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Bomb scare in Delhi again
NEW DELHI: Several museums, including the National Museum and Rail Museum, and two mental health institutes — Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS) and Vidyasagar Institute of Mental Health, Neuro and Allied Sciences (VIMHANS) — have received bomb threat e-mails. Officials said nothing suspicious was found in the searches and later the calls were declared hoax. **PTI**

Jarange given IV fluids
JALNA: Activist Manoj Jarange, whose indefinite fast over Maratha reservation entered the fifth day on Wednesday, started taking intravenous fluids after a Maharashtra Minister assured to resolve the issue. Jarange, who launched his fresh round of protest on Saturday, however warned that if the government fails to resolve the issue immediately, he would stop taking intravenous fluids again. **PTI**

1.5 mn pilgrims reach Mecca
SAUDI ARABIA: Muslim pilgrims have been streaming into Saudi Arabia's holy city of Mecca ahead of the start of the Hajj later this week, as the annual pilgrimage returns to its monumental scale. Saudi officials say over 1.5 million foreign pilgrims had arrived in the country by Tuesday, the vast majority by air, from across the world. More are expected to reach the holy city by Friday. **AP**

Prajwal in SIT custody till June 18
BENGALURU: A court here on Wednesday remanded former JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna, who is facing charges of rape and sexual abuse against several women, to the custody of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) till June 18. The court had on June 10 sent him to 14 days of judicial custody, but the SIT sought a body warrant against him in connection with a cyber-crime case. **PTI**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 133
Retail live.....	Rs. 155
With skin.....	Rs. 225
Skinless.....	Rs. 256
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70

Alia praises Kalki... trailer
Director Nag Ashwin reimagines *Mahabharat* from futuristic lens

TS residential schools in high demand

Parents, academicians differ with Revanth's remarks

YUVRAJ AKULA
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's view that residential schools have impacted the familial bonds appear misplaced and contrarian to the positive approach of scores of parents who have been reaping benefits by admitting their children in these schools in Telangana. While the Chief Minister stated that bonding between parents and their wards was weakening as students were admitted into the residential schools at a very young age, several parents have been flocking to the Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Societies' office at Masab Tank seeking admissions for their wards.



Despite the remarks, parents have been flocking to the Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Societies' office for admission.

The residential schools have created a huge impact and transformed the lives of marginalised sections

— **RS PRAVEEN KUMAR**, BRS LEADER

Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society's success, the society that operates schools and colleges had been taken as a case study at Harvard University.

Amidst this success and demand among parents, referring to a survey report, the Chief Minister had said students were being admitted in the residential schools, far from their native villages and parents. This was leading to weaken-

ing of family bonding and relations, and could trigger social issues in future, he had said. The Chief Minister's statement did not go down well with parents, teachers and officials. Several parents, majority from economically weaker sections, who landed at the societies' office, were prioritising their children's future with good education in English medium, along with boarding facility, which the schools offer. **(SEE PAGE 4)**

49 killed in Kuwait blaze

Most victims from India; Centre rushes Minister to oversee assistance

GULF CORRESPONDENT
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A massive fire broke out in a building providing accommodation to workers, mostly Indians, in Kuwait on Wednesday, killing at least 49. The death toll is expected to rise further as some of the critically injured workers are battling for life at various hospitals.

At the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh is rushing to Kuwait to oversee the assistance to the Indians injured and ensure early repatriation of the mortal remains of those killed. Modi announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh each to the families of the deceased Indians from the Prime Minister Relief Fund.

The fire broke out in a kitchen on the ground floor of the six-storey building on Wednesday morning in Mangaf area's Block-4 of the city. It accommodated 195 workers, mostly Indians employed at a supermarket chain owned by an NRI



The building had 195 workers living in it, mostly Indians employed at a supermarket chain owned by an NRI businessman.

businessman from Kerala. Construction firm NBTC group rented the building for the stay of over 195 workers, most of them Indians

from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Northern States, the Kuwaiti media said. Mohammed Ibrahim Imran, of Toli Chowki in Hyderabad,

I woke up to screams and loud noises. I saw some jump from the top floors to escape the fire, but they died

— **IBRAHIM IMRAN**, NATIVE OF HYDERABAD

who stays in an adjacent building, told *Telangana Today* over phone: "I woke up to screams and loud noises." Imran said he saw some workers jump from the top floors of the building to escape the fire and die.

There were some workers from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh as in the building but there was no information yet, he said. "...the Embassy has put in place an emergency helpline: 965-65505246. All concerned are requested to connect over this helpline for updates..." the Indian Embassy in Kuwait posted on X. **(SEE PAGE 4)**

Majhi takes oath as Odisha CM

BHUBANESWAR

Four-time MLA and tribal leader from Keonjhar district Mohan Charan Majhi was on Wednesday sworn in as the first BJP Chief Minister of Odisha at a ceremony here attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, several union ministers and Chief Ministers.

Senior BJP leader and Patnagarh MLA KV Singh Deo and debutant from the Nimapara Assembly segment Pravati Parida took



Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi

oath as Deputy Chief Ministers. Governor Raghubar Das administered the oath of secrecy and office to 52-

year-old Majhi, who hails from the Santhal community, and other members of his Council of Ministers at Janata Maidan here.

This is the first time that a BJP government has been formed in the eastern State after defeating the 24-year-old Biju Janata Dal (BJD) government headed by Naveen Patnaik. In a post on X, Modi said, "It's a historic day in Odisha! ... @BJP4Odisha is forming its first-ever government in the State." **PTI**

Two terrorists, CRPF jawan killed in Kathua encounter

JAMMU

A terrorist holed up in a border village in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district was killed by security forces on Wednesday in an over-15-hour operation during which his partner was also shot dead and a CRPF jawan lost his life, officials said.

