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In a nutshell

Australia doubles student visa fee
MELBOURNE: Australia has more than doubled the cost of student visa fee for international students from \$710 to \$1,600, a move which will impact lakhs of Indian students. The move triggered outrage from student representatives who say that the price hike will drive potential students to competitors, ABC News reported on Monday. From July 1, the international student visa fee has risen to \$1,600 from \$710. PTI

Another man killed in WB mob attack
KOLKATA: A man was beaten to death allegedly by a mob in West Bengal's Hooghly district on Monday, making it the fourth such incident in the State in less than a week. While the first such case came to light on June 28, two more fatal assaults were reported on June 29 and 30. The victim was identified as Biswajit Manna, a resident of Naita Malpaharpur in Tarakeswar area of Hooghly district, they said. PTI

Modi to address NDA meet today
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to address the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) parliamentary party meeting on Tuesday, in what will be his first speech to the MPs of the ruling bloc during the first session of Parliament since he assumed office for a third term. Sources said all members of the BJP and its allies have been notified about Tuesday's meeting and asked to attend it. PTI

Civils services prelims result out
NEW DELHI: The results of the civil services (preliminary) examination, 2024, conducted by the UPSC, was declared on Monday. The exam was held on June 16. Candidates were also informed that marks, cut off marks and answer keys of the exam will be uploaded on the UPSC's website only after the entire process of the civil services examination is over i.e. after declaration of final result. PTI

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 112
Retail live.....	Rs. 134
With skin.....	Rs. 194
Skinless.....	Rs. 221
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70



Junaid on superstar dad Aamir
 Says they don't have deep talks about films on dinner table

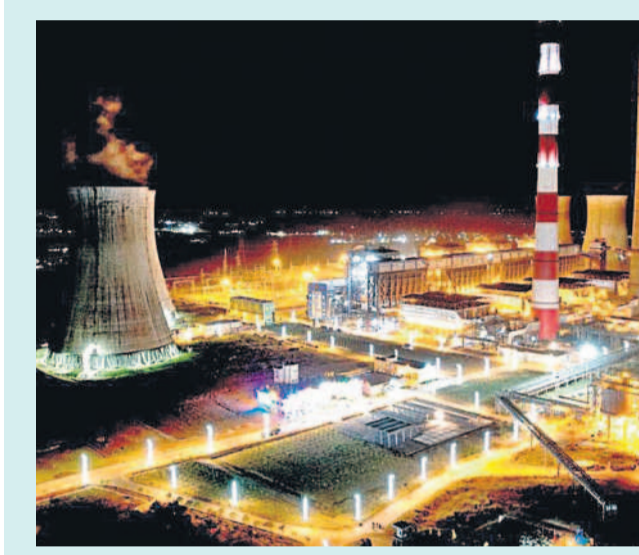
Telangana stares at power shortage

Lightning strikes Bhadradri plant, boiler tube leaks at KTPS

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 HYDERABAD

The unexpected shutdown of the Bhadradri Thermal Power Station (BTPS) due to a lightning strike and a boiler tube leak in Kothagudem Thermal Power Station (KTPS) in Paloncha of Kothagudem district is likely to result in a shortage of power in the State. Due to the shutdown of the two plants, the generation of about 1,320 megawatts of power has stopped.

According to Energy Department officials, there was a huge shortfall in the supply to the State grid due to the disruption in production in these two plants in Kothagudem district. In KTPS, an 800 MW unit was not functioning due to a boiler tube leak, and another 250 MW unit was under annual maintenance. Similarly, at the BTPS plant, a 270 MW unit was damaged due to a lightning strike. The generation of 1,320 MW of power has come to a standstill, affect-



BILL PAYMENTS VIA UPI APPS TAKE A HIT
HYDERABAD: Electricity consumers in the State will not be able to pay their bills through third party apps such as PhonePe, Google Pay, Paytm, Amazon Pay and others from Monday as banks have stopped accepting electricity bills of the Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) through such apps. (REPORT PAGE 5)

ing the daily power supply in the State. According to officials, over 4,000 MW of power was supplied per day to the Genco grid in the State through thermal power plants. Since power generation in these two power plant units had stopped due to technical

reasons and lightning, Genco has to look for alternative sources to meet the power demand of the State. According to TGGenco Director (Thermal) Lakshmaiah, the BTPS plant's unit was expected to take two months to be restored. The unit suffered a loss of around

Rs 25 crore due to lightning. The generator transformer, which was hit by lightning, will be repaired in collaboration with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited. There was 80 litres of oil inside the transformer when lightning hit the transformer, officials said. (SEE PAGE 2)

Budget session: CM meets Guv

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Even as the buzz over a possible Cabinet expansion continued, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy met Governor CP Radhakrishnan here on Monday. However, officials said the visit was to discuss the forthcoming Budget session, among other issues.

It is learnt that the Chief Minister also discussed the new Bills that were likely to be introduced during the Budget session. This apart, the appointment of MLCs in the Governor's quota was also discussed, sources said, not divulging whether the Cabinet expansion was discussed. Revanth visited Delhi last week and is learned to have discussed Cabinet expansion with AICC leadership. (SEE PAGE 2)

Tension at Gandhi Hospital, Palla arrested

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Tension prevailed at Gandhi Hospital on Monday as job aspirants, members of various student organisations, and BRS leaders, including Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, tried to meet Motilal Naik, the job aspirant who has been on hunger strike for the last eight days demanding the Congress government to fulfil its election assurances, including enhancement of Group-II and III vacancies, and 1:100 selection for Group-I Mains.

