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In a nutshell
Chilli farmer ends life in Khammam
KHAMMAM: A farmer, Bonagiri Uppalaiah (43) of Mangalagudem village in Khammam rural mandal died, reportedly by suicide. After receiving information from the villagers on Wednesday evening about Uppalaiah hanging himself from a tree in his field, his son rushed to the spot and found him dead. The police registered a case. According to the family, Uppalaiah took four acres on lease from a farmer in the village in addition to his own one acre and cultivated chillies. But as he could not earn enough from the harvest, he ended his life.

3 terrorists, three cops killed in J&K
JAMMU: Three terrorists and an equal number of policemen were killed and seven others, including a Deputy Superintendent of Police injured, in a fierce day-long firefight in a remote forested area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, officials said on Thursday. The encounter started around 8 am amid intensified operations led by the Jammu and Kashmir Police against a recently infiltrated group of ultras believed to be members of JeM, the officials said. It was not clear if it was the same group that had been evading an earlier cordon. PTI

4 children die at rehab centre in UP
LUCKNOW: Four special needs children died and at least 16 were taken ill, allegedly after they had their dinner at a government rehabilitation centre in the State capital's Para area, officials said. On Tuesday evening, more than 20 special needs children residing at the centre fell ill, possibly due to food poisoning, and were taken to Lok Bandhu hospital. Lucknow District Magistrate Vishak G told said, "A total of four children including two girls and two boys of the shelter home aged between 12 and 17 years of age have died." PTI

Ramzan Timings
 Iftar Friday 6:34 PM
 Sahar Saturday 4:51 AM

'Revanth father of vulgar narratives'

KTR slams Chief Minister for Congress government failures

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD
 The discussion on the Appropriation Bill in the State Legislative Assembly on Thursday witnessed uproarious scenes triggered by sharp exchanges between BRS working president and Sircilla MLA KT Rama Rao and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy as the latter, in the process of defending his government and its failures, ventured to make personal attacks on the BRS leadership including former Chief Minister K Chandrababoo Naidu.

HITS OUT AT CENTRE OVER BIAS AGAINST TELANGANA
HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao lashed out at the Centre for systematically neglecting Telangana despite the State's rapid development. He also criticised the Congress-led State government for failing to protest against the continued injustice meted out to Telangana in the Union Budget. "Regardless of who is in power, Telangana must prosper. Yet, the Congress government's Budget speech failed to highlight the glaring discrimination by the Centre. The word 'Telangana' was missing from the Union Budget," he said. (REPORT PAGE 5)

PLEDGES ORGAN DONATION; TRANSPLANTATION BILL PASSED
HYDERABAD: Setting an example for other legislators, BRS working president and Sircilla MLA KT Rama Rao on Thursday voiced his support for organ donation and pledged to donate his organs. Speaking during a discussion in the Assembly on the Telangana Transplantation of Human Organs (Repeal) Bill, which aims for stringent regulatory norms and promotion of organ donation in the State, the BRS working president stressed the importance of raising awareness and encouraging people to participate in organ donation. (REPORT PAGE 5)

native village, Kondareddipalli, or elsewhere in his constituency, Sircilla, had benefited from a 100 per cent loan waiver. He went as far as to offer his resignation from politics if the Congress claims were substantiated. Calling out his hypocrisy, charging him with political incompetence coupled with financial mismanagement, Rama Rao questioned Revanth Reddy's moral authority, stating that

the Chief Minister had dragged families, including minors, into political mudslinging. "Does only Revanth Reddy have a family? He should know his own history before preaching morals," he remarked, challenging Revanth Reddy's personal conduct and leadership style. Dismissing Revanth Reddy as a political liability, he stated that "wherever Revanth goes, defeat follows." He cited recent election re-

Assembly adopts resolution against delimitation

HYDERABAD
 The Telangana Legislative Assembly on Thursday adopted a resolution asserting that population should not be the sole yardstick for the delimitation of Lok Sabha constituencies, with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy claiming such a criteria could lead to a six per cent drop in the representation of southern states in the Lok Sabha seats. Moving the resolution, he said the representation of southern states in LS seats could fall from 24 per cent to 19 per cent if delimitation is carried out on a population basis. Without naming the BJP, he alleged that the party in power at the Centre is trying to create a situation of making southern states irrelevant in formation of the Central government by reducing their representation in the Lok Sabha seats. He appealed to the parties in Telangana to jointly speak to the Centre to safeguard the State's interests. "If the Centre is on the same page (to our cause) fine, otherwise, we need to build a struggle," he said. PTI

