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**In a nutshell**

**35 nominations rejected in J&K**  
**JAMMU/SRINAGAR:** The nomination papers of 35 candidates including that of jailed separatist Sarjan Barkati were on Wednesday rejected during scrutiny for the first phase of Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir, leaving 244 contestants in the fray. The first phase covering 24 segments are going to polls in the first phase on Sept 18. The scrutiny of nominations for 24 seats was on Wednesday. **PTI**

**UP man beheads wife, chops body**

**BALRAMPUR:** A man was held on Wednesday for allegedly beheading his wife, and dismembering her body with a cleaver and an electric saw, which he dumped in different places to evade arrest, police said. The head was allegedly thrown into Sarayu river, while the other body parts were thrown into the bushes in Ajab Nagar village. Shankar Dayal Gupta allegedly murdered his wife after an argument. **PTI**

**Cows thrown into river, 4 booked**

**SATNA:** A video showing over a dozen cows being pushed into a swollen river in Madhya Pradesh's Satna district went viral following which three men were arrested and a minor detained, police said. As per the initial reports, about 15 cows were pushed off the bank of the Satna river at a spot under Nagod police station limits on Tuesday afternoon and some of them apparently drowned. **PTI**

**Four more cases against Hasina**

**DHAKA:** Four more cases have been filed against Bangladesh's deposed PM Sheikh Hasina, her former Cabinet Ministers and aides, taking the total number of cases filed against her to 75. Three of the cases were filed with Dhaka courts on Tuesday, while another murder case was filed in Bogura two days ago. With these, 76-year-old Hasina is now facing 75 cases related to the protests. **PTI**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 109
Retail live.....	Rs. 131
With skin.....	Rs. 190
Skinless.....	Rs. 216
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 68

## KCR's *kisan sarkar* pushes Telangana agri into top 10

**State's growth in food grain production highest at 16.42%**

**STATE BUREAU**  
Hyderabad

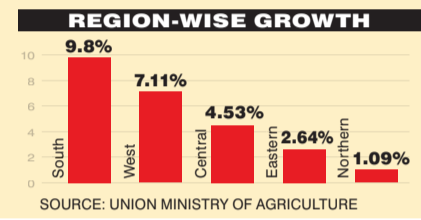
Driven by a comprehensive approach to the needs of the farmers' community, key reforms and initiatives tried out in Telangana over the last decade have collectively propelled the State to the forefront of agricultural growth in India.

The State achieved the highest annual growth rate in food grain production among the top 10 States, with a remarkable 16.42 per cent growth rate from 2018-19 to 2023-24.

The exceptional growth is acknowledged even by the Centre, with an analysis of data from the union Ministry of Agriculture from 2018-19 to 2023-24 dispelling the negative narrative that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his Ministers have repeatedly been trying to push against the previous

**Big strides**

- Rythu Vedikas, distribution of tractors, farm machinery, fertilisers also played key roles
- Free power to agri sector, timely procurement of crops crucial factors too
- Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, Mission Kakatiya contributed



Telangana annual growth rate in food grain production highest among top 10 States

Telangana's growth attributed to State-sponsored programmes such as Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima

BRS government. The data is available on [agriwelfare.gov.in](http://agriwelfare.gov.in) from the statistics link where 'Agricultural Statistics At a Glance' reports are published. The success has been attributed primarily to factors such as the positive impact created by

State-sponsored programmes such as Rythu Bandhu, which provided direct income support to farmers, and Rythu Bima, which offers financial security through insurance. Infrastructure development achieved with the construc-

tion of Rythu Vedikas, which served as hubs for agricultural support and seed distribution, has also created an impact. The boom was attributed equally to increased distribution of tractors and farm machinery. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Dalits barred from entering temple

**STATE BUREAU**  
Siddipet

In a disturbing case of alleged caste discrimination at the Shivaru Venkatapur village in Markook mandal, some upper caste villagers prevented persons from the dalit community from entering the newly built Durgamma temple in the village.

The dalits approached the Markook police, seeking action against those who pre-



Dalits from Shivaru Venkatapur complaining to the Markook police, in Siddipet district on Wednesday.

vented them from entering the temple. According to the dalits, Shivaru Venkatapur

is organising four-day festivities to mark the temple's inauguration. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

The villagers invited all their relatives to celebrate the festival grandly.

When the village committee organised 'Annadhanam' during the festivities, the temple committee collected rice from the villagers, including the dalits.

However, the upper caste people of the village allegedly objected to the dalits entering the temple and offering Bonam to the Durga temple. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Will die, but won't give land: Kodangal ryots

**Oppose Revanth's 'pharma village' plan**

**STATE BUREAU**  
VIKARABAD

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's move to scrap the much-awaited Pharma City and go for clusters of what he calls 'pharma villages' is facing stiff opposition, including from his own constituency of Kodangal, where the protest is so fierce that a woman farmer threatened on Wednesday to take her life if her land was taken away for the project.

Farmers from Kodangal have, for the last few weeks, been opposing the State government's move to acquire their land and allocate them to pharmaceutical companies to set up a pharma village. The protest on Wednesday saw the farmers declaring that they would rather die than give up their land.

