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**In a nutshell**

**9 kids die in MP wall collapse**

**SAGAR:** Nine children were killed and two others injured after a wall of a dilapidated house collapsed in Madhya Pradesh's Sagar district on Sunday, a senior official said. The incident occurred between 8.30 am and 9 am near the campus of a temple during a religious programme in Shahpur village under the Rehli Assembly seat. PM Modi announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the next of kin of each deceased.

**3 from Sec'bad killed in accident**

**NAGARKURNOOL:** Three persons, residents of Secunderabad, died after their vehicle hit a tree at Mannanur here early on Sunday. According to reports, they were returning to Hyderabad from Srisailem. Around 2 am, the vehicle lost control and hit the tree, resulting in two dying on the spot. The third suffered severe injuries and died while undergoing treatment at a hospital, the reports stated.

**WB Minister told to resign**

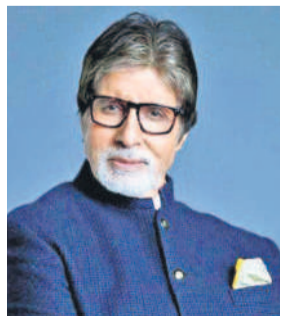
**KOLKATA:** The TMC asked West Bengal Jails Minister Akhil Giri to resign and apologise to a woman officer of the State Forest Department following a controversy over video clips showing him threatening and verbally abusing her. Giri said he will resign but won't apologise. Giri was flanked by locals when he was seen in videos threatening forest ranger Manisha Sahu, warning her of reducing her tenure. **NATION PAGE 7**

**7 killed, 25 injured in road accident**

**ETAWAH:** Seven people were killed and 25 injured early on Sunday when the bus they were on fell into a ditch after a collision on the Lucknow-Agra Expressway in Usrahur here, police said. Superintendent of Police Sanjay Kumar said a bus with Nagaland number plate was on its way to Delhi from Rae Bareilly, when around 12.45 am it collided with a car coming from the wrong lane. **PTI**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 80
Retail live.....	Rs. 102
With skin.....	Rs. 148
Skinless.....	Rs. 168
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 58



**KBC gets 'interesting changes'**

Amitabh Bachchan says season 16 will air from August 12

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## Govt looks to milk LRS

**Aims at generating Rs 15,000 crore in revenue from scheme**

PS DILEEP  
HYDERABAD

The Congress, which had demanded that the Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) be implemented free of charge while the party was in opposition, has taken an about-turn after assuming power. Now, it aims to generate over Rs 15,000 crore in revenue through the scheme.

While previous governments implemented the LRS on many occasions in the past, the Congress is looking at generating nearly twice the income of the previous government from the scheme.

It may be noted that the land registration value was revised by the previous BRS

regime in July 2021 since it was not revised for almost seven years.

Now, the current Congress government's decision to collect the regularisation fee will be based on the new land registration value which came into force from August 1, and this is poised to put an additional burden on beneficiaries.

Further, the government has also decided to impose an additional charge of 0.5 per cent on vacant land. This is despite protests from the Opposition, particularly the BRS, which questioned the government's decision to collect the LRS fee, especially because the Congress had argued to avoid the fee earlier. For instance, a person who purchased a plot in

### Change in stance

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**Centre for Good Governance to process applications, with approvals granted in 3 stages**

an unapproved layout on the outskirts of Hyderabad at a land registration value of Rs 5,000-6,000 per sq yard before 2019, now has to pay the regularisation fee based on the market value of the land,

which has been revised twice and is almost double the value at the time of registration. In addition, the applicant also has to pay an additional charge of 0.5 per cent on vacant land. With-

out paying this amount, local authorities will not grant construction permits. In August 2020, the then K Chandrashekar Rao government had issued orders to regularise plots in unauthorised layouts and sought applications for LRS online, with October 31, 2020, as deadline. The government received 25,59,562 applications across the State, including 1,06,891 in the GHMC, 1,01,033 in Greater Warangal, 51,395 in the Khammam Corporation, 10,60,013 in other municipalities and 10,83,394 in gram panchayats. Through the collection of the application fee of Rs 1,000 alone, the then BRS government earned Rs 255.95 crore in revenue. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Centre to curb powers of Wakf Boards

**Ensure representation for women, to table Bill soon**

NEW DELHI

The Centre is likely to bring a Bill soon in Parliament seeking several amendments to the Wakf Act, which may cut its 'unfettered' powers to call any property its asset, and also ensure representation for women.

