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**BUDAPEST:** India scripted history in the Chess Olympiad as its men's and women's teams clinched their maiden titles in a rare clean sweep of gold medals after beating their respective opponents in the final round. The men's team defeated Slovenia 3.5-0.5 while their women counterparts crushed Azerbaijan with an identical margin in the 11th and final round in the Chess Olympiad.

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**Dissanayake wins Lanka Prez poll**  
**COLOMBO:** Marxist leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake was declared winner of the Sri Lankan presidential election by the country's Election Commission after an unprecedented second round of counting of votes. Dissanayake, 56, the leader of the Marxist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna party's broader front NPP, defeated his closest rival Sajith Premadasa of SJB.

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**State braces for heavy rains**  
**HYDERABAD:** Telangana is likely to witness heavy rainfall over next three days as the IMD-Hyderabad issued a yellow alert for the state. Several districts, including Hyderabad, are expected to witness heavy downpours along with thunderstorms, lightning, and squalls from September 23 to 25. For Hyderabad, the IMD has forecast cloudy skies until Wednesday, predicting light to moderate rains.

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**Gas cylinder found on rail track in UP**  
**KANPUR:** An empty gas cylinder was found on the tracks by a goods train loco pilot near Prempur railway station in Kanpur, the second such incident in Uttar Pradesh this month. In another incident, ten detonators recently went off on tracks in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa, prompting the authorities to briefly halt a "military special train", officials said.

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**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 120
Retail live.....	Rs. 142
With skin.....	Rs. 206
Skinless.....	Rs. 234
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 74



**'Taal filled the void'**  
 Andrew Lloyd Webber offered AR Rahman *Bombay Dreams* after listening to romance drama's soundtrack, says maestro

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## Uncertainty continues over Rythu Bharosa

**Congress-led government yet to deliver on its promise**

PS DILEEP  
 HYDERABAD

Farmers in Telangana are grappling with uncertainty as the Congress-led government continues to delay the promised financial support under the Rythu Bharosa scheme.

The Congress, which pledged Rs 15,000 per acre per annum as farm investment support if it came to power, is yet to deliver on its promise. Many farmers, already frustrated by incomplete loan waivers, are sceptical about whether the Rythu Bharosa funds will materialise in the absence of guidelines for its implementation.

Though the State government appointed a three-member Cabinet sub-committee to look into the issues and submit a report, none is aware of its fate. The Cabinet sub-committee held around four to five consultations with some stakeholders, including farmers, during July-August, but the report neither reached the State Cabinet for approval nor was discussed in the Assembly as promised for its

### 'Selfie for loan waiver' launched in Dubbak

**SIDDIPET:** Farmers in the district launched a 'selfie for loan waiver' campaign in the Dubbak constituency on Sunday. The campaign is expected to spread all over the district starting Monday as it was drawing a great response from farmers.

Farmers, supported by BRS leaders, launched the campaign at Dharmaram village in Mirudoddi mandal. Though it is a tiny village, about 200 farmers gathered at the centre when the BRS leaders ar-

rived to interact with them. The farmers, who borrowed more than Rs 2 lakh, had repaid the additional amount to banks, but many were yet to get the waiver. They also said several farmers in the village had not yet got the loan waiver.

Speaking on the occasion, BRS leader Thota Kamalakara Reddy said they wanted to take the real situation at the ground level to the notice of the people and government.

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launch. Citing the absence of guidelines and other technicalities, the State government provided only Rs 5,000 per acre for the previous Yasangi rather than the promised Rs 7,500 per acre.

Further, the amount was released only at the fag-end of the season. For the current Vanakalam, which concludes by this month-end,

the government has kept postponing the disbursement throughout the season.

Now, fresh reports suggest that the State government might disburse Rythu Bharosa amount for the two crop seasons of Vanakalam and Yasangi by Dasara, raising hopes for timely support. However, there has been no official announce-

## Will quit politics if proved wrong, KTR on Amrut scam

STATE BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

Sticking to his guns, BRS working president KT Rama Rao has thrown down the gauntlet to Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy challenging him to prove there was no wrongdoing in the Amrut 2.0 tenders.

He offered to quit politics if he was proved wrong on his allegation that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's family was behind the Rs 8,888 crore scam.

Addressing a press conference at the Telangana Bhavan here on Sunday, the

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— KT RAMA RAO  
 BRS WORKING PRESIDENT

former Minister called for an immediate inquiry by a sitting judge or by referring it to the High Court Chief Justice. Coming down heavily on the Minister for his

bid to defend the Chief Minister in the issue, he said he was ready to approach the High Court Chief Justice seeking a judicial probe into the scam.

If the Minister had difficulty in approaching the Chief Justice, he could approach the Central Chief Vigilance Commissioner. The Minister could join him at a time of his convenience to approach either of the two while emphasising the need for transparency and accountability. He wanted cancellation of the tenders if any wrongdoing was found.

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## Defer Mains exam: Group-I aspirants

YUVRAJ AKULA  
 Hyderabad

The Group-I aspirants want the Congress government to put off the Main examination, scheduled to be held from October 21, till all pending legal cases are settled in the High Court.

The candidates, who qualified for Mains, questioned the government as to how it would hold the examination when around 14 cases against Group-I were pending in the High Court with upcoming hearings before the bench.

