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PM to visit Russia for BRICS summit

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping are set to come face-to-face at the BRICS summit in the Russian city of Kazan next week as both leaders are attending the conclave. Modi will pay a two-day visit to Kazan beginning Tuesday to attend the BRICS summit following an invitation by Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday. **PTI**

India sends aid to Lebanon

NEW DELHI: India on Friday sent 33 tonnes of humanitarian supplies, including medicines, to Lebanon. The supply of aid came amid Israel's continuing military offensive targeting Hezbollah strongholds. "A total of 33 tons of medical supplies are being sent. First tranche of 11 tons of medical supplies was dispatched today," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on X. **PTI**

Land scam: ED raids MUDA office

BENGALURU: The Enforcement Directorate sleuths conducted raids at the Mysuru Urban Development Authority office on Friday in connection with the MUDA scam. The officials also conducted simultaneous raids at the residence of accused number four, the land owner J Devaraju. Sources explained that a team of 20 officers have raided the MUDA office and are verifying the documents. **NATION PAGE 8**

'PFI wanted to start civil war in India'

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday said the Popular Front of India (PFI), a proscribed terrorist organisation, was working to create an Islamic movement in India through a "jihad" that included non-violent air raids and "guerilla theatre", apart from various methods of cruelty and subjugation. The agency issued a statement, saying it has attached fresh assets worth more than Rs 35 crore. **PTI**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 120
Retail live.....	Rs. 142
With skin.....	Rs. 206
Skinless.....	Rs. 234
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 70

Adani meets Revanth, hands over Rs 100 cr

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani met Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and handed over a cheque for Rs 100 crore for the Young India Skill University. He also promised support for the initiatives of the Telangana government for skill development and empowerment of youth. The meeting, which interestingly comes even as the Congress has been going hammer and tongs at the Adani Group, triggered sharp criticism from different sections, with many questioning the double

standards of the Congress. BRS working president KT Rama Rao was among those critical of the Congress' selective approach towards Adani. Sharing images of Adani meeting the Chief Minister on X, Rama Rao said: "AICC tweets about Modi this morning. Same day in Telangana. What should we call this Jodi? Revanth Adani= Revdani, Ra Ga Adani= RaGadani..." There were many others who commented on the Telangana CMO's post on X, with most of them pointing out the irony in Revanth Reddy's attitude and his party's approach to Adani. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

'Musi project a scandal in making'

KTR says BRS not opposed to project but against displacement of thousands of families and inflated costs

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday came out all guns blazing against Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, accusing him of turning the Musi River rejuvenation project into a massive scam, inflating costs from Rs 25,000 crore to Rs 1.5 lakh crore and of using the project as an 'ATM for the Congress'.

Categorically stating that the BRS was not opposed to the river rejuvenation project but against the displacement of thousands of families and inflated costs, he said the State government initiated unlawful demolitions without following due process.

"The government has neither a detailed project report, environmental and socio-economic impact studies, nor approvals from the relevant departments. The oustees are being evacuated without giving them fair compensation as per the Land Acquisition Act of 2013 brought by the UPA government. All of these factors give clear indications of a major scandal in the making," he said while making a point-by-point PowerPoint rebuttal to Revanth Reddy's claims.

'Corrupt' plans

Detailing the BRS initiatives for Musi River rejuvenation, contrasting them with the "corrupt" plans of the Congress, Rama Rao charged



Revanth Reddy with making baseless claims and being ignorant of the river's actual needs. "The Chief Minister himself lacks clarity about the objectives of the project and keeps changing them — development, beautification, cleansing, rejuvenation and now water to erstwhile Nalgonda district. Similarly, there is no clarity on the project costs," he said. The BRS working president outlined

the efforts made by the BRS government over the last decade, highlighting investments in Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) costing over Rs 3,800 crore, aimed at treating 100 per cent of Hyderabad's wastewater.

Untreated water

Once these STPs were completed, Hyderabad would be the first city in South Asia to achieve this, ensuring no untreated water flowed into

the Musi River. He also explained plans to link the Godavari River to Musi through the Kaleshwaram project, permanently solving the wastewater issue.

