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In a nutshell

11 killed as bus overturns in Maha Gondia: At least 11 passengers were killed and 25 others injured after an RTC bus overturned in Gondia district on Friday. The bus was carrying 36 passengers and heading to Gondia district from Bhandara in eastern Maharashtra when it flipped over at Khajri village in Sadak Arjuni taluka after its driver applied brakes to avoid hitting a two-wheeler that suddenly came in the front, a senior police official said. **PTI**

Schools, colleges reopen in Manipur

IMPHAL: Schools and colleges in Manipur's Imphal Valley and Jiribam district resumed classes on Friday after a hiatus of 13 days. Students in their school uniforms and parents were seen waiting for buses in Imphal with the law and order situation improving in the valley districts. The Directorate of Education Schools and the Higher and Technical Education Department had ordered the resumption of classes. **PTI**

India's GDP slows to 5.4 pc

NEW DELHI: India's economic growth slowed to near two-year low of 5.4 per cent in the July-September quarter due to poor performance of manufacturing and mining sectors, but the country continued to remain the fastest-growing large economy, data showed. The gross domestic product had expanded by 8.1% in the July-September quarter of 2023-24 fiscal. **BUSINESS PAGE 8**

UK votes in favour of 'assisted dying'

LONDON: Members of Parliament in the House of Commons voted in favour of a historic Bill that could pave the way for terminally ill adults in England and Wales with just six months left to live to request medical assistance to end their lives. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill tabled as a private member's Bill attracted 330 votes in favour as opposed to 275 against. **WORLD PAGE 9**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 105
Retail live.....	Rs. 127
With skin.....	Rs. 184
Skinless.....	Rs. 210
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 82

'Telangana identity under threat'

KTR slams Revanth for diminishing TG struggle by reducing the movement to an act of charity by Sonia Gandhi



BRS working president KT Rama Rao during the Deeksha Divas programme organised in Karimnagar on Friday. The Deeksha Divas was observed by party workers across the State.

STATE BUREAU HYDERABAD
BRS working president KT Rama Rao cautioned against a coordinated assault on Telangana's self-respect and identity by the Congress and BJP. He charged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy with diminishing Telangana's struggle and identity by reducing the historic Telangana movement to an act of charity by former AICC president Sonia Gandhi. Participating in the Deeksha Divas programme organised at Telangana Bha-

van on Friday, Rama Rao lashed out at Revanth Reddy, whose actions threatened the State's identity by attempting to erase Telangana's cultural and historical symbols such as the Kakatiya Kala Thoranam and Charminar from the State's official Emblem. "Revanth Reddy, who aimed his rifle at Telangana agitators during the Statehood movement, is not just trying to erase K Chandrashekar Rao's legacy, but is erasing Telangana's history and pride," he said, also criticising Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's remarks on Telangana formation, calling them insulting to the State's aspirations. "Modi likened Telangana formation to that of 'the mother being killed to keep the child alive', demeaning the hard-fought struggle of Telangana people," he stated, adding that BJP leaders too belittled Telangana by projecting it as a beneficiary of the Gujarati leadership, under Sardar Vallabhai Patel earlier and Narendra Modi now. Rama Rao stressed the need to educate younger generations about

the sacrifices of student martyrs and the relentless struggles that culminated in the formation of Telangana. He emphasised the importance of creating awareness on Telangana's identity and self-respect which was threatened under the Congress regime in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh for several decades. "If we do not remember where we came from, we cannot chart our future. History is our guide, and forgetting it leaves us vulnerable to being subdued again," he warned also cautioning that neglecting the

State's rich history could lead to its subjugation once again, as was being attempted by the current Congress government to attack Telangana's identity. The former Minister stated that despite the Congress government using police force and attempting to oppress tribals and farmers at Lagacherla, the people's resistance had forced it to retreat from land acquisition plans. He called it a victory for Dalits, BCs, tribals, and farmers. However, he cautioned that the Revanth Reddy government was only interested in

real estate deals, but not governance and could come up in another manner to grab their land. "Revanth Reddy knows only land grabbing, not governance. Telangana must resist this plunder with all its might," he said, urging people to stand united under BRS' leadership. He also reiterated BRS' commitment to fighting for Telangana's welfare in all forums, including the Legislative Assembly and the Council. "The voice of Telangana is BRS, and no one else. Telangana Bhavan, now a Janata Garage, re-

mains open to all victims seeking justice. Only K Chandrashekar Rao and BRS will fight for Telangana's interests," he asserted. Earlier, Rama Rao, along with BRS MLAs, MLCs, elected representatives and other leaders took out a rally from the Basavarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute to Telangana Bhavan. He garlanded statues of Telangana Thalli and Prof K Jayashankar and paid tributes to the Telangana Martyrs Memorial. **(RELATED REPORTS PAGE 5)**

Protect life and liberty of minorities, India tells B'desh

NEW DELHI
India on Friday said the interim government in Bangladesh must live up to its responsibility of protecting all minorities as it expressed serious concern over the "surge" of extremist rhetoric and increasing incidents of violence against Hindus as well as attacks on temples in the neighbouring country. New Delhi also hoped that the case relating to Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das, arrested in Bangladesh on sedition charge, would be dealt with in a just, fair and transparent manner. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar told Parliament that India has taken serious note of incidents of violence against minorities in Bangladesh and that it is the

