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BENGALURU: Three persons were killed and four others feared dead after a massive landslide near Shirur village in Karnataka's Uttara Kannada district on Tuesday, officials said. Karnataka Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said seven persons, including four members of a family, were feared killed in the landslide on National Highway 66. "We have recovered three bodies so far," said police officials. **PTI**

Man axes father to death
SANGAREDDY: A man axed his father to death after the latter reprimanded him for being glued to the TV all the time at Chowkanpally. The victim was identified as Modde Maruthi (65) and the accused, Narsappa (20). Narsappa reportedly picked up an argument when his father asked him to stop watching TV. In a fit of rage, Narsappa picked up an axe and attacked Maruthi indiscriminately.

Chandipura virus: Toll rises to 8
AHMEDABAD: Two more children died of suspected Chandipura virus infection in Gujarat on Tuesday, taking the number of fatalities recorded in the State so far to eight, Health Minister Rushikesh Patel said. With this, the number of persons infected from the virus has gone up to 14, and eight of them have died, he said. "Mortality rate in the disease is high," the Minister further said. **PTI**

Modi may address UNGA session
UNITED NATIONS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to address the high-level UN General Assembly session here on September 26, according to a provisional list of speakers issued by the UN. Brazil, traditionally the first speaker at the debate, will open the high-level session on September 24, followed by the US, with Joe Biden delivering his current term's final address. **PTI**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

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

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Narasimha Reddy quits probe panel after SC rap

Court castigates him for views on power deals under BRS regime at a presser

PTI NEW DELHI
 The Supreme Court on Tuesday castigated Justice (ret'd) L Narasimha Reddy, the chairperson of the one-man Commission of Inquiry set up to probe alleged irregularities in the power sector during the tenure of ex-Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, for making observations about the merits of the matter at a press conference. Under fire from the Supreme Court, Reddy, a former Chief Justice of the Patna High Court, withdrew from the panel, and the Bench headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud asked the Telangana government to name his replacement. Justice Reddy's withdrawal came during dramatic proceedings on the plea of the former Chief Minister who accused him of bias.

"Justice must be seen to be done. He is heading the Commission of Inquiry and expressed his views on merits in a press conference! We are giving you (Telangana government) an opportunity to replace the judge in the Commission of Inquiry. Appoint some other judge. Because there has to be an impression that he made observations on merits," a Bench headed by Justice Chandrachud said. "Error of approach does not make it a case of bias,"

KCR will be arrested, says Madhu Yaskhi
HYDERABAD: Even as the Supreme Court found fault with retired Justice L Narasimha Reddy commenting on the merits of the case before his inquiry was completed, AICC spokesperson Madhu Yaskhi Goud appeared to have decided what would be the outcome of the inquiry and stated that legal action would be initiated against former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao and he would be jailed. Though he insisted that Congress was not indulging in vendetta politics, his words indicated exactly the opposite, with Goud going on to say that the SC directed the State to appoint a new judge based on the technical points and conduct inquiry. The new judge would expose all irregularities, and it was the responsibility of Revanth Reddy government to take action against KCR, he claimed. **(SEE PAGE 2)**



KTR appalled at Cong leader's comments
HYDERABAD: Criticising AICC spokesperson Madhu Yaskhi Goud for his lack of understanding of legal issues, BRS working president KT Rama Rao stressed that only courts could announce punishment orders and not the executive. "It is appalling that despite being an advocate, Madhu Yaskhi Goud failed to recognise that there would be rule of law and courts. Are you not aware of the fact that civil and criminal measures cannot be initiated through commissions," he asked Goud. Reminding Goud that Congress senior leader and SC advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi was fighting the case on behalf of the State, Rama Rao pointed out that Singhvi himself had argued in the court that there could not be civil and criminal prosecution on basis of the commission of inquiry. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

BRS welcomes SC directions
HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao welcomed the Supreme Court directions for the replacement of retired Patna High Court Chief Justice L Narasimha Reddy as the one-man Commission of Inquiry (CoI) examining alleged irregularities in the power purchases during the tenure of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao. He said the State government should appoint an unbiased person to conduct a fair investigation. He said the Congress government had ordered a probe into the power purchases and also the Kaleshwaram project only to divert people's attention from the real issues plaguing the State under the new government. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

