

HYDERABAD
 Flu diagnosis turns tricky, respiratory infections hard to cure: Docs **page 3**

NATION
 Mamata spearheads TMC's Sanhati Rally **page 8**

WORLD
 Saudi, EU Foreign Ministers push for Palestinian State **page 9**



Ram Lalla comes home

PM performs series of rituals in 'Garbha Griha' of Ram Temple

Army helicopters shower flower petals on newly built temple

Top Opposition leaders skip ceremony, call it RSS-BJP event

PTI
 AYODHYA

The new Ram Lalla idol was consecrated at the Ayodhya temple on Monday, an event led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who said it marked the advent of a new era.

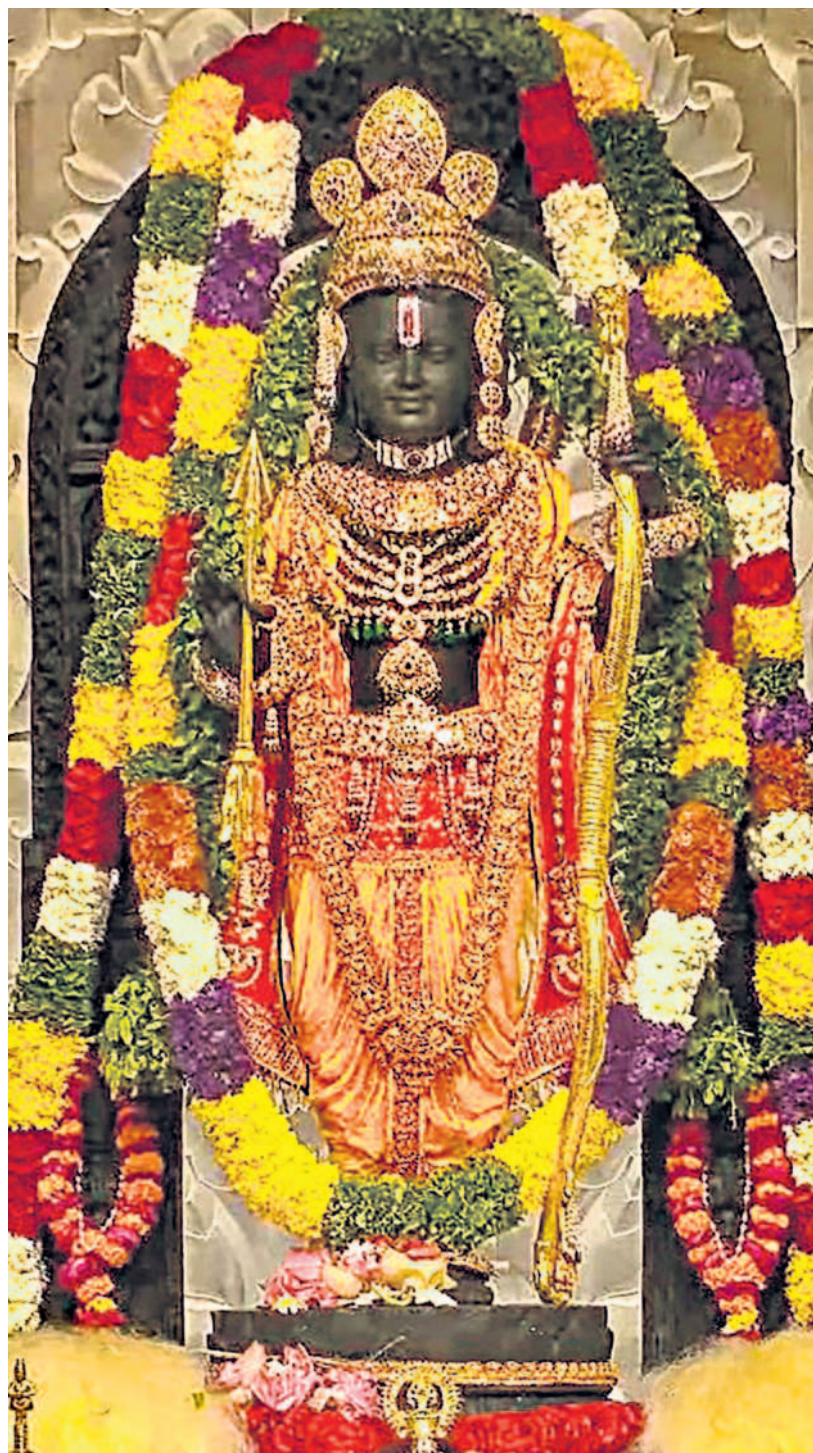
Lakhs of people watched the Pran Pratishtha ceremony on television at their homes and in neighbourhood temples, becoming part of the historic event held just months ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. Along with the scrapping of Article 370 that gave a special status to Jammu and Kashmir and the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code, building a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya has been on the BJP's agenda for decades.

