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In a nutshell

Debt-ridden farmer ends life
KOTHAGUDEM: A 33-year-old farmer who attempted suicide a couple of days ago died while undergoing treatment in Khammam on Thursday. The deceased, M Ashok, consumed pesticide and was shifted to a hospital for treatment. He was said to have suffered losses in agriculture and had become debt-ridden. Upset over this, he got addicted to liquor and took the drastic step, his family members said.

Class 8 student dies in Jagtial

JAGTIAL: A Class 8 student of the Peddapur residential school, Rajaraju Ganaditya (13), died under suspicious circumstances on Friday. While his parents alleged that he died due to the negligence of the school authorities, the school management denied the allegation and said he died due to seizures. Ganaditya was a Class VIII student in the Peddapur residential school.
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Two killed, nine injured in mishap

HYDERABAD: Two persons died and at least nine others sustained minor injuries when a car went out of control, jumped the median and crashed into two on-coming vehicles on the Rajiv Rahadari at Turkapally in Shamirpet on the city outskirts on Friday. The victims were identified as Mohan (25), a private employee from Hakimpet and Deepika (25), a software employee from Moula Ali.
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NEET-UG: Toppers down to 17 from 61

NEW DELHI: The NTA on Friday declared the final results of the controversy-ridden NEET-UG entrance exam, declaring that 17 candidates have shared the top rank, down from 61 in the revised results, while thousands of others have seen their marks and rankings change significantly. The number of qualifying candidates and the cut-off also seen a marginal dip.
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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 104
Retail live.....	Rs. 126
With skin.....	Rs. 183
Skinless.....	Rs. 208
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 62



Tamannaah teaches fans tabaahi steps
Actor shares tutorial video on Aaj Ki Raat song from Stree 2

'Pump water by Aug 2 or face 50,000 ryots'

KTR urges govt to shun politics, operate Kannepally pumphouse



BRS working president KT Rama Rao along with party MLAs and MLCs at the Lakshmi pumphouse on Friday.

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD
Demanding an explanation from the State government as to why water was not being pumped from the Lakshmi (Kannepally) pumphouse of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project despite sufficient water availability, BRS working president KT Rama Rao said if the Congress government did not respond before August 2, the BRS would reach the pumphouse with 50,000 farmers and start operating the pumps.
On the second day of their visit to different components of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, BRS MLAs and MLCs visited the Lakshmi pumphouse on Friday. The delegation in-

spected the pumphouse and spoke to officials, who told them that the pumps were in good condition and that there was sufficient flow of water to operate the pumps. Yet, the government was not taking any decisions to pump water and provide water to the farming community, Rama Rao said.
Criminal negligence
The pumps can be operated at 30,000 cusecs water flow. Officials informed that there was 9.60 lakh cusecs flow, he said, stating that this was criminal negligence on the part of the Congress government. "While there is sufficient water available and the pumps are in perfect condition, farmers' interests are not being protected," he said, adding that as a con-

structive opposition, the BRS was appealing to the Congress government to save the farmers from a crisis.
The elections were over, the Congress had attained power and now, politics should be set aside with work to be initiated to protect the interests of farmers besides fulfilling the domestic and industrial requirements, he said at a press conference at Lakshmi pumphouse.
"The only reason behind the Congress government not operating the Lakshmi pumphouse is that once they do it, they have to admit that the Kaleshwaram project is the lifeline of Telangana. Before the elections, the Congress had defamed the BRS government over the sink-

ing of two pillars at Medigadda. But the barrage is now standing strong despite 10 lakh cusecs of water flowing down into the sea," Rama Rao said.
The BRS was not trying to politicise the issue but was fighting for the farmers. Right from the erstwhile Karimnagar, Warangal, Nalgonda and Siddipet, farmers in many constituencies were worried about water availability for the current season, he said. Earlier, in January this year too, the BRS had made an appeal to the Congress government to pump water from the Lakshmi pumphouse and save the farmers, but the government did not consider the request, he said. (SEE PAGE 2)
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Telangana's GSDP 3rd highest in India

