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**Another YSRCP RS member quits**  
**NEW DELHI:** YSRCP Rajya Sabha member Ryaga Krishnaiah quit his House membership, becoming the third leader of the party to do so following its debacle in Assembly and Lok Sabha elections. Sources said that Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has accepted his resignation with immediate effect. Following the resignation, the party now has nine members in Rajya Sabha. **PTI**

**Tripura: 500 militants surrender**  
**AGARTALA:** Around 500 militants belonging to outlawed groups National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF) on Tuesday laid down arms before Chief Minister Manik Saha. While welcoming the militants to the mainstream at a function in Jampuijala in Sepahijala district, the Chief Minister asserted that militancy is not the solution to any problem. **PTI**

**Jarange's health deteriorates**  
**JALNA:** Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange's health deteriorated on Tuesday as he entered the eighth day of his hunger strike to press for reservations for the Marathas under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category. He refused to take fluids or medication despite appeals from members of the Maratha community gathered at the protest site in Antarwali Sarathi village in Jalna. **PTI**

**Pakistani beggars flock to Saudi**  
**ISLAMABAD:** Saudi Arabia raised concerns over growing number of Pakistani beggars arriving in the Kingdom under the guise of religious pilgrimage and asked Islamabad to take action. Authorities also warned that if the situation is not controlled, it could negatively affect Pakistani Umrah and Hajj pilgrims, according to sources. **WORLD PAGE 9**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 125
Retail live.....	Rs. 147
With skin.....	Rs. 213
Skinless.....	Rs. 243
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 74

## Why law not the same for all? KTR on HYDRAA

**Says Anumula brothers destroying lives of poor in Telangana**

STATE BUREAU  
 HYDERABAD

Hauling Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over the coals for pushing the poor out onto the streets by demolishing their homes while protecting his own brother from the law, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Tuesday said the Anumula brothers were destroying the lives of the poor in Telangana under the guise of HYDRAA operations. In an unprecedented scathing attack on the Congress-led State government, Rama Rao singled out Revanth Reddy's brother, A Tirupathi Reddy, for receiving preferential treatment and being served with a 30-day notice, enabling the latter to approach the court and get stay orders. The poor, meanwhile, lost their homes within hours.

"Vedashree, an LKG student, wasn't even given time to collect her books before her house was demolished. A 50-year-old woman, Kasturi Bai, lost her only source of livelihood — a small shoe repair shop — due to these heart-



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— KT Rama Rao, BRS working president

less demolitions. Houses bought just 72 hours prior were levelled without consideration despite having all legal documentation," he said, questioning why Tirupathi Reddy remained untouched in the wave of demolitions, while the lives of ordinary citizens were being trampled upon.

"Tirupathi Reddy garu, you seem to have some kind

### Takes *Ajab Prem ki Gajab Kahani* dig at Bandi Sanjay

**HYDERABAD:** BRS working president KT Rama Rao took a dig at union Minister Bandi Sanjay for his delayed response to the AMRUT scam in Telangana. He likened Sanjay's reaction to "a friend finally showing up to a party they were called out for missing - awkward, compelled, and late." He questioned the silence of BJP leaders on the issue despite the involvement of Chief Minis-

ter A Revanth Reddy in the alleged scam. He said Sanjay was acting out of compulsion now, after being silent on Revanth Reddy's antics, indicating their precious '*Ajab Prem ki Gajab Kahani*'. He pointed out that BJP MLA Alleti Maheshwar Reddy earlier raised concerns about corruption in the AMRUT scheme, yet the BJP leadership, including Sanjay, had failed to act. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

of superpower or secret weapon. Only you seem to have been unscathed in this madness. Tell us how normal people in Telangana can use this special power. We all thought the Constitution is the only superpower in any democracy," he remarked sarcastically.

Pointing out the biased treatment for Tirupathi Reddy by HYDRAA, which

was denying time for common people to even collect their valuables, he said they had just served notices to Tirupathi Reddy, despite violations under WALTA (Telangana Water, Land and Trees Act). "In the name of HYDRAA, the poor are being thrown onto the streets," the BRS working president said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## HC upholds Guv's nod to probe Sidra

**Says decision in MUDA case as per law, dismisses Karnataka CM's petition**



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— SIDDARAMAIAH, KARNATAKA CHIEF MINISTER

BENGALURU

In a setback to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday dismissed his petition challenging Governor Thaaavarchand Gehlot's approval for a probe against him in the MUDA land allotment case, saying the gubernatorial order nowhere "suffers from want of application of mind". The Karnataka Chief Minister had challenged the legality of Gehlot's sanction for the investigation against him in the alleged irregularities in the allotment of 14 sites to his wife by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in a prime locality.

The single judge Bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna said in normal circumstances, a Governor has to

act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers under Article 163 of the Constitution of India, "but (the Governor) can take independent decisions in exceptional circumstances, and the present case projects one such exception" and dismissed Siddaramaiah's petition.

Asserting that the gubernatorial order nowhere "suffers from want of application of mind", the Judge said, "It is not a case of not even a semblance of application of mind by the Governor, but abundance of application of mind." "No fault can be found with the Governor exercising the independent discretion to pass the impugned order; it would suffice if the reasons are recorded in the file of the decision-making authority, particularly of the high

office, and those reasons succinctly form part of the impugned order. A caveat reason must be in the file. Reasons for the first time cannot be brought before the constitutional court by way of objections," he added.