Tension prevailed during the protest in front of the Dudyala MRO office when a woman farmer from Polepally village, Turpu Rajamma, holding a bottle of pesticide, threatened to take her life if her land was taken away. "I will die, but will not give up my land," she declared while slowly moving to drink the pesticide. Alerted by the situation, other farmers quickly intervened and snatched the bot-



The farmers protesting in front of the Dudyala MRO office in Kodangal on Wednesday.

tle of pesticide from her. The group then continued to protest, reiterating their stance that they would rather die than surrender their land for the project. Farmers from Lekacherla, Pulicherla and Polepally raised slogans against the Congress and demanded that the government shelve its plans to set up a pharma village in the neighbourhood. They outrightly opposed the pharma village and declared that they would not part with their land for it.

Majority of the land in Kodangal is fertile and it was not wise on the government's part to use such land for setting up a pharma village, the farmers said, pointing out that they had been depending on the land for their livelihood for generations and now the State gov-

ernment wanted it to be handed over to pharma companies. They also pointed out that water and air pollution would increase in villages and people would face severe health issues if the project came up. "We don't want the pharma village. Our land should be ours. If agricultural land is given to pharma companies, it will affect our health and environment," former Polepally MP TC Purra Sreemannarayana said.

The State government plans to acquire 1,274.25 acres of government and patta land from the villages of Hakimpet, Polepalli and Lakacharla in Dudyala mandal for the proposed pharma village. Worried, a group of farmers from Daultabad mandal had recently met BRS working president KT Rama Rao. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Kavitha returns home to rousing welcome

**STATE BUREAU**  
Hyderabad

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader and Member of Legislative Council K Kavitha received a rousing welcome at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) here on her return after five months in custody.

The Supreme Court had on Tuesday granted her bail in the cases initiated by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) related to the Delhi excise policy case. Kavitha's return was marked by emotional scenes as she reunited with her family and supporters.

The BRS cadre, who had been eagerly awaiting her release, expressed joy and relief. The party workers'

jubilant mood was palpable, with many describing the moment as a victory for justice.

**Thanks supporters**

Addressing the media, Kavitha reiterated her commitment to fighting against what she termed as "false allegations" and "political vendetta". She thanked her supporters for their unwavering faith and promised to continue her work for the people of Telangana.

Kavitha was greeted by thousands of jubilant party activists holding placards that read 'Daughter of a Fighter', 'Satyameva Jayathe' (truth prevails) and 'Justice Has Won'. The atmosphere was electric as supporters cheered and celebrated her return. **(SEE PAGE 2)**



BRS MLC K Kavitha ties a rakhi to her brother and BRS working president KT Rama Rao on her arrival in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

## Centre lists steps for medics' safety

**NEW DELHI**

Security audit of district hospitals, night patrolling and regulated access at large health facilities were among the measures the Centre on Wednesday asked States to implement to prevent violence against medics.

The directions came days after the Supreme Court, while hearing the rape-murder case of a junior doctor in Kolkata, ordered the union Health Secretary to ensure States have basic measures in place to assuage doctors' concern over safety at workplaces till the

**Security audit of district hospitals, night patrolling, regulated access at large health facilities among many others**

court-appointed National Task Force (NTF) formulates a protocol. In a virtual meeting on Wednesday, the Central government officials said State laws are already in place in 26 States and UTs for safeguarding healthcare professionals. **(RELATED REPORTS PAGE 7)**

## SC's big ruling on statement of accused in PMLA cases

**STATE BUREAU**  
Hyderabad

In a significant judgment, the Supreme Court on Wednesday held that a statement given by an accused, while under custody in a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), to investigating officers of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) incriminating oneself in another money laundering case would be inadmissible as evidence.

According to legal news firm Live Law, the court held that such a statement cannot be treated as admis-

sible under Section 50 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. A Bench comprising Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan made the significant pronouncement while granting bail to an accused in a money laundering case.

It noted that while the accused was under custody in connection with one Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), his statement was recorded by the ED officers in connection with the present ECIR.

The Bench considered the following question — when a person is in judicial

custody/custody in another case investigated by the same investigating agency, whether the statements recorded for a new case in which arrest is not yet shown and which is claimed to have incriminating materials against the maker would be admissible under Section 50 of PMLA.

The Bench noted that the three-Bench judgment of the Supreme Court in Vijay Madanlal Choudhary v. Union of India (2022) case held that statements recorded by ED officers under Section 50 of the PMLA were admissible in evidence. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Voyeur hotel owner held for watching couples

**CITY BUREAU**  
Hyderabad

A hotel owner, who allegedly recorded intimate videos of guests with spy cameras installed in the rooms and extorted money from them, was arrested by the RGI Airport police.

According to the police, Ganesh, a native of Andhra Pradesh, took a building on rent on the Hyderabad-Bengaluru highway and started a hotel a couple of years ago.

He offered rooms on rent to young unmarried couples and collected small sums as room rent from them. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## 12 new industrial cities get approval

**NEW DELHI**

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved 12 new industrial cities in 10 states to boost domestic manufacturing with an estimated investment of Rs 28,602 crore.

Spanning across 10 states and strategically planned along six major corridors, these projects represent a significant leap forward in India's quest to enhance its manufacturing capabilities and economic growth.

These industrial areas will be located in Khurpia in Uttarakhand, Rajpura-Patala in Punjab, Dighi in Ma-

harashtra, Palakkad in Kerala, Agra and Prayagraj in UP, Gaya in Bihar, Zaheerabad in Telangana, Orvakal and Koppurthy in AP, and Jodhpur-Pali in Rajasthan.

The Cabinet has approved 12 project proposals under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme with an estimated investment of Rs 28,602 crore, said union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw after the Cabinet meeting.

The move will transform the industrial landscape of the country, creating a robust network of industrial nodes and cities that will boost economic growth. **PTI**