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Telangana frontrunner in SDG

HYDERABAD: Telangana emerged as a front-runner in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) with a score of 74 in 2023-24, showing a remarkable five-point improvement compared to 2020-21. The national average score is 71 among 15 parameters in 2023-24 against 66 in 2020-21. The latest SDG India Index report for 2023-24 was released by the NITI Aayog on Friday.

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Forgery case against Khedkar

NEW DELHI: A criminal case was registered against controversial probationary IAS officer Pujja Khedkar on Friday for "misrepresenting and falsifying facts" following a "thorough investigation" by the Union Public Service Commission into allegations of misconduct. She allegedly manipulated her identity to appear for the civil services exam multiple times, exceeding the permissible attempts.

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'Viksit Bharat' theme for I-Day

NEW DELHI: The theme for 78th Independence Day celebrations is 'Viksit Bharat', in sync with the Centre's vision to transform the country into a developed nation by 2047. Ministry of Defence spokesperson A Bharat Bhushan Babu made the announcement in a post on X in which he also shared a poster depicting the Red Fort and the 'Viksit Bharat' slogan. In 2047, India will mark 100th year of Independence.

245 Indians return home from B'desh

NEW DELHI: India on Friday described the violent protests in Bangladesh as an "internal" matter of Dhaka but said it was closely monitoring the situation in the context of 15,000 Indians residing there. The Indians, including 8,500 students are safe, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. Till Friday, 245 Indians, including 125 students returned to India.

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

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

Global tech outage disrupts flights, paralyzes services

Chaos unleashes after cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike deploys faulty update

AP
FRANKFURT

A global technology outage grounded flights, knocked banks and hospital systems offline and media outlets off air on Friday in a massive disruption that affected companies and services around the world and highlighted the dependence on software from a handful of providers.

Cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike said the issue believed to be behind the outage was not a security incident or cyberattack — and that a fix was on the way. The company said the problem occurred when it deployed a faulty update to computers running Microsoft Windows. But hours after the problem was first detected, the disarray continued — and escalated.

Long lines formed at airports in the US, Europe and Asia as airlines lost access to check-in and booking services at a time when many travellers are heading away on summer vacations. News outlets in Australia — where telecommunications were severely affected — were pushed off air for hours.

Hospitals and doctors' offices had problems with their appointment systems, while banks in South Africa and New Zealand reported outages to their payment system or websites and apps. Some athletes and spectators descending on Paris for Olympics were delayed.

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Travellers wait at a gate of the Linate airport in Milan, Italy, on Friday, as many flights were delayed or cancelled due to the worldwide internet outage. — Photo: AP

36 domestic flights grounded at RGIA

HYDERABAD: As many as 36 domestic flights were cancelled at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) on Friday following the outage that disrupted airline operations nationwide. The cancelled flights reportedly included 19 departures and 17 arrivals on the Tirupati, Visakhapatnam, Bengaluru, Cochin, Coimbatore, Thiruvananthapuram, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Raipur and Jaipur routes. Operations of major carriers such as IndiGo, Akasa Air, Air India and SpiceJet were significantly affected, causing considerable inconvenience to passengers. Flyers endured long queues, were unable to check in their bags and struggled to receive boarding passes.

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Indian financial system largely unaffected

MUMBAI: The Indian financial and payments systems remained largely unaffected by the Microsoft services outage, though about 10 banks and NBFCs faced minor disruptions which have either been resolved or are being fixed. The Reserve Bank of India said it has made an assessment of the impact of this outage on its regulated entities. "Critical systems of most banks are not in cloud and further, only a few banks are using the CrowdStrike tool. Our assessment shows that only 10 banks and NBFCs had minor disruptions, which have either been resolved or are being resolved," RBI said. Overall, it said the Indian financial sector in the RBI's domain remains insulated from the outage.

(PTI)

Many farmers miss out on loan waiver

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Complaints poured in in almost all districts, as many farmers found their names missing from the list of beneficiaries of the loan waiver scheme, which began on Thursday. The administration in different districts opened help desks on Friday to resolve the complaints after the first phase rollout.

Farmers, who were not considered in the first phase of remittances, took up their issues with the branch heads of their respective banks. They were not part of the celebrations organised at the district headquarters and mandal centres on the occasion.

All 21 Rythu Vedikas in Khammam received a large number of such complaints and a majority of them were related to the waiver by the District Cooperative Central Bank. Some 59,000 accounts, with an outstanding of less than Rs 1 lakh, received a waiver of Rs 264 crore in the district.

