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In a nutshell

Three killed in building collapse

MANCHERIAL: Three daily wage earners died, while another sustained injuries after they got trapped under the debris of an old building, which collapsed on them, here on Thursday. The victims were identified as Enaka Hanumanth (45) from Rudrapur, Athram Shankar (42) and Golam Posham (48), all from Babapur village of Asifabad district. The injured was Maidam Ramanna of Mandamarri.

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Six dead in Nagpur factory blast

NAGPUR: Six workers, including five women, were killed and three injured in a blast at an explosives manufacturing factory near Nagpur city on Thursday, police said. The incident took place at Chamundi Explosive Pvt Ltd at Dhamna village under Hingna police station limits, around 25 km from here. A total of nine injured persons were brought to two private hospitals in the city, said Nagpur CP Ravindra Singhal.

'Human thumb' found in ice cream

MUMBAI: Enjoying a cone of ice cream turned out to be a bitter experience for a Mumbai-based man as he was appalled to find a piece of flesh, apparently a severed human thumb, in the frozen dessert that he ordered online. The incident occurred on Wednesday, following which the man lodged a complaint with the police. The complainant, Brendon Ferrao (26), is a doctor and is a resident of Malad area.

Naidu takes charge as AP CM

AMARAVATI: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday assumed office in his chamber in the first block. Among the first decisions Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu took when he assumed office on Thursday were to recruit 16,347 government teachers, hike welfare pensions to Rs 4,000 a month and conduct a skills census.

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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 136
Retail live.....	Rs. 158
With skin.....	Rs. 229
Skinless.....	Rs. 261
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70



'Love not only for the young'

Tabu says cinema, audiences more receptive to such stories today

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NEET grace marks cancelled

1,563 students can take re-test on June 23 or forgo compensatory marks, Centre to SC

PTI
NEW DELHI

Amid a raging row over the NEET-UG examination, the Centre told the Supreme Court it has cancelled the grace marks given to 1,563 candidates who took the examination for admission to MBBS and other such courses. They will have the option to either take a re-test or forgo the compensatory marks awarded to them for loss of time.

Refusing to stall the counselling for NEET-UG, 2024, scheduled to commence from July 6, the top court made it clear that the admission of successful candidates to medical colleges and other institutions will be subject to the outcome of the petitions which have sought reliefs like cancellation of the examination held on May 5 on grounds of question paper leak and other malpractices.

A vacation Bench of justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta termed as "fairly reasonable" the decision to cancel the grace marks awarded to 1,563 candidates on the recommendation of a panel set up to look into the grievances voiced by the petitioners.

Non-bailable warrant against Yediyurappa

BENGALURU

A Bengaluru court on Thursday issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader BS Yediyurappa in a POCOS case.

The Special Investigation Team of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) had moved the First Fast Track court seeking an arrest warrant against him since he failed to appear for questioning on Wednesday. Yediyurappa had sought time to join the probe.

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Techie jumps into lake with kids

STATE BUREAU
Sangareddy

An IT professional, along with her two children, jumped into the Pedda Cheruvu in Ameenpur on Wednesday night. While the woman and her daughter were saved by a police patrol team, which was on duty, the techie's four-year-old son drowned in the incident.



A woman being detained during a protest against NEET-UG exam, at Salt Lake City, Kolkata on Thursday. — Photo: ANI

Centre says no paper leak

NEW DELHI: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan rejected allegations of paper leak or rigging in the medical entrance exam NEET-UG, saying there is no evidence to substantiate claims, and accused the opposition of spreading lies without knowing facts.

At the outset, lawyer Kanu Agarwal, appearing for the Centre and the NTA, said the committee set up to look into the grievances decided on June 12 to "allay the fears of the students". It was of the view that the grace marks be withdrawn and replaced with an option

of re-test for these candidates which will be conducted on June 23. Meanwhile, the number of top rankers in NEET-UG will go down to 61 from 67 after the NTA's decision to withdraw grace marks awarded to 1,563 students.

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DSC: Cutoff slashed to 45% from 50%

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Education Department on Thursday reduced the percentage of marks in the qualifying examination for recruitment to posts of school assistant (SA) in all subjects, SA physical education, language pandits and physical education teacher via the DSC-2024.

The teacher job aspirants need to have at least 45 per cent of marks in either graduation or post-graduation as against the earlier 50 per cent. However, the qualifying examination percentage

of 40 remained the same for the SC, ST, BC and differently-abled candidates. In addition to graduation or post-graduation, candidates must possess a BEd qualification for SA all subjects, while BPED for SA physical education posts.

then jumped into the water body. It was at this time that a patrol team, comprising Head Constable Janakiram and Constable Prabhakar, saw them.

