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SRINAGAR: A voter turnout of 65.48 per cent was recorded till 5 pm in the third and final phase of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections on Tuesday, according to Election Commission data. Polling in the 40 Assembly segments across seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir, including the winter capital Jammu, began at 7 am amid tight security and is scheduled to conclude at 6 pm.
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Five of family killed in accident

ADILABAD: Five persons of a family were killed when the car in which they were travelling crashed into a divider and turned turtle on NH44 on the outskirts of Gudihathnoor mandal on Monday night. The deceased were identified as Syed Moizuddin (67), his son-in-law Khaja Moinuddin (43), his grandchildren Mohammad Ali (4), Mohammad Farid (14), and Mohammad Usmanuddin (8).
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Jr doctors resume 'total cease work'

KOLKATA: Junior doctors in West Bengal resumed an indefinite 'total cease work' on Tuesday, escalating protests over the state government's "failure" to address key demands including enhanced hospital security, a day after the SC emphasised the need for medics to perform essential duties. The junior doctors in West Bengal had partially resumed duties on September 21 after a 42-day protest. **PTI**

Govinda sustains bullet injury

MUMBAI: Actor Govinda was injured in the leg on Tuesday after his revolver accidentally went off at his Mumbai residence when he was about to leave for the airport, police said. Dr Ramesh Agarwal, who tended to the 60-year-old actor after the accident, said Govinda is recuperating in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of a private hospital and will be discharged in a few days. **PTI**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 110
Retail live.....	Rs. 132
With skin.....	Rs. 191
Skinless.....	Rs. 218
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 72

Cong workers at it again, now attack KTR's convoy

Try to obstruct BRS leader when he was on his way to meet Musi project victims



Congress workers jumping on top of a car and preventing BRS working president KT Rama Rao's convoy from moving forward, in Amberpet constituency on Tuesday.

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Tensions flared up in Telangana on Tuesday after Congress workers attacked the convoy of BRS working president and Sircilla MLA KT Rama Rao, who was on his way to extend solidarity to people affected by the controversial Musi Riverfront Development Project. The police, who came in after the Congress workers attacked the convoy, with

some of them jumping on top of a car and preventing the convoy from moving forward, managed to disperse the attackers and prevented the situation from escalating. This was the third attack on an elected representative of the BRS in recent times by Congress workers, who had earlier attacked Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao's car in Khammam and Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy's residence in Hyderabad.

Rama Rao was on his way to visit the affected areas of Golnaka in Amberpet constituency on Tuesday morning and to meet the victims of the Musi project. Learning about his visit, Congress workers, led by Youth Congress leaders, obstructed his convoy in Musheerabad. They raised slogans of 'Go Back KTR' and attacked the vehicles, demanding an immediate apology to Minister Konda Surekha. Congress workers

tried to attack the BRS headquarters at Telangana Bhavan on Monday as well on the same issue, alleging a smear campaign on social media against the Minister. Though security personnel and BRS supporters intervened to prevent the assault, the Congress workers escalated their actions, with some even climbing onto the car and acting aggressively. The BRS activists responded in equal measure, resulting in a brief but tense

standoff. The police, along with BRS supporters, managed to push back the attackers, allowing Rama Rao to proceed to Golnaka, where he interacted with the affected residents. Responding to the attack, the BRS working president declared that he would not be intimidated by such attacks. He said those who attacked his vehicles had only strengthened his resolve.

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Will stand by you, BRS to oustees



BRS working president KT Rama Rao interacting with the victims of Musi project, in Amberpet constituency on Tuesday.

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao called on the affected families of the Musi River beautification project to fight unitedly and resist the ongoing demolitions of their homes. He vowed to extend necessary physical and legal support to the oustees on behalf of the BRS to safeguard their homes.

"Be ready with brooms and wheelbarrows in front of your homes. If you stay united, we will stand by you and fight legally, even if it costs Rs 10 crore," he said while addressing the affected families from Ambedkar Nagar, Annapurana Nagar, New Tulsiram Nagar and surrounding areas in Golnaka of Amberpet constituency. Speaking on the occasion, Rama Rao

criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for targeting the poor during the festive season of Dasara and Bathukamma, stating that Revanth Reddy bore a grudge against those who had not voted for Congress. "People are living in fear, worried about when their homes will be demolished," he said, blaming the Congress government for causing

distress among the poor. Advising the residents to stay united, he emphasised the need to form WhatsApp groups to stay connected and to be prepared to confront officials trying to demolish their homes. "If a bulldozer comes to one house, everyone must come together," he stated. He also warned against falling prey to mediators attempting to deceive them.

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Farmer ends life over loan waiver

STATE BUREAU
 Mahabubabad

A 53-year-old farmer died, allegedly by suicide, in Dharawatu thanda in the district, fearing that he would be unable to clear his debts as he failed to secure the Rs 2 lakh loan waiver promised by the State government.

