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Erratic power cuts worry TS farmers

Outages, which mostly occur in the evening, stretch to 4-5 hours

S SANDEEP KUMAR
 SIDDIPEET

Is round-the-clock power supply for farmers slowly becoming a thing of the past in Telangana?

Farmers in different districts across the State are complaining that even during the crucial Yasangi season, erratic power supply is becoming a major concern for them. In many areas, the power supply is disrupted mostly in the evening, with power cuts stretching to four-five hours.

Along with fears of water shortage for irrigation and now power cuts, farmers say they have another major fear that could materialise in the coming days — escalating input costs, which have been aggravated due to pest attacks.

Take the case of farmers in Nagaram, Pothireddypet and the neighbouring villages in Dubbak mandal, Siddipet. They say power cuts ranging from four-five hours in the evening and escalating input costs are threatening to push them



(Above) A parched paddy field in Siddipet. It has been just over a month since paddy transplantation, and with another 60-80 days left for harvest, there are apprehensions over the impact of power cuts.

into a debt trap this year.

“There is no stipulated schedule for the power supply disruption. The power cuts usually begin at 5 pm and can continue till 10 pm or 11 pm. The next day, it could be from 6 pm to mid-

night,” says Tirupati Goud, a farmer in Nagaram village.

Interestingly, the power cuts are affecting only the agricultural sector, with no such complaints from the domestic sector. On the other hand, the farmers are

anxious about the yield this Yasangi season. It has been just over a month since paddy transplantation, and with another 60-80 days left for harvest, there are apprehensions over the impact of the erratic cuts. (SEE PAGE 2)

Hyderabadi forced to fight in Ukraine war

Made to join Russian ranks

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

A youth from Hyderabad is stranded in Russia and has been forced to join the ranks of the Russian side in the conflict with Ukraine, after allegedly getting duped by a shady travel agent, who sent him there by promising work as an ‘Army Security Helper’.

Apart from the youngster from Hyderabad, there are two others from Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, who were recruited by the agent.

Initially, the recruited youths were informed that they would be sent to the green zone in Russia as helpers. However, the moment they landed, they were moved to multiple cities and are now being sent to the red zone, which is a war zone.

The agent, who runs a job consultancy and recruitment agency and calls himself Baba Vlogs and Faisal Khan, has apparently recruited many gullible youngsters by promising to make them ‘Army Security

Shady travel agent sent youth to Moscow on pretext of job; Owaisi writes to MEA

Helpers’. “The agent, identified as Baba, who operates from Dubai through his local agents in Hyderabad and other parts of the country, collected nearly Rs 3 lakh from each youth promising them jobs. They were sent in three different batches via Chennai and Sharjah to Moscow last November.

Eventually, the youngsters from India were trained in firing and fighting. The youngsters quickly realised that they were cheated,” individuals in Hyderabad familiar with the development said.

The incident came to light recently, after the family of one of the youths, who was contacted by the latter, sought help from AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi.

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Jurist Nariman dies at 95

NEW DELHI



Fali S. Nariman, a doyen of Indian judiciary, who was part of several landmark legal proceedings that helped shape modern India, including the Kesavanand Bharati case in which the Supreme Court laid down the basic structure doctrine, died on Wednesday. He was 95.

He is survived by his son and former SC judge Rohinton Nariman and daughter Anaheta. PTI (REPORT PAGE 8)

Ameen Sayani no more

MUMBAI



Ameen Sayani, radio's most recognised voice that struck an instant chord with millions of Indians who tuned in to Binaca Geetmala every week for 42 years, died. He was 91. Sayani, who represented the golden age of radio, suffered a heart attack on Tuesday and taken to a hospital in South Mumbai but could not be saved. The last rites will be held on Thursday. PTI (REPORT PAGE 12)

Slew of projects for CM's Kodangal

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday laid the foundation stone for development works with an outlay of Rs 4,369.14 crore, including the Narayanpet-Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme, in the Kodangal constituency of Vikarabad.

Revanth Reddy, who represents the constituency in the Assembly, was making his debut visit to Kodangal after assuming charge as Chief Minister.

Upon reaching Kosgi in a special helicopter on Wednesday evening, the Chief Minister, who was accompanied by Speaker Gaddam Prasad, Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao, N Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komatreddy Venkat Reddy and C Damodara Raja Narasimha, reached the

venue near the Kosgi police station.

