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**NEET case: Maha teacher arrested**  
**PUNE:** The Anti-Terrorism Squad arrested a Zilla Parishad school teacher from Latur in Maharashtra and registered a case against four persons after it emerged that a racket was being operated to help NEET students willing to pay money to crack the exam. The four persons against whom a case was registered by the Nanded ATS unit include two teachers from Latur, a man from Nanded.  
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**Intermediate student ends life**  
**SIRCILLA:** An Inter student died by suicide by hanging herself after she failed supplementary examinations. According to family members, Thokala Sony took the drastic step when her family members went outside. A native of Thangallapalli, Sony was studying MPC second year at Thangallapalli Model School. She appeared for supplementary exams to clear backlogs. However, she failed in those exams as well.

**Boat with scribes topples, all safe**  
**BHANDARA:** A boat carrying around 15 mediapersons toppled in the Wainganga River here shortly after Chief Minister Eknath Shinde inaugurated a mega water tourism project on Monday. Bhandara SP Lohit Matani said: "At one point, some of the mediapersons apparently moved to one side of the boat as a result of which it tilted, with many of the occupants falling in the water. All are safe."  
 IANS

**CM meets Rajnath on defence lands**  
**HYDERABAD:** Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and appealed to him to transfer 2,450 acres of defence lands to the State for taking up road widening and other works. During the meeting, the CM brought to his notice the utilisation of 2,462 acres of land, owned by the State government, for the Imarat Research Centre at Ravirala village.  
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**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 119
Retail live.....	Rs. 141
With skin.....	Rs. 204
Skinless.....	Rs. 233
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 69

**Sharvari on her role in Maharaj**  
 The actor says will happily accept being a 'surprise factor' in the film



**CHOPPING DOWN 'GREEN' FUTURE**

In a curious case of disappearance, trees on the median of the T-Hub road in Hyderabad's Madhapur area have mysteriously gone missing overnight. While one can only see chopped tree trunks, one wonders who was behind this dastardly act. Why were the trees axed remains a mystery. — Photos: Anand Dharmana



## BRS to knock on SC doors against turncoats

**Move comes after party MLAs defy people's mandate by joining ruling Congress**

STATE BUREAU  
 HYDERABAD

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) will move the Supreme Court seeking disqualification of MLAs who defected from the party to the ruling Congress, defying the people's mandate in the recent Assembly elections. The party leadership took the decision in consultation with legal experts in view of completion of three months after Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender switched allegiance to the Congress. According to a previous judgement of the apex court, the Assembly Speaker must decide on disqualification petitions in three months. As per Paragraphs 30 and 33 of this judgment, the High Court must take immediate

### Political 'opportunists'

BRS LEADERSHIP TAKES DECISION AFTER CONSULTING LEGAL EXPERTS

- According to previous judgement of SC, Assembly Speaker must decide on disqualification petitions in 3 months
- As per Paragraphs 30 and 33 of judgement, the HC must take immediate action
- Hearing regarding Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender's disqualification scheduled in HC for June 27
- Since December, 5 of 39 BRS MLAs left party
- Danam Nagender, Kadiam Srihari, Tellam Venkat Rao joined Congress before LS polls

**Banswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Jagtial MLA Sanjay Kumar quit BRS over last 3 days**

— KT RAMA RAO, BRS working president  
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action on such matters. A hearing regarding Nagender's disqualification is scheduled in the High Court for June 27. If the High Court does not rule in favour of disqualifying Nagender, the BRS will approach the Supreme Court without delay. Along with Nagender, the party plans to challenge in the Supreme Court the defections of other MLAs who switched parties. Responding to BRS MLAs quitting the party and joining the Congress, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Monday said they would not be deterred by such de-

fections. He reminded that the power of people was always stronger than the people in power. "We have faced several defections of MLAs in the past in 2004-06 when Congress was in Government. Telangana responded strongly by stepping up the people's

agitation and eventually Congress had to bow its head. History shall repeat itself," he said on X. Former Ministers L Ramana and Rajesham Goud along with BRSV (student wing) president Gellu Srinivas Yadav slammed Congress over its double standards on the defection of elected representatives. "Is this Rahul Gandhi's Congress or Revanth Reddy's Congress? While Rahul Gandhi is demanding for immediate disqualification of MLAs upon defection, Revanth Reddy is encouraging them," Ramana said, calling Jagtial MLA Sanjay Kumar's decision unethical. BRS won 39 of the 119 Assembly seats in the elections held last year, while Congress came to power with 64 seats. (SEE PAGE 2)

## People want debate, not drama, says PM

NEW DELHI

Ahead of the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Monday that his government will strive to take everyone along in his third term and build consensus but also took a swipe at the Congress over the Emergency, calling it a "black spot" on democracy when the Constitution was "discarded". With the Congress and the opposition, in general, targeting his government over a host of issues, including the choice of pro-tem Speaker, Modi's customary pre-session remarks carried barbs for his rivals as he asserted that people want debate and diligence and not drama and disturbance in Parliament. People want substance not slogans, he said, in an apparent reference to several previous sessions which were marred by the

### I.N.D.I.A for 'save Constitution'

NEW DELHI: I.N.D.I.A bloc MPs gathered in the Parliament complex on Monday in a show of strength on the first day of the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha, holding copies of the Constitution and raising slogans on "saving democracy". (REPORT PAGE 7)

absence of debate due to adjournments caused by frequent run-ins between the treasury and opposition benches. Buoyed by its strong show in the Lok Sabha polls in which the NDA secured a majority but with reduced numbers, the I.N.D.I.A bloc is expected to turn up its aggression inside and outside Parliament over a number of issues. (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 7)

