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 They include Israeli-American; massive protest planned against Netanyahu today



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In a nutshell

Woman kills 3 kids, hangs self
SANGAREDDY: In a tragic incident, a mother allegedly poisoned her three children to death before ending her life at Rudraram in Patancheru mandal on Sunday. The deceased have been identified as Suvarna (28), her son Jaswanth (8), and twin daughters Chinmayi and Chitra (3), according to police. Suvarna's husband Anjaneyulu's illness is said to have driven her to take the extreme step.
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Modi, Shah to campaign in J&K
JAMMU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and other senior Ministers will campaign for the BJP candidates in J&K. Modi, Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari and BJP president JP Nadda, in addition to other senior leaders of the party, will campaign for the party candidates from September 8 onwards. Party sources said Modi is expected to arrive in J&K after September 10.
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Two killed in Manipur firing
IMPHAL: Two persons, including a woman, were killed and nine others injured among suspected militants launched a gun-and-bomb attack in Manipur's Imphal West district on Sunday, police said. According to police, militants fired indiscriminately from hilltop positions towards the low-lying valley areas of Koutruk and neighbouring Kadangband. Several houses were also damaged due to heavy shelling.
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Shivaji statue row spirals
MUMBAI: NCP (SP) supremo Sharad Pawar and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday led a march of Maha Vikas Aghadi from the iconic Hutatma Chowk to Gateway of India in South Mumbai to protest the collapse of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's statue in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district. They slammed the Centre and State governments.
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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 99
Retail live.....	Rs. 121
With skin.....	Rs. 175
Skinless.....	Rs. 200
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 65



Anya on fighting perception
 Says she wants to break out of audience's perceived image of her

9 dead as rain pounds TG

Officials say toll could increase as downpour leaves a trail of destruction

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

At least nine people lost their lives as heavy rain continued to batter Telangana over the last two days, causing widespread destruction and floods across the State. The toll could rise, with a few persons, who were washed away in different districts, yet to be traced.

With the India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicting heavy rain on Monday as well, a holiday has been declared for all educational institutions in Hyderabad and Rangareddy districts on Monday. District Collectors in other affected districts have been given the authority to declare holidays based on the local conditions.

The entire official machinery has been put on high alert with the districts of Mahabubabad, Mulugu, Suryapet, Bhadradi Kothagudem and Khammam being among the worst hit. Among the casualties were a young scientist Nunavath Ashwini, who was washed away with her father in their car while on their way to the RGIA. Efforts were still on to trace her father. Nagam Ravi, the driver of another car washed away in a drain near Bharati Public School in Kodad municipality, was found dead on Sunday.

In the worst-hit Khammam and Kothagudem districts, nine persons, who were trapped on Munneru bridge at Prakash Nagar, were yet to be rescued, while five, who went to see the surging Akeru stream in Khammam rural mandal, were washed away and yet to be traced. A family at Bokkalagadda was stuck in the Munneru floods, while the wall of a house collapsed and three persons were washed away at Nayakangudem of Kusumanchi mandal



Many areas in Khammam were inundated and at some places people had to take shelter on rooftops as rain ravaged the city.

KTR urges party leaders, cadre to join relief operations

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao asked the party leaders, workers and public representatives to stay vigilant and participate in relief measures by assisting flood-affected people across Telangana. He urged the citizens against stepping out unless absolutely necessary, in the wake of widespread rains lashing the State. "Stay safe Telangana," Rama Rao posted on X, appealing to people to take care of children and senior citizens at home. He also urged them to stay away from temporary structures and other dilapidated buildings, which could cave in. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Modi dials Revanth, official machinery on high alert

HYDERABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on phone on Sunday and enquired about the flood situation in rain-hit areas and damage caused by the floods. The Chief Minister informed him about the losses incurred due to the heavy rain and said Khammam district suffered huge damage. The Prime Minister told him that helicopters would be deployed to provide emergency services, according to a CMO release. Meanwhile, Revanth Reddy has put the entire official machinery on high alert and ordered round-the-clock vigilance. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Schools closed today

HYDERABAD: Due to the heavy rain forecast in Hyderabad district, holiday has been declared for all primary and secondary schools, under all managements on Monday, officials said. Additionally, the Cyberabad Police issued an advisory for all IT and ITES companies to encourage their employees to work from home on Monday.

OU postpones exams

HYDERABAD: All exams under the jurisdiction of the Osmania University, which were scheduled for September 2, have been postponed. The Controller of Examinations, OU, said the examinations from September 3 would be conducted as per the timetable. The revised schedule will be released soon.

in Palair. A youth, Sharif, was saved, while his father Yakub and mother Saida were yet to be traced.

A mini-goods carrier was washed away in Rallavagu stream at Edulapusapelli under the Mahabubabad municipality limits. Around

six persons were said to be in the vehicle. Locals were trying to rescue them with the help of ropes.

In Nalgonda, 30 passengers were saved from a bus caught in the swirling waters of the Paleru stream at Nallabandagudem village.

Trees were uprooted, while roads were washed away. Rail traffic, too, was hit, with over 10 ft of the track being partially washed away at Tallapusapalli station in Mahabubabad. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

(TUMMALA FACES WRATH OF KHAMMAM RESIDENTS PAGE 4)

Techie kills wife, kids; ends life

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a tragic incident, a software engineer killed his wife and two children before ending his life at Jeedimetla in the city on Saturday night.

Venkatesh (38) and Varshini (33), with their two children Rishikanth (11) and Vihath (3), lived in an apartment building at Gajularamaram and were natives of Mancherial district. Venkatesh worked at a software company in the city.

