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**SC panel meets Jagjit Dallewal**  
**NEW DELHI:** After the Punjab government informed the SC about a scheduled meeting with septuagenarian farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, a SC-appointed panel met him at around 3.30 pm on Monday. A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kottiswar Singh was informed by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing the Punjab government, that the protesting farmers had been persuaded to meet Justice (retd) Nawab Singh, who chairs the panel.

**Ambulance runs amok, 2 dead in AP**  
**CHANDRAGIRI:** Two women devotees on their way to Tirumala died here in Tirupati district in the wee hours of Monday after being hit by an ambulance, said a police official. A 108-ambulance coming from Piler hit the devotees around 4 am between Rangampeta and Mangapuram, said the official. "The ambulance hit seven devotees from behind. Two of them died and five others sustained injuries," the official said. Fog could be the reason for the early morning accident.

**Trudeau resigns as Liberal Party leader**  
**OTTAWA:** Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced his resignation on Monday in the face of rising discontent over his leadership, and after the abrupt departure of his Finance Minister signalled growing turmoil within his government. Trudeau said it had become clear to him that he cannot "be the leader during the next elections due to internal battles." He planned to stay on as Prime Minister until a new leader of the Liberal Party is chosen.

**Naidu flags falling birthrates**  
**KUPPAM:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Monday once again flagged the falling birthrates and said India should not repeat the mistakes committed by other countries such as South Korea and Japan, where birthrates have plummeted. Naidu said there should be a discussion in every home from tomorrow over birthrate and population management. "We should not repeat the mistakes committed by other countries and be careful," he said.

## India sees first HMPV cases

**Five infants test positive in K'taka, TN, Guj**

PTI  
NEW DELHI

Five infants tested positive for the Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat on Monday, the first reported cases of the virus in India. Union Health Minister JP Nadda sought to assuage fears, saying the government is closely monitoring the situation and there is no reason to worry. HMPV is a globally recognised respiratory virus that recently gained attention after its outbreak was reported in China.

It is a viral pathogen that causes respiratory infections in people of all age groups. While the Karnataka, Gujarat, and Maharashtra governments assured that there was no cause for alarm, the Delhi government directed all hospitals in the capital to remain fully prepared to manage a potential surge in respiratory illnesses with former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal urging the Centre to act swiftly to prevent a potential health crisis.

Two cases were detected in Karnataka by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) through routine surveillance for multiple respiratory viral pathogens. A three-month-old girl with a history of bronchopneumonia was diagnosed with HMPV after being admitted to Baptist Hospital in Bengaluru. She

**What is HMPV**

ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC), UNITED STATES, HMPV CAN CAUSE UPPER AND LOWER RESPIRATORY DISEASE IN PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUNG CHILDREN, OLDER ADULTS, AND PEOPLE WITH WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEMS. DISCOVERED IN 2001, HMPV IS IN THE PNEUMOVIRIDAE FAMILY ALONG WITH RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV).

SYMPTOMS	PREVENTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cough, fever, nasal congestion, and shortness of breath</li> <li>Clinical symptoms could progress to bronchitis or pneumonia</li> <li>Incubation period is 3 to 6 days, and duration of illness will depend on severity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash hands often with soap and water</li> <li>Avoid touching their eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands</li> <li>Avoid close contact with people who are sick</li> <li>Patients with cold-like symptoms should cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing</li> <li>Cough etiquette</li> </ul>

**HOW IT SPREADS**

- Coughing and sneezing
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
- Touching objects/surfaces that have viruses on them and then touching mouth, nose, or eyes

**TREATMENT: AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO SPECIFIC ANTIVIRAL THERAPY**

has already been discharged, the Health Ministry said. An eight-month-old boy with a history of bronchopneumonia tested positive for HMPV on January 3 after being admitted to Baptist Hospital. He is now recovering, it said.

**No travel history**  
 Neither of the two have any history of international travel, the Ministry underlined. In neighbouring Tamil Nadu, two more children tested positive for the virus. These two are the first cases to be reported from the city and are currently undergoing treatment in two hospitals, officials said. The fifth case was reported from Gujarat's Ahmedabad.

A two-month-old boy admitted to a private hospital in the city tested positive for

HMPV. The infant, who hails from Dungarpur in Rajasthan, was hospitalised on December 24, 2024, with symptoms of respiratory infection. Initially, the child needed ventilator support but his condition is stable now, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation medical officer Bhavin Solanki said. Union Health Minister Nadda said the government is closely monitoring situation and there is no reason to worry. He said HMPV is not a new virus and no surge in any of the common respiratory virus pathogens has been observed in the country. In a video message, Nadda said in the wake of the recent reports of HMPV in China, the Health Ministry, the ICMR, and the NCDC are keeping a close watch on the situation.

## Couple dies after tiff on daughter's b'day

STATE BUREAU  
Sangareddy

A couple, both software engineers, died by suicide on their daughter's birthday at their residence following an argument over a petty issue at Rock Hills Colony in Ameenpur municipality on Sunday night.

The couple had an argument over making arrangements for their daughter's birthday. When Sandeep (36) went out, his wife hanged herself. Shocked upon seeing Keerthi hanging from the ceiling on his return, Sandeep also ended his life by hanging himself using the same rope.

The neighbours saw both the children, aged below five, crying and looked through the window to find their parents hanging from the ceiling. They broke

### 4 FOUND DEAD IN BENGALURU

**BENGALURU:** A techie along with his wife have ended their lives allegedly after killing their two minor children at their rented home here, police said on Monday. The deceased have been identified as Anup Kumar 38, his wife Rakhi 35, and their 5-year-old daughter, and 2-year-old son. The police suspect that the couple allegedly poisoned their children before killing themselves by hanging. The cause for extreme step is yet to be ascertained. Anup Kumar worked as software consultant at a private firm.

open the doors and informed the police. The bodies were shifted to the government hospital for postmortem. The deaths of the husband and wife, natives of Warangal, left both the families in shock.

