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**In a nutshell**  
**PM likely to launch Amaravati works**  
**AMARAVATI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Amaravati next month to re-launch the capital city works. The Telugu Desam Party-led National Democratic Alliance government in the state has already decided to invite the Prime Minister for the resumption of works for the construction of the greenfield capital city. The ceremony is likely to be held between April 15 and 20. **NATION PAGE 7**

**Bank strike on March 24-25**  
**KOLKATA:** The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) on Thursday said its two-day nationwide strike on March 24 and 25 will be observed as scheduled since discussions with the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) over key demands failed to yield any positive outcome. In a meeting with the IBA, UFBU raised issues, including recruitment in all cadres and a five-day work week. Still, the key issues were unresolved. **BUSINESS PAGE 8**

**Kiwi PM to attend Raisina Dialogue**  
**NEW DELHI:** New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, foreign ministers of at least 18 countries, top executives of several global firms and foreign policy experts will converge in the national capital next week for the annual Raisina Dialogue, India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics. Prime Minister Modi and Luxon are scheduled to jointly inaugurate the 10th edition of the conclave. **PTI**

**Ramzan Timings**  
**Iftar** Saturday 6:31 PM  
**Saheer** Sunday 5:02 AM



**Nayanthara on next film Test**  
 Superstar calls the film a story of love, resilience and hope

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## Heatwave alert for several districts

**CITY BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad  
 Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)-Hyderabad on Friday evening in its weather forecast issued a heatwave alert for several districts of Telangana. According to the forecast, heatwave conditions are likely to prevail in Adilabad, Kumram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla and Peddapalli for the next three days. "The maximum temperatures are likely to rise gradually by 2 degrees

## BRS protests against Jagadish's suspension

**Agitations at major junctions in constituencies, district HQs**

**PS DILEEP**  
 Hyderabad

Protests erupted across Telangana on Friday as the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) staged demonstrations against the suspension of its senior leader and Suryapet MLA G Jagadish Reddy from the Assembly. Accusing the Congress government of suppressing the Opposition, BRS leaders and activists burnt effigies and took out protest rallies, demanding immediate revocation of the suspension. Jagadish Reddy was suspended for the entire Budget Session after allegedly making inappropriate remarks against Speaker Gaddam Prasad. However, the BRS contended that his suspension was politically motivated and aimed at silencing voices questioning the Congress government's failures. On the occasion, BRS working president KT Rama Rao called for Statewide protests on Friday. Accordingly, the BRS cadre organised protests at major junctions in all constituency and district headquarters across the State. They burnt the ef-



BRS cadre raising slogans against the Congress government, at Ambedkar Circle in Nagarkurnool district on Friday.

figies of the Congress government and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. Mild altercations ensued as the police intervened and attempted to foil their protests. The BRS cadre raised slogans against the Congress government and the Chief Minister. In Medchal, a demonstration was

organised in front of Swami Vivekananda statue on NH-44, where protesters raised slogans against Revanth Reddy. The agitation turned tense when police attempted to stop them from burning an effigy of the Chief Minister, resulting in a scuffle before the effigy was eventually set ablaze. Sev-

eral leaders were briefly detained and later released. Similar scenes unfolded in Mahabubnagar, where the BRS cadre held a protest at Shivaji Junction. They accused the Congress government of undermining democratic values and running the Assembly without an opposition. **(SEE PAGES 2, 5)**

## Labourer gets Rs 22 L GST notice

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Kothagudem

A daily wage labourer in the district had a rude shock when he received a demand notice from the commercial tax office, Vijayawada, for the recovery of unpaid GST dues from. Janapati Venkateswarlu, a couple of days ago, received DRC-7 notice issued on March 4 sent to his residential address house number: 4-14, Temple Street, Chandrugonda in the district through post. The notice was issued to Bhagya Laxmi Enterprise located at house number: 60-12-5, Sidhartha Nagar, SBI Colony, Vijayawada, a registered taxpayer with GSTIN: 37CKKPV6641QIZ0, for tax dues worth Rs 22.86 lakh, which includes tax, penalty and interest. The tax period

**Janapati Venkateswarlu was shocked to learn about the letter and its contents with the help of some locals**

was 2022-23. Venkateswarlu, an illiterate living in a tin shed, was shocked to find the letter and its contents with the help of some educated locals. Speaking to the media, he said he received a phone call from an officer asking him to clear the dues for the business he did for the period mentioned in the notice. When he told the officer that he has nothing to do with the business, the officer advised him to lodge a police complaint. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## India rejects Pak's charges on train hijack

**NEW DELHI**

India on Friday trashed Pakistan's allegations of backing terrorism against that country following the Balochistan train attack and said Islamabad should look inwards before shifting the blame on others for its "failures". India also said the whole world knows "where the epicentre of global terrorism lies". On Thursday, Pakistan accused India of "sponsoring terrorism" without directly implicating it in the Balochistan train attack that killed 21 passengers. "We strongly reject the baseless allegations made by Pakistan," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, responding to media queries on Islamabad's allegations. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Putin thanks Modi, Trump

**MOSCOW**

Russian President Vladimir Putin has thanked world leaders, including US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for their "noble mission" to end the fighting between Ukraine and Russia.

Putin made these remarks on Thursday while making his first public remarks on Ukraine's ceasefire proposal. "Before I assess how I view Ukraine's readiness for a ceasefire, I would first like to thank the US President, Trump, for paying so much attention to resolving the

conflict," he said. "We all have enough issues to deal with. But many heads of state, the President of China, the Prime Minister of India, the Presidents of Brazil and South African Republic are spending a lot of time dealing with this issue. We are thankful to all of them." **PTI**



Motorists stuck in traffic jam on the busy KPHB-Hitec City stretch as summer grips Hyderabad. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

Celsius to 4 degrees Celsius during the next three-days. Dry weather will continue

through the State," the IMD-Hyderabad forecast said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## TG stares at water crisis

**Concern grows over rabi crops getting impacted in over 10 lakh acres**

**STATE BUREAU**  
 HYDERABAD

A severe water crisis is starting at Telangana. The dwindling water levels in major irrigation projects such as the Sripada Yellampalli, Sriram Sagar and Nagarjuna Sagar are not just affecting crops, but could also lead to drinking water shortages by May. The situation is critical. Political parties have been raising concern over the prospect of rabi crops getting impacted in over 10 lakh acres.

Rabi farmers in the Godavari basin projects in Telangana are grappling with a severe water crisis. The Sripada Yellampalli project, which has a gross storage capacity of 20.18 TMC, currently holds only 12 TMC of water. This is significantly below the minimum requirement of 15 TMC needed for drinking water supply to the command area towns and villages, including Hyderabad, which relies on this project for emergency drinking



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### PROJECT LEVELS

SRIPADA YELLAMPALLI	SRIRAM SAGAR PROJECT (SRSP)	SRISAILAM PROJECT
Gross storage capacity: 20.18 TMC Present level: 12.15 TMC	Gross storage capacity: 90.31 TMC, Present level: 26 TMC NAGARJUNA SAGAR PROJECT (NSP) Gross storage capacity: 312 TMC, Present level: 150 TMC	Gross storage capacity: 215 TMC Present level: 69 TMC

water supplies. The Sriram Sagar Project (SRSP) is also in a dire state. It has only 26 TMC of water in current storage against its gross capacity of 90.31 TMC. Despite maximum inflows this year, the crops under the SRSP Stage II, mainly in Nalgonda, Suryapet and Mahabubabad, have dried up significantly. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

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