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HYDERABAD | THURSDAY | 4 JULY 2024

WEATHER

Max: 31.7°C
Min: 21.9°C
RH: 64%
Rainfall: Nil
Forecast: Generally cloudy. Max/Min temp. 34/24 °C

ASTROGUIDE

Krodhi; Uttarayana
Tithi: Jyeshtha Bahula Triyodasi till 5.54 am; Bahula Chaturdasi till 4.58 am (Friday)
Star: Mrigasira till 3.54 am (Friday)
Varjyam: 9.40 am to 11.15 am
Durmuhurtam: 10.10 am to 11.02 am; 3.23 pm to 4.15 pm
Rahukalam: 12 pm to 1.30 pm
HIJRI CALENDAR
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PRAYERS
Fajar: 4.36 am
Zohar: 12.30 pm
Asar: 4.56 pm
Maghrib: 7.00 pm
Isha: 8.17 pm
SUNRISE TOMORROW 05.46 AM
SUNSET TODAY 06.54 PM
MOONRISE 03.52 AM
MOONSET 05.40 PM

COUNTER POINT



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IN BRIEF

Hemant Soren to return as CM

Ranchi: Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren resigned on Wednesday evening to make way for JMM executive president Hemant Soren to return as the chief minister of Jharkhand for the third time following a consensus among legislators of the party-led alliance in the state. Hemant Soren is likely to take the oath of office on Thursday.

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EAM flags Indians in Russian Army

Astana (Kazakhstan): External affairs minister S. Jaishankar on Wednesday raised the issue of Indian nationals in the war zone and pressed for their safe return during a meeting with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov here. Jaishankar arrived here on Tuesday to represent India at the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

3 more bridges collapse in Bihar

Patna: Bihar witnessed the collapse of at least three more bridges or causeways on Wednesday, marking the ninth such incident in the rain-affected state within the past 15 days. No casualties were reported after the three structures, built 30 to 80 years ago by local authorities, caved in during the day in Saran and Siwan districts, officials said.

Poverty falls to 8.5% from 21.2%

New Delhi: Poverty in India is estimated to have declined to 8.5 per cent in 2022-2024 from 21.2 per cent in 2011-2012, despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, according to a research paper by the economic think tank NCAER. The paper titled 'Rethinking Social Safety Nets in a Changing Society', used data from the newly completed Wave 3 of the India Human Development Survey as well as data from Waves 1 and 2 of the IHDS. The paper said economic growth and poverty decline create a dynamic climate that requires nimble social protection programmes.



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Harris to replace Biden in poll race if he leaves

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Revanth to meet Modi, Shah in Delhi today Cong. defers Cabinet, TPCC chief decisions

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy left for Delhi on Wednesday to seek the Congress high command's approval for the Cabinet expansion and the appointment of a new Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president. However, party insiders have revealed that both the decisions have been temporarily put on hold. He is likely to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday. Official sources said that Revanth Reddy, sought appointment of Modi and Shah and both confirmed appointment for Thursday. Interestingly, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is also meeting Modi and Shah in Delhi on Thursday.



A. Revanth Reddy

Sources indicated that the high command has postponed the Cabinet expansion and TPCC chief appointment due to a lack of consensus on the candidates. The party leadership assured Revanth Reddy that these issues would be revisited in a week or 10 days. In Delhi, the Chief Minister held extensive discussions with AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, and AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal. The meeting focused on potential candidates for Cabinet positions and the TPCC chief post, but no agreement was reached. The three-year term of current TPCC chief Revanth Reddy ends on July 7. He is expected to continue in the role until a new chief is appointed. Party sources said that the Cabinet expansion and TPCC chief appointment are interlinked. The Congress high command is considering caste dynamics in these appointments. If a Backward Classes (BC) leader is appointed as the TPCC chief, Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) leaders would be prioritised for cabinet positions. Conversely, if an ST candidate is selected for the TPCC post, the cabinet composition would be adjusted accordingly.

Page 3: Cong. plans to fill only 4 Cabinet vacancies

TOP COP: TELCOS SENT CALL DETAILS AFTER BRS EXIT

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

An illegal interceptor team, set up by former Special Intelligence Bureau chief Prabhakar Rao, on September 9, 2023 sought Call Detail Records and IP Detail Records of 9848057235 and 8501958899 — from the nodal officer of Reliance Jio Infocomm, said Hyderabad police commissioner K. Sreenivasa Reddy in his counter-affidavit to the Telangana High Court explaining the details of the phone-tapping case. He said that the team obtained call details from September 10, 2022 to September 9, 2023 and IP records from August 8, to September 7, 2023.

Page 3: 40 page affidavit submitted to the court

Hathras toll 121; FIR filed

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA | DC
WITH agency inputs
NEW DELHI, HATHRAS, JULY 3

The death toll in the Hathras stampede rose to 121 on Wednesday, prompting UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to visit the injured and announce a judicial inquiry into the incident. A preliminary report by the sub divisional magistrate (SDM) attributed the chaos to security personnel pushing followers of the preacher, resulting in a "slippery slope" that led to the stampede. According to the UP relief commissioner, 28 people were injured, with only four of the deceased yet to be identified. Of the 121 fatalities, all but eight were women or children. Families of the victims gathered at hospitals, seeking information on missing loved ones, identifying bodies. Medical authorities cited asphyxia due to compression as the

State lifts ban on general transfers

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The state government on Wednesday lifted a six-year old ban on general transfers of employees fulfilling a long-pending demand of government employees.

The ban was imposed by the previous BRS government in 2018. The move is expected to benefit around three lakh employees posted in various departments and 1.5 lakh teachers working in government schools. According to a government order (GO No. 80) issued by special chief secretary, finance, K. Ramakrishna Rao on Wednesday, the transfers will be made during the period between July 1 to July 20. The ban on transfers will be reimposed on July

21. The government prescribed certain norms to seek transfers which state that no employees shall be transferred before completion of two years of service in a particular station as on June 30, 2024. This condition need not be followed in respect of transfer requests on spouse grounds. No employee will be retained beyond four years of service in a particular station as on June 30, 2024. However, the employees who are retiring before June 30, 2025, shall not be transferred even if they have completed four years of service unless they make a specific request for their transfer.

Page 7: Only heads of departments to publish list

PROPERTY | UPTURN

Realtors credit Congress for boom in Hyderabad's real estate investment

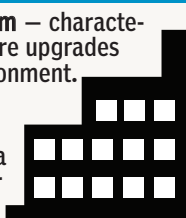
Hyd records 40% surge in office space leasing

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The Hyderabad office market is experiencing a period of phenomenal growth, fueled by a surge in demand from both domestic and global companies. According to the latest Cushman & Wakefield report, gross leasing volume (GLV) for H1 2024 (January-June 2024) is projected to reach an impressive five million square feet (msf), a significant increase of nearly 40 per cent compared to the 3.6 msf recorded in H1 2023. This positive momentum is

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO GROWTH

- Favourable business ecosystem — characterised by continuous infrastructure upgrades and supportive regulatory environment.
- Cost-effective real estate options and a readily available pool of skilled talent — creates a compelling value proposition for investors, occupiers.



POSITIVE RIPPLE-EFFECT

● It's fuelling demand not just in the residential sector, but also in alternative sectors such as co-living, student housing, and others. This comprehensive growth creates a vibrant ecosystem.

attracting a wave of companies to Hyderabad, solidifying its position as a leading business destination. Realtors say this data indicates that the real estate sector in the city has been witnessing a boom after the Congress govern-

SPORTS | 12

Carlos Alcaraz reaches Wimbledon 3rd round



TABLOID

When fan adulation can be a pain



Oppn spreads hate, Modi opens up on Manipur in RS

PM: Oppn politicising issue, Manipur will reject Congress

AMRESH SRIVASTAVA | DC
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

Facing an unrelenting attack by the Opposition, Prime Minister Narendra Modi finally opened up on Manipur in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday and said that violence in the Northeast state is continuously declining. He slammed the Opposition for "politicising the issue" and said that Manipur will "soon reject the Congress" for "spreading hate".

Replying to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address, the Prime Minister touched upon a host of issues raised by the I.N.D.I.A. bloc, particularly the Congress and Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi. On Manipur, he said that violence in the state is continuously declining, schools have reopened in most parts and efforts are being made to restore normalcy in the state. "More than 500 people have been arrested and over 11,000 FIRs have been registered in Manipur... Both the Central and state governments are talking to everyone there for opening the door to peace," Modi said, adding that in the wake of the flood situation in the state, the Centre has dispatched two teams of the National

MODI'S TIRADE CONTINUES

- Congress is the biggest opponent of the Constitution and runs a fake narrative to mislead public.
- People have more faith in us for the protection of the Constitution. Therefore, they gave us the mandate.
- The third term for the BJP-led NDA is for making India a developed and self-reliant nation.
- The verdict is to make India the world's third largest economy from the current fifth.
- Our fight against terrorism in J&K is in last stage, last leg. We are moving with a multi-pronged strategy.



PM Narendra Modi replies to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in the Rajya Sabha. — PTI

OPPOSITION IS unable to digest the mandate given by 140-crore people to the BJP-led NDA. I understand your (Opposition) pain.

— NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to Manipur. Invoking the 1975-77 Emergency to counter the Congress party's repeated claim that the BJP plans to change the Constitution, Modi said, "I want to remind them. Will you continue this fake narrative? Have you forgotten the 1977 elections, when

newspapers and radio were shut down? There was no freedom of speech. People then voted on the issues of re-establishing the Constitution and protecting the Constitution." It was the first election fought for the protection of the Constitution, he asserted.

"People have more faith in us for the protection of the Constitution. Therefore, they gave us the mandate," Modi said, criticising the Congress for its "hypocrisy" on constitutional matters and doing the "drama" of protecting the Constitution during polls. He said that for his party, the Constitution is not just a compilation of articles; its spirit and words are very important too. The Constitution is like a lighthouse that shows his government the direction, Modi said.

The stinging attack by Modi infuriated the I.N.D.I.A. bloc parties, who shouted slogans and called him a "liar". Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge sought to intervene but was not allowed, leading to the Opposition MPs trying to drown out Modi's speech by raising slogans. Later, they walked out of the House.

The sloganeering did not deter Modi, who continued his speech and said the Congress is running away as it does not have the courage to hear the truth. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar also condemned the walkout, calling it an insult to the Constitution.

Page 9: India will become 3rd largest economy: Modi

Cong. attacks Modi govt for silencing Manipur MP in LS

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

The Congress on Wednesday attacked the government for not allowing its second MP from Manipur to speak before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address in the Lok Sabha, saying that the Prime Minister, who had all the time to crack jokes had "no time" to listen to the voice of Manipur.

Just ahead of the PM's address in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and the Congress had demanded that its MP from outer Manipur Alfred Arthur be allowed to speak.

Addressing the media, Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi said, "We saw very sad scenes in the Lok Sabha. The Congress and Rahul Gandhi wanted both the MPs from Manipur to speak during the debate on the motion of thanks to the President's address. The demand was made by Rahul repeatedly."



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge with Sonia Gandhi and other Opposition members addresses the media after walking out of the Rajya Sabha, in New Delhi on Wednesday. — PTI

Gandhi had gone to Manipur and saw the division in society that there is a civil war-like environment prevailing there, Gogoi said. The Opposition party

attacked the Prime Minister after his utterances on Manipur in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

Page 9: Modi's claims on Manipur astounding: Cong.

CENTRE FORMS MANY CABINET COMMITTEES

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

The NDA government has announced the formation of various Cabinet committees, including the country's highest decision-making bodies on security, economic, and political affairs.

Cabinet ministers H.D. Kumaraswamy and Rajiv Ranjan Singh, also known as Lalan Singh, from alliance partners JD-S and JD-U respectively, have been included in the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).

According to an official notification, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) comprises Prime Minister Narendra Modi, defence minister Rajnath Singh, home minister Amit Shah, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and external affairs minister S. Jaishankar.

The CCEA, in addition to Modi, includes the defence minister, home minister, finance minister, and external affairs minister, as well as road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari, agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and heavy industries and steel minister H.D. Kumaraswamy. Other members are commerce minister Piyush Goyal, education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, and minister of panchayati raj and fisheries Lalan Singh.

Page 9: Kishan Reddy on political affairs panel



H.D. Kumaraswamy

EVENTS TODAY



Ride With A Cause
Venue: Sanjeevaiah Park
Time: 7 am

Anti-Israel Protest In US Universities: Talk by Professor Immanuel Ness
Venue: Lamakaan
Time: 7 pm

Shiv Kumar Lal Football League (Feelkhana FC Vs Royal United FC)
Venue: Gymkhana Grounds
Time: 3 pm

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MINOR RESCUED BY SEC'BAD RPF

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The Secunderabad RPF rescued a minor, aged 12, while he was wandering on Platform No. 2. The minor is known to have run away from home. Finding out about this, the RPF team coordinated with the childline authorities and the minor was sent to Ashritha Homes for boys.

Kids learn to keep soil fertile

UN backed Heartfulness Institute's plantation drive ropes in 2,500 students

MAYANK TIWARI | DC
 HYDERABAD, JULY 3

In an attempt to sensitise young children about combating fertile landsturning into deserts, the G20 Global Land Initiative (G20 GLI) in partnership with the Heartfulness Institute conducted a plantation drive roping in around 2,500 students. "Engaging young people in land restoration activities is not just beneficial but essential. They are the future custodians of our planet, and their active participation and commitment can drive positive change," Muralae Thummarukudy, Director of the G20 Global Land Initiative at UNCCD.



Muralae Thummarukudy, director of the G20 Global Land Initiative at UNCCD, and Dr V. Ramakantha, chairman of forests at the Heartfulness Institute, participate in 'Youth Acts - Planting for a Sustainable Future' on Wednesday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

The G20 Global Land Initiative, which works under the oversight of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) aims to reach 10,000 schools globally to conduct plantation drives. "Up to 40 per cent of the world's land, equivalent to the landmass of China, is degraded. To restore it, we must plant endemic saplings or those recommended by the scientific community to restore the soil," he said.

THE UNITED Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) aims to reach 10,000 schools globally to conduct plantation drives.

Dr V. Ramakantha, IFS (Retd), chairman of forests at Heartfulness, who has also created a patch rainforest within Kanha Shanti Vanam, explained, "Our goal is to inspire and equip young minds with the knowledge and passion needed to restore and protect our natural environment. Through initiatives like these, we can collectively work towards a greener, healthier world." "By involving youth in meaningful environmental activities, we not only restored degraded land but also sowed the seeds of a sustainable future," V. Ramakantha said.

Vana Mahotsavam targets to plant 20.02 cr saplings

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The Telangana forest department has set itself a target to plant 20.02 crores of saplings this year as part of the Vana Mahotsavam programme. The drive was launched on Wednesday by forests and environment minister Konda Surekha in Khammam district. Joining her in the programme was minister for information and public relations Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, while in Peddapalli district, the drive was inaugurated by minister D Sridhar Babu. Surekha and Srinivas

THE TARGET for this year for Khammam is 31 lakh saplings of which 33,000 would be planted in 20 hectares in the first phase plantation drive



Forests and Environment Minister, accompanied by Minister for Information and Public Relations Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy

Reddy planted saplings in Gollagudem village in Sathupalli forest division. The target for this year for Khammam is 31 lakh saplings of which 33,000 would be planted in 20 hectares in the first phase. On the first day, the ministers, officials and students planted 400 saplings of different species including neem, tamarind, sacred fig, jamun, and bamboo.

Probe ordered on dental college head

SHRIMANSI KAUSHIK JDC
 HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The Director of Medical Education (DME) has set up an inquiry committee headed by the principal of Osmania Medical College to look into the complaints of alleged misbehavior and discrimination by the principal of the Government Dental College (GDC) of Hyderabad.

been mentioned in the representation submitted to the health secretary. "She has not allowed oral and maxillofacial surgery department to use the operation theatre. She has tried to stop appointments of nurses in the college. Attendants aged above 50 years were asked to leave. Although there are lifts, no one is allowed to use them, causing inconvenience to persons with disabilities and elderly people," Dr Ahmed said.

Students, faculty and non-teaching staff of GDC have submitted representations to the DME and the health secretary, citing mistreatment and mental harassment of patients, students and staff by the principal. They have demanded immediate removal of the principal from her position.

"Around 22 second year students of BDS course were unjustly detained while interns in girls' hostel were asked to evacuate. Despite availability of 15 vacant rooms, no new student was allotted rooms. Further, stipends of around 30 students were held back," Dr Manzur Ahmed, National President, AIDS, said.

Likewise, the Operation Theatre without enough staff is a dangerous place to work, she said.

4-day auction at Lulu Mall to bid for latest appliances

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, JULY 3

'LuLu On Sale' is returning with a 50% discount on products across LuLu Mall, LuLu Hypermarket, LuLu Connect, and LuLu Fashion Store in Kukatpally. The four-day sale featuring over 300 brands will be operational from July 4 to 7. The end-of-season sale will encompass premium fashion brands, electronics, gadgets, household items, and other essentials. Shoppers can indulge in exclusive half-price offers on renowned brands across multiple categories. Adding to the excitement, a special auction will take place from July 4 to 7, allowing eager buyers to bid on the latest technology, home appliances, electronics, and home essentials. Moreover, lucky draws during this period offer



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customers the opportunity to win enticing gift vouchers from top brands available at LuLu stores. LuLu Hypermarket is extending its operating hours until midnight, providing deals on groceries, fresh produce, and bakery items. Meanwhile, LuLu Fashion Store will entice shoppers with a 50 per cent discount on apparel, accessories, bags, footwear, sportswear, and more. For gadget enthusiasts, LuLu Connect is presenting offers on gadgets, televisions, and household electronics.

The shopping extravaganza will continue till July 21. Funtura, the state's largest indoor gaming zone at LuLu Mall, also offers special deals for gaming enthusiasts during this period.

STUDENTS, YOUTH UNIONS DEMAND STATEWIDE BANDH ON JULY 4

SHRIMANSI KAUSHIK JDC
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The United Committee of Students and Youth Unions comprising SFI, AISE, NSUI, PDSU, VJS, DYFI, AIYF, PYL and YJS have called for a statewide bandh. In the background of the ongoing disputes in the man-

agement of NEET, the respective state governments have been demanding that the NEET exam should be shifted to the states," the leaders said. They demanded that criminal cases be filed against those responsible for the leaks and justice should be given to students who wrote the NEET exam.

