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In a nutshell

Gussadi exponent Kanaka Raju dead

ASIFABAD: Padma Shri awardee and Gussadi dance master Kanaka Raju passed away due to illness at his native place Marlavai in Jainoor mandal on Friday. He was 84. He was conferred the fourth highest civilian award of the country for his outstanding contributions to Gussadi, a traditional dance form, in 2021. He was awarded Rs 1 crore by former CM K Chandrababhan Naidu for his contributions.

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3 hotels in Tirupati receive threat

TIRUPATI: Three hotels in the temple town of Tirupati received bomb threats via emails which turned out to be hoaxes. Police pressed sniffer dogs and bomb disposal squads into service after three private hotels received the bomb threats through emails. The hotels in Leela Mahal, Kapila Theertham and Alipiri areas received the email. **IANS**

Suicide bid at panchayat office

HYDERABAD: Allegedly upset over delays in getting his property certificate from the panchayat officials, a man tried to kill himself at the Gram Panchayat office in Yacharam on Thursday. M Madhusudan (38) had been requesting for a property certificate for applying for a home loan. But the officials were allegedly delaying the process. Upset, he consumed unknown poisonous substance.

Over 25 flights get bomb threats

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: More than 25 domestic and international flights operated by Indian carriers received bomb threats on Friday. Sources in the know said around seven flights each of IndiGo, Vistara and SpiceJet got the threats, while six flights of Air India received the threats. **PTI NATION PAGE 8**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

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

Dana leaves 2 dead in WB, causes damage in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR/KOLKATA

Severe cyclonic storm Dana struck the eastern coast early on Friday, triggering torrential rain and high-speed winds uprooting trees and electric poles, and caused significant damage to infrastructure and crops in some districts of Odisha and West Bengal.

While Odisha claimed that it achieved its 'zero casualty mission', two deaths were reported from Bengal. As Cyclone Dana weakened into a deep depression and moved westward, authorities launched extensive relief and rehabilitation efforts on a war-footing in the affected regions. In both Odisha and West Bengal,



Vehicles move on a waterlogged road amid rain in the aftermath of Cyclone Dana, in Kolkata on Friday. — Photo: PTI

flights, railways and buses swiftly resumed operations soon after the storm passed as authorities worked to assess and clear any disruptions caused by the cyclone, which made landfall between Dhamra and Bhitarkanika past midnight.

Odisha Revenue Minister Suresh Pujari announced damage assessment work will commence on Saturday and be completed in seven days, stating that all major road blockages caused by fallen trees have been cleared. **PTI**

Police families step up stir

Several women, children stage fierce protests in front of Secretariat

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

The protests by family members of police personnel of different battalions, which was hitherto limited to the districts, reached Hyderabad on Friday, with several women and children staging fierce demonstrations in front of the Secretariat.

Despite police trying to brutally suppress the protest by caning the women and children, many rushed towards the Secretariat and raised slogans against the State government. With the situation apparently slipping out of control, Additional Director General of Police SK Jain issued a circular keeping the contentious Recorded Permission for TGSP personnel in abeyance till further orders. All Battalion Commandants were also instructed to conduct dardars with the battalion personnel and obtain their representations or grievances, and make specific recommendations. Earlier in the day, many women from different parts of the State arrived in the city for the protest. One of them from the Nalgonda battalion said she had come



Police personnel detaining a protestor at the Secretariat in Hyderabad on Friday.

here all the way to meet her bridegroom. "He is being posted at different places and due to abnormal working hours and postings, our marriage is getting delayed," she said. The State government should post the police personnel at one place. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Praveen urges CM to help constables

HYDERABAD: BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar demanded that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, who holds the portfolio of Home Department, meet the families of special police constables at

the earliest and resolve their grievances.

Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Friday, the former IPS officer reminded the Chief Minister that he had prom-

ised to implement the 'Ek Police' system in Telangana — formulating the same rules for all police personnel — as was done in neighbouring Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Court directs Surekha not to pass defamatory remarks

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The Hyderabad City Civil Court on Friday issued interim injunction orders restraining Minister Konda Surekha from making any defamatory remarks maligning the reputation of BRS working president KT Rama Rao in the Rs 100-crore criminal defamation case filed by him.

The court felt that as a responsible Minister, her remarks were highly objectionable.

According to a statement issued by the BRS, the court ordered for the removal of defamatory articles, videos and other content, pertaining to Surekha's remarks, from the public domain.

Accordingly, it directed the media, social media platforms, websites and other digital content platforms to take down the related content immediately.

Orders have been issued to YouTube, Google and

Court ordered removal of defamatory articles, videos pertaining to Surekha's remarks from the public domain

— BRS STATEMENT

Meta Inc (Facebook) to remove all related videos and content comprising these comments, while media outlets that broadcast or published these remarks were directed to remove all related content from social media platforms.

'Harmful impact'
 The court observed that Surekha's comments could have a harmful impact on society as a Minister and directed that no articles and videos linked to her remarks should be available in public

domain. This was probably the first time that a court expressed such strong disapproval in a defamation case involving someone at the ministerial level, the BRS said, pointing out that Surekha was reprimanded by the Election Commission of India (ECI) as well for making similar remarks during the elections earlier this year.

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president had approached the court and filed a criminal defamation case for Rs 100 crore against the Minister for repeatedly making defamatory remarks against him by holding him responsible for the divorce of an actor couple, and refusing to apologise.

