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BRAOU, Telugu University admissions in limbo



Says don't doubt our determination to



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<mark>In a</mark> nutshell

Kanwar Yatra: SC to hear plea **NEW DELHI:** The

Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday a plea against the Uttar Pradesh government's order that eateries along the Kanwar Yatra route must display the names of their owners. A Bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti is likely to hear the plea filed by NGO Association of Protection of Civil Rights. The order has been slammed by opposition parties. PTI

Parliament Budget session from today

NEW DELHI: Opposition parties drew the battle lines on the eve of Budget session as they asked the government at an all-party meeting to allow discussion on contentious issues such as the UP order to eateries on the Kanwar Yatra route and exam paper leaks. The Centre conveyed its willingness to discuss all issues but Minister Kiren Rijiju stressed that it should be in accordance with the rules. NATION PAGE 7

Revanth in Delhi on two-day visit

NEW DELHI: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy arrived in New Delhi on Sunday for a two-day visit to invite top Congress leaders for a public meeting in Warangal focused on farm debt waiver programmes. Sources said he is slated to meet Mallikarjun Kharge and seek time from Rahul Gandhi for the public meeting. He wants to inform the leadership that it would be fitting for the party to hold a public meeting. PTI

Oli wins vote of confidence

KATHMANDU: Nepal

Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli won a crucial floor test in Parliament on Sunday with more than two-thirds of lawmakers voting in his favour, nearly a week after he was sworn in to lead a coalition government in the politically unstable Himalayan nation. Oli secured 188 votes in favour of the Vote of Confidence motion tabled by him while 74 votes were cast against him. 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

Saiee all for girl-nextdoor roles

Says she will break out and do something else



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Netanyahu's stern warning to Israel's 'enemies'

defend our country on every front



Kaleshwaram to

farmers' rescue

Water to be pumped from Yellampalli project

D CHANDRA BHASKAR RAO

HYDERABAD

Farmers in Telangana, who

had to fight for water for

their Yasangi crop, might be in for a better irrigation deal

during Vanakalam with the Kaleshwaram project set to

Moves are afoot to pump

water from the Sripada Yel-

lampalli project to cater to irrigation needs under mul-tiple projects, including the Mid-Manair reservoir,

which have been integrated

with the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIS).

heavy rains in its catchment.

the Yellampalli project has

been adding up to its cur-

rent storage by over 3 TMC

of water a day with the in-

flows rising to over 38,000

cusecs. Its present storage is over 7 TMC as against the

gross storage of 20.17 TMC. The project uses multiple

pumping stations equipped

lifting of water from Medi-

gadda or any of the two

other barrages, Annaram

and Sundilla, of the Kalesh-

waram Lift Irrigation Proj-

ect in the upstream points is

still under the review of the

National Dam Safety Au-

thority (NDSA), irrigation

officials have set the stage

for the operation of the

pump houses at the Yellam-

palli project and this may

As the inflows into the

project are expected to rise

further, the need for lifting

water from any of the three

barrages of the Kalesh-

commence very soon.

Since the scope for the

with powerful motors.

With the impact of the

come to their rescue.

Neeraj Chopra intensifies training for Paris Olympics

STEEPED IN TRADITION



A goddess' idol being carried during the Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu celebrations at Secunderabad. — Photo: Anand Dharmana (REPORT PAGE 2)

KTR flags tripling of Musi project cost

The govt must explain reasons

for prioritising this project over

other irrigation projects...

STATE BUREAU Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Sunday raised concerns over the indiscriminate escalation of Budget estimates for the proposed Musi river beautification project.

He questioned the Telangana government prioritising the river beautification project over other irrigation projects, including the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme which could be completed with less budget and effort, benefiting a larger population. The government initially

estimated the Musi River

- KT RAMA RAO, BRS WORKING PRESIDENT Beautification project cost to be Rs 50,000 crore, which was later revised to Rs 70,000 crore. Recently, the estimates were revised to a

even before the draft plans were prepared. Rama Rao said during the BRS regime, cent per cent sewerage treatment project was completed at a cost of Rs 3,866 crore, while the re-

staggering Rs 1.5 lakh crore,

juvenation, beautification and development of the Musi was planned at an estimated Rs 16,634 crore. This included an expressway from ORR West (Manchirevula) to ORR East (Pratapa Singaram). He questioned the significant increase in project costs, raising doubts about the Congress government's intentions. He said

the Congress had criticised

the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, which was completed at Rs 80,000 crore to serve multiple needs of drinking, irrigation and industrial water supply. But he wondered what prompted the Congress government to propose a Rs 1.5 lakh-crore expenditure for the Musi beautification.

"The government must explain the reasons for prioritising this project over other irrigation projects and also the benefits from the project to farmers, storage capacity, land extent irrigated, industrial needs addressed and construction of new large reservoirs to store water," he said. (SEE PAGE 2)

Inflows into Godavari basin projects (IN CUSECS)



'CONG DELAYED MEDIGADDA WORK'

HYDERABAD: Giving a strong counter to Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, senior BRS leader T Harish Rao criticised the State government over the mishandling of the Kaleshwaram project. He held the Congress government and the NDSA responsible for delaying the repair works at the Medigadda barrage with political motives. He urged the government to put aside political criticism and focus on resuming the operation of the Kaleshwaram project. (REPORT PAGE 5)

waram project may not arise immediately, according to project officials. Water from the Mid-Manair reservoir can be discharged to other reservoirs such as Mallanna Sagar, Kondapochamma Sagar and Ranganayaka Sagar, enhancing the irrigation potential for the season.

The State government, which has drawn flak for draining water from the three barrages of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project ahead of the last Yasangi (Rabi) season instead of pumping it into the Yellampalli and the projects integrated with Mid Manair to meet the irrigation and

drinking water needs, is now keen on giving water for Vanakalam (Kharif) crops in the ayacut.

