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In a nutshell

Strike on Gaza school kills 27
DEIR AL-BALAH: An Israeli strike on a school sheltering the displaced in the Gaza Strip killed at least 27 people on Thursday, Palestinian medical officials said. The Israeli military said it targeted militants, but people sheltering there said the strike hit a meeting of aid workers. Israel has continued to strike at what it says are militant targets across the Palestinian enclave. **WORLD PAGE 9**

Modi for strong India-ASEAN ties
VIENTIANE: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday announced a 10-point plan to strengthen India-ASEAN comprehensive partnership and asserted that ties with the regional grouping were critical to guiding Asia's future. Addressing the 21st India-ASEAN Summit here, he noted that India-ASEAN trade had doubled to over \$130 billion in the past decade. **NATION PAGE 8**

Dalit boys beaten up for theft in UP
BAHRAICH: Two poultry farm owners allegedly thrashed three boys of the Dalit community, suspecting them of stealing 5 kg wheat, and paraded them with shaved heads and blackened faces in a village here. The victims' families claimed the duo tortured the boys as they did not report at the poultry farm for work. The incident occurred in Tajpur Tedia village. **NATION PAGE 8**

Nadal to retire after Davis Cup
MADRID: Rafael Nadal is retiring from professional tennis at age 38, he announced in a video message on Thursday, after winning 22 Grand Slam titles during an unprecedented era he shared with rivals Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. Nadal, also called King of Clay, has competed infrequently the past two seasons because of injuries. **SPORT PAGE 11**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 114
Retail live.....	Rs. 136
With skin.....	Rs. 197
Skinless.....	Rs. 224
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 72

Tarikh pe tarikh for Revanth govt projects

CM's trend of missing, changing deadlines draws flak

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's penchant for setting 'deadlines' for different government tasks and programmes while making promises to the people continues despite a long string of missed targets.

While some Ministers, too, appear to be growing fond of the approach to impress people about their 'commitment' to fulfil electoral promises, the trend is drawing flak as results often lag behind. None of the deadlines set by Revanth Reddy or his Cabinet colleagues were met so far.

In the Chief Minister's case, he had first set a deadline of December 9, 2023, for implementing the crop loan waiver scheme, which was later extended multiple times. First was to January 26, then to a 100-day window, and finally to August 15, 2024. Yet, even by October, of the 41 lakh eligible farmers, 20 lakh are still waiting for their loans to be waived.

The Chief Minister also promised to deliver on the Six Guarantees comprising

A case of shifting deadlines

100 DAYS: SIX GUARANTEES

WHAT HAPPENED: Of 13 assurances under Abhaya Hashtam, after 300 days, only 2 with sub-components launched

CURRENT STATUS: Fresh deadline of Dec 9, 2024

DEC 9, 2023: IMPLEMENTATION OF CROP LOAN WAIVER

WHAT HAPPENED: Multiple extensions, first to Jan 26, then 100-day window, finally Aug 15, 2024

CURRENT STATUS: Of 41 lakh farmers, 20 lakh still waiting for waiver

MARCH FIRST-WEEK: RESOLUTION OF DHARANI APPLICATIONS

WHAT HAPPENED: Officials asked to resolve 2.45 lakh pending applications in Dharani portal Extended till August 15

CURRENT STATUS: No major progress

JAN 17, 2024: PRAJA PALANA APPLICATIONS

WHAT HAPPENED: Re-branded as 'ongoing' after deadlines were missed

CURRENT STATUS: No deadlines

13 assurances under the Abhaya Hashtam scheme within 100 days. Even after 300 days, only a couple of them have been implemented. Now, a fresh deadline of December 9, 2024, has been set to meet these electoral commitments.

Another case is the Praja Palana application process, where January 17 was originally set as the deadline for applicants seeking govern-



ment schemes. The process, however, was re-branded as 'ongoing' after deadlines were missed, as usual. Officials were asked to resolve 2.45 lakh pending applications in the Dharani portal by the first week of March. This was again extended to August 15, with no major progress so far. Similarly, a comprehensive Disaster Management Plan for Greater Hyderabad,

promised by June 4, remains incomplete even as the monsoon is mostly over. The latest deadline Revanth Reddy is setting for his government is December 9, 2024, for various tasks and programmes such as SC categorisation, BC survey and TGpsc recruitment to fill two lakh government jobs, among others. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

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Rain-hit ryots in a fix as govt downplays crop loss

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Leaving farmers in the lurch once again, the State government has drastically cut down on the extent of crop losses due to last month's heavy rain, from the initial estimate of 4.15 lakh acres to a meagre 79,574 acres.