Army helicopters showered flower petals on the newly constructed Janmabhoomi temple as the Pran Pratishtha ceremony took place. Celebrations broke out in parts of this Uttar Pradesh temple town with people singing and dancing. The PM performed a series of rituals in the 'Garbha Griha' — the sanctum sanctorum — with the Pran Pratishtha taking place during the 84-second 'Abhijeet Muhurta'. At the end, the PM prostrated himself before the 51-inch idol that depicts the child Ram.

The ceremony took place in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. Leaving the sanctum sanctorum, Modi moved to another location in the complex to address a gathering of about 8,000, which included sadhus, people linked to the Ram Janmabhoomi movement and celebrities from fields of entertainment, sports and industry. As soon as he left, the temple was thrown open to the invitees.

Hundreds rushed in, creating complete chaos in the chamber before the 'Garbha Griha'. The PM also visited Kuber Tila shrine, unveiled a statue of Ramayana figure Jatayu and showered petals on workers who built the temple. The first phase of the temple built by a trust has so far cost Rs 1,100 crore. It is expected to open Tuesday to the public.

(REPORTS PAGES 2, 6, 7, 12)



The idol of Ram Lalla decked up for the Pran Pratishtha rituals at the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya on Monday. — Photo:PTI

Telangana witnesses grand Pran Pratishtha celebrations

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Chants of 'Jai Shri Ram' echoed on the streets of Telangana on Monday as devotees of Lord Ram celebrated the Ayodhya Ram Mandir Pran Pratishtha grandly.

From special rituals at temples, including at the Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamy Devasthanam in Bhadrachalam, known as Dakshin Ayodhya, to Shoba Yatras with devotees carrying saffron flags, chanting mantras and raising 'Jai Shri Ram' slogans, the State wore a festive look with saffron dominating the colours of the day. From devotees



A celebration rally at Nampally in Hyderabad on Monday.

bursting crackers, organising bhajans to politicians vying for a share of the attention with flex boards, there were processions carrying replicas of Ram Lalla all across. Apartments saw large congregations of residents right from the early hours of the day. (SEE PAGE 2)

Ram temple will witness India's rise: Modi

AYODHYA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday the consecration of the idol of Ram Lalla here marks the advent of a new era and gave a call to people to go beyond the Ram temple's construction to build the foundation of a strong, grand and divine India of the next 1,000 years. After participating in the idol's 'Pran Pratishtha', Modi said in the address to a large number of invitees that the momentous occasion is not merely about triumph but also humility and underscores Indian society's maturity in resolving historical disputes.



(SEE PAGE 2)

Shun disputes, stay united: RSS chief

AYODHYA

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Monday said Ram Rajya is coming and everyone in the country should shun disputes and stay united. "The Prime Minister alone did 'taap' (penance), and now, we all have to do that," the RSS chief said, addressing a gathering of thousands after the ceremony. With Ram Lalla's consecration in Ayodhya, India's self-pride has returned, Bhagwat said, adding, "And today's (Monday's) programme has become a symbol of a new India that will stand up and provide help to the entire world." (SEE PAGE 2)



(SEE PAGE 2)

Mesrams fetch holy water

HYDERABAD | PAGE 04

TS looks to curb wildlife deaths

STATE | PAGE 05



DeSantis out of President race

WORLD | PAGE 09



SPORT | PAGE 10

Alcaraz eases into 1st quarters

To face Zverev; Nostkova, Yastremska into last eight



CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs. 97
Retail live	Rs. 119
With skin	Rs. 173
Skinless	Rs. 196
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 71

Would you like to subscribe to **TELANGANA TODAY** or **NAMASTE TELANGANA**? Please give a missed call to **9672533434**. We will get back to you.



Bilkis convicts surrender

GODHRA

All 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case have surrendered at the Godhra sub-jail in Gujarat's Panchmahal district in keeping with the deadline set by the Supreme Court.

The convicts surrendered before jail authorities late on Sunday, local Crime Branch inspector NL Desai said. "They reached the jail before midnight of January 21, which was the deadline for them to surrender," he said. The SC on January 8 annulled the remission granted by the Gujarat government. PTI

New routes for Metro Phase-II finalised

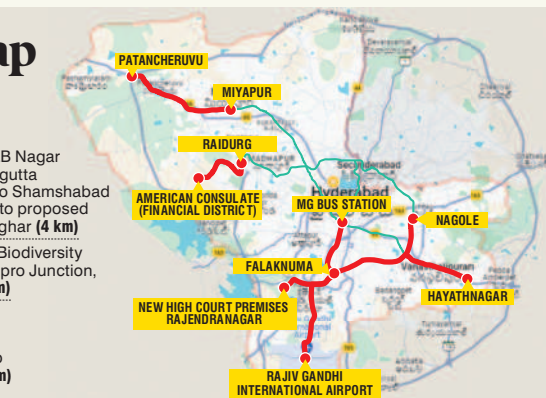
STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The new routes for the Phase-II expansion of the Hyderabad Metro Rail have been finalised, ensuring airport connectivity. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, who recently directed officials to prepare plans for the Phase-II expansion, is learnt to have given his nod for the proposals tabled before him on Monday.

