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#### In a nutshell

### Telugu youth found dead in US

HYDERABAD: A Telugu youth, who was reported missing for the last two days from Phoenix, Texas, was found dead in what is being said to be a case of suicide. Abhishek Kolli, who reportedly hailed from Gudivada, Andhra Pradesh, was reported missing on Saturday from Phoenix, where he was last seen. He is said to have been found dead on Sunday. His brother said his passing wasn't just a tragedy. **STATE PAGE 5**

### 22 Maoists surrender

BIJAPUR: As many as 22 Maoists surrendered on Sunday, following recent massive operations against them in Bijapur and Narayanpur areas. Of them, six Maoists were carrying a combined reward of Rs 11 lakh on their head. All of them surrendered before CRPF DIG Devendra Singh Negi, Bijapur, Chhattisgarh. The Maoists who surrendered include Telangana State Committee members. **NATION PAGE 7**

### India to help man detained in Qatar

NEW DELHI: India is extending all possible assistance to Amit Gupta, an Indian citizen from Gujarat's Vadodara, who has been wrongfully detained in Qatar for allegedly stealing data for which there is an on-going investigation, people familiar with the matter said. Gupta, a senior employee of the IT firm Tech Mahindra, was detained by Qatari authorities on January 1, his mother Pushpa Gupta said. **NATION PAGE 7**

### Encounter under way in JK's Kathua

JAMMU: A gunfight broke out on Sunday after security forces intercepted a group of terrorists who had infiltrated and taken shelter in a dense nursery near the International Border in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The encounter started when the Special Operations Group of Jammu and Kashmir Police launched a search operation in the nursery in Sanyal village, near the border. **PTI**

#### Ramzan Timings

Iftar	Monday	6:33 PM
Saheer	Tuesday	4:54 AM



### Salman on age gap with Rashmika

Asks if she doesn't have a problem, why do you?

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# 'Need to bring back KCR to power'

## KTR says Congress manipulating public sentiment to win polls

STATE BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

Castigating the Congress government for its repeated failures, BRS working president KT Rama Rao emphasised the need to bring back party president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao to power for setting the State back on the development track. He blamed Congress for manipulating public sentiment to win the elections and now, betraying them.

"The defeat of BRS was not the people's fault. A criminal misled them with hatred against Chandrashekhara Rao to win elections. We too failed to publicise the good work done under BRS regime. Now, Telangana is paying the price. The so-called 'Indiramma Rajyam' has only brought suffering," he said.

Addressing a meeting of party activists in Karimnagar on Sunday, Rama Rao said the Congress had pushed Telangana into a crisis, with farmers suffering severe distress. "Loan waivers remain incomplete, crop losses are ignored, and agriculture is in crisis. Our leader Chandrashekhara Rao had warned that voting for Congress would destroy the



BRS working president KT Rama Rao during a meeting of party activists in Karimnagar on Sunday.

farmers' lives, and it has happened," he said.

He said while farmers struggle, Congress leaders were busy filling their pockets and sending money to their Delhi bosses. He slammed the Congress government for targeting BRS leaders to settle political scores and warned that none would be spared after the BRS returns to power in the

Telangana. "Where are the 2 crore jobs per year that were promised? Where is the Rs 15 lakh in Jan Dhan accounts? BJP has not built a single school, temple or medical college in Karimnagar. It is BRS that developed this city into a smart city," he said. He said the BJP-led Centre was planning to take up delimitation based on population and penalise the Southern States by restricting their representation in Parliament.

He credited Chandrashekhara Rao's leadership for turning the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme into a lifeline for agriculture, modernising the Manair river and establishing Gurukuls across Telangana. "Even Artificial Intelligence Grok ranks Chandrashekhara Rao as the best Chief Minister in 75 years. That speaks volumes," he said. Declaring that BRS would launch a massive membership drive after the public meeting on April 27, Rama Rao said only dedicated leaders who work for the people would get party tickets. He called on activists to ensure a clean sweep in Karimnagar in the next elections, reaffirming the district's role in Telangana's political battles.

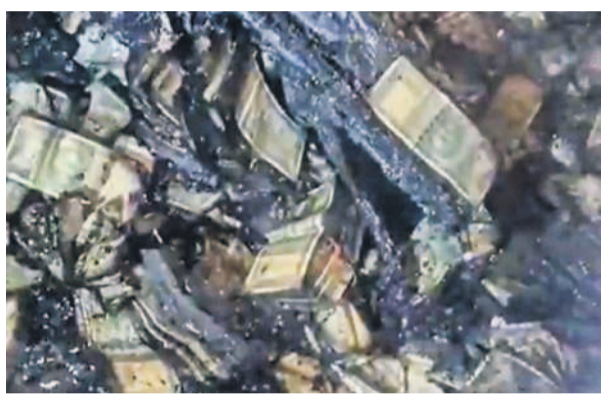
# Cash row: CJ sets up in-house probe panel

## Move comes after Delhi CJ report, police video

NEW DELHI

A video shared by the Police Commissioner of burnt wads of cash at Justice Yashwant Varma's residence and preliminary findings of the Delhi High Court Chief Justice calling for a "deeper probe" have prompted Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna to constitute a committee to conduct an in-house inquiry into the allegations against the judge.

