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In a nutshell

2 surface-to-air missiles test fired

BALASORE: India on Friday successfully test-fired the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VLSRSAM) for the second consecutive day from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur on the Odisha coast, defence sources said. A statement from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) confirmed that both the tests on September 12 and 13 were successful. **PTI**

WHO approves mpox vaccine

GENEVA: The World Health Organization on Friday granted its first authorisation for the use of a vaccine against mpox in adults, calling it an important step toward fighting the disease in Africa. The approval of the vaccine by Bavarian Nordic A/S means that donors such as vaccines alliance Gavi and UNICEF can buy it. But supplies are limited because there's only a single manufacturer, according to reports. **AP**

2 soldiers killed in J&K gunfight

JAMMU: Two Army personnel, including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), were killed and an equal number injured in an encounter with terrorists in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district. The gunfight broke out when a joint security party of the Army and police launched a cordon-and-search operation in the Naidgham area in the Chhatroo belt, officials said. **PTI**

Man lynched on train

NEW DELHI: A 34-year-old railway contract labourer was beaten to death by fellow passengers on a moving Humsafar Express train between Lucknow and Kanpur after he allegedly sexually assaulted an 11-year-old girl, police said on Friday. The deceased, Prashant Kumar, a native of Bihar, was caught by the victim's family and other passengers after the incident on Tuesday night, officials said. **PTI**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 107
Retail live.....	Rs. 129
With skin.....	Rs. 187
Skinless.....	Rs. 213
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70



All set for global fashion stage
Rashmika jets off in style to take part in Milan Fashion Week

BRS leaders under house arrest as tensions escalate

Harish, Sabitha, Talasani among many confined to their homes

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Several senior leaders and cadres of the opposition Bharat Rashttra Samithi (BRS) were placed under house arrest by police on Friday, following escalating tensions after the attack on BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy.

The police action was taken in response to a planned meeting by BRS leaders at the residence of Serilingampally MLA Arekapudi Gandhi, who defected from the BRS to the Congress. Among those confined to their homes were former Ministers and senior MLAs T Harish Rao, P Sabitha Indra Reddy, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Ch Malla Reddy and V Sunitha Laxma Reddy. They, along with several other BRS representatives, were restricted to their homes until late in the evening.

The police extended the house arrest orders across multiple districts, including in Siddipet, Medak, Sangareddy, Mahabubnagar, Rangareddy and Medchal Malkajgiri, amid reports that the BRS leaders planned to reach Hyderabad for the proposed meeting and extend their solidarity to Kaushik Reddy. Several BRS leaders were also taken into preventive custody starting Thursday midnight.

Harish Rao, who sustained a shoulder injury during his arrest on Thursday, was initially denied medical treatment.

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BRS leader T Harish Rao speaks to police personnel at his residence in Kokapet, Hyderabad, on Friday.

Harish blames CM for unrest in State

HYDERABAD: Former Minister and senior BRS MLA T Harish Rao on Friday held Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy accountable for the deteriorating law and order situation in Telangana.

He accused the Chief Minister of engaging in political vendetta to damage the State's reputation and divert attention from critical issues.

Speaking to the media-persons at his residence in Kokapet, Harish questioned Revanth Reddy's credibility in speaking about Hyderabad and Telangana's brand image after orchestrating political attacks on opposi-

tion leaders. He particularly criticised the Chief Minister for failing to prevent the recent attack by Serilingampally MLA Arekapudi Gandhi on BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy, despite police presence. "Who escorted Gandhi to Kaushik Reddy's residence and allowed him to carry out the attack? Were Revanth Reddy and the DGP not responsible for it? Why were the attacks not stopped?" he asked.

The former Minister condemned the house arrests of several BRS leaders, including himself, calling it an effort to suppress the Opposition. (SEE PAGE 2)

KTR DEMANDS UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF BRS LEADERS

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao condemned the police action in placing BRS leaders under house arrest across Telangana. Dubbing them as illegal arrests, he demanded for the immediate and unconditional release of the BRS leaders. In a statement on Friday, Rama Rao criticised the State government for its inaction against the supporters of Congress MLA Arekapudi Gandhi, who attacked BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy. (SEE PAGE 2)

DGP WARNS OF ACTION AGAINST THOSE DISRUPTING PEACE

HYDERABAD: Director General of Police Dr Jitender held a conference with the Commissioners of Police of Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Rachakonda in view of recent developments here on Friday. During the meeting, the DGP stressed that there should not be any compromise on the law and order situation in the tri-commissionerates. Anyone trying to disturb peace and law and order should be dealt with strictly as per law. There shall be zero tolerance against people trying to disturb the situation, he said. He asked people not to take law into their hands.

