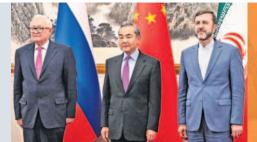
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Push to restart multinational talks on rapidly



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Lakshya Sen falls to Li Shi Feng in All England

#### In a nutshell

#### **PM likely to launch Amaravati works**

**AMARAVATI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Amaravati next month to relaunch 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.

#### 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** ftar Saturday 6:31 PM Saner Sunday 5:02 AM



**Nayanthara** on next film Test

Superstar calls the film a story of love, resilience and hope



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end to US sanctions on Iran

advancing nuclear programme

## BRS protests against Jagadish's suspension

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

PS DILEEP

Protests erupted across Telangana on Friday as the Bharat Rashtra 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. Several 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.

# 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 staring 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 Gross storage 20.18 TMC 12.15 TMC

SRIRAM SAGAR PROJECT (SRSP) Gross storage capacity: 90.31 TMC, Present level: 26 TMC NAGARJUNA SAGAR PROJECT (NSP)

SRISAILAM PROJECT Gross storage 215 TMC **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. De-

spite maximum inflows this year, the crops under the SRSP Stage II, mainly in Nalgonda, Suryapet and Mahabubabad, have dried up significantly. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Labourer gets Rs 22 L GST notice

STATE BUREAU

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.

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, Siddhartha Nagar, SBI Colony, Vijayawada, a registered taxpayer with GSTIN: 37CKKPV664lQlZ0, 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

Janapati Venkateswarlu. 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

India on Friday trashed Pakistan's allegations of backing terrorism against that country following the Balochislamabad should look inwards before shifting the blame on others for its whole world knows "where the epicentre of global ter-

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 Islam-

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# on train hijack

NEW DELHI

"failures". India also said the rorism lies".

abad's allegations.

## Putin thanks Modi, Trump

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.

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

Putin made these remarks 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

## Heatwave alert for several districts

CITY BUREAU

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



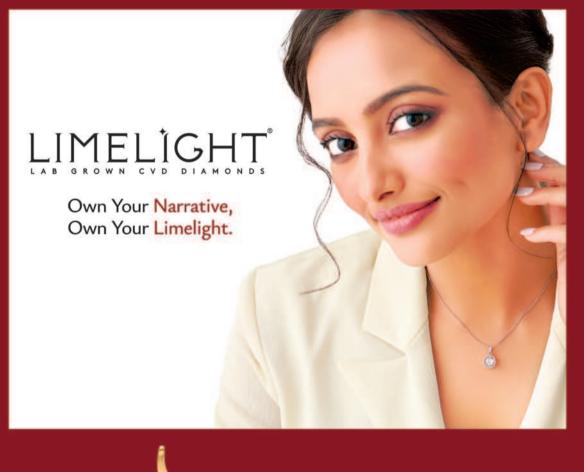
Motorists stuck in traffic jam on the busy KPHB-Hitec City stretch as summer grips Hyderabad. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

Celsius to 4 degrees Celsius through the State," the IMDduring the next three-days. Dry weather will continue

Hyderabad forecast said.

#### **THUNDER SHOWERS TO BRING RELIEF**

**HYDERABAD:** Hyderabad and parts of Telangana can expect a reprieve from the ongoing heatwave conditions from March 20-24.Temperatures will rise steadily and are expected to touch 40-44 degrees C. However, weather forecaster T Balaji said people in Hyderabad and elsewhere in the State can look forward to some relief in the form of summer thundershowers. "The suffering from heatwave will continue till March 19. But, from March 20-25, a super respite from the ongoing heatwave due to strong unseasonal thunderstorms, are likely in Telangana," Balaji posted on X on Friday.





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