If needed, water can be lifted even from the Medigadda barrage with all its gates open without the need for impounding even today as the inflows are in the range of 4.5 lakh cusecs. All 85 gates of Medigadda barrage were kept fully open. "Water from the Godavari may be lifted from any other point under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, but not Medigadda at this moment," a senior irrigation official said.

Kerala boy infected with Nipah dies

The 14-year-old boy from Kerala's Malappuram, who was under treatment here for Nipah infection, died on Sunday, State Health Minister Veena George said. George said the boy from

Pandikkad suffered a massive cardiac arrest at 10.50 am on Sunday and efforts to revive him failed. "He was on a ventilator and was not conscious. The urine output had reduced by morning. Revival efforts failed and he passed away at 11.30 am," George said.

The Minister said the funeral will be held following

"Further matters on funeral will be decided only after the district Collector holds discussion with the parents and the family," George said. The Minister said currently there are three peounder isolation at Kozhikode medical college where the deceased boy was undergoing treatment.

protocols.

international

"At Manjeri Medical college, four high-risk category people are admitted out of which one person is in ICU," the Minister said. The Centre will deploy a

multi-member joint outbreak response team to support Kerala.

Biden drops out of race

WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden dropped out of the 2024 race for the White House on Sunday, ending his bid for reelection following a disastrous debate with Donald Trump.

Biden plans to serve out

the remainder of his term, which ends on January 20, 2025. "It has been the greatest honour of my life to serve as your President... it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term," he wrote in a letter posted

"B'deshis in distress welcome"

Mamata refers to UN resolution on refugees; BJP hits back

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday said in the wake of the escaviolence Bangladesh, she would keep the doors of her State open for people in distress from the neighbouring country and offer them shelter.

This evoked a sharp reaction from the BJP. Its IT cell head Amit Malviya lashed out at Banerjee and called her stand an "evil plan to settle illegal Bangladeshis". "Who gave Mamata Baneriee the authority to welcome anyone in India? Immigration and citizenship are exclusively in the Centre's domain. States have no locus standi. This is part of



a public gathering in Kolkata on Saturday. — Photo: AFP

I.N.D.I.A bloc's evil plan to settle illegal Bangladeshis from Bengal to Jharkhand, so that they can win elec-

tions," he alleged. Banerjee referred to the United Nations resolution on refugees as justification for her stand

over a possible humanitarian crisis that may emerge on account of the severe law and order breakdown that has gripped the neighbouring country over the past few days. "I should not be speaking on the affairs of Bangladesh as that is a sovereign nation and whatever needs to be said on the issue is the subject matter of the Centre. But I can tell you this, if helpless people come knocking on the doors of West Bengal, we will surely provide them shelter," she said at the 'Martyrs Day' rally of the TMC in Kolkata. 'There is a UN resolution to accommodate refugees in regions adjacent to those in turmoil," she said.

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Dog menace: Children file police case against lax officials

The street dog menace, especially on the outskirts of Hyderabad, is so intense that families are adopting desperate measures to draw the attention of municipal officials to the alarming situation in their localities.

On Sunday, a group of children from various colonies under the Kompally municipality visited the Petbasheerabad police station to lodge a complaint against the Kompally municipal officials for failing to control the menace in the area. Over a dozen children, accompanied by their parhighlighting the danger but relatives no action has been taken so

COMPLAINT AGAINST KOMPALLY MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER, CHAIRMAN SEEKING ACTION AGAINST THEM FOR FAILING TO **PREVENT DOG ATTACKS**



guardians, descended at the police station on Sunday afternoon. "The Municipal Commissioner of the Komareas," a child complained. pally Municipality is not listening to our problems. We are scared of the street dogs in our colonies. Our colony residents have made multiple representations to him

far. In the last few months, there have been multiple instances of dog bites in our

Another recalled that a dog bit her when she was on her way to tuition classes. "I have to visit the hospital and take injections. There are many dogs in the locality. I request CM uncle and police uncle to act," she says.

3 of family electrocuted

CITY BUREAU

Three members of a family are suspected to have been electrocuted in an apartment at Sanathnagar here on Sunday.

The incident occurred at Akruti Apartments in Czech Colony, Sanathnagar. The victims have been identified as P Venkatesh (54), Madhavi (50) and

Police suspect that one of the family members might have been electrocuted and the others, in a bid to rescue the victim,

Teen dies after horse kicks him

CITY BUREAU

In a strange turn of events, a teenager, Mohd Ibrahim (17), died after a horse kicked him in the stomach during the Muharram procession in the city.

The victim, a resident of Ghazimillat Colony, was pursuing Intermediate second year at a private college. On Thursday evening, Ibrahim accompanied his friends to the Alam procession at Engine Bowli in Falaknuma. The victim was walking when, in a stroke of

bad luck, the horse, which was part of the procession, kicked him in the stomach. The youngster fell and complained of stomach pain. He was shifted to a hospital where doctors advised his family to shift him to a speciality hospital.

However, the family decided to take Ibrahim home. Two days later, when he complained of stomach pain again, the family took him to OGH where doctors said his liver was damaged. He died on Sunday, Shahalibanda Sub Inspector Tayyab Khan said. A case was registered.

Bike stunt goes wrong, claims youth's life

CITY BUREAU

The craze to perform stunts and upload them on social media has claimed another life. A youngster in Hyderabad died while his friend sustained grievous injuries when their bike stunt went horribly wrong and crashed at Hayathnagar on Sunday.

Just minutes before the accident, the duo shared a video of the stunts with friends and sought their opinion on whether it could be uploaded as an Instagram Reel. (SEE PAGE 2)