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In a nutshell

2 killed as car rams morning walkers

PEDDAPALLI: Two women died and another woman was injured after a speeding car went out of control and ran over morning walkers at Rangampalli of Peddapalli town on Tuesday. While Kukka Amrutha and Kukka Baghya died on the spot, Kukka Padma was injured in the incident. Locals shifted Padma to the local government hospital. All three were residents of Udaynagar.

Tax official gets jail for taking bribe

MANCHERIAL: A special court for ACB cases in Karimnagar sentenced a deputy commercial tax officer (DCTO) of Luxettipet to three years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 4,000 for accepting a bribe of Rs 4,000 from an applicant 11 years ago. The convict, Thogari Pochaiiah, accepted the bribe from one Alli Surender, a fertilizer shop owner, in 2013.

CISF all-women battalion soon

NEW DELHI: In a decision aimed at empowering women and enhancing their role in national security, the Ministry of Home Affairs approved the establishment of the first all-women battalion of the CISF. The CISF headquarters have started preparations for the early recruitment, training and selection of locations for the headquarters of the new battalion. IANS

Inflation breaches RBI's 6% mark

NEW DELHI: Retail inflation breached the Reserve Bank's upper tolerance level, soaring to a 14-month high of 6.21% in October mainly on account of rising food prices. Inflation based on the CPI was 5.49% in September and 4.87% in the year-ago month. Retail inflation trended below RBI's upper tolerance band of 6% since September last year. BUSINESS PAGE 8

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 100
Retail live.....	Rs. 122
With skin.....	Rs. 177
Skinless.....	Rs. 201
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 74

Probe Rs 8,888 cr AMRUT 2.0 scam in State, BRS to Modi

KTR lashes out at the Congress govt for blatant crony capitalism and corruption

STATE BUREAU
 NEW DELHI

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Tuesday demanded Prime Minister Narendra Modi to conduct a thorough investigation and take immediate action on the alleged Rs 8,888 crore AMRUT 2.0 tender scam in Telangana. He demanded a transparent investigation, citing the BJP's past claims about Telangana being a financial resource for Congress' electoral campaigns in other States.

"Prime Minister Modi speaks about Congress using Telangana as an ATM and R-R (Rahul-Revanth) tax being imposed in Telangana, causing rampant corruption. If his allegations are true, why is there silence on the AMRUT tenders scam? We gave all the necessary evidence for the Centre to act. This is a litmus test for the BJP's sincerity," he said. Addressing a press conference in Delhi on Tuesday, Rama Rao lashed out at the Congress government for blatant crony capitalism and corruption. He cited tenders under AMRUT 2.0



BRS working president KT Rama Rao addressing the media in New Delhi on Tuesday.

as an example where works were awarded to companies linked to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's family.

"If the allegations made by BJP leaders about corruption in Telangana are true, why is there no action?" he asked. The BRS working president said Sodha Constructions, owned by Revanth Reddy's brother-in-law Sujana Reddy,

was awarded a tender worth Rs 1,137 crore. Sodha Constructions, which recorded meagre net profits of Rs 3.5 crore in 2020-21 and 2021-22, lacked the credentials to handle such large projects, raising serious questions about the tendering process, he said.

"This is a blatant violation of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Represent-

ation of the People Act," Rama Rao said, urging the Centre to investigate the matter thoroughly. He reminded that many leaders, including Sonia Gandhi, were forced to quit their posts for misusing their office, and Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy would also meet the same fate. (SEE PAGE 2)

KTR TAKES 'GOAT' DIG AT KHARGE

HYDERABAD: Taking a jibe at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge over his comments on BJP buying MLAs 'like goats' in Maharashtra, BRS working president KT Rama Rao invited Kharge to Telangana to witness how well the "goat industry" was performing here due to its lead purchaser — the Congress. He reminded that 10 BRS MLAs were inducted into the Congress party already.

