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'Getting rape threats, but they cannot crush my voice'

In a nutshell

Adani wealthiest Indian: Hurun list
MUMBAI: Recouping the dent caused by the Hindenburg Research report, Gautam Adani's networth shot up 95 per cent to Rs 11.6 lakh crore last year, which helped him replace Mukesh Ambani to become the richest Indian, a report said on Thursday. Reliance Industries CMD Ambani's networth increased by 25 per cent to Rs 10.14 lakh crore, as per the 2024 Hurun India Rich List. In 2023, Adani's wealth declined by 57%. **BUSINESS PAGE 8**

Spicejet defaults on airport dues
NEW DELHI: Budget carrier Spicejet has been placed under "enhanced surveillance" by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation after passengers were not allowed to board the airline's flights in Dubai as it had not paid its airport dues. SpiceJet had to operate multiple empty flights from Dubai as passengers were not allowed, by airport officials there, to check in because the airline had not paid certain fees. **BUSINESS PAGE 8**

LAC: India, China discuss situation
NEW DELHI: India and China on Thursday had a "frank, constructive and forward-looking" exchange of views on the situation along the LAC to "narrow down" differences and find an early resolution to outstanding issues, the MEA said. The 31st meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs was held in Beijing, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement. **PTI**

3 terrorists killed in J&K encounter
SRINAGAR: Security forces have foiled two infiltration bids along the Line of Control in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, killing three terrorists, officials said on Thursday. One terrorist has been confirmed eliminated (in Tangdhar operation). Two have been eliminated in the ongoing anti-infiltration operation in general area Machhal, Kupwara, along with the recovery of Two AK Rifles. **PTI**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 109
Retail live.....	Rs. 131
With skin.....	Rs. 190
Skinless.....	Rs. 216
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 72

SC raps Revanth for remarks on Kavitha bail

Says such statements may create apprehensions among people

PTI
 NEW DELHI

"Do we pass orders after consultations with political parties?" an ostensibly provoked Supreme Court asked on Thursday, voicing strong displeasure over Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's comments on the apex court granting bail to rival BRS leader K Kavitha in cases linked to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam.

Angry over Reddy's statement about a "deal" between the BJP and the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) for securing bail for Kavitha, the top court said such statements might create apprehensions in the minds of people. "Have you read in the newspaper what he said? Just read what he has stated. What sort of statement is this by a responsible Chief Minister? That might rightly create apprehension in the minds of people. Is this a kind of statement which should be made by a Chief Minister? A constitutional functionary is speaking in this manner," it said.

"Why should they drag court in political rivalry? Do we pass orders after consultations with political parties? We are not bothered by politicians or if anybody criticises our orders. We do our duty as per conscience

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO CONDUCT TRIAL IN 2015 CASH-FOR-VOTE SCAM, SAYS TOP COURT

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday said it will appoint a special prosecutor to conduct a trial in the 2015 cash-for-vote scam case in which Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is an accused. The top court was hearing a petition seeking transfer of the trial in the case from the State to Bhopal. A Bench of Justices BR Gavai, PK Mishra and KV Viswanathan said it will consult colleagues from Telangana and pass an order at 2 pm.

At the outset, senior advocate C Aryama Sundaram, appearing for BRS MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy and three others, sought the transfer

of the trial saying the Chief Minister has been publicly making statements on the case. "Only on apprehension, how can we entertain... If we entertain such petitions, we will be disbelieving our judicial officers," the Bench observed.

Sundaram submitted that Telangana CM is himself the Home Minister. "There is a rule of natural justice that no person should be a judge in his own cause," he said. The Bench then said it will pass orders to appoint an independent public prosecutor to inspire confidence.

On May 31, 2015, Revanth Reddy, then with the Telugu Desam Party, was apprehended by the Anti-

Corruption Bureau (ACB) while allegedly paying Rs 50 lakh bribe to Elvis Stephenson, a nominated MLA, for supporting TDP nominee Vem Narendar Reddy in the legislative council elections.

