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AAP to go solo in Delhi elections

NEW DELHI: AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal ruled out the possibility of an alliance between his party and the Congress for the Delhi Assembly elections, setting the stage for a triangular contest in the polls due in February. This comes a day after Delhi Congress president Devendra Yadav said the party would go it alone in the Assembly elections. "There will be no alliance," Kejriwal said.

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Have 3 kids, RSS chief to couples

NAGPUR: Expressing concern over declining population growth, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said India's Total Fertility Rate, average number of children a woman gives birth to in her lifetime, should be at least 3, well above the present 2.1. He also highlighted the vital role of families, and warned that according to population science, if a society's total fertility rate dips below 2.1, it could face extinction.

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ISRO to launch ESA's Proba-3

BENGALURU: ISRO's trusted workhorse Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) will blast off from Sriharikota spaceport in Andhra Pradesh on December 4 carrying ESA's Proba-3 mission, the Indian space agency said on Sunday. The European Space Agency's (ESA) Proba-3 Mission is happening in collaboration with ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited. The satellite will take off at 4.08 pm on Wednesday.

ASI for control of Sambhal mosque

SAMBHAL: The Archaeological Survey of India submitted its response in a court seeking control and management of Shahi Jama Masjid as it is a protected heritage structure. Representing the ASI, lawyer Vishnu Sharma said the agency submitted its counter-argument, stating that it faced resistance from the mosque's management committee and locals in conducting surveys of the site.

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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 90
Retail live.....	Rs. 112
With skin.....	Rs. 162
Skinless.....	Rs. 185
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 84

State plans to raise additional Rs 10,000 cr

Goes on borrowing spree after decline in revenue receipts

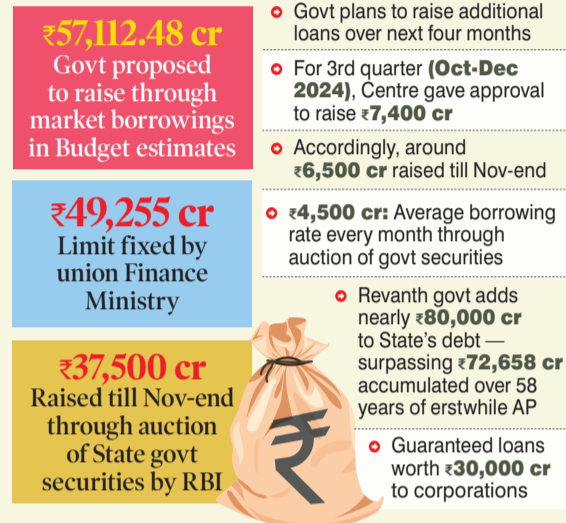
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HYDERABAD

With a sharp decline in revenue receipts from Rs 99,775.12 crore in October 2023 to Rs 90,844.45 crore in October this year, the State government is learnt to have decided to raise up to Rs 10,000 crore through market borrowings additionally for the current financial year of 2024-25. Officials have reportedly submitted proposals to the Union Finance Ministry for approval to this extent.

Though the State government initially proposed to raise Rs 57,112.48 crore through market borrowings in the Budget estimates for the current financial year, the Union Finance Ministry fixed the limit at Rs 49,255 crore. The State government already raised around Rs 37,500 crore till November-end through the auction of the State government securities by RBI and is seeking to raise additional loans over the next four months as the State revenues are not promising.

For the third quarter (October-December 2024), the

DEBT BURDEN



Centre gave approval to raise Rs 7,400 crore and accordingly, around Rs 6,500 crore were raised till November-end. The government is left with little space to raise another Rs 900 crore in December as per the RBI approval, which the officials fear, would not suffice the State's monthly needs amid poor revenue collections and growing ex-

penditure. Under these circumstances, the State government is learnt to have sought to revise the Budget estimates and draw Rs 10,000 crore in December itself. If approved, the market borrowings in December alone will account for nearly 20 per cent of the Budget estimates for the current fiscal. It would also shoot up the borrowing limit of Rs

49,255 crore fixed by the union Finance Ministry.

Except for July, where it borrowed Rs 10,392.71 crore, the State government has maintained an average borrowing rate of Rs 4,500 crore every month through the auction of the government securities. Under the Congress rule of one year, Telangana's debt has ballooned at an alarming rate in Telangana.

The Revanth Reddy government has added nearly Rs 80,000 crore to the State's debt — surpassing the Rs.72,658 crore accumulated over 58 years of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh. The Congress government has guaranteed loans worth nearly Rs 30,000 crore to corporations over the last 12 months, adding to its financial woes.

Officials are holding the expenditure on crop loan waiver amounting to Rs 18,000 crore as a primary reason for the increased market borrowings. However, they also admitted declining revenue collections and increased expenditure as causes for the increasing debt.

