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**In a nutshell**

**Three drown in Siddipet quarry pit**

**HYDERABAD:** Three persons, including a 12-year-old girl, drowned in a pit at a quarry in Suryapet district on Wednesday, police said. The incident occurred at Bopparam in Atmakur (S) mandal when the girl accidentally fell into the pit and her father and his friend tried to save her. The deceased were Sripal Reddy (40), Shrivally Raju (45) and his daughter Shrivally Usha (12), all residents of Hyderabad. **IANS**

**2 killed in SCCL mine mishap**

**PEDDAPALLI:** Two workers of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited were killed and two others injured in a mine accident that took place in the Opencast-2 mine of Ramagundam-III on Wednesday. The incident occurred when a sidewall collapsed while workers were repairing a motor at a high-level sump in the second shift. Fitter Uppala Venkateshwarlu and Gadam Vidhyasagar died on the spot. **STATE PAGE 4**

**12 naxals killed in encounter**

**GADCHIROLI:** At least 12 naxalites were killed and two security personnel injured in an encounter with police and commandos in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra near the Chhattisgarh border on Wednesday, officials said. The heavy exchange of fire broke out in the afternoon between C60 commandos and naxals in Wandoli village and continued for six hours, Gadchiroli Superintendent of Police Nilotpal said. **PTI**

**1 killed in accident at AP pharma firm**

**AMARAVATI:** One person died in an accident at a pharmaceutical company at Gurjapalem in Anakapalli district on Wednesday. Pradeep Raut (43), a sweeper-cum-helper from Odisha, died in the accident at Vasantha Chemicals Pvt Ltd when the incident occurred at 8.15 am, an official said. According to the Collector, the accident occurred when reactor maintenance work was under way. **PTI**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

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



**Pankaj balances life better now**

Says he's a simple, middle-class person and enjoys life like that

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## K'taka puts on hold job reservation Bill

Move comes following backlash from biz honchos, tech tycoons

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 BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Wednesday put on hold a Bill, which mandated reservation for Kannadigas in the private sector. The Congress government in Karnataka went on the defensive after an aggressive push for a '100 per cent reservation' for Kannadigas in the private sector following a severe backlash from business honchos and tech tycoons. "The Bill approved by the Cabinet to provide reservation for Kannadigas in private sector organisations, industries and enterprises has been temporarily put on hold. This will be revisited and decided in the coming days," a statement issued by the Office of the Chief Minister said on Wednesday.

The Ministers, who approved the Karnataka State Employment of Local Candidates in the Industries, Factories and Other Establishments Bill, 2024, in the Cabinet meeting on Monday, assured industries not to have any fear or apprehensions as they would have more discussions on it.

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday

### What the Bill states

STATE CABINET ON MONDAY CLEARED KARNATAKA STATE EMPLOYMENT OF LOCAL CANDIDATES IN THE INDUSTRIES, FACTORIES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS BILL, 2024

- Bill makes it compulsory for private firms to reserve jobs for Kannadigas
- Any industry, factory or other establishments shall appoint 50% of local candidates in management categories, 70% in non-management categories
- If candidates do not possess secondary school certificates with Kannada as a language, they should pass a Kannada proficiency test as specified by the nodal agency
- Nodal agency will have powers to call for any records, information, documents in possession of an employer or occupier or manager of an establishment for the purpose of verifying the report
- Govt may appoint an officer not below the rank of Assistant Labour Commissioner as the authorised officer for the purposes of compliance of the provisions of the Act

deleted his post on X about '100 per cent reservation for Kannadigas'. He posted another message on the social media platform that the Cabinet approved the Bill to fix 50 per cent reservation for administrative posts and 75 per cent for non-administrative posts for Kannadigas in private industries and other organisations. On Tuesday, he said, "The Cabinet meeting held yesterday (Monday) approved a Bill to make recruitment of 100 per cent

Kannadigas mandatory for 'C and D' grade posts in all private industries in the State." State Infrastructure Development and Medium and Heavy Industries Minister MB Patil said the government will have wider consultations to protect the interests of Kannadigas as well as the industries. "Keeping the interests of Kannadigas paramount, I will discuss this issue with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, IT-BT Minister, Law Minister and Labour Minister.

### Industry lashes out

The industry criticised the Bill, saying it was regressive, shortsighted. "This Bill should be junked... This is a fascist Bill as in Animal Farm..." TV Mohandas Pai, former CFO of Infosys, said on X. Biocon MD Kiran Mazumdar Shaw said, "There must be caveats that exempt highly skilled recruitment." NASSCOM said it could force companies to relocate. **PTI**

We will have wider consultations. We will ensure that the interests of Kannadigas are protected, alongside those of the industries," he said on X. He said Karnataka is a progressive State, and the government cannot afford to lose in this once-in-a-century race of industrialisation. "We will make sure that everyone's interests are safeguarded. The Industries are assured that they need not have any fear or apprehensions and can rest assured," he said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## 18-month-old dies in street dog attack

Incident in Jawahar Nagar shocks residents

CITY BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

In a shocking incident, an 18-month-old boy was killed when a pack of street dogs attacked him at Jawahar Nagar in the city's suburbs on Tuesday evening.

The toddler, Vihas, was playing outside the house at Adarshnagar in Jawahar Nagar when a pack of street dogs pounced on him and dragged him for some distance, inflicting severe injuries.

One of the residents, who saw this, rushed to the spot and chased away the dogs. On being informed, the boy's parents, Bharat and Laxmi, rushed him to a private hospital and, on doctors' advice, shifted him to Gandhi Hospital where Vihas died late at night.

