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**In a nutshell**

**Preserve bodies of slain Maoists: HC**

**HYDERABAD:** In a significant development related to Sunday's Mulugu encounter, the Telangana High Court on Monday issued directions to the State police to preserve the bodies of the slain Maoists till the next hearing scheduled for Tuesday. Justice B Vijayen Reddy also granted permission to Kalavala Iamma, the wife of one of the deceased, Malliah, to view her husband's body.

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**Putin may visit India next year**

**MOSCOW:** Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to travel to India next year as part of the established framework for reciprocal annual engagements between the leaders of the two nations, the Kremlin has said. Putin has received an invitation to visit India from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov said at a recent media briefing. The dates for Putin's visit will be set in early 2025. **PTI**

**Fungus, larvae in students' snacks**

**MUMBAI:** In a shocking incident, fungus and live larvae were allegedly found in the nutritional snacks provided to students of at least two Zilla Parishad and State government-aided schools in tribal-dominated Palghar district. Confirming the incident, Palghar Collector Govind Bodke said the samples have been collected. He assured action against the supplier after the laboratory report was received. **PTI**

**Rupee drops 12 p to all-time low**

**MUMBAI:** The rupee depreciated 12 paise to close at an all-time low of 84.72 against the US dollar on Monday, on disappointing macroeconomic data and broad strength of the American currency in the overseas markets. Forex traders said Asian currencies were down after Trump's rhetoric on BRICs currency, as the move may further strengthen the greenback. **PTI**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 85
Retail live.....	Rs. 107
With skin.....	Rs. 155
Skinless.....	Rs. 177
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 84

# Discoms on high alert amid increase in power demand

Telangana reaches fifth rank as demand touches 15,573 MW in August

ANIL KUMAR  
HYDERABAD

In the wake of an increase in power demand in the State in the last few months, State-run power distribution companies have been put on high alert.

According to the latest report of the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Telangana has surpassed Rajasthan, Karnataka and Punjab and reached the 5th rank with its power demand touching 15,573 MW in August. Uttar Pradesh with 29,126 MW, Maharashtra with 25,855 MW, Gujarat with 21,918 MW and Tamil Nadu with 17,843 MW are the first four.

Power officials said if the 5x800 megawatt Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS) project being constructed in Dameracharla of Nalgonda district by the Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited (TSGENCO) did not start production by March, the State could find it difficult to tackle the rising power demand and the discoms would have to continue purchasing power from the open market. This would put additional burden on the discoms, which are already under financial stress.



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Although the discoms have been managing supply without much trouble so far, top officials in the Energy Department have cautioned them to get ready to handle a further rise in demand in the coming months, especially in summer. Officials

say electricity consumption of industries, IT industries, household, commercial and agriculture was increasing rapidly in the State, especially in and around Hyderabad. In recent times, the demand increased by 23 per cent across the Greater Hyderabad limits. Generally, it goes up by 12 per cent every year and peaks in summer. However, this time, November witnessed an unusually

huge power demand, possibly due to prevailing weather conditions, power officials said. Officials said the maximum power demand reached 3,756 MW in Greater Hyderabad last year, which rose to 4,352 MW this year. Similarly, power usage increased from 79 million units to 90 MU, recording 15 per cent growth. Discoms are spending Rs 1,000 crore every

month to purchase power from the Indian Energy Exchange to meet the demand, the officials added. If the government does not manage to get the Yadadri power station running by March, and the demand continues to keep rising, the financial implications could be severe, especially when the government has kept saying it was short of cash even for daily operations.

# B'desh row: 'Breach regrettable'

India beefs up security at Bangladeshi missions in country

NEW DELHI

India on Monday described as "deeply regrettable" an incident of breach of the premises of Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Agartala by a group of people protesting against the arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das in the neighbouring country. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said consular properties should not be targeted under any circumstances and that the government is beefing up security at the Bangladeshi missions in India following the incident.

The MEA's comments came hours after thousands of people took out a massive rally near the Bangladeshi mission in the capital city of Tripura protesting the arrest of Das

**MAMATA SEEKS UN INTERVENTION**

**KOLKATA:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday urged the Centre to move the UN in deploying a peacekeeping mission in the neighbouring country, besides seeking PM Narendra Modi's intervention in bringing back persecuted Indians from foreign soil. She also demanded that the EAM appraise Parliament on India's stand. **PTI (REPORT PAGE 7)**

in Bangladesh as well as attacks on the Hindu community in that country.

"The incident earlier today (Monday) of the breach of premises at the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Agartala is deeply regrettable," the MEA said.

It is learnt that over 50 protesters reportedly entered the premises of the Bangladeshi mission in Agartala, triggering concerns among the officials at the complex. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

# Newlywed cop hacked to death

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

In a case of suspected honour killing, a newlywed woman police constable was hacked to death by her brother at Ibrahimpatnam in Rangareddy district on the city outskirts on Monday.