Kejriwal gets bail, walks out of jail

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday granted bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in CBI's corruption case related to the excise policy scam, saying the prolonged incarceration amounts to "unjust deprivation of liberty".

Kejriwal, who was arrested on March 21 by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and later by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), came out after spending 155 days in Tihar jail in the evening following completion of procedural formalities in a Delhi court.

In his first remarks after being released from Tihar Jail on Friday, Kejriwal said he will continue to fight against "anti-national"



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal acknowledges supporters after being released from Tihar, in New Delhi on Friday. — Photo: PTI

forces working to weaken the country and asserted that incarceration has only strengthened his resolve.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan granted the relief to Kejriwal on furnishing a bail bond of Rs 10 lakh and two

sureties of like amount. The relaxation in the bail conditions — that the CM can go to the Delhi Secretariat or sign files by the SC — will not change the situation for Kejriwal as opposite conditions were imposed by a coordinate Bench earlier. **PTI**

SC CALLS CBI CAGED PARROT

NEW DELHI: Observing that Arvind Kejriwal's arrest by the CBI was unjustified, Supreme Court judge Justice Ujjal Bhuyan on Friday slammed the agency, and said it must dispel the notion of being a caged parrot. Writing a separate concurring judgement granting bail to the AAP supremo, Justice Bhuyan questioned the timing of Kejriwal's arrest by the CBI and said its aim was to frustrate the grant of bail to him in the Enforcement Directorate case. Justice Surya Kant did not find any illegality in the CBI arrest. **PTI**
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Narayanpet youth returns from war-torn Russia

STATE BUREAU
Narayanpet

Zahur Pasha Syed and his wife Nasin Zahur Syed could not believe their eyes when Mohd Sufiyan, their son, who was stuck in war-torn Russia, returned home safely on Friday night after a nearly nine-month ordeal.

Emotional scenes were witnessed at Syed's small house here after the family hugged Sufiyan tight as their prayers were heard finally.

It has been over two months since Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Russian President Vladimir Putin and took up the issue of Indian youth stranded in the war-torn nation. "My parents had almost



Mohd Sufiyan with his parents Zahur Pasha Syed and Nasin Zahur Syed in Narayanpet on Friday.

given up and lost all hope. But thanks to the Indian government, my brother returned safely," Sufiyan's brother Salman Zahur Syed said. After Sufiyan's con-

tract was cancelled on September 6, they were informed that they should pack their bags and be ready to leave for India in a few days. (SEE PAGE 2)

5-yr-old crushed to death by school bus

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

A five-year-old girl was crushed to death after she came under the wheels of a private school bus at Malampet in Dundigal on Friday. K Mahanvitha, a Class I student at an international school, is reported to have inadvertently stepped in front of the vehicle, resulting in the mishap.

According to police, the bus driver, who failed to notice Mahanvitha, moved the bus and the girl got crushed

to death. She was reportedly standing very close to the front of the bus, cutting the driver's view, a police official said. The Dundigal police started an investigation. The driver was taken into custody and booked for negligence causing death.

Mahanvitha's parents alleged negligence on part of the driver and the school. They said the management tried to downplay the incident and protect the driver. The body was shifted to Gandhi Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Asifabad ryots heavily dependent on chemicals

YUVRAJ AKULA
Hyderabad

A research carried out by Osmania University (OU) scholars revealed alarming trends in intensive agricultural practices, including dependence on chemicals, in Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district in the State.

The study revealed that farmers are heavily dependent on chemicals, which is 98.2 per cent, for farming in the district. Besides, there has been wide adoption of mono-cropping, which is 84.8 per cent, particularly paddy and cotton cultiva-



tion. The research paper, titled 'Unveiling the Detrimental Impacts of Intensive Chemical Use and Monoculture on Soil Health and Sustainable Development Goal

15: Life on Land in Telangana', observed a decline in traditional farming practices, with a shift towards mechanised methods (87.6 per cent). The study also ob-

served that there is growing scepticism among farmers regarding the effectiveness of livestock manure as a fertilizer. The paper, authored by scholars Srinivas Katherasala, Ram Shepherd Bheenaveni, Parandamulu Chinthakindi, Divya Vadlakonda, Nithyanandam Kummari and Sushmita Susan Badi, was based on a survey of 382 farmers.

According to the authors, the results underscored an urgent need for sustainable alternatives to current agricultural practices. The authors suggested a multifaceted approach to address

issues, including promoting crop diversity, unwanted weed control mechanisms, balancing agricultural inputs, adopting integrated pest management techniques, reviving livestock integration and establishing robust monitoring systems.

The study also addressed the misconception among farmers that soil erosion is an uncontrollable natural phenomenon. In response, an innovative approach — curved and sloped buffer zone was devised, aimed at counteracting soil erosion and promoting long-term soil natural fertility.