In an unprecedented move, the top court, late on Saturday evening, uploaded on its website the inquiry report of Delhi High Court Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya — complete with photos and videos — regarding the alleged discovery of a substantial amount of cash from



Charred currency notes in a storeroom where cash was discovered during a firefighting operation at Delhi HC judge Yashwant Varma's house on the night of Holi, in New Delhi. — Photo: PTI

the residence of Justice Varma, a judge in the high court.

Justice Upadhyaya's report to the CJ contains material with regard to official communication that says

# Palestinian death toll surpasses 50,000-mark

DEIR AL-BALAH

Over 50,000 Palestinians have now been killed in the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, the territory's Health Ministry said on Sunday, as new Israeli airstrikes killed at least 26 Palestinians overnight, including a Hamas political leader and several women and children. Israel's military also sent ground troops into part of the southern city of Rafah as thousands of Palestinians fled after new evacuation orders.

Israel ended the latest ceasefire last week with a surprise wave of strikes that killed hundreds, and

# Farmer unable to sell land after dumpyard issue, dies

STATE BUREAU  
Sangareddy

Unable to sell his land after the government's decision to set up a dump yard close to his village, a farmer, Nadiminti Krishna (53) died of heart attack at Nallavalli on Sunday.

The farmer, father of two daughters, wanted to get his elder daughter married after selling a part of his land. However, with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) deciding to set up a dump yard here, no one was coming forward to purchase the land. Krishna, who had already borrowed some loans, was also feeling the pressure as the loaners were insisting on repayment.

His wife Lakshmi said they wanted to clear the debts besides marrying their



Nadiminti Krishna

elder daughter Maheshwari (18), who was in the second year of her graduation course. However, they could not find any buyer since the GHMC had started work on the dump yard.

Krishna collapsed at his residence on Sunday while discussing the same issue with Lakshmi. He was rushed to the government hospital in Narsapur where he died while undergoing treatment. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

### Medak farmer ends life after borewells fail, crops wither

MEDAK: Depleting groundwater table, withering paddy crop and failed borewells pushed a farmer to suicide at Kushangadda Thanda in Kowdipally mandal on Saturday.

Devula Nayak (50), who owned four-and-half acres in the village, hired four more acres from a landlord in the village.

But he could not irrigate the paddy fields as the borewells in his field went dry due to the depleted groundwater table. **(SEE PAGE 2)**



Sunrisers Hyderabad's Ishan Kishan celebrates after scoring a century during the IPL match against Rajasthan Royals in Hyderabad on Sunday. Kishan scored 106 not out off 47 balls as SRH beat RR by 44 runs. — Photo: Anand Dharmana **(REPORTS PAGE 10)**

# Students have to go the distance for taking Telangana EAPCET

YUVRAJ AKULA  
Hyderabad

New applicants from Telangana districts for the Telangana Engineering, Agriculture and Pharmacy Common Entrance Test (TG EAPCET) 2025 will be forced to head to the HMDA limits to take the test.

Due to a large number of applications received and limited capacity at the centres set up in the districts, the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTU-H), which is organising the entrance test, has blocked test preference centres in 12 zones, making it impossible for students to get centres in their respective districts.

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According to officials, out of 16 zones where the test will be conducted, 12 have already received applications exceeding the centres capacity, forcing them to block them from further registrations.

Consequently, all new applicants, regardless of the district they are applying from, will be allotted centres in the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) area, covering Hyderabad, Rangareddy and Medchal districts. "There is less capacity in some districts as there are fewer engineering and other professional colleges. We have received a maximum of applications from the districts, prompting us to block new registrations in 12 test zones. Now new applicants will be allotted centres in Hyderabad and Rangareddy districts," sources said.

A total of 1,75,991 applications, including 1,27,758 for engineering, 48,115 for AP

# PIO woman slits son's throat after Disneyland vacation

NEW YORK

An Indian-origin woman has been charged with allegedly murdering her 11-year-old son after a three-day vacation to Disneyland.

Saritha Ramaraju, 48, has been charged with one felony count of murder for slitting her son's throat, killing the boy after they went on a vacation to Disneyland during a custody visit. She has also been charged with one felony enhancement of personal use of a weapon, a knife.

She faces a maximum sentence of 26 years to life if convicted on all charges, the Office of the District Attorney, Orange County, California, said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

# Man hacked to death in city

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

A man, who was allegedly involved in a case of murder attempt earlier, was hacked to death by a group of persons at LB Nagar on Saturday night.

According to the police, Boddu Mahesh (30), a resident of RTC Colony in LB Nagar, was involved in two cases, including one murder attempt case registered in December 2024. The issue started following a quarrel between Mahesh and a few people, including Purushotham and Ramulu, during a marriage procession. In December 2024, Mahesh allegedly attacked Purushotham and Ramulu

over the same issue following which a case of murder attempt was registered against Mahesh at Chaitanyapuri police station. The police arrested him and recently he was granted bail by the local court.

On coming to know that Mahesh was out of jail, Purushotham and Ramulu feared that he might kill them. They planned to kill him and were keeping a tab on his movements. "On Saturday night, Purushotham and others took a car and followed Mahesh who was on a bike. They hit the bike and when Mahesh fell, they attacked him with knives," said LB Nagar Inspector K Vinod Kumar. A case has been registered.