According to them, two senior officers escaped unhurt even as their vehicles were hit by bullets during the operation that began on Tuesday night after two terrorists were spotted in Saida Sukhal village.

In Doda district, five troops of the Rashtriya Rifles and a Special Police Officer were injured when terrorists attacked a joint checkpoint in the upper reaches of Chattergalla on the Bhadrawah-Pathankot road late on Tuesday.

Traffic on the highway has been suspended as an operation is under way to track down the terrorists. The two incidents come just days after terrorists attacked a bus carrying pilgrims from the Shiv Khori temple to Katra, killing nine people and injuring 41.

In Kathua's Saida Sukhal village near the International Border, the second holed-up terrorist was killed on Wednesday noon in an intense gunfight after, officials said. **(SEE PAGE 4)**

Naidu sworn in CM, Pawan deputy

AMARAVATI

TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for a fourth term on Wednesday at a ceremony that was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, senior BJP leaders and Union Ministers.

Jana Sena chief and actor Pawan Kalyan will be the Deputy Chief Minister. Naidu's son Nara Lokesh was among the 24 other Ministers in Naidu's Cabinet, who were administered the oath of office by Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer.

Modi hugged and patted Naidu after the TDP supremo took the oath of office. The ceremony was also attended by Union Ministers Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari and JP Nadda. Maharashtra Chief Minister



Andhra Pradesh Governor SA Nazeer, JSP chief Pawan Kalyan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and AP Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at the swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday.

Ek Nath Shinde was also present. "Attended the oath-taking ceremony of the new

Andhra Pradesh government. Congratulations to Naidu on becoming the Chief Minister and also to all

the others who took oath as ministers in the government," said Modi in a post on X. **PTI (REPORTS PAGE 7)**

Shah-Tamilisai chat raises eyebrows

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

A video of senior BJP leader Amit Shah gesturing in a stern manner to former Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan during AP Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's swearing-in ceremony has gone viral, sparking rumours that Shah was warning Soundararajan over the recent developments in the Tamil Nadu unit of BJP.

The video shows Soundararajan walking up to the stage and greeting former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and Shah, who were sitting next to each other. As she walks past them, Shah calls her back. What follows next is what caught the imagination of netizens, with Shah



Video shows Amit Shah gesturing sternly at Tamilisai Soundararajan.

seen talking in a quite agitated manner, gesticulating animatedly with his fingers at Soundararajan. The conversation has set off rumour mills, with many concluding that it was Soundararajan's comments to a Tamil media house on the situation in the TN BJP unit that sparked Shah's reaction. **(SEE PAGE 4)**

Pension hiked for 70 years & above

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

An additional quantum of pension has been sanctioned for State government pensioners and family pensioners based on their age taking into consideration the recommendations made in the Pay Revision Commission report submitted on December 30, 2020.

The enhancement will be 15 per cent of the basic pension from 70 years to 75 years, 20 per cent of the basic pension from 75 years to less than 80 years, 30 per

cent of the basic pension from 80 years to less than 85 years. It will be 40 per cent of the basic pension from 85 years to less than 90 years, 50 per cent of the basic pension from 90 years to less than 95 years, 60 per cent of the basic pension from 95 years to less than 100 years, and 100 per cent of the basic pension for those aged 100 years and above.

The additional quantum has to be worked out on revised basic pension with effect from July 1, 2018, and the benefits shall be allowed from April 4, 2020.

Retired teacher donates Rs 1 lakh to school

STATE BUREAU
Peddapalli

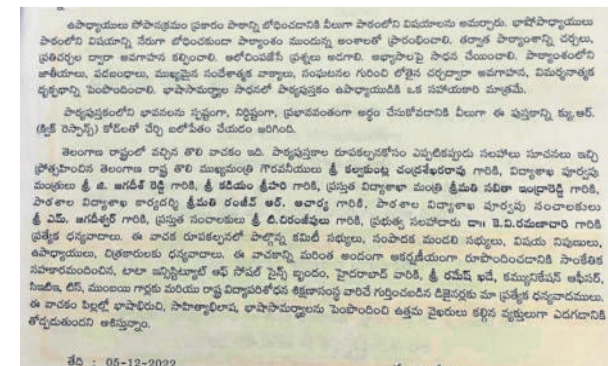
A retired government teacher donated Rs 1 lakh to the school where he taught for long. He donated the amount for the development of Madaka Primary School in Odela mandal on Wednesday in the name of his recently deceased wife. Sri Bhashyam Raghavulu, to help the students excel and buy sports equipment, donated Rs 1 lakh in the name of his wife Ahalya. He handed over to headmaster Ashok Reddy.

'Textbooks' foreword thanks 'CM KCR'

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Returning for a new academic year, students of government schools on Wednesday were surprised to open their Telugu textbooks and learn that Telangana's Chief Minister is K Chandrashekar Rao and Education Minister is Sabitha Indra Reddy!

In a major faux pas, the textbooks had a foreword, which thanked former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and several colleagues from the erstwhile Cabinet, including Jagadish Reddy, Sabitha Indra Reddy and Kadiyam Srihari.



The foreword printed by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), a wing of the School Education Department, thanked K Chan-

drashekar Rao for his guidance and advice. Apart from several Ministers of the previous government, former Education Department secretary Ranjееv

R Acharya, former School Education Directors M Jagadeshwar and T Chiranjeevulu, and advisor to government KV Ramanachary were also mentioned.

Apparently, the foreword was copied and printed from the earlier edition. In fact, the SCERT did not even change the date, December 5, 2022, in the foreword. District Educational Officers are learnt to have directed the schoolteachers to remove the page. According to teachers, the issue was due to negligence by SCERT officials, who failed to revise the foreword when there was a change in government in the State.