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Iran, Hezbollah may attack **Israel soon: Intel reports** 

US deploys guided missile submarine, aircraft carrier in West Asia amid escalating tensions

#### <mark>n a</mark> nutshell

#### Address agri crisis now, says KTR HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao expressed concern over the sharp decline in crop cultivation in Telangana since

the Congress government took over. He pointed out severe challenges faced by farmers, contrasting it with the progress made under the leadership of former CM K Chandrashekhar Rao. In a series of posts on X, Rama Rao cited news reports in the media.

STATE PAGE 5

#### **5 college students** die in TN accident

**CHENNAI:** Five students of a private engineering college lost their lives when their MUV collided with an oncoming truck. Two students escaped with injuries and were admitted to the hospital. The accident occurred near Tiruttani in Tiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu on Sunday night. The victims were thirdyear engineering students of a private engineering college. They were headed to their native Ongole in AP. IANS

#### 7 killed in Bihar temple stampede

JEHANABAD: At least seven people, including six women, were killed and 16 others injured in a stampede at Baba Siddheshwar Nath Temple in Bihar's Jehanabad district, an official said on Monday. The deceased have been identified as Pyare Paswan (30), Nisha Devi (30), Punam Devi (30), Nisha Kumari (21) and Sushila Devi (64). The identity of one woman remains unknown, the official added. PTI





Athletes attend the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics closing ceremony at the Stade de France on Sunday. The ceremony capped two-and-a-half extraordinary weeks of Olympic sports and emotion. — Photo: AP (PHOTO FEATURE PAGE 10)

## Massive downpour hits Hyd, more in store

#### CITY BUREAU Hyderabad

A massive downpour lashed Hyderabad early on Monday with multiple locations receiving 90-100 mm of rain, which promises to cover a substantial amount of deficit rainfall recorded in the last few weeks.

The downpour, which occurred between 4 am and 6 am, was concentrated in Hyderabad, Sangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Rangareddy districts, with nearly eight locations receiving neavy rain ranging from 64.5 mm to 115.5 mm. The remaining areas received moderate showers of 15.6-64.4 mm.

S SANDEEP KUMAR

Even as seasonal diseases

rise and hospitals get

crowded with patients, many gram panchayats in

the State are struggling to

ensure basic sanitation, leave aside executing other

works, due to a severe

Since February, after the

term of sarpanches expired,

the State government ap-

pointed village secretaries

for gram panchayats. How-

ever, many village secre-

taries are under extreme

pressure to execute even routine works. At several

places, spraying of disinfec-

tants and sprinkling of

bleaching powder is also

proving to be a challenge

for panchayats, which once

used to sweep performance

awards at the national level.

shortage of funds.

Hvderabad



Traffic crawls on a flooded road in Hyderabad on Monday.

According to the rainfall abad, received the maxi-

#### Hindenburg asks Sebi chief to come clean NEW DELHI

Continuing its broadside against Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, US short-seller Hindenburg Research has asked her to come clean on the clients of a consulting firm in which she held stake even while being in office.

Hours after Madhabi and her husband, Dhaval issued a statement calling Hindenburg's latest tirade as an attack on the credibility of Sebi and attempted "character assassination", Hindenburg, in a series of posts on X, said their response includes several important admissions and

## **Cong to launch** 'incomplete' Sitarama project

#### **Revanth to inaugurate scheme on August 15**

#### JAMES EDWIN KOTHAGUDEM

The hype created by the Congress government, especially Ministers, over the proposed August 15 inauguration of the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project (SRLIP), and their efforts to take credit for the project is backfiring.

According to engineering officials, it would take another one-and-a-half years to complete the project, that too if everything goes according to plan. Speaking to Telangana Today, a senior engineer, who has been overseeing the project works, said only 55 per cent of the works on the project were completed.

Estimates worth Rs 4,000 crore were readied for distributary canals, while calling of tenders and land acquisition was yet to be done for the canals. About 95 per cent of the main canal works were complete while work on the Sathupalli trunk canal and the Palair link canal was yet to be completed. An amount of Rs 160 crore was yet to be paid for the land acquired for the canals, he said.

The previous BRS government had initiated the project in February 2016 to irrigate 7.87 lakh acres in erstwhile Khammam and Mahabubabad districts with hydrology clearance of IMC. The project is divided in eight packages. However, the Congress government appears to be in a hurry to claim credit for



#### Harish hits out at Congress leaders

HYDERABAD: Senior BRS leader and former Minister T Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on Congress leaders for claiming credit for the Sitarama project. Ahead of the project inauguration on August 15 by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, he said the Congress was misleading the public by claiming to have completed the project within just seven months. "The Ministers are now sprinkling water on

their heads, competing to take credit for the Sitarama project," he said, pointing out that the Congress had filed multiple court cases to stop the project construction during its initial stages. However, the then BRS government overcame all obstacles to proceed with the project. "Today, the Congress is merely cutting ribbons, pretending they built it." he added, branding its leaders as "parasites" (FULL REPORT PAGE 5)

the project, with Ministers Reddy inaugurating the N Uttam Kumar Reddy, project on August 15 by re-Tummala Nageswara Rao leasing water to fill the

#### Woman killed in IED blast

KOTHAGUDEM: A tribal woman was killed after an IED, planted by Maoists, exploded at Dabbamarka village under the Kistaram police station limits in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh on Monday. The deceased, Kavvasi Sukki, stepped on the IED causing it to explode when she ventured into the forest area near the village to graze her cattle. A case was registered at Kistaram PS.

