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TELANGANA ON THE BOIL

Witnesses unprecedented protests by different sections against the Congress govt over host of issues

In a nutshell

Jilted lover slits woman's throat

HYDERABAD: In a shocking incident, a jilted lover attacked a woman in broad daylight on the busy SR Nagar road by slashing her throat on Saturday. The suspect, Madhusudan, was reportedly upset as the woman started avoiding him. According to police, Madhusudan bore a grudge against the woman for avoiding him, which led to a violent confrontation on the street. The condition of woman is said to be critical.

ITBP jawans killed in IED blast

NARAYANPUR: Two personnel of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) were killed and two policemen injured on Saturday when naxalites carried out an IED blast in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district. The incident occurred around noon in Kodliyar forest in the Abujhmad area when joint teams of security personnel were out on an anti-Naxal operation, Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj said. **PTI**

ED raids ex-YSRC MP properties

VISAKHAPATNAM: The ED conducted raids on the properties of former YSR Congress MP MVV Satyanarayana. The searches were conducted on the premises of the YSRC leader as part of the investigations into the money laundering allegations. The ED officials conducted searches at five locations, including the residences and offices of Satyanarayana, his auditor, and another accused. **PTI**

Mob beats man to death in Gujarat

VADODARA: A 30-year-old man was killed and another sustained injuries when a mob attacked them, suspecting them of being thieves in Gujarat's Vadodara. Three policemen were also injured when they tried to intervene during the attack that occurred near a police station in the Varasiya locality around midnight, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Panna Momaya said. **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



Forces disperse the protestors near the Muthyalamma temple in Secunderabad; a protestor who sustained injuries in the incident.



Cops stop Group-I aspirants from marching towards Secretariat. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Telangana on Saturday turned into a cauldron on the boil, witnessing an unprecedented outbreak of protests by different sections against the government over different issues on the same day, multiple instances of police highhandedness triggering suicides and suicide attempts, and ignoring all this, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy continuing to threaten political opponents with HYDRAA.

The day began with the fierce protests by Group-I aspirants continuing from last night in Ashok Nagar. With reports that the protesters were planning to take out rallies, police began caning aspirants who came out of their hostels. In between, many women aspirants complained that police thrashed them indiscriminately and detained them for more than 12 hours from last night. The tension escalated further after Union Minister Sanjay Kumar reached the spot. A sudden call for a 'Chalo Secretariat' march

KTR faults BJP, Congress' approach towards Group-I protest

HYDERABAD: Taking strong exception to what he called the atrocious conduct of BJP workers, who tried to attack a BRS team of senior leaders at Ashok Nagar, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday condemned the treatment meted out to RS Praveen Kumar, a former police officer of DGP rank; V Srinivas Goud, former Minister; Musheerabad MLA Muta Gopal and Dasoju Sravan, who reached out to the Group-I candidates on protest. He called it unbecoming on the part of the BJP and also criticised the government's handling of stir. He expressed disappointment over CM's approach, which he described as shameful. **(REPORT PAGE 3)**

Protesting Bandi whisked away

HYDERABAD: The Group-I aspirants continued protest and held a massive demonstration at Ashok Nagar crossroads. Tension escalated when Union Minister Bandi Sanjay joined the protesters. He was whisked away in a vehicle and "dropped" at the State BJP office in Nampally. **(REPORT PAGE 3)**

Even as the police were on an overdrive caning protesters in the capital, the State was in for more shockers, with two persons attempting suicide over police highhandedness, with one of them dying. In the first incident in Jangaon, a tribal youngster immolated himself in front of the Palakurthi station where he was summoned along with his wife for counselling over a domestic dispute. He died while undergoing treatment, leaving a video accusing eight cops, including the Palakurthi CI and SI, of harassing him. **(SEE PAGES 2, 4)**

wards, broke into tears in several places. Tears turned into rage soon and effigies of the Congress government and the minister were burnt at several places.

hotel, where the alleged desecrators of the temple had held meetings. After Group-I aspirants in the capital city, next was the turn of farmers across the State to take to the streets. The trigger was Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageshwara Rao's indirect admission in a press conference that there would be no Rythu Bharosa input assistance this Kharif season. Farmers, who were waiting desperately for the financial help that they were being given in the form of Rythu Bandhu by the BRS government from 2018 on-

BRS protest on Sunday

Meanwhile, the BRS called for protest demonstrations across all mandal headquarters in the State on Sunday denouncing the Congress government's failure to disburse Rythu Bharosa assistance for the Kharif season.

