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In a nutshell

Debt-ridden ryot dies by suicide

WARANGAL: A debt-ridden farmer of Chandru thanda at Wardhannapet mandal in Warangal district ended his life by consuming pesticide on Saturday. The deceased was identified as Banothu Maibu Naik. According to reports, Naik, who was depressed over mounting debts, went to his fields in the morning and consumed pesticide. A case was registered and an investigation is under way.

4 killed in K'taka road accident

KALABURAGI: Four people were killed after their car collided with a pickup goods vehicle near Maragutti cross in Kamalapur taluk here early on Saturday, police said. The deceased have been identified as Bhargav Krishna (55) from Hyderabad, his wife Sangeetha (45) and their son Uttam Raghavan (28), police said, adding that the identity of the deceased car driver has not yet been established. PTI

Woman gunned down in Manipur

IMPHAL: Unidentified armed assailants gunned down a Meitei woman in Manipur's Bishnupur district on Saturday, police said. Police said the unidentified men fired on Sapam Ongbi Sonia Devi when she was working in her paddy field at Saiton village in Bishnupur, killing her on the spot. The identity of the attackers and the motive behind the killing remain unknown, but local media blamed Kuki militants. IANS

NEET aspirant held hostage, raped

KANPUR: A minor student from Fatehpur, who moved here to prepare for her medical entrance exam NEET at a prominent coaching institute, was allegedly held hostage for over six months and raped by two of her teachers, police said. The ordeal began for the student in December 2022, when she was putting up at a city hostel. However, the case was registered only on Friday. NATION PAGE 7

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 110
Retail live.....	Rs. 132
With skin.....	Rs. 191
Skinless.....	Rs. 218
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 76

People know what they lost, BRS will return to power: KCR

Points out to rising unrest in society, frequent protests against ruling Congress

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Breaking a long silence, BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao on Saturday asserted that the people of the State had realised what they lost without the party that nurtured Telangana so well for so long.

Pointing out the increasing unrest among different sections of society and the frequent protests against the ruling Congress, he expressed confidence that the BRS would return to power, with the people still having great faith in the party.

Speaking to party workers from the Palakurthi Assembly constituency, who called on him at his Erravalli residence, Chandrashekar Rao opened up in his unique way, sharing his genuine thoughts and feelings about the State, what was happening in the districts and, in the process, making some critical observations, thus reaching out to the people.

Pointing out the dismal performance of the Congress government, he said it was 11 months since the new



BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao extending financial support to the family of Lakavath Srinu Naik, a tribal youth who ended his life at a police station following alleged torture by policemen, at Erravalli on Saturday.

government was formed, and people have realised what they have lost. They were closely observing the current situation, he said, and assured the BRS leaders that there was no need to worry as the public had great faith in the party.

Expressing complete confidence that the BRS would return to power in Telangana, Chandrashekar Rao

emphasised that governance was not just about words but about action. Asserting that the BRS did not, and does not, make empty promises and that the government should protect everyone, build an equitable society and benefit the people, Chandrashekar Rao criticised the Congress government for its approach. (SEE PAGE 2)

Congress leaders join BRS

Leaders from the Congress in Palakurthi joined the BRS under the leadership of former Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao. They were welcomed into the party with pink scarves offered by Chandrashekar Rao. The event was attended by leaders Gandhi Naik, Billa Sudheer Reddy, Animireddy, Munavat Narsimha Naik, Pansoori Naveen Kumar, Srinivas Rao, Rangu Kumar and others. BRS also extended support to the family of Lakavath Srinu Naik, a tribal youth who ended his life at a police station after alleged police torture. (SEE PAGE 2)

Canada ends fast-track visas for int'l students

OTTAWA

Canada has ended with immediate effect the popular fast-track study visa programme, SDS, a major policy decision that is likely to impact scores of international students, including from India.

The processing time for students applying under the Student Direct Stream (SDS) was significantly shorter and approval rates higher, something that will change after Canada ended the scheme on Friday.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in September had announced on X: "We're granting 35 per cent fewer international student permits this year. And next year, that number's going down by another 10 per cent." "Immigration is an advantage for our economy — but when bad actors abuse the system and take advantage of students, we crack down," he added in the post as the Canadian

government said it was looking to reduce the number of temporary residents.

The move comes amid the diplomatic row between India and Canada. According to the Indian High Commission here, India is the largest source country of foreign students with an estimated 4,27,000 Indian students studying in Canada.

"Canada is committed to giving all international students equal and fair access to the application process for study permits," the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) said in a statement on Friday. Canada's goal is to "strengthen programme integrity, address student vulnerability, and give all students equal and fair access to the application process, as well as a positive academic experience," the statement said. The SDS was launched in 2018 to provide faster processing for eligible post-secondary students. (SEE PAGE 2)

Weaver couple kills self in Sircilla

STATE BUREAU
 Rajanna-Sircilla

Unable to clear their debts, a weaver couple reportedly died by suicide in Sircilla on Saturday.

Bairi Amar and his wife Sravanthi were found hanging at their residence in Venkampeta. According to neighbours, Amar used to run powerlooms and was engaged in some small businesses. As there was no work for the last six months, he was forced to sell his powerlooms three months ago. Borrowing some money, he started a bedsheets-making unit. However, that too ran into losses and his debts mounted further.

