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**In a nutshell**

**Six killed in AP road accident**

**AMARAVATI:** Six people died on Saturday after a car in which they were traveling collided with an oncoming truck, at Singanamala mandal in Anantapur district, police said. The victims were returning from Tadipatri town in Anantapur district after attending a programme by ISCON, they said. As per initial reports, it appears that the truck driver, after noticing the car, may have tried to slam the brakes. PTI

**'Cryptocurrencies pose huge risks'**

**WASHINGTON:** Cryptocurrencies are huge risks to financial stability, and monetary stability, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said, asserting it may create a situation where the central bank may lose control of money supply in the economy. "This is something which should not be allowed to dominate the financial system. It has huge financial and monetary stability risks," Das said. BUSINESS PAGE 8

**Hindu unity crucial, says RSS**

**MATHURA:** Hindu unity is crucial for everyone's good and "we should be cautious" against forces that seek to divide in the name of religion, caste and ideology, RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale said, virtually endorsing the "bateney toh kataney" remark by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. "If we discriminate/divide on the basis of language, State, castes, we will be decimated," the leader said. PTI NATION PAGE 8

**Floods leave 126 dead in Philippines**

**TALISAY:** The number of dead and missing in massive flooding and landslides wrought by Tropical Storm Trami in the Philippines has reached nearly 130 and the President said many areas remained isolated with people in need of rescue. Trami blew away from the northwestern Philippines on Friday, leaving at least 85 people dead and 41 others missing in one of the deadliest storms. AP

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 120
Retail live.....	Rs. 142
With skin.....	Rs. 206
Skinless.....	Rs. 234
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 72



**Rashmika's introduction to anime**

Actor got hooked to Japanese Manga series when she was 12

## For the first time, cops take to streets

**Constables protest across TG against poor working conditions**



Police constables raise slogans during a protest in Warangal on Saturday.

**STATE BUREAU**  
 HYDERABAD

The protest by families of police constables is far from over despite the State's attempts to pacify them. In fact, the agitation only intensified on Saturday, with constables, too, joining the protests on Saturday. Personnel from different battalions took the streets, that too in uniform, in different districts, in what was a rare and perhaps a first-of-its-kind sight in Telangana.

The agitation is said to have intensified after a senior official, during a counselling session in one of the districts, allegedly asked some of the protesting wives as to who had asked them to marry TGSP constables. A video of an officer raising objection to the attitude of senior officers towards their families went viral, in which the officer is seen telling a senior official that after their family members had staged protests, they were called for counselling. "During the counselling session, a senior officer asked our family members as to who asked you to marry TGSP constables. How can senior officers speak like that with women, who are already under a lot of distress?" the officer is seen questioning the family members of police personnel from different battalions staged protests across the State on Saturday. In

**COP FALLS AT SP'S FEET**

**SIRCILLA:** Amidst the ongoing protests by constables and their families, an Armed Reserve constable fell at the feet of Sircilla SP Akhil Mahajan pleading for justice. Armed Reserve constables attached to the Telangana Special Police (AR) 17th Battalion, Sardapur, staged a protest at the Commandant's Office on Saturday. (SEE PAGE 2)

**DGP'S PLEA TO PERSONNEL**

**HYDERABAD:** Indiscipline in uniformed forces is a very serious matter that attracts provisions of the Police Forces (Restrictions of Rights) Act and the Police (Incitement to Disaffection) Act, and is liable to be penalised as per law, Telangana DGP Dr Jitender said on Saturday. The DGP said the system of duties in the Telangana State Police has been in place for several decades — during united AP and continues after bifurcation. (SEE PAGE 2)



A constable falls at the feet of SP Akhil Mahajan urging him to settle their grievances.

most places, the constables were seen staging protests in uniforms. Tension prevailed at Rangareddy after the Maheswaram police obstructed the family members of police personnel from staging protests. (SEE PAGE 2)  
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## Israel attacks Iran

**Tehran says it has right to self-defence**

TEL AVIV

Israel attacked military targets in Iran with pre-dawn airstrikes on Saturday in retaliation for the barrage of ballistic missiles the Islamic Republic fired on Israel earlier this month.