The incident came to light on Sunday morning after Venkatesh's relatives, who tried contacting him, became anxious when he

Police say Venkatesh was depressed over financial problems. He called his relatives the day before taking the extreme step

failed to respond. The previous night, Venkatesh had sent messages to them saying they all are going to end their lives.

After failing to reach Venkatesh, the relatives called their acquaintances in the city, who reached his apartment but found it locked from inside. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Bomb scare on Jabalpur-Hyd IndiGo flight

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

IndiGo's flight 6E 7308 from Jabalpur to Hyderabad was diverted to Nagpur due to a bomb threat on Sunday. "Upon landing, all passengers were disembarked and mandatory security checks were initiated. Passengers were provided with assistance and refreshments, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused," the airline said. According to reports, the bomb threat message was written on a piece of paper, which was found in the aircraft's lavatory. After checks, nothing suspicious was detected.

17,000 evacuated in Andhra

AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha on Sunday said 17,000 people were evacuated from 294 villages in five districts due to torrential downpours in the past two days.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu reviewed the weather situation with senior officials and asked them to incorporate technologies such as drones to assess the deluge and accordingly plan relief works.

Meanwhile, the depression over north Andhra Pradesh and south Odisha coasts, which has been causing heavy rainfall over the past two days, moved north-westwards to cross the southern State's coast near Kalingsapatnam early on



An area in Vijayawada is submerged after continuous downpour lashed the region. — Photo: X **(RELATED REPORTS PAGE 7)**

Sunday, said an IMD official. Anitha noted that 100 rehabilitation centres were set up in NTR, Krishna, Bapatla, Guntur and Palnadu districts to accommodate the evacuees, along with the

arrangement of 61 medical camps. Naidu, who reviewed the situation, was apprised that 6,000 people living downstream of Prakasam barrage in Bapatla district were evacuated. **PTI**

Five held for Rs 50-cr MLM, bitcoin scam

STATE BUREAU
Nirmal

Five persons — an ex-Indian Army soldier, an Excise Sub-Inspector, a police constable and two government teachers — were arrested for cheating people under the guise of bitcoin trading and a multi-level marketing (MLM) scheme, reportedly pegged at Rs 50 crore.

Superintendent of Police Dr Janaki Sharmila said Salla Raj Kumar, a former Army soldier from Nawabulpet in Kaddampeddur mandal, had joined hands with government teachers Sai Kiran and Kandela Naresh, Excise SI Gangadhar and Armed Reserved Police constable Mahesh to dupe people by promising them huge returns through bitcoin trading and an MLM scheme.

On questioning, Raj Kumar confessed to committing the crime to make a fast buck with the help of Sai Kiran, Naresh, Gangadhar and Mahesh for the last two years. He admitted to luring 4,000-5,000 people, mostly government employees, from different parts of the district on the pretext of offering them 'good' returns if they invested in bitcoin trading every day. Police said some people invested up to Rs 50,000, trusting the words of Raj Kumar. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Toddler dies as rain hits city

Showers turn streets into streams, snap power supply



The Hussain Sagar crossed its full tank level following continuous rainfall in Hyderabad on Sunday. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

A toddler died as Hyderabad was battered by relentless rainfall for the second day in a row on Sunday, causing widespread disruptions and significant challenges for residents.

The city, shrouded in overcast skies, saw streets turning into streams, leading to severe traffic congestion and disruptions to pub-

lic transport. Commuters faced difficulties navigating inundated roads, with areas such as Tolichowki experiencing knee-deep water.

Power outages added to the city's woes, and reports of structural collapses in some locations heightened safety concerns. The entire city experienced persistent rain and strong winds, with maximum temperatures ranging from 23°C to 24°C. **(SEE PAGES 2, 3, 4, 5)**

Young scientist, father swept away

STATE BUREAU
Mahabubabad

The promising career of a young agriculture scientist, Nunavath Ashwini, of Khammam came to a tragic end as she was found dead after being washed away in a car she was travelling in, along with her father Nunavath Motilal, in the district on Sunday. Efforts were on to trace Motilal when reports last came in. Ashwini (26) worked at the School of Crop Resistance System



N Ashwini with her father N Motilal.

Research of Indian Council of Agricultural Research's National Institute of Biotic Stress Management at Raipur. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

SHe-Box portal for safer workplace

NEW DELHI

Amid rising violence against women in the country, the union Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) has launched a new Sexual Harassment electronic Box (SHe-Box) portal, which will help create a safer and more inclusive workplace for women.

The SHe-Box portal is a centralised platform providing access to all women to register and monitor their sexual harassment complaints. "It serves as a centralised repository of infor-



mation related to Internal Committees and Local Committees formed across the country, encompassing both the government and private sectors," the Min-

istry said. All women facing sexual harassment in the workplace, irrespective of being in organised or unorganised, private or public sector, can register a com-

plaint and track it using the portal. Once registered, the complaint will be directly sent to the authority concerned. The portal also provides "assured redressal of complaints and a streamlined process" and via a designated nodal officer it will also enable real-time monitoring of complaints.

WCD Minister Annapurna Devi called the initiative "a critical step forward in providing a more efficient and secure platform for addressing workplace-related sexual harassment complaints". **IANS**

Sonam Wangchuk's Delhi yatra begins

LEH

More than 100 volunteers led by renowned innovator and climate activist Sonam Wangchuk started a footmarch from here to the national capital on Sunday to urge the Centre to resume the stalled dialogue with the leadership of Ladakh on their four-point agenda.

The 'Delhi Chalo Padyatra' was organised by the



Leh Apex Body (LAB), which, along with the Kargil Democratic Alliance, are jointly spearheading an agitation over the past four years in support of statehood, extension of the Constitution's sixth schedule, early recruitment process along with a public service commission for Ladakh and separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil districts. **PTI**