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AP suspends three senior IPS officers

AMARAVATI: The AP government issued orders suspending three senior IPS officers for their alleged involvement in "hastily arresting" and "harassing" a Mumbai-based actor-cum-model without proper probe in a case filed against her. Former intelligence chief P Sitharama Anjaneyulu (DG rank), former Vijayawada Police Commissioner Kranti Rana Tata (IG) and Vishal Gunni (SP), then DCP (Vijayawada), were suspended. **NATION PAGE 7**

Liquor shops closed for Visarjan

HYDERABAD: All liquor outlets in the Rachakonda Police Commissionerate limits will be closed in view of the Ganesh idol immersion from 6 am on Tuesday to 6 pm Wednesday. As per a notification issued by Rachakonda Police Commissioner G Sudheer Babu on Sunday, in the interest of public peace and tranquillity, all toddy and wine shops and bars will remain closed.

10 killed in Meerut house collapse

MEERUT/LUCKNOW: The death toll in the collapse of a three-storey house in the Zakir Nagar area of Meerut has risen to 10 while rescue work at the site is still underway. District Magistrate Deepak Meena said a process was underway to provide financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh for each deceased from the natural calamity fund and Rs 1.2 lakh for the house being completely damaged. **PTI**

41 killed in Nigeria boat capsizes

ABUJA: At least 41 bodies were recovered and 12 others rescued after a wooden boat capsized in Nigeria's north-western state of Zamfara, local authorities said on Sunday. The boat carrying over 50 passengers and crew capsized on a river near Gummi, a town in the Gummi local government area of Zamfara, shortly after leaving the shore. The passengers were farmers. **IANIS**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 106
Retail live.....	Rs. 128
With skin.....	Rs. 186
Skinless.....	Rs. 211
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70



Sam now a lot more skin-sensible
 Says when she fell sick, her skin was the first to suffer

Kejriwal to quit as CM, go for agnipariksha

Says will sit in CM chair after people give him honesty certificate

PTI
 NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday announced that he would resign after two days and sought early polls in the national capital while vowing not to sit in the CM's chair till people give him a "certificate of honesty".

The BJP hit back at the AAP supremo, terming his move a "PR exercise" and "drama". Kejriwal, released on bail from Tihar on Friday in the excise policy graft case, said he would hold a meeting of AAP MLAs in the next couple of days and a party leader would take over as Chief Minister.

The AAP national convener, who reached the party headquarters here on Sunday with his wife Sunita to address party workers, said he would become Chief Minister and Manish Sisodia Deputy CM "only when people say we are honest". Sisodia got bail in the excise policy case last month.

Following Kejriwal's unexpected announcement, the names of his wife Sunita and Delhi Ministers Atishi



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal during the AAP workers' meeting in New Delhi on Sunday. — Photo: PTI (REPORTS PAGE 7)

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— ARVIND KEJRIWAL, DELHI CM

and Gopal Rai as his probable replacement are doing the rounds. "I am going to resign after two days and ask people whether I am honest. Till they respond, I won't sit on CM's chair," he said. "Delhi elections are due in February but I de-

mand that the elections be held in November along with Maharashtra... I will only sit on CM's chair after people give me a certificate of honesty. Want to give 'agnipariksha' (trial by fire) after coming out of jail." Alleging the BJP tried to prove

him corrupt, Kejriwal claimed the saffron party could not provide good schools and free electricity to people because they were corrupt. "We are honest," he asserted. "They slap false cases against non-BJP Chief Ministers. If the CMs are arrested, I urge them not to resign but run their government from jail," the Delhi Chief Minister said. "I didn't resign (after arrest in excise policy case) because I respect democracy and the Constitution is supreme for me," Kejriwal said and asserted that it is only the AAP that can stand up to the BJP's "conspiracies".

Slamming Kejriwal over his resignation announcement, BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said, "The AAP national convener's announcement is a part of his plan to make his wife Sunita Kejriwal Chief Minister... Arvind Kejriwal has done a PhD on how to make a virtue out of necessity." He alleged that Kejriwal is enacting the resignation "drama" because the court did not acquit him in the excise policy scam case.

Kerala man died of Nipah, says Minister

MALAPPURAM

The 24-year-old man, who died recently at a private hospital in Malappuram, was infected with the Nipah virus, Kerala Health Minister Veena George said on Sunday.

George said the suspicion of Nipah infection arose after a death investigation conducted by the Regional Medical Officer. "The available samples were immediately sent for testing and it turned out to be positive," the Minister said in a video message.

The Malappuram native, who reached the State from Bengaluru, died on September 9, after which his available samples were sent for testing to Kozhikode Medical college hospital laboratory.

Malappuram health officials said the results from Kozhikode medical college indicated a positive result, after which a high-level meeting was held by the Health Minister on Saturday night itself and initiated the necessary steps as per the protocol.

Meanwhile, the results from the National Institute of Virology, Pune, on Sunday confirmed the infection. The Minister said 16 committees were formed on Saturday and a contact list of 151 people has been identified. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

KTR slams CM for halting Pharma City

Urges Revanth to provide clarity on govt's stand

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Sunday expressed grave concerns over the future of the Hyderabad Pharma City project, urging Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to provide clarity on the government's position.

The Pharma City project, touted as the world's largest integrated pharmaceutical cluster initiated under the previous BRS government, was seen as pivotal to cementing Telangana's position as a global leader in the life sciences and pharmaceutical sectors.

