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Clinical New Zealand thrash India, level series 1-1

In a nutshell

Delhi's air quality deteriorates NEW DELHI: After a

two-day gap, Delhi's air quality turned 'very poor' again on Sunday as calm winds prevented dispersion of pollutants. Some areas in the national capital recorded 'severe' pollution levels. Delhi's 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded at 355 at 4 pm as against 255 on Saturday, Central Pollution Control Board data showed. Data from 37 of the city's 40 monitoring stations was shared by the CPCB. PTI

Actor Vijay targets DMK, NEET

VILLUPURAM: Forces dividing the country on various lines and corrupt entities are his party's enemies, TVK leader and top Tamil actor Vijay said on Sunday, and announced his party has been based on secular social justice ideologies with leaders such as EVR Periyar and K Kamaraj as its guiding lights. The latest entrant to Tamil Nadu politics, Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam founder Vijay took an apparent dig at NATION PAGE 8 DMK. PTI

10 injured in Mumbai stampede

MUMBAI: At least 10 persons were injured in a stampede at Mumbai's Bandra railway station on Sunday when hundreds of people attempted to board a Gorakhpur-bound train to head to their native places for the upcoming Diwali and Chhatth festivals. The Western Railway, however, said two persons were injured in the incident. PTI

WITCH-HUNT **Cops barge into housewarming** party of KTR's brother-in-law

Excise officials say no drugs found at any of the premises raided

What was an excise case was turned into an NDPS case



BRS leaders being detained during protests in Hyderabad on Sunday.

BRS leaders held

amidst tensions

Tensions escalated near

in Raidurgam following

alleged police attempts

las of BRS leaders and

their relatives without

search warrants on Sun-

day. BRS workers, who

gathered at the scene,

highhandedness, leading

The Excise Department

personnel were also part

of the contingent that at-

leaders were arrested in

the incident. When police

warrant, they produced it

them to search the house

were asked for a search

subsequently, allowing

advocate and a team of

in the presence of an

BRS leaders.

39 constables

Instead of their grievances

being redressed, protesting

personnel of TGSP saw 39

of them being suspended.

Sunday announced the sus-

pension of 'TGSP Person-

nel for Misconduct and In-

citement of Agitation' and

said for the last few days, a

few of them had conducted

themselves in agitations in-

side the Battalion campus

as well as on streets of sev-

eral places, including Hy-

derabad. To uphold disci-

pline and integrity in

TGSP, the personnel in-

volved in misconduct were

placed under suspension

for unbecoming of govern-

ment servants, including

incitement of others for ag-

itation among personnel, it

(SEE PAGE 2)

read.

A statement issued on

suspended

CITY BUREAU

Hvderabad/Nalgonda

opposed the police's

to heated arguments.

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houses. About 20 BRS

to forcefully enter the vil-

a private villa community

STATE BUREAU HYDERABAD

In a day of high drama that appeared to play out like a well-scripted plan, police targeted BRS working president KT Rama Rao and his

relatives by barging into a family function which they later tried to depict as a 'rave party' and by 'raiding' the residences of Rama Rao and his relatives in Hyderabad. The apparent political

witch-hunt, which strangely came in the wake of an-nouncements of 'political bombs' by Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and posts on X on Saturday itself by some Congressleaning handles of 'Breaking News happening on Sun-

began in the earl

'Revanth targeting KTR'

BRS MLAs KP Vivekanand, Dr K Sanjay, along with senior leaders Gellu Srinivas Yadav and Satish Reddy, accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of attempting to target BRS working president KT Rama Rao with political vengeance. They alleged that Revanth Reddy was resorting to such acts to divert attention from the promises that were made to the people and then broken. Vivekanand said Revanth Reddy was not happy with Rama Rao's growing popularity and hence was making baseless allegations out of jealousy. He claimed that Revanth popularity was waning, leading him to launch personal attacks on BRS leaders.

BRS accuses govt of political vendetta

Accusing the Congress government of wreaking vengeance by targeting the BRS leadership because of political vendetta, party leaders Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Vemula Prashanth Reddy and P Sabitha Indra Reddy on Sunday strongly condemned the police raid at the residence of party working president KT Rama Rao's brother-in-law aj Pakala. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, the former Ministers voiced their outrage at the events that followed the housewarming party hosted by Pakala at his new home. They expressed concern over the worsening state of affairs under the Congress leadership.