Rama Rao also accused Revanth Reddy of collaborating with firms with questionable history like Meinhardt, which he alleged was implicated in financial crimes globally. Raising doubts that the Congress planned to loot hundreds of

crores under the guise of Musi River beautification, he criticised the Congress government's decision to inflate the project cost to Rs 1.5 lakh crore, far exceeding the previous government's Rs 16,800 crore estimate.

He reminded that the Chief Minister initially mentioned the project cost at Rs 50,000 crore, which then escalated to Rs 1.5 lakh crore without any explanation. **(SEE PAGES 2, 5)**

Straight talk

CONGRESS GOVERNMENT INITIATED UNLAWFUL DEMOLITIONS WITHOUT FOLLOWING DUE PROCESS

- Government must release detailed project report, environmental and socio-economic impact studies
- Ostees should be evacuated only after giving them fair compensation as per Land Acquisition Act of 2013 brought by UPA govt
- BRS initiated Musi River rejuvenation and beautification project with Rs 16,800 crore, completed majority of 31 STPs for treatment of polluted water
- BRS took up beautification of about 5-km stretch at Nagole without displacing any family
- Congress turned project into a massive scam
- Project cost inflated from Rs 16,800 cr to Rs 50,000 cr and then to Rs 1.5 lakh cr, to use project as ATM for Congress
- Roped in a consortium comprising Meinhardt, a company implicated in financial crimes globally, for preparing DPR
- Increased displacement of residents in alleged 'buffer zone'
- Implement Six Guarantees and other electoral promises before taking up project
- Explain need for obtaining fresh loans for Rs 1.5 lakh cr project, while claiming not to have funds to implement electoral promises

Pics used by Revanth Reddy

Images copied from web



The images (left) used by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy during presentation on Musi project and those sourced from web.

'MUSI IMAGES FROM WEB'

HYDERABAD: "The presentation of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Musi project had stock photos pertaining to different cities and AI-generated images picked up from different websites such as Freepik, which were presented as visualisation of the government's plans," said BRS working president K T Rama Rao. He reminded that the CM made a grand presentation without knowing difference between Statue of Unity in Gujarat, Statue of Equality in Telangana and the Statue of Oneness in Madhya Pradesh. In a strong counter to Revanth Reddy's personal attack, he retaliated by reminding that it was not him, but Revanth who was caught on camera with Rs 50 lakh attempt - ping to bribe an MLA in cash-for-vote scam. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

Revanth's Musi obsession worries Congress leaders

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's apparent obsession with the Musi riverfront development project triggered concerns within his own party, with several Congress leaders worried over the government sidelining implementation of the Six Guarantees.

The Chief Minister's statement that even one day's delay would result in huge loss to residents along the River Musi, has set off doubts in the minds of many Congress leaders, who feel the government's priorities are being misplaced.

The Congress had made multiple promises to the people, including one tola of gold along with financial assistance under the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme, monthly assistance of Rs 2,500 to



Several Congress leaders are worried over the government sidelining implementation of the Six Guarantees

women, enhanced financial assistance for farmers under Rythu Bharosa, a monthly honorarium of Rs 4,000 to unemployed youth, Vidya Bharosa Card of Rs 5 lakh for students and enhanced pensions up to Rs 4,000 for senior citizens among others. However, except for a few schemes, such as the free bus travel facility for women and extending Rajiv Arogyasri benefits to Rs 10 lakh, implementation of most of the components of the Six Guarantees has been sidelined. Under the Mahalakshmi and Gruha Jyothi schemes, LPG cylinder for Rs 500 and 200 units of free power were being offered but the benefits were limited to only white ration card holders. Even among white card holders, many were yet to get these benefits.

The Indiramma Indlu scheme was formally launched in March by the CM, but to date, the scheme has not been implemented. Likewise, under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, Rs 15,000 per acre was promised to both farmers and tenant farmers. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Leopard sighted near Miyapur station?