Telangana accounts for 40 per cent of India's pharmaceutical production and is home to over 1,000 life sciences companies, with a combined ecosystem valued at \$80 billion. The Pharma City was part of a broader strategy to enhance this sector, building on Hyderabad's reputation as the city with highest USFDA-approved pharmaceutical



Hyderabad Pharma City, with an investment potential of \$9.7 billion and the promise of over 5 lakh direct jobs, is integral to Telangana's growth. Scrapping this project without a clear alternative is deeply concerning
 — KT Rama Rao, BRS working president

units globally. Recent reports suggested that the newly formed Congress government was rethinking the project, causing alarm among investors and local communities alike. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Valmiki scam hits close to home, investors in fix

SANTOSH PADALA
 Mancherial

Around 10,000 investors of the First Finance Credit Co-operative Society Limited's (FFCCSL) branch in Mancherial and 12 other branches across the State are in a dilemma on how to withdraw their savings after a Special Investigation Team (SIT) arrested the firm's chairman and froze its accounts in connection with the multi-crore scam at the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation a few months ago.

First Finance chairman Itakari Satyanarayana from Bitturpalli in Bheemini mandal was arrested in June by the SIT on charges of assisting two suspects involved in the scam in opening 18 accounts in the bank. The SIT

10,000 investors across TG unable to withdraw savings as First Finance Credit Coop Society Ltd's chairman in jail

froze the customers' accounts as part of investigations into the Rs 89.62 crore transferred into the accounts of First Finance.

Satyanarayana had established First Finance with its headquarters at Nallakunta in Hyderabad and administrative office at Chunnabattiwada in Mancherial town in 2019. Branches of the society were set up in Luxetipet, Manthani, Godavarikhani, Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Jagtial, Sircilla, Siddipet, Husnabad, Vi-

jayawada and Tirupati of Andhra Pradesh. The branches reportedly have 10,000 customers. The society raised various deposits worth Rs 12 crore.

The investors are now struggling to carry out transactions with regard to fixed and recurring deposits, following the arrest of the chairman. However, the society's recovery agents are collecting repayments of loans from the customers by giving manual receipts. The administrative office is now staffed by an attendant with employees quitting the society due to delay in salaries.

"I deposited my savings at a branch of First Finance for my daughter's wedding. But now I am unable to withdraw the funds which are in a fixed deposit," an investor said. **(SEE PAGES 2, 4)**

Doctors to get unique IDs

NEW DELHI

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has initiated the process of registration of all MBBS doctors eligible to practise in India on a recently launched portal, as a part of which all medical practitioners will have a unique ID.

The National Medical Register (NMR) is a dynamic database and will be a central repository of all registered doctors, in which their authenticity is verified by Aadhaar IDs. "The NMR is ready for registration of registered medical practitioners (RMPs) with immediate effect," Dr B Srinivas, Secretary of the NMC said.

All the MBBS doctors, who are registered on Indian Medical Register (IMR), have to register again on the NMR, the NMC said in a public notice recently. **(SEE PAGE 2)**



Even as a traffic cop is busy streamlining the flow of vehicles, a man riding with five children on a two-wheeler, quietly slips away right under his nose, at Moazamjahi Market in Hyderabad on Sunday.

NDA govt for implementing ONOE during current tenure

NEW DELHI

The BJP-led NDA government will implement 'one nation, one election' within its current tenure, sources said, exuding confidence that the reform measure would receive support across party lines.

As the third term of the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi completes 100 days in

office, the sources said the cohesion within the ruling alliance will continue for the rest of the tenure.

"Definitely, it will be implemented in this tenure itself. It will be a reality," one source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In his Independence Day address last month, the Prime Minister made a strong pitch for 'one nation, one election', contending

that frequent polls were creating hurdles in the country's progress.

"The nation has to come forward for 'one nation, one election'," Modi had said in his address from the ramparts of the Red Fort in the national capital.

He urged political parties "from the Red Fort and with the national tricolour as a witness to ensure the nation's progress". **PTI**

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Unhappy with the arrangements made for the immersion of Ganesh idols at Hussain Sagar, the Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Committee members held a demonstration at Tank Bund against the State government machinery on Sunday.

They were angry over the failure of the administration in making arrangements, such as cranes and lights, for the smooth conduct of the idol immersion scheduled for Tuesday. The committee's office bearers criticised the State government for failing to live up to its promise of making full arrangements for the immersion of idols. "Instead of completing the arrangements as assured during the meetings, the au-



Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Committee said govt was trying to prevent immersion in Hussain Sagar. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

thorities put up banners announcing restrictions on immersion of idols on Tank Bund," they complained.

The committee members argued that the administration was trying to prevent

the immersion of idols in Hussain Sagar and erected banners announcing the restrictions on a decades' old practice. "The authorities kept the organisers in the dark about their plans. Only

when people started complaining about the lack of facilities, we visited the spot and noticed that the works were not taken up," they lamented.

In the afternoon, the Ganesh Utsav Committee members removed the barricades, tore the banners put up along the Tank Bund stretch and started the idol immersion. They warned that they will make their own arrangements if the government was not interested in undertaking the works. The committee demanded that the administration should speed up the arrangements to be made for the immersion of idols. "Towards the evening, the administration had started moving in heavy cranes on Tank Bund to facilitate the immersion."