BAD EQUATION Study stresses enhanced training for teachers worldwide

Teachers found lacking in basic maths

RACHEL DAMMALA | DC
 HYDERABAD, JULY 3

A recent study highlighted that a staggering 58 per cent of in-service mathematics teachers harbour misconceptions akin to those held by their students, said a study. Conducted by Educational Initiatives, the study analysed the mathematical subject knowledge of 1,357 teachers from 152 schools across India, the UAE, Oman, and Saudi Arabia and found the need for improved teacher training to enhance teaching efficacy in primary and middle grade mathematics.

RECENT STUDY HIGHLIGHTS

- 58% of mathematics teachers hold misconceptions similar to their students.
- Study by Educational Initiatives analysed 1,357 teachers across India, UAE, Oman, and Saudi Arabia.
- Findings underscore urgent need for improved teacher training in primary and middle-grade mathematics.
- Assessment focused on ratio, proportional reasoning, algebraic reasoning, and estimation.
- 80% Nearly of teachers struggled with fundamental mathematical concepts.

The assessment focused on fundamental mathematical concepts such as ratio, proportional reasoning, algebraic reasoning, and estimation. The results were concerning; nearly 80 per cent of the teachers were unable to answer items related to these concepts correctly. The study revealed that

misconceptions among teachers were often as prevalent as those among their students. For instance, in the concept of ratio, only 15.9 per cent of teachers selected the correct answer, with a significant 58.9% demonstrating a common misconception. Praveena Katragadda and Nishchal Shukla, researchers at Educational Initiatives, stated in their report, "The extent of misconceptions among teachers were almost as

high as those among students. This suggests that teachers might be unknowingly perpetuating these misconceptions in their classrooms." The study identified several specific misconceptions. One major misconception was that adding the same value to both terms of a ratio would maintain the ratio (e.g., from 6:8 to 9:11). Another was that the perimeter of a shape formed by joining parts is the sum of the

perimeters of the parts. Additionally, many teachers incorrectly ordered decimal numbers by comparing the digits in the decimal part as whole numbers, leading to errors in understanding and teaching. Reactions from the teaching community have been mixed. Many teachers acknowledged the need for regular upskilling but pointed to systemic challenges. "We are often overwhelmed with administra-

tive tasks and tight schedules, leaving little time for professional development," said Anjali Rao, a private school in Habsiguda. "While we recognise the need for upskilling, finding the time is a significant challenge." While some agreed that there is an urgent need for continuous learning, "Staying updated with the latest teaching methodologies and revising our subject knowledge regularly is crucial," argued Neelima R, another high school mathematics and physics teacher. "Better assessments and regular training sessions can help us become more effective educators," she added. However, not all teachers were convinced by the study's conclusions. "One study cannot be the sole basis for such sweeping generalisations about teachers' competencies," said Fatima Begum, she added that there are many factors at play, and "we need more comprehensive data to draw such conclusions."

SHORT TAKES



BRS president and former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao poses for a selfie with a party worker on Wednesday.

KCR SURE PEOPLE WILL SEEK OUT BRS AGAIN

BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The time is not far off when people carrying torchlights will come in search of BRS and until such time, all party workers must have patience, focus on public problems, and fight for solutions, BRS president and former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao said.

In two-and-a-half decades, the BRS, after the launch of the final phase of statehood movement, had spectacular successes and no failures, and for a party that withstood severe turbulent times, serious challenges, and emerged triumphant, the current setbacks are nothing to be worried about, he said.

The expressions of hope of people turning back towards BRS after the party's loss in the Assembly elections, and the drubbing it received in the subsequent Lok Sabha elections, came during Chandrashekar Rao's address to party workers and leaders including some current and former legislators from Medchal-Malkajgiri, Mahabubabad, and Nalgonda districts, who gathered at his Erravalli village farm house.

CONGRESS PLANS TO FILL ONLY 4 CABINET POSTS

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Revanth Reddy had previously visited Delhi from June 24 to June 29 to discuss these matters, but no consensus was achieved due to multiple aspirations.

For the TPCC chief post, aspiring candidates include MLC B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, Zahirabad MP Suresh Shetkar, Madhu Yashki Goud (BC), Mahabubabad MP P. Bahram Naik (ST), and former MLA S.A. Sampath Kumar (SC).

For Cabinet positions, prime contenders include Makthal MLA Vakith Srihari (BC Mudiraj), Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju (ST), Peddapalli MLA G. Vivekanand, Dharmapuri MLA Adhuri Laxman Kumar (SC), Bodhan MLA P. Sudarshan Reddy, Mancheril MLA K. Prem Sagar Rao, Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy, Ibrahimpatnam MLA Malreddy Ranga Reddy, and Parigi MLA T. Ram Mohan Reddy.

BRS MLA Danam Nagender, who recently joined the Congress from Hyderabad, is also seeking a Cabinet position, as the Congress currently has no MLA representation in Hyderabad. There are 12 members in the Cabinet, leaving six vacancies. However, sources suggest that the high command plans to fill only four vacancies initially.

40-page affidavit submitted to court

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The police commissioner submitted a 40-page counter-affidavit to the High Court explaining how they got information about the phone of the High Court judge getting tapped.

On further queries, however, the police chief said Jio's nodal officer submitted the customer application forms of these numbers, revealing the identity of their users as Sarath Kaja (Justice Sarath Kaja) and Madhavi Gogineni, who is the wife of Justice Sarath.

Even though the state was on cusp of the change after the Assembly elections, which ended the nearly 10-year long BRS rule in Telangana on December 4, the nodal officers of the telecom service providers duly sent the reconciliation of phone numbers for the second fortnight of November 2023 addressed to the inspector-general of police, State

● THE HYDERABAD police chief submitted that the investigation is being done seriously and no effort is being spared to conduct a thorough enquiry and collect the entire evidence.

Intelligence Bureau. However, IGP, SIB, received the copies of nodal officers after December 4, 2023, when the Congress government was already formed. According to the documents sent by the nodal officers in December, phone numbers of the following persons were tapped in November: Gali Anil Kumar, Ramasahayam Surendar Reddy, Kunduru Raghuveer Reddy, Srinivas Reddy Merreddy, Swapnika Merreddy, Etala Rajendar, Udaya (cameraman of Eatela Rajender), Kasani Gyaneshwar, Kolle Sarita, Rajanna (gunman of Etala Rajendar), Fasi Khan, K Mahendar, Narendar

Reddy Anumandla, Mahesh Kumar Goud Bomma, Manala Mohan Reddy, Enugu Ravindar Reddy, Gujjala Premendar Reddy, and several others.

The Hyderabad police commissioner submitted that the investigation is being done seriously and no effort is being spared to conduct a thorough enquiry and collect the entire evidence. The recording of statements are being done in a transparent manner and all efforts are being made to have the absconding accused arrested.

Further, he informed the court that a chargesheet has been filed before the XIV Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Hyderabad on June 10, 2024. He requested the High Court to close the suo motu writ petition on the phone-tapping case, which was taken up by the High Court based on a news report in Deccan Chronicle on the tapping of

High Court judge Justice Kaja Sarath's mobile phone. If the court wanted to issue any orders in this case, however, the police chief said they would oblige it.

The police commissioner also mentioned that the accused officers also obtained CDRs of IPDRs of phone numbers belonging to Anumula Revanth Reddy, Anumula Kondal Reddy, Anumula Tirupathi Reddy, Vinay Reddy, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Etala Rajendar, Etala Nithin, Shivadhar Reddy, A.R. Srinivas, Raghavendar Reddy, Ronald Ross, Dharmapuri Aravind, M. Ramesh Reddy, Mega Srinivas Reddy, Mynampally Rohith, Divya IAS, Sasank Tatineni, Teenmaar Mallanna, Maheshwar Reddy of AMR Infra, Narendra Chowdry, K. Venkat Ramana Reddy, Sunil Reddy, Raj News, Veeramalla Satyam and several others.

Farm loan waiver set to begin soon: Bhatti

Rythu Bandhu will give way to Rythu Bharosa in state

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 3



Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, right, addresses journalists at Gandhi Bhavan on Wednesday.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka announced on Wednesday the Congress government will begin implementing the crop loan waiver scheme, waiving crop loans of up to ₹2 lakh per farmer, from this month. The government will also replace the Rythu Bandhu scheme with the new Rythu Bharosa initiative, despite financial constraints.

Addressing a press meet at Gandhi Bhavan, Bhatti Vikramarka said, "Both the crop loan waiver and the Rythu Bharosa will come into force in July. The previous BRS government had pushed Telangana into a debt trap with its financial mismanagement over the last 10 years, but the Congress government is taking all necessary steps to mobilise funds and fulfil the promises made during the elections."

The state government formed a Cabinet subcommittee, led by Bhatti, to develop guidelines for the implementation of

the Rythu Bharosa. "We are currently in the process of devising guidelines and will submit a report to the state government by July 15. This report will be tabled and debated in the upcoming Legislative Assembly session by the end of the month. We will take feedback from all political parties before finalising the guidelines and hold workshops in the 19 erstwhile districts to gather input from all stakeholders. The Congress government will not take any unilateral decisions on eligibility norms for Rythu Bharosa," Bhatti Vikramarka asserted.

Responding to reports about potential restrictions on Rythu Bharosa, such as a five-acre ceiling to extend the benefit or excluding non-farming lands, Bhatti Vikramarka said, "It all depends on the feedback we get from political parties, people, farmers, and all stakeholders. If they want the government to extend Rythu Bharosa even to barren lands, layouts, roads, hillocks, and real estate ventures, we will consider it."

Bhatti also held the BRS and BJP responsible for the merger of seven mandals of Khammam district with Andhra Pradesh in June 2014.

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"When the Congress government at the Centre bifurcated Andhra Pradesh in 2014, there was no merger of the seven mandals. But after BRS and BJP came to power at the Centre in June 2014, they merged these mandals with AP. Now, BRS leaders are demanding that the Congress government take back the seven mandals from AP. If BRS leaders are sincere, they should undertake a hunger strike in Delhi to pressure the BJP government to return the seven mandals. Congress will support BRS leaders in this regard," Bhatti stated.

About the meeting between Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on July 6 in Hyderabad, Bhatti said: "Some are describing this as a meeting between Guru and Shishya. This is rubbish. Both are CMs of their respective states, meeting to discuss and resolve bifurcation issues that have been pending for the past 10 years," he said.

9 LAKH PADDY FARMERS GET ₹10,547 CRORE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The State Civil Supplies Corporation has informed that by the end of rabi season, around nine lakh farmers were paid ₹10,547 crores in just three days for the 48 lakh metric tonnes of paddy procured from them. Timely payments were made in line with the orders given by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

The corporation which started operations early by March 25 opened 7,178 purchase centres this rabi season. Only 6,889 centres were opened in last rabi season. The season came to an end on June 30.

New policy to pitch Somasila for destination weddings

SAALINI LOKESH | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 3



THE BRS government failed to get funds from the Centre leading to chaos in the tourism sector. The management at Taramati Baradari and Haritha Hotel chain is poorly maintained.

— JUPALLY KRISHNA RAO, Tourism minister

The state government has drafted a new tourism policy to attract more tourists to the state's iconic landmarks like Somasila, Ramappa, Laknavaram, Nagarjunasagar and Anantagiri Hills, said minister of tourism and culture Jupally Krishna Rao.

He said the tourism policy will make Telangana a major tourism hub in the country and will boost economic development and employment opportunities by developing tourist places and providing infrastructure through public-private partnerships.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has prioritised the tourism sector and is focusing on eco and medical tourism. "The new policy draft has been prepared, and the state government will make decisions based on the Chief Minister's advice," Krishna Rao said, adding that Chief Minister will soon meet the Union minister of tourism to request funds for the development of Telangana tourism.

Krishna Rao said the tourism department had

been neglected in last 10 years with no policy for the development of the tourism sector as the BRS government had been careless.

"The BRS government failed to get funds from the Centre leading to chaos in the tourism sector. The management at Taramati Baradari and Haritha Hotel chain is poorly maintained," he added.

Krishna Rao pointed out that despite Telangana state's natural beauty and historical heritage, tourism has not developed as expected. In contrast, countries like Singapore, Dubai, and those in Africa with fewer resources have turned to tourism as their main source of income.

"Telangana tourism will develop a plan on international standards and steps

will be taken to attract local and global tourists," he said, adding that Somasila will be identified as a suitable place for destination weddings and adventure tourism in the backwaters of the Krishna river.

To promote destination weddings, Ramappa, Laknavaram, Nagarjunasagar and Anantagiri Hills will be developed. He mentioned that a wellness tourism resort will be established in Anantagiri, ensuring marriage ceremonies combining local culture and traditions.

Krishna Rao said the prestige of the National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management had faded under the previous government, with enrolment falling from over 800 to 200. He promised to restore it to its former glory.

Tummala vows projects to support handloom workers

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

State agriculture and textiles minister Tummala Nageshwara Rao on Wednesday assured that the government was taking steps to ensure long-term benefits of handloom workers. He promised union leaders of handloom workers who met him seeking resolution of their problems.

In a release, the ministry informed that the union sought purchase of stocks available with the primary handloom cooperative societies. They sought display of clothes in the showrooms along with supply to different government offices.

Among their other demands were continuation of Netanna Bima, 25 paise interest scheme, subsidy on yarn and worker-to-owner schemes along with clearance of pending transactions.

They also sought implementation of insurance



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— TUMMALA NAGESHWARA RAO, Agriculture & textiles minister

scheme for handloom workers who are more than 59 years old, waiver of workers' personal loans, holding of elections to primary handloom cooperative societies, opening of Telangana State Handloom Workers Co-operative Society Ltd. (TSCO)

showrooms in Andhra Pradesh and introduction of sarees and other schemes.

Responding to their requests, the minister assured them that all problems of power looms and hand looms will be addressed. The minister said orders worth ₹250 crore has been received from different government departments. The purchases will be done as per a plan to ensure full time work for the workers.

"The workers faced problems as the previous government did not provide funds for its 10 percent yarn subsidy scheme owing to which power loom workers had to face problems. Even then ₹37.09 crore pending subsidy were released benefitting 5,375 workers and ₹123.22 crore pending payments were also released. ₹59 crore pending by the BRS government to primary handloom cooperative societies were also released by our government," the agriculture and textiles minister said.

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SHORT TAKES

MIYAPUR COPS ARREST TWO FOR RAPING WOMAN

MANVI VYAS | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 3

Miyapur police on Wednesday arrested two persons and sent them to judicial custody for raping a woman within Miyapur police station limits.

On June 30, the victim met Sanga Reddy and Janardhan, real estate salesmen, who offered to freshen up at a room in Sri Lakshmi Hotel, Miyapur, informing her that they'd pick her up in the afternoon.

During afternoon, the accused picked her up in a car and the three left for Yadagirigutta. At around 10.30pm, the accused made it appear as though the car broke down and stopped at a side of an isolated place.

They asked her if she needed anything, to which she refused.

However, Janardhan gave her a cold drink and a sweet. After consuming that, she started feeling dizzy and informed the accused about the same. They further started feeding her the sweet, saying she must be feeling dizzy because she is on an empty stomach.

Using the moment as an advantage, the accused undressed her, raped her and even hit her. They dropped her at the hostel and fled the scene.

The next morning, the victim could feel severe body pain. She lodged a complaint with the Uppal police, which registered a zero FIR and shifted the case to Miyapur police.

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MLA's lockers had 1.2 kg gold

ED opens lockers of BRS' Mahipal

MOULI MAREEDU | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 3

Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials on Wednesday seized gold biscuits of total weight 1.2 kgs worth around ₹90 lakh belonging to Patancheru BRS party MLA G Mahipal Reddy in PMLA case.

ED officials, investigating alleged irregularities in mining involving Patancheru BRS MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy and his brother G. Madhusudhan Reddy, opened bank lockers belonging to the MLA at a bank in Patancheru.

Reports indicate that the ED examined the bank lockers of Mahipal Reddy and his family members, suspecting benami business activities

and violations. Following the questioning of MLA Mahipal Reddy by the ED, a team of officers obtained details of bank transactions involving Mahipal Reddy and his brother Madhusudhan Reddy. Acting on inputs received during the interrogation, ED officials verified the bank lockers in the presence of Mahipal Reddy and other concerned parties.

Mahipal Reddy remained silent and tried to avoid answering the officers' questions. On June 20, the ED conducted search operations at 10 locations in and around Hyderabad in connection with a money laundering case being investigated against Santhosh Sand and Granite Supply, Patancheru, under

the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

The probe is based on FIRs registered by state police against Santhosh Sand and Granite Supply, a proprietary concern of Madhusudhan Reddy.

The accused firm was found to have excavated and transported an excess quantity of 11,98,743 CBM of building stone and road metal within the permitted quarry lease area and 10,11,672 CBM of material beyond the permitted area, encroaching on government land measuring 4.37 hectares. Through these activities, the accused allegedly amassed around ₹300 crore by selling illegally excavated material and evaded royalty.

Drunk driver who fled with breathalyser, held

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

Days after a miscreant ran away after snatching a breathalyser from a traffic cop, the Bowenpally police on Wednesday arrested the offender and seized the breathalyser equipment.

During a drunk and drive test conducted by the traffic police, a miscreant snatched the breathalyser. The arrested accused is

Kothapalli Sravan Kumar, 27, a car driver and resident of Taraka Colony, NMC-Rampally, Ghatkesar Road, Hyderabad, originally from Karimnagar. "On June 27, Bowenpally Traffic police were conducting drunk and drive checks at New Bowenpally. At around 12.50 am, the traffic police stopped a Swift Dzire car and were conducting a blood alcohol concentration test on

the driver of the vehicle. Suddenly, the driver and resident of Taraka Colony, NMC-Rampally, Ghatkesar Road, Hyderabad, originally from Karimnagar. "On June 27, Bowenpally Traffic police were conducting drunk and drive checks at New Bowenpally. At around 12.50 am, the traffic police stopped a Swift Dzire car and were conducting a blood alcohol concentration test on

Etala: Clarify cantt. areas' merger with the GHMC

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

BJP MP from Malkajgiri Etala Rajendar Singh in Delhi and urged him to give clarity on all civil areas from the Secunderabad Cantonment to be merged in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan in Delhi on Wednesday, Rajendar pointed out that 16 Civil bazaars and other civilian areas are located in Secunderabad Cantonment limits. The Central

government should give a clear clarity on Cantonment areas to be merged with the GHMC and also transfer the services of employees working with the Cantonment Board to the GHMC and ensure their pension. The Cantonment limits have many ₹B3 Lands', which were given on 99 year lease to some private persons during the British rule. The government should also take a clear stand on these B3 lands. The lands are under the control of some private persons having 'Holden of Occupancy Rights'.