Report acknowledges State's growth under BRS regime

PS DILEEP
Hyderabad

Notwithstanding naysayers and political mudslingers, Telangana's performance under the previous BRS regime is being reflected in the latest statistics as well, proof of which was that in 2023-24, Telangana's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at current prices was Rs 14.64 lakh crore, which increased by 11.9 per cent, marking the third highest increase in the country.
Only Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh could outperform Telangana among the major States with a GSDP growth rate of 14.2 per cent and 12.8 per cent, respectively in 2023-24. According to the latest Socio Economic Outlook 2024 tabled in the Assembly, the Per Capita Income (PCI) at current prices in Telangana is Rs 3.47 lakh, which is Rs 1.64 lakh higher than the national per capita income of Rs 1.83 lakh in 2023-24. The PCI of 16 of 33 districts in the State

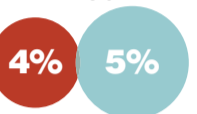
Top-notch show in FY24

ACCORDING TO LATEST SOCIO ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2024

- GSDP at current prices stood at **Rs 14.64 lakh cr**, an increase of **11.9%**
- Only Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh ahead of Telangana
- State's Per Capita Income at current prices was **Rs 3.47 lakh**; **Rs 1.64 lakh** higher than national PCI
- PCI of **16 of 33 districts** in State higher than national average
- Service sector primary contributor to State's economic growth, followed by industrial, agriculture and allied sectors
- Service sector accounted for **65.7%** of Telangana's GVA at current prices

TELANGANA'S GROWTH

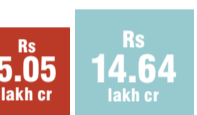
CONTRIBUTION TO INDIA'S GDP



PER CAPITA INCOME



GSDP



**All at current price

is higher than the national average. Telangana has seen a rise in PCI from Rs 1,24,104 in 2014-15 to Rs 3,47,299 in 2023-24. However, during the same period, the per capita debt rose from Rs 20,251 to Rs 1,76,360.
Telangana's economy is growing year-on-year, with the State navigating economic challenges while maintaining a positive trend. Over the years,

Telangana's contribution to India's GDP has shown a steady increase. In 2021-22, Telangana accounted for 4.8 per cent of the national GDP. This share rose to 4.9 per cent in 2022-23 and further to 5 per cent in 2023-24.
The service sector has been the primary contributor to the State's economic growth, followed by industrial, and agriculture and allied sectors. (SEE PAGES 2, 4)

Hyd Metro ridership drops

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The average daily ridership of the Hyderabad Metro saw a slight decline in the first quarter of the fiscal year 2025, as reported by infrastructure major Larsen & Toubro Limited during their Q1FY25 earnings call.

The ridership dropped to 4,32,000 passengers per day from April to June 2024, down from 4,42,000 passengers per day in the same period of the previous fiscal year (Q1FY24). However, despite the quarterly decline, year-over-year comparisons indicate an improvement. The average

daily ridership in Q1FY24 was 4,22,000 passengers. P Ramakrishnan, head of investor relations at L&T, shared the statistics and noted financial implications. The Hyderabad Metro consolidated a net loss of Rs 2.14 billion in Q1FY25, a significant reduction from the Rs 3.35 billion loss in Q1FY24.

Pak using terror, proxy wars: Modi

DRAS (LADAKH)

In a stern warning to Islamabad on the 25th anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil conflict, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said Pakistan has been trying to stay relevant by using terrorism and proxy wars and Indian soldiers will crush all terror attempts with full force.
Addressing a ceremony at the Kargil memorial in Dras, Modi said "falsehood and terror" were brought down to their knees by the truth in the 1999 war.
He also noted that Pakistan has not learnt anything from its past. "Today, I am speaking at a place from where the masters of terror can hear my voice directly.