The State government, which announced a compensation of Rs 10,000 per acre for those whose crops were damaged between August 31 and September 6, has now released only Rs 79.57 crore in compensation.

This amount was expected to be directly deposited into farmers' accounts on Thursday.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had earlier revealed the preliminary estimates that around 1.53 lakh acres got damaged during the rain and assured farmers of support. Just three days ago, the



The State government has slashed the extent of crop loss due to rain from 4.15 lakh acres to a meagre 79,574 acres.

Chief Minister submitted a representation to union Home Minister Amit Shah to release Rs 11,713 crore towards flood relief. In his report, Revanth Reddy stated that around 4.15 lakh acres got damaged due to the heavy rain.

However, following a reassessment, the Agriculture Department concluded that

crop losses above the 33 per cent threshold, which qualifies for compensation, accounted for only 79,574 acres. Of this, Khammam district reported the highest damage of 28,407 acres, followed by Mahabubnagar with 14,669 acres, Suryapet with 9,828 acres and other districts amounting to 3,288 acres. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

3 TG sportswomen struggle for aid

YUVRAJ AKULA
HYDERABAD

In sharp contrast to the tall claims of the Congress government of promoting sports and games as a priority in the State, the struggle of three women sportspersons reveal a troubling reality.

Selected to represent India at the 4th Asian Universities Women Softball Asia Cup Taichung 2024, Taiwan, the three students belonging to economically weaker sections — Guguloth Mamatha, Lakavathi Rani and Ajmera Indu — from the Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society

Last time, when we got selected for a competition in China, the BRS government promptly extended Rs 1.9 lakh financial assistance

— ONE OF THE STUDENTS, TGWREIS

are facing a tough challenge. The sportswomen cannot afford airfare to attend the game scheduled to be held from October 15 and are forced to seek financial assistance.

According to sources, 16 students, including four from Telangana with three from the Society, were selected for the games. Despite their talent and hardwork, their pleas for financial as-

sistance of Rs 1.5 lakh each from the Society have fallen on the deaf ears. Currently, these students are pursuing under-graduation from the social welfare residential degree colleges for women.

Now, their dreams of competing at the international level hang in the balance as they must depart on October 12 to be able to take part in the game. According to sources, a letter from Ad-

visor to Government (Agriculture) Pocharam Srinivas Reddy requesting the society to arrange the amount did not yield a positive response.

Worried at her participation in the tournament, one of the students said they explained the prominence of the game to the secretary, but all their efforts went in vain. "My family is into farming and cannot afford the airfare. We appealed to the society to provide financial assistance but nothing has come till now. Last time, when we got selected for a competition in China, the BRS government promptly extended Rs 1.9 lakh financial assistance," she said.

Karnataka BJP chief predicts change of CM

BELAGAVI

Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra on Thursday predicted fast-paced political developments in the State in the next few days, including change of Chief Minister over the MUDA 'scam'. "A lot of political developments are certainly taking place in the State. In the next few days, the kind of fast-paced political developments will take place, which both you (media) and the people will see," he said. Asked about his recent comments regarding the change of CM after Dasara, he said: "I have said that fast-paced developments will take place, it includes everything." **PTI**

Omar Abdullah set to be J&K CM

SRINAGAR

National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah is set to be the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir after being unanimously elected as the leader of the legislature party.

The decision to elect Omar Abdullah as the leader was taken in a meeting held at the NC headquarters at the Nawa-e-Subha complex in Srinagar on Thursday. The party will soon stake its claim to the UT's top post. Farooq Abdullah had already said Omar Abdullah would be the new CM. **IANIS**

Centre rejects TG IAS officers' requests, transfers them to AP

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

The Centre has rejected requests of IAS officers Ronald Rose and Amrapali Kata, who were allocated to the Andhra Pradesh cadre after the State's bifurcation, to be allowed to continue in the Telangana cadre.