Rajender also urged the Central government to set up new industries in place of some public sector units like IDPL and HMT closed down long back to provide employment to unemployed youth.

He also urged the Urban Development Ministry to take up civic works constructing underpasses, flyovers, express roads, parks in Malkajgiri limits. The Hyderabad city extended without any master plan in Malkajgiri limits and the civic amenities are not in order in this part of the city, he said.

4-YR-OLD DIES AS PEN PIERCES THROUGH HEAD

DC CORRESPONDENT KHAMMAM, JULY 3

In a freak accident, a four-year old girl died after a pen pierced her head in Bhadrachalam in Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Tuesday. The incident occurred on

Monday evening while the girl, Riyanshika, was doing her homework and accidentally fell from the bed, causing the pen to pierce her head.

She was immediately taken to a private hospital in

Khammam where doctors performed a surgery to remove the pen.

However, soon after the surgery, her condition deteriorated and she died.

Doctors declared that the child died due to an infection.

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2. Dry Agricultural land in Survey No.52/Part, admeasuring 4 acre 02 guntas and Survey No.53/Part, admeasuring 05acre 15 guntas at Bahadurguda Village, Shamsabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District under Grampanchayat Peddagolconda Village, Telangana.

3. All that Agricultural land in Survey No.57 extent admeasuring Ac.09-00 Gts and Survey No.58 extent / admeasuring Ac. 05-26Gts totally admeasuring Ac. 14-26Gts at Bahadurguda Village, Shamsabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District under Grampanchayat Peddagolconda Village, Telangana.

Sd/- K. Shyam Sunder Rao Advocate H.No.23-192/2, Road No.11, Madhuragan Colony, Shamsabad Village and Mandal, R. R. District-501216 Ph:98482 71069.

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POLICE NOTICE TO WOMAN SCRIBE FOR TWEETING

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

Days after the LB Nagar police registered cases against a woman scribe for posting on social media in connection with irregularities of TGSPDCL, LB Nagar Inspector L. Raman janyeyulu on Wednesday served a notice on P. Revathi asking her to appear before the inspector for questioning.

The Inspector said during the investigation they found reasonable grounds for questioning the woman journalist for posting content on social media highlighting that a woman was harassed by the TGSPDCL staff.

The inspector also stated in the notice that failure to comply with the order in appearing before the police, the police said they would take action.

Revathi said an FIR was filed against her for a tweet that brought to notice the plight of a single working woman who complained about a lineman coming to her house for tweeting about a power cut. Proceedings began and we got an order from the high court. They received the 41A notice from the police on Wednesday, she said.

● FAILURE TO comply with the order in appearing before the police, the cops would take action against her.

Tahsildar held for taking ₹8k bribe

M. SRINIVAS | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) here on Wednesday caught S. Srinivasulu, a tahsildar and joint sub-registrar of Gopalpet Mandal in Wanaparthy district, red-handed when he allegedly

demanding and accepted bribe of ₹8,000 from a complainant for doing an official favour. Srinivasulu demanded a bribe from the complainant Mudavath Pandu of Zinkalabeedu thanda in Wanaparthy district for conversion of agricultural land of the complainant's wife into

non-agricultural land (NALA). ACB officials recovered the tainted bribe amount from the possession of Srinivasulu.

They produced him before the special court for ACB cases here after which the court remanded him to judicial custody.

Grid of obituary and memorial notices including: SUSAN THOMAS (73), SHRADHANJALI V V VISHNU MURTHY, THOMAS ISAAC (14 YEARS), SADRANJALI V V VISHNU MURTHY, SAD DEMISE Mr. PRAKASH EJANTHAKAR, SADRANJALI V V VISHNU MURTHY, SADRANJALI V V VISHNU MURTHY, SUDDEN DEATH V V VISHNU MURTHY, IN LOVING MEMORY OF 2ND DEATH ANNIVERSARY Shri. Suresh C. Gautam, SHRADHANJALI V V VISHNU MURTHY, SHRADHANJALI V V VISHNU MURTHY, 20th DEATH ANNIVERSARY Sri. NEELAM AMARNATH, 85th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Rev. V ASHER, SUDDEN DEATH V V VISHNU MURTHY, SHRADHANJALI V V VISHNU MURTHY, 1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY LATE. SMT. DASARAOISAYI MARGARET, SHRADHANJALI V V VISHNU MURTHY, SUDDEN DEATH V V VISHNU MURTHY, SHRADHANJALI V V VISHNU MURTHY, 19th ANNIVERSARY Smt. M. RANGAMANI, SUDDEN DEATH V V VISHNU MURTHY, SHRADHANJALI V V VISHNU MURTHY, 9th Death Anniversary SARDAR PRITAM SINGH HANSPAL, SUDDEN DEATH V V VISHNU MURTHY.

IN BRIEF

RPF retrieves passenger's bag

Hyderabad: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) at Lingampally post of the Secunderabad Division on July 2 successfully retrieved a passenger's handbag containing ₹1,17,992, along with credit and debit cards and Aadhar cards, and promptly returned it to the passenger, M. Bhagyavati. The incident was reported via a Rail Madad complaint regarding a left behind handbag in Coach B1 of Lingampalli Special Fare Express, by a passenger travelling from Rajahmundry to Secunderabad. SI S.V. Basha of RPF Lingampalli, along with his team, attended the train and recovered the handbag from on-duty TTE. The passenger expressed her gratitude to RPF team for their action.

SHORT TAKES

MALAYALIS PLAN NATIONAL MEET IN HYD FOR 1st TIME

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

Hyderabad will host the 17th National Meet of the All India Malayali Association (AIMA) from July 6-7 for the first time. Delegates from approximately 27 states, including prominent office-bearers are expected to attend the event organised by AIMA units in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

The meet will start on July 6 at the National Institute of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in Yousufguda. The national president of AIMA, Gokulam Gopalan, will inaugurate the event by hoisting the flag. This will be followed by a national executive meeting and a brainstorming session featuring renowned motivator Rajiv Alunkal.

On July 7, the election of new national office-bearers will take place, followed by the national general council meeting. The evening will feature a public meeting at Satya Sai Nigamagamam in Srinagar Colony, with speeches by ministers from Kerala and national leaders expected to attend the event.

A highlight of the meet is the presentation of AIMA's 'Aksharamudra' award to the acclaimed writer, director, and founder of Surya Society, Soorya Krishnamoorthy. Additionally, AIMA will unveil a souvenir titled 'Kalisi Melisi,' packed with valuable information. The event will conclude with a musical extravaganza featuring renowned playback singers Anwar Sadath and Reshma Raghavendra, along with their orchestra. Delegates from across the country and member associations from Telangana will participate, showcasing the unity and spirit of the Malayali community nationwide.

CONTRACT MEDICAL STAFF ON PROTEST FOR FAIR WAGES

SHRIMANSI KAUSHIK | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 3

Approximately 2,000 contract workers, led by the Telangana Medical Contract Employees and Workers Union (AITUC), staged a massive protest in front of the Director of Medical Education office in Koti on Wednesday, demanding fair wages as per Government Order 60.

"We urge the government to prevent labour exploitation and focus on contract workers in hospitals. Salaries to contract sanitation, patient care, and security workers in government hospitals are not being paid in full. About 20,000 contract workers in the state were supposed to be given salaries of ₹13,500 after deducting Provident Fund and ESI. The GO no. 60, released in 2022, which directs this provision, was never implemented and another circular was released the same year that showed workers' salaries as ₹12,093. However, even that is not being paid to most of us. We are only getting ₹10,000 or 11,000," said M. Narsimha, state general secretary, AITUC. The workers also highlighted that they are not allowed to apply for leaves as per the Contract Labour Act, which entitles them to four festive holidays, four national holidays, and 16 earned holidays. Additionally, they are being overburdened at Osmania and Niloufer hospitals due to insufficient staffing. They informed the DME that the local DCHSs, in collusion with contractors in TVVP hospitals, are terrorising the workers.

38th Hyd sailing week begins

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The 38th Hyderabad Sailing Week was kicked off with a spectacular display of talent and competitive spirit on the first day of races on Wednesday. The event saw sailors from across the country compete in various categories, showcasing their skills and determination on the waters.

In the ILCA 7 category, Mohit Saini took the lead with a flawless performance, securing the first position. Following closely, Mahaprabhu demonstrated consistent technique and speed, earning him the second place.

Sikanshu Singh clinched the third spot. In the ILCA 6 women category, Ritika Dangi secured the first place. Laveti Darani finished second. Neha Thakur secured third



Sailors participate in the 38th Hyderabad Sailing Week on Hussainsagar Lake on Wednesday. — BY ARRANGEMENT

position.

Ram Milan led the ILCA 6 Open category with a stellar performance, capturing the first place. In the 470 Class category,

Sharada Verma and RK Sharma took the first position with their seamless teamwork and coordination. The first day of the 38th

Hyderabad Sailing Week set a high standard for the races to come with sailors delivering thrilling performances across all categories.

Cong. delays poll promises: Raghu

Says TRS retired when it renamed as BRS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

BJP MP M. Raghunandan Rao on Tuesday said the TRS had taken a compulsory retirement scheme (CRS) when it renamed itself as the BRS. The regional party is in such a position that it is not able to retain 15 of its MLAs till the next Assembly session and survival of its existence is in doubt.

Addressing media, the Medak MP said former chief minister K. Chandrababu Naidu had fooled people in the name of 'Nilla, Nidhulu, Niyamakalu' while in power for 10 years and was most interested in 'Royyala Pulusu' (spicy prawns gravy) offered by YSRC leader R.K. Roja and shaking hands with former Andhra Pradesh chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy than protecting the interests of the state.

On BRS leader T. Harish Rao's demand that seven mandals be remerged with Telangana from AP and Sileru irrigation project must be included in Telangana, Raghunandan said BRS leaders never



MP Raghunandan Rao, left, addresses a press conference at the BJP state office on Wednesday, accompanied by former MLC N. Ramchander Rao. — R. PAVAN

spoke about these issues when they were in power. KCR was more interested in giving a feast to Jagan and shaking hands with N. Chandrababu Naidu, but never raised these issues concerning the state. Raghunandan Rao said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is having time to camp in Delhi for five days to discuss politics and decide their PCC chief, but he is not interested to focus on implementing the poll promises including Rythu Barosa. He charged that the Revanth Reddy government has been adopting dilatory tactics by appointing committees and commissions led by

Deputy Chief Minister and other ministers to study and finalise the guidelines to implement farm loan waiver. The BJP demands the Congress government to waive farm loans to all eligible and genuine farmers instead of setting any conditions, he said.

Stating that Revanth Reddy is faltering on his steps on implementing poll promises, particularly on farm loan waiver and administration, Raghunandan said the Chief Minister can convene an all-party meeting to discuss these issues and the BJP is ready to give valuable suggestions to him.

CONG. IMPOSED FINANCIAL EMERGENCY: BJP

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

BJP MLA Payal Shankar alleged that the Congress government had imposed an economic emergency as the gram panchayats struggled for a lack of funds.

"The local bodies have completely lost their financial independence as the government is forcing the gram panchayats to deposit their house tax collections in the state's treasury and preventing them from withdrawing amount for local self-governance," he said. Addressing media, the Adilabad MLA, along with BJP general secretary Dr Kasam Venkateshwarlu charged the government also denied the gram panchayats to withdraw their deposits from the CGF accounts for the treasury. The panchayat workers have not been getting salaries for seven months, he alleged.



Payal Shankar

RTA checks vehicles to schools

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The Telangana Road Transport Authorities, in collaboration with the traffic department, conducted extensive raids and inspections across the city for the second consecutive day, focusing on the safety of school buses and autorickshaws transporting students.

During these inspections, officials discovered several safety violations, including school buses lacking fire extinguishers and first aid boxes. The joint operation on Wednesday led to seven EIB buses being booked for operating without fitness certificates, tax, and for overloading students.

Two vehicles were seized due to non-payment of tax



Traffic police stop motorists and cars for traffic violations at Panjagutta on Wednesday. —K. DURGA Rao

and lack of fitness certificates. Four motor cabs were booked for overloading and operating without fitness certificates. One

Light Goods Vehicle (LGV) was booked for operating without tax and fitness certificates. One out-of-state construction

vehicle was booked and two illicit vehicles and two autorickshaws were also booked for various violations.

UNHEALTHY | TREND Only 27 of 860 students in Telangana passed first-year exams in BSc Allied Health Sciences

Poor faculty forces AHS students to take YouTube lessons

SHRIMANSI KAUSHIK | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The BSc Allied Health Sciences (AHS) course, introduced in nine medical colleges in the state in February last year, shows gaps in its curriculum. First-year students were not provided with books, syllabi or academic calendars that students could refer to. As a result, only 27 of 860 students in the state passed the first-year exams.

Students, after protesting in their respective colleges, besieged the Kaloji Narayana University of Health Sciences on Tuesday, demanding clarification on results.

"We chose this course because it has a great demand. It is a popular course in many states and countries. However, at the outset, students and teachers have been unsure of the syllabus and coursework," said Sindhu, a BSc AHS student at Gandhi Medical College. She told *Deccan Chronicle* that instead of assistant professors and HODs, they were taught by postgraduate students, who would come to class only for 15 minutes. "AHS is more practical work and we learn a lot at the hospital from senior doctors. But we were left on our own for theory papers. Moreover, we were given a

SHORTAGE OF TECHNICIANS

The course was introduced to fill the shortage of technicians in the medical system in fields like anaesthesiology, radiology, imaging, nursing and various others.

THE STUDENTS SPEND HOURS IN HOSPITALS, ASSISTING DOCTORS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

While the pass percentage for other courses is 40%, the students in AHS have to score minimum 50per cent marks to pass.

broad guideline of the syllabus only one month before the internal exams. Hence, we resorted to YouTube videos and other publicly available information to prepare for our

exams," she said. The course was introduced to fill the shortage of technicians in the medical system in fields like anaesthesiology, radiology, imaging, nursing and vari-

HC issues contempt notice to school education head

L. RAVICHANDER HYDERABAD, JULY 3

Justice T. Madhavi Devi of the Telangana High Court ordered notice to the commissioner and director of school education, Telangana, and others, in a contempt case filed against them. The judge was hearing a contempt case filed by E. Venkata Narasimha Murthy, working as a school assistant for Social Studies, ZPHS, RC Puram, Medak district. The petitioner alleged that the respondent authorities wantonly disobeyed the orders of the court. Earlier, the judge, on a writ plea filed by the petitioner, passed an interim direction to the respondent authorities for keeping on post unfiled in the cadre of Headmaster Grade II. The petitioner complained that despite orders, the respondent authorities failed to comply. The judge after hearing the petitioner posted the matter for further adjudication.

TRADER COMPLAINS AGAINST DUNDIGAL MUNICIPALITY

Justice T. Vinod Kumar of the Telangana High Court took on file a writ plea complaining about the illegal restriction and obstruction of business in chicken waste by Dundigal Municipality and others. The judge was dealing with a writ plea filed by M/s Al Jafri Traders engaged in the business of purchasing, collecting and lifting of chicken wastage products in Dundigal and Medchal Malkajgiri district. The petitioner alleged that the respondents were restricting and obstructing his business.

They also alleged that the respondents were arbitrarily interfering with the activities of their business in violation of various articles of the Constitution. After hearing from the petitioner, the judge directed the respondent authorities to



file their reply within two weeks and posted the matter for further adjudication.

CIVIC BODIES CAN'T UNILATERALLY CLAIM TITLE TO PROPERTY: HC

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court ruled that it was for the civic authorities to establish their claim of a property being open land. The panel ruled that it was not open to shift the burden on a private citizen who claimed contra title to the property.

The panel was hearing a PIL on the conversion of open space earmarked for the public park at Reddy Enclave, Alwal Village, and an individual writ petition challenging the action of the Deputy Commissioner in requiring the citizen to establish that the property in question was not open space. The panel, after perusing the material, quashed an order of the deputy commissioner, Alwal, declaring the 667 sq. yards of land at Reddy Enclave, Sri Venkateswara Colony, Alwal as open space.

HC ADMITS PLEA FOR SC PANEL TO VERIFY CERTIFICATES

Justice Surepalli Nanda of the Telangana High Court took on file a writ plea seeking the appointment of a committee to decide claims of the social status of scheduled castes. The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by Telangana State Maha Sabha president Chanda Laxman and several others. The petitioners sought a direction to the Principal Secretary of the Telangana Scheduled Castes Development Department and other

departments for appointing a three-men committee, presided over by a retired High Court judge, to look into the claimed and unclaimed social status of SCs as per the Presidential orders in the SC list, published vide the Constitution Scheduled Castes Order 1950. The petitioners contended that the same needs to be done to avoid any illegal claims raised by persons not belonging to the SCs. Counsels representing respondent authorities sought time to file their response and accordingly the judge posted the matter for further adjudication.

REVENUE OFFICIAL CHALLENGES PUNISHMENT

Justice Pulla Karthik of the Telangana High Court took on file a writ plea challenging the actions of the Telangana Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) and the District Collector, Warangal, in unjustly imposing the punishment of stopping annual grade increments with cumulative effect.

The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by Salvadi Sarveshwar, a village revenue officer in Warangal. The petitioner alleged that the

District Collector imposed the punishment of stopping three annual grade increments with a cumulative effect based on a perverse inquiry report. He contended that the District Collector was pre-determined that the petitioner was guilty of making illegal pahani entries to the extent of six acres. The petitioner further alleged that the CLLA in consequential appeal reduced the punishment to stoppage of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect thereby depriving the promotion of the petitioner for the post of senior assistant. The court directed the respondent authorities to file their response in four weeks.

DM asks docs in Niloufer Hosp. to act fast on kids

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, JULY 3

District Collector on Wednesday visited Niloufer Hospital in the city and advised medical officers to register details of children born with congenital defects online and provide treatment to improve their defects.

Children should be treated immediately after identifying the defects, he said. He visited several departments in the hospi-

tal including intensive care block, diagnostic lab, blood centre, quality control room, CCTV, physiotherapy, periodical surgical ward, operation theatre, comprehensive lactation management centre, SNCU centre, and neonatology ward.

He found out from the doctor about the services being provided there and met patients and checked registers.