I want to tell these patrons of terrorism that their nefarious intentions will never succeed," Modi said in the presence of India's top military brass. Condemning terrorism, Modi said Pakistan has always faced defeat in the past and asserted that the evil intentions of terrorists will never be fulfilled.
"Pakistan has not learnt anything from its past and has continued to wage war in the garb of terrorism and proxy wars to stay relevant," he said. "Our bravehearts will trample all the terror attempts," Modi asserted. The Prime Minister also paid glowing tributes to soldiers who had made supreme sacrifices in the Kargil war. (SEE PAGES 2, 7)

Arson attacks hit France rail network

PARIS

France's high-speed rail network was hit on Friday with widespread and "criminal" acts of vandalism including arson attacks, paralysing travel to Paris from across the rest of France and Europe, and thwarting Olympic athletes from travel, only hours before the grand opening ceremony of the Games. French officials condemned the attacks as "criminal actions," though they said there was no sign of a direct link to the Games.
Prosecutors in Paris opened a national investigation saying the crimes could carry sentences of 10 to 20 years. "It's a hell of a way to start the Olympics," said Sarah Moseley, a 42-year-old traveller waiting at the Gare du Nord station in



Travellers wait outside the Gare de Bordeaux Saint-Jean in France on Friday. The rail network was hit with "criminal" acts of vandalism hours before the grand opening ceremony of the Games. — Photo: AP

Paris as she learned that her train to London was delayed by the rail chaos. As Paris authorities geared up for a spectacular parade on and

along the Seine River, three fires were reported near the tracks on the high-speed lines of Atlantique, Nord and Est, causing disruptions

that affected hundreds of thousands of travellers. Among them were Olympic athletes themselves. Two out of four trains carrying

Olympic athletes to Paris on the western Atlantique high-speed line were stopped hours before the opening ceremony, affected by the coordinated sabotage on the tracks, an official from the French railway operator SNCF said. Also, two German athletes in showjumping who were on a train to Paris to take part in the opening ceremony but had to turn back in Belgium because of the closures, and will now miss the ceremony, German news agency dpa reported. "There was no longer a chance of making it on time," rider Philipp Weishaupt, who was travelling with teammate Christian Kukuk, told dpa. There were no known reports of injuries from the attacks.
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Land management Act to replace Dharani?

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The State government is mulling over bringing a comprehensive land management act after conducting an in-depth examination of issues stemming from the Dharani portal to find a lasting solution.
Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directed the officials to conduct broad consultations, involving all stakeholders in this regard.

Chairing a review meeting on Dharani at the Secretariat, the Chief Minister observed that to address the increasing number of land disputes, there was an urgent need to bring a new comprehensive land management act.
He noted that the management of land records was being centralised over the years with changes in the laws from the village level to the State level which complicated the resolution

process. He pointed out that previously, land disputes could be appealed at various administrative levels, but under the current Dharani system, many issues remain unresolved even at the district Collector's level. This system lacks provisions for questioning decisions made by the Collectors, leading to persistent problems.
To address these challenges, the CM proposed broad consultations involving feedback and sugges-

tions from the public. He suggested organising an all-party meeting to draft a comprehensive law incorporating diverse opinions.
He also recommended selecting a mandal with complex land issues—such as Bhudan, Poramboku, Bancharayi, Inam, and Kandishika lands — on a pilot basis and prepare a detailed report on problems persisting. This report would provide clarity and guide further action.

Kanwar diktat: SC retains stay

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday extended till further orders its interim direction staying the directives of BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Madhya Pradesh which effectively ensured that Kanwar Yatra goes on without displaying the names of owners, staff and other details of eateries along the route. The Kanwar Yatra began on July 22 and ends on August 6.

A large number of devotees travel from various places with 'kanwars' carrying holy water from the Ganga to perform 'jalabhishek' of Shivalings during the Hindu calendar month of 'Shravan'. Many believers shun consuming meat during the month they consider holy. Many don't even consume meals containing onions and garlic.
A Bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti said it won't issue any

clarification on the July 22 order as "we have said what needed to be said in our July 22 order. Can't force anyone to disclose names." "List the matter on August 5, 2024. In the meantime, interim order passed by this court on July 22, 2024, shall continue," the Bench said in its order.
The Bench asked the Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments to file their response to the pleas challenging their directives. PTI