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Terrorist killed in Kathua

JAMMU: A terrorist, suspected to be affiliated with the Jaish-e-Mohammad, was killed in a remote village of Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, officials said on Sunday. Also, a fresh encounter broke out in Thanamandi of Rajouri district on Sunday evening when security forces launched a cordon and search operation after getting information about the presence of two terrorists, the officials said. PTI

Fire extinguisher on rail tracks

KANPUR: A fire extinguisher that may have accidentally fallen off a train set off a scare on Sunday when the driver of another passenger train applied brakes after spotting the cylinder-like object on the rail tracks between Govindpuri and Bhimsen stations here. The loco pilot immediately informed the control room. The cylinder was found to be a fire extinguisher, belonging to the railways. PTI

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Woman, daughter fall to death

HYDERABAD: A woman and her daughter died after falling from an apartment building at Narsingi on Sunday evening. Manasa and daughter Krishna lived on the 18th floor of an apartment building in Narsingi. In the evening, neighbours and security personnel heard a loud noise of something falling from the top floors. They found two bodies lying in a pool of blood. Police suspect suicide.

Prashant Kishor to launch party soon

NEW DELHI: Prashant Kishor, chief of the Jan Suraj campaign, on Sunday announced the formation of a new political party, details of which, including its name and leadership, will be unveiled on October 2. The announcement comes as Kishor prepares to mark the completion of the first stage of his Jan Suraj initiative, which began on October 2, 2022. IANS

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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 115
Retail live.....	Rs. 137
With skin.....	Rs. 199
Skinless.....	Rs. 226
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 72



King Khan rules at IIFA

SRK wins Best Actor, Rani takes home Best Actress award

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BRS vows to fight for Musi project oustees

Offers shelter at Telangana Bhavan to those displaced, legal aid to fight cases

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

A day after the victims of the Musi Riverfront Development Project approached BRS at Telangana Bhavan for help, elected representatives of the party, led by former Minister and BRS MLA T Harish Rao, visited the affected areas on Sunday.

They interacted with the families and listened to their woes, assuring them that the BRS would stand by them throughout their struggle. Initially, the police stalled the BRS legislators from leaving Telangana Bhavan where the latter gathered before heading to the affected areas, citing law and order issues.

However, the BRS elected representatives assured the cops that there would not be such issue and said they were accompanied by the local MLAs, who were entitled to meet their constituents. The legislators then proceeded to visit the affected areas of Hyder-shakkote, Sun City, Langer Houz and surrounding areas, to listen to the challenges faced by the locals, especially those facing the threat of losing their homes. They also joined the ongoing protests staged by residents of Hydershakkote, including women and children, against demolition of their homes.

The MLAs reassured the public that the BRS would stand by the victims to safeguard their hard-earned properties. They said it was the previous Congress and



BRS MLA T Harish Rao interacts with residents at Langar Houz in Hyderabad on Sunday.

Musi oustees, 2BHK beneficiaries clash

HYDERABAD: Tension prevailed at the Chanchalguda Double Bedroom Society located on Saidabad road on Saturday night following a clash between the Musi project-affected families and 2BHK housing scheme aspirants. The issue began after the revenue authorities issued allotment letters to families staying in the Musi river FTL and buffer zone, and asked them to move to the Double Bedroom Society at Saidabad. (SEE PAGE 2)

the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) governments that approved these layouts and gave permissions for the construction of houses, besides collecting all types of

taxes and charges over several decades. Addressing the public during the visit, Harish Rao criticised the State government's Musi Riverfront Development project,

charging Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy with displacing thousands of poor families in the name of development. He questioned the misplaced priorities of the State government jeopardising the lives of citizens to make way for corporate companies.

Revanth Reddy was acting like a real estate businessman, evicting the poor in the name of beautification. Thousands were being made homeless and the victims were being terrorised, he said, demanding that the Chief Minister address the

affected families and halt the project. "Revanth Reddy should announce the withdrawal of the project immediately. The government should be with the people, not against them. Rather than improving their lives, the Congress government is destroying them with such brainless actions," he said, during the Chief Minister to first initiate action against those who gave permissions for the construction of these homes, before demolishing them. (SEE PAGE 2)

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Another top Hezbollah official killed

Nabil Kaouk was deputy head of outfit's Central Council

JERUSALEM

The Israeli military said on Sunday that it killed another high-ranking Hezbollah official in an airstrike as the Lebanese militant group was reeling from a string of devastating blows and the killing of its overall leader, Hassan Nasrallah.