He laid the foundation for various development works, including the Rs 2,945-crore Narayanpet-Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme. He also laid the foundation for road expansion and bridge construction works worth Rs 344.5 crore, the construction of a government veterinary college at Chadrakal village with Rs 360 crore, the construction of government medical, nursing and physiotherapy colleges along with a 220-bed hospital in Kodangal with Rs 224.5 crore, and also the development of HLBS-R/Fs approach roads with Rs 213 crore, among others. Later, he visited the stalls set up by members of SHGs in the constituency, handed over cheques to them and addressed a public meeting.

Ranking list out for posts in MA&UD

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The general ranking list (GRL) for the recruitment examination held for the posts of accounts officer (ULB), junior accounts officer (ULB) and senior accountant (ULB) in the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department was released on Wednesday.

The GRL comprising 12,186 candidates has been made available on the TSPSC website tspsc.gov.in/. Candidates who have been rejected were not included in the list, the TSPSC said.

The list was prepared based on merit secured in the computer-based recruitment test held on August 8, 2023, and the rules and procedures followed by the Commission, it said.

Nature's wonder



FREEZE FRAME: Icicles hang from a hotel roof at the Gulmarg Ski Resort after fresh snowfall, in Baramulla district on Wednesday. — Photo: PTI

'Delhi Chalo' paused, 1 farmer killed

CHANDIGARH

Farmers' leaders on Wednesday put the 'Delhi Chalo' march on hold for two days after a protester was killed and about 12 police personnel injured in clashes at Khanauri, one of the two protest sites on the Punjab-Haryana border.

Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher said they will decide the next course of action on Friday evening. Punjab farmers at Khanauri and Shambhu had resumed their agitation early in the morning after a two-day lull following the fourth round of talks on Sunday night with a panel of three Union Ministers in an attempt to break the deadlock.

Earlier in the day, Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda, who is among the three Ministers engaging with the farmer leaders, called for further talks and



A tear gas shell explodes during the 'Delhi Chalo' march near the Shambhu border in Patiala district on Wednesday. — Photo: PTI

appealed to the protesters to maintain peace.

Thousands of farmers will remain camped at the two border points during the pause in the agitation over their demands. Farmer leader Baldev Singh Sirsa identified the dead farmer as Subhakaran Singh (21), a resident of Baloke village in

Punjab's Bathinda district. Patiala-based Rajindra Hospital's medical superintendent HS Rekhi said three people, one of them dead, were brought to the hospital from Khanauri. The deceased had an injury to his head and the other two are stable, Rekhi said. A Haryana Police officer

said around 12 police personnel were injured when they were attacked with lathis and stones were thrown. Heavy earthmoving equipment, including excavators and modified tractors, were also seen at the protest sites, with police cautioning that these might be used to break barricades and cause harm to security personnel.

Police fired the tear gas shells to disperse some farmers who started moving towards the multiple layers of barricades at Shambhu and Khanauri border points.

There have been at least three rounds of tear gas shelling at Shambhu near Ambala in Haryana. A drone was also used by security personnel there to drop tear gas shells. Many protesting farmers were seen wearing masks and glasses to protect themselves from the gas. PTI (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 7)

Telangana workers imprisoned in Dubai return home after 18 yrs

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

In a heartwarming scene at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport on Wednesday morning, tears of joy flowed as families embraced their loved ones who were serving a jail term for 18 years in Dubai. The reunion was made possible through the relentless efforts of BRS working president and Sircilla legislator KT Rama Rao.

Two of the five workers from Telangana, who were convicted in a murder case in Dubai, returned home on the day. The siblings — Shivarathri Malleesh and his brother Ravi — got reunited with their families. Dundugula Laxman returned two months ago, while Shivarathri Hanman-



The workers from Rajanna Sircilla reunite with their families, at RGIA on Wednesday. — Photo: ANI

thu came home two days ago. The fifth person, Nampally Venkati, is likely to be released from jail next month. The five — Shivarathri Malleesh, his brother Shivarathri Ravi, Gollempally Nampally, Dundugula Laxman from Rajanna Sircilla district and Shivarathri

Hanmanthu from Jagjil district — had been working in Dubai when they were implicated in the case of a Nepali national's death, leading to their imprisonment for 10 years in 2006. But after they filed an appeal, a 25-year sentence was awarded. (SEE PAGE 2)