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In a nutshell

Villagers detain officials
SANGAREDDY: Farmers, who were facing the threat of being displaced by the proposed pharma hub in Nyalkal mandal, detained Dappur village Panchayat Secretary Jai Singh and Nyalkal MPDO Suresh in the panchayat office at Dappur on Wednesday. The villagers of Dappur, Malgi and Vaddy picked up an argument with Jai Singh accusing him of keeping them in the dark over the land acquisition process. NATION PAGE 5

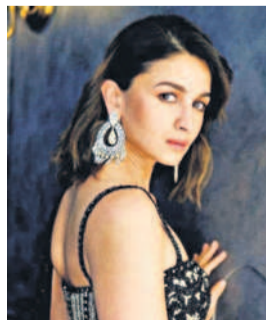
Fresh arson in Manipur
IMPHAL: Fresh arson erupted in Manipur's Jiribam district after suspected 'tribal village volunteers' set a house on fire early on Wednesday. The three-room house at Jaku-radorh in the district belonged to a retired police officer. The family had vacated the property following previous violence in the district. Armed men struck around 3.30 am to burn down the house, located 28 km from Jiribam. PTI

Man held for backing movie
MUMBAI: A 27-year-old social media influencer was detained by the Mumbai Police on Wednesday for allegedly posting inflammatory content in support of Emergency, and trying to incite discord between the Sikh and Muslim communities. The detained individual has been identified as Faizan Abdul Zameer Ansari, whose posts were potentially designed to create communal tension. PTI

Modi begins Singapore visit
SINGAPORE: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday began his visit to Singapore, aimed at boosting bilateral friendship, deepening 'strategic partnership' and attracting investment from the Southeast Asian nation. During his visit at the invitation of Singapore counterpart Lawrence Wong, the PM will connect with three generations of the city-state's leadership. NATION PAGE 7

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 99
Retail live.....	Rs. 121
With skin.....	Rs. 175
Skinless.....	Rs.200
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 68