"Doctors should focus on the health of children

born with birth defects. They have been directed to provide treatment to children so that they do not suffer from birth defects for the rest of their lives. It has been ordered to enter information about children born with defects both online and offline," he said. Niloufer Hospital superintendent T. Usha Rani, district medical health officer Dr Venkat and RMOK Jyoti participated in the programme.

SVS Group holds certificates

DC CORRESPONDENT WARANGAL, JULY 3

Despite a directive from the Telangana State Council of Higher Education, the management of the SVS Group of Institutions (Diploma) in Bhimaram, Hanamakonda district, is withholding certificates of students.

The directive had asked all universities to instruct

affiliated private colleges under their jurisdiction not to insist on payment of tuition fees from students eligible for fee reimbursement and not to deny issuing original certificates under the pretext of not receiving the reimbursement from government.

"It is not a healthy practice. Such colleges may be blacklisted and shall not be considered for fee reim-

bursement which will also affect the affiliation of such colleges," the letter from TSCHE secretary to the registrars of universities had stated. Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, a student who completed diploma in 2022 said when they asked for their certificates, the college management stated the certificates would be issued once the fee reimbursed.

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Hathras: Will godman & UP admin be held accountable?

India is good at gathering crowds. It is a natural enough gift arising from being the most populous nation on earth. Where else would 80,000 people get together to greet Donald Trump or lakhs congregate to see a godman or crores attend a festival? The problem lies in crowd management, which is why the country also has a history of stampedes taking several hundred lives periodically.

The latest stampede in Hathras, Uttar Pradesh where over three lakh people gathered to greet a godman and receive his blessings, was an extreme example of how not to conduct a crowded event as there were poor or non-existent crowd control measures like good passageways for entrance and exit. The death toll was a forbidding 121-plus people, mostly women and children who are more defenceless than men in a crush of people.

The crowd management was mostly a private affair with a 17-man crew of the godman in charge of keeping the gathered people orderly and there were too few policemen, posting who is the administration's responsibility. Given a ballpark figure of 80,000 attendees, the security force deployed was totally inadequate.

It is said that people who surged to touch the godman as he made his exit were stopped by his close security personnel leading to many devotees falling into a ditch. The event was held in tents at an altogether desolate piece of territory with nearby hospitals barely equipped to take in a few score of the population falling sick.

Given the pathways that were barely sufficient for people to come in, smooth entry and exit was a near impossibility for ambulances and rescue teams to come in even as emergency exits for people were just not planned.

It is simple to say that there should be a law against godmen, mostly thought of as common despite their popularity among the people, as indeed the Congress chief did. No one would venture an opinion that the Hajj pilgrimage be stopped because 1,000 people died from the heat or the Maha Kumbh Mela should not take place because 15 crore people expected to attend it may be at risk the next time it is held.

What India lacks most is a sense of public safety and a crowd management system to cope with the extraordinary numbers. Leave it to the police or the petty bureaucracy in a rural location and it is virtually inviting a calamity of the type that occurred when devotees began pushing and shoving in their eagerness to get out once the event got over.

There is, of course, a total lack of accountability. The fall guys are always easy to find as a few administrators are suspended or transferred because their jobs must be protected no matter what because that is the self-preserving way of the bureaucracy.

It would serve the interests of justice best if the godman 'Bhole Baba' were to be hunted down and proceeded against by the law for making inadequate arrangements for his devotees and the local administration, including the district magistrate and the police chief, hauled up and given exemplary punishment by the terms of the new criminal code.

U'khand shocker: 'Dating' is jail

The proof of the pudding is in its eating. When it comes to the efficacy of laws, whether they are the Raj-era Indian Penal Code, or the Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita, or the Juvenile Justice Act, for that matter, it all depends on the men and women who implement them and whether they are being invoked for the purpose that they are meant to serve, as envisaged by the legislature.

Hence, the reports from Uttarakhand saying that the high court there is surprised by the information presented before it through a public interest litigation — that 20 male minors have been jailed for months for the offence of, wait for it, dating — should not shock the common man. More interestingly, the prayer in the PIL is not just against the incarceration of the boys, but also against the "discrimination" they faced in the process — for the girls who are in fact the co-accused have been let off.

Uttarakhand is a part of India and one would expect that the laws that govern human relations to be the same there. Well, not exactly. For instance, the state has gone ahead and passed a uniform civil code as mandated by the Constitution when the Union government led by the BJP, the party which rules the state, is still not confident enough to take the step on the national level — the party is still checking its possible impact on the diversity that works as the cornerstone of the idea called India. The state, meanwhile, has also put in a provision under the UCC meant for live-in partners obliging them to declare their status to police and that nearly makes a relationship between two adults a criminal affair.

The Juvenile Justice Act was introduced to protect the children who could possibly be in conflict with the law. But to jail them for very human and humane acts is an affront to civilisation. The high court has issued notices to the Union and state governments on this topic. One can only hope that the judiciary will force open the executive's dim and ancient eyes.

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End turmoil in Manipur & tame the radicals now



Wasbir Hussain

Fourteen months after a blistering ethnic war broke out between the majority Meiteis and the Kuki tribal people in Manipur, the state continues to be in a crisis of humongous proportions. The Kukis cannot set foot in the Imphal Valley, the heartland of the Meiteis and the most developed part of Manipur, where the state capital Imphal is located, and the Meiteis cannot venture into the hills, to districts like Churachandpur, Tengnoupal, Kangpokpi and others. It is because of fear for their lives. This also goes on to explain the level of animosity and distrust among the communities who had, otherwise, lived together in relative harmony for ages. And yes, 10 Kuki-Zo legislators, including two ministers in Chief Minister N. Biren Singh's Cabinet, too, have not come to the capital Imphal during the past 14 months and neither have they attended proceedings in the state Assembly or visited their offices.

A year into the ethnic conflagration, the dynamics have changed a lot. The phase of euphoria over the looting of arms and ammunition from police and paramilitary armouries in the Imphal Valley seems to be over. Well, estimates said around 5,000 weapons and 500,000 rounds of ammunition were looted by mobs during the peak of the violence, turning Manipur into one of the most militarised regions in the country. The ordinary people of the state appear to have come down to taking stock of their day-to-day lives, like the education of their children, trade and business and attending to or finding jobs. It is certain there has been a flight of capital from Manipur with those

who have the means purchasing apartments in peaceful cities in the neighbourhood, like Guwahati, for example.

This week, local politicians admitted they were under pressure from their electorate and constituents to resolve the situation, end the violence and restore order in Manipur. The question that saner elements in society were asking for so long was why the government, both at the Centre and in the state, have failed thus far to bring about an end to the violence.

Now, this question has turned into a chorus. Last week, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh chaired a meeting of the BJP-led NDA MLAs in Imphal and heard them. There are murmurs among the ruling combine MLAs, some of whom are in favour of resigning since they have not succeeded in bringing back peace in the state.

It is a fact that the failure of the Centre and the Biren Singh government to restore order and end the 14-month-long conflict has cost the BJP dear. The NDA has lost both the Manipur Lok Sabha seats to the Congress in the just-concluded parliamentary elections. Now, the Biren Singh government and the alliance partners — the BJP, JD-U, Nationalist People Party (NPP) and the Naga People's Front (NPF) — are feeling the heat. Many of the MLAs landed in New Delhi last week to meet senior national leaders and plead with the Centre to end the violence in Manipur.

Just before the MLAs had arrived in the national capital, Union home minister Amit Shah reviewed the security situation with the state governor and the nation's top security brass, including the Army Chief. But the big question is this: was

The Meiteis are for a united Manipur, but without the Kukis who they claim have infiltrated from Myanmar. The Meitei civil society is pushing for a National Register of Citizens to come up in Manipur.

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It is important that peace returns to Manipur and the place be de-militarised. The authorities must get the looted weapons back. There were already 30 or more active insurgent groups in Manipur and, now, following the ethnic riots, civilians or radical groups have come to possess automatic weapons which are part of the loot.

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But, the road ahead in Manipur is fraught with challenges. First, it is a challenge to bring the two communities together, face-to-face for talks. This is because they are stuck firmly to their own positions, and second, because the talks must happen, if at all, in a neutral location. Finding a neutral location may be easy, but making them budge from their stands is difficult. The Kukis are saying they can-

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LETTERS

HATHRAS TRAGEDY

Hathras stampede exposed the carelessness of administration and organisers (116 die in stampede at UP satsang due to cramming, July 3). Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing shock is commendable, but silence on Manipur is not.

P.R. Ravinder
Hyderabad

The stampede was unfortunate. It's a violation of rules. Government should never permit large gatherings of people, especially when it exceeds the ground capacity.

Vaddeti Venunath
Hyderabad

We hope that such incidents where people are trapped in blind faith and beliefs will not continue.

D. Kishan Prasad
Karimnagar

PAPER LEAKS

Why are there always controversies over NEET and UPSC exams? (Modi: Serious about plugging paper leaks, July 3). Students struggle for years for these exams. The eligibility of students is affected when exams are cancelled and conducted again. Reforms are needed to conduct these exams well.

Ather Roushan Arah
Hyderabad

RAHUL'S REMARKS

It is deplorable that certain parts of the speech made by Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi in the Lok Sabha have been expunged (Rahul protests selective expunction of his speech, July 3). While the sarcastic words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding the childish behaviour of Gandhi were not expunged, the Speaker was unjust in expunging parts of Gandhi's speech.

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50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle
India, Bangla sign air agreement
 NEW DELHI, July 3: India and Bangladesh today signed an agreement on air services between the two countries and on other aviation matters. The agreement was signed on the conclusion of talks between the delegations held from June 26.



Mahir Ali

Tory rule all set to end in UK; but don't expect any big changes

The Tory devastation in the 1997 UK election was a delight to behold, but it was somewhat blunted by suspicions that New Labour was neither equipped nor inclined to reverse the destructive thrust of nearly two decades of Thatcherism. Margaret Thatcher subsequently picked Tony Blair as her favourite heir and New Labour as her greatest achievement, given its dedication to advancing her agenda.

That agenda included steadily dismantling the social welfare state that the postwar Clement Attlee government had installed despite financial exigencies, and which subsequent Conservative governments did not substantially tinker with until the advent of Thatcher, who declared that there was no alternative to neoliberalism. New Labour embraced that absurd declaration, and implemented it in places that Thatcherite Conservatism had failed to reach, not least in the health and education sectors.

Popular enthusiasm for Labour dwindled after 1997, but the lack of a viable alternative enabled it to secure majorities based on declining turnout until 2010, when the Tories returned to power. Five disastrous Prime Ministers later, voters' aspiration for change is expected to be rewarded on

Thursday with the biggest Labour landslide since 1997. At the new government's helm will be someone who looks back on the Blair years as an inspiration rather than a cautionary tale. Keir Starmer earned his legal spurs as a "human rights advocate" before he was propelled to the post of director of public prosecutions, a position in which his service to the Tory-ruled state was sufficiently appreciated to win him a knighthood before he became a Labour MP in 2015. His task thenceforth was to undermine Labour's Jeremy Corbyn, who threatened to return the party to its social democratic origins.

Corbyn had first won his north London seat in 1983 in an election that broadly reduced Labour to a parliamentary rump. He remained an active backbencher for the next 32 years, popular among his constituents but occasionally threatened with expulsion from his party for embracing stances that militated against the Labour leadership's dedication to the status quo. He was occasionally hauled away by policemen for protesting against South African apartheid or Saddam Hussein's dictatorship, long before it became fashionable to do so.

Corbyn's empathy for the oppressed also extended to the Palestinians. Not long after it began to become clear that his policies might

actually pave the way to Downing Street, he was assaulted by absurd allegations of anti-Semitism. Corbyn tended to be politely apologetic in the face of such charges; he ought, instead, to have gone on the offensive against the Zionist lobby. To his credit, he never resiled from his stance nor disguised his abhorrence of the genocide in Gaza.

For his pains, he was expelled from Labour — by no means the only one. Diane Abbott, the first black woman to sit in Parliament, also elected in 1983, was permitted to run again only after a backlash against a typically Starmerish smear-and-discard campaign. Corbyn is running as an independent, and senior Labour figures in his Islington constituency have resigned from the party to support his candidacy. In other jurisdictions, many activists have been expelled, often for opposing Starmer's support for genocide, including Faiza Shaheen. It seems as if wherever the Zionist lobby chips in, Starmer bends down and asks "What do you want?"

Starmer insists his wife and children are "not Jewish for reasons I won't bore you with" to an interviewer from the *Guardian*, a newspaper that played a huge role in defenestrating Corbyn with the aid of associated nitwits, but admits that "half of the family are Jewish", and "they're either here or in

Israel". That might help to explain why his leadership campaign was partly funded by the Zionist lobby, which also provided pocket money to other Labour MPs for undermining Corbyn.

Starmer returned to the Corbyn shadow cabinet after resigning from it in 2016, and helped to set up the Brexit trap by insisting on a second referendum that was successfully designed to demolish Labour's chances in 2019. In his leadership campaign, he claimed he would hang onto much of Corbyn Labour's legacy, but discarded much of it soon afterwards. Since then, he has also had no qualms about serially shrinking or diluting his own proposals. The inevitable upshot is that Labour will attain office by tomorrow night, and embrace a platform not radically different from its predecessors. Starmer can't name a favourite book or poem, and claims he has no dreams, but his notions of magical "economic growth" and "wealth creation" chime with the Tory-lite attitudes that have attracted Tory donors and even a couple of Conservative MPs to his den.

Don't hold your breath for "hope" or "change". They remain a distant dream.

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IN BRIEF
Stray dogs

continue to haunt
Hyderabad: Stray dog menace has once again come to haunt people in the state. Video footages of dog attacks on humans were circulated on the social media creating fear among people. One such video is an incident that took place at Sangareddy district where a boy was mauled by a pack of strays. Neighbours rescued the boy while authorities failed to respond. Meanwhile, veterinary experts have advised people to be careful with dogs. Citizens have urged the authorities to control strays.

ELDERLY MAN DIES AFTER HIT BY TRAIN

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

An elderly person, aged around 65, died after being hit by the engine of the Warangal-Secunderabad Passenger train on July 2. The body was reportedly dragged by the engine for almost five kilometres, until the gate man pointed it out to the locomotive pilot near Ghatkesar.

Sources from the railway department told *Deccan Chronicle* that the body is yet to be unidentified.

The man was hit after he was trying to cross the platform through the railway tracks.

CBI COURT TOLD TO SPEED UP JAGAN TRIAL

VUJINI VAMSHIDHAR | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday expressed displeasure over the slow pace trial in the criminal cases against former AP chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and others in the cases filed by the Central Bureau of India and the Enforcement Directorate related to Jagan Mohan Reddy's disproportionate assets case.

The special division bench comprising of Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice T. Vinod Kumar were dealing with a public interest litigation case filed by Chegondi Venkata Harirama Jogaiah, seeking directions to CBI court to conclude the trial of criminal cases pending against the former CM, before CBI court on day-to-day basis and to conclude the same before 2024 general elections.

It may be recalled that on the earlier occasion the High Court has directed the CBI court to conclude all the cases against Jagan expeditiously, mostly by April 30.

On Wednesday, the bench expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of progress despite its earlier orders. The High Court directed the Special Court for CBI cases to take up the cases pending against former chief minister Jagan Mohan Reddy on day-to-day basis and shall submit a report with regard to the progress made in the case on or before the next date of hearing on July 23.

Released prisoners look beyond bars for better life

Of the 213 convicts, 61 were released from Cherlapally Central Jail

MANVI VYAS | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

There were chirpy faces all around the area reserved for the released prisoners, when the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Soumya Mishra, asked them to lead a fruitful life in the larger interest of their families. Of the 213 convicts, as many as 61 were released from Cherlapally prison, while 35 from special prison for women in Hyderabad and 31 from Prisoners Agricultural Colony, Cherlapally.

Out of the 67 convicts the Telangana government provided jobs to them, eight women were given sewing machines. Of those eight was a 50-year-old convict, who had spent almost 15 years in jail over a land dispute in Warangal.

She smiled as she spoke to *Deccan Chronicle* about how she has been awaiting this day for almost 15 years now. "I was waiting for this day for so long now. I will finally be meeting my grandchildren now. My life will be refurbished as I will start working on the sewing machine provided to me by the government."

The 50-year-old was arrested along with a bunch of people over a land dispute in Warangal.

Another woman convict who had also received the sewing machine said, "My house owner's wife had died, and I was arrested



Left: DGP (Correctional Services) Soumya Mishra hands over sewing machines to women who were released from the Cherlapally prison, in Hyderabad on Wednesday. Right: Women hug each other in happiness after being released from jail. Below: Munna Kumar Upadhyaya from Bihar hugs a cop after being released from the jail.



● THE Telangana Prisons department provided jobs to 67 convicts. Sewing machines were provided to eight women.

In the case. I have been in prison for seven years. I'm just waiting to meet three of my daughters."

Among all the happy, chirpy faces was one convict who wasn't very happy. When asked about how they feel, the 60-year-old convict said, "I'm not excited, I've turned old. I got into jail because my brother lodged complaints against me. Today, I'm finally out, but I'm old."

As the old man continued telling his sad tale to *Deccan Chronicle*, he said, "Even after being released, it feels of no use, as I will again have

to go deal with my brother's allegations. I would have gotten released in 2007 only, but my brother again filed a case against me, due to which, I had to be in jail for so long." Some wanted to look ahead in life, like Manoj from Bihar, who was working here in the city. Manoj, who was an alcohol addict, murdered a man under the influence of alcohol and was in prison for 21 years. However, his view on life has now changed. He said, "I know and I admit that I made a fatal mistake. But this mistake and the pathetic time I

had in prison has taught me to live a better life. During my time in prison, I felt like consuming alcohol. Despite strict measures to avoid alcohol in prison, there were few who managed to get it in and even offered me sometimes. However, I no longer consume alcohol."

Talking of what changed his view and his habits after being in jail, he said, "I run a motivational class in the Chanchalguda jail and use myself as an example to tell people to not be like me, and that crime can ruin one's life. Now, I only have one goal, to help people not become like me. It affects everyone, your family, relatives. I don't take things to heart, so my time in jail was fine. I used to do social work from 9am to 12pm, which is the motivation class. I used to take these classes for free. With the meagre amount I got for my part-time job at the prison, I would buy

myself toothpaste, comb and other basic amenities."

