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Says US & allies intend to provide Ukraine with more tactical air-defence systems



India take 2-1 lead over Zimbabwe in T20 series

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Pensioners to launch protest

HYDERABAD: The Telangana Government Pensioners Joint Action Committee has decided to take up a phase-wise protest programme, demanding that the State government focus on their unsolved issues. The pensioners will stage a demonstration wearing black badges before the offices of the **District Collectorates on** July 15. They will also hold a silent sit-in protest at Dharna Chowk. **STATE PAGE 5**

Kathua ambush: 24 detained

JAMMU: At least 24 people have been detained for questioning as the hunt for the terrorists behind the ambush in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, in which five army personnel were killed, entered its third day on Wednesday. The search operation by the Army and police is under way amid intermittent heavy rain in dense forests. It was launched from three different areas, officials

SC stays order on Adani land

NEW DELHI: The

Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed a Gujarat High Court order asking the State government to complete the process of taking back nearly 108 hectares of grazing land given to an Adani Group entity near the Mundra port in 2005. The SC took note of the appeal of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd that the impugned order is reguired to be staved in the interest of justice. PTI

12-hr shutdown in Manipur

IMPHAL/CHU-**RACHANDPUR:** Normal life was affected in at least four districts of Manipur due to a 12-hour 'total shutdown' called by a major Kuki organisation of the northeastern state to protest against the arrest of five people belonging to the community. Markets, educational institutions and banks were closed in Churachandpur, Kangpokpi, Pherzawl and Tengnoupal districts. PTI

CHICKEN RATES

Farm	Rs. 105
Retail live	Rs. 127
With skin	Rs. 184
Skinless	Rs. 210
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 70

'Practise

'Practise self-care every day'

Deepika Padukone finds spending time in nature therapeutic

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Muslim women have right to alimony, says SC

Sec 125 of CrPC applies to all married women

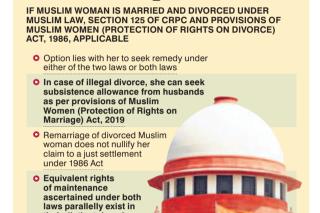
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In a judgement of far-reaching implications, the Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled that a Muslim woman can seek maintenance from her husband under Section 125 of the CrPC and said the "religion-neutral" provision is applicable to all married women irrespective of religion.

A Bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and Augustine George Masih, in a separate but concurring verdict, said, "(a) Section 125 of the CrPC applies to all married women, including Muslim married women. (b) Section 125 of the CrPC applies to all non-Muslim divorced women."

It said insofar as divorced

Muslim women are concerned, Section 125 of the CrPC, which deals with maintenance of wife, children and parents, applies to all such Muslim women, married and divorced, under the Special Marriage Act. "If Muslim women are married and divorced under Muslim law, Section 125 of the CrPC as well as the provisions of the 1986 Act (the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act) are applicable. Option lies with the Muslim divorced women to seek remedy



What the top court said

under either of the two laws or both laws. This is because the 1986 Act is not in derogation of Section 125 of the CrPC but in addition to the said provision," it said.

their distinct domains

and jurisprudence

parity and enabler of equality, not charity

 Maintenance is a facet of gender

It dismissed an appeal of Mohd Abdul Samad, who challenged an order of the Telangana High Court affirming the family court order to pay his estranged wife maintenance. The SC, in its 99-page verdict, said in

case of an illegal divorce as per the provisions of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019, the woman can seek subsistence allowance from her husband. "Relief under Section 5 of the Act can be availed for seeking subsistence allowance or, at the option of such a Muslim woman, remedy under Section 125 of CrPC can also be availed," it said.