'MEDIA USED TO PESTER MY OFFICE'
HYDERABAD: Retired Justice L Narasimha Reddy, heading the Commission of Inquiry, resigned from the post on Tuesday. In his note of resignation, Justice Reddy blamed journalists and said they used to pester his office. "When we were not holding any press briefing, reporters were publishing news about the Commission on their imagination. Hence, to put an end to that, we held a conference to apprise the media about the contours of inquiry and the progress made till then," he said. Secondly, by their very nature, the hearings of the Commission are to take place in public so much so that notification was issued inviting representations from the public, he said. "The last thing for a judge or, for that matter, a former judge, to assert would be that he is not biased. The day such necessity arises, the very office would lose its sheen. As a gesture to uphold the dignity of the judicial fraternity, I hereby express my view that I do not intend to continue as the Commission," he said.



senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, representing the current Congress government led by Revanth Reddy, told the Bench, also comprising JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra. The Bench observed that the former judge should not have commented on the merits of the matter even before the inquiry had started. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

4 soldiers killed in J&K encounter

JAMMU
 Four army personnel, including a captain, died after being injured in a gunfight with heavily armed terrorists in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Tuesday while reinforcements were rushed in to track and neutralise the militants. Those killed in the encounter have been identified as Captain Brijesh Thapa, Naik D Rajesh, Sepoy Bijendra and Sepoy Ajay, they said.



Army personnel pay tribute to the mortal remains of the soldiers in Doda on Tuesday. — Photo: PTI

This was the third major encounter between security forces and terrorists in the forests of Doda district in the past three weeks. The latest incident comes a week after a terrorist ambush on an Army patrol in the remote Machedi forest belt in Kathua district claimed the lives of five soldiers and injured as many. Troops of the

Rashtriya Rifles and Special Operations Group of Jammu and Kashmir Police launched a joint cordon and search operation at Dhari Gote Urarbagi in the Desa forest belt, some 55 km from Doda town, late on Monday evening when the encounter took place, the officials said. After a brief exchange of fire, the terrorists tried to escape but were chased by the troops led by the captain despite the challenging terrain and thick foliage, they said, adding this led to another firefight around 9 pm on Monday. Five soldiers were critically injured in the encounter. Four of them, including the captain, later succumbed to injuries. **(SEE PAGES 2, 7)**

Passbook basis for loan waiver

CM clarifies, says farmers sans ration cards also eligible

STATE BUREAU Hyderabad
 A day after guidelines issued for the crop loan waiver triggered a major backlash over the restrictive conditions for beneficiaries, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was on Tuesday forced to come out with clarifications to douse the fire and to assure that farmers without ration cards too would be eligible for the waiver.

With one of the most widely raised contentions being over the ration card included as one of the criteria, the Chief Minister said loans taking on the land passbook would be eligible for the Rs 2 lakh waiver and that the ration card would be used only to determine a farmer's family. Speaking at the Collectors' conference here, the Chief Minister said there were 90 lakh ration cards in the State, of which 70 lakh were farmers who secured loans. About 6.36 lakh farmers did not possess ration cards and they would also be eligible for the loan waiver, he said. "Just because farmers do not possess ration cards, all measures will be taken to ensure that injustice is not meted out to such farmers," Revanth Reddy said, adding that by Thursday evening, the waived amount would be deposited into the bank accounts of farmers who had taken loans up to Rs 1 lakh. On the same day, celebrations would be conducted with farmers at Rythu Vedikas. Ministers, MLAs, and elected public representatives would be participating in these celebrations, he said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

BRS calls guidelines restrictive

HYDERABAD: Terming the new guidelines restrictive and unfair, Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao demanded withdrawal of the same to make the scheme beneficial to all farmers. Rather than Aadhaar, ration cards and PM-Kisan data, he suggested making all pattaadar passbook holders eligible for the scheme. He said the loan waiver norms must be simplified and inclusive. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

Farmers deserve more support: Chengal Reddy

HYDERABAD: The promises made by governments to farmers are crucial, and they should be upheld by all means without any attempt to segregate further the farmers' community on the basis of their land holdings or food security cards certifying their income status for extending direct benefits, farmer activist Chengal Reddy said. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

Act on defections, BRS urges Speaker

STATE BUREAU Hyderabad
 The BRS leaders on Monday met Speaker Gaddam Prasad seeking disqualification of defected MLAs and also lodged a complaint against frequent protocol violations. The BRS delegation, led by party working president KT Rama Rao and senior leader T Harish Rao, met the Speaker at the Assembly, urging for his urgent intervention.

