidelines, has said the waiver would not be applicable for rescheduled or restructured loans. The waiver would also be limited to Rs 2 lakh per farmer's family, with the principal amount and interest component as on December 9, 2023, also to be considered. At the same time, the food security card (ration card) database of the Civil Supplies Department would be considered as a parameter to determine a farmer's family, including the household head, spouse and children. **(SEE PAGE 2)**  
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## Cops arrest job aspirants



Police personnel detain protesters during the 'Chalo Secretariat' stir in Hyderabad on Monday. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

**CITY BUREAU**  
**Hyderabad**  
Several government job aspirants and student leaders were arrested near Tank Bund and neighbouring areas, when they tried to lay siege to the Secretariat on Monday morning, as a part of the 'Chalo Secretariat' protest call given by student organisations and unemployed youth associations for the postponement of DSC and Group II exams.  
Students and government job aspirants started gathering around the Secretariat in small batches. However, hundreds of policemen, including the Quick Response

**KTR DEMANDS IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF YOUTH LEADERS**  
**HYDERABAD:** BRS working president KT Rama Rao strongly condemned the arrest of the party's student leaders, including Rajaram Yadav, who were fighting in support of the unemployed youth and attempting to lay siege to the State Secretariat on Monday. He demanded their immediate release. He slammed the State government for its harsh treatment towards unemployed youth protesting for their jobs. He said rather than delivering the electoral promises and addressing unemployment, the Congress government had not only abandoned the youth, but was also using police forces to suppress their peaceful protests. He condemned the police misconduct towards student leaders too. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Team (QRT), Commissioner's Task Force and local police, identified the probable protestors and detained them. A few youngsters managed to rush towards the Secretariat building and sat on the road.  
The police picked them up and shifted them into police vehicles. All of them were shifted to different police stations and the Goshamahall police station. A few of the leaders were shifted to the Falaknuma police station in the far end of the city. Since morning, the police had set up barricades on the roads leading to the State Secretariat and lathi-wielding personnel were guarding traffic junctions. **(SEE PAGES 2, 3)**

## China expert Vikram Misri new Foreign Secretary

**NEW DELHI**  
Seasoned diplomat Vikram Misri, widely regarded as an expert on China and national security, assumed charge as India's new foreign secretary on Monday.  
Misri, a 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service officer serving as the Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA), succeeded Vinay Kwatra. The 59-year-old assumed charge of the key position at a time when India is looking to navigate various geo-political challenges, including its frosty ties with China following the lingering eastern Ladakh border row and the consequences of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.  
External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar congratulated Misri. **PTI**

## I'm supposed to be dead: Trump

**MILWAUKEE**  
Donald Trump has said he is "supposed to be dead" after the assassination attempt on him at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania, calling the incident a "surreal experience".  
In one of his first interviews since the incident, the 78-year-old former President told conservative US media that he felt that he had been saved "by luck or by God".  
"I'm not supposed to be here, I'm supposed to be dead," the former US President said, speaking to the New York Post while en route to Milwaukee for the Republican National Convention starting on Monday, which will nominate him as the party's candidate for the November 5 presidential election. "The most incredible thing was that I happened to not only turn (my head) but to turn at the exact right time and in just the right amount," he said, adding that the bullet that grazed his ear could have easily killed him.  
"I'm supposed to be dead, I'm not supposed to be



Donald Trump supporters participate in the 'In Trump We Trust' caravan near his Mar-a-Lago resort, Florida. — Photo: AFP

like this, he called it a miracle," Trump added. "By luck or by God, many people are saying it's by God I'm still here."  
Trump also addressed the photos of him raising his fist and saying "Fight!" as he had blood on his face. "A lot of people say it's the most iconic photo they've ever seen," Trump said. "They're right and I didn't die. Usually, you have to die to have an iconic picture."  
Trump told the paper he wanted to keep speaking following the shooting but the Secret Service insisted he go to the hospital. "I just wanted to keep speaking, but I just got shot," he said. Trump also said he appreciated the call he received from President Joe Biden, according to the Post, calling it "fine" and "very nice". **PTI**  
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## Revanth faces toddy tappers' ire

**STATE BUREAU**  
**Hyderabad**  
Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's comments while 'interacting' with toddy tappers on Sunday triggered an instant backlash from various quarters, especially from toddy tappers and the Goud community.  
The Chief Minister's comments came during the launch of the distribution of the 'Katamayya Raksha Kavacham' safety equipment scheme for toddy tappers at Abdullahpurmet in Ranga Reddy on Sunday.  
During the programme, some toddy tappers were made to climb trees much ahead of the Chief Minister's arrival and after being made to wait till he, along with his Cabinet colleagues D Sriidhar Babu, Ponnamp Prabhakar and Damodara Raja Narasimha, reached the venue. The Chief Minister's mode of 'interaction' was the first to draw flak, with videos showing the toddy tappers dangling from palm trees even as he, comfortably seated on a dais, went on talking to them using a microphone.  
In the videos, which have gone viral, the Chief Minister is seen asking them how much toddy each tapper would get a day. In reply, a toddy tapper is heard saying that from 15 trees, about 40-45 litres of toddy was collected. Responding to this, Revanth Reddy asked how much water was mixed in the toddy. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Heavy rain in TS over next 48 hours