Works on elevated corridor at Paradise gather pace

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Hyderabad District Collector issued notifications for acquiring 62,152 square yards (12.84 acres) for the construction of an elevated corridor from Paradise junction to Dairy Farm road on NH 44. These lands are being acquired in Bholakpur, Thokatta, Sitarapuram and Bowenpally villages under Tirumalagiri mandal.

Meanwhile, posing serious challenges to the authorities, several structures, including religious structures, graveyards, educational institutes, residential apartments and others exist on the land that has to be acquired for the project. Open land of the Osmania PG College Arts and Science measuring 294.81 yards, a Muslim graveyard measuring 4,475.50 yards, another graveyard measuring 3,954.40 yards, 1,968.10 yards of police quarters and the ZPHS, Bowenpally, a portion of the post office, cricket ground, SCB Computer training institute and several residential apart-

497 acres to be acquired in Lagacherla

VIKARABAD: A day after issuing notification for acquisition of 110.32 acres in Lagacherla under Dudyal mandal, the district administration issued another notification for acquiring additional 497 acres in the same village. The land is being acquired for establishing a multipurpose industrial park in favour of TGILC. The notification to acquire 497 acres was published in an English daily on Sunday. In the earlier notification, which was withdrawn, the district administration wanted to acquire 632.26 acres in Lagacherla.

ments and commercial properties are to be acquired for the project.

To this effect, six notifications have been issued in English daily on Sunday. The elevated corridor from Paradise junction to Military Dairy Farm road via Tadbund and Bowenpally junctions on National Highway 44 covers 5.3 km. The structure would be constructed at a cost of Rs 1,580 crore. On the same elevated corridor, a Metro Rail line would be constructed in the future, making it a double-decker corridor.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy laid the foundation for the structure at Kand-

lakoya on March 9 this year. Of the 5.3 km structure, 4.6 km will be elevated, and 0.6 km will be a tunnel. The six-lane corridor will have 131 pillars. To ensure smooth flow of traffic, two ramps will also be constructed on either side of the structure near Bowenpally junction. This apart, one more elevated corridor is being planned from Paradise junction to Shamirpet at ORR junction (SH-01), covering 18.12 km. It is being planned with a cost of Rs 3,619 crore.

For the last few years, the State government has been appealing to the Defence Ministry to allocate land for the projects. (SEE PAGE 2)

Fadnavis named Maharashtra CM, says BJP leader

MUMBAI

The name of Devendra Fadnavis has been finalised as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra who will be elected as the Legislature Party Leader in a meeting to be held either on December 2 or 3, a senior BJP leader said on Sunday night. Earlier in the day, outgoing Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said he would support the BJP's decision to pick the new Chief Minister.

"The name of Devendra Fadnavis has been finalised as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra. The meeting to elect the new BJP legislature party meeting will be held on either December 2 or 3," a senior BJP leader said. Amid speculation that his son Shrikant Shinde might get the deputy Chief Minister post and Shiv Sena is keen on the Home portfolio, Eknath Shinde said the Mahayuti allies — BJP, NCP, and Shiv Sena — will decide the government formation through consensus after sitting together.

More than a week after the Mahayuti clinched victory in polls with the BJP emerging as the single largest party with 132 seats, the new government is yet to be sworn in. The oath-taking ceremony of new Mahayuti government is scheduled for December 5. (SEE PAGES 2, 7)

7 Maoists killed in encounter

Secretaries of two area committees among the dead

STATE BUREAU
Mulugu

Seven cadres of CPI (Maoists) were killed in an encounter in Chalpak-Kondai forests in Eturnagaram mandal of Mulugu district on Sunday.

According to available information, secretaries of two Maoist area committees, including Maoist Yellandu-Narsampet area committee commander Bhadrappa alias Papanna, were among the dead. Six of the seven slain Maoists were natives of Chhattisgarh. Police seized firearms from the encounter spot. Greyhounds and the local police took part in the encounter.

A key leader, Kursam Mangu alias Bhadrappa alias Papanna of Cheramangi village of Bijapur district in Chhattisgarh, was the Maoist State committee member acting as Yellandu-Narsampet area committee secretary and carried an AK-47 rifle with him. There was a reward of Rs 20 lakh on his head. Similarly, a divisional committee member, Egolapu Mallaiah alias Madhu of Rajapur village in Ramagiri mandal in Peddapalli district, was killed in

Armed CPI(Maoist) cadres started firing indiscriminately at the police personnel despite being asked to surrender, says SP

the encounter. He was the secretary of the Eturnagaram-Mahadevpur area committee and carried an AK-47 rifle.

Area committee members Mussaki Deval alias Karunakar and Mussaki Jamuna, Jaishingh, Kishore and Kamesh were the others killed in the encounter. They belong to different parts of Chhattisgarh. Police recovered the bodies and firearms after the encounter was over. According to Mulugu District Superintendent of Police P Shabarish, two AK-47 rifles were among the weapons seized from the scene.