According to sources, the Bill is likely to propose around 40 amendments to the Wakf Act. The sources also said it was approved by the union Cabinet on Friday. As per the sources, the Bill proposes to repeal a few clauses of the Act primarily aimed at reducing the arbitrary powers currently held by Wakf Boards. The claims laid by the Wakf Board often lead to disputes. For instance, in September 2022, the Tamil Nadu Wakf Board claimed ownership of the entire Thiruchendurai village, which had a majority Hindu population living there for centuries. With this legislation, the Centre seeks to end the autocracy of the board.

Some of the key highlights of the Bill include mandatory verification to ensure a more transparent process. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

**AIMPLB opposes govt's proposal**

**NEW DELHI:** The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) on Sunday asserted that it will not tolerate a reduction or restriction in the powers of wakf boards. It held that any change in the Wakf Act, 2013, which alters the nature of wakf properties or makes it easier for the government or any individual to "usurp the same", will not be acceptable. It said Centre wanted to change the status and nature of wakf properties through 40 amendments. **IANIS**

**Against freedom of religion: Owaisi**

**HYDERABAD:** AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi alleged that the NDA government wants to take away the autonomy of the wakf board. The BJP has been against wakf boards and wakf properties and it has made attempts to finish wakf properties and wakf boards as per its "Hindutva agenda", he claimed. The amendments show that the "Modi government wants to take away autonomy of wakf board. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

**JAMAAT CHIEF BACKS CENTRE'S PROPOSAL**

**BAREIL:** Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi Bareilvi, the national president of the All India Muslim Jamaat, has responded to the Central government's proposed amendment to Wakf Board Act. He welcomed the move to introduce a Bill and criticised the current Wakf Boards, alleging that the board members, in collusion with land mafias, have been misappropriating Wakf Board properties. He expressed disappointment that had Wakf Boards done their job properly, there would have been a lot of development among Indian Muslims, and no one would have been begging. He also questioned why the Centre remained silent for so long. **IANIS**

## 91 killed in fresh B'desh clashes

DHAKA

At least 91 people, including 14 policemen, were killed and hundreds injured on Sunday in fierce clashes between protesters demanding Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation and the ruling party supporters in different parts of Bangladesh, forcing authorities to cut off mobile internet and enforce a nationwide curfew indefinitely.

The clashes broke out in the morning when protesters attending the non-cooperation programme under the banner of the Students Against Discrimination with the one-point demand of the government's resignation over a job quota system faced opposition from the supporters of the Awami League, Chhatra League and Jubo League activists.

At least 91 people have been killed in clashes, shootings and counter-chases across the country surrounding the non-cooperation programme, leading Bengali-language daily *Prothom Alo* reported. According to the police headquarters, 14 policemen have been killed across the country. Of them, 13 were killed in Sirajganj's Enayetpur police station.



Protesters run past a burning vehicle at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital during a rally against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka on Sunday. — Photo: AP

One person was killed in Comilla's Elliotganj, the paper said. More than 300 policemen were injured. Meanwhile, The Indian Embassy issued an advisory urging Indian nationals residing in the country to "remain alert". "All Indian na-

tionals, including students living in the jurisdiction of Assistant High Commission of India, Sylhet are requested to be in touch with this office & are advised to remain alert," the Assistant High Commission of India (AHCI) posted on X. **AGENCIES**

US, allies gear up as Bibi says ready for war with Iran

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TEL AVIV

Israel is already in a "multi-front war" with Iran and its proxies, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a Cabinet meeting Sunday, as the US and allies prepared to defend Israel from an expected counterstrike and prevent an even more destructive regional conflict.