"My mother, when I called her, could not believe this day had finally come. We are finally going to meet," he said. Earning money was a new form of empowerment for some like Surekha, who was posted at a women's petrol bunk by the government. "I will be earning ₹16,000 per month. Will be forever grateful for this day and to our Superintendent madam."

When asked about the execution of the ₹50,000 bond for release, SP of jail Santosh Roy said, "I don't know, maybe sir said it accidentally. No money will be paid by the one released."

When asked about the change of punishment term or severity of the punishment in case of re-arrest, he said, "There won't be any change in the term or the punishment, however, after re-arrest, they won't be eligible for the go again."

R&B staff faces ire of Komatireddy

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

Roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, conducted an unannounced inspection at the R&B department in the Secretariat on Wednesday morning. The surprise visit began at 10 am and lasted until 11.30 am, during which the minister talked to departmental employees and staff.

Minister Venkat Reddy noted that 50 per cent of the employees were absent during the inspection and expressed disappointment. He told the staff that many people travel long distances to the Secretariat in the hope of resolving their issues. "Lakhs of people face challenges daily, seeking solutions from ministers and chief ministers. It



Komatireddy Venkat Reddy

is essential for us all to collaborate effectively to address these issues promptly," remarked Venkat Reddy during his interaction with staff.

The minister said, "No government can thrive without the dedicated efforts of its employees. The development of Telangana hinges on our collective commitment to public service."

HCITI to develop infra, amenities in GHMC

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The Telangana government has formulated the 'Hyderabad City Innovative and Transformative Infrastructure' (HCITI) for comprehensive development of amenities and infrastructure in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation limits on lines with the directive of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

The SRDP, SNDP and other development projects will be executed under 'HCITI' which will be an umbrella body for all the major developmental works that will be taken up in

the city. The aim of this programme is to maintain Hyderabad's image internationally, a release said. In addition to SRDP that takes care of the city's flyovers, underpasses and other infrastructure and SNDP that was proposed to strengthen the stormwater drain network in and around the city, the Comprehensive Road Development Plan will restore city main roads.

The state government has directed the GHMC to prepare proposals related to priority works that require the funds besides the works that were taken up under the BRS regime but are pending. "The main objective of the HCITI is to make sure the city undergoes a major metamorphosis in terms of infrastructure completing the unfinished works undertaken under various schemes including SRDP, SNDP and CRMP," said a GHMC official. Construction of stormwater drains at Saket Adarsh Nagar (Kapra circle), Pedda cheruvu (Uppal circle), Lakdikapul to Nampally Exhibition Ground, Nallagandla surplus nala, Sunnam cheruvu are some of the 35 nala works that will be taken up under HCITI.

GHMC to set up animal care hospital in Serilingampally

NABINDER BOMMALA | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is planning to establish a dedicated hospital for animals, including dogs, at the Serilingampally animal care shelter. The proposed hospital will be situated on a 4,350 square yard plot of GHMC-owned land and is set to feature comprehensive medical facilities.

Announcing the initiative, GHMC officials disclosed that the proposal will be presented at the upcoming GHMC standing committee meeting scheduled for Thursday. The hospital's medical infrastructure will include facilities for blood tests, X-rays, ultrasound, 2D echo, and Laparoscopy. Additionally, provisions will be made for wheelchairs and prosthetics to cater to the healthcare needs of animals.

Initially proposed in 2023, the development of the animal care centre was entrusted to a private company under corporate social responsibility (CSR). However, in July 2024, the responsibility was reassigned to the 'All for Animals Foundation,' contingent upon the installation of necessary medical equipment and assuming responsibility for operations and maintenance.



Maa Saraswati Veterinary Hospital Charitable Society will be set up at Peddashapur in Shamshabad.

BIGGEST VETERINARY HOSPITAL TO BE UNVEILED IN SHAMSHABAD ON JULY 7

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 3

Maa Saraswati Veterinary Hospital Charitable Society will set up one of India's biggest veterinary hospitals, at Peddashapur in Shamshabad. The facility, to be unveiled on Sunday, will operate on 5,100 sqft of space. It will have five doctors including a surgeon, an anaesthetist and three medical staff. Its other infrastructure includes endoscopy room, operation theatre, doctors' meeting room, asst doctors' room. There is a shortage of veterinary care in the city. The only government-run veterinary

hospital in the city lacks basic facilities while the private hospital caters for the rich and the elite. Draramraj Ranka, 83, a jewellery shop owner, will set up the new facility. Ranka took early retirement from service to serve the bovine population. "I have always taken part in protests against cow slaughter. I was part of a few cow shelters in the city. The first one is near lower Tankbund while the later was at Gaganpahad in Shamshabad. The two shelters have more than 5,500 cows, 100 employees and two doctors. The animals here were rescued from illegal slaughtering," he said.

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SHORT TAKES

TTD FOR ACTION ON BROKERS FOR CHEATING FAITHFUL

AVINASH P. SUBRAMANYAM | DC TIRUPATI, JULY 3

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has called for stringent measures against middlemen deceiving devotees seeking darshan of Lord Venkateswara in Tirumala. At a high-level meeting held on Wednesday in Tirupati, TTD executive officer (EO) J. Syamala Rao requested the district superintendent of police Harshavardhan Raju to identify the brokers and take legal action against them.

COUNTRY'S FIRST SPORTS MANUAL FOR DISABLED

Thiruvananthapuram, July 3: The Kerala general education department has designed an unique "inclusive sports manual" with the objective of promoting the sports talents of differently-abled schoolchildren and ensuring their participation in the field.

State general education minister V. Sivankutty said that, it is the first time that such a document is being designed in the country.

"Steps are being taken to conduct competitions as part of the manual this year itself," he said while addressing a press conference here on Wednesday, was elaborating another programme, titled "Healthy Kids."

Vijay steps up anti-NEET jibe; DMK stir intensifies

Opposition AIADMK leader terms protests on exams fraud

G. BABU JAYAKUMAR, D. SEKAR | DC CHENNAI, JULY 3

The opposition to NEET, which is as old as the national medical entrance examination itself in the state, intensified on Wednesday as the DMK Students Wing launched a protest with the slogan "No More NEET" and actor Vijay, who recently launched a new party, Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK), too openly speaking against it.

With Neet becoming a national issue following a spate of controversies over the conduct of the examination, the DMK's demand for its abolition gained more relevance though BJP state president K. Annamalai slammed the ruling party by claiming that it had helped more students from government schools gain admission in medical colleges.

AIADMK leader D. Jayakumar, too, called the DMK's protest a fraud, saying that the party came to power with a promise of abolishing NEET but could do nothing about it for three years but said that his party was for the elimination of the



Actor-turned-politician and Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam president Vijay addresses supporters during an event, in Chennai, Wednesday.

● VIJAY SAID NEET went against social justice and prevented students from poor families realising their dream of studying medicine experienced would not happen to his children now.

entrance examination. DMK organization secretary R.S. Bharathi, speaking at the protest of the party's students' wing, said that the DMK has

been opposing NEET since the beginning and now more parties have started echoing the same sentiments, raising the hope of the elimination of Neet. The protest was spearheaded by DMK student wing secretary C.V.M.P. Ezhilarasan. Vijay, addressing the participants of his party TVK's event to honour toppers of class 10 and 12 from various Assembly constituencies, said thatm NEET

went against social justice and prevented students from poor families realising their dream of studying medicine. Referring to the shifting of the subject 'education' from the state list to the concurrent list in 1975, Vijay said that school curriculum should be state-specific. Now reports of irregularities in the conduct of NEET have come out, it should be scrapped, he said.

Naidu assures all Amaravati farmers will be rewarded

D ILYAS | DC VIJAYAWADA, JULY 3

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has made it clear that no injustice will be done to any farmer who has given land for the capital in Amaravati and that the capital will be built as a world-class city.

"The Telugu Desam government will fashion Amaravati as a world-class capital as per its master plan. Some 53,748 acres of land is available for the capital, of which 8,278 acres have been kept aside for monetisation," he said while releasing a white paper on Amaravati Capital Lands on Wednesday.

Making it clear that there was no question of going back on Amaravati's status as the state capital, Naidu asserted, "We will relaunch the works for the capital from where they were halted and will resolve all the legal tangles."

The Chief Minister declared, "Amaravati is a people's capital, which will be a centre for creating wealth, employment and poverty alleviation." He said Jagan Mohan Reddy, who ruled the state



N. Chandrababu Naidu

for five years, had betrayed the Telugu community by destroying Amaravati.

"Had the progress of Amaravati been continued in the last five years, it would by now have become another Hyderabad. Our state capital will be rebuilt. We will march forward with central assistance," the CM stated.

He felt that the state has sufficient assets and human resources and investors from across the globe were ready to invest in AP.

Recalling how the foundation stone was laid for Amaravati, the Chief Minister said the spot was selected as it was exactly in the middle of the whole state, with 12 Lok Sabha constituencies on either side.

TN TELLS HC NO ROLE FOR CBI IN HOCH TRAGEDY

Chennai, July 3: The Tamil Nadu government on Wednesday informed the Madras High Court that none of the well-settled circumstances, under which transfer of investigation to CBI was ordered, apply to the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy case that has left over 60 dead.

Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena stated this in his status report filed before a division bench comprising acting Chief Justice R.Mahadevan and Justice Mohamed Shafiq, in response to the petition filed by AIADMK legal wing secretary I.S Inbadurai and K.Balu, president of Advocates Forum for Social Justice. They sought a CBI probe into the crime. The bench posted to July 11, further hearing of the case.

In his report, Meena said that, in the instant case, the unfortunate incident was less than two weeks old and sufficient progress has been shown. On June 19 itself, the case was transferred to CB-CID and it was re-registered in Vilupuram. "None of the well-settled circumstances under which such transfer of investigation is ordered apply to the current case", he said. A one man commission headed by Justice B.Gokuldas, he added.

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ASIAN CINEMA
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BJP MLA C.K. Ramamurthy being detained by police during a protest in Bengaluru, Wednesday.

Sidda rules out resignation

M.B. GIRISH | DC BENGALURU, JULY 3

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday asked opposition party Bharatiya Janata Party on what was the need for him to resign since he has no role in the alleged large scale irregularities in the distribution of sites in Mysore Urban Development Authority in Mysuru city, the home town of Chief Minister.

Earlier, BJP leaders led by Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok, BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra, among others, tried to lay siege to the residence of CM in Bengaluru city, demanded resignation of the Chief Minister and also to hand over the irregularities in distribution of sites to sleuths of Central Bureau of Investigation. LoP R.

Ashok said that, as many as 86,000 applications were received by MUDA for distribution of sites but none of the common man were allotted sites by MUDA. But, the CM's family was allotted 60 sites in place of 15 sites. Ashok said to take-up the issue on the floor of the assembly.

Regarding resignation demanded by Ashok, CM said, "Will Ashok resign since he is accused of irregularities in regularisation of lands. He has secured bail in the case." Responding to the demand of BJP leaders, the CM said that, a probe has been ordered under a senior IAS officer to look into the alleged irregularities in MUDA and once a submit is submitted to the State Government, a decision will be initiated.

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SHORT TAKES

1 LAKH DEVOTEES VISIT AMARNATH IN FIRST 5 DAYS

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC SRINAGAR, JULY 3

Over one lakh devotees paid obeisance and had the darshan of fully formed natural Shivaling or ice-lingam of Lord Shiva at the Amarnath cave-shrine in the first five days of the annual pilgrimage to the revered place of Hindu worship tucked away in the Kashmir Himalayas at a height of 3,888 metres.

The 52-day-long yatra began on June 29 from both traditional Pahalgam and shorter Baital routes in the Kashmir Valley's Anantnag and Ganderbal districts, respectively. The J&K government and the officials of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) which manages the affairs of the annual event expect more than half a million pilgrims.

COURT EXTENDS KEJRIWAL CUSTODY TILL JULY 12

New Delhi: A court here on Wednesday extended till July 12 the judicial custody of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the money laundering case related to the alleged excise policy scam.

Kejriwal, who is in jail till July 12 in the CBI case related to the excise policy, appeared before the court of Special Judge Kaveri Baweja through video conference.

The court, meanwhile, reserved for June 6 its order on Kejriwal's application to allow his wife Sunita Kejriwal to be present as an attendant during his medical checkup.

During the proceedings, Kejriwal requested the court's permission to speak but the court said he is already being represented through his counsels. Kejriwal said his wife was instrumental in managing his health over the years and as she had a detailed knowledge about his ailments and medical history, granting her access to his medical records every week was justifiable and essential.

DELHI AIRPORT T1 REOPENING MAY TAKE A MONTH

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 3

Delhi airport's Terminal 1 that witnessed a canopy collapse last Friday will take some time to reopen and the operations of this terminal will be at T2 and T3. It is learnt that the reopening of T1 may take more than a month as the entire canopy of the area will be rebuilt.

Shifting of operations from T1 to T2 and T3 has led to crowded scenes at departures.

"DIAL's cross-functional teams are actively evaluating the situation and engaging with various stakeholders to ensure passenger safety and convenience. As the evaluation process is still ongoing, it is too early to provide specific inputs to the queries. We remain committed to maintaining flight operations at T3 and T2, while operations at T1 are temporarily suspended. We appreciate the understanding and support of all stakeholders," DIAL spokesperson said.

ARMY CHIEF FLIES OVER LoC, REVIEWS SECURITY

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 3

The newly Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Wednesday overflew the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district and later closeted with senior military officers at the headquarters of the 93 Infantry Brigade in the strategic town of Poonch and also in winter capital Jammu to review the operational preparedness in the Jammu and Kashmir frontier.

Gen. Dwivedi took over as the 30th Chief of Army Staff (CoAS) on June 30, succeeding General Manoj Pande who retired from service, and he chose to visit the LoC within the first few days of his assuming the charge. This shows how much importance he gives to the Army's operational readiness along the de facto border, defence experts said.

The 776-km-long LoC is the responsibility of the Indian Army whereas a few Border Security Force (BSF) battalions are placed under its operational control in select areas.

Ambassadors mourn deaths during stampede in Hathras

Jaishankar expresses concern, wishes speedy recovery for those injured

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, JULY 3

Envoys from several countries, including Germany, France, China, and Israel, have expressed sorrow over the tragic stampede that claimed 121 lives during a religious congregation in Hathras, Uttar Pradesh. They have extended condolences to the families of the victims and wished speedy recovery to the injured.

External affairs minister S. Jaishankar took to social media on Tuesday to express his deep distress over the incident. "Deeply distressed by the tragic loss of lives in a stampede in Hathras, Uttar Pradesh. Sincere condolences to the bereaved families. Pray for the speedy recovery of the injured," he wrote.

German envoy Philipp Ackermann also shared his condolences on the platform. "Deeply saddened about the tragic events in Hathras. My condolences to the families that lost their loved ones. We hope that help quickly reaches the injured," he wrote.

Chinese envoy Xu Feihong expressed shock and sadness about the incident. "Shocked and saddened about the tragic events in Hathras, UP. Deeply mourn for the lives lost and extend heartfelt sympathies to victims' families. Wish the injured a speedy recovery," he wrote.

French ambassador Thierry Mathou conveyed his sorrow and condolences. "Deeply saddened by the loss of lives follow-



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath meets a woman injured in the Hathras stampede on Wednesday. — PTI

ing the tragic stampede in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras district. France expresses its deepest condolences to the bereaved families of the victims and wishes the injured a speedy recovery," he posted.

Israeli ambassador Naor Gilon also joined in expressing condolences. "Deeply saddened about the loss of lives at the tragic stampede in Hathras, UP. Our thoughts are with the families of the victims. Wishing a speedy recovery to the injured. Such incidents are truly heartbreaking," he shared on social media.

The stampede occurred as devotees, primarily women, were leaving a 'satsang' conducted by Baba Narayan Hari in Phulrai village. The incident marks one of the worst tragedies of its kind in recent years.

Report blames Baba's security, slippery slope

Lucknow, July 3: Chaos caused after Narayan Sakaar Hari's followers were pushed by the godman's security and a "slippery slope" resulted in the stampede that killed 121 people in Hathras on Tuesday, a preliminary report by the SDM said.

The preliminary report on the stampede was submitted by Sikandra Rau sub-divisional magistrate to the district magistrate.

The SDM, who gave permission for the 'satsang' (religious congregation), was also present at the venue when the incident occurred, according to the

report. "A crowd of more than 2 lakh people was present in the satsang pandal. Shri Narayan Sakaar Hari (Bhole Baba) reached the satsang pandal at about 12.30 pm and the programme went on for 1 hour.

"After this, at about 1.40 pm, Shri Narayan Sakaar Hari (Bhole Baba) came out of the pandal to go towards Etah on National Highway-91," the preliminary report said, adding that when the godman was leaving the venue, his followers started running towards him for a 'darshan' and collect soil from around his feet. — PTI

CONTROVERSIAL PREACHER EQUATED HIMSELF TO GOD

Kasganj (UP), July 3: Tens of thousands of his dedicated followers would attend his 'satsang' in Uttar Pradesh and neighbouring states, but on Wednesday controversial preacher Bhole Baba who equated himself to God in his sermons chose not to make a public appearance as families of over 100 people who died in the stampede at his congregation in Hathras mourned their loss. The self-styled godman, who is called Baba Narayan Hari and Saakar Vishwa Hari Bhole Baba, is not named in the list of the accused in the FIR filed in the incident though his name is in the complaint.

Over two decades after he quit the police department and became a religious preacher, Bhole Baba is presiding over several ashrams, the biggest of them in Mainpuri which was surrounded by police on Wednesday though it was not clear whether he was inside.

"I go to temples, gurdwara, mosques and churches. I reach wherever I am called from. And if I am not called, I don't go," he says in one of the videos of his sermons and claims he is an incarnation of God. In another clip claimed to be of his cavalcade, a large posse of men attired in black and said to be his security escort are seen running with his vehicle. — PTI

Soren to return as J'khand CM

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 3

Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren resigned on Wednesday evening to make way for JMM executive president Hemant Soren to return as the chief minister of Jharkhand for the third time following a consensus among legislators of the party-led alliance in the state. Speaking to reporters after his resignation, Champai Soren said: "A few days ago, I was made the chief minister and I got the responsibility of the state. After Hemant Soren was back, our alliance took this decision and we chose Hemant Soren as our leader. Now, I have resigned from the post of chief minister."

