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In a nutshell

Soren to take oath today

RANCHI: Hemant Soren is set to take oath as the 14th Chief Minister of Jharkhand in a grand ceremony at Morabadi Ground on Thursday, with several prominent political leaders and dignitaries, including key members of the I.N.D.I.A bloc, expected to attend. Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar will administer the oath of office and secrecy to Soren at 4 pm. This will be the JMM leader's fourth stint as CM. **PTI**

AI pilot ends life, boyfriend held

MUMBAI: A 25-year-old pilot of Air India hanged herself with a data cable at her rented flat in Mumbai, following which police arrested her boyfriend on charges of abetment. Srishti Tuli, who lived at the Kanakia Rain Forest building in Marol, died by suicide on Monday. Police took her boyfriend Aditya Pandit (27) into custody after one of Tuli's relatives accused him of forcing her to stop eating non-vegetarian food. **NATION PAGE 8**

'Adani faces no bribery charges'

NEW DELHI: Embattled billionaire Gautam Adani and his aides have not been charged under the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, an Adani Group entity said, adding that they faced three other charges, including securities and wire fraud that are punishable with monetary fines. The US Department of Justice's indictment does not mention Gautam Adani, his nephew Sagar, or Vneet Jaan, AGEL said. **BUSINESS PAGE 8**

Protests rock Parliament

NEW DELHI: Parliament failed to transact any significant business on the second day of the winter session as protests by Opposition, which was pressing for discussions on allegations of irregularities against Adani Group and Sambhal violence, rocked Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. **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. 82

Fiery protests force govt to stop ethanol unit works

Residents of 4 Nirmal villages threaten to end lives, throw stones at officials

STATE BUREAU
NIRMAL

The residents of four villages in Nirmal on Wednesday forced the State government to listen to them and issue orders to stop work on an upcoming ethanol factory, which they were protesting against for nearly a year now.

The protest by the residents of Dilawarpur mandal headquarters, Gundampalli Mukundapur and Samundarpalli villages was intensified on Tuesday with a day-long rasta roko in Dilawarpur mandal centre, with people, led by a joint action committee, blocking traffic and demanding that the factory be shifted to another location far from their villages.

However, the protest, which continued late into the day, turned violent around 8 pm when RDO Ratna Kalyani reached the spot and held consultations with the agitators.

They refused to relent, insisting on the intervention of the District Collector and reinstating a teacher who was suspended for extend-



Women stage a protest against the construction of the ethanol factory, at Dilawarpur mandal headquarters in Nirmal district on Wednesday.

ing solidarity to their movement.

Some angry protesters tried to stop the RDO's vehicle when she wanted to leave the spot around 9.30 pm. Kalyani fainted when her blood pressure dropped and she was rushed to a hospital in the vehicle of Superintendent of Police Dr Janaki Sharmila, who was monitoring the security arrangements at the spot.

Meanwhile, unidentified persons damaged Kalyani's vehicle and set it on fire. Police managed to extinguish the fire in time and restored

traffic on the road around 11 pm. As many as 23 farmers from the four villages were booked on charges of causing inconvenience to the public by staging a sit-in on the national highway, vandalising the vehicle of the RDO, detaining the official and obstructing her duties.

The protests resumed on Wednesday morning, with the villagers staging a sit-in on NH-61 at Dilawarpur mandal centre, threatening to kill themselves.

They carried bottles of pesticides, threatening to consume it if the govern-

ment did not take steps to shift the factory. They also demanded the withdrawal of cases booked against the 23 farmers.

However, when officials tried to talk to them and stop the protest, the protestors got angry and began pelting stones at the officials and police. Women and children brandishing bottles of pesticides forced the officials to leave the spot.

With the protest showing no signs of abating, Nirmal Collector Abhilasha Abhinav ordered the management of the ethanol factory

to stop the work. The Collector said a report on the protest was submitted to the Chief Minister's Office, following which orders asking the management to halt the work was issued, she said.

Following this, the villagers withdrew their protest. A delegation of villagers, who held consultations with the Collector, told the media that the protest was temporarily called off and that they would resume it if the government does not permanently shift the factory. The Collector said the ethanol factory project was kept in abeyance and construction work was halted as per instructions of the State government.

A Hyderabad-based private organisation is behind the ethanol producing unit, costing Rs 100 crore, on the outskirts of Gundampalli village. It had bought around 60 acres of land to set up the factory and secured permission from the Telangana State Pollution Control Board and other government agencies for the unit. It had begun the construction despite the year-long protests by the villagers.

Govt blames Kurkure for food poisoning

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

A two-judge Bench of the Telangana High Court, comprising Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J Sreenivas Rao, on Wednesday came down heavily on the State government over the recurring incidents of food poisoning at the Maganoor Zilla Parishad High School in Narayanpet.

It criticised the State authorities for their lack of action and questioned whether intervention would only be forthcoming through High Court orders. Shockingly, despite worm-infested food being pointed out by students at the school, the government, through the Additional Advocate General, informed the court that it was not the mid-day meals, but Kurkure snacks bought by the students from nearby shops that led to the food poisoning incidents.

