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Telangana blue revolution sets new milestones



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15 killed in Israeli strikes on Beirut suburbs
 63 wounded, DNA tests being conducted to identify victims; airstrikes continue in Gaza



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In a nutshell

Debt-ridden ryot hangs self
MEDAK: A farmer died, reportedly by suicide, at Katriyal village in Ramyampet mandal by hanging himself. Rajaiiah (50) left his home on Friday evening. Locals found him hanging from a tree on Saturday morning. His family said Rajaiiah, who had one acre of land, was in deep financial trouble. Unable to clear debts, he decided to end his life. Rajaiiah is survived by his wife and two children. A case was registered.

Boy ends life after chided for smoking
RAJANNA-SIRCILLA: Upset over his parents warning him against smoking cigarettes, a Class X student died by suicide in Suddala of Konaropet mandal. Aluvula Venkatesh (16) was found hanging from a ceiling at his residence on Friday. His family members shifted him to the Sircilla hospital where he was declared brought dead. A few months ago too, he tried to kill himself by consuming pesticides.

37 killed in Pak tribal clashes
PESHAWAR: At least 37 people have been killed and over two dozen others injured in tribal sectarian violence in northwest Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in the last 24 hours, police said. The clashes between Alizai and Bagan tribes in Kurram district, bordering Afghanistan, took place following an attack on a convoy of passenger vans in which 47 were killed. **WORLD PAGE 9**

US SEC summons Adani, nephew
NEW YORK: Adani Group founder and chairman Gautam Adani and his nephew Sagar Adani have been summoned to explain their stand on the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) allegation of paying \$265 million (Rs 2,200 crore) in bribes to secure solar power contracts. The group also clarified on reports of Kenya cancelling over \$2.5 billion in deals. **BUSINESS PAGE 8**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 107
Retail live.....	Rs. 129
With skin.....	Rs. 187
Skinless.....	Rs. 213
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 80

Bhumi looks back at debut film
 Became an actor when the way I looked was secondary, she says

NDA SWEEPS MAHA, I.N.D.I.A BLOC RETAINS JHARKHAND

Buzz over Fadnavis as next Maha CM; BJP's 'infiltrators' pitch falls flat in J'khand

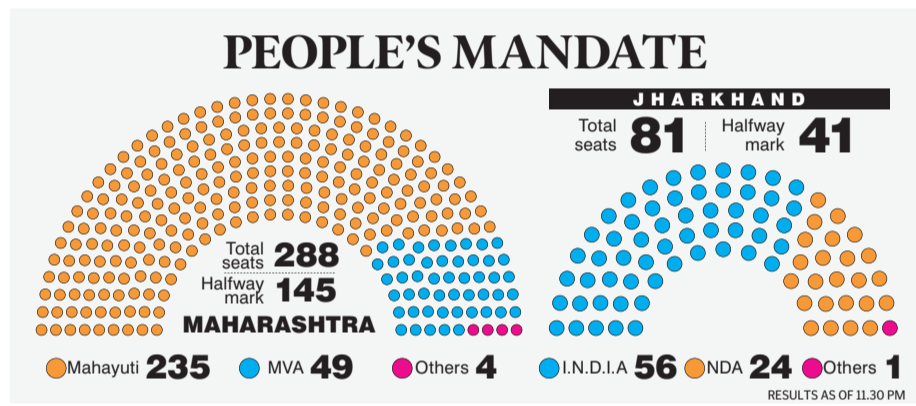


BJP workers celebrate the party's lead in the Maharashtra Assembly elections, in Nagpur on Saturday. — Photo: PTI



JMM candidate Kalpana Soren and her husband and CM Hemant Soren flash the victory sign in Giridih district of Jharkhand on Saturday. — Photo: PTI

PTI
MUMBAI/RANCHI
 The BJP-led Mahayuti coloured Maharashtra a vivid saffron on Saturday as it swept aside the MVA for a landslide win while the opposition I.N.D.I.A bloc retained Jharkhand, voters in both States giving the parties in power an emphatic thumbs up.
 Counting of votes for the two Assembly elections underscored with slogans such as 'katenge toh batenge' and 'ek hain toh safe hai' began at 8 am, signalling very soon that it was celebration time for the BJP in Maharashtra. The party was winning or leading in 132 of the 149 seats it contested in the powerhouse State. Together with its partners Shiv Sena and NCP, the ruling Mahayuti alliance could win 235 of the