BANK ACCOUNTS OF 17 ISKCON MEMBERS FROZEN

DHAKA: Bangladesh's authorities have ordered freezing for 30 days the bank accounts of 17 people associated with ISKCON, including its former member Chinmoy Krishna Das arrested this week on sedition charges. The move comes after the Bangladesh High Court rejected a petition seeking a ban on the ISKCON, following the killing of a lawyer in a clash between the Hindu leader's supporters and security personnel. The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) sent these directives to different banks and financial institutions on Thursday, suspending all types of transactions related to these accounts for a month. **PTI**

primary responsibility of Dhaka to protect the life and liberty of all the citizens, including minorities. The relations between India and Bangladesh have come under strain after the interim government headed by Nobel laureate Muham-

mad Yunus came to power following the resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August amid unrest. India has been expressing concern over attacks on minorities, especially Hindus, in that country. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

SC halts Sambhal mosque survey

NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Friday ordered a Sambhal trial court to halt proceedings in the case over the Mughal-era Shahi Jama Masjid and its survey at Chandausi while directing the UP government to maintain peace and harmony in the violence-hit town. On November 19, a court of civil judge (senior division) of Sambhal passed an ex-parte order for a survey of the mosque by an advocate commissioner after taking note of a plea of the Hindu side claiming the mosque was built by Mughal emperor Babur in 1526 after demolishing a temple. On November 24, violence gripped the area, post the order. On Friday, a Bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjay Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar directed "peace and harmony must be maintained" and took note of the statement of ASG KM Nataraj, appearing for the State administration, in this regard. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Govt plans industrial park in Lagacherla

To issue fresh notification for acquiring land

S SANDEEP KUMAR Vikarabad
After withdrawing the earlier notification for land acquisition in Lagacherla and Polepally for a pharma village, a fresh notification is to be issued towards the establishment of a Multipurpose Industrial Park in these villages. To this effect, the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIC) submitted fresh requisition proposals to the Vikarabad district administration for acquiring land towards the establishment of a Multipurpose Industrial Park. Accordingly, District Collector Prateek Jain on Friday appointed the Sub-Collector, Tandur, as Land Acquisition Officer (LAO) for acquiring land to set up the park. On June 7 this

OFFICIALS WITHDRAW LAND ACQUISITION FOR PHARMA VILLAGE

VIKARABAD: Heeding to the unrelenting fight put on by tribal farmers since the last few months, the Vikarabad district administration has withdrawn the notification issued for land acquisition in Lagacherla. However, there was no mention of Hakimpet and Polepally villages. Since the last few months, residents in Lagacherla have been up in arms against the establishment of a pharma village in their vicinity. **(REPORT PAGE 4)**

year, the TGIC submitted proposals for the establishment of pharma villages. A request was made to process the acquisition of assigned/patta land covering 1,358.37 acres in Hakimpet, Polepally and Lagacherla villages under Dudyal mandal. Subsequently, the Vikarabad Collector appointed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tandur, as

the LAO. Notification for the acquisition of 71.39 acres of Polepally village was approved on July 30. A notification was published on August 3 in a vernacular daily and an English daily. Similarly, notification for acquisition of 632.26 acres of Lagacherla village, was approved on August 1. A notification was published on August 8 in English and vernacular dailies. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Tiger mauls 21-yr-old woman to death

STATE BUREAU Kurum Bheem Asifabad
A woman was killed by a tiger while she was picking cotton balls at a farm on the outskirts of Village Number 6 in Easgaon village, also known as Nazrulnagar, in Kagaznagar mandal early on Friday. This was the fourth such incident reported in the district since 2020, though there were no incidents in the last two years. Morle Lakshmi (21) from Gannaram village fell unconscious after sustaining serious injuries on her neck when the tiger mauled her while she, along with around eight other labourers, was engaged in harvesting the cotton crop between



Morle Lakshmi

nesses said the tiger pounced on the woman from behind and bit her on the neck. When the others raised an alarm, the tiger ran through the cotton field and fled into the forest. Forest officials rushed to the spot and gathered evidence of pug marks of the tiger. Samples of injuries and saliva of the tiger would be sent to a forensic laboratory for examination, they said. Forest officials suspected that a tiger from Maharashtra might have been disturbed when locals tried to take its photographs and videos in the morning and could have attacked the woman. A watcher tracked the movement of the tiger from Peddabanda village in

Sirpur (T) mandal. Four teams were formed to patrol the villages that were seeing the movement of tigers at night, the officials said. Meanwhile, family members, relatives and members of Lakshmi's community staged a dharna in front of the Forest Divisional Officer's office in Kagaznagar, carrying her body and seeking compensation. They said forest officials were showing negligence in addressing man-animal conflicts, resulting in the death of humans at regular intervals. The agitators withdrew their protest when forest officials agreed to initiate the process of extending compensation to the kin of the woman. **(SEE PAGES 2, 4)**

Four fall ill after mid-day meals in Nagarkurnool

STATE BUREAU Nagarkurnool
In yet another suspected case of food poisoning, four students of the government primary school at Gorita under Timmajipet mandal in the district have fallen ill after consuming mid-day meals at the school. The students were served tomato rice and egg for lunch. However, soon after

consuming the food, the students complained about stomach ache and nausea. Immediately, the teachers arranged for a doctor, and treatment was extended at the school, according to reports. **Food safety panels** The incident occurred a day after the State government issued orders to constitute an Institution Level

Food Safety Committee to oversee the cooking and the food served in various institutions to prevent food contamination and food-borne diseases. Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari issued orders, directing the committee members to taste the food for quality and other factors and then the food should be served to the students.

Answer booklet for SSC exam

YUVRAJ AKULA Hyderabad
Students appearing for the SSC Public Examinations in March 2025 will not have to juggle multiple answer sheets during their examination. In place of the existing multiple answer sheets system, the Education Department introduced a single 24-page answer booklet for all Class X exams, starting this academic year 2024-25. **(REPORT PAGE 3)**