## KTR calls weavers' suicides 'government murders'

STATE BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao held the Congress government responsible for the recent suicides of weavers, describing them as "government murders". He demanded that the State government restore the schemes initiated by the previous BRS government for weavers' welfare and provide an ex gratia of Rs 25 lakh each to the bereaved families. In an open letter to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, he stated that the

handloom sector, which thrived for the last 10 years, was now in crisis under the Congress administration. He said the government's partisan decision to stop welfare programmes of the BRS regime left weavers jobless, leading to the shutdown of power looms and pushing workers into severe financial distress. He pointed out that at least 10 weavers from different parts of the State died by suicides, which were a result of the State government's neglect and policy reversals. (SEE PAGE 2)

### Recent cases

- Guggilla Nares, Khammam (Jan 20)
- Penti Venkanna, Khammam (March 17)
- Tadaka Srinivas, Sircilla (March 13)
- Siripuram Lakshminarayana, Sircilla (April 7)
- Eega Raju, Sircilla (April 25)
- Adicherla Sai, Sircilla (April 26)
- Ankarapu Mallesham, Sircilla (April 26)
- Chintoju Ramesh, Sircilla (May 23)
- Kudikyalu Nagaraju, Sircilla (June 22)
- Venkatesham, Karimnagar (June 16)

## Woman hires goons to burn ex-lover's face

NEW DELHI

A 30-year-old female graphic designer and a henchman, who she had hired to burn the face of her ex-boyfriend, have been arrested in outer Delhi's Nihal Vihar area, police said on Monday. The woman wanted to take revenge from her ex-boyfriend and colleague for jilting her and getting engaged to someone else. She hired the three men for Rs 30,000 to carry out an acid attack and also gave them a bottle filled with acid, police said. PTI

## Defections widen rifts in Telangana Congress

S SANDEEP KUMAR  
 Hyderabad

Defections masterminded by Chief Minister and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president A Revanth Reddy, along with what several leaders see as his autocratic way of functioning, has thrown the Congress into turmoil in the State. Over the last few days, defections engineered by Revanth Reddy of senior BRS leaders into the party stoked the fire that was already raging over other issues, including candidates for nominated posts and the Cabinet expansion, which have been dragging on. On Monday, even as Revanth Reddy flew to New Delhi to participate



**MLC T JEEVAN REDDY QUESTIONS CM OVER DEFECTION OF JAGTIAL BRS MLA, CONSIDERING QUITTING PARTY**

in the oath-taking ceremony of Congress MPs from Telangana and to meet the AICC leadership, things flared up back home, where the latest defection — Jagtial MLA Dr Sanjay Kumar of

the BRS into the Congress — saw multiple leaders coming out against the move. Congress MLC T Jeevan Reddy, who was twice defeated by Sanjay Kumar in Assembly polls, was at the forefront, holding meetings with his supporters and reportedly contemplating quitting the party, complaining that he was not consulted about the move. Congress Kisan Cell State coordinator Vakati Satyam Reddy resigned from his post on Monday, registering his protest against Sanjay's entry. Jeevan Reddy had already spoken out against defections being encouraged after Revanth Reddy visited Banswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas and got him to join Congress. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)

## Medicos stir hits healthcare services

CITY BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

Normal healthcare services at government hospitals were severely affected on Monday with the launch of indefinite strike call given by the Telangana Junior Doctors Association (TJUDA) in the State. On Monday afternoon, Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha invited the protesting medicos and held widespread discussions on several outstanding issues. However, the talks failed to yield any positive outcome. Maintaining that the



Junior doctors staging a protest against the State government at Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad on Monday. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

majority of their demands were not addressed at all during their talks with the Health Minister, the members of TJUDA decided to continue with their indefinite boycott of medical services, including outpa-

tient facilities, elective surgeries and inpatient ward duties. Later on Monday evening, the junior doctors, represented by the TJUDA, were once again invited for another round of talks with senior health officials, including Director of Medical Education (DME), Dr N Vani, which continued late into the night. Meanwhile, to tide over the crisis of shortage of staff, the managements of government hospitals cancelled the leaves of healthcare workers and directed senior doctors from the teaching side to take up hospital duties. (SEE PAGE 2)

## 2 IAS officers hold multiple posts

STATE BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

After the rejig of 20 District Collectors a few days ago, the State government on Monday transferred 44 senior IAS officers, besides a few Collectors in districts. Interestingly, with the issuance of GO MS 876 bringing the latest IAS reshuffle into effect, two officers hold multiple posts now. Shailaja

Ramaiyer has five posts after being posted as Principal Secretary (Endowments), apart from as Principal Secretary (Handlooms, Textiles & Handicrafts), which comes under the Industries & Commerce Department, the Minister of which is her husband D Sridhar Babu. Ramaiyer was also given FAC of posts of Director, Handlooms & Textiles,

Vice-Chairman & MD, TG Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited and Managing Director, Telangana Handloom Weavers Cooperative Society (TGCO). Alagu Varsini VS, who was TGCO MD, was transferred. Another officer, who now has multiple posts, was HMDA Joint Metropolitan Commissioner Amrapali Kata. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)