Accordingly, they have been relieved with immediate effect and directed to report in Andhra Pradesh by October 16.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Griev-

Ronald Rose and Amrapali Kata, who had requested to continue in TG, relieved with immediate effect

ances and Pensions sent letters to the IAS officers concerned, along with copies to the Chief Secretaries of both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh governments. The decision was taken

based on the recommendations of the Deepak Khandekar committee, which was tasked with reviewing requests from All India Services (AIS) officers, to swap cadres during the allocation of AIS officers after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in 2014.

The committee found that these requests to swap cadres were beyond the scope of the established principles, which had already been upheld by the High Court. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

2BHKs save the day for Cong

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

After accusing the BRS government of failing to construct 2BHKs for the poor and delaying the possession of units ready for occupation in different areas, the Congress government is now relying on these same houses for rehabilitating Musi project oustees.

There is mounting criticism and demand for proper rehabilitation for the oustees under the Musi River-

front Development project. Though the Detailed Project Report is yet to be prepared, the government is already imposing markings on houses in different areas along the riverbed area. In a few places, houses have been demolished as well. This move evoked sharp criticism and objections from all sections.

Worried over the mounting pressure, the government announced that the poor affected under the project would be provided

2BHK houses. Interestingly, though the Indiramma housing scheme was launched, there have been no houses constructed so far by the Congress government, with the government now handing over houses constructed by the previous BRS government.

Many families from Shankarnagar Basthi and other places have been shifted to 2BHK houses in different areas, including those in Chanchalguda and Ziaguda. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Cocaine worth Rs 2,080 cr seized

NEW DELHI

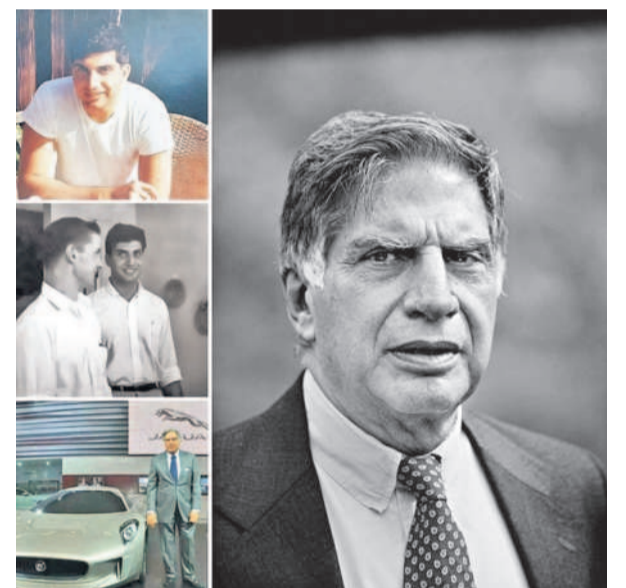
In the second big drug haul in a week, the Delhi Police has seized 208 kg of cocaine worth Rs 2,080 crore from a rented shop in west Delhi, an official said on Thursday evening.

The drugs were hidden inside plastic packets of snacks. About 20-25 such packets kept in cartons were recovered from a small narrow shop in west Delhi's Ramesh Nagar. **PTI** **(REPORT PAGE 8)**

R.I.P RATAN TATA

1937-2024

Industry titan-philanthropist cremated with full state honours



MUMBAI

India's financial capital on Thursday bid an emotional farewell to Ratan Tata, one of her most illustrious sons, who defined both her enterprise and humility, as thousands, from ordinary citizens to luminaries, paid tributes to him before his last journey.

The final rites of the industry titan-philanthropist were performed with full state honours at a crematorium in Worli in the evening after Mumbai Police personnel accorded him a gun salute, a day after he died at a city hospital, marking end of an era.

The last rites were performed as per the Parsi tra-

dition, one of the priests present at the crematorium said. After the funeral, there will be three more days of rituals, which will be conducted at the late business tycoon's bungalow in Colaba, South Mumbai, he said.

After his death late on Wednesday, Tata's mortal remains were taken to his residence early on Thursday, and from there to a cultural centre to allow members of the public to pay their last respects. Industry captains, top politicians, sports and film personalities and Mumbaiers came together to pay their last respects to the 86-year-old former Tata Group chairman. **(SEE PAGES 2, 7)**