Apart from Revanth Reddy, the ACB had arrested some others. All of them were later granted bail. The plea, seeking transfer of the trial to Bhopal, has raised the issue of a free and fair trial saying that Revanth Reddy has now become the Chief Minister as well as Home Minister of Telangana.

"Because a true and fair trial is sine qua non of Article 21 of the Constitution," it said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

and oath," a three-judge Bench headed by Justice BR Gavai told senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Reddy.

In a media interaction on Tuesday, Reddy said there are doubts about how Kavitha secured bail within five months when Manish Sisodia, a former Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, got it after remaining behind bars for 15 months and Chief

Minister Arvind Kejriwal is yet to get the relief. "It is a fact that BRS worked for the victory of the BJP in the 2024 LS polls. There is also talk that Kavitha got bail because of the deal between BRS and BJP," he had alleged.

The apex court said it is a fundamental duty of political parties to show respect to institutions. "We always say we will not interfere in the legislature, then that is

expected from them also. Do we pass orders on political considerations?" the Bench, also comprising Justices PK Mishra and KV Viswanathan, said.

The observations by the top court came while hearing a petition seeking transfer of the trial in the 2015 cash-for-vote case, in which Reddy is an accused, from Telangana to Madhya Pradesh capital Bhopal.



EMOTIONAL REUNION

BRS MLC K Kavitha hugs her father and party chief K Chandrashekar Rao at his farmhouse in Erravelli on Thursday. Visibly moved on seeing his daughter, KCR, a pillar of strength for his family, showed a softer side as he embraced Kavitha. Accompanied by her husband and son, Kavitha was welcomed with traditional rituals. She also took the blessings of her father.

Defence secrets leak: NIA searches in seven States

NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has conducted searches at locations across seven States to probe the case of classified defence information leakage through a Pakistani espionage racket, according to an official statement issued on Thursday.

The premises searched on Wednesday by NIA teams were linked with suspects who had received money from Pakistan to undertake spying activities in India, it said. "Extensive searches were conducted at 16 locations in Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Haryana in the case related to leakage of classified defence information through a Pakistani ISI espionage racket," the NIA statement said.

Twenty-two mobile phones and a host of sensitive documents were seized. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Now, bulldozer politics in TG

CM using HYDRAA to divert public attention from core issues

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Using HYDRAA and its bulldozers, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy might be standing and feeling high on a pile of debris left by the demolitions, but what is slowly emerging from the dust left behind is a strategy to divert public attention from what is actually happening in Telangana.

Even as television news channels, YouTubers and the media devote more space and time to HYDRAA, what is not being given much of the prime time or space is the surging number of fevers, with the State facing a health crisis. What is not shown on screens are the tears of farmers, who ran to banks on hearing Revanth Reddy's speech before the elections last year to take loans, only to find themselves running to banks

'NO GUARANTEE'

RYTHU BHAROSA Rs 15,000 per acre to farmers and tenant farmers NO	INDIRAMMA INDLU Homeless to be provided house sites: Launched, yet to take off Telangana movement fighters to be provided 250 square yard house site: NO
Rs12,000 to agricultural labour NO	YUVA VIKASAM Rs 5 lakh assistance to students under Vidya Bharosa Card: NO
Rs 500 bonus per quintal of paddy NO	CHEYUTHA Rs 4000 monthly pension to senior citizens, widows, disabled, beedi workers, single women, etc.: NO Rs 4,000 honorarium for unemployed youth: NO

again to check why they did not get the promised loan waiver.

What is not being counted is the number of increasing attacks on women and children, and also the gruesome murders, many of them with political overtones. What is being ignored are the con-

tinuing protests by the unemployed, whose frustrations were exploited by the same party before the elections, with the delay in recruitments rubbing in the salt further. What is being forgotten are the frequent power supply disruptions. Of course, that was not the

government's fault, but mischief by lizards and squirrels. Most importantly, when the drama is all about HYDRAA, who is talking about the Six Guarantees now? And that, apparently, was what the bulldozers were for. **(SEE PAGE 2)**
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75 Mahabubnagar homes razed in dead of night

STATE BUREAU
 Mahabubnagar

In an unprecedented midnight demolition drive, 75 houses were razed at Adarsh Nagar, Christianpally, under Survey Number 523 in the town around 3 am, leaving the residents homeless.