Netanyahu said Israel was ready for any scenario. Jordan's Foreign Minister was making a rare trip to Iran as part of diplomatic efforts, while the Pentagon has moved significant assets to the region.

"We are doing everything possible to make sure that this situation does not boil over," White House deputy national security adviser Jon Finer said. Meanwhile, in Israel, some prepared bomb shelters. **(RELATED REPORTS PAGE 9)**

## Woman 'tortured' at police station

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

A woman was allegedly subjected to third-degree torture at the Shadnagar police station in Cyberabad.

Sunita, who stays at Ambedkar Colony in Shadnagar, was reportedly brought to the police station in connection with a theft case. Nagendra, a resident of Ambedkar Nagar, had complained at the police station alleging that some persons had stolen 24 tolas of gold and Rs 2 lakh cash from his house on July 24.

Sunita told media persons that the police first took her to the police station along with her husband Bheemaiyah and 13-year-old son. Bheemaiyah was later let off. "A group of policemen tied my hands and legs with

An inquiry has been ordered into the incident and, based on the outcome of the probe, action will be initiated

— B RAJESH,  
DCP (SHAMSHABAD)

a rope. A male police personnel beat me on my legs with leather belts and asked me to confess to a crime I did not commit," Sunita said, adding that she was tortured in front of her son. She was later released and sent home. The police claimed to have recovered one tola of gold and Rs 4,000 cash from her.

## 'Telangana First': KTR wishes team Revanth

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Putting "Telangana First" above political differences, BRS working president KT Rama Rao extended his best wishes to the State delegation led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu which left for the US and South Korea to attract investments.

In a post on X, Rama Rao hoped that the State government would continue to build upon the strong foundation laid by the previous BRS regime and succeed in attracting investments to the State.

"All the best," he posted on X (formerly Twitter), stating that politics aside, for him and the BRS, it would always be "Telangana First". **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## INDIA BEAT BRITAIN, ENTER SEMIS



Jarmanpreet Singh (L) and other members of the Indian team celebrate after winning the men's quarterfinal field hockey match against Britain at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium during the Paris Olympics on Sunday. — Photo: AP **(REPORT PAGE 10)**

## 2 fall off Kothaguda flyover in Hyd, die

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Two youngsters, who were riding a bike, died after they fell off the Kothaguda flyover at Gachibowli early on Sunday.

The victims — K Rohith (27) and Bala Prasanna (26) — were headed towards

Hafizpet from Maseedbanda when the accident occurred. Rohith was riding the bike, while Prasanna was sitting pillion.

While on the flyover, Rohith rammed the median at high speed. The impact of the crash was such that both were flung into the air, police said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Researchers offer new hope to Parkinson's patients

M SAI GOPAL  
Hyderabad

In a ray of hope for the elderly suffering from Parkinson's disease, a progressive disorder which impacts the nervous system and parts of the body controlled by nerves, a group of researchers from Hyderabad have unraveled the intricate mechanism and important role that a gene known as

Alpha-synuclein (SNCA) plays in the disease.

It turns out that there are two forms of SNCA structures, including amyloid filaments and smaller aggregates. If both are balanced, Parkinson's disease can be managed, the cutting-edge research by geneticists of Hyderabad-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), led by Swasti Raychaudhari, pub-

**UNRAVEL INTRICATE MECHANISM, KEY ROLE THAT A GENE, KNOWN AS ALPHA-SYNUCLEIN (SNCA), PLAYS IN THE DISEASE**

lished in the Journal of Cell Sciences (April, 2024), indicated. Of the two forms of

SNCA, the aggregates are known to break proteins and they eventually degrade the SNCA gene itself. According to the CCMB researchers, there is no safe balance between the aggregates and amyloid filaments among patients with Parkinson's disease, which indicates that there is a need to find a treatment modality that strikes a balance between the two. While ge-

neticists from CCMB have managed to link the role of SNCA and its two forms, including amyloid filaments and aggregates, in Parkinson's disease, currently, they are in the process of checking how to reduce to the load of SNCA.

There are multiple studies in the past that link the role of alpha-synuclein with movement disorders. **(SEE PAGE 2)**