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Youth gets 20 yrs RI for raping girl
SANGAREDDY: A POCSO court in Sangareddy convicted a 22-year-old man for raping a minor and sentenced him to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment. Nunsavath Prakash (22), a resident of Tunikilla thanda in Kandi mandal, was a driver. He raped a 16-year-old girl in 2019. The Sangareddy rural police registered a case, arrested him and produced him before the court. The judge imposed a fine of Rs 20,000 on him.

Nitish's sexist remark sparks row

PATNA: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday sparked a fresh controversy when he made a disparaging comment on a woman MLA amid aggressive protests by the Opposition in the Assembly. A visibly upset CM burst out at RJD's Rekha Devi, saying, "You are a woman, you do not know anything." Soon pandemonium broke out and the opposition legislators raised slogans.

YSRCP protests in Delhi

NEW DELHI: YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's protest in Delhi against alleged political violence in Andhra Pradesh drew support from unlikely quarters on Wednesday, with several I.N.D.I.A bloc members and AIADMK leaders expressing solidarity. The TDP, which is in power in the State and a constituent of the NDA government at the Centre, dismissed the allegations as "fake drama".

July 22 world's hottest day

NEW DELHI: The Earth experienced its hottest day in at least 84 years on July 22, with the global average temperature reaching a record high of 17.15°C, according to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service. This exceeded the previous record of 17.09°C, set just a day before on July 21. These unprecedented temperatures follow a series of monthly heat records.

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 112
Retail live.....	Rs. 134
With skin.....	Rs. 194
Skinless.....	Rs. 221
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 65



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Wait gets longer for Rythu Bharosa funds

Scheme's framework to be finalised only by August-end

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Telangana farmers' wait for the Rythu Bharosa farm investment support is likely to get longer. Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Wednesday hinted that the framework for the scheme would be finalised only after the implementation of the farm loan waiver scheme by August-end. Speaking during the Question Hour in the Legislative Council on Wednesday, Nageswara Rao said the State government was committed to providing Rs 15,000 per acre per annum under Rythu Bharosa. A Cabinet sub-committee was currently consulting with farmers, experts and other stakeholders to prepare new guidelines for the scheme's implementation.

"The government will complete the farm loan waiver by the end of August. We will also hold discussions in both legislative houses and seek suggestions from all members before finalising the new guidelines, including eligibility criteria, for Rythu Bharosa," he said.

Apply fresh for new ration cards

STATE BUREAU
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In a new twist, the Telangana government plans to invite fresh applications for new ration cards, overlooking the Praja Palana applications submitted earlier.

Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy announced in the Legislative Council on Wednesday that separate applications would be sought for both new ration cards and new Aarogyasri cards, which would subsequently be issued separately.

BRS MLC Thatha Madhu criticised the delay, arguing that Rythu Bandhu, introduced by the previous BRS government, was designed to prevent farmers from taking high-interest loans and reduce their financial burden. He demanded that the State government release funds under Rythu Bandhu until the Rythu Bharosa



framework was completed. "We are not against removing ineligible beneficiaries, but delaying disbursement in the name of framing fresh guidelines. Identifying new beneficiaries should not deprive needy farmers of support," he said.

Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahabubnagar Teachers' constituency MLC AVN

by a Cabinet sub-committee and aimed at covering other sections.

"We will finalise guidelines for fresh ration cards in a couple of weeks. Besides rice, the government is considering the supply of other essential goods to ration cardholders. The eligibility criteria for new ration cards will be based on the Cabinet sub-committee's recommendations," he said. Responding to suggestions from Congress MLCs, he said the government would review income, landholding and other aspects. (SEE PAGE 2)

Reddy echoed these concerns, pointing out that paddy sowing operations had already commenced, and further delays in disbursing investment support would be counterproductive. Farmers were already resorting to high-interest loans from moneylenders, which was unnecessary, he said.

Telangana to boycott NITI Aayog meeting

STATE BUREAU
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After nearly five hours of heated arguments between the ruling and opposition members over securing funds from the Centre, the State Assembly on Wednesday passed a resolution appealing to the Centre to render justice to Telangana by amending the Budget proposals in the ongoing Budget debates.

Assembly passes resolution appealing to Centre to render justice to Telangana by amending Budget proposals

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said the State government had decided to boycott the NITI Aayog meeting to be held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 27. The BRS extended support to the resolution introduced by the Chief Minister. However, the BJP demanded that it be withdrawn stating that the State

KTR asks CM to protest in Delhi, offers support

HYDERABAD: Cornering the State government over the poor allocations to Telangana in the Union Budget, BRS working president KT Rama Rao demanded that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his Cabinet stage an indefinite strike at Jantar Mantar in Delhi.