**CITY BUREAU**  
**Hyderabad**  
The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, on Monday issued a warning of heavy to very heavy rains in multiple districts of Telangana, including Hyderabad, for the next 48 hours.  
After experiencing the best downpour of the season on Sunday, the skies largely remained overcast throughout Monday in Hyderabad. However, rains are not expected to relent, as the IMD forecast has indicated that Hyderabad, along with neighbouring Medchal-Malkajigiri, Medak and Vikarabad districts, could receive a downpour on Tuesday and Wednesday.  
The districts where the IMD-H has issued a heavy to very heavy rainfall fore-

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cast for Tuesday are Karimnagar, Mahabubabad, Warangal and Hanamakonda. The IMD has issued a heavy rainfall warning for Adilabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Peddapalli, Khammam, Jangaon, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool and Jogulamba Gadwal.  
Thunderstorms accompanied with lightning and gale (30-40 kmph) are very likely in all districts.

## Adani-Hindenburg row: SC dismisses review plea

**NEW DELHI**  
The Supreme Court has dismissed a plea seeking a review of its January 3 verdict by which it refused to transfer the probe into allegations of stock price manipulation by the Adani Group to a special investigation team or the CBI.  
A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra dismissed the review plea filed by one of the PIL petitioners, Anamika Jaiswal, against the January 3 verdict.  
"Having perused the review petition, there is no error apparent on the face of the record. No case for review under Order XLVII Rule 1 of the Supreme Court Rules 2013. The review petition is, therefore, dismissed," the Bench said in its order of May 5. The review petition was considered by the judges in chamber. In a significant win for the Adani Group, the top court, on January 3, declined to order a CBI or SIT probe. In its judgment, the apex court had said SEBI was

## MONEY BILLS: SC TO CONSIDER SETTING UP BENCH TO HEAR PLEAS

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider a suggestion for setting up a constitution Bench to hear pleas challenging the validity of passage of laws such as the Aadhaar Act by the Modi government as money Bills allegedly to bypass the Rajya Sabha where it was in a minority. The BJP currently has 86 MPs and the ruling NDA 101 in the 245-member Rajya Sabha where the majority mark is 123. The passage of Bills such as amendments to the PMLA as money Bills, apparently to circumvent Rajya Sabha. **PTI**  
conducting a "comprehensive investigation" into the allegations and its conduct "inspires confidence". The review petition had claimed there were "mistakes and errors" in the judgment, and in light of certain new material, there were sufficient reasons for a review of the verdict. **PTI**

## Man stuck in lift for 2 days rescued

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**  
A 59-year-old man was stuck in the lift of the busy Government Medical College Hospital here for the past two days and was rescued on Monday morning by an operator, who had arrived for routine work, police said.  
The ordeal of Ulloor resident Ravindran Nair, a patient who came for a medical checkup, began on Saturday when he stepped into the lift, which malfunctioned and trapped him inside. He was later admitted to the hospital for related health issues.  
The incident has prompted the government to initiate disciplinary action against the officials responsible for the lapse. On Sunday night, the man's family filed a 'missing per-

son' case with the Medical College police. According to the police, Nair entered the lift to go to the first floor, but it malfunctioned and failed to open, leaving him trapped and unable to exit. His cries for help went unheeded and his phone battery died and left him unable to call for assistance, they said.  
State Health Minister Veena George has ordered an investigation into the incident and sought a report. The Health Department has also suspended three staff members — two lift operators and a duty sergeant. The man said he had been sure that someone would come and operate the lift at least on Monday. Nair's son, Hari Shankar, said his father was pretty shaken up as he had been inside the lift for almost two days. **PTI**

## 5 drug peddlers caught; actor among clients

**CITY BUREAU**  
**Hyderabad**  
The Cyberabad police, with the assistance of the TG Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGANB), arrested five drug peddlers and 13 customers, including Hindi actor Aman Preet Singh.  
The Cyberabad police, on Monday, said they seized 200 g of cocaine valued at Rs 35 lakh, two passports, two bikes and 10 cell phones from the peddlers. "Among the customers identified are Aman Preet Singh and 12 others. Six of them were apprehended and they had tested positive for use of cocaine. During the probe, if we get to know that the customers sold drugs, they will be treated as peddlers," DCP (Shamshabad) Ch Srinivas said. **(SEE PAGES 2, 3)**