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**In a nutshell**

**India, China troops disengage on LAC**

**SRINAGAR:** The disengagement process between India and China on the LAC in Eastern Ladakh was completed on Tuesday after which the two armies started verification of positions and dismantling of infrastructure by each other. Sources said that dismantling of temporary structures in Depsang and Demchok is almost complete and a certain amount of verification has already taken place.

**2 more terrorists killed in J&K**

**JAMMU:** Security forces on Tuesday gunned down two terrorists holed up in a forest area near a village in the Akhnoor sector in Jammu and Kashmir, taking the number of militants killed in the 27-hour gunfight near the LoC to three. One of the three terrorists who fired at an ambulance that was part of an army convoy moving near the LoC on Monday morning was killed by evening.

**Kerala CPI(M) leader arrested**

**KANNUR:** CPI(M) leader P P Divya, accused in the suicide case of Kannur Additional District Magistrate Naveen Babu, was arrested by Kerala Police, hours after a court rejected her anticipatory bail plea. After recording her arrest, Divya was taken for a medical examination and then produced before a magistrate in Tali-paramba who remanded her to 14 days judicial custody.

**Over 150 injured in fireworks mishap**

**KASARAGOD:** A fire accident during a Theyyam performance at a temple near Neeleswaram left 154 people injured, eight of them seriously, when firecrackers stored in the vicinity exploded. Kasargod District Police chief D Shilpa announced the formation of a SIT to probe into the fire accident. The incident occurred at Anjoottan-balam Veererkavu Temple.

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 123
Retail live.....	Rs. 145
With skin.....	Rs. 210
Skinless.....	Rs. 239
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 74

## New company registrations decline in Telangana

State sees over 10% dip as compared to the corresponding period last year

STATE BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

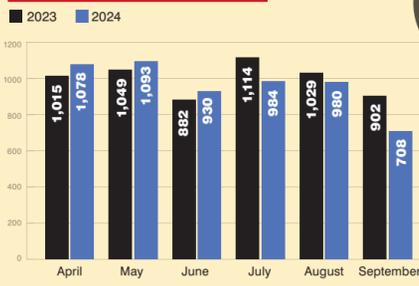
Telangana witnessed a significant decline in new company registrations between July and September this fiscal, compared to the same period in 2023-24, according to the latest report of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Hyderabad was ranked fifth in terms of year-on-year growth among the top 10 districts but witnessed more than 10 per cent drop in registrations when compared to the corresponding period last year.

In the first half of the current financial year, around 5,773 companies were registered in Telangana as against 5,991 during the same period last fiscal. There was a marginal increase during the first quarter of the current financial year compared to last year, which fell drastically during the second quarter. The numbers plummeted in September, with 708 company registrations this year against 902 in September last.

In terms of capital investments by the newly regis-

**Worrisome trend**

(COMPANY REGISTRATIONS)



tered companies, Telangana received Rs 361.55 crore in the first half of the current financial year against Rs 505.82 crore during the corresponding period last year. Experts termed it as a warning signal and suggested that the State government initiate corrective measures to bring fresh investments.

Responding to the worrisome trend on X, former Finance Minister and senior BRS MLA T Harish Rao said it had a severe impact on economic development in

Telangana. He shared the Ministry of Corporate Affairs report, where a notable decrease in new company registrations in Telangana was recorded.

He pointed out that this decline was adversely affecting capital investments and employment opportunities in the State, leading to a decrease in both direct and indirect tax revenues.

He went on to criticise the Congress government led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for failing to achieve

**5,991** TOTAL **5,773**

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**T HARISH RAO, FORMER FINANCE MINISTER**

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Meanwhile, BRS working president KT Rama Rao took a dig at the Congress government in Telangana over declining investments in the State. Sharing data on fresh projects in the last six months, he congratulated Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Ra-

asthan, Tamil Nadu and Odisha for securing top spots in attracting the largest investments to their respective States in the order. "Where is Telangana? Did they not count the Swach Bio and Adani investments?" he asked, taking a jibe at the Congress government in the State. The investments in Telangana during the first six months of the current fiscal stood at Rs 5,651.87 crore, and the State was ranked eighth among the investment destinations.

## Free health cover for all above 70 years

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday launched development projects worth nearly Rs 12,850 crore and extended his government's flagship health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat to all senior citizens aged 70 and above. The major push in the health sector was unveiled on the occasion of the ninth Ayurveda Day and the birth anniversary of Dhanvantari, the Hindu god of medicine.

Modi also inaugurated phase II of India's first All India Institute of Ayurveda in the national capital which includes a Panchakarma hospital, an Ayurvedic pharmacy for drug manufacturing, a sports medicine unit, a central library, an IT and startup incubation centre, and a 500-seat auditorium among others.