CAG debunks Cong claims on TG debts

BARE FACTS
 THE REPORT, TABLED IN THE ASSEMBLY AFTER AUDITING, PROVIDES A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF TELANGANA'S FINANCIAL STANDING, DEBUNKING THE ALLEGATIONS OF FISCAL MISMANAGEMENT

- Dismisses Congress narrative that BRS burdened Telangana with debt
- Shows BRS government prioritised capital expenditure over revenue spending
- Between 2019-20 & 2023-24, significant portion of borrowed funds allocated to infra, development projects
- This contradicts Congress' claims of reckless borrowing by BRS govt

In 2019-20, Rs 25,559 cr of Rs 38,285 cr borrowed was spent on capital projects	In 2023-24, BRS govt used Rs 43,918 cr, 87% of total Rs 50,528 cr borrowed, for capital expenditure
Revenue receipts (RR) showed consistent growth during BRS rule	RR increased from Rs 1.02 lakh cr in 2019-20 to Rs 1.69 lakh cr in 2023-24
State Own Tax Revenue	₹67,597 cr
State's share of central taxes	₹1.11 lakh cr
Non-tax revenue	₹7,360 cr
2019-20	₹23,819 cr
2023-24	₹15,988 cr
	₹23,742 cr

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad
 After the Centre, it is the turn of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report to effectively dismantle the Congress government's allegations that the previous BRS regime had pushed Telangana into excessive debt. As per the actual expenditure, the total outstanding debts and liabilities of Telangana stood at Rs 5.24 lakh crore as of March 31, 2024, the report, tabled in the Assembly on Thursday reveals. This includes Rs 4,03,664 crore of budgetary borrowings, Rs 1,20,944 crore in off-Budget borrowings obtained by corporations and special purpose vehicles under the State government guarantees and also Rs 6,949 crore, which was extended by the union government as back-to-back loans to compensate for the GST shortfall caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent economic slowdown. Ironically, the total outstanding debts include the loans obtained by the Congress government between December 2023 and March 2024, after coming to power in December 2023. The report, tabled in the Assembly after auditing, provides a detailed breakdown of Telangana's financial standing, debunking the allegations of fiscal mismanagement. (SEE PAGE 2)

HOW BRS HIKED FINANCIAL AID TO LOCAL BODIES
HYDERABAD: The CAG of India report, which was tabled in the Assembly on Thursday by Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, has revealed how the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government accorded top priorities to local bodies in the 2023-24 fiscal. Compared to the 2022-23 fiscal, the financial assistance to local bodies increased by 11 per cent in the 2023-24 fiscal. (REPORT PAGE 5)

Harish calls out CM, Bhatti's stark contradictions

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad
 Senior BRS MLA T Harish Rao on Thursday exposed the glaring contradictions in statements by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his deputy, Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka. Addressing the media after the Appropriation Bill was passed by voice vote in the Assembly, Harish Rao said he wanted to thank Bhatti Vikramarka for revealing the truth in the Assembly, by stating that the Congress government had spent Rs 88,564 crore to repay loans during its 16-month rule, a statement made by Bhatti at 7.44 pm. The Chief Minister, meanwhile, speaking at 3.58 pm the same day in the same Assembly, had claimed that Rs 1,53,359 crore was paid towards debts and interest. "This contradiction within a few hours exposes the inconsistency in their claims," the former Finance Minister said, adding that it was clear



Punching holes in Congress Budget

- Congress borrowed Rs 1.48 lakh cr in one year, more than triple the BRS annual average
- Contradictory claims by CM, Finance Minister on debt repayment figures
- Slashed allocations for farmers, marginalised communities, welfare schemes
- Slashed Rs 11,000 cr from Rythu Bharosa despite promising Rs 15,000 cr
- Loan waiver promise of Rs 31,000 cr reduced to Rs 8,000 cr
- Rs 1,300 cr allocated for Fasal Bima but not a single rupee released
- Rs 23,000 cr cut from farmer welfare in a single budget year
- 4.5 lakh houses promised, Rs 22,500 cr allocated, but zero spending so far
- Rs 12,000 cr from Rythu Bandhu diverted

