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In a nutshell

BRS worker found murdered in Kalher SANGAREDDY: A village level BRS worker was found murdered on the outskirts of Kotha Cheruvu Thanda in Kalher in the early hours of Monday. Hari Singh (42), was a resident of Kotha Cheruvu. Following the information, former Narayankhed MLA and BRS leader M Bhupal Reddy reached the place and comforted the family members of Singh. BRS leaders said the attacks on party workers had increased since the Congress came to power.

Shah to visit Chhattisgarh NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit Chhattisgarh on April 4 and 5 to take stock of the anti-Naxal operations in the state, sources said. Shah may also visit Jammu and Kashmir on April 7 and 8 to review the security situation there. During his visit to Chhattisgarh, Shah will chair a high-level meeting and review the ongoing operations, sources said. The Home Minister has set a target of March 31, 2026 to end Naxal menace in the country. **(PTI)**

3 held for IAF man's murder PRAYAGRAJ: A man and his parents were arrested two days after he allegedly shot dead an Indian Air Force (IAF) civil engineer while he was sleeping at his official residence in the high-security cantonment area in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj, police said. The accused, Saurabh Kumar alias Babu Pasi, allegedly conspired with his father Shivkumar Pasi and mother Sunita Devi to kill S N Mishra in a bid to arrange money for the bail of his brother. **(PTI)**

Liquor ban in temple cities BHOPAL: A ban on liquor in 19 religious cities in MP, including Ujjain, Omkareshwar and Maihar, will come into effect from April 1, a government official said on Monday. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav had announced the liquor ban decision and it was approved by the cabinet at its meeting held in Maheshwar town, a place closely associated with legendary medieval-era queen Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar, on January 24. **(PTI)**



Saira Banu remembers Dilip Kumar
 Veteran actress celebrates Eid with touch of nostalgia

Congress-UoH stand-off heats up

Govt's nightlong drive to clear land in Kancha Gachibowli on court holiday leaves students with no legal option

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

The stand-off between the State government and the University of Hyderabad over the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation's (TGIIC) move to auction 400 acres in Kancha Gachibowli is continuing, with the official machinery muscling its way into taking over the land using 40 excavators throughout Sunday night into Monday to clear the vegetation and level the land.

With Sunday and Monday being court holidays, any legal course for the protesting students was effectively shut out by the government. Heavy police bandobast also prevented students from reaching the spot, making the State's intentions clear that it would not back down from its stated intentions of putting up the land for auction.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister's Office on Monday issued a statement, asserting that the land did not belong to the University of Hyderabad, and claimed that vested political interests were instigating the protests against the auction. It also claimed that the proposal would not affect the ecosystem or destroy the rock formations or lakes and that a survey was done in July 2024 along with University officials to demarcate the 400 acres. However, the University, responding to this, refuted the claims of a survey of the varsity campus by revenue authorities, with Registrar Dr Divesh Nigam stating that the only action taken so far was a preliminary inspection of the land's topography.

The varsity also urged the government to conserve the environment in the area. Earlier in the day, despite the vociferous protest by varsity students, excavators continued what they began on Sunday, clearing the forested lands in Kancha Gachibowli. What began with eight excavators at the UoH east campus on Sunday afternoon, soon saw the number going up to 40 in the night to speed up the removal of trees, plants and levelling the land. Videos of the nightlong action, with desperate cries of peacocks and peafowl heard in the background, were shared widely on social media. **(SEE PAGE 2)**



Excavators deployed to clear the forested land at Kancha Gachibowli on Monday.



Police personnel at the site to control the protesting UoH students.



Student leader Vemela Mocharla during the stir.

KTR condemns police brutality

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao has condemned the Congress government's brutal crackdown on students of University of Hyderabad (UoH) who were resisting the takeover of 400 acres of land. He questioned the Congress government's desperation to sell public land, using brutal force and also Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's silence on the issue.

Speaking to the media after meeting with a delegation of UoH students led by its president Umesh Ambedkar at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, Rama Rao criticised the government's use of police force and heavy machinery to clear land at university campus. He expressed solidarity with their struggle and charged the government with prioritising real estate interests over environmental protection and welfare of the students.

He questioned why the Congress government was rushing to commercialise UoH's land without conducting an Environmental



KT Rama Rao addressing UoH students.

Impact Assessment (EIA). He pointed out that Western Hyderabad, including Gachibowli and the Financial District, was already facing severe environmental degradation, and that the university's land served as one of the last remaining green spaces in the region.

The former Minister admitted that the successive State governments including the BRS, allowed huge constructions in western Hyderabad due to unavailability of space and without the university land, the region could become unlivable soon. **(REPORT PAGE 3)**

400 acres belong to State, not UoH: Govt

HYDERABAD: Amidst the ongoing row over the proposed auction of 400 acres by the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC), the State government continued to claim that the 400 acres at Kancha Gachibowli belonged to the State and not the University of Hyderabad. In a statement released by the Chief Minister's Office, in which the version of the TGIIC was added, the government claimed that development works and auction of the land would not affect the ecosystem, including the rocks. No

lake existed in the land allotted for development, it said, also claiming that it had legally proved the ownership of the land in the court. The land, which was allotted to a private company 21 years ago, was acquired through a legal battle, it said. The statement read that in 2004, the then State government in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh had allotted the land to a company. The government acquired the ownership of the land by legally winning the case in SC, the statement said. **(REPORT PAGE 4)**