HEATWAVE SPARKS FIRE



A wildfire rages on at Lake Fire in Los Olivos, California. Over 1,000 firefighters have been battling the blaze, which could be contained only to 16 per cent, say officials. — Photo: AFP

'Govt mortgaging prime land'

KTR says it's doing this for funds, unable to manage finances

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Revanth Reddy government came under fire from the opposition BRS for resorting to risky measures by mortgaging prime land to raise funds for fulfilling its electoral promises. The party leadership further expressed concerns about the appointment of a merchant banker as an intermediary, reportedly receiving a commission of Rs 100 crore.

According to media reports, the Telangana government plans to mortgage 400 acres of government land, worth Rs 20,000 crore,

Complete eco-park, Revanth urged

HYDERABAD: Former MAUD Minister KT Rama Rao has called upon Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to complete the eco-park project on the Himayat Sagar Lakefront at Kothwalguda, near Hyderabad. He said the ambitious project, initiated under the BRS administration, has come to a halt since the party left office last year. Spanning across 125 acres, the eco-park is being developed on two land parcels separated by the Outer Ring Road (ORR). (FULL REPORT PAGE 3)

to private finance companies to secure a loan of Rs 10,000 crore. This land, belonging to the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC), was primarily located in the economically significant areas of Kokapet and Raidurg.

BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised the State government for its inability to manage the State's thoughtless actions will cripple the progress of Telangana. There will be no new investments, industries or jobs, jeopardising the future of our children," he posted on X.

Rama Rao pointed out

finances efficiently. "Such

Rama Rao pointed out that most of the IT industries were coming up in areas such as Kokapet and Raidurg. Mortgaging 400 acres in such a prime locality to private companies was an ill-advised move, he said, adding that the industrial sector in Telangana was stagnant for the last seven months, with no new investments. (SEE PAGE 2)

Jitender new DGP of Telangana

CITY BUREAU

Hyderabad

The State government on Wednesday appointed Dr Jitender, a 1992 batch officer, as the Director General of Police (DGP) Telangana and transferred another 15 senior police officers.

Dr Jitender assumed the charge from Ravi Gupta, who is now posted as Special Chief Secretary to the Government Home Department

Interacting with media persons, the new DGP said the police will maintain law and order, and prevent



CM Revanth Reddy on Wednesday.

crime. "Narcotics is a priority area for the government. Also, modern crimes such as cybercrime will be given priority," he said.

Dr Jitender

previously worked as Superintendent of Police of Maar and Guntur dis-

habubnagar and Guntur districts, DIG Vizag and Warangal Range. He worked as Additional CP (Traffic) Hyderabad City Police and Additional DGP (law and order) Telangana. He served as Principal Secretary to thr Home Department before being posted as DGP Telangana. (SEE PAGE 2)

rime Minister N

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said he held "fruitful discussions" with Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer during which they discussed in detail the ongoing disputes in the world, including the Ukraine conflict and the situation in West Asia, reaffirming that "this is not the time for war".

Modi, who arrived here from Moscow after meeting Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday night on a two-day visit — the first by an Indian Prime Minister in over 40 years — also said India and Austria identified new possibilities to further strengthen bilateral cooperation and prepared a blueprint for cooperation for the coming decade



This is not time for war: PM in Austria

PM Narendra Modi being welcomed with military honours by Austria's Chancellor Karl Nehammer in Vienna. — Photo: PTI

"Chancellor Nehammer and I have discussed in detail the ongoing conflicts around the world, whether it is the conflict in Ukraine or the situation in West Asia. I have said before that this is not a time for war. Problems

cannot be solved on the battlefield. The loss of innocent lives, anywhere, is unacceptable," Modi said in a joint press statement along with Nehammer after their talks. He said India and Austria emphasise dialogue and

diplomacy for the earliest possible restoration of peace and stability. "We are both ready to provide every possible cooperation to achieve this," he said, recalling that the historic Vienna Congress was hosted in the hall where they are standing and that the conference provided direction for peace and stability in Europe.

