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In a nutshell

Lesbian couple can live together: HC

AMARAVATI: The Andhra Pradesh High Court has upheld the right of a lesbian couple to live together, affirming their freedom to choose partners. A Bench comprising Justices R Raghunandan Rao and K Maheswara Rao was hearing a habeas corpus petition filed by Kavitha (name changed), one of the women, alleging that her partner Lalitha (name changed) was detained by her father against her will. **NATION PAGE 7**

Farmer leader critical

CHANDIGARH: Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, whose fast-unto-death entered the 24th day on Thursday, fell and fainted for eight-10 minutes with doctors describing his condition as critical. The doctors said, "His life is hanging by a thread." Doctors attending him at the Khanauri border protest site also said Dallewal is at the risk of cardiac arrest and multi-organ failure. He has not had anything for 24 days. **NATION PAGE 8**

Folk artiste Mogilaiah no more

HYDERABAD: Popular folk artiste Pasthan Mogilaiah aka Mogili, who shot to fame by rendering an elegy with his wife Komuramma in the Telugu blockbuster 'Balagam', passed away on Thursday morning. He was 67. He is survived by Komuramma and two children. Mogilaiah was fighting for life with both his kidneys damaged for quite long. He was undergoing dialysis and treatment at a private hospital in Warangal. **STATE PAGE 5**

Ferry tragedy: Navy begins probe

MUMBAI: The Indian Navy on Thursday instituted a 'Board of Inquiry' to probe the collision of a naval boat and a passenger ferry off the Mumbai coast a day earlier which killed 13 persons, including a naval sailor. The Navy said Search and Rescue efforts had continued through the night of December 18-19 in the vicinity of the accident. Two persons from the ferry are still reported to be missing and SAR operations to this end are in progress. **NATION PAGE 7**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

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| Farm..... | Rs. 91 |
| Retail live..... | Rs. 113 |
| With skin..... | Rs. 164 |
| Skinless..... | Rs. 186 |
| Egg Rates (12 eggs)..... | Rs. 80 |

FORMULA-E ISSUE: 'NOTHING TO HIDE'

KTR exposes Revanth's conspiracy over Formula-E controversy

STATE BUREAU HYDERABAD
 BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Thursday dropped a bomb on the Congress government, producing evidence of how a political conspiracy was orchestrated against him using the Formula-E racing event as pretext.

He presented crucial details about the event's cancellation and financial transactions that were deliberately suppressed from public domain by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, and explained how the Chief Minister had played foul games to get the event cancelled and then accuse him of corruption.

In the wake of a case filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) against him earlier in the day, Rama Rao spoke to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan and shared crucial documents, including key communications between the State government and the officials of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), which had filed a case for arbitration against the State government in the International Chamber of Commerce for breach of contract.

"Formula E co-founder and Chief Championship Officer Alberto Longo met Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on December 13 to discuss the event and the latter reportedly responded positively. They also sent an

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email communication to the government on December 19 for confirmation and commitment to an operational delivery plan for the event by December 21, which was apparently ignored," he said.

This letter clearly mentioned that the first two instalments were paid by the previous government, and that the third instalment was not paid by the current government, which led to the cancellation, and in the process, also revealed that there was no foul play from part of the previous BRS government, Rama Rao said.



BRS working president KT Rama Rao addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Thursday. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

The BRS working president said Formula-E officials communicated with the government here again on December 22, citing a breach of agreement due to non-payment of the third instalment by the Municipal Administration Department under the Congress regime.

The Formula-E organisers had provided an opportunity to address the issue, but received no response. Following the cancellation of the event, the licence fee of Rs 74 lakh was returned by the FIA to the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI), but that was also ignored by the government, despite letters from the FIA to MAUD Principal Secretary Dana Kishore to take

back the money. All these correspondence and the suspicious inaction on part of the Congress government, which led to cancellation of the prestigious event, were kept secret, the reasons of which were now becoming obvious with the ACB case, Rama Rao said.

"When the transactions are clear, where is the cor-

No role for ACB as there's no case of corruption in holding the event

ruption? The Congress government, instead of explaining its lapses, is using the ACB to file false cases against me. This is another baseless attempt by Revanth Reddy to tarnish our reputation and corner us," he said.

DO WHAT YOU CAN DO. I WILL PROCEED LEGALLY, AND WILL PRODUCE THE SAME DOCUMENTS BEFORE ACB, POLICE AND COURT... THE ACB HAS NO RIGHT TO BE A PART OF THIS PROBE... I AM CONFIDENT. I HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG
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There was evidence to show that he had done nothing wrong, with every transaction being on paper and in bank records and the Formula-E letters also confirming that they were paid the first two instalments, he said, wondering where the corruption was. Rama Rao also revealed that the FIA had initiated arbitration against the State government at the International Chamber of Commerce, represented by Harish Salve, but the Congress government remained silent.

