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**In a nutshell**

**19-year-old dies in road accident**  
**HYDERABAD:** A youth died on the spot after the car he was driving rammed Shaikpet fly-over pillar at Raidurgam on Friday. Police suspect that the victim could have dozed off resulting in the mishap. Charan (19), a BBA student of ICFAI University, was staying with his grandfather at Mehdiapatnam. The accident occurred when Charan was returning to his residence from BNR Hills.

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**Shukla, Nair picked for ISS mission**

**BENGALURU:** Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair have been selected for an upcoming Indo-US mission to the International Space Station (ISS), the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced on Friday. Group Captain Shukla's name has been recommended as the primary astronaut and Nair will be his backup, ISRO said. PTI

**Stranded pilgrims rescued in Utkhand**

**RUDRAPRAYAG:** The IAF's Chinook and Mi17 helicopters joined the rescue operations in Uttarakhand to evacuate pilgrims still stranded on the rain-ravaged trek route to Kedarnath. The trek route to Kedarnath suffered extensive damage as a result of a cloudburst in Junglehatti near Lincholi. Over 5,000 people have been evacuated to safety, with some being airlifted, CM Pushkar Singh Dhami said. PTI

**Probe into shelter home deaths**

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi government ordered a magisterial probe into the death of 14 inmates of Asha Kiran shelter home, with Minister Atishi pointing out that many of the deceased had comorbidities even as Lt Governor VK Saxena termed the fatalities as "an act of criminality against the most disadvantaged". According to data, 25 inmates have died since February.

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**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 87
Retail live.....	Rs. 109
With skin.....	Rs. 158
Skinless.....	Rs. 180
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 58

## SC rules out systemic breach in NEET-UG exam

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said it did not cancel the controversy-ridden NEET-UG 2024 examination amid concerns of paper leak because there was no systemic breach of its sanctity. In its detailed reasons for the order which was pronounced on July 23, a Bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and justices JB Paridwala and Manoj Misra said the National Testing Agency (NTA) must stop its flip-flop which was noticed this year as it does not serve the interest of students.

## 'Western Ghats in 6 States eco-sensitive'

**Over 56k sqkm identified in draft notification**

NEW DELHI

The Centre has issued a fifth draft notification to declare over 56,800 square kilometres of the Western Ghats across six States, including 13 villages in Kerala's landslide-hit Wayanad, Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA), inviting suggestions and objections within 60 days. The notification was issued on July 31, a day after a series of landslides claimed over 300 lives in Wayanad district.

The draft notification proposes to declare 9,993.7 sq km in Kerala, including 13 villages in two talukas of the landslide-hit Wayanad. The notification includes 449 sq km in Gujarat, 17,340 sq km in Maharashtra, 1,461 sq km in Goa, 20,668 sq km in Karnataka, 6,914 sq km in Tamil Nadu, and 9,993.7 sq km in Kerala in the proposed ESA.

**Complete ban**

The draft notification suggests a complete ban on mining, quarrying, and sand mining, with existing mines to be phased out within five years "from the date of issue of the final notification or on the expiry of the existing mining lease, whichever is

### Fragile territory

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**ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE**

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- Tamil Nadu: 6,914 sq km
- Goa: 1,461 sq km
- Gujarat: 449 sq km

- Suggests complete ban on mining, quarrying, and sand mining
- Existing mines to be phased out within five years
- Prohibits new thermal power projects
- Existing projects can continue to operate but there will be no expansion allowed
- Large-scale construction projects and townships also proposed to be prohibited
- All existing healthcare establishments in the ESA can continue to operate
- Primary health centres can be established as per laws and regulations
- No restriction proposed on changing property ownership

earlier". It also prohibits new thermal power projects. It says the existing projects can continue to operate but there will be no expansion allowed.