In an innovative usage of drone technology to enhance service delivery and make healthcare more accessible, Modi launched drone services at 11 tertiary healthcare institutions. These are AIIMS-Rishikesh in Uttarakhand, AIIMS-Bibinagar in Telangana, AIIMS-Guwahati, AIIMS-Bhopal, AIIMS-

**Healthy initiatives**

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- Includes Panchakarma hospital, Ayurvedic pharmacy and sports medicine unit among others
- Drone services at 11 tertiary healthcare institutions, including at AIIMS-Bibinagar
- Lays foundation for ESIC hospital at Atchutapuram in Andhra Pradesh
- Inaugurates five projects under PLI scheme for medical devices and bulk drugs at Vapi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Kakinada, Nalagarh

**NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER**

I apologise to all the elderly aged 70 and above in Delhi and West Bengal that I cannot serve them. The reason is that the governments in Delhi and West Bengal are not joining the Ayushman Bharat scheme due to their political interests

Jodhpur in Rajasthan, AIIMS-Patna, AIIMS-Bilaspur, AIIMS-Raebareli, AIIMS-Raipur in Chhattisgarh, AIIMS-Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh and RIMS-Imphal in Manipur.

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## 60 KILLED IN ISRAELI STRIKE



An Israeli army soldier checks the identification document of a Palestinian in the West Bank town of Qusra. An Israeli strike on a five-storey building, where displaced Palestinians were sheltering in the northern Gaza Strip, killed at least 60 people. — Photo: AP (REPORT PAGE 9)

## Meth lab with links to Mexican drug cartel busted in NCR, five arrested

NEW DELHI

A meth lab having links to a Mexican drug cartel was recently uncovered in Noida and five people, including a Tihar Jail warden and two Delhi-based businessmen, were arrested in connection with it, the Narcotics Control Bureau said.

In a statement, the NCB said the lab was busted in the Kasna industrial area of Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddh Nagar district on October 25 and about 95 kg of methamphetamine, a synthetic drug, was found on the premises both in

**Police said 95 kg of methamphetamine, a synthetic drug, was found on the premises both in solid and liquid forms**

solid and liquid forms. The Special Dell of the Delhi Police was also roped in by the federal anti-narcotics agency as "the drug network has footprints across several places in the National Capital Region". During a preliminary en-

quiry, it has come out that a Delhi-based businessman, found at the factory during the raid, along with the Tihar Jail warden, was "instrumental" in establishing the illegal factory, procuring chemicals required for the drugs from various sources and importing the machinery, NCB Deputy Director General (Operations) Gyaneshwar Singh said. He said a Mumbai-based chemist was roped in by these people to manufacture the drug.

The quality of the drug was tested by a Mexican drug cartel member resid-

ing in Delhi, Singh added. The official said these four people were arrested and produced before a special Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act court here on October 27 which sent them to three-day NCB custody.

An "important member" of the syndicate and "close associate" of the Delhi-based businessman was apprehended in follow-up action from Delhi's Rajouri Garden area, he said, adding that this person was being produced before a court for his custody. PTI

## Blind couple lives with body for 4 days

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

In a shocking incident, a visually impaired couple in Nagole stayed with the body of their younger son for about four days before their plight was noticed by local residents.

The couple, K Ramanna (65) and Shanti Kumari (60) lived with their son K Pramod (30) in Blinds Colony of Nagole. On Monday, the locals sensed a foul smell emanating from the couple's house and informed the police. The police entered the house and

noticed the body of Pramod lying inside in a decomposed state.

Nagole Inspector A Surya Nayak said when the police team reached the house, the couple was found in a semi-conscious state. The police suspect Pramod died in sleep about four days ago,

and since then, the parents, who are dependent on him for food and water, have not taken anything. "Only after post-mortem, we will know the exact cause of death," he said. On being informed by the police, the couple's elder son took them to his house.

## Ex-sub registrar held for land scam

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The Jeedimetla police arrested a former sub-registrar of the Qutbullapur office for allegedly registering land documents obtained fraudulently by a person.

The official, P Jyothy, SRO, currently working with Chits and Finance Registration office in the city, during her tenure as Qutbullapur SRO, registered land documents submitted by one Padmaja Reddy. The documents pertained to 200 square yards of land located at Qutbullapur mandal. A case was registered after the scam came to light, and Padmaja Reddy

was arrested by the police earlier in the case. The police found that Jyothy had colluded with others and registered the documents. On Tuesday, the police arrested Jyothy and produced her before the court.

Meanwhile, the ACB officials caught Venkoba, Assistant Executive Engineer, Circle XI, GHMC in Rajendranagar for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000 on Tuesday. Venkoba allegedly demanded bribe from the complainant for doing an official favour, i.e., to record the measurements in the M Book for the work completed by him.

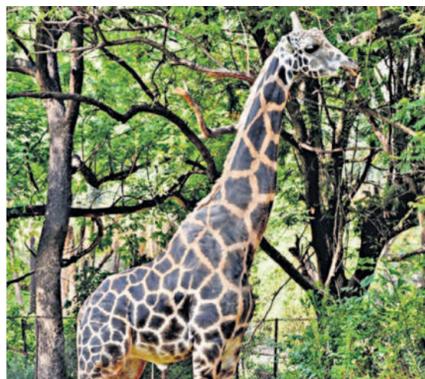
## 20-year-old giraffe 'Tsunami Basant' dies at Nehru zoo

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Tsunami Basant, a 20-year-old male Giraffe, died due to old age complications at the Nehru Zoological Park, late on Monday night. According to the zoo officials, Basant was born during the Tsunami calamity in 2004 in National Zoological Park, New Delhi, and was brought to Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, as part of an animal exchange programme in 2009.

Basant was suffering from arthritis in the hind legs since the last two years and was being treated under the guidance of Zoo Deputy Director (Vet) Dr M A Hakeem.

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