"Won't back down, will continue to expose Cong"

STATE BUREAU Hyderabad

Terming the police and excise raids on his residence and those of his relatives part of a political witch-hunt by the Congress government, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Sunday said the Congress was resorting to such deliberate, malicious acts because it was unable to counter the BRS politically.

Asserting that neither he nor the BRS would back down from the fight that it was waging for the last 11 months against the atrocities and faulty policies of the Congress government, Rama Rao said it was a shame that the ruling party was targeting not just him, but his relatives as well.

Addressing a late-night press conference at his Nandi Nagar residence, Rama Rao said the attempt was to destroy his mental strength by targeting and humiliating his family members, and said that whether it was Rahul Gandhi or Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy who was behind the entire drama, they should remember that such malicious acts would not deter him from posing questions on the shoddy governance by the Congress. "I'm premedia handles that derived pared for the extreme and won't be afraid of such false cases," he said, adding that BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao had prepared the party workers mentally to face any adverchildren, relatives and sity and there was no question of backing down on the friends attended. issue of holding the government responsible for its Excise officials, including a Superintendent and CI, catfailures. Pointing out that for the egorically stating that no last 24 hours, a "ridiculous drug was found even after using trained sniffer dogs, drama" was being played he said what was an Excise out, he said it was common case for possessing extra in Telangana for families to come together at their liquor bottles had become homes for occasions like an evening, obviously with offi-Dasara or Diwali. His brother-in-law Raj Pakala, cials bowing to political too, had done the same pressure. This was even thing. He had organised a after 13 of the 14 persons family get-together in contested for drugs tested negative. One person had tested nection with the housewarming ceremony of his positive, but instead of innew home, with those who vestigating from where he attended including elderly consumed it, the entire gathering was being mapeople aged 70, children



BRS working president KT Rama Rao addressing the media at his Nandi Nagar residence in Hyderabad on Sunday.

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It was a housewarming ceremony and not a rave party... I'm prepared for the extreme and will not be afraid of such false cases

- KT RAMA RAO, BRS WORKING PRESIDENT

ligned, he said, adding that

attempts were being made

to cast aspersions by

terming husbands and

found and that there was no

ranging from two-eight years old and husbands and wives. It was not a farmhouse as was being projected, but a house owned by Pakala, he said. Strongly coming down on

Playing videos of senior

NDPS Act case by

wives as just "men and women at a rave party" The NDPS Act case had sections related to supplier, attempts to portray a family consumption and co-host, get-together as a "rave party", Rama Rao criticised even when officials themselves said nothing was news channels and social

Threats to Tirupati hotels, 50 flights

TIRUPATI/NEW DELHI: Two hotels and a temple in Tirupati received fresh bomb threats in the name of terrorist groups on Sunday but all of them turned out to be a hoax, police said. It was for a third consecutive day that hotels received threatening emails. Also, 50 flights operated by Indian airlines received bomb threats. AGENCIES

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm	Rs	120
Retail live	Rs.	142
With skin	Rs. 2	206
Skinless	Rs. 2	234
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs.	72

hours of Sunday with a raid on the residence of Rama Rao's brother-in-law Rai Pakala at Janwada. This, according to the BRS, was a family function, with Pakala throwing the party for his relatives after the housewarming ceremony of his new home.

Interestingly, though there were elderly people, women and children at the spot, a press release from the DCP Rajendranagar said it was based on "reliable information" that a raid was conducted by local police, SOT and Excise officials on the "farmhouse" of Pakala at no other contraband. "All Ianwada, where "21 men and the male persons were sub-14 women" were present.

jected to drug test, with one The officials claimed to Vijay Madduri testing posihave found seven foreign tive for cocaine," according liquor bottles and 10 "loose to the DCP, who said since Indian liquor bottles" and Pakala didn't obtain an excise licence, a case was reggaming-related items, but

Harish condemns conspiracy

BRS leader and former Minister T Harish Rao on Sunday strongly condemned what he called a politically motivated conspiracy by the Congress government against BRS working president KT Rama Rao and his relatives, including his brother-in-law Raj Pakala. He accused the government of fabricating a drugs case to tarnish the image of Rama Rao. The BRS leader said the State government's actions were the peak of vindictive measures aimed at diverting public attention. He alleged that the government and the Congress were spreading false information on social media about drug parties at the Janwada farmhouse, knowing well in advance that a family function was taking place at Pakala's residence.