Earlier, during a hearing on a PIL, the Bench expressed shock at the State machinery's apparent apathy towards the issue, highlighting that children from underprivileged families were suffering and dying

Telangana HC raps State govt over recurring incidents of food poisoning at Maganoor ZP High School

after consuming contaminated food. "Are the officials sleeping or is the State machinery even working?" Chief Justice Aradhe asked, pointing out the government's failure to protect vulnerable children in government schools.

The court expressed its outrage over the repeated food poisoning incidents across schools in Telangana. "We should feel ashamed of such incidents," the Bench said, condemning what it called "callousness, utter carelessness and non-seriousness about the lives of the children of poor families". Justice Aradhe further questioned the apathy of the District Education Officers (DEOs), asking if food meant for children turned into poison, wasn't it inhumane. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

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Another ryot ends life

WARANGAL: Adding to the disturbingly growing list of farmers who died by suicide in the State, Hinge Sobhan Babu, a 48-year-old farmer from Venkatapuram village in Duggondi mandal, ended his life due to mounting financial pressures and crop loss owing to severe pest problems affecting yield. Sobhan Babu, who had been growing chilli in his four-acre land for the last three years, was struggling under a heavy burden of debt. Despite managing to repay some of it, he still had Rs 10 lakh outstanding. The mounting pressure from lenders and impact of severe pest infestations on his crop this year left him in a state of despair. Yielding to the tragic turn of events, Sobhan Babu decided to take his own life by consuming pesticide. Before doing so, he made a distressing call to his daughter, informing her about his desperate situation. His relatives, in a bid to save him, rushed him to a hospital in Narsampet. Despite doctors' efforts, Sobhan Babu passed away in the hospital.

Class 7 boy dies by suicide

WANAPARTHY: A Class 7 student from the SC residential school at Madanapur mandal headquarters was found dead in his dormitory room. Praveen, who hailed from Ponuru village in Madanapur, was found hanging in the room. The reason behind the drastic step was yet to be ascertained. His parents live in Hyderabad. Praveen was said to have sustained an injury while playing kabaddi at school on Tuesday. The school staff informed his relatives about the injury on Wednesday. They reached the hostel to take Praveen to the hospital for treatment. When they approached the principal, they were told to find Praveen in the dormitory, where he was reportedly resting. But Praveen's relatives found him hanging from the ceiling fan in the dormitory. He was rushed to the Wanaparthi Area Hospital, where doctors confirmed his death. The police have registered a case. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Israel-Hezbollah 60-day truce comes into effect

JERUSALEM

The ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah militants began early on Wednesday as a region on edge wondered whether it will hold.

The ceasefire announced on Tuesday is a major step towards ending nearly 14 months of fighting sparked by the ongoing war in Gaza between Israel and Hamas. There were no immediate reports of alleged violations of the truce, and there were signs of celebration in Beirut. But Israel has said it will attack if Hezbollah breaks the agreement.

The ceasefire calls for an initial two-month halt to fighting and requires Hezbollah to end its armed presence in southern Lebanon, while Israeli troops are to return to their side of the border. Thousands of additional Lebanese troops and UN peacekeepers would deploy in the south. **(SEE PAGES 2, 9)**

Rs 1.33 cr Russia-bound drugs seized

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a major breakthrough, the Telangana State Drug Control Administration (TSDCA) seized a huge stock of antibiotics worth Rs 1.33 crore from the manufacturing facility of Jodas Expoim Pvt Ltd, located at Biotech Park in Karkapatla, Siddipet district.

The seizure was made for exporting the products manufactured by other pharmaceutical companies to Russia falsely under their own name and for unauthorised packing of antibiotics, VB Kamalasan Reddy, DG, TSDCA, said in a statement on Wednesday.

During verification, it was found that a staggering quantity of 38,175 vials of antibiotic Ampicillin plus Sulbactam (1,000 mg plus 500



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mg injections, Batch No. JD4479) was falsely labeled as manufactured by Jodas Expoim Pvt Ltd, India, Alpa Laboratories Ltd, 33/2, AB Road, Pigdamber, Indore,

MP, 453446, India. "However, the said batch was actually manufactured at Indian Genomix Pvt Ltd, Plot No. 135/1 & 135/2, Phase-II, Cherlapally, Medchal-

Malkajgiri district, Telangana. The batch is being exported to Russia under false claims that it was manufactured by Jodas Expoim Pvt Ltd," the TSDCA said.

The officers detected that certain stocks of other antibiotics, namely Amoxicillin 1,000 mg plus Clavulanic Acid 200 mg, Ampicillin plus Sulbactam 2,000 mg plus 1,000 mg, and Meropenem 500 mg, were exported to Russia in October and November, 2024. These antibiotics, manufactured by other pharmaceutical companies, were falsely exported under the name of Jodas Expoim Pvt Ltd, the TSDCA said.

During the raid, stocks of antibiotics worth Rs 1.33 crore were seized for contravening the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

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