The Chief Minister had already ordered the scrapping of the Metro Rail routes proposed by the

New route map

- CORRIDOR 2:** MGBS Metro Station to Falaknuma (5.5 km); Falaknuma to Chandrayangutta Crossroads (1.5 km)
- CORRIDOR 4:** Nagole Metro Station to LB Nagar Metro Station connecting Chandrayangutta Crossroads, Mailardevpally, P7 Road to Shamshabad Airport (total of 29 km); Mailardevpally to proposed High Court at Rajendranagar via Aramghar (4 km)
- CORRIDOR 5:** Raidurg Metro Station to Biodiversity Junction, Nanakramguda Junction, Wipro Junction, US Consulate in Financial District (8 km)
- CORRIDOR 6:** Miyapur Metro Station to Patancheru via BHEL (14 km)
- CORRIDOR 7:** LB Nagar Metro Station to Vanasthalipuram and Hayathnagar (8 km)



previous government, terming that they were not catering to a large section of the city's population.

Accordingly, the Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) prepared an alternative routes network.

The proposed Metro Rail routes would connect the airport from the four corners of the city. (SEE PAGE 2)

Expose Cong-BJP nexus, says KTR

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was firing his gun at the BRS off the shoulders of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Monday asked his party cadre to expose the collusion between the BJP and Congress before the public.

Citing the no-confidence motion in the Nalgonda municipality, where both the BJP and Congress joined hands to unseat the BRS, he said the nexus between the two national parties needed no further evidence.

Addressing the party cadre on the last day of the 17 constituency-wise Lok Sabha election preparatory meetings at Telangana Bhavan, during which the party leadership discussed threadbare internal issues and factors that led to its recent electoral setback, the BRS working president said the groundwork was done for future reviews of Assembly constituencies starting in February. Highlighting the pivotal role of BRS activists, Rama Rao termed them the protagonists of the party, who kept it strong all these years. He said after the recent

“Modi is firing his gun at BRS off the CM's shoulders... BJP, Cong joined hands to unseat BRS in Nalgonda municipality — KT RAMA RAO, BRS



electoral defeat, it was the party cadre that gave courage to the BRS.

Stating that there was huge support for party president K Chandrashekhara Rao and that many people had already distanced themselves from the Congress, he urged the party members to rededicate themselves to strengthen the BRS and positively shape public perception in favour of the party during the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. (SEE PAGE 2)

Rahul not allowed to visit temple, hold meet

NAGAON/MORIGAON

Rahul Gandhi's yatra was marked with high drama on Monday as he was denied permission to visit the Sri Sri Sankardeva Satra in Nagaon district and also from holding a meeting in the Morigaon district of Assam. This triggered a strong reaction from the Congress leader who protested and asked whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi will now "decide who will visit a tem-

ple and when". Gandhi, who left early in the morning for the Satra, the birthplace of 15th-century social reformer Srimanta Sankardeva, was stopped at Haibargaon after which he and other senior party leaders sat on dharna.

He claimed that the authorities didn't give him any reasons for stopping him. "We do not want to create any problems and simply pray at the temple," he told police. PTI (REPORT PAGE 8)

NASA spacecraft 'pings' Vikram

NEW DELHI

A laser instrument onboard a NASA spacecraft orbiting the Moon has successfully pinged the Vikram lander of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, the US space agency said.

The laser beam was transmitted and reflected between the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) and an Oreo-sized device on the Vikram lander, opening the door to a new style of precisely locating targets on the Moon's surface, NASA said. The lander was 100 km

away from the LRO, near the Manzinus crater in the Moon's south pole region, when the LRO transmitted laser pulses towards it on December 12 last year. After the orbiter registered light that had bounced back from a tiny NASA retro-reflector aboard Vikram, NASA scientists knew their technique had finally worked.

Sending laser pulses towards an object and measuring how long it takes for the light to bounce back is a common way to track the locations of Earth-orbiting

satellites from the ground. However, using the technique in reverse — to send laser pulses from a moving spacecraft to a stationary one to determine its precise location — has many applications at the Moon, the scientists said.

"We've showed that we can locate our retro-reflector on the surface from the Moon's orbit," said Xiaoli Sun, who led the team at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center which developed the retro-reflector on Vikram. PTI