"They were bought, threatened, maybe a few were cajoled. None of them resigned. The situation is so pathetic none of the 10 MLAs know which party they belong to," the BRS leader further said. (SEE PAGE 2)

'CONGRESS DIVERTED RS 300 CR TG FUNDS'

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and his party for misleading the people of Maharashtra with false claims of implementing electoral promises in Telangana. About Rs 300 crore from the Telangana exchequer was misused to place advertisements in newspapers of Maharashtra, with false claims of achievements in the State, he said and added that key promises made by Congress in Telangana remain incomplete. (REPORT PAGE 5)

Canada temple cancels event amid 'threat'

OTTAWA

The Brampton Triveni temple in Canada has cancelled a consular event after the Canadian police warned them of an "extremely high and imminent" threat level of violent protests.

The Life Certificate event, organised by the Consulate General of India, Toronto, was scheduled for November 17 at the temple premises. It was part of the consulate's many camps for issuing Life Certificates for pension purposes.

On Monday, the temple authorities said the event was cancelled due to "official intelligence from Peel Regional Police, stating that there is an Extremely High and Imminent Threat Level of violent protests". "...We must make the appropriate decision to cancel to ensure the safety of Brampton Triveni Mandir devotees, community visitors, and the general public," the temple authorities said in a statement.

"We are deeply saddened that Canadians now feel unsafe coming to Hindu Temples in Canada," it added. Temple authorities called on Peel Police to address the threats being circulated against the temple and provide security guarantees to the Canadian Hindu community and the general public. The cancellation came almost a week after protesters carrying Khalistani flags clashed with devotees at a temple and disrupted an event co-organised by the temple authorities and the Indian Consulate.

Last week, the Consulate General of India in Toronto said it was cancelling some of its scheduled consular camps after the authorities conveyed their inability to provide security protection to its organisers. After the protests at the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton on November 3, the MEA said that New Delhi remains "deeply concerned" about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada. PTI

POLICE WARN AUTHORITIES OF BRAMPTON TRIVENI TEMPLE OF AN 'EXTREMELY HIGH AND IMMINENT' THREAT LEVEL OF VIOLENT PROTESTS

Total shutdown in Imphal Valley

IMPHAL

Thirteen civil society organisations called for a total shutdown in the five districts of the Imphal Valley on Tuesday evening, protesting the alleged abduction of six people in Jiribam and the "coordinated attacks" in multiple places in the region.

Police said purported photographs of the six missing persons in captivity of militants doing the rounds on social media could not be confirmed, and an operation was underway to trace them. The shutdown began at 6 pm, and will continue for 24 hours, civil body International Peace and Social Advancement said. "We demand the immediate rescue of the six abducted people. Kuki militants are engaging in attacks on defenceless Meitei people without any impunity. There is no rule of law in the State. The gov-

Civil society bodies announce decision of six people and the "coordinated attacks" in Jiribam

ernment has completely failed to protect civilians from coordinated attacks by militants at Koutruk, Senjam Chirang and Kadangband," the statement said. Among these 13 civil society bodies are the All Clubs Organisations Association and Meira Paibi Lup, Indigenous People's Association of Kangleipak and Kangleipak Students' Association. The Manipur Police said 10 militants were killed after security forces retaliated an attack on the Borobekra police station and a nearby CRPF camp on Monday afternoon. (SEE PAGE 2)

Women fight for seat in bus; one loses mangalsutra

STATE BUREAU
 Medak

A woman passenger on a TGRTC bus lost her mangalsutra after a fight with a co-passenger over a seat at Bodmatpally on Monday.

The bus from Kamareddy was heading towards Medak when the two women passengers picked up an argument over a seat in the moving bus. Though the conductor tried to convince them, the women refused to relent.

It was then that one of the women, Nithisa (37), complained that she lost her 'mangalsutra'. She suspected the woman who quarrelled with her. The conductor alerted police following which the local SI rushed to the spot and checked each passenger's belongings, but they could not find the chain. After a prolonged discussion with both the women, the police resolved the issue.