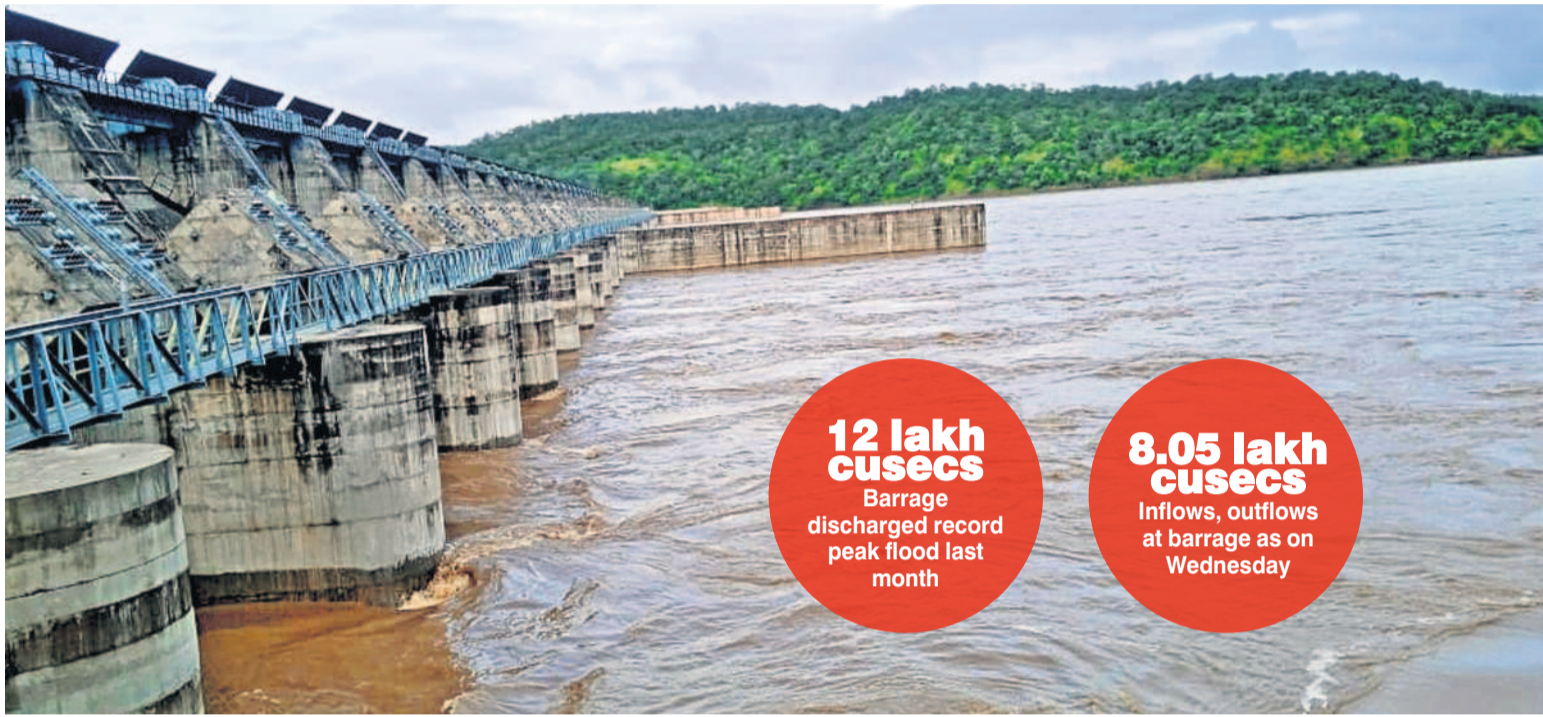
Alia shares her fashion mantra

Actor says she always tries to keep it 'as true as it can be'

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Medigadda has last laugh

Proves that Cong poll campaign, which focused on KLIS, was a complete sham



12 lakh cusecs
Barrage discharged record peak flood last month

8.05 lakh cusecs
Inflows, outflows at barrage as on Wednesday

Since the first week of July, the barrage has been experiencing steady inflows, even as other upstream dams are yet to receive significant water.

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They did everything possible to malign it. From misleading statements that ridiculously dubbed expansion joints as cracks to saying that the entire barrage had collapsed, the Congress even said that the entire project was a mammoth mistake and that it was a big liability for Telangana.

But the Medigadda (Lakshmi) Barrage is now having the last laugh, having proved that the entire election campaign of the Congress that focused on Kaleshwaram was, in fact, a bigger sham.

Even as the latest round of heavy rain continue to disrupt normal life in the State, the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), particularly its key component, the Medigadda Barrage, has demonstrated remarkable

Standing rock solid

EVEN AS RAIN CONTINUES TO DISRUPT NORMAL LIFE IN TELANGANA, KLIS, PARTICULARLY THE MEDIGADDA BARRAGE, DEMONSTRATES REMARKABLE RESILIENCE, DISPELLING CONCERNS ABOUT ITS STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

CONGRESS WHITE PAPER VS FACTS

CLAIM: One of the main components in Kaleshwaram project, Medigadda Lakshmi barrage, sunk in just 3 years

FACT: Medigadda, Sundilla, Annaram barrages together have 227 pillars. Only 3 pillars at Medigadda sunk, not entire barrage

CLAIM: Entire Telangana irrigation sector crumbled because of damage to barrages, pump houses on Godavari

FACT: How did farmers cultivate in nearly 90 lakh acres this Vanakulam if irrigation sector had crumbled? They also took up cultivation, with irrigation support, in over 60 lakh acres for Yasangi earlier this year

CLAIM: Kaleshwaram, which is said to be built at record speed, has become a big liability for Telangana

FACT: The same Congress government used, and still is using, Kaleshwaram project to pump water into multiple projects and supply irrigation water to farmers. Gayatri pump house in Package 8 of Kaleshwaram was operated in April to supply drinking water to multiple mandals in Karimnagar earlier this year

resilience, dispelling concerns about its structural integrity. Despite intense scrutiny and scepticism, the barrage has successfully managed significant water