The BRS government incurred an average annual debt of Rs 42,000 crore, whereas the Congress government, in just one year, has borrowed a whopping Rs 1.48 lakh crore

— T HARISH RAO, BRS MLA

that Bhatti Vikramarka was speaking the truth, whereas the Chief Minister inflated figures by including corporation borrowings as well. Even the CAG report, tabled in the Assembly had on page 12 supported Bhatti Vikramarka's figures. "According to Form B-5 and the CAG report, total

debt incurred during the BRS regime stood at Rs 5.17 lakh crore. However, after excluding corporation loans and legacy debt from previous governments, the actual government-incurred debt is Rs 4,18,284 crore, including projects like Kaleshwaram and Mission Bhagiratha," he said, pointing out

that even by the Congress government's own Budget figures, the total debt under the BRS rule was Rs 4,22,674 crore. "This means the BRS government incurred an average annual debt of Rs 42,000 crore, whereas the Congress government, in just one year, has borrowed a whopping Rs 1.48 lakh

Housing sales in Hyderabad plummet by 49%: Report

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 Hyderabad
 As reality bites Hyderabad realty, the city property market appears to be in even more dire straits than was being assumed so far. The latest Anarock data does document a year-on-year dip in housing sales and launches across major cities for the first quarter, the decline is the steepest for Hyderabad with plummeting figures. According to the Anarock report released on Thursday, the data for this year's first quarter saw residential sales in Hyderabad drop by 49 per cent against the same period in 2024. In the Q1-2024, while 19,660 residential units were sold, the same came down drastically to 10,100 units sold in Q1-2025. Across seven major cities — Mumbai Metropolitan Region



(MMR), Pune, Bengaluru, National Capital Region (NCR), Hyderabad, Chennai and Kolkata — approximately 93,280 units were sold in the first quarter, a 26 per cent decrease over Q1 2024 when 1,30,170 units were absorbed. Though most cities had a negative change in sales for the period, Hyderabad's

Trump slaps 25% tariff on auto imports

WASHINGTON
 US President Donald Trump on Wednesday said he was placing 25 per cent tariffs on auto imports, a move the White House claims would foster domestic manufacturing but could also put a financial squeeze on automakers that depend on global supply chains. "This will continue to spur growth. We'll effectively be charging a 25 per cent tariff," Trump said. The tariffs, which the White House expects to raise \$100 billion in revenue annually, could be complicated as even US automakers source their components from around the world. The tax hike starting April means automakers could face higher costs and lower sales, though Trump argues that the tariffs will lead to more factories open-

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 US PRESIDENT

ing in the United States and the end of what he judges to be a "ridiculous" supply chain in which auto parts and finished vehicles are manufactured across the US, Canada and Mexico. To underscore his seriousness about the tariffs directive he signed, Trump said, "This is permanent". Shares in General Motors fell 3 per cent in Wednesday trading. AP (REPORTS PAGE 8)

Brace for blistering summer! Mercury likely to hit 44°C

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad
 After a week of respite brought in by thunder and hail storms, temperatures are expected to start soaring again across the State. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)-Hyderabad on Thursday issued an orange alert for 15 districts in Telangana with a forecast of temperature hovering between 41°C and 44°C. While maintaining that dry weather will continue throughout the State, the IMD-Hyderabad in its forecast said, "Maximum temperatures are likely to gradually rise by 2°C and 3°C during next few days". The districts where maximum temperatures will hover between 41°C and 44°C include Adilabad, Kothagudem, Jagtial, Jayashankar Bhupalapally,



Jogulamba Gadwal, Khammam, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancheril, Mulugu, Nagarkurnool, Narayanpet, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Peddapalli and Wanaparthy. Temperatures in remaining districts are expected to hover between 36°C and 40°C. On Wednesday, nine districts — Adilabad (41°C), Kumaram Bheem Asifabad (40.9°C), Nizamabad and Wanaparthy (40.9°C), Bhadradi Kothagudem (40.7°C), Kamareddy (40.6°C), Nirmal (40.5°C), Mancheril (40.4°C) and Nalgonda recorded the highest maximum temperature of 40.1°C. The temperatures in others parts, including Hyderabad, hovered around 38-39°C.