The cops jumped into the water body and managed to rescue Shweta and Sriaha, while Srihans had drowned by then. With the help of expert divers, the police retrieved the body.

'Targeted Individuals' protest foiled

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The group, which planned protest at US Consulate General Hyd's office, claims that humans across world are being remotely controlled using hazardous tech

preemptively detained four individuals. The group planned a demonstration on Thursday at 11 am, for which they issued statements and invited the media. However, the organisers themselves couldn't reach the venue as they spent the following hours in the Gachibowli police station.

According to a statement released by one Tarun Ravi, Convenor of the group and a resident of Las Vegas, "Directed Energy Weapons are being used to remotely torture human beings all over the world, including in America, Germany, and India with various symptoms." The American resi-

J&K: PM for all hands on deck

Reviews situation following spate of terror incidents

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday asked officials to deploy the "full spectrum of counter-terror capabilities" as he reviewed the situation in Jammu and Kashmir following a spate of terror incidents, including an attack on a bus carrying pilgrims. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and other officials attended the meeting chaired by Modi, who also spoke to Home Minister Amit Shah and discussed the deployment of security forces and counter-terror operations, government sources said.

They said Modi spoke to Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha as well and took stock of the situation in the union Territory. Sinha briefed him on the efforts being undertaken by the local administration. In the meeting, the Prime Minister was given a full overview of the security-related situation in the region and was apprised of the counter-terror efforts being undertaken.

"The PM asked them to deploy the full spectrum of our counter-terror capabilities," an official source said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi departs for Italy to attend the G7 Outreach Summit, in New Delhi on Thursday. — Photo: ANI

Meanwhile, the search operation launched in J&K to track down and neutralise terrorists after the June 9 attack on a bus carrying pilgrims entered the fifth day on Thursday, officials said, as Director General of Police R R Swain met a top army officer here to discuss the ongoing action.

Ajit Doval retained as NSA

NEW DELHI: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will continue in his present role in the NDA government which was sworn in on June 9. The Appointment Committee of Cabinet approved the appointment of Ajit Doval as the NSA with effect from June 10, 2024. Doval, who became NSA for the first time in May 2014 soon after Modi assumed office, continued in the role in the previous BJP-led NDA government. The appointments committee of the Cabinet also re-appointed PK Mishra as the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

National anthem must in J&K schools

SRINAGAR: The School Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir directed all schools in the Union Territory to start the morning assembly with the national anthem. The Principal Secretary to the Government, School Education Department, through a circular directed all schools to make the morning assembly uniform across the union Territory. "Morning assembly should begin with the National Anthem as per standard protocol," the circular, issued on Wednesday, read.

K'taka Cong MLAs want 5Gs dumped

S SANDEEP KUMAR
Hyderabad

With the Congress in Karnataka managing to secure only nine seats in the recent Lok Sabha elections, party MLAs are pressuring the party to reconsider the 'Five Guarantees' promised to the people, citing hindrances to other development works and also paucity of funds.

Though the Five Guarantees are believed to have propelled the Congress to power in the Assembly elections, they apparently did not help the party secure votes in the Lok Sabha polls. While the BJP-led NDA won 19 seats, the ruling Congress managed to win only nine seats of the 28 Parliament seats in the State. Worried over this,

Congress MLA from Bagalkote, JT Patil, urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to reassess the guarantees.

"At many places, guarantees have not worked, so we will appeal to the Chief Minister to rethink about the guarantees. Simply why? On one side there is no development, and also those beneficiaries did not

vote. Then why?" Patil was quoted as saying by 'India Today'. Not just Patil, but a few other Congress leaders were also of a similar opinion. Congress leader Lakshman, who was defeated in the Lok Sabha elections, was also quoted saying that the BJP kept saying that people were being made lazy by giving them the guarantees.

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Upset with wife, man climbs electric tower

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Upset over alleged harassment by his wife, a man created commotion at Sankeshwar Bazaar in Saidabad by climbing onto a high-tension electricity tower. The man, Mohan Babu (25), a labourer, lived along with his wife at Singareni Colony in Saidabad.

Babu was furious that his wife scolded him for returning home drunk. He headed to the nearest electricity tower and climbed onto it. Passersby who noticed him atop the tower informed the Power Department officials, who switched off the power supply. The police arrived at the spot and tried to persuade Mohan Babu to get down. As their attempts failed, the police tried to climb the tower and bring him down.

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