The strikes marked the first time Israel's military has openly attacked Iran. Following the airstrikes, Iran's Foreign Ministry said it had a right to self-defence, and "considers itself entitled and obligated to defend against foreign acts of aggression". Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Iran has "no limits" in defending its interests. But late on Saturday, Iran's military issued a carefully worded statement suggesting any ceasefire in Israel's ground offensives in the Gaza Strip and Lebanon would trump any possible retaliatory strike.

Israel's military said it targeted facilities that Iran used to make the missiles fired at Israel as well as surface-to-air missile sites. There was no immediate indication that oil or nuclear sites were hit, which would have marked a much more serious escalation. Iran's state-run IRNA news agency said four people were killed, all with the country's military air defence. It did not say where they were stationed.

Iran's military said the strikes targeted military bases in Ilam, Khuzestan and Tehran provinces. The strikes risk pushing the archenemies closer to all-out war at a time of spiraling violence across the Middle East, where militant groups backed by Iran — including Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon — are already at war with Israel.

US President Joe Biden said Israel gave him a heads-up before the strikes and said it looked like "they did



An armed Israeli Air Force plane departs from an unknown location to attack Iran on Saturday. — Photo: AP

**LIMITED DAMAGE, SAYS IRAN**

**TEHRAN:** Downplaying the impact of Israeli airstrikes that targeted its territory, Iran accused the IDF of exaggerating claims about the scale of the attack. Citing a source, a news agency dismissed reports suggesting that hundreds of Israeli aircraft were involved in the attack, labelling it as an attempt by Israel to exaggerate its actions. It further claimed that Israeli fighter jets did not enter Iranian airspace. IANS (REPORTS PAGE 9)

**INDIA EXPRESSES CONCERN**

**NEW DELHI:** India on Saturday said it remains "deeply concerned" by the evolving escalation in West Asia and its ramifications for peace and stability in the region and beyond. "We reiterate our call to all concerned to exercise restraint and return to the path of dialogue and diplomacy. The ongoing hostilities are to nobody's benefit, even as innocent hostages and civilian populations continue to suffer," read a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). "Our Missions in the region are in contact with the Indian community," it added. IANS

n't hit anything but military targets". He said he had just finished a call with intelligence officials. "I hope this is the end," he said. Israel's first open attack on Iran hadn't faced a sustained barrage of fire from a foreign enemy since its 1980s war with Iraq. Explosions could be heard in Tehran until sunrise. "Iran attacked Israel twice, including in locations that endangered civilians, and has paid the price for it," Israeli military spokesperson Rear Adm Daniel Hagari said. He

were to make the mistake of beginning a new round of escalation, we will be obligated to respond." Images released by Israel's military showed members preparing to depart for the strikes in American-made F-15 and F-16 warplanes. The Iranian military described Israel's warplanes as firing light-weight missiles at a distance of 100 km from the Iranian border. Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard has remained silent since the attack. AP (REPORTS PAGE 9)

## Cabinet approves Metro expansion

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

The State Cabinet on Saturday approved the Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase II expansion covering 76.4 km at a cost of Rs 24,269 crore under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode and payment of one DA to government employees that was due for long.

The new Metro lines would be laid on the Nagole-Shamshabad, Raidurgam-Kokapet, MGBS-Chandrayangutta, Miyapur-Patancheru and LB Nagar-Hayathnagar routes. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared and the same would be sent to the Centre for approval. The State Cabinet, which met under the chair-

manship of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy here on Saturday, also decided to complete the socio-economic and survey of all castes before November 30.

Briefing media persons after the meeting, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said it was decided to lay 16,000-17,000 km of road network, including new roads, under the Panchayat Raj and Roads and Buildings departments.