## Eight jawans among nine killed in Ch'garh IED blast

BIJAPUR

In their biggest strike on security forces in Chhattisgarh in two years, naxals blew up a vehicle using an improvised explosive device weighing 60 to 70kg, killing eight District Reserve Guard (DRG) jawans and their civilian driver in Bijapur district on Monday, police said.

Police suspect the powerful IED was planted long back along the route used by DRG, a State police unit involved in anti-insurgency operations.

The explosive device went off near Ambeli village under the Kutru police station area at around 2.15 pm when DRG personnel from Dantewada district were returning in their Scorpio vehicle after an

## Formula-E: ACB denies entry to KTR's lawyer

**BRS leader submits statement outside agency's office**



BRS working president KT Rama Rao at the ACB office in Hyderabad on Monday.

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Tension prevailed at the Anti-Corruption Bureau office here on Monday after BRS working president KT Rama Rao, who was summoned in connection with the investigation into the Formula-E case, was told that his lawyer would not be allowed to accompany him. This prompted him to submit his statement outside the office and leave.

Rama Rao had reached the ACB headquarters around 10 am, but with the police refusing his lawyer

### ACB SUMMONS KTR AGAIN

**HYDERABAD:** The ACB has again summoned BRS working president KT Rama Rao to appear before it for questioning in connection with the Formula-E case on Thursday. The ACB officials went to the BRS working president's residence at Raidurgam on Monday and served the summons. Following its earlier summons, Rama Rao had reached the ACB office on Monday, but left without entering the office as his lawyer was refused permission to accompany him. He however, submitted a written statement to the ACB officials.

entry into the office, he spoke to police officials seated in his car and handed over a written statement and returned without appearing before the officials. Asserting his fundamental right to legal representation, he said that he had in-

sisted on his lawyer's presence. "They said I can't take my lawyer inside. So I have given my statement whatever I had to give inside the office, to a DSP rank officer of the ACB. He has given me an acknowledgement," he said, expressing concern

over being denied the company of his lawyer during the inquiry by the ACB and suspected the government might manipulate his statements similar to what happened with former MLA Patnam Narendra Reddy. "I am a law-abiding citizen. I am here, respecting the ACB and its notice issued to me. I will also ensure that I will give all the information that they want, but in the presence of my lawyer because they in the past created a situation where things which were not said by our leader have been said," he said.

## 'Harassed' by SI, teen tries to end life

STATE BUREAU  
Mancherial

A 16-year-old boy tried to end his life by consuming pesticide alleging that he was unable to bear harassment by Kan-nepalli Sub-Inspector A Gangaram on Monday.

Family members said that Chintala Krishna Manohar, an Intermediate student from NTR Nagar in Mancherial town, tried to end his life as he was beaten black and blue by the Sub-Inspector, who also demanded a bribe on Sunday. Manohar was admitted to the government general hospital, where he is undergoing treatment.

## Girl accuses parents of forcing her into sex trade

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

In a disturbing incident, a minor girl from Madhura Nagar in Hyderabad has accused her parents of allegedly pressuring her into sex trafficking. The teenage girl's father, a daily wage labourer is an alcohol addict while her mother earns livelihood as a sex worker. For the past few days, her parents have been putting pressure on her to allegedly get into sex trade to support the family financially. The police registered a case against the girl's parents.

## Charlapalli terminal opened to public

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The newly developed Charlapalli terminal, aimed at decongesting the city's main stations at Secunderabad, Nampally and Kacheguda, was inaugurated on Monday.

Redeveloped at a cost of Rs 430 crore on a par with airports, the Charlapalli terminal is equipped with contemporary amenities and will alleviate the traffic burden for nearly 50,000 rail passengers, reducing their travel hassles.

The terminal, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on



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Monday, is already a halting point for nearly 25 pairs of trains, enabling 50 trains to operate daily. It is equipped

with modern amenities, including lifts, escalators, 9 platforms and huge parking spaces.

Speaking at the event, the Prime Minister highlighted its potential to accelerate regional development by connecting to the Outer Ring Road. "This station, connected to the Outer Ring Road, will significantly boost development in the region," he stated.

He also highlighted the station's modern amenities, including its platforms, lifts, escalators, solar-powered operations and how the new terminal will ease the pressure on existing stations in Secunderabad, Hyderabad, and Kacheguda, making travel more convenient for the people.

## Lovers set themselves ablaze in car on ORR

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

In a shocking incident, a man and a girl, who were in a relationship for the last five years, are suspected to have died by suicide after setting themselves on fire in a car at ORR Ghatkesar on Monday. Parvatham Sriram, a resident of Bibinagar in Nalgonda district, worked at a cycle shop at Narapally municipality in Pocharam of Ghatkesar mandal. While working at the shop, Sriram met the girl and the two became close friends.

## BRS protests against Cong's Rythu Bharosa betrayal

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Demanding the Congress government to fulfil its promise made to farmers of extending Rs 15,000 assistance under Rythu Bharosa, BRS leaders and workers held rallies and staged protests at different places across the State on Monday. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had announced that under Rythu Bharosa, Rs 12,000 per acre would be extended from January 26. This was against the promise made to extend Rs 15,000 per



BRS leaders and activists staging a protest in Karimnagar.

acre as part of the Congress' Warangal Declaration. The BRS workers, along with

farmers and farm labourers, raised slogans against the government.