Rama Rao said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was using intimidating tactics to poach BRS MLAs. Two BRS MLAs had received phone calls from police officials, cautioning that there was a threat to their lives. Similarly, the official machinery was used to demolish con-

Party delegation, led by working president KT Rama Rao and senior leader T Harish Rao, meets Speaker at Assembly

structions at educational institutions belonging to MLAs Ch Malla Reddy and Marri Rajasekhara Reddy, while those having real estate businesses were being harassed with the help of municipal officials. "Just like 'Bade Bhai' (Modi) uses Central agencies to intimidate opposition leaders, 'Chote Bhai' (Revanth) is using State agencies to threaten our MLAs," he said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Gold glitters at a high of Rs 75,570

SRUTHI KURUGANTI Hyderabad
 Gold prices in Hyderabad surged to an all-time high, marking the third significant increase this year. On Tuesday, the price of 24-carat gold per 10 grams reached Rs 75,570, setting a new record.



In the last four months, the prices of yellow metal have been volatile, reaching as high as Rs 75,000 and dropping to as low as Rs 72,000. Earlier this year, gold prices hit Rs 74,340 in April and Rs 75,160 in May before stabilising around Rs 72,000. However, the current upward trend suggests that the prices may soon hit

the Rs 78,000 mark. Praveen Kumar, the secretary of the Twin Cities Jewellers Association, noted that gold rates are influenced by currency exchange rates and international markets. "The international investment in gold has been increasing, with gold prices rising from \$2,200 per ounce in January to \$2,400 per ounce recently. It is expected to reach \$2,600 per ounce by Christmas due to continued international purchases. Given the current trend, we expect prices to shortly cross Rs 78,000," he stated. In July, the yellow metal experienced an upward surge, increasing by 2.41 per

cent. The price of 24-carat gold per 10 grams on July 1 was Rs 72,280, marking a notable rise of Rs 3,290. "Many countries are increasing their gold reserves, which also contributes to the rising prices. Once, it was primarily the US and Australia holding significant reserves, but now China has moved to the second position," Kumar explained. "As these reserves grow, we are witnessing a bullish trend in the gold market, with increasing demand driving up prices." The price of 22-carat gold also followed a similar upward trajectory in Hyderabad. Meanwhile, silver costs Rs 95,000 per kg.

Key accused held in NEET-UG case

NEW DELHI
 The CBI has arrested two persons, including a key accused in the NEET-UG paper leak case, who allegedly stole the paper from a National Testing Agency's trunk in Hazaribagh in Jharkhand, officials said. With the two arrests, the total number of persons arrested in connection with cases pertaining to leakage, impersonation and other irregularities in the medical entrance exam has now reached 14, they said. The agency has arrested Pankaj Kumar alias Aditya, a 2017-batch civil engineer

from the National Institute of Technology Jamshedpur, who allegedly stole the NEET-UG paper from the NTA trunk in Hazaribagh, the officials said. Kumar, a resident of Bokaro, was arrested from Patna, they said. The CBI has also arrested one Raju Singh who allegedly helped Kumar in stealing the paper and passing them on to other gang members, they said, adding that Singh was arrested from Hazaribagh. The agency, which is probing the alleged irregularities in the medical entrance exam, has registered six FIRs. **PTI**

Newly wed couple ends life

STATE BUREAU Nizamabad
 A newly married couple died, allegedly by suicide, in Potangal of the district. They were identified as Anil and Shailaja. According to reports, the couple made a video explaining the reason for their suicide and sent it to the police. In the video, they blamed their relatives for spreading malicious propaganda against them causing mental trauma. Shailaja sent the video to Kotagiri SI Sandeep, who immediately responded and sent the phone number along with the video to the Navipet SI. **(SEE PAGE 2)**