HYDERABAD: Following reports of a leopard being spotted near Metro Station in Miyapur, the Forest Department officials dispatched teams to investigate the claims on Friday night. A video clip that went viral on social media showed what appeared to be a big cat taking a stroll, and claimed it was spotted near the Metro station. Alerted by this, the Forest Department officials sent teams, including anti-poaching squad personnel, to check the veracity of the incident. A senior official said the video, if it was shot in Hyderabad and near Miyapur, could be of a location beyond Metro depot. "There are lush green patches in the foreground and a tree line behind. This could not possibly be around the busy Metro station," the official said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

AAP leader Satyendar Jain gets bail

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Friday granted bail to AAP leader and former Delhi Minister Satyendar Jain in a money laundering case, citing "delay in trial" and his "long incarceration". Jain was arrested by the ED on May 30, 2022, on the charge of laundering money through four companies allegedly linked to him. "Considering the delay in trial and a long incarceration of 18 months, and the fact that the trial will take long to start, let alone conclude, accused is favourably suited for the relief," held Special Judge Vishal Gogne. **PTI**

HC clears decks for Group-I exam

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
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The Telangana High Court on Friday dismissed the writ appeals filed by Group-I aspirants, thus giving the green signal for the conduct of the exams from October 21. The division Bench, comprising Justice Abhinand Kumar Shavili and Justice Alishetty Laxmi Narayana, upheld the order of the single judge, which dismissed the writ pleas.

The discrepancies in the key paper and the government's decision to extend 10 per cent reservation for ST candidates were under challenge before the single judge. As the appeals were also dismissed, the decks are clear for the conduct of the Group-I exam. It may be recalled that the aspirants expressed concerns over the fairness of exam process under the current selection criteria and urged the State government to rectify the issue in the recruitment procedure.

Group-I aspirants caned



Police officials detaining Group-I aspirants during their protest against the State government at Ashok Nagar, in Hyderabad on Friday. — Photo: Anand Dharamna

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Tension prevailed when the police used force and resorted to lathi charge on the Group-I aspirants who took out a rally demanding the government to reschedule the Mains examination, at Ashok Nagar on Friday.

Several protestors, including women, were injured, and at least 20 were taken into preventive custody. Several aspirants from

the coaching institutions in the vicinity and others across the city gathered at Ashok Nagar Crossroads and started a rally towards Indira Park. They marched holding placards, and banners with their faces covered with masks of Rahul Gandhi and raising slogans demanding postponement of the exams. The police personnel deployed at the spot stopped them as they did not have any prior permission to stage a protest or

take out a rally. The police then dispersed the protestors and crowd using lathis. Several protestors were taken into preventive custody and shifted to the nearby police station. They were later let off.

"They did not seek permission for the rally. All of a sudden, they came out rushing from the streets and started protesting and blocking the main roads," said a police official from Domalguda. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Pannun case: US charges Indian official

WASHINGTON/NEW YORK

A former Indian government official has been charged by the US authorities for his alleged role in a foiled plot to assassinate Sikh separatist Gurbatwant Singh Pannun on American soil around the state visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Vikas Yadav, 39, was employed by the Cabinet Secretariat, which houses India's foreign intelligence service, the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), the federal prosecutors claimed on Thursday in an indictment

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— MERRICK B GARLAND, US ATTORNEY GENERAL

filed in a US court in New York. Yadav faces murder-for-hire and money laundering charges in connection with his role in directing a foiled plot to kill Pannun. He "remains at large", the Department of Justice said. Yadav had been identified

only as 'CC-1' (co-conspirator) in the first indictment. On Thursday in New Delhi, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, responding to a query on the person identified in the indictment of the US Department of Justice (DoJ) in connection with the

case, confirmed that the person is "no longer an employee of the government of India".

His co-conspirator Nikhil Gupta was arrested in the Czech Republic last year and is languishing in a US jail after extradition.

"Today's charges demonstrate that the Justice Department will not tolerate attempts to target and endanger Americans and to undermine the rights to which every US citizen is entitled," US Attorney General Merrick B Garland said. **PTI**