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TS Budget to be tabled on Thursday
HYDERABAD: With the State budget session commencing on Tuesday, Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari directed officials to promptly reply to all questions raised by legislators and provide full information. She held a meeting with senior officials in connection with the budget session on Saturday. Special Chief Secretary Finance K Ramakrishna Rao said the annual State Budget would be presented on Thursday.

CISF jawan dies as gun misfires
SANGAREDDY: A CISF jawan working at the BDL-Bhanur unit, P Venkateshwarlu (39), died on the spot as the gun he was holding misfired and the bullet pierced his head late on Friday. Venkateshwarlu was on night duty with a few other jawans when the incident occurred. He was reportedly holding the gun under his chin when it misfired and the bullet pierced through his head, leaving the others in shock.

Nipah scare back in Kerala
MALAPPURAM: Kerala Health Minister Veena George on Saturday confirmed Nipah infection in a 14-year-old boy from Malappuram district. George said the Pune National Institute of Virology had confirmed the infection in the boy, who is currently under treatment at a private hospital. "He will be shifted to the government medical college at Kozhikode. The contact tracing has begun," George said.

Army chief in J&K to review situation
JAMMU: Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday reached here to review the security situation at a meeting in Jammu and Kashmir amidst growing terror activities in parts of the otherwise peaceful Jammu region, according to officials. This was the second visit of the Army chief to Jammu in less than three weeks after taking charge as the 30th chief of the Indian Army on June 30.

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 112
Retail live.....	Rs. 134
With skin.....	Rs. 194
Skinless.....	Rs. 221
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70

US agency warns Microsoft, Nadella says working on a fix

SAN FRANCISCO
US cybersecurity agency CISA has warned that hackers are trying to take advantage of the Microsoft outage for phishing and other malicious activity, as the tech giant's chairman and CEO Satya Nadella said they are working hard to safely bring systems back online. The US cybersecurity agency warned individuals to "avoid clicking on phishing emails or suspicious links", which can lead to email compromise and other scams. "Threat actors continue to use the widespread IT outage for phish-

Medigadda stands rock solid

Barrage survives heavy flooding & Congress' malicious campaign, says KTR



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STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Unaffected by a malicious campaign unleashed by the Congress prior to the last Assembly polls last year, and one which has continued ever since, the Medigadda barrage of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) is standing strong despite rapidly rising floodwaters.

The barrage, a crucial component of the Kaleshwaram project, with all its floodgates opened, is able to discharge over 3.7 lakh cusecs of water without any signs of distress even on the

REVIEW MEET ON KLIP PUMPING OPERATIONS TOMORROW

HYDERABAD: With the flood levels in the Godavari rising, the State is keen on re-summing pumping operations of the KLIP. A formal request was made seeking the NDSA nod for this. A final decision will be taken at a meeting of the State officials and representatives of the NDSA in New Delhi on Monday. "There is no need to re-

summed pumping operations at Medigadda at this moment. It can be resumed at another point on the Godavari," said a senior official. A team of State irrigation officials had a review in Delhi with the NDSA officials on the progress of the interim works taken up on the three barrages of the project.

impacted piers in the seventh block, according to officials, who took stock of the status of the barrage, which is in flood, at 6 pm on Saturday. Optical targets — which were installed, as recommended by the NDSA,

one each at upstream and downstream points and the middle portion of every pier — are being continuously monitored and their readings are recorded at regular intervals. The barrage's structures, including the

piers, secant piles and parametric joints, have shown no sign of distress and displacement so far, they said. The NDSA, in its interim report, had recommended several steps with respect to the radial gates from 15 to 22 in Block 7, which could not be opened easily due to the sinking of piers. Further, the panel had recommended separate measures in the case of Blocks 1-6 and 8. The interim works could be completed partially as the barrage started receiving inflows by the last week of June. Of the 3.7 lakh cusecs of flood flow, the net contribution from the upper reaches of the main Godavari is only up to 10,000 cusecs. The rest of the flooding owed to the heavy rains in the catchment of the Pranahita. The outflow from Medigadda is also in the same range. (SEE PAGE 2)

Rain continues to batter TS

Water level in Godavari rises; officials on high alert

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad/Kothagudem

Incessant rain continued to lash several parts of Telangana on Saturday, resulting in steady inflows into irrigation projects and overflowing rivulets at several places. Mallapur in Jagtial recorded the highest rainfall of the day with 78.3 mm till 7 pm, while Sarvaipet in Jayashankar Bhupalpally received 76.5 mm. Due to the rains, the Muthadivagu project at Adilabad was receiving inflows and the water level increased to 275.85 m. Another 2 m would lead to full-capacity storage in the project, according to reports. Similarly, with heavy rains lashing upstream, the

MORE DOWNPOUR LIKELY TODAY

HYDERABAD: Multiple districts in Telangana, which have been battered by downpours for the last two days, are expected to witness similar intensity of rainfall for the next 24 hours, the India Meteorological Department-Hyderabad said in its forecast on Saturday. Light to moderate rain, which was recorded in almost all regions of Hyderabad on Saturday, is unlikely to relent as the city is expected to witness steady rainfall all through Sunday, the forecast indicated. (REPORT PAGE 4)

Jurala project in the district received steady inflows of nearly 71,950 cusecs since Friday night.