To this effect, it was decided to take up these works in the erstwhile 10 districts under PPP mode as it would cost Rs 25,000 crore to Rs 28,000 crore. An engineers' committee would be constituted to study the models adopted in other States and prepare a DPR, the Minister said. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Cong workers from Kodangal join BRS



Congress members with BRS working president KT Rama Rao at his residence in Nandinar, Hyderabad, on Saturday.

**STATE BUREAU**  
 Hyderabad

Stating that the Congress has been facing an internal revolt in Kodangal, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday called for unity among the BRS cadre to defeat the ruling party in Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's constituency, regardless of when the local

body elections are held. In a significant development, nearly 100 Congress members from Kodangal joined the BRS at Rama Rao's residence in Nandinar here.

Speaking on the occasion, he said a rebellion against the Congress government had begun in Kodangal. He recalled that Revanth Reddy, who had vehemently opposed the Pharma City

project while in opposition, was now facilitating the establishment of a pharma village in Kodangal, leading to local discontent.

Rama Rao criticised the Congress government for sidelining cost-effective plans to irrigate Kodangal under the Palamuru-Rangareddy project, opting instead for the Kodangal Lift Project for commissions. He

questioned the motives behind awarding contracts to Megha Engineering and Raghava Company, linked to Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, despite Revanth Reddy's criticism of the firms. He also condemned Congress Ministers for enjoying leisure trips while Telangana was witnessing protests and rasta rokos from Adilabad to Alampur.

He accused Congress leaders of exploiting their positions for personal gain, noting that while Telangana's revenue was declining, the income of Congress leaders was increasing. Stating that a State government helicopter was being misused by the Congress for poll campaigns in other States, Rama Rao called this a blatant abuse of power. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Bomb threats: Social media sites warned

NEW DELHI

Amid a spate of hoax bomb threats to multiple airlines, the IT Ministry has asked social media platforms to observe due diligence obligations and promptly remove or disable access to misinformation within the strict timelines prescribed under IT rules.

The Centre also asserted that apart from removing or disabling access to such misinformation, social media intermediaries have addi-

tional liability under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) to mandatorily report certain offences perceived to be committed by any user of their platform including those with intent to threaten unity, integrity, sovereignty or security of India.

The Centre, in an advisory, reminded social media intermediaries that they are obligated under IT rules to provide information under their control or possession and assist investigative

agencies within stipulated timeline of up to 72 hours. The move assumes significance as more than 275 flights operated by the Indian carriers received hoax bomb threats in the past 12 days. Most of the threats were issued on social media.

**30 flights get hoax threats**  
 As many as 33 flights received bomb threats on Saturday, according to sources. The sources said 11 flights each of IndiGo, Air India and Vistara received the

threats on Saturday. In a statement, an Air India spokesperson said a number of its flights were subject to security threats received on social media.

**Delhi man arrested**  
 A 25-year-old man was arrested for allegedly posting threat messages to a flight at IGI Airport here, police said on Saturday. Shubham Upadhyay, resident of Uttam Nagar here, was arrested for posting two threat messages. PTI

## ISRO plans electric-propelled sat

NEW DELHI

India will test its home-grown electric thrusters to steer satellites to its desired orbit, a technology that promises to make spacecraft lighter and pack more punch, in December.

Delivering the Sardar Patel Lecture at Akashvani, ISRO Chairman Somanath said the first Technology Demonstrator Satellite using indigenously developed electric propulsion will be launched in December. The TDS-01 will also

**'Indian space station by 2035'**

**NEW DELHI:** India will have its own space station by 2035, which will be called 'Bharatiya Antriksh Station', MoS (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said on Saturday. He made the announcement at the signing of a MoU between ISRO and Department of Biotechnology, which aims to integrate biotechnology with space technology. IANS

demonstrate indigenously built traveling wave tube amplifiers that are integral parts of various communication and microwave remote sensing payloads on satellites. A four-tonne communication satellite carries over two tonnes of liquid fuel which is used to fire thrusters to steer it from the launch orbit. PTI