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**In a nutshell**

**8 killed in J&K road accident**

**SRINAGAR:** Eight persons were killed on Saturday in a road accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district, an official said. The accident took place near Arashan Daksum on Kishtwar-Sinthan road. The deceased included five children and two women. A policeman was also killed in the accident. The road connects Anantnag district of the Kashmir Valley with Kishtwar district of Jammu division. **IANS**

**Modi may visit Kyiv next month**

**NEW DELHI:** India and Ukraine are looking at the possibility of a visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Kyiv next month amid renewed global efforts to bring peace to eastern European nation, multiple diplomatic sources said on Saturday. Modi might visit Kyiv around the Ukrainian National Day on August 24 and is expected to travel to Poland after concluding the trip to Ukraine, the sources said. **PTI**

**Harris declares candidature**

**WASHINGTON:** Vice President Kamala Harris officially signed her forms, declaring her candidacy for the post of President of the US and voiced confidence that she would win the high-stakes election. "Today, I signed the forms officially declaring my candidacy for President of the United States. I will work hard to earn every vote," Harris, who is of Indian and African origin, said on X. **REPORTS PAGE 9**

**Youth beaten to death by students**

**KOTHAGUDEM:** A second-year degree student was beaten to death by a group of Intermediate second-year students at Indira Nagar Colony in Paloncha mandal in the district on Saturday. The deceased, Alluri Vishnu (21) of Yanambail village, was studying at the Government Junior and Degree College in the mandal and operated a DJ sound system in his free time. **HYDERABAD PAGE 4**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 94
Retail live.....	Rs. 116
With skin.....	Rs. 168
Skinless.....	Rs. 191
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 62



**Ranveer to headline Dhar's next**

The actor to share screen with Sanjay, Madhavan

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## Kaleshwaram pumps roar back into action

Operations resume at Nandi Medaram pumphouse, Yellampalli project

STATE BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

Overcoming the negative predictions over its fate and disproving the concerns voiced about its sustainability, the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project has once again flexed its hydraulic muscles and commenced drawl of water from Godavari. Operations were resumed on Saturday at the Nandi Medaram pumphouse to which water was released through the gravity canal from the Sripada Yellampalli reservoir.

Vexed with a long wait for irrigation support for its vast ayacut under multiple projects to be fed by the Kaleshwaram project, BRS working president KT Rama Rao had on Friday served an ultimatum to the State government demanding it to commence operations of the lift irrigation scheme by August 2 or else let the farmers do it on their own.

He had led a delegation of BRS MLAs and MLCs to the Medigadda Barrage, Kannepalli pumphouse and other key components of the multi-stage Kaleshwaram Project questioning the delay in resuming pumping operations. He demanded the government consider the growing demand for irrigation under a string of reservoirs integrated with the KLIP network, raising the above political considerations.

In a swift turnaround of developments, the State government came out with an assurance that the pumping operations under the



Water gushes out of the Nandi Medaram pumphouse to which water was released through the gravity canal from the Sripada Yellampalli reservoir on Saturday.

project would commence in two to three days. But irrigation officials rushed to the Yellampalli project and put two of its pumping units into operation by evening lifting 6,538 cusecs.

Two more pumping units would also be made functional to raise the volume of drawl from the project. The inflows into the Yellampalli reservoir that were in the range of 17,000 cusecs on Friday had come down to 14,000 cusecs on Saturday and the present storage level in the project was over 17 TMC, just three TMC short of its gross storage capacity. The water lifted from the Nandi Medaram pumphouse would be delivered into SRSP flood canal through which it would be routed to Mid Manair reservoir. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

### 'Congress conspiring to undermine KLIS'

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday said the Congress government was conspiring to undermine the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project by raising concerns about the structural integrity of the Medigadda barrage just before the Assembly elections.

He raised doubts over the sudden deterioration of the Medigadda barrage, which withstood the flow of 28 lakh cusecs of water, and warned that any future damage to it should be seen

as part of this conspiracy by the Congress. In an informal interaction with mediapersons at the BRS Legislative Party office here on Saturday, Rama Rao criticised the Congress government for its handling of the Kaleshwaram project, saying the ruling party was attempting to portray the project as a failure.

The BRS working president pointed out that despite the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) report, the government had not taken adequate measures to lift sufficient water from the Kannepalli pumphouse. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

### Godavari crosses 3rd warning level

**Kothagudem:** Officials issued warning as river Godavari crossed the third warning level at Bhadrachalam on Saturday.

This was the first time that the river crossed the third warning level this season. The water level crossed the 53 feet mark at 4.16 pm and at 7 pm the water level was 53.30 feet with a discharge of 14.40 lakh cusecs.

Due increase in water level several villages in Bhadrachalam, Cherla, Burgampad and Dumugudem mandals were inundated while transportation was cut off to many villages.

### Four dead as rains lash North India

NEW DELHI

Four people were killed in rain-related incidents in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh on Saturday as rains lashed parts of north-west and north India including Delhi where evening downpours brought relief from humid conditions but caused waterlogging and traffic snarls.