A hot air balloon flies over the world heritage site Sanchi Stupa during a hot air balloon show, in Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh. — Photo: PTI

35 dead as car rams into crowd in China

BEIJING/ZHUHAI

Thirty-five people were killed and 43 others injured when a 62-year-old man rammed his car into a crowd of people exercising at a sports centre on Monday in the Chinese city of Zhuhai, which is currently hosting the country's prestigious international air show.

Terming it a "major vicious incident", local police said the incident occurred around 7:48 pm on Monday when citizens were exercising at the sports centre where a large number of people gathered for physical workouts, the official media reported Tuesday.

The attacker, a divorced man identified as Fan, was quickly brought under control by the police as he was fleeing the scene, he said.

Responding officers found Fan in his vehicle attempting to self-harm with a knife. They swiftly intervened and sent him to the hospital, it said. Fan is still receiving medical treatment as he was unconscious due to severe injuries to his neck and other areas and is not yet fit to be questioned by the police, state-run Xinhua news agency quoted the local police bureau as saying.

Preliminary probe indicates that Fan's actions stemmed from his dissatisfaction with the property division outcome of his divorce, according to the police. The police authorities have filed a case to investigate Fan on suspicion of endangering public safety by dangerous means and have placed him under criminal detention. (SEE PAGE 2)

Centre for 'zero-error' entrance tests

NEW DELHI

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday announced that the Centre is introducing various reforms in the entrance examinations in the country beginning January and appealed to the State governments to extend their support for zero-error entrance tests. Pradhan said that the Radhakrishnan panel has submitted its report outlining reforms in the National Testing Agency (NTA) and to implement the recommendations, cooperation of States is essential.

"I have appealed to all State government education secretaries. A new entrance exam series for the upcoming year will begin in January. Based on last year's experiences, the government has introduced numerous reforms," he said on the sidelines of a national work-



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shop on higher and technical education attended by secretaries of states and union territories (UTs). "The Radhakrishnan committee has submitted its recommendations and to implement it, the States' cooperation is essential. I have appealed to everyone on this matter, especially re-

garding entrance examinations. Bringing examinations, especially entrance exams, to zero error is the responsibility of both the Government of India and the State governments. We will work as a team to build confidence in the children of our country," the Education Minister added.

In the line of fire over alleged irregularities in the medical entrance examination NEET and PhD entrance NET, the Centre had in June set up the panel headed by former ISRO chief K Radhakrishnan to ensure transparent, smooth and fair conduct of examinations by the NTA. While NEET was under the scanner over several irregularities, including alleged leaks, UGC-NET was cancelled as the ministry received inputs that the integrity of the exam had been compromised. Both matters are being probed by the CBI.

Two other exams — CSIR-UGC NET and NEET PG — were cancelled at the last moment as a pre-emptive step. The panel also includes former AIIMS Delhi director Randeep Guleria, Central University of Hyderabad Vice-Chancellor BJ Rao and others. PTI

23-year-old Kashmiri woman found dead

HYDERABAD: A 23-year-old woman from Kashmir, who worked for a multinational bank, was found dead under suspicious circumstances at her apartment in the city. According to the police, the woman worked at the bank and stayed at a flat in an apartment building at Gulshannagar, under Filmnagar police station limits. The bank officials got nervous when she did not answer calls made to her mobile phone, following which the police were alerted. The police reached the apartment and on not getting an answer from the flat, they broke open the door of her flat. (SEE PAGE 2)

Advocate injured in knife attack in Hyd

HYDERABAD: An advocate sustained a bleeding injury when two unknown persons attacked him with a knife while he was on a morning walk at Khairatabad IMAX Road on Tuesday. Kalyan Vamshikar (48), a resident of Khairatabad, was walking on the road along with his pet dog at IMAX Road around 5:30 am. When he reached the KFC joint on the stretch, two persons came in the wrong route on a scooter and picked up an argument with him. One of the suspects took out a knife and attacked Kalyan, injuring his hand. The second person took away Kalyan's mobile phone and escaped, the Khairatabad police said. (SEE PAGE 2)