A total of 3.02 lakh candidates appeared for the Group-I prelims conducted on June 9. Following the examination, the Telangana Public Service Commission issued a preliminary key, which attracted 6,417 objections from 1,712 candidates. Overall, objections were raised on 13 questions on the final key, aspirants said.

After releasing the prelims results, the TGPSC selected 31,382 candidates in a 1:50 ratio for the Main examination scheduled to be held from October 21 to 27. Currently, cases are pending on

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the prelims final key, GO 29, local area and ST reservation in the High Court. While the hearing on the final key and GO 29 is scheduled for September 27, cases on horizontal reservation and non-local are expected to be heard on November 7 and 27, respectively.

If the court rules in favour of candidates after conducting exam, candidates wonder how the government would implement such directions. "Hence, we want the government to defer exam until all cases are settled in the court. If not, we will be compelled to take the Main again if the court cancels prelims. Given the extensive syllabus and six papers to write, preparing and appearing for the examination is no cakewalk," said an aspirant.

## Burglars flee with Rs 2 crore cash, 30 tolas gold

CITY BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

In one of the biggest burglaries reported in recent times in the city, unidentified persons made away with Rs 2 crore in cash and around 30 tolas of gold ornaments from a house at Pocharam on Sunday. The police formed special teams to identify the suspects.

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## HYDRAA's 'selective' act draws ire



Structures demolished by the HYDRAA at Nalla Cheruvu in Kukatpally of Hyderabad on Sunday. (right) A man distraught following the demolition. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

STATE BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency's (HYDRAA) demolition spree on Sunday triggered criticism from different sections over its selective targets, leaving no options for the owners to seek legal help.

Many questioned the State government and HYDRAA, in particular, over its

discriminative approach towards the poor and middle income groups while providing sufficient time for high-income groups and persons close to the powers that be.

Emotional scenes unfolded at Nalla Cheruvu, Kukatpally, Kistareddy and Patalguda of Ameerpet mandal on Sunday when HYDRAA demolished a few structures. Sharing a video of a woman crying incon-

solably at a demolition site on X, one used, Aditya Warangal, said, "Chief Minister saab people do small business by raising loans. Imagine the hardwork, if a family invests Rs 50 lakh in catering stall. It is unfortunate that they were not even given time to collect their belongings."

Many compared this to the long rope being extended to others, especially Chief Minister A Revanth

Reddy's brother A Tirupathi Reddy, who was served a notice more than a month ago citing his house was in the FTL of Durgam Cheruvu. The Revenue Department served notices to house owners in the Amar Cooperative Society, Kavuri Hills, Kalyan Nagar and other areas on August 8 stating that their structures were in FTL and the buffer zone of Durgam Cheruvu.

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## 'Quad not against anyone, it will stay'

**Modi says free, prosperous Indo-Pacific priority**

WILMINGTON

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the Quad is not against anyone, but for a rules-based international order and respect for sovereignty, in a veiled reference to China. "Free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific is our priority," Modi said in his opening remarks at the summit hosted by President Joe Biden and also attended by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

"We are not against anyone. We all support a rules-based international order, respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, and peaceful resolution of all issues," Modi said, without naming any country. China is engaged in hotly contested territorial disputes in both the South China Sea and the East China Sea. China claims sovereignty over all of the South China Sea.

Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines, Brunei and Taiwan have counterclaims. "Our message is clear — Quad is here to stay, to assist, to partner and to complement," Modi said. "Together we have taken many positive and inclusive initia-



US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Archmere Academy in Claymont, Delaware. — Photo: PTI

### 'China testing us', Biden caught on mic telling Quad leaders

**WASHINGTON:** US President Joe Biden was caught on a hot mic telling leaders of Quad nations that China was testing them, thus reflecting upon the American seriousness of the emerging Chinese threat. Biden's remark came during the Quad Leaders' Summit, which was attended by PM Narendra Modi, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida. "We believe Xi Jinping is looking to focus on domestic economic challenges and minimise the turbulence in China," Biden told the leaders at the Summit.

Quad leaders have gathered at a time when the world is surrounded by tensions and conflicts.

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## Guinness honour for Chiru

HYDERABAD

Megastar K Chiranjeevi on Sunday received the Guinness World Records certificate as the most prolific film star in the Indian film industry. A representative of the Guinness World Records handed over the certificate to Chiranjeevi at an event.

"The most prolific film star in Indian Film Industry-actor/dancer is Konidela Chiranjeevi aka Mega Star (India) achieved on 20 September 2024," said a certificate issued by the Guinness World



Actor Chiranjeevi receiving Guinness World Records certificate as the most prolific film star in the Indian film industry.

Records. "I never expected to get Guinness World Records. All these years of

my film career, dance had become part of my life," Chiranjeevi said.

## AP forms SIT to probe laddu row

AMARAVATI

Hitting out at the previous YSRCP government, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday alleged that several procedures to procure ghee at Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) were altered during the earlier regime, prompting him to form a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the irregularities. He also alleged that appointments to the

TTD board became like "gambling" during the previous government and there were instances of appointing people who had no faith and giving preferences to non-Hindus on the board.

Addressing a press conference at his Undavalli residence, the CM said people's sentiments were hurt after the revelations with regard to laddu that animal fats were allegedly used to make them.

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