The Jangaon BRS MLA, Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, was addressing the media near Gandhi Hospital when Hyderabad Police used force to take him along with Rakesh Reddy into custody. (SEE PAGE 2)



Jangaon BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy being taken into custody near Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad on Monday. Later, the BRS MLA and other leaders were let off.

KTR condemns police excesses on unemployed youth

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Condemning the police lathi-charge on unemployed youth and BRS leaders at Gandhi Hospital, BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised the State government's handling of the situation.

Calling the lathi-charge a police excess on unemployed youth who had reached the hospital to support Motilal Naik, Rama Rao said this was an abuse of power. Questioning why unemployed youth did not have the right to protest and visit individuals advocating for their rights, the BRS

working president pointed out the undemocratic nature of the police action.

He also expressed displeasure over the arrest of several BRS party leaders, including MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, party student wing leader Gellu Srinivas Yadav, senior party leader Rakesh Reddy and others. The leaders were arrested when they went to meet Naik. Rama Rao said the State government's actions were a clear indication of its undemocratic attitude, aiming to suppress the legitimate demands and peaceful protests of unemployed youth demanding jobs. (SEE PAGE 2)

Aap Hindu ho hi nahi, Rahul to BJP MPs; party hits back

NEW DELHI

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi launched a no-holds-barred attack on the BJP in the Lok Sabha on Monday, saying the leaders of the ruling party are not Hindus as they engage in "violence and hate" round the clock, drawing massive protests from the treasury benches, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi accusing the Congress leader of calling the entire Hindu community violent.

Gandhi, however, hit back at Modi, saying he was speaking about the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and neither the ruling party nor the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) nor Modi represents the entire Hindu society.

Besides Modi, who intervened twice, at least five Cabinet Ministers also interjected during Gandhi's speech that lasted for about an hour and 40 minutes, with Home Minister Amit Shah demanding his apology for painting the Hindu community as violent. "It is



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 — RAHUL GANDHI, LEADER OF OPPOSITION

By saying that Hindus commit violence, lie and spread hatred, Rahul Gandhi has insulted crores of Hindus and he should apologise for making the comment
 — AMIT SHAH, UNION HOME MINISTER



not just one religion that talks about courage. In fact, all our religions talk about courage," Gandhi said in his debut speech as the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha that was watched by his mother Sonia Gandhi and sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra from the visitors' gallery.

As the treasury-bench members stood up in protest, Gandhi slammed the BJP, saying, "Aap Hindu ho hi nahi (You are not Hin-

dus). It is clearly written in Hinduism that one should stand with the truth and not back down from the truth or be scared of it," he said. Intervening during his speech, Modi said, "This issue is very serious. Calling the entire Hindu community violent is a serious issue." Gandhi said he is talking about the BJP and the ruling party is not the sole representative of Hinduism. "Ye theka nahi hai BJP ka," he said. PTI

First BNS case at Charminar

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The first FIR under the new criminal law Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, (BNS), which replaces the Indian Penal Code (IPC), was registered against two bikers for driving without number plates by the Charminar police. The case was registered under 281 BNS and the Motor Vehicle Act, and the vehicles were also seized. Notices were served. (REPORT PAGE 3)

'Justice with new laws in 3 yrs'

NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said that justice would be delivered up to the level of the Supreme Court in all cases within three years of the registration of an FIR under the new criminal laws.

Addressing a press conference after the new criminal laws were implemented, Shah expressed hope for a reduction of crime in future as 90 per cent of convictions were expected under the new laws.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) came into effect on Monday. The new laws replaced the British-era IPC, CrPC and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively. "Justice can be received up to the level of the Supreme Court within three years of the registration of the FIR," he said. The Home Minister said that with the implementation of the three criminal laws, India would have the most

modern criminal justice system in the world.

"The new laws brought in a modern justice system, incorporating provisions such as Zero FIR, online registration of police complaints, summonses through electronic modes such as SMS and mandatory videography of crime scenes for all heinous crimes," he said. Shah said the first case under the new laws was about a motorcycle theft registered in Gwalior at 10 minutes past midnight. (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 7)

Despite differences, India is one: Bhagwat

GHAZIPIUR

Despite its differences, India has functioned as one nation for thousands of years and this unity was apparent whenever it faced attacks from Pakistan or China, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said at the launch of a book on war hero Abdul Hamid.

The event was held at Ghazipur's Dhamapur village, where Hamid was born. The soldier was

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— MOHAN BHAGWAT, RSS CHIEF

posthumously bestowed with the Param Vir Chakra for his bravery during the India-Pakistan war in 1965.

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh leader said what-

ever might appear from the outside, "love and devotion for the country is prevalent everywhere". "Despite all the differences, India has been functioning as one

country for thousands of years, and we are one country and one society," he said.

Speaking after the book launch, he said this unity in diversity was visible during the times of attack by China and Pakistan's aggression. "Love and devotion towards the motherland is prevalent everywhere in the country," he said, as he hailed personalities like Hamid. Abdul Hamid's son Jainul Hassan was also present. PTI