#### CHICKEN RATES **IN HYDERABAD**

Farm	Rs. 80
Retail live	Rs. 102
With skin	Rs. 148
Skinless	Rs. 168
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 56



#### **Inner peace:** Pooja's life mantra

Actor, who is quite active on social media, shares a cute update



data of the Telangana De velopment Planning Society (TSDPS), Kandi in Sangareddy district, which is just over 50 km from Hyder-

**Operating tractors for** 

garbage collection

has been affected as

purchasing diesel is

now a task given the

In many gram panchay-

ats, which are struggling

due to the lack of sufficient

revenue generating sources,

even operating tractors for

garbage collection has been

affected as purchasing

diesel was also a task, again,

The panchayats had their

hopes rekindled when the

government announced the

due to paucity of funds.

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num rainiali of 111.8 mm, followed by the Osmania University area, which received 89 mm of rainfall.

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raised numerous new critical questions.

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and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Sunday conducting a trial run of two pump houses of the project ahead of Chief Minister A Revanth

ra reservoir through the 8.69-km Enkoor link canal to supply water to agriculture fields in the Sathupalli and Wyra areas. (SEE PAGE 2)

#### Fund crunch hits BRS panel to study Gurukul issues sanitation in GPs STATE BUREAU

BRS working president KT Rama Rao said on Monday that the party would constitute a committee to study the problems in the State's Gurukuls. The committee will be headed by BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar, who played a crucial role in the development of the Gurukuls.

Praveen Kumar will visit about 20 schools across the State and submit a report in five days after examining the facilities, suggesting measures to be taken for the betterment of the facilities for the students. The move was to help the students, Rama Rao said, advising the State government not to see it from a political angle.

# BRS working president KT Rama Rao consoling the family of Class VI student Anirudh, who recently died at the Peddapur Gurukul, in Metpalli mandal of Jagtial district on Monday.

after consoling family members of Class VI student Anirudh, who recently died

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras

remained on the top spot in

the National Institute Rank-

ing Framework, 2024, for

the sixth consecutive year,

while the Indian Institute of

Science (IISc), Bengaluru,

was ranked as the best uni-

versity for the ninth year in

a row, according to the Min-

istry of Education.

the family at their home in Racharlaboppapur of Yellareddypet mandal on Monday.

SC seeks CBI, ED response on Kavitha's bail

#### NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday sought responses from the CBI and ED on BRS leader K Kavitha's pleas seeking bail in corruption and money laundering cases linked to the alleged excise policy scam.

A Bench of justices BR Gavai and Viswanathan agreed to hear Kavitha's pleas challenging the Delhi HC's July l verdict denying her bail in these cases. Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Kavitha, told the Bench she has been in custody for five months and the charge sheet and prosecution complaint have been filed by CBI and ED. PTI

year. IIT Delhi and IIT Bom-

Rama Rao was speaking

at the Peddapur Gurukul in Metpalli mandal of Jagtial district. He, along with a BRS delegation, called upon

IIT Madras tops NIRF rankings again

#### NEW DELHI

in different road accidents in the city since Sunday night. At Bandlaguda road, three persons were killed when their bike skidded and the trio hit road divider. The victims, Bagari Sri Hari (22), a chef; Sandeep (20) and Abhilash, all relatives, were on a motorcycle travelling from Sankeshwar Bazaar to Aramgarh. (SEE PAGE 2)

#### Ranks first for sixth year in a row; Indian Institute of Science-Bengaluru best university for the ninth year in a row, according to Union Education Ministry

in the ninth edition of the NIRF rankings, which was announced by union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday. Behind IIT Madras, IISc

Bengaluru took the second Delhi University imspot in the "overall" cateproved its rank from 11 to 6 gory, followed by IIT Bomwhile Hindu College stalled bay, while IIT Delhi, which Miranda College's sevenwas at the third place in the year run as the best college category last year, slipped to

bay also retained their second and third spots, respectively, in the category National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirapalli, is the

only non-IIT in the top 10. In pharmacy, Jamia Hamdard rose to the top spot and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Hyderabad, slipped to the second rank. For law, NLSIU-Bengaluru, followed by the National IITs are in the top 10 list for Law University, Delhi, and engineering colleges with NALSAR-Hyderabad re-IIT Madras being at the top tained their first, second and for the ninth consecutive third spots, respectively.PTI

### WB rape-murder: Docs take to streets

#### NEW DELHI/KOLKATA

surgeries.

Resident doctors of government hospitals across the country went on an indefinite strike on Monday to protest the recent rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata, paralysing elective services including OPDs and non-emergency

The move comes in response to a call from the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) which said the "strike won't

stop unless justice is served and our demands are met". FORDA said during the strike, outpatient departments, operation theatres and ward duties will be shut. PTI (REPORTS PAGES 4, 7)

Śwachadanam -Pachadanam programme Eight killed in (the tweaked Congress version of Palle Prakruthi) separate road from August 5-9. (SEE PAGE 2) accidents

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Hyderabad

Eight persons were killed