The armed CPI(Maoist) cadres began firing indiscriminately at the police personnel despite being asked to surrender. The police also returned fire in self-defence, he said.

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Indian Navy's marine commandos demonstrate their skills during Navy Day celebrations, in Mumbai on Sunday. — Photo: PTI

Trump warns BRICS countries of 100% tariff

NEW YORK

US President-elect Donald Trump threatened to impose 100 per cent tariffs on BRICS countries if they develop a new currency or adopt another to replace "the mighty dollar" and effectively bar them from American markets. "There is no chance that the BRICS will replace the US Dollar in International Trade, and any country that tries should wave goodbye to America," he posted on Truth Social.

"We require a commitment from these countries that they will neither create a new BRICS Currency, nor back any other Currency to replace the mighty US Dollar or, they will face 100 per cent Tariffs, and should expect to say goodbye to selling into the wonderful US Economy," the President-elect posted. IANS

Man forges bail papers to flee jail

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

A man, who was arrested in a cheating case and remanded at Central Prison Chanchalguda, deceived the jail officials and got released on bail after submitting forged documents.

Mir Shujath Ali was arrested by the Narsingi police in a cheating case and was lodged at Central Prison Chanchalguda. Last week, Ali submitted forged bail documents, got released from prison and escaped.

The sensational escape came to light when the Narsingi police filed a Prisoner Transit (PT) warrant in another case, and the court concerned accepted the request. When the police team reached the prison to take custody of Shujath Ali, they found that the man was released on bail.

Mir Shujath Ali, with help of a prisoner, got papers pertaining to bail in another case forged and submitted them to the court

To their shock, the police re-checked with the court and found that the court did not grant bail to him. The jail authorities then verified the documents submitted by Shujath Ali and found that he had submitted forged documents. The man got the old bail papers tampered with and got them submitted to court. Sources said Shujath Ali, with the help of an undertrial prisoner, Ramu, got old documents pertaining to bail in another case forged and submitted them. (SEE PAGE 2)

Kannada actor ends life in Hyd

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Kannada film and television actor Shobhitha Shivanna died by suicide in her flat at Gachibowli early on Sunday. The 30-year-old was staying at a flat in Gachibowli along with her husband. On Sunday, she was found hanging from the ceiling in the house by the police who had reached the place on information.

"Shobhitha's husband was in the house at the time of the incident. She reportedly went into a room in the flat and hanged herself from the ceiling. On information, we reached the spot and began an investigation," said Gachibowli Inspector Mohd Habeebullah Khan. The police shifted the body for post-mortem examination to Osmania Hospital mortuary. A case was being registered.

Tiger Johnny finds love finally!

STATE BUREAU
Kumram Bheem Asifabad

The sighting of a pair of tigers at a stream near Itikalapahad village in Sirpur (T) mandal on Sunday has cheered forest officials, who hope the pair might nurture a tiger family in the region.

Officials said their staffers saw a pair of tigers moving near the stream and heard the big cats roaring. They stated that scratches, made by a tiger to declare boundaries, were also found on the trunk of the tree. They suspected a male might have joined a female tiger, and they both were staying at the stream. The officials believe that the male tiger, popular as Johnny, from

BIG CAT KILLS COW IN ASIFABAD

ASIFABAD: A cow was killed by a tiger on the outskirts of Dharogapalli village on Sunday. A shepherd said that a cow belonging to Varimadha Srinivas was killed by a tiger while a herd of cattle were returning to the village from nearby forests. He stated that the tiger on the prowl in a bush attacked the cow and killed it by biting its neck. He added that he ran away from the spot to escape himself and informed villagers about the incident. Penchikalet FRO Anil Kumar told media that they would inspect the spot of the incident on Monday. (SEE PAGE 2)

Painganga Wildlife Sanctuary in Yavatmal and Nanded districts of Maharashtra, managed to meet a female tiger, which also drifted to Sirpur (T) from Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve of the neighbouring State. They hoped that the two

would nurture a family of tigers in this region soon. Johnny had begun his marathon journey in October travelling nearly 400 km in search of a female companion. Meanwhile, 10 special teams were formed to monitor the movement of a

tiger which attacked a farmer, Rauthu Suresh, at Dubbaguda village in Sirpur (T) mandal on Saturday. Besides these, 25 teams were scanning the forests of Sirpur (T) range, while 30 CCTV cameras were installed to record images of the tigers. Drone cameras were also flown in the forests to detect the tiger, which mauled a woman to death at Easgaon on Friday.

On the other hand, the Field Director of Kawal Tiger Reserve, S Santharam, visited Suresh, who was under observation at a private hospital in Mancheril. He said steps were being taken to prevent human loss by tracking the movement of tigers.