

NATION | PAGE 08 RG Kar: Junior doctors ready for talks, refuse



WORLD | PAGE 09

Trump kicks off rally with below-the-belt remark

Republican nominee shares story about golfer Arnold Palmer, praises his genitalia



SPORT | PAGE 10

New Zealand's historic Test win over India after 36 years

FALSE CLAIM

40 लाख किसानों का कर्ज माप

40 लाख

किसानों का

### In a nutshell

#### **Ex-boyfriend sets** girl ablaze in AP

BADVEL: A 16-year-old girl was allegedly burnt to death by her former boyfriend over repeated demand to marry her. J Vignesh allegedly poured petrol and set her ablaze on the outskirts of Badvel in Kadapa district. "The incident took place around 10 am on Saturday, leading to her hospitalisation at Kadapa RIMS hospital. She succumbed to her burns around 3 am on Sunday," the local police said. PTI NATION PAGE 7

#### Dalit teen assaulted

KANPUR: A 16-year-old Dalit boy was allegedly assaulted by a group of students who forced him to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' here, police said on Sunday. A purported video of the incident surfaced online, prompting police to register an FIR under sections of the BNS and Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Police said the boy was allegedly assaulted by a group of students. PTI

#### **Modi unveils slew** of projects in UP

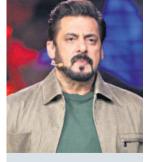
VARANASI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday announced or inaugurated developmental projects worth Rs 6,700 crore here. He made the announcements from Sports Complex, Sigra, in his parliamentary constituency. Modi inaugurated RJ Sankara eye hospital being run by Kanchi Math. Among the projects, 16 development projects worth over Rs 3 200 crore are in Varanasi. PTI NATION PAGE 8

### **Row after idols** vandalised in Bihar

**BHAGALPUR:** People staged protests in Bihar's Bhagalpur district on Sunday after idols in a temple were found vandalised, police said. One person has been arrested in connection with the incident in Sanhaula police station area. Security forces staged a flag march in the area as people staged protests and burnt tyres on the roads. A case has been registered. PTI **NATION PAGE 7** 

#### CHICKEN RATES **IN HYDERABAD**

Farm	Rs. 120
Retail live	Rs. 142
With skin	Rs. 206
Skinless	Rs. 234
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 72



### Salman on what he's facing

**Bollywood superstar** alludes to recent events on Bigg Boss 18

# **Rythu Bharosa betrayal:** Cong govt faces ryots' ire

Protests break out across Telangana after govt scraps aid for this Vanakalam

STATE BUREAU HYDERABAD

Protests erupted across Telangana on Sunday as angry farmers, along with BRS cadres, took to the streets, burning effigies of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao, demanding the immediate release of Rythu Bharosa investment support for Vanakalam (kharif).

Farmers were outraged, accusing the Congress government of betraying them by not only delaying the promised financial assistance for the previous Yasangi (rabi) season, but also denying it for entire Vanakalam now. The protests had begun on Saturday itself, soon after Nageswara Rao very quietly announced that farmers would be given Rythu Bharosa assistance only from the next rabi season, indirectly stating that there would be no financial support from the government for this Vanakalam. The reason he gave was that the Cabinet sub-committee on



BRS activists and farmers burn an effigy of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy during a protest against the delay in implementing the Rythu Bharosa scheme, at Nalgonda on Sunday

the scheme was yet to submit its report.

The statement triggered widespread unrest, with farmers accusing the government of deliberately stalling the assistance that

they were being given without fail since 2018 by the previous BRS government.

In response to a call from BRS working president KT Rama Rao, BRS activists and farmers staged protests

across the State. Demonstrations were held in the erstwhile districts of Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar, Rangareddy and others, where protesters

raised slogans against the Congress-led government for failing to honour its electoral promise of providing Rs 15,000 per acre in annual investment support.

# Cong in soup for false loan waiver claims

STATE BUREAU

The Congress has once again found itself in hot water after making misleading claims on the national level about the implementation of the crop loan waiver scheme in Telangana. The party recently boasted that it had waived loans for 40 lakh farmers, which is being termed as grossly inflated and deceptive.
On Sunday, the offi-

cial national handle of the Congress on X posted that the Telan-

gana Congress government had waived loans for 40 lakh farmers under its crop loan waiver scheme. The post, accompanied by a poster of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, claimed: "We said it, we did it."

However, facts paint a different picture, with Revanth Reddy's own words negating his party's claims. In an official letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 7, countering his claims that the loan waiver was not implemented in Telangana, Revanth Reddy confirmed that the Congress government had waived loans for 22,22,067 farmers, amounting to Rs 17,869.22 crore in three phases. This starkly contrasts the 40 lakh farmers figure the party flaunted on social media.

BRS working president KT Rama Rao was quick to react, ridiculing the inflated number. He quipped that much like the AI-generated image in the Congress post, the figure mentioned was also "AI (Anumula Intelligence) generated".

# Experts flag loopholes in Musi project

S SANDEEP KUMAR

Is the State government moving in the right direction with the Musi riverfront development project? Environmentalists, activists and others feel that the Revanth Reddy government is failing to focus on core issues such as ensuring flow of treated water in the river, and instead focusing more on cosmetic changes, which might look good but serve no long-lasting purpose.