The family of Vihas, who is from Siddipet, came to the city to earn a living and was staying at the house of a relative in Adarshnagar. "It all happened in just five to 10 minutes. We fail to understand how this has happened. Our fate has become like giving away the children to dogs," said the child's mother.

The family had planned to go to their village for a festival (Ekadashi). "But we are taking him like this," she said. The local people complained that the street dog

## Feral dogs go on biting spree, 19 injured

KARIMNAGAR:

Nineteen people were injured in attacks by street dogs in Bornapally of Huzurabad mandal on Wednesday. The dogs are said to have gone on a biting spree. The injured persons approached doctors in the Huzurabad Government Area Hospital where they were given anti-rabies injections. Scared of dog bites, two patients went to a private



Two of the victims being treated at the Huzurabad Government Hospital.

nursing home after taking injections. Hospital Superintendent Dr Rajender Reddy said all patients were given injections and they were out of danger.

### A helpline or call centre soon

**HYDERABAD:** In the wake of the tragic death of a two-year-old boy, who was attacked and killed by street dogs at Jawahar Nagar in Hyderabad, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directed officials to take immediate measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents. He asked them to establish a call centre or toll-free number to allow citizens to report street dog issues and ensure swift action. The Chief Minister instructed the authorities to implement comprehensive measures to address the street dog menace. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

menace had increased in Jawahar Nagar and many children were being attacked. They said several complaints were lodged with the municipal authorities but no action was being initiated.

## All's not well in UP BJP

NEW DELHI

Uttar Pradesh BJP president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, sources said and is believed to have briefed him on a host of issues related to the party's organisational matters in the politically crucial State.

Chaudhary and the State's Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya had met BJP national president JP Nadda separately on Tuesday amid signs of dissonant voices emerging from within the party in the State where it suffered shock losses in the Lok Sabha polls at the hands of the SP-Congress alliance.

Maurya's differences with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath are widely acknowledged even within the party, and his comment at a State party meeting that "or-

### Yogi meets Governor

**LUCKNOW:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday met Governor Anandiben Patel at Raj Bhavan here. He reached Raj Bhavan in the evening for a courtesy meeting, officials said. Sources said the CM discussed the monsoon session. **PTI**

### 'No need for Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'

**KOLKATA:** Senior BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari attributed the party's poor performance in LS polls in WB to lack of support from the minority community, asserting that 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' was unnecessary and proposed 'Hum unke saath jo humare saath'. **(REPORT PAGE 7)**

ganisation is always bigger than government and no one can be bigger than the organisation" was seen by many political watchers as a message to the monk-politician. He had made the remarks in the presence of Adityanath and Nadda, while the Chief Minister blamed "over-confidence" for the electoral reverses in

the State and suggested that the party could not effectively counter the I.N.D.I.A bloc's campaign. With the party's top brass speaking to Maurya and Chaudhary, considered a sober and objective voice, they seem to be taking steps to put their house in order against a resurgent opposition in the State. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## UNWAVERING FAITH



Devotees take part in the Muharram procession at Charminar in Hyderabad on Wednesday. — Photo: Anand Dharmana **(REPORT PAGE 3)**

## Political vendetta has limits: KTR

STATE BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

Citing the Supreme Court's directions to a petition filed by BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, party working president KT Rama Rao said political vendetta and victimisation had limits.

He exuded confidence that just like the judicial court, the people's court and the court of the Almighty would deliver similar judgements. Talking to X, he said, "Satyameva Jayate". He said the SC's decision reaffirms that victimisation cannot continue for long. He said the court made landmark remarks on the misuse of power in the case. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Going the distance: Mulugu health officer & team trek 20 km to help tribals

STATE BUREAU  
 Mulugu

It is not every day that government officials go out of their way to help tribals, who are in many places deprived of access to health-care.

However, on Tuesday, Mulugu District Medical and Health Officer Dr Allem Appaiah and his team set an example for other officials when they undertook a 20-km trek through the deep forest, climbing hills and crossing the jungle and rivers to reach a remote tribal hamlet.

Dr Appaiah, speaking to *Telangana Today*, said the risk was taken to provide medical assistance to the tribals of Penugolu village situated in Vajedu mandal of



Mulugu District Medical and Health Officer Dr Allem Appaiah and his team crossing a river to reach the tribal hamlet of Penugolu in Mulugu district.

the district on Tuesday. He and his team started trekking from Gummadi-doddi village, crossed three streams, climbed three hills

and walked 16 km on foot to reach Penugolu village. It took them over five hours to reach the tribal village. According to Dr Appaiah,

the local health officials visit the tribal village every month to provide medical assistance to the tribals of Penugolu. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## 8 Indians rescued from Oman vessel

NEW DELHI

Eight out of 13 Indians onboard a Comoros-flagged cargo vessel, which capsized off the Oman coast three days ago, have been rescued, official sources said on Wednesday.

The vessel, MT Falcon Prestige had capsized on July 14. Thirteen Indian seafarers were onboard the ship. Nine crew members — eight Indians and one Sri Lankan — have been rescued, the sources said.

The search and rescue operations to find the remaining crew members will continue in the area, they said. The Indian embassy in Oman has been in contact with the authorities concerned in the Gulf nation, the sources said. The vessel

**MT Falcon Prestige had crew of 16, of which 13 were Indians, sources said; merchant vessel capsized on July 14**

transmitted a distress call around 2200 hours on July 14 off the coast of Oman, one of the sources said. "Our embassy is in touch with Omani authorities. A rescue operation for the seafarers, coordinated by the Omani Maritime Security Center, is on. The Indian Navy has also joined the search and rescue operations," a source said. **PTI**

**(INDIAN KILLED IN OMAN MOSQUE SHOOTING PAGE 9)**