Hemant Soren has already staked claim to forming the government. He is likely to take the oath of office on Thursday. The decision on the leadership change was made after INDIA alliance MLAs and leaders reached a consensus at a meeting held in Ranchi. Hemant Soren had resigned just before being arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in an alleged case of money-laundering. He was released from jail on June 28.



Hemant Soren

ED TO MOVE SC AGAINST HC BAIL FOR SOREN

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 3

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is expected to approach the Supreme Court with a special leave petition (SLP) against a recent Jharkhand High Court order that granted bail to former Chief Minister and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader Hemant Soren in a money-laundering case. The ED plans to challenge the June 28 order issued by Justice Rongon Mukhopadhyay's bench, asserting that the court's belief that Soren is "not guilty" is erroneous. — PTI

Kishan Reddy in Cabinet's Political Affairs Committee

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The Cabinet Committee on Parliamentary Affairs includes the defence minister, home minister, finance minister, panchayati raj minister, health minister J.P. Nadda, social justice minister Virendra Kumar, civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, tribal affairs minister Jual Oram, Parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijju, and minister of jal shakti C.R. Patil. Special invitees are Union minister of state for law (Independent charge) Arjun Ram Meghwal and MoS for Parliamentary affairs L. Murugan.

The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs is composed of Prime Minister Modi, the defence minister, home minister, finance minister, road transport



G. Kishan Reddy

and highways minister, commerce minister, Parliamentary affairs minister, health minister J.P. Nadda, micro, small and medium enterprises minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, minister of ports, shipping and waterways Sarbananda Sonowal, environment minister Bhopender Yadav, minister of women and child development

Annupurna Devi, and coal minister G. Kishan Reddy.

The Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth includes the Prime Minister, defence minister, home minister, Road Transport and Highways Minister, finance minister, commerce and industry minister, consumer affairs minister Pralhad Joshi, textiles minister Giriraj Singh, railway minister Ashwini Vaishnav, communication minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri, and food processing industries minister Chirag Paswan. Special invitees are MoS (Independent charge) for the ministry of statistics and programme implementation Rao Inderjit Singh and MoS (Independent charge) of the ministry of ayush Prataprao Jadhav.

3 more Bihar bridges collapse

Patna, July 3: Bihar witnessed the collapse of at least three more bridges or causeways on Wednesday, marking the ninth such incident in the rain-affected state within the past 15 days. No casualties were reported after the three structures, built 30 to 80 years ago by local authorities, caved in dur-

ing the day in Saran and Siwan districts, officials said. RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, however, alleged that four bridges collapsed in a single day and the chief minister and his deputies are silent.

CM Nitish Kumar directed the Road Construction Department (RCD) and Rural Works Department

(RWD) to immediately conduct a survey of all old bridges in the state and identify those that require immediate repairing. Certain portions of bridges/causeways that caved in Siwan and Saran on Wednesday are very old, Chaitanya Prasad, additional chief secretary, WRD, said. — PTI

HIGH RISK IAF rescued eight SDRF personnel and a revenue official in Dhemaji district Flood situation in Assam remains critical

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, JULY 3

The flood situation in Assam remained critical, affecting over 11.50 lakh people across 23 districts of the state on Wednesday. Informing that the the Brahmaputra and its tributaries are flowing above the danger mark, official sources said that the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) has sought the help of the Indian Airforce (IAF) to rescue the fishermen from Hatia Ali, a 'char' (sandbar) area in Dibrugarh, who were stranded in the floodwaters.

Earlier on Sunday, the IAF had rescued 8 State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel and a revenue official from Jonai in Dhemaji district when they were stranded in another sandbar area during a relief operation. Pointing out that Dibrugarh district has been severely affected in the current wave of flood, official sources said that with Brahmaputra, major rivers, Subansiri (Bedatighat), Dikhou (Sivasagar), Disang (Nanglamuraghat), Burhi Dihing (Chenimari and Khowang), Jia-Bharali (Nt Road Crossing), Beki (Road Bridge), Kushiara

(Karimganj) are also flowing above the danger level.

Arunachal Pradesh The flood situation in Arunachal Pradesh remained unchanged on Wednesday, as major rivers continued to surge above the danger mark, officials said.

Four districts, Namsai, Lohit, Changlang, and East Siang - bore the brunt of severe flooding, while other districts witnessed landslides following incessant rains over the past few days, they added.

In Papum Pare district, a cloudburst in Sagalee triggered the release of a significant volume of water

from the Pare Hydropower Project (PHEP).

Manipur Incessant rainfall has caused flooding at several places in Manipur's Imphal West and Imphal East districts, after two major rivers breached embankments, officials said on Wednesday.

The state government has declared a holiday for all government offices on Wednesday, while schools will remain closed till Thursday in view of the flood situation, they said.

The Imphal river breached its embankment at Singjamei Oinam Thingel in Imphal.



A pregnant woman being rescued under supervision of a medical team on a boat, in Morigaon, Assam on Wednesday. — PTI

TODAY IN PARLIAMENT

PM: India to be 3rd largest economy

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In his nearly two-hour-long speech, the Prime Minister listed out his previous government's achievements. From raising the minimum support price for crops to giving the poor access to the banking system and loans to fueling India's rise to become the fifth largest economy in the world, Mr Modi highlighted several accomplishments.

With development and self-reliance as pivots, the Prime Minister further said, "India will 'definitely' become the third largest economy in the world in his third term."

Mr Modi said the Opposition is "unable to digest" the mandate given by 140-crore people to the NDA. "I understand your pain," he said, targeting the Opposition.

He also attacked the Congress allies, saying they too were the victims of the excesses committed during the Emergency, but have now joined hands for political opportunism.

The Prime Minister also spoke on the alleged irregularities in the conduct of competitive exams and asserted that

tough action will be taken against those involved in paper leaks.

"We wanted that there should be no politics on a sensitive issue like the paper leak, but the Opposition is used to it. I assure the youth of India that action is being taken to ensure that those who play with the future of youths are handed down strict punishment," he said.

The Prime Minister vowed further crackdown on corruption and black money, saying the government has given "full freedom" to probe agencies for taking the strongest action against the corrupt and no one will be spared.

"I want to state without hesitation and also tell the people of the country that I have given full freedom to agencies to take the strongest action against the corrupt and corruption. The government will not interfere anywhere," the Prime Minister said.

"Yes they (probe agencies) should work honestly. No person embroiled in corruption will be able to escape the law. This is Modi's guarantee," the PM said.



Opposition members during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. — PTI

Congress rejects Modi's claims on Manipur

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The attack comes after the Prime Minister said violence in Manipur is continuously declining, schools have reopened in most parts of the state and efforts were being made to ensure a return of complete peace.

In his reaction to the remarks, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "Today in the Rajya Sabha, after months of absolute silence on the issue, the non-biological PM made the astounding claim that the situation in Manipur is normal."

"In actuality, the situation is still tense as the MP from inner Manipur pointed out in the Lok Sabha on July 1. And the non-biological Pradhan Mantri has still not visited Manipur since it erupted on the night of May 3, 2023 — nor has he met with the political leaders of the state. The President's address, too, was silent on the issue," he said.

Hitting out at the BJP for attacking the

Congress office in Gujarat, Gandhi also targeted the saffron party for "spreading violence and hatred".

In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi said, "The cowardly and violent attack on the Gujarat Congress office further strengthens my point about the BJP and the Sangh Parivar. The BJP people who spread violence and hatred do not understand the basic principles of Hinduism."

"The people of Gujarat can clearly see through their lies and will teach the BJP government a decisive lesson. I am saying it again — INDIA is going to win in Gujarat!" the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said.

Several workers and leaders from both sides were detained from the spot in the Paldi area after the violent clash and stone pelting, a city police control room official said.

While the BJP accused Congress workers of attacking a "peaceful protest," Opposition leaders blamed BJP cadres for initiating the violence.

OPPN WALKOUT A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT: V-P

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 3

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Wednesday castigated the Opposition for setting a 'dangerous precedent' antithetical to democratic values by walking out during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reply on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address. Rajya Sabha adjourned sine die after the House adopted the Motion of Thanks after the PM reply. "I urged them...told them that the LoP was given adequate time to speak", he said.

SHORT TAKES

UNION EX-LEADER OF N. IRELAND FACES SEX TRIAL

Newry, July 3: Jeffrey Donaldson, ex-leader of Northern Ireland's main pro-UK unionist party, will face trial in September on 18 sex offence charges, a court was told on Wednesday. Judge Eamonn King said there is "sufficient evidence" for the 61-year-old, to be sent to trial. Donaldson has previously said that he will "strenuously" contest the allegations.

NEW BANKNOTES: JAPAN TO FIGHT COUNTERFEITING

Tokyo, July 3: Japan issued its first new banknotes in two decades on Wednesday, yen packed with 3-D hologram technology to fight counterfeiting. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida praised as "historic" the state-of-the-art anti-counterfeit traits of the new 10,000 yen, 5,000 yen and 1,000 yen bills. "I hope the people will like the new bills, and they will help energise the Japanese economy," he told reporters at the Bank of Japan.

TALIBAN TALK RELEASE OF TWO U.S. PRISONERS

Islamabad, July 3: The Taliban's delegation to the third United Nations-led Doha meeting on increasing engagement with Afghanistan met with US envoys on the sidelines and discussed the two Americans imprisoned in the central Asian country.

GAS TURBINE UNIT SALE TO CHINA FIRM BLOCKED

Frankfurt, July 3: The German government blocked sale of a gas turbine unit belonging to a subsidiary of the Volkswagen group to a Chinese investor over security concerns.

EMPLOYER HELD FOR DEATH OF INDIAN IN ITALY

Rome, July 3: Italian police have arrested the owner of the agriculture company who dumped a 31-year-old Indian worker on the road without medical assistance after his arm was severed by heavy farm machinery, causing his death, a tragic incident that shocked the country and its leadership.

Harris to replace Biden in poll race if he leaves

Gavin Newsom, Gretchen Whitmer, Josh Shapiro in fray

Washington, July 3: Vice President Kamala Harris is the top alternative to replace US President Joe Biden if he decides not to continue his re-election campaign, according to seven senior sources at the Biden campaign, the White House and the Democratic National Committee with knowledge of current discussions on the topic.

Meanwhile, Republican presumptive nominee and former president Donald Trump has out-raised Biden by over \$67 million in the second quarter of this year by raising \$331 million. The Trump Campaign raised \$331 million against the \$264 million raised by the Biden-Harris Campaign during the second quarter of this year, according to the figures released by the two campaigns.

Biden's fumbling, sometimes incoherent and widely-panned first-debate performance against Republican rival Donald Trump last week set off a wave of panic within the Democratic party over concerns that he may not be fit enough to serve a second term, and prompted calls for top aides to resign.

Some influential Democrats have floated alternatives to Biden besides Harris, including popular Cabinet members and Democratic governors like Gavin Newsom from California, Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan and Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania. — Agencies



US President Joe Biden speaks with employees at the DC Emergency Operations Centre in Washington, DC. Also pictured DC mayor Muriel Bowser (2L) and US homeland security secretary Alejandro Mayorkas (2R). — AFP

Almost fell asleep, not smart at debate: Biden

Washington, July 3: US President Joe Biden has admitted that he "almost fell asleep on stage" and "was not very smart" enough to handle his scheduled debate before the first presidential debate with Donald Trump, blaming his extensive foreign travels for his disastrous show. Biden, 81, seeking a second term in the White House, stumbled in his first televised presidential debate with his predecessor Trump, 78, on Thursday night last

week, setting off alarm bells among top Democrats about whether the incumbent President can stay atop in the months ahead of the polls. "I wasn't very smart. I decided to travel around the world a couple of times... shortly before the debate," he said while talking to donors at a fundraiser in a Virginia suburb of Washington DC. "I didn't listen to my staff... and I almost fell asleep on stage," he said. — PTI

BIDEN PULLS EVEN WITH TRUMP: POLL

Washington, July 3: US President Joe Biden pulled even with his Republican challenger Donald Trump this week in the race to win the Nov. poll, a sign the contest remains close even after a widely-panned debate performance by the Democrat, said a new Reuters/Ipsos poll. Biden and Trump each had 40% support among voters in the two-day poll that concluded on Tuesday. A prior poll conducted June 11-12 showed Trump with a marginal 2 percentage point lead. — Reuters

KEY ALLY DROPS SUPPORT, NEPAL PM FACES CRISIS

Kathmandu, July 3: Nepalese Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal faced a crisis on Wednesday after a key ally in his multi-party coalition withdrew support, pushing his government into a minority in Parliament four months after the coalition was formed.

The liberal Communist Unified Marxist Leninist (UML) party, which withdrew support and was the biggest group supporting Dahal's government since March, also said eight ministers it had nominated to the coalition would resign. Party officials said UML and opposition Nepali Congress party, the two largest groups in Parliament, would unite to form a new coalition and replace the one headed by Dahal.

"The new alliance is for stability," UML's Pradeep Gyawali told Reuters, without providing details.

Nepal has long been beset with factional fighting and politicians' egos that have prevented the formation of stable governments. There have been 13 since 2008, when Nepal became a republic and a 239-year monarchy was abolished.

Dahal, 69, an ex-Maoist rebel chief, has changed allies thrice since becoming prime minister after parliamentary polls in 2022. His Maoist centre party said he would not resign but face a vote of trust in Parliament as required within 30 days.

Prakash Sharan Mahata, a spokesman for NC, said UML chief K.P. Sharma Oli, 72, and NC president Sher Bahadur Deuba, 78, would share the prime minister's post. — Reuters

Stop 'supermajority' of Labour: Sunak

London, July 3: Stop Labour Party's "supermajority" is the final message British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is trying to drive home on Wednesday, the last day of campaigning ahead of polling day on Thursday, as most of the incumbent Conservatives seem to have all but conceded defeat in the landmark general election.

We need to stop the Labour supermajority that will put up your taxes. The only way to do that is to vote Conservative tomorrow," said the 44-year-old British Indian Conservative Party leader on social media, as he focused on drumming up support in the last few hours of the campaign trail.

With his party trailing far behind the Keir Starmer-led Labour Party, "This is what unites us. We need to stop the Labour supermajority that will put up your taxes. The only way to do that is to vote Conservative tomorrow," said the 44-year-old British Indian Conservative Party leader on social media, as he focused on drumming up support in the last few hours of the campaign trail.

UN HR CHIEF: FAR RIGHT AN ISSUE

Geneva, July 3: The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on Wednesday called for vigilance in the face of far-right political gains in Europe, citing narratives that dehumanise migrants and asylum seekers.

history tells us, in particular in Europe, that the vilification of the other, that the denigration of the other, is a harbinger for what's to come," Volker Turk said in Geneva. "It's an alarm bell we need to ring." Turk has fought for years to boost refugee protections. — Reuters

Israel conducts strikes in Gaza, warns Hezbollah

Cairo, Gaza, Jerusalem, Ramallah, July 3: Many Palestinians were seeking shelter on Wednesday after fleeing their homes in southern Gaza and complained of water shortages as Israel pressed on with its military offensive in the populated enclave.

Israel transferred 435 million shekels (\$116 million) of withheld tax revenue to the Palestinian Authority, the first such transfer since April, the Israeli and Palestinian finance ministries said.

SUICIDE BID BY SOME HOSTAGES: ISLAMIC JIHAD

Dubai, July 3: The Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement's armed wing, Al Quds Brigades, said some Israeli hostages have attempted suicide after it started treating them the same way Israel treated Palestinian prisoners. "Some enemy prisoners have attempted suicide due to extreme frustration they are feeling due to their government's neglect of their cause," Brigades spokesperson Abu Hamza said. — Reuters

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One person was killed and another wounded in a stabbing attack in a mall in the northern city of Karmiel on Wednesday. Police described it as a suspected terror attack. — Reuters

China is leading surge in generative AI patents: UN

Geneva, July 3: The number of international patent filings for innovations using cutting-edge generative artificial intelligence have surged eightfold in six years, the UN said on Wednesday, the majority from China-based innovators. A total of 54,000 patents were filed for generative AI innovations in the decade leading to 2023, the United Nations' World Intellectual Property Organisation said in a fresh report.



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emerged as a game-changing technology," said WIPO chief Daren Tang. GenAI patents still only represent six per cent of all AI patents globally, but the number of filings is rising fast. WIPO highlighted that GenAI patents had increased eightfold

since 2017, when the deep neural network architecture behind large language models that have become synonymous with AI was first introduced. "This is a booming area," WIPO's patent analytics manager Christopher Harrison said in Geneva. — AFP

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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the notification No. S.O. 1533 (E), Dated 14-08-2006 & subsequent amendments of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, it is hereby notified that the Environmental Public Hearing of 'M/s. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Project for development of Four Lane Highway (NH-44) Jagtial-Mancherial section of NH-53 (from km 29+100 to km 160+995) of Nizamabad to Jagtialpur Inter Corridor (ICR) in the Telangana State, to obtain Environmental Clearance from MoEF & CC, Govt. The details of the proposed project activities as given by the proponent are as follows:

1) Name of the Project with the phone number and address	Development of Four Lane Highway (NH-44) Design section of NH-53 (from km 29+100 to km 160+995) of Nizamabad - Jagtialpur Inter Corridor (ICR) in the Telangana State. M/s. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Block D-7 (A&B), MCC Colony, Mancherial, Telangana State - 504209. Cell No. 9481353766.
2) Location of the project	The project road starts at Armour bypass (NH-44) Design Ch. 29+100 and ends at Intersection of Hyderabad-Mancherial road Design Ch. 160+995 with total length of 131.895 km. The project road passes through Nizamabad, Jagtial and Mancherial Districts of Telangana State. The project passes through Nizamabad District from stretch of 29+1 Km to 55.5 Km (26.4 Km Length) covering 10 villages in Armour, Veljeer, Morhad & Kammarpally Mandals. Total land acquisition area of 568.53 Ha. Government land - 28.49 Ha. Private Land - 522.0394 Ha. Forest Land - 7.4 Ha.
3) Name of the Authorized person to be contacted with address and Phone number	Sri K.N. Ajaymani Kumar, Project Director, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) PIU, Block D-7 (A&B), MCC Colony, Mancherial, Telangana State - 504209. Cell No. 9481353766. E-mail: piunizamabad@gmail.com
4) Capital cost of the Project	Rs. 5354.12 Crores
5) Name of the Project consultant/Environment consultant	M/s. Acro Design & Engineering, Ghaziabad.
6) Line of Activity/Capacity	Development of Four Lane Highway
7) Date/Time/Venue of Public Hearing	Date: 07.08.2024, Time: 11.00AM Venue: G.K.R.S Convention Hall, Perkit (V), Armour (M), Nizamabad District.
8) Places of availability of executive summary (Telugu & English) & Draft EIA report in English and also in CD form of project.	i. O/o. Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad 3rd Floor, Avanya Bhawan, Opp. RBI, Sarifabad, Hyderabad-500004 ii. O/o. Member Secretary, Telangana Pollution Control Board, Board office, A-3, Industrial Estate, Parvathanna Bhawan, Sarifnagar, Hyderabad - 500018. iii. O/o. Collector & District Magistrate, Nizamabad District. iv. O/o. Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Telangana Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, 25-35/11, Tulasi Reddy Complex, Ramachandrapuram, Sangareddy District. v. O/o. Environmental Engineer, Telangana Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Subash Nagar, Nizamabad District. vi. O/o. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praga Parishad, Nizamabad, Nizamabad District. vii. O/o. General Manager, District Industries Centre, Nizamabad, Nizamabad District. viii. O/o. Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), Nizamabad, Nizamabad District. ix. O/o. The Tahsildar, Armour (M), Nizamabad District. x. O/o. The Tahsildar, Veljeer (M), Nizamabad District. xi. O/o. The Tahsildar, Morhad (M), Nizamabad District. xii. O/o. The Tahsildar, Kammarpally (M), Nizamabad District. xiii. Gramapanchayath offices of Kottha Armour (V), Perkit (V), Chepur (V) of Armour Mandal, Nizamabad District. xiv. Gramapanchayath offices of Lakshora (V), Anksapur (V), Padgal (V), Kukunoor (V) of Veljeer Mandal, Nizamabad District. xv. Gramapanchayath offices of Morhad (V), Denkal (V) of Morhad (M), Nizamabad District. xvi. Gramapanchayath offices of Kammarpally (V/M), Nizamabad District.