"River restoration is not iust about constructing skyscrapers, bridges or recreation facilities. If the State government was committed to the rejuvenation of Musi river, it should first focus on ensuring the flow of treated water in the river," public expert Donthi Narasimha Reddy said.

This apart, the focus was limited to 55 km of the river, while the Musi covers 267 km from Ananthagiri to Nalgonda. If the rejuvenation was confined to one particular stretch, what about the rest of it, he asked, pointing out that prevention of pollution in the river

If the State govt is committed to Musi rejuvenation, it should first focus on ensuring flow of treated water

> - D NARASIMHA REDDY, PUBLIC POLICY EXPERT

should be accorded top priority over other aspects, failing which the very purpose of rejuvenation would be defeated.

If the murky waters continue to come in from the rest of the river, what was the point in spending such a huge amount to clean or develop just 55 km is what the critics ask. This is where the project initiated by the pre-Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government

comes into focus. Estimated to cost around Rs 16,800 crore, the most crucial part of the project was to treat the water that flows in the nalas before reaching the Musi.

(SEE PAGES 2, 5)

### 25 more flights get bomb threats

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

causing nardships to hun

turned out to be hoaxes.

Six flights each of In-Sunday, sources said.

On Sunday, a handle on of hoax bomb threats. PTI

As many as 25 flights of Indian airlines received bomb threats on Sunday, dreds of passengers and forcing authorities to move scores of planes to isolation bays at airports concerned for detailed checks.

The developments came a day after more than 30 flights of various Indian carriers received bomb threats. This week, nearly 100 flights received threats sending security agencies into a tizzy. The threats

diGo, Vistara, Air India and Akasa Air, and at least one flight of Air India Express received the threats on

X that had issued bomb threats to some flights was blocked. Against the backdrop of bomb threats, mostly through social media, to airlines, the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) held a meeting with representatives of airlines on Saturday. The Civil Aviation Ministry plans to put in place strict norms to prevent incidents

### **CARNAGE CONTINUES**



Smoke rises from Israeli airstrikes on Dahiyeh, in the southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon, on Sunday. Meanwhile, Israeli strikes on homes in the northern Gaza Strip have left at least 87 people dead or missing. — Photo: AP (REPORTS PAGE 9)

## Doc, 6 labourers killed in J&K terror attack

A doctor and six labourers were killed when terrorists struck a tunnel-construction site on the Srinagar-Leh national highway in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Sunday.

The unidentified terrorists carried out the attack when the labourers and

other staff working on the tunnel project at Gund in Ganderbal returned to their camp late in the evening, officials said. They said the terrorists — believed to be at least two - opened indiscriminate fire on the group of labourers that included both locals and non-locals.

While two labourers died on the spot, four others and the doctor succumbed to their injuries subsequently, the officials said, adding that five people are undergoing treatment for injuries.

The deceased have been identified as Dr Shahnawaz, Faheem Nazir, Kaleem, Mohammad Hanif, Shashi Abrol, Anil Shukla and Gurmeet Singh. Security forces have cordoned off the area and launched a search operation to track down the attackers, the officials said.

Condemning the attack, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said those involved in the heinous act will not be spared. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the toll may rise. "The seriously injured are being referred to SKIMS, Srinagar," he posted on X. PTI

# Blast near school sparks security alert in Delhi



NSG personnel inspect the area near the CRPF school where the blast took place, at Rohini in New Delhi on Sunday. — Photo: PTI

A loud explosion near a CRPF school at Prashant Vihar in Rohini on Sunday morning sparked a security alert in the national capital. No one was injured in the blast, which initial investigation suggests could have been caused by a crude bomb, officials said.

Teams from the National Investigation Agency (NIA), National Security Guard (NSG), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Delhi Police cordoned off the area and forensic experts collected samples from the site **Initial probe suggests** crude bomb may have been used in explosion near CRPF school at Rohini; NIA and NSG teams on site

to ascertain the cause of the explosion, which was reported at around 7.50 am. Police said a school wall,

nearby shops and a car were damaged. Security has already been stepped up in Delhi due to the festival season. Plumes of smoke could

be seen billowing from the spot in purported videos of the incident. Also, two cars were parked near the explosion site and some twowheelers passed by seconds before the explosion. Local residents said the blast was "intense" and there was a foul smell in the area after it.

"FSL and NSG teams conducted an inspection of the spot and lifted samples. A case vide FIR No. 512/24 u/s 326(g) BNS, 4 Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act & 3 Explosives Act has been registered at PS Prashant Vihar, Rohini," the police said. PTI

### Woman bobbitises husband after tiff

STATE BUREAU

A Chenchu woman cut off the private parts of her husband while he was sleeping after the couple had a heated argument, at a village under Lingala mandal

in the district. Though the incident occurred last week, it came to light on Saturday. Lingala is the same mandal where a youngster attempted to die by suicide due to humiliation after police tonsured

the heads of three youths for combing their hair in front of the Sub-Inspector. In the latest incident,

both the husband and wife are from the Chenchu tribe and were reportedly at loggerheads over some issues. Though the exact reason for the argument remains unknown, the wife was upset with her husband's behaviour, according to reports. While he was asleep, the enraged wife cut off his private parts at night, according to reports. (SEE PAGE 2)