WHAT CONG, BJP SAID ABOUT MEDIGADDA

CLAIM: Half of Medigadda project has to be demolished and rebuilt to rectify quality flaws in Kaleshwaram project
— Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Nov 2023

CLAIM: Kaleshwaram in its entirety was non-operational. Despite at least Rs 10,000 cr being spent every year, the govt was unable to utilise not even a single drop of water from the project
— Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, Feb 2024

CLAIM: Cracks have developed in multiple pillars because of shoddy construction with reports indicating that the pillars are sinking
— Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, Nov 2023

CLAIM: Eight pillars of Medigadda have caved in. National Dam Safety Authority has already announced that the barrage is not safe
— BJP national general secretary and union minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay, March 2024

CLAIM: Kaleshwaram project was promoted at international level as the most outstanding project in the world. Thousands of crores of public money was wasted as the project caved in due to faulty planning
— Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, Nov 2023

flows, proving its robustness. In fact, the barrage discharged a record peak flood of nearly 12 lakh cusecs last month. As of Wednesday, the inflows and outflows at the barrage stand at 8.05 lakh cusecs, with more than half of this volume contributed by the Pranahita river, a major tributary of the Godavari. This consistent

inflow is attributed to the extensive catchment area of the Pranahita, which spans over 1,09,100 sqkm, significantly larger than the combined catchment area of the main Godavari and its minor tributaries, which cover 75,600 sqkm.

The strategic location of the Medigadda barrage was chosen due to the high water yield potential of the Pranahita river. Since the first week of July this year, the barrage has been experiencing steady inflows, even as other upstream dams are yet to receive significant water.

Following the sagging of two piers in October 2023, multiple agencies, including the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), were engaged to conduct thorough studies. (SEE PAGE 2)

(NDSA REPORT ON BARRAGE UNDER FIRE PAGE 5)

2 Hyd youth among 4 Indians killed in US

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Four Indian students, including two from the city, were killed in a multi-vehicle crash in Texas, United States, on Friday afternoon.

The victims are Aryan Raghunath Orampati from Kukatpally, Farooq Sheikh from BHEL, and Lokesh Palacharla and Darshini Vasudevan from Tamil Nadu. They were travelling to Bentonville on Friday afternoon. The collision occurred just past White Street around 3.30 pm on

Friday. According to reports, Aryan and Farooq, who reside in Bentonville, were returning home after visiting the former's relative in Dallas.

Lokesh was on his way to visit his wife and Darshini, who was pursuing a Master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington, on her way to meet her uncle in Bentonville, reports stated.

The collision, involving approximately five vehicles, occurred when a truck, reportedly travelling at high speed, failed to slow down and rear-ended the SUV in which the victims were travelling. (SEE PAGE 2)

Heavy rain likely in Hyd, GHMC issues advisory

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Hyderabad

With rain clouds apparently refusing to disperse from Hyderabad skies, denizens can look forward to an extended wet spell, albeit in varying intensities, in the city for the next few days.

Following this, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has issued guidelines for the public to follow from September 4-9 due to the anticipated rainfall. People have been advised to stay indoors, especially during downpours, and avoid venturing out unless necessary. (SEE PAGE 2)

Tree damage mystery baffles foresters, NRSC help sought

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Worried over an unusual phenomenon that led to widespread destruction across 500 acres in the Tadvai-Eturnagaram forest areas, with thousands of trees being uprooted or destroyed, the Forest Department is roping in experts from different departments, including the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) and Meteorological Department, to study and ascertain the reasons.

As per preliminary estimates, the department said



The Forest Department said more than 50,000 trees may have collapsed in the Tadvai-Eturnagaram forest areas.

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was damage in circles too at some spots. Soon after the rains recede, the department will also take up enumeration of each and every tree. This is mainly because the timber value has to be enumerated and measures have to be taken to sell the same in the prescribed procedure.

"This is a rare phenomenon. There have been many calamities in the past, but this time, thousands of huge trees collapsed and a lot of green cover was lost," a senior forest official said.