Irrigation Department officials lifted seven gates and released about 87,300 cusecs of water downstream towards Srisailem. The storage capacity of the Jurala

project is 9.65 tmcft and the current storage is nearly 7.5 tmcft. Farmers in the Krishna river basin of Jogulamba Gadwal, Narayanpet and other areas were put on alert with heavy inflows into the river. Three gates of the Kaddam project in erstwhile Adilabad, too, were lifted to

discharge surplus water downstream. Meanwhile, the water level in the Godavari at Bhadrachalam in Kothagudem has been increasing steadily and reached 35.1 ft at 5 pm, with a discharge of 5,96,805 cusecs of floodwater on Saturday. Floodwaters have been entering the river due to heavy rain in the upper catchment area in Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Kothagudem.

According to officials, in the last 24 hours, 81,572 cusecs of excess water were released downstream from the Taliperu project. At 5 am, 25 gates of the Taliperu project in Cherla mandal were opened for free flow discharge of 1,43,248 cusecs of excess water. (SEE PAGE 2)

NEET: City-wise results declared

NEW DELHI

The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Saturday announced the centre- and city-wise results for medical entrance exam NEET-UG, which is under the scanner over alleged irregularities.

The results, which were initially announced on June 5, have been published in this format following an order of the Supreme Court, which is hearing several petitions about the alleged irregularities in the conduct of the exam, including paper leak.

The exam was conducted on May 5 at 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including 14 cities abroad, for more than 24 lakh candidates. The court had ordered that the results be announced while mask-

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ing the identities of the aspirants, saying it wanted to ascertain whether candidates appearing at allegedly tainted centres secured more marks than those writing the exam elsewhere. The top court will resume hearing the arguments on July 22 on a batch of pleas seeking cancellation, re-test and a court-monitored probe into the allegations of malpractice in the prestigious exam. PTI (RELATED REPORT PAGE 7)

UPSC Chairman Manoj Soni resigns

NEW DELHI

UPSC Chairman Manoj Soni has resigned citing personal reasons before the expiry of his tenure in May 2029, official sources said on Saturday.

His resignation is "not in any way connected to controversies and allegations surrounding the union Public Service Commission (UPSC) after probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar issue came to the fore," they said. "The UPSC Chairman had tendered his resignation citing personal reasons over a fortnight ago. It is yet to be accepted," a source said. Eminent educationist Soni (59) took over as a

member of the Commission on June 28, 2017. He took oath as the UPSC Chairman on May 16, 2023, and his term was to end on May 15, 2029. Sources said Soni was not keen on becoming the UPSC Chairman and had requested to be relieved. However, his request was not accepted then, the sources said.

They said Soni has now desired to devote more time to "socio-religious activities". The development assumes significance as the UPSC on Friday said it lodged a criminal case against Khedkar for faking her identity to fraudulently avail attempts in the civil services examination. PTI

Governor to take up issues raised by BRS with govt



BRS working president KT Rama Rao, senior party leader Harish Rao and others with Governor CP Radhakrishnan at Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad on Saturday.

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Responding positively on three key issues represented by the BRS on Saturday, Governor C P Radhakrishnan assured a party delegation led by working president KT Rama Rao that he would discuss these concerns with the State Home Secretary before writing to the government.

Talking to media persons at Raj Bhavan after meeting the Governor, Rama Rao

said the Governor was apprised of the way unemployed youths were being treated in the State for staging protests denouncing the failure of the Congress government in fulfilling its promises on the job front. He was also informed about the attacks on students at the OU campus and City Central Library.

Sharing the concern voiced by the delegation, the Governor assured that he would call the Home Secretary and discuss the issues

of the unemployed youths with him. The instances of protocol violation being committed by the ruling party undermining the importance of the MLAs and MLCs of the BRS were also taken up with the Governor, who in turn assured the delegation that he would write to the government on the issue soon. Rama Rao said the issue of defections being encouraged by the Congress leadership from the BRS party was also explained to him. (SEE PAGE 2)

Rs 7 crore worth of heroin seized

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Four drug peddlers, who were in possession of heroin and were planning to sell it in Hyderabad, were arrested by the Cyberabad police and TGANB on Saturday.

The police seized 1 kg of heroin worth Rs 7 crore and four mobile phones from drug dealers Nemi Chand Bhatti, Narpath Singh, Ajay Bhatti and Harish Sirvi — all natives of Rajasthan. The main supplier, Santosh Acharya, is lodged in a jail in Rajasthan. Cyberabad Commissioner of Police

Avinash Mohanty said Nemi Chand and Narpath Singh purchased heroin from Santosh Acharya and came to the city to sell it. Ajay Bhatti and Harish Sirvi, who are known to Nemi Chand, assured to help him find customers for the contraband.

Nemi Chand used to buy drugs from Acharya regularly and sell it to customers. After getting the consignment, he discussed with the remaining suspects about his intention to sell the drug and make money. Chand and Narpath Singh came to the city in a bus, police said. (SEE PAGE 2)

Vande Mataram, Jai Hind slogans not allowed in Parliament, MPs told

NEW DELHI

Rulings given by the Chair should not be criticised directly or indirectly in or outside the House and members should not raise slogans, including 'Vande Mataram' and 'Jai Hind', MPs have been reminded ahead of the Parliament ses-

session beginning Monday. The members have also been reminded that displaying 'exhibits' on the floor of the House is "not in order". The Rajya Sabha Secretariat has come out with excerpts from the 'Handbook for Members of Rajya Sabha', drawing the attention of the members to parliamentary

customs and conventions and parliamentary etiquette. The excerpts were published in a Rajya Sabha bulletin issued on July 15. The session begins on July 22 and is slated to conclude on August 12. It also said every member should "bow to the Chair" while entering or leaving the House. PTI