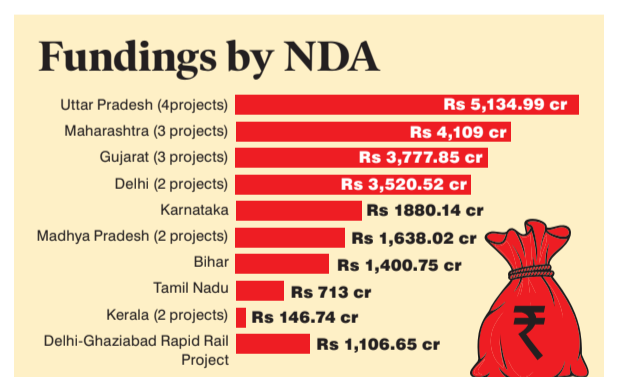
A landslide in Uttarakhand's New Tehri killed a mother-daughter duo while two people died as lightning struck them at their village in Uttar Pradesh's Jalaun district. In Maharashtra, the body of a 26-year-old man, who was swept away in floodwaters on July 24 when torrential rains pounded Pune, was recovered, taking the toll since Wednesday to six. **(RELATED REPORTS PAGE 8)**

## Not a penny for Hyd Metro expansion from Centre: KTR

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Amid growing resentment against the BJP-led Centre over the discrimination towards Telangana, BRS working president KT Rama Rao said the NDA government was neglecting Telangana's infrastructure needs despite the State electing eight BJP MPs. He pointed out that the Central government had not allocated any funds for the expansion of the Hyderabad Metro Rail even in the latest Budget.

"Despite Telangana's significant support to the BJP during challenging times, the BJP government failed to sanction a single penny for the Hyderabad Metro



Rail expansion," he remarked. Rama Rao pointed out that multiple representations to the union government were ignored.

In a statement, Rama Rao outlined the BJP government's funding pattern over

the last decade, emphasising the disparity. He stated that the Centre funded 20 Metro Rail projects in the country over the last 10 years, including Uttar Pradesh (four projects) with Rs 5,134.99 crore. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Budget session merely to discredit BRS: Harish

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Terming the Budget presented by Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka in the State Assembly full of lies and unrealistic, senior BRS MLA T Harsh Rao said the entire exercise of the Budget was to discredit the achievements of the previous BRS government in the last 10 years and that there was nothing to offer to the people of Telangana.

Initiating the general discussion on the Budget in the State Assembly on Saturday, Harish Rao said the way the Budget speech was delivered was clear that the government had nothing to offer to the people and that the main intention of the entire exercise was to discredit the achievements of the BRS government. At the time of the formation of the



BRS MLA T Harish Rao speaking in the Assembly on Saturday.

State, the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) was just Rs 4.5 lakh and due to the efforts of the BRS government it was increased to Rs 14 lakh, he said, adding that instead of acknowledging the achievements of the BRS government, the Congress, in order to hide its inefficiency, was trying to blame the previous government. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

The development achieved by the BRS government cannot be erased from the memory of the people of the State  
— T HARISH RAO  
BRS MLA

## Soldier killed in J&K gunfight

NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR

A soldier was killed and four others, including a captain, were injured as the Indian Army foiled an attack on Saturday by Pakistan's Border Action Team in the Kamakari sector of Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, military sources said.

They said a Pakistani intruder was also killed in the

exchange of fire, while two more managed to return to PoK amid the intense gunfight that lasted for hours.

The BAT generally comprises special forces personnel of the Pakistan Army and terrorists. "Action by BAT has been foiled by alert Indian Army troops on Saturday morning in Kamakari sector," sources said. According to the sources, the

group of three intruders hurled a grenade and opened fire on a forward post near the Kumkadi post in the Trehgam sector of the north Kashmir district. The troops retaliated, triggering a gunfight between the two sides, the sources said, adding that five soldiers were injured in encounter and one of them later succumbed to injuries. **PTI**

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Claiming to have contacts in the White House and offering to secure admission to Stanford University for his son, a couple from Madhapur cheated a businessman of Rs 3.25 crore.

According to the Cyberabad Economic Offences Wing (EOW) officials, the couple, identified as P Raghuram and P Sunitha, residents of Madhapur, promised the complainant, Ch Sanjeev Kumar, of securing a seat for his son in an undergraduate course at

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Stanford, one of the leading university in the USA.

**Fictitious character**  
In order to cheat Sanjeev Kumar, the couple came up with an elaborate narrative and even created a fictitious character named Sumanth, who they said was a staffer with the White House in the USA. Cyberabad Economic Offences Wing officials

said the suspects impressed upon the victim that this White House staffer would help in securing the university admission. The couple then created fabricated admission documents of Stanford University and collected Rs 3.25 crore from the businessman.

The officials said Raghuram used another SIM card

and created WhatsApp chats as if he was constantly in contact with the fictional 'Sumanth'. Raghuram told the victim that they were going to the USA to oversee the admission process, but instead, the couple went and spent time in Mysore. Sanjeev Kumar, who later grew suspicious, realised that he was being cheated and approached the police. The Cyberabad EOW officials booked a case and arrested the couple on charges of cheating. Raghuram was found to have been previously involved in a similar case in Kukatpally.