288 seats in the State, leaving the Congress-Shiv Sena (UBT)-NCP (SP) tie-up virtually decimated with just 49 seats.
 As the Opposition reeled under the impact of the decisive mandate against it in Maharashtra, Jharkhand offered consolation with voters giving a possible two-

third victory to the JMM-led alliance. In the 81-seat Jharkhand Assembly, the BJP had won or was leading in 20 seats, while Chief Minister Hemant Soren's JMM could score 35, the Congress 16, the RJD four and the CPI-ML one, adding to 56 seats, according to the Election Commission website.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the JMM-led alliance for its win in Jharkhand and thanked the people of the state for their support to the BJP. Party workers smeared colour on each other, danced to drumbeats and distributed sweets in various places. **(SEE PAGES 2, 7)**

BYPOLLS: PRIYANKA WINS WAYANAD
NEW DELHI: Ruling parties held sway in most of the 13 States in the Assembly byelection results declared on Saturday, with the BJP and its allies wresting seats in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan and the Trinamool Congress sweeping West Bengal. Of the 46 seats where byelections were held, the BJP and its allies won 26, a gain of nine seats, followed by Congress with seven — a loss of six seats. The TMC won six, AAP three and SP two seats. The LDF in Kerala and BAP in Rajasthan got one each. Apart from this, two seats in Sikkim were won unopposed by Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) candidates. In the bypolls to two Lok Sabha constituencies, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi cruised to her maiden electoral victory from Wayanad Lok Sabha seat in Kerala with a margin of over 4.1 lakh votes against CPI(M)-led LDF's Sathyan Mokeri, but the party lost Nanded in Maharashtra to the BJP. The ruling BJP-led alliance secured its hold over Uttar Pradesh. **PTI (REPORT PAGE 7)**

Regional parties hold the key: KTR

Says BJP, Cong piggybacking on commitment of regional parties

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad
 Responding to the outcome in the Maharashtra and Jharkhand election results, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday emphasised the significance of regional parties in Indian politics. He criticised the Congress for failing to emerge as a strong opposition in the country and accused it of attempting to undermine regional parties.
 He asserted that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was surviving only due to the Congress' incompetence, with both national parties relying on the hard work and commitment of regional parties. He highlighted this as a recurring theme in Indian politics, saying that both the national parties were "shamelessly piggybacking on regional parties' hard work and commitment".
 In a direct message to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, he advised him to focus on his primary duties as CM. He pointed out that

despite extensive campaigns, speeches and resources, Revanth Reddy's party faced significant setbacks in Maharashtra. He urged the Chief Minister to deliver on the six guarantees promised to the Telangana public over a year ago.
 In Maharashtra, despite the Congress spending Rs 300 crore of Telangana taxpayers' money on false advertisements, the public in Maharashtra did not believe the lies peddled by it. Pointing out that the Congress had promised Rs 3,000 in Maharashtra, he said it did this despite failing to deliver Rs 2,500 to 1.6 crore women in Telangana.
 The Congress promises in Maharashtra, which it failed to deliver in Telangana, had exposed its double standards, Rama Rao said, also pointing out the hypocrisy in the Congress stance on Adani, labelling him a fraud in Maharashtra while maintaining business ties with him in Telangana. **(PEOPLE'S VICTORY INEVITABLE IN TELANGANA, SAYS KTR PAGE 5)**



Lagacherla row: NHRC team in TG

STATE BUREAU
Vikarabad
 A three-member delegation from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) arrived in the district and interacted with the residents of Rotibanda thanda on Saturday. The delegation is also expected to visit Lagacherla and speak to the villagers.
 The NHRC had taken cognisance of a complaint alleging harassment, torture and false implication of the villagers of Lagacherla after they protested against land acquisition for a pharma village project by the State government without following proper procedures.

Accordingly, the NHRC members are interacting with tribal farmers, women and others.
 It may be recalled that National Commission for Scheduled Tribes member Jatohu Hussain Nayak had already visited Rotibanda thanda and Lagacherla last week. Apart from interacting with residents, he also spoke to the persons jailed in Sangareddy.
 The NHRC had also issued notices to Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari and Director General of Police (DGP), and sought a detailed report on the alleged atrocities on the farmers and women within two weeks.