Though there were no red sanders or sandalwood in the region, there was loss of huge trees. This part, many valuable and rare species were also lost. (SEE PAGE 2)

Tension in Jainoor, tribals torch vehicles

STATE BUREAU
Kumram Bheem Asifabad

Tribals torched commercial establishments and houses of civilians while protesting against an auto-driver's attempt to rape and murder a tribal woman in Jainoor mandal centre, triggering a communal clash and tension on Wednesday.

Around 5,000 tribals belonging to several parts of the district gathered in Jainoor mandal centre as part of a bandh call given by various tribal rights organisations condemning the incident, which was on August 31. They set around 50 commercial establishments, 15

vehicles, including five cars, and a house belonging to the accused person on fire. They also pelted stones on places of worship by barging into them and threw household appliances and groceries out of stores. Some unidentified persons reportedly looted goods from shops damaged by protesters. They also assaulted media persons, who were covering the protest, and damaged their cameras. Police personnel, sensing trouble, were helpless as the agitators vandalised commercial establishments.

In retaliation, about 100 members of another section burnt commercial establish-

ments of the opposite group. It was yet to be ascertained how many shops were damaged. Due to the conflict between the two communities, tension prevailed for around three hours.

Large contingents of police force drawn from Adilabad and Nirmal districts were deployed to bring the situation under control in Jainoor mandal centre. Adilabad Superintendent of Police Gauth Alam camped in Utnoor mandal centre to monitor the situation.

The situation is reportedly under control now. About 20 cases have been booked against protesters for violence and arson.

Man tries to extort Rs 20L from builder

STATE BUREAU
Sangareddy

Exploiting the fear of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA), a physiotherapist blackmailed and demanded Rs 20 lakh from a construction company for not wanting him to call the demolition agency to take action against it.

However, with the company owner alerted police and the blackmailer was caught red-handed while accepting Rs 2 lakh from the complainant.

Boko Haram militants kill over 100 in Nigeria

MAIDUGURI

At least 100 villagers were killed in northeastern Nigeria when suspected Boko Haram Islamic extremists opened fire on a market, on worshippers and in people's homes, residents said on Wednesday, the latest killings in Africa's longest struggle with militancy.

Over 50 extremists on bikes rode into the Tarmuwa council area of Yobe State on Sunday evening and began firing before setting buildings ablaze, according to police. AP

Cong govt yet to submit flood report: Centre

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

In sharp contrast to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's claims of the State government moving proactively to ensure speedy relief to the flood-hit, the Ministry of Home Affairs has said the State government was yet to submit a situation report on the flood, besides requisite documents for the release of the Centre's share of the State Disaster Response Funds.

In a letter to Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari on Tuesday, Ministry of Home Affairs Disaster Management Division Director Ashish V Gawai asked the State government to submit the details in established procedure.

Since August 31, some districts were facing a flood-like situation and were reported to have been adversely affected due to heavy rain. However, as per the established procedure, no formal situation report was received so far in the MHA Control room, he

Ministry of Home Affairs says TG govt has not submitted requisite documents for release of Centre's share of SDRF either

said. As reported by the State Accountant General, Rs 1,345.15 crore was available in the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) account as on April 1, 2024, for the management of relief in the affected areas during 2024-25.

"It has been observed from our records that the State government has not submitted requisite information for the release of Central share under the SDRF for the current financial year," he said, adding that the second installment of the Central share of SDRF of Rs 188.80 crore for 2022-23 was released to the State government on July 10, 2023. (SEE PAGE 2)

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BRS leaders to donate one month's salary

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has announced that its MLAs, MLCs and MPs will donate one month's salary to assist flood victims across Telangana and support flood relief efforts.

The decision, directed by party president and former Chief Minister K Chan-

drashekhar Rao, was announced by senior leader and former Minister T Harish Rao on Wednesday. The BRS leadership also urged the party cadre to actively participate in the ongoing rescue and relief operations. Additionally, the party leaders and people have been urged to make generous donations to help those affected.