Cops' act draws ire

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Even court backed govt, claims Revanth

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Defending the implementation of GO Ms 29 for Group-I examinations, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said the aspirants should have raised objections soon after the notification was issued. Had they insisted on calling the 1:100 ratio in February itself when the GO was issued, the government would have considered their pleas. Asking the aspirants not to fall for the 'political traps' of Opposition parties, he said courts would not accept if rules were changed after issuing notifications. There have been instances earlier when courts cancelled exams. Addressing the closing ceremony of the Police Duty Meet here, the Chief Minister said a few aspirants had moved the High Court but did not get relief. Similarly, a few of them had approached the court on the

question banks, but the court had supported the key sheet submitted by experts. "The appeals by the aspirants were dismissed by the court, which supported the State government on conducting the exams," he claimed. Pointing out that the Group-I notification was issued in February, he said GO Ms 29 was also issued specifying modalities while GO Ms 55 was cancelled. As per GO Ms 29, there would be no loss in terms of reservation. Accordingly, for 563 posts, nearly 31,000 candidates were selected on a merit basis. The notification was issued as per a 1:50 ratio and applications were received, scrutinised and preliminary exams were conducted. However, Opposition parties were raising irrelevant arguments and insisting that candidates should be called on a 1:100 ratio, he said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Drones target Israeli PM's house

JERUSALEM

The Israeli government said a drone targeted the Prime Minister's house on Saturday, though there were no casualties, as Iran's supreme leader vowed Hamas would continue its fight following the killing of the mastermind of last year's deadly October 7 attack. Sirens wailed in Israel warning of incoming fire

from Lebanon. The military said dozens of projectiles were launched. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said the drone targeted his house in the Mediterranean coastal town of Caesarea, though neither he nor his wife were home.

Over 50 killed in Gaza

The barrage comes as Israel considers its expected response to an Iranian attack

earlier this month and presses its offensives against Hamas militants in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon. In Gaza, Israeli forces fired at hospitals in the battered northern part of the Palestinian enclave, and strikes in the strip killed more than 50 people, including children, in less than 24 hours, according to hospital officials. **(RELATED REPORTS PAGE 9)**

Over 30 flights get bomb threats

NEW DELHI/ MUMBAI

More than 30 flights of various Indian airlines, including Vistara, Air India and IndiGo, received bomb threats on Saturday. Flights of Air India, IndiGo, Akasa Air, Vistara, SpiceJet, Star Air and Alliance Air have received the threats, the sources said. This week, at least 70 flights received bomb threats. **PTI**

No Rythu Bharosa this Kharif season

Report on scheme yet to be received: Minister

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The State government has indirectly made it clear that the Rythu Bandhu support system for farmers, or its Congress version titled Rythu Bharosa, will not be implemented for the current Kharif season.

This decision comes as a major blow to over 70 lakh farmers who have been eagerly checking their bank accounts daily, expecting the remittance of the input assistance for the Vanakalam (Kharif season). Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao made the announcement on Saturday, though not directly, stating that the Cabinet Subcommittee report on the implementation of the Rythu Bharosa scheme was yet to be received. "Once the report is tabled, the government will consider implementation of Rythu Bharosa from the next Rabi season," he told reporters, indirectly making it clear that there would be



Farmers set an effigy of Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on fire at Chinna Kodur in Siddipet on Saturday.

BRS calls for protest today

HYDERABAD: The BRS has called for protest demonstrations across all mandal headquarters in the State on Sunday denouncing the Congress government's failure to disburse Rythu Bharosa assistance for Kharif season. BRS working president KT Rama Rao urged cadre to expose Congress' betrayal of farmers. He criticised the government for promising Rs 15,000 per acre under the Rythu Bharosa scheme and then failing to deliver. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

no financial assistance from the government for farmers during the ongoing Kharif season. The Rythu Bandhu scheme has been a lifeline for farmers, providing much-needed financial assistance for their agricultural investments. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Police high-handedness to the fore

3 youngsters tonsured, one tries to end life

STATE BUREAU
 Nagarkurnool

A youngster attempted to die by suicide, allegedly after the police tonsured his head and of two others for combing his hair in front of a Sub-Inspector at Lingala in the district. The youngster, Vineeth, was shifted to Government General Hospital, Nagarkurnool, where his condition was stated to be critical. The incident occurred four days ago but came to light on Saturday. According to the information available, three youngsters from Lingala had entered into an argu-

ment with the staff at a fuel station over an issue. After the fuel station staff complained to the police, one SI reached the spot and took the trio to the police station. Irked over one of the youngsters combing his hair before him, the SI got their heads tonsured. Feeling humiliated over the incident, one of the youngsters tried to hang himself to death at his house. He was rushed to hospital where he was battling for life, according to reports. Meanwhile, the BRS has come out strongly condemning the highhandedness of the police in the district. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

'Harassed' tribal man sets himself ablaze, dies

STATE BUREAU
 Jangaon

Tension prevailed at the Palakurthi police station on Saturday after people staged a protest over the death of a 24-year-old tribal man, who set himself ablaze in front of the station on Friday. The youngster, who died while undergoing treatment, had earlier shot a video accusing cops, including the Palakurthi CI and SI, of harassing him. A large number of relatives and people belonging to the tribal community of the deceased, Lakawat Srinu from Kondapuram Mekala

Thanda, gathered in front of the police station and staged a protest from the early hours of Saturday. They clashed with the police personnel and demanded that the officers responsible for the death of Srinu be punished. Women tried to barge into the police station but were stopped by the police personnel. There were heated arguments between the protesters and the police. Tribal association members and BRS leaders too joined protest and demanded the government to take action against the police personnel responsible for the death of Srinu. **(SEE PAGE 2)**