Large-scale construction projects and townships are also proposed to be prohibited, with exceptions for repair and renovation of existing buildings. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Indians in Israel told to stay vigilant



A billboard displaying portraits of Hamas leaders Mohammed Deif and Ismail Haniyeh in Tel Aviv. — Photo:AFP

TEL AVIV

The Indian embassy here on Friday advised all Indian nationals in Israel to stay vigilant and adhere to the safety protocols as advised by the local authorities following the escalating tension in the region following the back-to-back assassinations of two senior Hamas leaders and a top Hezbollah commander.

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh was killed in Iran; head of Hamas' military

wing Mohammed Deif was killed in Gaza, and Hezbollah commander Fouad Shukur died in a strike in Lebanon in quick succession last month. "Please exercise caution, avoid necessary travel within the country and stay close to safety shelters. The Embassy is closely monitoring the situation and remains in regular touch with the Israeli authorities to ensure the safety of all our nationals," Indian Embassy said. (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 9)

## Minor girl ends life over harassment

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

A Class nine student died by suicide, allegedly due to harassment by a youth, at Kapra in Jawaharnagar on Thursday night. The 16-year-old girl, a student of a private school at Husnabad in Siddipet district, recently came home in Balaji Nagar to stay with her parents.

According to the police, one Shiva Kumar from the same neighbourhood was stalking her in the name of love. Despite the victim avoiding him and the girl's parents giving a warning, Shiva continued to harass her. Unable to bear the harassment, the girl took the drastic step by hanging herself from the ceiling fan in her home. Based on a complaint, a case was registered. Shiva was detained.

## Turncoat Danam's abusive language sparks row

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The Telangana State Legislative Assembly witnessed heated drama on Friday as Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender used abusive language against BRS MLAs, causing an uproar.

With the entire opposition raising strong objections to his "unwarranted" and "offensive" remarks in the House, Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar intervened, and the MLA was forced to apologise by withdrawing his remarks.

During a short discussion on 'Activities for Sustainable Urban Development in Hyderabad Metro City' in the Assembly, Nagender, who defected from the BRS to the ruling Congress, was allowed to speak. The BRS legislators, led by party

# Job calendar just for namesake

**Exercise lists only 'schedule' with no vacancies specified**

STATE BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

Not with a bang but a whimper. The much-hyped job calendar for the year 2024-2025, released by the State government on Friday in the Legislative Assembly turned out to be in sharp contrast to what was promised, with no number of vacancies specified and with just dates of recruitment tests.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka made a statement in the Assembly, announcing the release of the job calendar and detailing the 'schedule' for filling job vacancies. However, he did not mention the specific number of jobs to be filled, which in turn triggered fierce protests from BRS MLAs who said the government was cheating the unemployed youth of Telangana. The BRS demanded a discussion on the subject, which the Speaker refused to entertain, again triggering protests from the Opposition benches, which saw BRS working president KT Rama Rao then leading his party MLAs in a walk-out.

They then staged a protest in front of the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial at Gun Park opposite the Assembly, but even there, the police swooped down on them, forcibly bringing the protest to a stop and packing them off in vehicles.

The BRS condemned the police excess on legislators, stating that they were treated shabbily while staging a protest peacefully. Rama Rao, terming it the darkest day in the history of the Telangana Assembly, said Rahul Gandhi had promised two lakh jobs in



BRS working president KT Rama Rao being evicted during a protest against the State government, at Gun Park, in Hyderabad on Friday.

the first year of the Congress government, but did not live up to the promise. He challenged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Rahul Gandhi to visit Ashok Nagar without security and justify the job calendar released on Friday. "Let even one unemployed person say that the Congress government gave at least one job in these eight months. All the BRS MLAs will resign then and there," he said, also criticising the government for playing a drama by presenting appointment letters for over 30,000 jobs, for which the procedures were actually completed by the previous BRS government. Pointing out that employment for youth was a major demand during the Statehood agitation, he said the Congress had presented a 'bogus' job calendar to mislead the youth. (SEE PAGES 2, 4)

## Much-hyped promise falls flat

DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER MALLU BHATTI VIKRAMARKA ON FRIDAY ANNOUNCED THE RELEASE OF THE JOB CALENDAR AND DETAILED THE 'SCHEDULE' FOR FILLING JOB VACANCIES