Rama Rao had made it clear that he would not tolerate any allegations that damaged his reputation and issued warnings to anyone attempting to make such derogatory statements about him.

Apollo Hospitals chopper damaged, complaint filed

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

A complaint was lodged by the Apollo Hospitals management over alleged deliberate damage to its private jet which was parked at the Begumpet airport here.

The incident, which is suspected to have occurred in April, came to light after Chief Security Officer of Apollo Hospitals Jagjeet Singh lodged a complaint with the Begumpet police here on Thursday.

According to the Begumpet police, the aircraft, registered as VT-PCR, was parked at the Begumpet airport for two weeks in April this year. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

India, China begin troop disengagement

NEW DELHI

India and China have begun troop disengagement at the two friction points at Demchok and Dapsang Plains in eastern Ladakh and this process is likely to get completed by October 28-29, Army sources said on Friday.

The process follows an agreement firmed up between the two countries on patrolling and disengagement of troops along the LAC in eastern Ladakh, a major breakthrough to end the over four-year standoff.

Sources said patrolling will begin at the two friction points once the disengagement is done and both sides will dismantle temporary structures. **PTI**

'Revanth tapping phones of Ministers, opposition leaders'

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was tapping the phones of his own Ministers, opposition leaders and other prominent leaders.

Dismissing accusations by the Congress of BRS' involvement in phone-tapping and irregularities in the KLIS, he challenged the Chief Minister to prove his claims and also dared him to take a lie detector test before the media to prove he was not engaging in phone tapping.

He asserted that Revanth Reddy's government was tapping phones of not only

Studying in Canada risky: Envoy

Says many students ended life, returned in body bags

NEW DELHI

Indians hoping to study in Canada should think twice because many students have ended up in substandard colleges with no job prospects despite spending lakhs of rupees, resulting in depression and suicide, India's top envoy there said.

"At one point of time in my tenure, at least two bodies of students were being sent to India in body bags per week," Sanjay Verma, who served as India's High Commissioner to Canada from 2022, said. Rather than face their parents after failure, "they were committing suicide".

Verma returned to India earlier this month amid a flaming diplomatic row with Canada over the Khal-

istani separatist issue. He and five other diplomats were named 'person of interest' by Canada, meaning they were to be interrogated in a murder investigation into the 2023 killing of a Canadian citizen named by India as a Khalistani terrorist. Rather than be subjected to diplomatic ignominy, India recalled Verma and the others on October 19 in what has turned out to be the worst diplomatic row between the two nations.

Verma said he would have given this advice to parents even if relations with Canada were good, saying his heartfelt plea comes from being a father himself. "They have gone there to dream of a future, and were returning in body bags," he said in the interview, his first on camera since returning.

Parents should research colleges well before deciding, Verma said, adding that unscrupulous agents are responsible for the plight of the students who end up in little-known colleges. **PTI**

Chief Minister dared by BRS to take lie detector test before media to prove he was not engaging in phone tapping

Ministers but even of leaders within the Congress. "If Revanth has the guts, let him join me for a public lie detector test and declare openly that he is not involved in phone-tapping Ministers or opposition members," he said.

Participating in the ABP Southern Rising Summit here on Friday, the BRS working president pointed

out that Revanth Reddy was caught red-handed with Rs 50 lakh in the 'Vote for Note' case where he tried to bribe a legislator. "How can someone with such a record of unethical actions speak against us?" he asked, terming the Congress accusations against the BRS even after coming to power mere diversion tactics to cover up its failures to deliver on poll promises, including the Six Guarantees, within first 100 days. Rama Rao targeted Rahul Gandhi for his hypocrisy, questioning why he, who spoke of justice, equality and Constitution, was silent about the Congress government's actions against marginalised communities in TG. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Protest in CM's Kodangal segment over pharma village

STATE BUREAU
 Kodangal

Tension prevailed in Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's Kodangal constituency, with farmers and villagers opposing land acquisition for the proposed pharma village, since Friday morning.

A few of the protestors, including a woman, were injured after police resorted to lathi-charge to bring the situation under control. The tense atmosphere prevailed till late in the afternoon.

A programme was scheduled at Rotibanda thanda under Dudyala mandal by the district administration to seek the villagers' opinion on the establishment of the pharma village. However, even before the programme could commence, villagers vociferously raised slogans against the Congress government and resolved that they would not part with their land for the pharma village.



Cops lathi-charge protestors at Rotibanda thanda under Dudyala mandal on Friday.

As Dudyala mandal Congress president Auta Shekhar tried to argue with the villagers over the establishment of the pharma village, the residents got irked and thrashed him. In the melee, the Congress leader's car got slightly damaged as stones were hurled at the vehicle.

Sensing trouble, the police tried to intervene, but with the residents continuing to argue with the Congress leader, after which he was taken to the gram panchayat office. He was locked up in the office by the police to ensure that there was no untoward incident, but the villagers tried to break open the doors using poles.

Later, the Congress leaders were escorted out of the venue under police protection. The police had a tough time getting the situation under control as the agitated residents continued to argue with the Congress leaders. They even obstructed the police in escorting them out of the venue.

The residents said majority of the farmers in the area were small and marginal ryots owning about two-three acres. **(SEE PAGE 2)**