Suggestions, views, comments and objections of the public on Environmental issues, if any, are invited on the above project within 30 days from the date of publication of the notification from all persons including bonafide residents, environmental groups, others located at project sites/affected areas who may be affected. All the above persons can also submit their objections to the undersigned of the Telangana Pollution Control Board or sent to E-mail: dpce@tspcb.telangana.gov.in. The interested persons can take part in the proceedings of the Public Hearing on the date and venue specified above. The draft EIA (in English) & Executive Summary (in English & Telugu) are uploaded in TGPCB Website. This notice of public hearing is issued as per the Appendix IV of EIA Notification 2006 and its cost is borne by the project proponent.

Place: Nizamabad, Date: 04.07.2024. Sd/- Environmental Engineer, Telangana Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Nizamabad. D.I.P.R. O.No.:148-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES AND APPAREL EXPORT PARKS, TELANGANA, HYDERABAD

TENDER NOTICE

Rc. No.1766/2024-M Dated: 04-07-2024

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed Advertisement Agencies registered with any Government Fair Authority of the Country for the following items of work for conducting National Handloom Day Exhibition - 2024 to be held from 07.08.2024 to 16.08.2024 (10) days at Peoples Plaza, Hyderabad Telangana State. 1. Name of the Item of work: Printing of Dummy Cheques, Flexes, pamphlets, ID cards, advertisement on Bus shelters and Foot over bridges, Sky Balloons, Advertisement through News papers etc., for proposed National Handloom Day/Exhibition 2024. 2. Cost of Tender Schedule (including terms and conditions): On payment of Rs. 1000/- by way of Demand Draft in favour of Director of Handlooms and Textiles and AEPs, T.G. Hyderabad. Cheques will not be accepted. 3. Tender forms with terms and conditions: Tender forms can be obtained from the O/o. the Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles and Apparel Export Parks, Telangana, Hyderabad, 3rd Floor, CHENITHA BHAWAN, NAMPALLY, HYDERABAD in person or through website link: <http://handtex.telangana.gov.in>. Contact: No. Sri A. Srinivasa Rao, Development Officer (H&T), Moha No. 9803712199. 4. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs. 30,000/- by way of Demand Draft drawn in favour of Director of Handlooms and Textiles and AEPs, T.G. Hyderabad. Cheques will not be accepted. 5. Last date for obtaining and filing Tender form: Dtd: 12.07.2024 upto 5.00 P.M. for obtaining forms, and for submission 5.00 p.m. (open on all holidays) 10.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. 6. Address to obtain Tender Form and to file Sealed Tenders: Office of the Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles and Apparel Export Parks, Telangana, Hyderabad, 3rd Floor, CHENITHA BHAWAN, NAMPALLY, HYDERABAD. 7. Date, Time and Place of Opening of Tenders: Dated: 15.07.2024 at 11.30 A.M. by Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles and Apparel Export Parks, Hyderabad 3rd Floor, CHENITHA BHAWAN, NAMPALLY, HYDERABAD in the presence of the Tender Finalization Committee and Tenderers who choose to be present.

R.O. No.: 152-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25 Date: 03-07-2024 Sd/- Commissioner (H & T) & AEPs

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR (CENTRAL TENDER CELL) E-Procurement Tender Notice Main Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

Tenders are invited for the Following works:-

S. System No./Date	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in Lacs)
1 155431 First Call 26.06.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF MORADIH SALEKERA ROAD, LENGTH 2.20 KM, DITT- JASHPUR, (Work code- W27251).	284.77
2 155451 Fifth Call 26.06.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL COURT BUILDING (INCLUDING 3 COURT ROOMS) AT SECTOR 24, ATAL NAGAR, NAVA RAIPUR I.C. WATER SUPPLY, SANITARY FITTINGS & ELECTRIFICATION WORK, DISTT. RAIPUR(DN, No.3, NAVA RAIPUR).	728.40
3 155452 First Call 26.06.2024	STRENGTHENING OF MAHARAJANG TO PACHAWAL ROAD, LENGTH 1.24 KM, DITT- RAMANUJANGJ.	208.35
4 155464 First Call 27.06.2024	Construction of New Civil Court Building I/C Water Supply, Sanitary Fittings, Electrification Work & Approach road At Saja Distt- Bemetara (C.G.)	730.44
5 155532 Fifth Call 28.06.2024	Construction of 02 Court Building ic Police Booth Block Medical & Bank Block Maikahana Store & Lokup, Canteen & Public Block & Advocate Block at Sukma & Construction of Civil Court Building Approach Road Length 590 M i/c R.C.C. Drain With Cover & Including Electrification Work.	656.98

Last Date of Tender Downloading S.No. 01 date 18.07.2024, S.No. 02 date 08.07.2024, S.No. 05 date 09.07.2024. Other Tenders Date are Schedule as date 19.07.2024. For more details on the tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Central Tender Cell) Office of Engineer In Chief P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar G-242500763/4

Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce (Trading Development) Co-operative Federation Limited
 ("Van Dhan Bhawan"), Sector-24, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Tel:0771-2513100-110
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TENDER NOTICE

Online Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Development, Implementation and O&M support for the CGMPF Management System

e-Bids can be submitted online on the dates mentioned in table below till 3:00 PM in the e-procurement portal <https://cgmpfedtenders.abcpurchase.com> only, the tenders will be opened online from 3:10 PM on the dates mentioned in table below. Pre-bid meeting through virtual platform will be held on 16-07-2024 at 12:00 PM (link for joining meeting shall be uploaded on the website)

Bid Round	Bid downloading start date	Online bid submission start date	Online bid submission last date	Date of online opening of Bid
First	08.07.2024	24.07.2024	05.08.2024	05.08.2024
Second	13.08.2024	16.08.2024	28.08.2024	28.08.2024
Third	04.09.2024	05.09.2024	13.09.2024	13.09.2024

The tender documents may be downloaded from the website www.cgmpfed.org and e-procurement portal <https://cgmpfedtenders.abcpurchase.com> only. Amendments /Notices will be available on above website and e-procurement portal only.

S-40662/3 Managing Director

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INDICATORS	%
Sensex	79,986.80 0.69
Nifty 50	24,286.50 0.67
S&P 500*	5,516.67 0.14
Dollar (₹)	83.52 0.01
Pound Sterling (₹)	106.05 0.53
Euro (₹)	89.83 0.43
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	72,300.746 1.04
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	86.65 0.48
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.999 -0.01
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	4.432 -0.004

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Jakson, NHPC in deal for 400 MW solar power

Energy transition platform Jakson Green on Wednesday said it has inked a pact with state-owned NHPC for the supply of 400 MW solar power. Jakson Green has signed its first power purchase agreement (PPA) with NHPC Ltd, a company statement said. "This 400 MW PPA, our largest to date, with NHPC is a monumental achievement for Jakson Green," Kannan Krishnan, Joint MD, Jakson Green said.



Premier bags orders from Apraava Energy

Premier Energies said the company along with its subsidiaries has bagged an order from Apraava Energy to supply 350 MW solar module. "The modules for this project will play a crucial role in enhancing the efficiency and output of Apraava Energy's initiatives in Rajasthan, contributing to India's broader clean energy vision," Chiranjeev Singh Saluja, managing director of Premier Energies said.

RGM solutions provider acquired by LatentView

Digital analytics solutions provider LatentView Analytics has completed the acquisition of Decision Point Analytics, a artificial intelligence business transformation and a RGM solution provider. The acquisition provides LatentView with growth opportunities and revenue growth management (RGM) and GenAI solutions, for global brands engaged in the consumer packaged goods vertical, the company said.

Acme Solar files papers to raise ₹3,000 crore

Gurugram-based Acme Solar Holdings filed a draft red herring prospectus with the market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), to raise ₹3,000 crore through an initial public offering (IPO). The public offer with a face value of ₹2 per equity share, is a mix of fresh issue of shares aggregating up to ₹2,000 crore and an offer for sale of up to ₹1,000 crore by ACME Cleantech Solutions.

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Sensex rises 10,000 pts in 7 months, hits 80,000

BSE's m-cap touches new high of ₹445.43 lakh cr

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, JULY 3

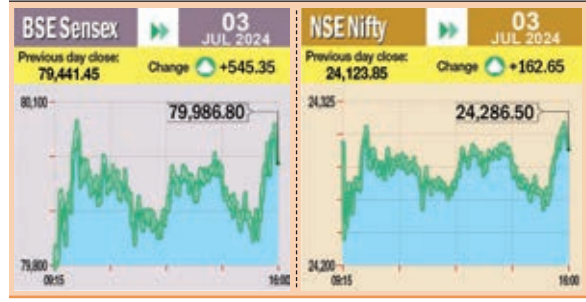
Riding a strong rally in the frontline banks and other heavyweight stocks, the Sensex broke 80,000 barrier for the first time in opening trade on Wednesday touching a high of 80,074 intra-day but closed lower at new high of 79,986.8 gaining 545.35 points or 0.69 per cent.

Nifty-50 also made a fresh all time high of 24,309.15 and closed at new record high of 24,286.50 gaining 162.65 points or 0.67 per cent.

This milestone comes after the index added the last 10,000 points in under seven months, having first hit 70,000 on Dec. 11, 2023.

BSE's market capitalisation of all listed companies touched a new high of over ₹445.43 lakh crore or \$5.33 trillion.

India's GDP growth, credit expansion, and policy continuity have instilled confidence among



investors, said Arvinder Singh Nanda, Sr. VP, Master Capital Services. "We believe this is logical as markets are leading indicators of macro stability and future growth," said Neelesh Surana, CIO, Mirae Asset Investment Managers (India).

Broader market outperformed with BSE mid-cap index and BSE small-cap index both up 0.86 per cent.

Foreign portfolio investors were net buyers of equities worth ₹5,483.63 crore while domestic institutions booked prof-

its worth ₹924.43 crore.

"The Sensex briefly surpassed the 80,000 mark as the market opened on a positive note, driven by solid performance from HDFC Bank, which is expected to receive passive fund inflows of \$3 billion. The banking sectors showed significant gains, with reasonable valuations indicating sustainable returns," said Naveen Kulkarni, CIO, Axis Securities PMS.

Additionally, power-related stocks such as REC and PFC performed well, as India is expected

to accelerate capacity expansion in the sector and the strong institutional flows continue to support the market's upward trend, Kulkarni said.

HDFC Bank gained 2.14 per cent on the back of a potential increase in the bank's weightage in the MSCI emerging markets index. The Bank Nifty index witnessed strong momentum and surpassed the hurdle of 53,000 on a closing basis (53,089.25).

"A broad-based rally was witnessed in the Indian market, boosted by large caps. With the drop in Indian banks' gross non-performing assets to a 12-year low, the sector is anticipated to outperform in near term. The US FED chair's commentary on inflation cooling down to 2 per cent by end of CY25 was sentimentally positive. FOMC minutes might give hints on start of the rate-cut cycle," said Vinod Nair, head-Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Rating upgrade for India likely in 2 years: S&P

New Delhi, July 3: A sovereign rating upgrade for India in the next 24 months is possible if the central government is able to prudently manage its finances and bring down the fiscal deficit to 4 per cent of GDP, an S&P Global Ratings official said on Wednesday.

S&P Global Ratings director, Sovereign Ratings, YeeFarn Phua,

said the trigger for upgrade would be the general government (Centre and states) deficit falling below 7 per cent of GDP, and this would have to be driven by central government.

The government estimates to bring down the fiscal deficit to 5.1 per cent of the GDP in FY25, from 5.63 per cent in FY24. As per the fiscal consolidation roadmap, the deficit

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will be brought down to 4.5 per cent by FY26.

The US-based rating agency had in May upgraded outlook for India to positive, from sta-

ble, while retaining the rating at 'BBB'.

Phua said the Indian economy has clocked an average of 8 per cent growth in the last three years, driven by domestic consumption and infrastructure investment that has made real difference on the ground. "We see the medium-term growth potential for India at 7 per cent," Phua said. —PTI

Govt to launch ₹10K-cr AI mission in 3 months

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

Union information and technology minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Wednesday said that the government would roll out the ₹10,000 crore India artificial intelligence (AI) mission in the next two to three months under which it would also help procure computing power for the domestic industry-run AI systems across the country.

"We will procure over 10,000 or more graphics processing units (GPUs) under a public-private partnership so that the efficiencies of the industry can be harnessed for a bigger cause," Vaishnaw said at the inaugural session of the Global India AI Summit 2024 here.

We will also have an AI innovation centre, high quality data sets which can add more value to the efforts of start-ups, and an application development initiative where apps relevant to our socio-economic problems can be developed, the minister said.

We will have a huge focus on skill development, he added.

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nology. While the potential of artificial intelligence for transformation and social good are evident, countries across the world also recognise the threats and risks from this new technology. AI can be a very big tool for economic and social challenges," Vaishnaw said.

The financial infusion in this mission, which is slated over the next five years, aims to catalyse various components of the IndiaAI mission, including areas like the IndiaAI compute capacity, IndiaAI innovation centre (IAIC), IndiaAI datasets platform, IndiaAI application development initiative, IndiaAI FutureSkills, IndiaAI startup financing, and safe and trusted AI.

"Simultaneously, over the last one year, there is a huge realisation too about dangers, risks and threats to our social institutions," the minister said at the summit.

OpenAI to help India with AI use cases

New Delhi, July 3: Artificial intelligence (AI) has added speed to the already dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem in India, and AI's concrete use cases are emerging in areas like agriculture, healthcare and education, Srinivas Narayanan, vice president of OpenAI said on Wednesday.

Narayanan, while speaking at the 'Global India AI Summit', lauded India's AI mission terming it a "shining example" for not just the Global South but for the entire world. OpenAI is committed to

supporting India AI mission's application development initiative to ensure that Indian developers can build on its models and deliver social benefit at scale, he said.

"We really look to continuing conversation with IT ministry and gauging where we might be able to add most value," he said.

Citing use cases of AI in India, he said in agriculture, AI is making it possible to provide support to farmers in rural communities, while in education, offering personalised learning at scale. —PTI

GST COUNCIL DECISIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN FINANCE BILL

FC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

Central board of indirect taxes and customs (CBIC) chief Sanjay Kumar Agarwal on Wednesday said that the decisions taken at the GST Council meeting last month, like an amnesty scheme for initial years of rollout and sunset date for profiteering complaints, would be incorporated into the Finance Bill.

The full Budget for 2024-25 fiscal is expected to be presented in Parliament later this month. Finance Bill, 2024, will be tabled as part of the budgetary exercise incorporating in detail the changes in direct and indirect taxes proposed in Budget. The 53rd meeting of the GST Council, comprising Centre and all state finance ministers, was held on June 22.

Addressing the NACIN-Bhopal's programme on GST, Agarwal said at the 53rd GST Council meeting rate rationalisation was proposed on some goods and services, while in some cases clarifications have been issued. "For cases of dispute resolution and settlement, which have arisen at the time of GST rollout during the challenges faced by small businesses, on those issues several decisions have been taken which may become part of the Finance Bill so that the necessary changes can be brought in GST law," Agarwal said.

Services sector turns buoyant on export orders

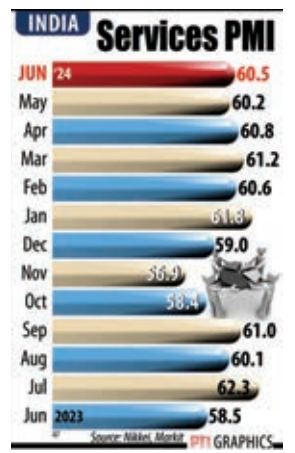
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NEW DELHI, JULY 3

Growth in India's services sector recovered in June from a five-month low in May. The growth also showed improvement in job creation amid a stronger rise in new orders and an expansion in the international sales as well. The index of the sector has been above 50, which separates growth from contraction, for nearly three years, a private survey showed on Wednesday.

The seasonally-adjusted HSBC India services business activity in the purchasing managers' index (PMI) rose from 60.2 in May to 60.5 in June, pointing to a sharp expansion in output. "Demand strength and rising intakes of new business were cited as the key determinants of growth. New orders received by Indian service providers continued to increase in June, extending the current sequence of expansion to nearly three years," the survey noted.

Commenting on the survey, Pranjal Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC, said that activity growth in India's service sector accelerated in June, with the index rising by 0.3 percentage point to 60.5, led by an increase in both domestic and international new orders. This encouraged services firms to increase their staffing levels at the fastest pace since August 2022, he added.

"Input costs rose at a moderate pace, resulting



in a softer up-tick in output charges in June. Overall, service providers remain confident about the year-ahead business outlook, although the level of optimism moderated sharply during the month. Manufacturing firms also contributed more to the expansion than services firms," Bhandari added.