In Medak district, the Collector directed the banks to respond to the grievances immediately and help resolve them in a month. In all, 45,882 farmers received a loan waiver amounting to Rs 241.82 crore. Those who did not figure on the list of beneficiaries were asked to approach banks concerned.

In Nizamabad district, 44,465 farmers, with a loan outstanding of less than Rs 1 lakh, received the benefit in the first phase. Banks concerned, tasked to address the farmers' grievances, re-

KTR takes a dig at Revanth

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao took a sharp dig at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, criticising the mismanagement of the farm loan waiver scheme by diverting funds and attention from pressing issues.

He said the Revanth Reddy government has been all about "attention diversion and funds diversion". Taking to X, Rama Rao said after hoodwinking people for nearly seven months, the government implemented the crop loan waiver scheme.



ceived a large number of complaints. In Warangal district, Rs 134.2 crore was remitted to 26,389 loan accounts. A helpdesk was set up on Friday to address complaints related to omissions in the beneficiary list. Such farmers can represent their cases to the officials concerned and a toll-free number (18004253434) has been provided.

In Suryapet district too, omissions are said to be galore, with farmers making a beeline to banks. In Bhadrachal Kothagudem, some 28,018 farmers figured in the list of waiver beneficiaries. A helpdesk was set up to look into the complaints of non-waiver.

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3 engg students killed in car-truck collision on ORR

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Three engineering students died on the spot and two others were injured when their car went out of control and collided with a truck on ORR at Quthbullapur on Friday night.

Police suspect rash and negligent driving. The mishap occurred when the victims, students of a private engineering college in Dundigal, who are yet to be identified, were headed from Quthbullapur to Dundigal. Driven by one of the youngsters, the car went out of control after entering the service road. A case was booked.

After protests, Group-II exams deferred to Dec

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a victory for the unemployed youth of Telangana, who staged protests for over a month, the Congress government on Friday deferred the Group-II services recruitment examination.

The Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) has decided to re-schedule the exam, which was to be held on August 7-8, to December. The fresh dates will be announced soon, the Commission said.

The move comes following repeated protests by the aspirants demanding the

'Will ensure no overlap of dates'

HYDERABAD: Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said the government would take all measures to ensure that there is no overlapping of recruitment exams. He assured this to Group-II candidates who met him at Secretariat on Friday. A job calendar would also be announced after finalising vacancies in all the departments, he said. Delaying recruitments would avoid financial burden on the State government but that was not the agenda, he said.

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postponement of the Group-II exam as it nearly clashed with the DSC, a re-

cruitment exam for teacher vacancies, which concludes on August 5.

The aspirants questioned the rationale behind scheduling two recruitment examinations with just a day's gap.

The unemployed youth also cited a lack of preparation time for the Group-II exam as a series of recruitment exams for hostel welfare officers and divisional accounts officers, besides the Telangana Teacher Eligibility Test and Central TET, were conducted in June. All these exams have different syllabi, they said.

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State receives record rainfall, braces for more over weekend

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

A heavy downpour battered several districts of Telangana on Friday, even as the India Meteorological Department-Hyderabad (IMD-H) extended its red alert of heavy rain for two more days in Adilabad, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal and Peddapalli.

Between Thursday evening and Friday morning, Mahadevpur in Jayashankar Bhupalpal district received downpour of 207 mm of rain, which is the highest in Telangana for this year. Some of the other



The environs of Tank Bund have turned lush green as Hyderabad receives moderate showers.

districts that recorded maximum rainfall are Kotapalli in Mancherial (172 mm) and

Kagaznagar in Asifabad (159.3 mm).

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Now, students find worms in sambar

STATE BUREAU
Nizamabad

After a lizard, rat and insects were found in food, it was the turn of worms in sambar at the girls' hostel of the Telangana University in Dichpally here.

A student reportedly noticed worms in the sambar and alerted others, who in turn informed the warden. The warden immediately asked the hostel in-charge to replace the sambar with another dish.

According to reports, the university registrar, Yadagiri, who visited the hostel, noticed worms in the sam-

bar and ordered a probe into the incident.

This is the second such incident in the last 15 days. On June 21, a dead lizard was found in breakfast and now the students were served sambar with worms for dinner.

The incident has shed light on an ongoing issue of poor-quality food being served in the university's hostels, with little action taken by the university administration. The students expressed outrage over the poor-quality food being served to them over the last few days despite repeated complaints.

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