Recently, Amar tried to get help from the State government by holding a press meet and narrating his ordeal, but in vain. With pressure mounting on them to repay their loans, they were struggling to make ends meet, neighbours said. On Saturday morning, they were found hanging. The couple had two daughters and a son.

Cops manhandle BRS MLA during Dalit Bandhu protest

STATE BUREAU
 Karimnagar

Police on Saturday used sheer muscle power to disband a protest being staged in Huzurabad town by Dalit Bandhu scheme beneficiaries demanding payment of their instalments, which were frozen by the Congress government.

Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy, who had joined the Dalits by taking up their issue, was manhandled and dragged away by police from the protest venue, following which he developed chest pain and was admitted to hospital. A few other protesters, including a woman, were also manhandled by police during the attempt to silence the protesters and disperse them. The MLA was later placed under arrest and shifted to the police station.

The protest had been on the cards for quite some time, with Dalit Bandhu beneficiaries complaining that the Congress government had frozen the second instalment of the financial assistance in their accounts. The first instalment was disbursed by the BRS government last year. Following the complaints, Kaushik



BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy at a hospital after he complained of chest pain, on Saturday.

Reddy had asked the beneficiaries to meet him with their applications at his camp office in Huzurabad. The invitation, however, saw a large number of beneficiaries turning up at his residence on Saturday.

Some of them wanted the legislator to join them in a dharna at Ambedkar Chowk, to which he agreed. There, they garlanded the Ambedkar statue and, squatting on the road, began to raise slogans against the State government and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. (SEE PAGE 2)

BRS SLAMS POLICE ACTION

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao condemned the attack on Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy by police. He criticised the police for acting recklessly and showing no regard for Kaushik Reddy's position as a sitting MLA. He questioned the State government's approach, seeking to know from the government whether Indiramma Rajyam stood for attacking public representatives just for questioning the government. Lashing out at the Revanth Reddy-led government, he accused it of being incompetent in fulfilling its promises and resorting to violence against those who dare to question its inefficiencies. Unable to implement the promises, the spineless government resorted to unleashing attacks on those who question, he said. (REPORT PAGE 5)

Will not let Maharashtra become ATM of Congress, says Modi

AKOLA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said wherever a Congress government is formed, that State becomes the ATM of the party's 'shahi parivar'. We won't let Maharashtra become the ATM of Congress, Modi asserted while addressing a campaign rally in Akola for the November 20 State Assembly elections.

When the Congress indulges in so much corruption to win polls, one can imagine how corrupt the party will be once in power, the PM pointed out.

Wherever the Congress forms government, that State becomes ATM of the party's shahi parivar

— NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

"Wherever the Congress forms a government, that State becomes the ATM of the party's shahi parivar. As much as Rs 700 crore has

been extorted from the liquor business in (Congress-ruled) Karnataka for the Maharashtra polls. Telangana and Himachal Pradesh have also become this shahi parivar's ATMs," he said.

The Prime Minister said the manifesto of the Mahayuti (ruling alliance in Maharashtra) focuses on women's security, job opportunities, expansion of Ladki Bahin Yojana, while the Maha Vikas Aghadi, comprising the Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sharad Pawar's NCP, have come out with a "ghotala patra".

"The entire country knows the MVA means corruption, token money and transfer posting business," he said.

Attacking the Congress, the PM said he was daring the party's 'shahi parivar' to prove if they had visited Ambedkar's 'panchteeirth'. He has coined the term 'panchteeirth' to denote Ambedkar's birthplace in Mhow, MP, the place in London where he stayed while studying in the UK, Deeksha Bhoomi in Nagpur where he embraced Buddhism, 'Mahaparinirvan Sthal' in Delhi, and 'Chaitya Bhoomi' in Mumbai. (SEE PAGES 2, 7)

27 killed in Pakistan suicide bombing

ISLAMABAD/KARACHI

At least 27 people, including 14 security forces, were killed and 62 others injured on Saturday in a suicide bombing at a railway station in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province.

The explosion ripped through the railway station of the provincial capital Quetta as passengers gathered on the platform before the departure of the Jaffar

Express, scheduled to depart for Peshawar at 9 am. There were around 100 people on the platform when the blast occurred. Dr Arbab Kamran Kasi, managing director of the Quetta Trauma Centre, warned that the toll may increase as several wounded individuals, aged 20 to 50, remain in critical condition. The Baloch Liberation Army has claimed responsibility for Saturday's attack. PTI

Hyd to see mild winter this month

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Winter temperatures in Hyderabad are expected to remain mild through the end of November, with the IMD indicating limited chances of a significant dip in temperature.

According to Dr A Shrivani, a scientist with IMD-Hyderabad, "The temperature will not drop much and there is a possibility of

rain." In the past 24 hours, the city's maximum temperature reached 31.8°C on Saturday, marking a 1.3°C increase from the seasonal norm. The minimum temperature recorded early on Saturday was 19.6°C, also slightly above average by 1.1°C. BHEL recorded the lowest 17.1°C. Humidity fluctuated, with morning readings at 69%. The seven-day forecast projects daily highs of 31-32°C.