"All BRS MLAs and workers will support the strike and protect you. This should be continued till the Centre heeds to the State government's demands," Rama Rao

said in the Assembly on Wednesday. The CM keeps demanding BRS leaders to stage protests in the State for fulfilling the promises made to the people. Regarding crop loan waiver, he wanted former Minister T Harish Rao to go on an indefinite strike and, when unemployed youth demanded jobs, he wanted me to stage a protest, he said, adding that now, let the CM and his Ministers stage an indefinite strike for Telangana. (SEE PAGE 2)

government was trying to mislead the people despite the Centre allotting funds under different programmes. The BJP members staged a walkout from the House. Tempers ran high after BRS members demanded that the State government stage an indefinite strike at Jantar Mantar against the Centre's discrimination towards Telan-

gana. Heeding the BRS demand, the Chief Minister demanded that Leader of Opposition K Chandrashekar Rao should join the strike. In reply, former Minister T Harish Rao asked what the Chief Minister and the ruling Congress would do if the Opposition staged a protest to protect Telangana's interests. (SEE PAGE 2)

NALSAR to get another campus soon

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To enhance its academic reach, besides catering to the growing demand for legal education, the NALSAR University of Law has drawn plans to set up another campus in the city, in addition to the existing one at Justice City in Shamirpet. The university's campus is likely to come up at the Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University (PSTU) in Nampally. NALSAR Vice Chancellor Prof Srikrishna Deva Rao and other varsity officials visited PSTU, which recently shifted to its new



campus in Bachupally. The visiting team was shown the space available on the second floor of the university's administrative building. NALSAR's new city campus, which is likely to commence from the next aca-

demical year i.e., 2025-26, proposes to introduce a three-year LLB degree course that has received BCI approval for 60 seats. The admissions to the new non-residential programme will be either based on the in-house national-level entrance test or the Common Law Admission Test. "It is a long-pending proposal for another city campus so that the university will be available to more people seeking law education. There is a plan to launch a three-year LLB programme at the proposed new campus from next year. Necessary infrastructure

18 killed as plane crashes in Nepal



Rescue operations under way at the site of the plane crash at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu on Wednesday. — Photo: PTI

KATHMANDU

A Nepalese private plane crashed and caught fire shortly after taking off from the Tribhuvan International Airport here on Wednesday, killing 18 people aboard, including a child, and seriously injuring the pilot — the only survivor. The Bombardier CRJ-200 aircraft of Saurya Airlines, carrying 19 people, includ-

ing two crew members and technical staff of the airline, was bound for Pokhara International Airport for regular maintenance service when the accident occurred at 11:11 am (local time). "Shortly after takeoff from Runway 02, the aircraft veered off to the right and crashed on the east side of the runway," the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal said. It said rescue opera-

tions were initiated immediately and the fire was brought under control. "One injured person (Captain Manish Ratna Shukya) was rescued and taken to hospital, and 18 people were found dead," it added. The aviation authority identified one of the passengers as a child named Adhiraj Sharma, who was the son of Manu Raj Sharma, a technician of Saurya Airlines.

Sharma's wife Priza Khatiwada and their four-year-old son Adhiraj died in the crash. Videos posted online showed the plane being enveloped in fire and smoke. Fire engines and ambulances were rushed to the spot after the incident. The deceased were identified as co-pilot S Katuwal and employees of Saurya Airlines and Yemeni national Aref Reda. (RELATED REPORT PAGE 9)

2 killed, 5 injured in building fire

CITY BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Two persons were killed after a fire broke out in a four-storey building, which housed a sofa-making unit, at Jiyaguda in Kulsumpura on Tuesday night. Five others sustained severe burns, while 20 people, who were trapped, were rescued. The deceased were identified as Shiva Priya (10) and Srinivas (40), while the injured were Laxmi Bai (70), Madhavi (24) and Meghana (18). Two others sustained burns and are undergoing treatment. (SEE PAGE 2)

Reconstruction of mosque sparks row

CITY BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Tension prevailed for a while at Chilkur village in Moinabad mandal of Rangareddy district on Wednesday after Bajrang Dal activists staged a protest against the reconstruction of a place of prayer. Around 11 am, scores of Bajrang Dal activists, following a 'Chalo Chilkur' call, gathered at the village and tried to march towards the site where a mosque,

which was razed allegedly by realtors, was being reconstructed. The mosque was allegedly razed while clearing a land parcel measuring around 15 acres for real estate activity. The Telangana Wakf Board officials, along with public representatives, reached the spot on Monday night and inspected the place. The local police have registered a case against those responsible for razing the mosque and taken up an investigation into the matter. (SEE PAGE 2)