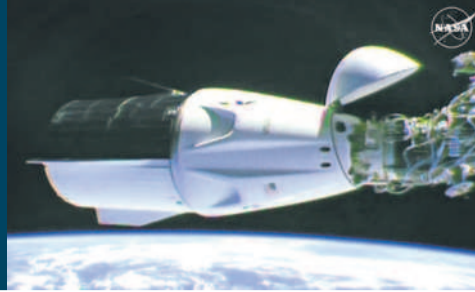




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In a nutshell

Dadasaheb Phalke Award for Mithun
NEW DELHI: Veteran actor Mithun Chakraborty, star of films such as *Mrigayaa*, *Surakshaa*, *Disco Dancer*, and *Dance Dance*, was on Monday named recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, the government's highest recognition in the field of cinema. The announcement comes months after Chakraborty was awarded Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian honour, by the Government of India.

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J&K to vote in final phase today
JAMMU: Over 20,000 polling staff have been mobilised on Monday across seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir on the eve of third and final phase of Assembly elections which will decide the electoral fate of 415 candidates including two former deputy chief ministers Tara Chand and Muzaffar Beig, officials said. Over 39.18 lakh voters are eligible to exercise their franchise in this crucial phase, covering 40 segments.

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ED registers case against Sidda
BENGALURU: In more trouble for Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Enforcement Directorate booked him, his wife and some others in a money laundering case linked to the MUDA land allotment case, taking cognisance of a recent state Lokayukta FIR. According to the procedure, the ED is empowered to summon the accused for questioning and even attach assets during investigation.

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SW monsoon ends with surplus rain
NEW DELHI: The 2024 southwest monsoon season officially ended on Monday, with India recording 934.8 mm rainfall, 108% of long-period average and the highest since 2020, according to India Meteorological Department data. Central India received 19% more rainfall than long-period average for the region, the southern peninsula recorded 14% more than normal, and northwest India saw 7% more than usual. PTI

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 110
Retail live.....	Rs. 132
With skin.....	Rs. 191
Skinless.....	Rs. 218
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 72

This WhatsApp group is exclusively for Srinivases!

RAGHU PAITHARI
Karimnagar

We have heard of social media groups, WhatsApp groups to be precise, for old classmates, for those from the same caste, community, and several for topics such as information on drunk driving checks by the police, news alerts and so on. But this WhatsApp group in Karimnagar promises to be different. This is exclusively for Srinivases!

A WhatsApp group for just one person, you might

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Upping the ante on his blistering attack on the Congress government, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Monday dubbed the Musi Riverfront Development Project India's biggest scam, stating that it was designed to funnel funds into the Congress' election campaigns across various States.

Pointing out that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was orchestrating a massive Rs 1.5 lakh crore scandal under the guise of river beautification, he warned that the project's true objective was to fund the Congress' Assembly election campaigns.

Rama Rao cautioned the government against proceeding with demolitions without even a Detailed Project Report (DPR) or without holding consultations with the affected families. "The Congress is attempting to turn the Musi project into their personal Reserve Bank. We had developed a comprehensive Musi rejuvenation project with a budget of Rs 16,000 crore and already completed the majority of the Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs). Now, they plan to spend Rs 1.5 lakh crore without any clear objectives or benefits," he stated.

Speaking to the media persons at the Telangana Bhavan here on Monday, the former MA&UD Minister questioned the legitimacy and transparency of the project, comparing it with other major riverfront projects such as Sabarmati and the Namami Gange programme, which cost significantly less. "How can Congress justify spending Rs 1.5 lakh crore when the Namami Gange project was undertaken at Rs 40,000 crore and Sabarmati devel-

opment cost only Rs 7,000 crore?" he asked.

Rama Rao sought to know the purpose of the Musi Riverfront Development Project and its Return on Investment. He pointed out that Revanth Reddy and his Ministers were not clear whether it was a beautification, rejuvenation or riverfront development project. He stated that if the government planned to oust the poor and turn it into a real estate project, none would support it.

The BRS working president also ridiculed the State government for taking up such an expensive project while claiming to have no funds for public welfare and infrastructure development programmes.

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Iranian man helped Israel track Nasrallah: Report

BEIRUT

A man, who originally came from Iran, shook the hand of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and managed to smear a substance on him that allowed Israel to track him, according to a media report quoting sources.

Due to the fact that the body of the Hezbollah leader was exhumed intact, there are increasing estimates that Nasrallah died as a result of suffocation, in great agony, as reported on Sunday evening by Channel 12 News.

According to sources, the man shook the hand of Hezbollah leader and managed to smear a substance on him

It was also reported that as he was in a place without ventilation, the Air Force bombings resulted in gases entering the room, causing him to suffocate to death, Saudi Al Hadath news channel reported. The IDF in-

formed earlier that 20 more terrorists were killed alongside Nasrallah in the attack on Hezbollah's central headquarters in Beirut.

