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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

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 Says she will break out and do something else

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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

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

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 — 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 staggering Rs 1.5 lakh crore, 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-

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)

Kerala boy infected with Nipah dies

KOZHIKODE

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

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 on X. (REPORT PAGE 9)

"B'deshis in distress welcome"

Mamata refers to UN resolution on refugees; BJP hits back

KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday said in the wake of the escalating violence in 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 Banerjee 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



TMC chairperson and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee during 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 elections," 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. (SEE PAGES 2, 9)

Dog menace: Children file police case against lax officials

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

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 parents, relatives and



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 Kompally 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 highlighting the danger but no action has been taken so far. In the last few months, there have been multiple instances of dog bites in our areas," a child complained.

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
 Hyderabad

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

The incident occurred at Akruiti Apartments in Czech Colony, Sanathnagar. The victims have been identified as P Venkatesh (54), Madhavi (50) and Hari (30).

Police suspect that one of the family members might have been electrocuted and the others, in a bid to rescue the victim, also died. (SEE PAGE 2)

Teen dies after horse kicks him

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

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 Bowl 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
 Hyderabad

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)