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ACB books KTR, Arvind Kumar, retired official

CITY BUREAU Hyderabad

The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday booked a case against former Minister and BRS working president KT Rama Rao, senior IAS officer Arvind Kumar and retired HMDA Chief Engineer BLN Reddy in connection with the Formula-E race.

The ACB has arraigned Rama Rao as Accused No. 1, Arvind Kumar as Accused No. 2 and BLN Reddy as Accused No. 3 in the case, which is in connection with allegations of irregularities amounting to Rs 55 crore in the Formula-E race held in Hyderabad in 2023 and its second edition that was proposed to be held in February this year.

Chief Secretary A Sanku Kumari on Tuesday wrote to the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, asking him to initiate a probe against Rama Rao. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

MPs hit a new low

2 BJP MPs injured, Rahul blamed; Kharge says he was pushed

NEW DELHI

Plumbing new depths of political animosity, rival MPs screamed and shoved in the forecourt of Parliament on Thursday in unprecedented scenes of unruliness, capping three days of acrimonious debate inside the House over preserving the dignity of BR Ambedkar.

Two BJP MPs were hospitalised with injuries as Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi became the centre of the ruling party's accusations, including one by a woman MP who said he misbehaved with her. NDA leaders filed a police complaint against him for "attempt to murder, physical assault and incitement".

The sordid incident perhaps without parallel started in the morning as BJP and opposition MPs marched towards each other over union Home Minister Amit Shah's comments on Ambedkar. As



BJP MP Pratap Chandra Sarangi on a wheelchair being taken to hospital after he got injured in clashes between I.N.D.I.A bloc and NDA MPs during a protest, at the Parliament complex. — Photo: PTI

the two groups came closer, tempers and voices rose, soon resulting in a melee. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said he was pushed so violently that he lost his balance and sat down. "Now they are the

ones who are accusing us of shoving them," the 82-year-old said. However, the more apparent injuries were sustained by BJP's Balasore MP Pratap Sarangi (69), who had to get stitches in the temple. His colleague

Mukesh Rajput was also injured. The Congress vehemently denied the charges. BJP MPs were seen carrying placards pinned to sticks. "They stopped, threatened and intimidated me," Rahul said. **PTI (SEE PAGES 2, 7)**

Another student sick after snakebite

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Another student of the Peddapur Gurukul, Yashvith, was admitted to a private hospital in Korutla after he fell ill, reportedly due to a snakebite on Thursday morning. There were

snakebite marks on the leg and hand of the Class VIII student. On Wednesday, another Class VIII student, Akhil, was admitted to hospital after he started vomiting and complained of pain in his hand.

There were snakebite marks on his wrist. School

authorities suspect that both students might have been bitten by a snake on Tuesday night. While Akhil fell sick after a few hours, Yashvith developed symptoms later.

Doctors doubt that the boys were bitten by a Russell's viper. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

5 terrorists killed in J&K encounter

SRINAGAR

Five Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists, including a self-styled top commander of the outfit, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Kulgam district of

Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, officials said. Two security forces personnel sustained injuries in the operation that was launched in the early hours of the day, they said. Security forces launched a cordon and

search operation at Kadder in Behibagh of the district on Wednesday night following information about the presence of suspected terrorists, officials said. They said the search operation turned into an encounter. **PTI**

Class IX student on 'Ayyappa Deeksha' thrashed

CITY BUREAU Hyderabad

Tension prevailed at a school in Dilsukhnagar following a protest over a schoolteacher allegedly beating up a Class IX student who was on 'Ayyappa Deeksha'.

The student, Vasi Karan, studying at Narayana High School, was allegedly beaten up by maths teacher Yousuf Raja for disturbing the class on Wednesday. The boy went home and informed his parents about the incident.

On Thursday, scores of ABVP activists and the boy's parents came to the school and staged a protest demanding action against the teacher. The parents filed a complaint.

Robotic pill lets docs see inside body

CITY BUREAU Hyderabad

It's time to say goodbye to invasive endoscopy employed by doctors to view the inside of a patient's stomach!

A tiny digestible pill of the size of multivitamin tablet, when swallowed, starts beaming live images of the patient's stomach. This is not a scene from some sci-fi movie but a cutting edge robotic capsule, PillBot, which



Dr D Nageshwar Reddy, chairman of AIG Hospitals, shows PillBot.

US-based medical innovator Endiatx, PillBot is a remote-controlled (robotic) disposable endoscopy capsule, measuring 13x30 mm, which can be ingested by a patient, who does not have to be sedated for an endoscopy.

AIG Hospitals collaborated with Endiatx to demonstrate the potential of the robotic pill live at its Gachibowli facility in the presence of Dr Vivek Kumbhari, chair of the Department of Gastroenterology at

Mayo Clinic, USA, and Dr Alex Luebke, co-founder of Endiatx. Equipped with advanced cameras, sensors and wireless capabilities, the device is designed to navigate the gastrointestinal tract and transmit real-time, high-resolution images to physicians. Unlike traditional endoscopy, PillBot offers a non-invasive, sedation-free alternative that enhances patient comfort and diagnostic accuracy. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

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