The incident occurred when the victim, Nagamani, a police constable posted at Hayathnagar police station, was commuting on her scooter from Raipole to Manuguda near Ibrahimpatnam. According to the police, when she reached Raipole, her younger brother Paramesh, who apparently was against her inter-caste marriage, chased her and rammed her scooter with his car.

When she fell on the road, he attacked her on head and neck, hacking her to death

with a machete. She sustained grievous injuries and died on the spot.

About a month ago, Nagamani had a love marriage with Srikanth, who belonged to the same village, going against the wishes of her family members. Police suspect that Paramesh was enraged by her inter-caste marriage and decided to kill her. For the past few days, he had been closely watching the couple's movements.

On Sunday, being a holiday, the couple came to their native place in Raipole. However, on Monday morning, they started for their workplace. While Srikanth left in his car, Nagamani was headed to the Hayathnagar police station on her scooter when Paramesh is suspected to have waylaid and murdered her. **(SEE PAGE 2)**



**CONSTABLE NAGAMANI'S BROTHER ALLEGEDLY KILLED HER AS HE WAS AGAINST HER INTER-CASTE MARRIAGE**



TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION

A crane lifts a damaged vehicle in flooded Uthangarai following heavy rain in the aftermath of Cyclone Fengal, in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu. — Photo: PTI (REPORTS PAGE 7)

# Congress left red-faced again

STATE BUREAU  
Siddipet

In a major embarrassment for the Congress and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, two factions of the party cadre came to blows during Revanth Reddy's visit to Gajwel constituency on Monday.

When the police denied entry to the followers of former Gajwel MLA Tumukunta Narsa Reddy into the Coca Cola factory, which the Chief Minister had inaugurated, the party workers created a ruckus. They raised slogans supporting their leader and against his rival Bhandaru Srikanth Rao, who leads another Congress faction in the constituency. The cadre tore the flexes put up by Srikanth Rao, which had

huge portraits of Revanth Reddy.

Unable to control the cadre, the police resorted to lathi charge and chased them away. The incident created a ruckus during the Chief Minister's visit. When Revanth Reddy came to know of the incident, he called Narsa Reddy inside the factory and enquired about it.

Commissioner of Police Dr B Anuradha herself came out and accompanied Narsa Reddy to the Chief Minister, where he alleged that he was ill-treated. When Srikanth Rao, along with his followers arrived at the meeting place, Rao's followers were allowed in. However, the police denied entry to Narsa Reddy's followers, which caused the incident. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

# SI shoots himself dead in resort

STATE BUREAU  
Mulugu

A Sub-Inspector, working with the Wajedu police station, died allegedly by shooting himself with a revolver, at a resort near Mullaakatta village in Etur-nagaram mandal early on Monday.

He was supposed to get married next week.

SI Rudrarapu Harish was found dead after he allegedly shot himself with his service revolver in a room at the resort.

On Sunday evening, Harish told his family that he was going to work, but went to the resort, where he booked a room. At night, he allegedly shot himself with his service revolver.

On Monday morning, the resort staff saw the room door open and Harish was lying on the bed in a pool of blood. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

# Speeding truck runs over vegetable vendors, kills 3

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

In a tragic incident, three persons died and six others were grievously injured when a rashly driven truck ran over them at Aluru gate in Chevella mandal, Rangareddy district, on the Hyderabad-Bijapur road on Monday evening.

The victims, who were selling vegetables along the road, were identified as Ramulu and Prem from Aluru, and Sujata from Khanapur.

The ghastly incident occurred when the rashly driven truck lost control and rammed nearly 50 vendors, who were selling vegetables along the road. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

# 56 killed in stampede after clashes at Guinea match

CONAKRY

Fifty-six people were killed and several injured in a stampede at a soccer stadium in southern Guinea, following clashes between fans, Guinea's government said on Monday. Authorities are conducting an investigation to establish

those responsible for the stampede on Sunday, Communications Minister Fana Soumah said. Among the victims are several children, according to local media and a coalition of political parties. The stampede broke out on Sunday afternoon at the stadium in the city of Nzerekore. **AP**

# OU Arts College to be India's third trademarked building

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The Osmania University's iconic Arts College building is set to become the country's third trademarked building, following in the footsteps of the Taj Mahal Hotel and Bombay Stock Exchange, as per reports.

The trademark application for the building's exterior design was filed in April and has been accepted for publication. The registration is expected to be completed in the next four-five months, reports have stated. The Arts College, inaugurated by Nizam VII Mir Osman Ali Khan in 1939, is a blend of Ajanta and Ellora styles with Indo-Saracenic arches. Designed by Belgian architect Monsieur Jasper, the granite structure boasts 164 rooms and covers a vast area of 2.5 lakh sft. Subhajit



Saha, a TM agent, filed the application with the support of Prof GB Reddy, the founding Chair Professor of the DPIIR-IPR Chair at OU, specialising in the area of Intellectual Property as an independent researcher, publisher & teacher. **(SEE PAGE 2)**