"In a precise attack by the Israeli Air Force and under the direction of the intelligence wing, fighter jets attacked and killed the leader of the Hezbollah terrorist organisation Hassan Nasrallah, and the commander of the southern front Ali Karaki, one of the senior commanders who remained in the organisation before the attack," it said. (SEE PAGE 2)

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US opens 2.5 lakh additional visa slots

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The US Mission to India opened an additional 2,50,000 visa appointments for Indian travellers, including tourists, skilled workers, and students.

The recently released new slots will help hundreds of thousands of Indian applicants take timely interviews, facilitating the travel, which is the backbone of the people-to-people ties that underpin the US-India relationship. The US Mission to India has al-

Nominal parking fee now at Nagole, Miyapur Metros

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited (L&TMRHL) on Monday came up with crucial announcements related introduction of nominal parking fee at Nagole and Miyapur metro stations, launch of a range of parking amenities for passenger convenience and the extension of a host of customer offers till next year March 31.

From Sunday, October 6, L&TMRHL will introduce nominal parking fees at Nagole and Miyapur metro stations. (REPORT PAGE 3)

HYDRAA terrorising people, deviating from law, says HC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
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The Telangana High Court disapproved of the actions of the Ameenpur tahsildar and HYDRAA at demolishing sites without following the due process of law. Mincing no words, Justice K Lakshman said the court was not happy with HYDRAA.

He also said the agency was terrorising the people, deviating from what was stipulated in GO Ms 99 as functions of HYDRAA, and asked both the officials not to commit illegal activities for pleasing their political

Key observations

APPRECIATES INTENT OF HYDRAA IN DEMOLISHING ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, BUT SAYS DEMOLITIONS CARRIED OUT IN VIOLATION OF PROCEDURE

- Asks how authorities can proceed with demolitions on Sundays or holidays despite clear judgements of Supreme Court and Telangana HC
- Questions HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath and Ameenpur Tahsildar if they were aware of the law and judgements on demolitions
- Suggests both officials not to commit any illegal activities for "pleasing their political bosses and executive bosses"

Reprimands Tahsildar for passing an order on **SEPT 20**, serving the same on petitioner the next day at 6:30 pm and going ahead with demolition on **SEPT 22 AT 7.30 AM**

and executive bosses. "While we appreciate the intent of the HYDRAA in demolishing illegal structures, we do not appreciate the manner in which demolitions are carried out in violations. (REPORT PAGE 4)

Keep Gods out of politics, says SC

Questions Naidu's statement on laddu row

NEW DELHI

Observing that Gods should be kept away from politics, the Supreme Court on Monday questioned Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's public statement that animal fat was allegedly used in making Tirupati laddus under the previous YS Jaganmohan Reddy-led regime.

The apex court said the laboratory test report was "not clear at all" and it prima facie indicated that 'rejected ghee' was subjected to test. It is very clear from the report that this is not the Ghee which has been used. Unless you are sure, how did you go to public with that?" a Bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan said.

"It is not clear at all and it is prima facie indicating that these were rejected ghee which were subjected to test. If you yourself have ordered investigation, where is the need to go to the press?" the Bench told senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, who was appearing for Andhra Pradesh. The top court was hearing a batch of pleas, including those seeking a court-monitored probe into the alleged use of ani-

Apex court flays Bengal govt

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday expressed dissatisfaction over "tardy" progress by West Bengal government in installation of CCTVs and construction of toilets and separate resting rooms at medical facilities, and directed the State government to complete ongoing work by October 15. The apex court was hearing a suo motu case related to the rape and murder of a postgraduate medic at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

The top court also reiterated its earlier order that no intermediary is allowed to publish the name and photo of the victim in the case. As the hearing commenced, advocate Vrinda Grover told a Bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that the parents of the deceased victim are disconcerted by repeated clips in social media disclosing her name and photos. (REPORT PAGE 7)

mal fat in making Tirupati laddus. Observing that these pleas pertain to an issue which affects the sentiments of crores of people living in the world, the Bench noted the Chief Minister had gone public making a statement that animal fat was being used to make Tirupati laddus under the previous regime. It said according to the State, an FIR was registered on September 25 and a SIT was constituted on September 26 to probe the matter. "It could thus be seen that the statement made by the Chief Minister was even prior to the FIR being lodged and the SIT being constituted on September 26, in as much as the Chief Minister has gone in public on September 18," the Bench said. "We are prima facie of the view that when investigation is under process, it was not appropriate on the part of a higher constitutional functionary to go in public to make a statement which can affect sentiments of crores of people," it said. The Bench asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to assist it in deciding whether the probe by the SIT should continue or the probe should be conducted by an independent agency. While posting the matter for hearing on October 3, it asked the top law officer to ponder over the issue and assist it in this regard. (RELATED REPORT PAGE 7)