> istered against him as per provisions of the Excise Act. The BRS has alleged that Madduri gave a statement under coercion when there was no evidence that he had consumed the drug at the farmhouse. Interestingly,

even when the police did not find any drugs at the farmhouse, the next step was to raid Pakala's residence in a private villa community, where they also raided his brother's residence. (SEE PAGES 2, 4)

some sort of devilish pleas proof of that one person ure by calling it a rave party. consuming drugs at the venue or of anyone supply-Police had said there were ing drugs there, he said. "men and women", when it was a family function, Rama Rao also denied rewhere husbands and wives,

ports that he had left the venue five minutes before the raid, stating that he was with his father and BRS chief K Chandrashekhar Rao at his Erravali residence and had gone home from there, where he had dinner, spent time with his family and slept. It was when he woke up in the morning that he heard news of the raid.

Rama Rao also challenged Revanth Reddy to hold Assembly sessions on the six guarantees, Musi project, AMRUT scam and crop loan waiver, instead of resorting to such tasteless tactics, while ignoring much more burning issues that were happening across the State.

Every word in FIR false: Madduri

STATE BUREAU Hyderabad

Clarifying his position in the alleged drug case, Vijay Madduri, an NRI, stated on Sunday that every word attributed to him in the FIR was false. He emphasised that he had a clean record as an American citizen and investor conducting business in multiple countries.

He recently returned from a foreign trip and provided evidence to support his travels. He categorically denied consuming any illegal substances in India. He expressed his distress over the numerous rumors circulating on social media and in the media.

In a statement released to the media, Vijay explained

that he was invited by his friend Raj Pakala to attend a family function and Diwali party, which he attended

with his family. The function included women, elderly people and children, and no illegal activities took place, Madduri added.

'Cops causing distress to friends & family'

He expressed deep anguish over the police allegations, stating that they are causing immense distress to him, his family, friends and relatives. He condemned the attempt to tarnish his 25-year spotless career with a single false accusation and urged the authorities to consider the facts and evidence he has provided.

750 acres for Korean firm draws flak

STATE BUREAU

Even as the controversy surrounding the involvement of Singapore-based Meinhardt Company in the preparation of the Musi riverfront development's Detailed Project Report (DPR) is still raging, the State government's plan to offer 750 acres to Korean shoemaking firm Shoealls is drawing flak.

People from different sections are questioning the State government's plans to offer 750 acres to the company against an investment of Rs 300 crore. Earlier this week, Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu had announced that Shoealls, which manufactures smart shoes, was keen on investing in a state-of-the-art production centre in Telangana at a

One of the largest factories of Shoeall in Busan is built on just half an acre! Then why on earth would they need 750 acres in TG? - KONATHAM DILEEP, TELANGANA DIGITAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

Lee, at the Secretariat.

types of products that pro-Shoeall's request on top priority and a decision will be

taken shortly. A huge factory will be set up and from here it will cater to the global as well as American markets," Sridhar Babu had said.

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"Tanneries are needed due to the use of animal skins in the manufacture of shoes, and many people will be able to find employment with these ancillary units that will be needed to sup-port the production facility," the Minister had further added.

This has evoked sharp criticism from different sections. Hyderabad Real Estate and Infra, an X user, said: "750 acres seems just too much for a shoe factory and that too for just Rs 300 crore investment. Even employment numbers seem bloated. The Industries Minister's department should thoroughly verify information before announc-

ing such proposals ... " This apart, the Industries Minister's announcement that the Korean firm has proposed to set up a smart city, if 5,000 acres were allocated, in addition to bringing famous hospitals such as John Hopkins, is also drawing flak.

Raising objections over the government's plans, former Telangana Digital Coordinator Media Konatham Dileep said that what was more concerning was the land requirement. (SEE PAGE 2)

Fire at cracker shop in Abids, woman injured

HYDERABAD

A woman sustained minor injuries after a fire broke out at a cracker shop in Abids here on Sunday night, police said.

The fire occurred when the material (firecrackers) was being kept in the shop, a senior police official said based on preliminary investigation. Four fire tenders were pressed into service and the blaze has been brought under control, he said.

A woman suffered minor injuries to her hand and she has been shifted to hospital. TV visuals showed flames erupting from the shop and crackers bursting even as people were seen rushing out of the store. Investigation is on.

cost of Rs 300 crore, which can generate employment for around 87,000 people. He had met with the company's chairman, Cheewing

"The land is required for the manufacture of various vide relief and healing for people with diabetes and arthritis, including shoes with medical chips on the soles and shoes that generate 25 watts of electricity per hour after taking 10,000 steps. We will consider