The survey further noted that there was also a record expansion in international orders. "Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the US were all cited as sources of new work from abroad. Positive client appetite encouraged service providers in India to recruit additional staff at the end of the first fiscal quarter," the survey said.

On the price front, the survey also noted that service providers recorded a moderate increase in their average expenses due to higher food, fuel and labour costs.

Cement production of top players to rise

SANGEETHA G
CHENNAI, JULY 3

Owing to the heightened consolidation in the market, aggregate production capacity of top-five cement manufacturers is expected to move up from 55 per cent this fiscal to 65 per cent next year.

With the presence of several small to medium play-

ers, south India offers high potential for further inorganic growth.

The cement industry has seen a significant rise in inorganic expansions over the past one and half years with almost 10 deals comprising around 60 million tonnes (MT) capacity announced, mostly by the market leaders.

The Indian cement



industry had witnessed its largest merger and acquisition deal in FY23 with

67.5 mnt of domestic cement capacity changing hands from Holcim to the Adani Group.

The industry has seen around 25 deals since 2016 with over 200 MT of capacity changing ownership over the period.

This would help the capacity share of top-five players, which stood at 53 per cent in FY20, cross 55

per cent in FY25 and once the deals get completed, the share is set to jump to 65 per cent, according to India Ratings.

The leading players are aiming at increasing capacities by 50-200 per cent over FY23-FY30.

This would see their capacity share move further up to 68 per cent by FY30.

Funding winter clips wings of Koo, to down shutters

New Delhi, July 3: Koo, the Indian replica of Twitter (now X), is shutting down operations, its co-founders announced on Wednesday blaming the platform's failed attempts at partnerships and harsh funding winter for the closure.

The announcement brings curtains down on Koo - which was launched in 2000 and whose popularity in India soared around 2021 following the Indian government's spat with X (then Twitter).

Back then, amid growing calls for expanding home-grown digital platforms, several union ministers, politicians and government departments had signed up on Koo.



In the days of its heady growth, Koo snapped up about 2.1 million daily active users and about 10 million monthly active users, and had marquee investors like Tiger Global, Accel, 3one4 Capital, and Kalaari Capital backing it.

However, prolonged funding winter and failed acquisition talks took a toll on the platform which later struggled with dwindling user base and resort-

ed to layoffs, last year.

In a post on LinkedIn, co-founders Aprameya Radhakrishna and Mayank Bidawatka announced that the platform will be discontinued its services to the public and that the little yellow bird is bidding a final goodbye (a reference to Koo's logo).

"We explored partnership with multiple larger internet companies, conglomerates and media houses but these talks didn't yield the outcome we wanted," the two co-founders wrote.

They said most did not want to deal with user-generated content and the wild nature of a social media company. —PTI

LOCAL NEEDS Mere translation does not solve problem, says firm executive Sewak

India needs multimodal AI models: Nvidia

New Delhi, July 3: India needs multimodal AI models that consider diverse Indian cultures and sensitivities, moving away from western-centric models, Nvidia executive Mohit Sewak said on Wednesday.

Sewak, AI Researcher and Developer Relations, South Asia, Nvidia, said this will require large-scale, multilingual datasets and synthetic data generation.

Indian LLMs should be multimodal with voice as an essential element, he said while addressing the Global AI Summit.

"India has around 23 official languages, but a Bharat that I am proud to represent, speaks around 10, 500 unique dialects across 123 unique languages," said Sewak.

The largest model that I am aware of can deal with 100 languages, he said. Sewak said his Bharat speaks more comfortably than it could write, and emphasised the need for Large multilingual models. "We are talking about tens of trillions of tokens of data across these languages if we want a real Indian LLM which can actually do the type of



tasks that we expect it to do," he said.

Underlining the importance of taking the Indian culture into consideration while building these models, Sewak said sensitivities in Indians may be different from those of the

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Western world, on which most LLMs are trained.

Mere translation from one language to another does not solve the problem, he said. If India wants to create a foundation model for Bharat, it is not going to be one single

step, he further said.

"We are now in an iterative cycle. We're not talking about one foundation model for India, but a series of hierarchically more complex, more sophisticated foundation models for India," Sewak noted.

He said it is important to ensure alignment of cultural diversity in India, and Indian sensitivities, with Indian LLMs.

Most LLMs are trained on Western culture and preferences, he said, adding that it is important to use Bharat-specific data to train Indian LLMs. —PTI

SHORT TAKES

Security upped for Team India arrival

New Delhi: Anticipating a gathering of cricket fans to welcome the T20 World Cup-winning Indian cricket team reaching Delhi on Thursday, the police have made adequate security arrangements at the airport and the hotel where the team will stay before leaving for Mumbai, officials said. The security arrangements have been made from the IGI Airport to the ITC Maurya Hotel where they will have a halt on Thursday, they said. The police have planned to provide them escort vehicles with armed policemen from the airport, where they are expected to land around 6 am after departing from Barbados' Grantley Adams International Airport in a chartered flight, a senior police officer said. Adequate police force will remain deployed at the routes from airport to the hotel. At least two companies of paramilitary personnel have been deployed around the hotel and routes in central Delhi, the officer said. — PTI

Paris DL was not part of plan: Neeraj

Saarbrücken, Germany: Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra on Wednesday clarified that Sunday's Paris Diamond League was never a part of his competition calendar this year. The statement came after a media report stated that Chopra pulled out of the event due to the adductor niggle that has been troubling him for the past couple of months. The 26-year-old took to 'X' to say that there was no question of a withdrawal when he had not even entered his name. "Hello, everyone. Just to clarify: the #ParisDL wasn't part of my competition calendar this season, so I haven't 'withdrawn' from it. I'm focusing on getting ready for the Olympic Games. Thanks for your understanding and support, and wishing all the athletes competing all the best! #RoadToOlympics," Chopra posted. He was exempted from last week's National Inter-State Championships, which was a mandatory event for all Indian athletes, by the Athletics Federation Of India. — PTI

Pragg draws with Bogdan-Daniel

Bucharest: Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa was held to a draw by lowest ranked Deac Bogdan-Daniel of Romania in the sixth round of the Superbet Classic tournament, a part of the grand chess tour here. Iranian-French GM Alireza Firouzja shined with his moves against Wesley So of the USA. With the World Championship on his mind, India's D. Gukesh seemed to keep in reserve his real weapons and signed for peace with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France. Praggnanandhaa tried his hand against the ever-solid Nimzo Indian defense. But it was an off day for the Indian who was confidently breached by the Romanian. Bogdan-Daniel matched Praggnanandhaa move for move and the game was drawn after 38 moves. — PTI

HEROES ON BOARD

Team India will meet PM at 11 am in Delhi, felicitation at Wankhede

Mumbai, July 3: The T20 World Cup-winning Indian cricket team will take part in an open bus road show followed by a felicitation ceremony here at the Wankhede Stadium on Thursday. The Indian team is expected to reach New Delhi early on Thursday morning (6:20am) after departing from Barbados' Grantley Adams International Airport in a chartered flight which has a special call sign — AIC24WC — Air India Champions 24 World Cup.

The departure of the Indian squad was delayed due to Hurricane Beryl. However, the team, its support staff, the players' families, some board officials and travelling Indian media finally managed to leave Barbados in the chartered flight arranged by the BCCI early on Wednesday morning (4:50am local time).

"The team has left from Barbados on a special Air India flight hired by the BCCI. The Indian journalists who were stuck there (Barbados) are also coming on the same flight along with BCCI president (Roger Binny) and secretary (Jay Shah), who are looking after all the arrangements," BCCI vice-president Rajeev Shukla said.

"The flight will land at Delhi airport tomorrow 6 am. The team will meet PM Narendra Modi at 11 am at his residence. After this, the team will fly to Mumbai, where a ceremony has been organised.

"There will be a road show from Nariman Point in an open bus and later we will honour and felicitate the players with the prize money of ₹125 crore as announced," he added.

BCCI secretary Shah welcomed all fans to join the victory parade on Thursday evening.

"Join us for the Victory Parade honouring Team India's World Cup win! Head to Marine Drive and Wankhede Stadium on July 4th from 5:00 pm onwards to celebrate with us! Save the date! #TeamIndia," Shah wrote on 'X', formerly twitter.

Victorious India captain Rohit Sharma also took to social media to welcome the fans.

"We want to enjoy this special moment with all of you. So let's celebrate this win with a victory parade at Marine Drive & Wankhede on July 4th from 5:00pm onwards. It's coming home," Rohit posted on 'X'.

A felicitation event at the Wankhede Stadium is also planned for the members of the Indian team. — PTI



Indian contingent seen boarding a New Delhi-bound chartered flight in Bridgetown, Barbados, on Wednesday. — PTI



Mohammed Siraj poses with the ICC Men's T20 World Cup trophy aboard a flight as he departs for India, in Bridgetown, Barbados, on Wednesday. — PTI

Gill-led Indian team lands in Harare for T20I series

Harare, July 3: A young Indian cricket team led by skipper Shubman Gill and with National Cricket Academy chief V.V.S. Laxman as coach arrived here to play a five-match T20 International series against Zimbabwe beginning July 6. The team was seen exiting the airport with their luggage in a video posted by Zimbabwe Cricket on X. The entire squad had departed from Mumbai on Tuesday, while Gill, who was a travelling reserve with the T20 World Cup side in the Americas, arrived here from New York after a break.

"We welcome T20 World Cup champions India," wrote ZC on Tuesday night in a post on 'X'.

Young top-order batter Riyan Parag, who will be making his India debut in the series, said in a video posted by BCCI that he had a childhood dream of travelling like this (with the national side).

"The feel of donning India jersey, travelling with the side is different. Coming from Assam, I had this dream of playing for India. Really happy. There will be a special connection for Zimbabwe when I play my first match.

"That will be a special moment for that ground and myself, which would be very sacred," he said.

"After misplacing my passport, to phones, we are finally here after a 20 hour journey. Now, really looking forward to the tour," Parag added.

Another newcomer, medium pacer Tushar Deshpande, said the feeling of being in the national setup is "slowly sinking in and it's like a dream come true for me. Playing for the country is a very special thing."

India will play their opening match on Saturday. — PTI

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Alcaraz marches on, Osaka returns

London, July 3: Carlos Alcaraz raced into the Wimbledon third round on Wednesday to set up a mouth-watering duel with fellow crowd-pleaser Frances Tiafoe as Japanese superstar Naomi Osaka returned to Centre Court for the first time in five years.

Alcaraz defeated Australia's world number 69 Aleksandar Vukic 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-2 on the back of 42 winners.

The third-seeded Spaniard's only moments of concern came in the first set when he let slip a 5-2 lead and found himself 5-6 down with Vukic serving for the opener.

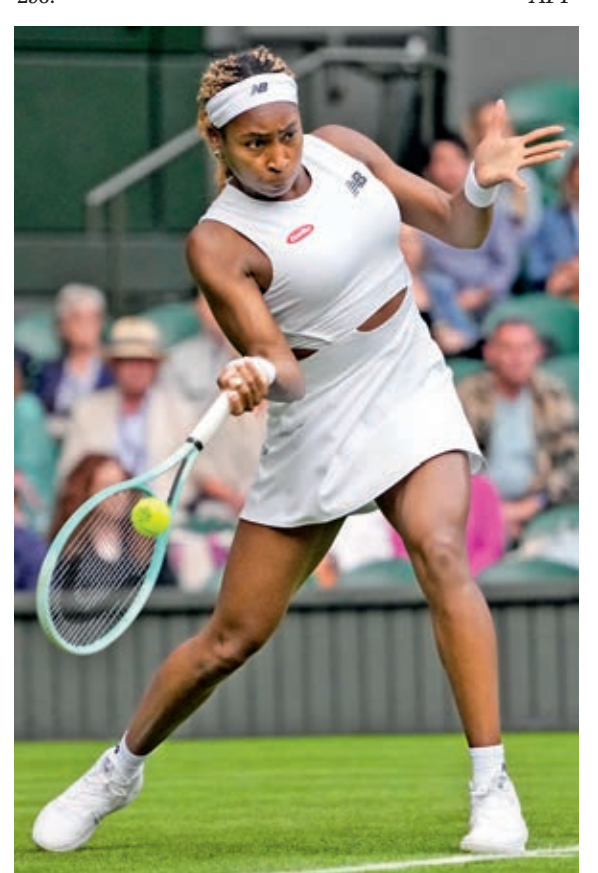
However, the three-time major winner steadied the ship to race away to victory against a player who got the better of him in qualifying at the 2020 French Open.

Alcaraz next faces Tiafoe, the American player he defeated in five sets in the semi-finals of the 2022 US Open on his way to his first Grand Slam triumph.

Daniil Medvedev, the 2021 US Open champion, came back from dropping the first set and facing two set points in the second to see off Alexandre Muller of France 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 7-5.

World number two and US Open champion Coco Gauff cruised into the third round with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Romanian qualifier Anca Todoni.

The American, who made her career breakthrough at Wimbledon as a 15-year-old qualifier in 2019, goes on to face British qualifier Sonay Kartal, the world number 298.



Coco Gauff of the United States returns to Romania's Anca Todoni during their Wimbledon championships second round match in London on Tuesday. — AP

RESULTS

Men's 2nd rd: Daniil Medvedev (RUS x5) bt Alexandre Muller (FRA) 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 7-5; Carlos Alcaraz (ESP x3) bt Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) 7-6 (7/5), 6-2, 6-2; Frances Tiafoe (USA x29) bt Borna Coric (CRO) 7-6 (7/5), 6-1, 6-3; Brandon Nakashima (USA) bt Jordan Thompson (AUS) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; Ugo Humbert (FRA x16) bt Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) 7-6 (11/9), 6-1, 6-3; Fabio Fognini (ITA) bt Casper Ruud (NOR x8) 6-4, 7-5, 6-7 (1/7), 6-3.

Women's 1st rd: Danielle Collins (USA x11) bt Clara Tauson (DEN) 6-3, 7-6 (7/4); Maria Camila Osorio (COL) bt Lauren Davis (USA) 6-3, 6-1; Beatriz Haddad Maia (BRA x20) bt Magdalena Frech (POL) 7-5, 6-3; Barbora Krejickova (CZE x31) bt Veronika Kudermetova (RUS) 7-6 (7/4), 6-7 (1/7), 7-5; Katie Volynets (USA) bt Lourdes Carle (ARG) 6-2, 7-5; Jule Niemeier (GER) bt Viktorija Golubic (SUI) 6-2, 6-1; Eлина Vitolina (UKR x21) bt Magda Linette (POL) 7-5, 6-7 (9/11), 6-3.

Women's 2nd rd: Sonay Kartal (GBR) bt Clara Burel (FRA) 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; Coco Gauff (USA x2) bt Anca Todoni (ROM) 6-2, 6-1.

The last time four-time major winner Osaka appeared on Centre Court was in 2019 when she was second seed but was dumped out in the first round by Yulia Putintseva.

Five years on, she is ranked at 113 having only returned to the tour in January after giving birth to daughter Shai in July last year.

Osaka's win over Diane Parry in the first round was her first at Wimbledon since 2018. — AFP

Raphinha's goal in vain as Colombia hold Brazil

Santa Clara (USA), July 3: Colombia came from behind to grab a 1-1 draw with Brazil on Tuesday, ensuring their qualification to the Copa America quarter-finals as group winners.

An equalizer from Daniel Muñoz in first half stoppage time was enough to earn Colombia a share of the spoils after Raphinha had fired Brazil into the lead with a sublime 12th-minute freekick at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

The result means Colombia advance to the knockout rounds as winners of Group D, where they will face Group C runners-up Panama in Arizona, on Saturday.

But Tuesday's draw means Brazil will face a titanic showdown in Las Vegas on Saturday against arch-rivals Uruguay, winners of Group D with a perfect record. Although Colombia made



Brazil's Raphinha celebrates after scoring his side's opening goal against Colombia in California on Tuesday. — AP

the smoother start it was Brazil who took the lead after 12 minutes, with Raphinha curling a sensational freekick into the top corner to make it 1-0. Colombia looked

the more assured side in first half and got its reward with Muñoz blasting home after a superb pass from veteran forward Jhon Córdoba. — AFP

Turkey set up quarterfinal clash with Dutch

Leipzig, July 3: Turkey will face the Netherlands in the quarterfinals of Euro 2024 after winning a thriller with Austria 2-1 as both countries reached the last eight of a European Championship for the first time since 2008.

Merih Demiral was the unlikely hero for Turkey, after bundling his team ahead with less than a minute on the clock and then thumping in the decisive header just before the hour mark.

Vincenzo Montella's side, who were missing suspended captain Hakan Calhanoglu but once again backed by massive support will take on the Dutch in Berlin on Saturday after their comfortable 3-0 win over Romania earlier.

Turkey were beaten 6-1 by Austria in March and Montella admitted he was hoping to get his own back for that embarrassing defeat. "I denied it yesterday but today I can admit that Austria was the team I wanted so that I could get rid of that stain that as a coach I had on me," said Montella.

Turkey will again be able to count on their raucous fans in the German capital



Turkey's coach Vincenzo Montella (centre) and players celebrate after winning the Round 16 match against Austria in the Euro 2024 football tournament in Leipzig, Germany on Tuesday. — AP

as they aim to replicate their run to the last four from 16 years ago.

Ralf Rangnick's Austria were on top for most of the match and in particular in the second half, when they pinned Turkey back and conceded the second goal.

Al-Ahli centre-back Demiral became the first European defender to score twice in the knockout stages of a major tournament since Lilian

Thuram for France at the 1998 World Cup.

DUTCH EASE THROUGH

Cody Gakpo and Donyell Malen, with a brace in the second half, eased the Dutch through to the last eight. Ronald Koeman's side were heavily criticised after the 3-2 defeat to Austria which led the Oranje to finish third in Group D. But they were impres-

sive on Tuesday, creating a handful of chances and running out deserved winners in at the Allianz Arena.

"We showed a good reaction from the last match and I'm very pleased... We took a step in the right direction today," said Liverpool forward Gakpo. "It's all about aggression and intensity and defending like a team and I think it was a good step and an important one." Gakpo

was the Netherlands' most impressive performer and put his team ahead in the 20th minute when his rasping shot caught goalkeeper Florin Nita off-guard at his near post.

Gakpo's dribble through a crowded penalty area led to him finding Malen who tapped home and then added the third in stoppage time to make the scoreline more representative of the play. — AFP

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