- Group I Mains: Oct 21-27, 2024 (Notified: Feb 2024)
- Group III Services: Nov 17-18, 2024 (Notified: Dec 2022)
- Lab Tech/Nurse/Pharmacist: Nov 2024 (To be notified: Sep 2024)
- Group II Services: Dec 2024 (Notified: Dec 2022)
- Engg Posts in TGTRANSCO: Jan 2025 (To be notified: Oct 2024)
- Gazetted Engg Services: Jan 2025 (To be notified: Oct 2024)
- Teacher Eligibility Test: Jan 2025 (To be notified: Nov 2024)
- Group I Prelims: Feb 2025 (To be notified: Oct 2024)
- Gazetted Other Services: Apr 2025 (To be notified: Jan 2025)
- DSC of Teachers: Apr 2025 (To be notified: Feb 2025)
- Forest Beat Officer: May 2025 (To be notified: Feb 2025)
- Teachers Eligibility Test: Jun 2025 (To be notified: Apr 2025)
- Group I Mains: Oct 2025 (To be notified: Jul 2025)
- SI Civil Posts: Aug 2025 (To be notified: Apr 2025)
- PC Civil Posts: Aug 2025 (To be notified: Apr 2025)
- Academic Posts in Degree Colleges: Sep 2025 (To be notified: Jun 2025)
- Degree Lecturers in Res Colleges: Sep 2025 (To be notified: Jun 2025)
- Group II (Incl Forest Range Officers): Oct 2025 (To be notified: May 2025)
- Group III (w/ Group IV): Nov 2025 (To be notified: Jul 2025)
- Exec Cadre Posts: Nov 2025 (To be notified: Jul 2025)

IT IS THE DARKEST DAY IN THE HISTORY OF THE TELANGANA ASSEMBLY. THE GOVERNMENT HAD MERELY PRESENTED A FOUR-PAGE PAPER IN THE ASSEMBLY WHICH HAD NOTHING CONCRETE TO OFFER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED YOUTH. THE CONGRESS PRESENTED A 'BOGUS' JOB CALENDAR TO MISLEAD THE YOUTH  
 — KT RAMA RAO, BRS WORKING PRESIDENT

## 'Shops, eateries in Hyd to remain open till 1 am'

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Friday announced that all restaurants, hotels and other business establishments, excluding liquor shops and bars, across Hy-

derabad will be allowed to remain open till 1 am. He said necessary directions would be issued to all the three police Commissionerates in this regard.

Replying to a short discussion on 'Activities for Sustainable Urban Develop-

ment in Hyderabad Metro City' in the Assembly, the Chief Minister also announced plans to construct a new Osmania General Hospital by demolishing the old police quarters at Goshamahal while preserving the heritage structures

of the current hospital premises. He reiterated that the proposed Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency was aimed at preventing encroachments around Hyderabad. (RELATED REPORT PAGE 4)

## Kerala: Radar picks up sign of life beneath muddy soil

**WAYANAD:** Rescuers conducting search operations with an advanced radar system in a landslide-hit village in Wayanad have detected a signal indicating breathing, possibly by a human or animal. An official involved in the operation said that a "blue signal" was received on the radar while searching an area where a house was previously located in the severely affected Mundakkai village. "There is a consistent signal of breathing," the officer said. The remains of the building are buried around two-to-three metres below the muddy soil, and it is unclear whether the breathing signal is from a human or animal, he added. (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 7)

## National pistol coach told to vacate 'illegal house'

**NEW DELHI:** National pistol coach Samaresh Jung was a bewildered man within hours of landing back in India from the Paris Olympics after discovering that the house he considered his home for nearly 75 years was an "illegal construction" and he had just 48 hours to vacate it. Jung, who was nicknamed 'goldfinger' after fetching an astonishing seven gold, five silver and two bronze medals in the 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games, said he needs at least two months to pack up and leave. "This was a property we were staying on for the last 75 years. In 1978, the land and structure was leased out to a Mr Singh and we have been paying rent to him since then," a hassled Jung said. PTI