On his part, Siddaramaiah alleged that the entire controversy was the opposition's "conspiracy" against him and his government, and said he would face them politically. "Why should I resign? Has (H D) Kumaraswamy (Union Minister) resigned? He is on bail, ask him...it is only said that inquiry needs to be done. At the inquiry stage itself, resignation is sought. I will answer them...We will face them politically because it is a conspiracy," Siddaramaiah said at a press conference. **(RELATED REPORTS PAGE 7)**

## Mystery shrouds Pharma City plan

STATE BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

On January 1 this year, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy told the media that his government was 'remodelling' the previous BRS government's Hyderabad Pharma City project, to go for 10 Pharma Villages on the city outskirts instead of having one pharma city at a single location.

On January 6, at a meeting with CII representatives, he reiterated this plan, stating that Pharma Villages would be developed instead of Pharma Cities. On February 18, while inaugurating the Telangana State Fire Services headquarters building, he again said his government would set up Pharma Villages and not Pharma Cities. "My government has a clear policy and there is no room for misconceptions," he said. On February 27, at the BioAsia

Summit 2024, while announcing the second phase of the Genome Valley, another BRS-initiated project, Revanth Reddy said the process of setting up 10 Pharma Villages with an investment of Rs 1 lakh crore had already begun in 'greenfield pharma sectors' in Vikarabad, Medak and Nalgonda.

**'Project is gone'**  
 Speaking to the media at the same event the same day, IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu said the government decided to shelve the Pharma City project and instead establish 10 Pharma Villages across the State, beginning with Vikarabad, Medak and Nalgonda. "Pharma City is gone," Sridhar Babu had said. However, over the last one week, the State is hearing a new version, courtesy the Telangana High Court. **(SEE PAGE 2)**



A para-cyclist from Netherlands competes in the time-trial event at the Cycling Road World Championships in Zurich. — Photo: AP

NO STOPPING!

## Cash-for-vote: Court orders CM to attend hearing

HYDERABAD

A city court on Tuesday ordered Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to attend the hearing of the cash-for-vote case on October 16. Nampally Metropolitan Criminal Court directed all the accused, including Revanth Reddy, to attend the hearing.

During the hearing, the court took strong note of the absence of the accused except Mathaiah Jerusalem. Revanth Reddy, Uday Simha, Vem Krishna Keerthan, and Venkata Veeraiah did not attend the hearing.

The court directed that all accused should be present in the court during the next hearing on October 16. The development came four days after the Supreme Court dismissed the petition filed by a few leaders of BRS, seeking transfer of the trial in the case to a court outside Telangana. **IANS**

## Telangana likely to witness heavy rains over next 48 hrs

CITY BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)-Hyderabad issued a heavy rainfall alert for almost all districts across the State for the next 48 hours, even as intense thunderstorms lashed Hyderabad and districts on Tuesday.

In its 48-hour forecast, the IMD-H predicted heavy rainfall for Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Kamareddy, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet and Jogulamba Gadwal.



A woman makes her way amid rain at Punjagutta in Hyderabad on Tuesday. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

Apart from heavy rainfall alert, the IMD-H also issued a thunderstorm warning accompanied with lightning and gusty winds ranging from 30 to 60 kmph for Adilabad, Kumuram Bheem

Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Nalgonda, Siddipet, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal Malkajgiri. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Govt allocates BRAOU land to JNAFAU

CITY BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

Despite strong opposition from teaching and non-teaching staff of Dr BR Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU), the government issued orders allocating 10 acres of the varsity land in Jubilee Hills to Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University (JNAFAU).

The Higher Education Department sent letters on September 19, allocating 10 acres to the Registrars of both BRAOU and JNAFAU. The news of the allocation became public on Tuesday. Ironically, the letter came at a time when BRAOU has been pressing for campus expansion in view of increased enrollment. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Double whammy for Khammam ryots

STATE BUREAU  
 Khammam

The farmers in the district are in trouble after the recent rains and flash floods destroyed much of their standing crops. That's not all. They are facing another problem in form of sand deposits in agricultural fields.

A large extent of agricultural lands on the banks of Munneru, Akeru and Palair streams in the district were damaged due to huge quantities of sand deposited in the fields. It is causing problems to farmers on two counts — firstly, they lost standing crops, and secondly, the soil structure has been altered.

Many farmers are worried that it might take them at least two or three years to recover from the losses. Speaking to "Telangana



Agricultural lands on the banks of Munneru, Akeru and Palair streams in the district damaged due to sand deposits.

Today', CPM's Telangana Rythu Sangham leader Bhukya Veerabharam said that a farmer has to spend approximately Rs 2 lakh to clear sand deposits and restore the land to its original form. However, the Central team that recently toured flood-affected areas reportedly told the farmers that

there is no provision to compensate for the loss caused by sand deposits. As many as 2,700 acres have been affected by sand deposits across the district, he said.

Farmers are in dire straits as they could not find any means to pay the debts they took to invest in farming and to pay fee for their chil-

dren's education among others. Farmers are yet to receive compensation of Rs 10,000 per acre announced by the State government. The State and Central governments should immediately provide proper compensation and provide assistance, he demanded.

A farmer, Avireni Veerabhadram, said he cultivated paddy and chilli in two acres each and cotton in one acre by investing around Rs 6 lakh. Sand has been accumulated in four acres, thereby fully damaging the crops, he lamented. Similarly, other farmers, Gaddam Narayana and Vuribandi Chandraiah, said that they lost crops in Akeru floods, including irrigation pump sets. The Central team visited the fields 20 days ago, but the promised assistance is yet to be provided, they complained.