'No survey done by revenue authorities'

HYDERABAD: The University of Hyderabad (UoH) on Monday clarified that no survey of the university campus was done by revenue authorities in July 2024 to demarcate the 400 acres of land, which the State government resumed from Ms IMG Academies Bharata Pvt. Ltd in 2006. In a statement, UoH Registrar Dr. Divesh Nigam said the only action taken thus far was a preliminary inspection of the land's topography. The university also urged the State government to conserve

the environment and biodiversity in the area. Dr. Nigam denied the TGIIC's statement in the press that the university agreed for such demarcation of the land and said, "in fact, no demarcation of land has been done nor the University have been informed". The Registrar said any transfer of land allocated to the varsity could occur with the formal concurrence of the University's Executive Council, which comprises six nominees appointed by President of India, in the capacity of Visitor of the varsity. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Woman naxal with Rs 45L bounty killed

STATE BUREAU
 Kothagudem

A senior woman Maoist carrying a collective reward of Rs 45 lakh was killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region on Monday, police officials said.

Dantewada DRG and Bastar Fighters took part in the encounter in the forests near Nelgoda, Ikeli and Belnar villages on the borders of Dantewada and Bijapur districts.

CPI (Maoist) party Central Regional Bureau (CRB) press team in-charge, Prabhakar Patrika editor and Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC) member Gummadvelli Renuka alias Bhanu alias Chaita alias Saraswati was carrying a reward of Rs 45 lakh (Rs 25 lakh reward by Chhattisgarh government and Rs 20 lakh by Telangana government).

Renuka, who studied LLB, belonged to Kadavendi of erstwhile Warangal district. She joined the party in 1996 and worked with SZCM Krishnanna in Andhra Pradesh. In 2003, she was promoted as DVCM. In 2006, she worked with Central Committee Member Dula Dada alias Anand in South Bastar. In 2013, she came to the



Gummadvelli Renuka

Gummadvelli Renuka, CPI (Maoist) Central Regional Bureau press team in-charge, hailed from erstwhile Warangal district

Maad region and worked with SZCM Ramanna. After Ramanna died of Covid, she was made the press team in-charge of CRB in 2020. She used to issue press releases on behalf of the naxals; print and publish various magazines like Prabhat, Mahila Margam, Awami Jung, People's March, Podiyaro Pollo, Jhankar, Sangharshmarti Mahila, Pituri, Midangur and Bhumkal Sandesh.

Ranuka's brother SZCM GVK Prasad alias Sukhdev alias Gudsu Usendi surrendered in Telangana in 2014. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Woman gang-raped near temple

STATE BUREAU
 Nagarkurnool

A 30-year-old woman was allegedly gang-raped by unidentified persons when she went for darshan at Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Urkondapeta in the district. Though the incident occurred on Saturday night, it came to light after police started questioning a few people, besides taking a few others into custody.

The woman along with her relative went for darshan at the temple on Saturday night. After darshan, they decided to stay at the

temple. During midnight, when the woman went to attend nature's call in the bushes near the temple, the accused caught hold of her and the dragged her into the bushes.

When her relative wanted to rescue her, he was attacked and tied to a tree, according to reports.

Later, they gangraped the woman and fled from the area. After the incident, the Urkonda police launched an investigation and took six persons into custody. Eight persons were involved in the incident, and two are absconding, the reports said.

POLICE SOLVE RAPE CASE, NAB TWO

SANGAREDDY: The district police cracked the rape case reported at Mamidipally in Kandi mandal in the early hours of March 25 and nabbed two accused on Monday. Speaking to news reporters in Sangareddy, SP Paritosh Pankaj said the victim and her husband were heading towards Patancheru from Sangareddy when he stopped the auto-rickshaw to attend to nature's call near Mamidipally.

The accused, who were consuming liquor close to the place, saw an opportunity to sexually exploit the woman. When they tried to pull the woman away, her husband confronted them. They beat him until he fell unconscious. They then took her away on their scooter and raped her multiple times. They also beat the woman before leaving her and fleeing the spot. The woman and her husband then called the police.

Hotter-than-usual summer ahead, warns IMD

NEW DELHI

India is expected to experience hotter-than-usual temperatures from April to June, with more heatwave days in central and eastern India and the northwestern plains, the IMD said on Monday.

Most parts of the country will see higher-than-normal maximum temperatures, except for some areas in western and eastern India where the temperatures are expected to be normal. Minimum temperatures will also be above normal in most regions, India Meteorological Department (IMD) chief

Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said in an online press conference. "From April to June, most parts of north and east India, central India, and the plains of northwest India are expected to experience two to four more heatwave days than normal," he said.

Usually, India records four to seven heatwave days from April to June. An IMD official had earlier said northwest India might face double the number of heatwave days during the summer. The region normally experiences five to six heatwave days during the season. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Thunderstorms to bring relief in TG

HYDERABAD: Ending the prolonged spell of heat, people in Hyderabad and Telangana districts can expect a temporary reprieve with temperature drops and rain this week. According to Monday's forecast by IMD-Hyderabad, maximum temperatures are expected to drop below 36 degrees Celsius. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**



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