Nehammer said India is an influential and creditworthy country whose role is more than important when it comes to the Russia-Ukraine peace process. "We had very intensive talks about the Russian aggression against Ukraine. As the Federal Chancellor of Austria, it is important to get to know India's assessment and familiarise India with European concerns," said Nehammer. PTI (REPORT PAGE 7)

Sporadic violence in WB, U'khand bypolls

NEW DELHI

Moderate to brisk polling was recorded in 13 Assembly constituencies across seven States where bypolls were held on Wednesday amid sporadic incidents of violence in Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

Voting time was from 7 am to 6 pm. The electoral exercise, the first since the Lok Sabha polls, will decide the fate of many veterans and some debutantes, including Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur. The bypolls are being held against vacancies created due to deaths or resignation of incumbent members. PTI

DSC stir: Student leaders, scribe roughed up by cops

CITY BUREAU Hyderabad

The police crackdown on protesters seeking deferment of the District Selection Committee (DSC), a recruitment exam for teacher vacancies, continued at the Osmania University (OU)

on Wednesday.

The BRSV leaders, who tried to burn an effigy near the Arts College, were apprehended by the police. In a video of the student leaders' detention, which went viral, several police personnel were seen punching a student leader as he fell to the ground. In an extremely highhanded manner, the po-

BRS condemns action

HYDERABAD: The BRS on Wednesday condemned the police high-handedness against journalists who were covering the student protests at OU. The party demanded the immediate release of the vernacular new channel journalist and cameraman who were detained. BRS working president KT Rama Rao expressed outrage over the incident, stating that freedom of the press is essential in a democracy. He said the illegal detention of journalists and the police treatment towards them were highly deplorable.

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lice also detained a vernacular TV journalist, who was covering a protest. Sricharan Sharma was covering the protest for his news channel when he was roughed up and detained by

the police. "As police personnel were detaining the protesters at the Art College, they requested a video byte at the Main Library," Sharma told *Telangana Today*. (SEE PAGE 2)

Another bridge falls in Bihar; 13th in three weeks

SAHARSA

Bihar witnessed another bridge collapse on Wednesday, making it the 13th such incident in the State in a span of three weeks, an official said.

The bridge collapsed at Mahishi village in Saharsa district earlier in the day, he said. "It might be a small bridge or causeway. District officials have left for the spot. We are trying to gather more information," Additional Collector (Saharsa) Jyoti Kumar said. There were no reports of any injury or fatality. The Bihar government suspended 15 engineers in wake of the collapses. PTI

Man drives car into lake with 3 children

In a shocking incident at Abdullapurmet, a man attempted to kill his three children and end his life by driving his car into a lake early on Wednesday.

CITY BUREAU

Ashok, a resident of BN Reddy Nagar in Vanasthalipuram, took his two daughters and a son in the car to Abdullapurmet in the morning. After driving around for a while, he headed towards the Inamguda lake around 8 am. While he was moving suspiciously in the area, some local people questioned him about his presence in the

All of a sudden, Ashok slammed the accelerator and drove into the lake. The car went a few metres and stopped after partly getting submerged. On noticing

this, a passerby raised an

On hearing cries for help, a group of persons, who were nearby, rushed to the spot. They jumped into the water and swam towards the car, while a few others dashed to their houses and brought hig ropes

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"With the help of the ropes, the local people pulled out Ashok and the children. All of them were shifted to safety," Abdullapurmet Inspector Anji Reddy said.

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18 killed as bus hits milk tanker in UP

UNNAO

Eighteen people were killed and 19 injured when a double-decker sleeper bus, headed for Delhi, hit a milk tanker on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway here on Wednesday.

on Wednesday.

The accident occurred around 5 am near Jojikot in Behta Mujhawar police station area. District Magistrate Gaurang Rathi said it appears that the bus, which was coming from Motihari in Bihar, was speeding and hit the milk tanker from behind. Additional DGP, Lucknow, SB Shiradkar said 14 men, three women and a child were killed. PTI

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