Revanth's flop show in Maha

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was the sole 'star campaigner' from Telangana in a list of 40 such campaigners for the Congress in Maharashtra, but his claims of having implemented promises made to the people in Telangana apparently failed to convince voters in the neighbouring State, with the Congress performing pathetically in eight of 10 constituencies that he campaigned in.
 Most strikingly, Revanth Reddy had held roadshows and participated in public meetings in constituencies that have a substantial Telugu-speaking population. These included Chandra-

His claims of having implemented promises made to TG failed to convince voters, with Congress performing pathetically in 8 of 10 seats he visited

pur, Solapur Central, Naigaon, Digras, Bhokar, Nagpur Central, Rajura, Wardha and Kadegaon, most of which are in close proximity with the Telangana border.
 In eight of these, the BJP was leading in seven, while the Shiv Sena was leading in one. Apparently, though the final results were yet to be announced officially, the trend reflected the lack of confidence among the people on the words of Revanth and in the Congress guarantees for Maharashtra. At Di-

Chandrapur, he had told the voters that if they elected Congress candidate Pravin Padvekar, they would have one brother to look after them in Chandrapur and the second in Hyderabad. But, Padvekar lost.
 Apart from his assurances on guarantees, the Chief Minister's theory that it was only a battle between the Congress and BJP, with there being no 'regional parties' did not win the people's confidence.
 Taking a dig at the Chief Minister, BRS leader Manne Krishank said on social media platform X: "Congress arrogant Chief Minister said there are no regional parties. Did the Congress score better than regional parties in Maharashtra?"

CM does a volte-face on pharma village
STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad
 After severe backlash from tribal farmers and villagers over the establishment of a pharma village in Kodanagal, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy did a volte-face on Saturday and claimed that it was not a pharma village, but an industrial corridor that was being proposed.
 A delegation of Left parties, which met the Chief Minister on Saturday, visited Rotibanda thanda and Lagacherla on Thursday and discussed the objections raised by farmers and villagers with him. They submitted a representation to him too. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

Over 52,000 caught for drunk driving this year

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad
 As many as 52,080 motorists were caught and booked for drunk driving during special drives conducted by the Hyderabad Traffic Police at various spots across the city so far this year.
 According to the police, in the last three months, between August 24 and November 21, a total of 13,933 motorists were booked for driving in a drunken state and 13,188 charge sheets have been filed in various courts and prosecuted. **(REPORT PAGE 3)**

18 students fall sick after mid-day meals

STATE BUREAU
Karimnagar
 In a disturbing trend of food poisoning incidents in State-run educational institutions, students of the Zilla Parishad High School at Burugupalli of Gangadhara mandal here complained of vomiting and stomach pain after having mid-day meals on Friday.
 School headmaster Mallikarjun alerted the Primary Health Centre staff, who visited the school and provided treatment to the students. The health condition of the students is stated

to be stable. Of the 205 students at the school, 180 had the mid-day meals served on Friday. Of these, 18 had vomiting and stomach pain. DEO Janardhan Rao claimed this was because none of the 18 students had breakfast that day.
 Rao, who visited the school on Saturday, enquired about the incident with the staff and officials of other departments. He also enquired about the health condition of the students by interacting with PHC medical officer Dr Swetha Rani. He instructed the MEO to visit the school. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Kavitha flags plight of welfare hostels

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Raising serious concerns over the deteriorating conditions in government-run schools and welfare hostels, and the worsening state of affairs in the education sector, BRS leader and MLC K Kavitha said students were paying a heavy price as scant attention was being paid to safety in schools and institutions.
 She visited a girl student, Shailaja, of Wankidi Ashram School, who is battling for her life at NIMS, on Saturday. Shailaja was hospitalised due to severe food poisoning and has been put on ventilator as her condi-



BRS MLC Kavitha visits student Shailaja, of Wankidi Ashram School, at NIMS on Saturday.

tion continued to deteriorate. Kavitha expressed her distress over the frequent incidents of food poisoning in government schools, which have resulted in the

deaths of 42 students in the last 11 months. She criticised the State government for its indifference towards the safety of students. She said the lives of young children

should be top priority and immediate action must be taken to address the issue.
 "Despite the government being in power for 11 months, an average of three children per month have died due to food poisoning in government schools. This means the government is responsible for the loss of one child's life every 10 days," Kavitha said, demanding that the families of the deceased students be compensated with Rs 10 lakh each.
 Highlighting the deteriorating conditions in government schools, from Adilabad to Alampur, she called for urgent measures to revive the health and safety standards. **(SEE PAGE 2)**