Stating that the structures were unauthorised, the Mahabubnagar Revenue Department officials arrived at the location, along with earthmovers, and demolished the structures even as the residents were asleep in the houses, according to reports. Emotional scenes were witnessed as women,



A resident sits outside her demolished house in Mahabubnagar on Thursday.

men and children tried to gather their belongings and cried inconsolably. Heaps of debris, clothes and other

materials were strewn all over the area. Residents complained that the officials demolished their houses

without serving any notices. They claimed that in the past, the Congress government had issued pattas and now their houses were being demolished.

"We have been living here for years. We pay municipal tax and have obtained power connections as well. Yet, the officials demolished my house," Satyamma said in a video, which went viral on social media. "My husband is a Congress worker. We condemn this highhandedness of the officials, who arrived at midnight and demolished our single-room house," another resident Lalitha said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

More powers, staff for HYDRAA, says CS

HYDERABAD: The State government is now working on entrusting the responsibilities of protecting lakes, parks, nalas and government land within ORR to the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), according to Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari. "HYDRAA will be given more powers and required staff strength. This apart, it will be entrusted with clearing encroachments under FTL, nalas, government open lands and parks," she said during a meeting with MA&UD, HYDRAA and other wings to discuss measures for entrusting more responsibilities. Already, 72 teams have been formed under HYDRAA. **(FULL REPORT PAGE 5)**

Audio clips hint at cover-up by RG Kar hospital

KOLKATA

Three purported audio recordings of phone calls, allegedly made by RG Kar Medical College authorities on August 9 to the parents of the rape-murder victim asking them to report to the hospital, hit the public domain on Thursday and sparked a fresh controversy. The changes in statements on the victim's status in the phone calls raise questions on whether the hospital was initially trying to cover up the crime. **PTI (REPORT PAGE 7)**

Is it dengue or something else biting Hyd?

M SAI GOPAL
 Hyderabad

A peculiar medical mystery is unfolding in Hyderabad. Despite exhibiting classic dengue symptoms — soaring fever, dropping platelet count and body pain — countless patients are testing negative for dengue.

This puzzling trend has left caregivers and doctors in the city baffled and searching for answers. As a result of negative testing, such cases are recorded as 'suspected dengue' by the Telangana State Public Health department, but no attempt is under way to understand whether a different viral agent is responsible for triggering the rise of such dengue-like infections.

Neither the Public Health Director nor the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) has launched any concerted attempt to unravel this mystery so far. No blood samples of dengue-positive patients have been collected for conducting a thorough genomic sequencing in city-based central government genetic laboratories to understand the viral agent, which could possibly be behind the infections.

Frequent negative dengue tests are also causing individuals to assume that they do not carry any kind of viral infection. As a result, a large number of patients are not strictly adhering to the basic medication prescribed by the doctor, leaving the door open for complications later.

There are two kinds of dengue diagnostic tests — NS1 and IgM — and there is every possibility that sometimes these tests might be negative. According to experts, in seasonal ailments, sometimes the timing of conducting the test may go wrong and that could lead to a negative test result.

Usually, dengue NS1 antigen can be detected after the third day of infections and IgM antibodies can be detected anywhere between five to six days. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

IMPORTANT ADVICE

AVOID NSAIDS SUCH AS ASPIRIN, IBUPROFEN, NAPROXEN, DICLOFENAC, ETC.

Paracetamol is ideal to reduce fever. Steroids have no role in treatment of dengue.

- Hydrate properly
- Papaya leaf juice does not provide any relief
- Resort to platelet or blood transfusion only if platelets drop to below **15,000 or 20,000**
- Dengue tests are **NS1 and IgM**
- Go for **NS1 on day 2** of symptoms, **IgM on Day 5**
- Day 2** means second day of fever
- No use of antibiotics, anti-malarials in treating dengue