The military said Nabil Kaouk, the deputy head of Hezbollah's Central Council, was killed on Saturday. Hezbollah confirmed the death of Kaouk hours after an Israeli airstrike on northeast Lebanon killed 11 people. He is the seventh senior Hezbollah leader slain in Israeli strikes in a little over a week, including founding members who had evaded death or detention for decades. The outfit also confirmed that one of its seven leaders, Ali Karaki, died in Friday's strike that killed Nasrallah. The Israeli military had earlier said



Nabil Kaouk

Karaki was killed in the airstrike that targeted an underground compound in Beirut where Nasrallah and other senior Hezbollah figures were meeting.

Meanwhile, at least 24 people were killed in Israeli airstrikes that hit two adjacent buildings east of the southern city of Sidon, the Lebanese Health Ministry said. The Ministry said the strikes also injured at least 29 people. AP (NOW, KHAMENEI ON BIBI'S RADAR? PAGE 9)

Tension in Siddipet over girl's rape

STATE BUREAU
 Siddipet

Tension prevailed as relatives of a rape victim and villagers set the house of the accused on fire besides damaging his car, an earth-mover and a two-wheeler at Gavarannapet village in Komuravelly mandal on Sun-

day. The 19-year-old youth allegedly entered the Class VII student's home in the village when she was alone and sexually assaulted her. When she cried for help, neighbours rushed to her rescue and thrashed him before handing him over to the police. (SEE PAGE 2)

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Delhi road rage: Cop dragged for 10 m, killed

NEW DELHI

Admonished for rash driving, a car driver allegedly hit a motorcycle-borne constable — disguised as a civilian to prevent burglaries — and dragged him for about 10 m in outer Delhi early on Sunday, leading to his death, officials said.

The incident occurred around 2.15 am near Veena Enclave when 30-year-old Sandeep was going towards Railway Road from Nangloi police station during duty hours dressed in plainclothes, they said. When he noticed a car being driven recklessly, Sandeep told the driver not to do so. PTI

'Mr CM, you cannot escape'

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao warned Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy that he cannot be intimidated with legal notices and that he will continue to expose the latter's involvement in the AMRUT scam. He said just like Ashok Chavan in the infamous Adarsh scam, Revanth Reddy was now entangled in the AMRUT scam and that there was no escape for him.

"Mr Chief Minister, if you think sending a legal notice through your brother-in-law will stop me from speaking out against your il-

Tearing into Revanth for his involvement in the AMRUT scam, KTR says legal notices cannot intimidate or stop him

legal activities, you are mistaken," he said.

In response to the legal notices served by Shodha Constructions, Rama Rao said the Chief Minister had awarded a Rs 1,137-crore tender under the AMRUT scheme to his brother-in-law's company, Shodha Constructions. (SEE PAGE 2)

Metro to connect airport with Fourth City

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The Metro Rail has been planned to be extended, covering 40 km, from the airport at Shamshabad to the proposed Fourth City via Mansanpally and ORR between the exits at Pedda Golconda and Raviryal.

This is proposed to be taken up at an estimated cost of nearly Rs 8,000 crore. Announcing this on Sunday, Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited Managing Director NVS Reddy said the Airport Metro alignment is now being finalised via Aramghar and the new High Court site on NH-44. (SEE PAGES 2, 3)

Centre mulls 3 Bills for ONOE

NEW DELHI

The Centre is likely to bring three Bills, including two to amend the Constitution, to put in place its plan to hold simultaneous elections.

One of the proposed Constitution amendment Bills, which deals with aligning the local bodies elections to that of the Lok Sabha and the Assemblies, will require an endorsement from at least 50 per cent of the States. Moving ahead with its 'one nation, one election' (ONOE) plan, the Centre earlier this month accepted the recommendations of the high-level committee for holding simultaneous polls for the Lok Sabha, State Assemblies and local bodies in a phased manner after a



countrywide consensus-building exercise.

The proposed first constitutional amendment Bill would deal with making provisions for holding Lok Sabha and Assembly elections together. Citing recommendations of the high-level committee, sources

said the proposed Bill would seek to amend Article 82A by adding sub-clause (1) relating to the 'appointed date'. It will also seek to insert sub-clause (2) to Article 82A relating to the end of terms of the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies together. It also proposes to

amend Article 83(2) and insert new sub-clauses (3) and (4) relating to the duration and dissolution of the Lok Sabha. It has provisions related to the dissolution of Assemblies and amending Article 327 to insert the term 'simultaneous elections'. This Bill will not require ratification by at least 50 per cent of the States, the recommendation said.

The proposed second Constitutional amendment Bill will require ratification by at least 50 per cent of the Assemblies as it will deal with matters relating to State affairs. It will seek to amend provisions relating to the preparation of electoral rolls by the EC in consultation with SECs for elections to local bodies. PTI

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