According to reports, Dharawatu Ravi had taken a loan of Rs 2.40 lakh from a bank and was expecting to clear it through the loan waiver scheme announced by the State government. However, when his name did not figure in the beneficiary list, he slipped into depression as he had taken loans from private financiers. On Monday, Ravi went to his farm and did not return home in the evening. The family members started searching for him. They found Ravi lying unconscious and rushed him to the government hospital. However, he died while undergoing treatment.

Scams put K'taka, TG govts on spot

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The Congress governments in both Karnataka and Telangana are facing the heat over scams emerging out of nepotism. Apart from leaders in the State units, the Congress high command is also now in a spot of bother ever since the allegations surfaced against both the Chief Ministers in these States, A Revanth Reddy and Siddaramaiah.

After filing an FIR against Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife and others, Mysuru Lok Ayukta has commenced its probe into the case linked to the

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Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam. Similarly, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is in the news for signing agreements with companies that were floated by his brothers and relatives apart from allegedly gifting AMRUT 2.0 tenders to a relative's company.

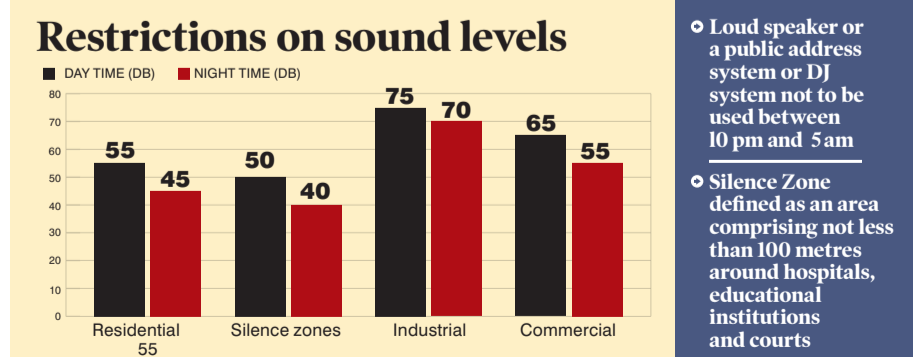
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No DJs during religious processions

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand issued orders prohibiting Disc Jockey (DJ) sound systems which are powered mobile speakers delivering high-decibel sound and firecrackers, during religious processions in the city.

The order came after a recent coordination meeting by the Hyderabad Police with organisers of various religious processions, representatives of various political parties and government departments to discuss the concerns raised by the citizens during the recent religious processions. As per the notification issued on September 30, the use of DJ sound systems, DJ sound mixers, sound amplifiers and other high sound-generating equipment, appliances and apparatus or contrivance, which is capable of produc-



ing or reproducing the sound are prohibited during religious processions. Meanwhile, the use of sound systems will be permitted, but with certain restrictions in the decibel limits in an effort to control

noise pollution during religious processions. A loudspeaker or public address system or DJ system shall not be used during the nights from 10 pm to 6 am, the notification further read.

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Sonam Wangchuk detained at Delhi border

NEW DELHI

Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and several others who were detained at the Delhi border while marching to the capital to demand Sixth Schedule status for Ladakh on Tuesday launched an indefinite fast at police stations where they have been kept. Wangchuk was leading the march, 'Delhi Chalo Padyatra', which began from Leh a month ago. He and around 120 others from Ladakh were detained on Monday night. The march was organised by the Leh Apex Body (LAB).

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SC to lay guidelines on demolitions

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said it will lay down pan-India guidelines on the demolition of properties and any religious structure in the middle of a road, be it a 'dargah' or a temple, "has to go" because public interest is paramount. Observing that merely because somebody is an accused or even a convict cannot be a ground for demolition of property, the apex court reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas which have alleged that properties, including of those accused of crime,

were being demolished in several States. A Bench of Justices BR Gavi and KV Viswanathan said unauthorised construction made by any person, irrespective of his religion or belief, has to be removed. The Bench said its September 17 order, which had said there would be no demolition of properties till October 1 without its permission, will continue till it decides the matter. "Whatever we are laying down, we are a secular country. We are laying it down for all the citizens, for all the institutions, not for any particular community," the Bench said. **PTI**

SIT probe into laddu row stalled

TIRUPATI

Andhra Pradesh DGP Ch Dwaraka Tirumala Rao said that the State government constituted SIT will temporarily stall its probe into the alleged 'adulteration' of Tirupati laddus as the matter is sub-judice in the Supreme Court. Over last two days, the SIT has probed the procurement and sampling processes, trying to understand how it is possible to adulterate the laddus, said Rao. "First they (SIT) have to understand the process, study it and take all information, an order has come from SC and in line with that, we have stopped it," the DGP said. **PTI**