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In a nutshell

Standup comedian Utsav Dixit held

HYDERABAD: The Banjara Hills police arrested standup comedian Utsav Dixit for rash and negligent driving. Utsav Dixit, 33, a resident of Banjara Hills, allegedly drove his Porsche car in a rash and negligent manner and rammed the vehicle into the boundary walls of KBR Park. He then left the car and fled from the accident scene. Later, the police managed to identify that Dixit was the one driving the car, which led to his arrest.

Filmmaker found hanging in K'taka

BENGALURU: Kannada film director Guruprasad was found hanging in a residential complex on the outskirts of the city. The 52-year-old is suspected to have died by suicide. "Guruprasad was said to be upset about something, about his film or some other issue. We have heard that he was facing financial stress. It appears that he hanged himself five to six days back and died," police said.

Inter student ends life in city

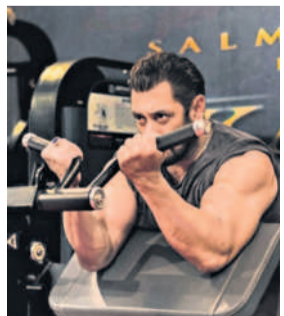
HYDERABAD: An intermediate first year died by suicide at his house in Medchal. The deceased, identified as Kotla Avinash (16), was pursuing an intermediate course from a private college at Kompally and stayed at the college hostel. "The boy was reportedly not interested in studying at the college and was not willing to go to the hostel. On Saturday night, he hanged himself from the ceiling fan," said police.

TDP, JDU must stall Waqf Bill: Jamiat

NEW DELHI: Stepping up its campaign against the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind urged TDP's Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar to heed the sentiments of Muslims on the matter. It also cautioned that if the legislation is passed, the "two crutches" on which the government is running at the Centre would not be able to escape responsibility.

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 128
Retail live.....	Rs. 150
With skin.....	Rs. 218
Skinless.....	Rs. 248
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 74



Salman in Hyd for Sikandar

Film's team will shoot a grand scene at Taj Falaknuma Palace

Joblessness among TG youth on rise

Unemployment rate in 2023-24 jumps to 16.6%, outpacing national average of 10.2%

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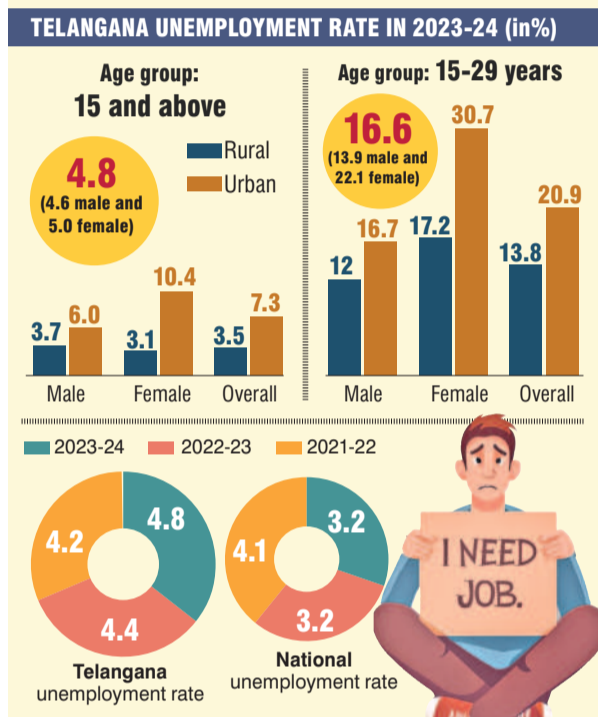
Telangana's battle with unemployment is getting bigger, with youth joblessness here surging ahead of the country. Among youth aged 15 to 29 in the State, the unemployment rate in 2023-24 has shot up to 16.6 per cent, substantially outpacing the national youth unemployment average of 10.2 per cent.

As per the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFR) 2023-24, Telangana is ranked sixth in joblessness of youth among major States. Karnataka stands first with 10.2 per cent unemployed youth, followed by Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Tamil Nadu.

The upward trend in Telangana's youth joblessness, which rose from 14.2 per cent in 2021-22 and 15.1 per cent in 2022-23, to 16.6 per cent now, indicates growing concerns about opportunities for young job-seekers. The situation is further alarming in urban areas, with around 20.9 per cent of urban youth (aged 15-29) being unemployed, including urban males starting at 16.7 per cent, while the unemployment rate among young urban females is much higher at 30.7 per cent.

Among the overall population of Telangana, the unemployment rate inched up to 4.8 per cent for 2023-24, surpassing the previous year's 4.4 per cent and 4.2

Alarming state



per cent in 2021-22. In contrast, India's national unemployment rate fell from 4.1 per cent in 2021-22 to a steady 3.2 per cent over the last two years, indicating a relative stabilisation at the national level.

Breaking down the data by region and gender reveals additional disparities. Rural areas in Telangana maintained a relatively lower overall unemployment rate at 3.5 per cent in 2023-24, but urban centres face severe challenges, with

the urban female unemployment rate reaching 10.4 per cent — one of the highest in recent years, from 9.6 per cent in 2022-23.

Comparatively, Telangana's urban male unemployment rate decreased from 7.1 per cent in 2022-23 to 6.0 per cent in 2023-24. The gap between urban male and female unemployment remains stark, raising questions about the inclusiveness of job growth in Telangana's urban centres. (SEE PAGE 2)

11 injured in grenade attack on CRPF bunker in Srinagar



An injured civilian being taken to a hospital after a grenade attack by terrorists, in Srinagar on Sunday. — Photo:PTI

SRINAGAR

Terrorists lobbed a grenade at a CRPF bunker near a crowded flea market in the heart of the city here on Sunday, injuring at least 11 civilians, officials said.

The attack, which took place near a heavily guarded complex housing All India Radio and Door-darshan Kendra near the Tourist Reception Centre, comes a day after security forces eliminated a top Pakistani commander of LeT in the Khanyar locality of downtown Srinagar.

A senior police officer said the terrorists hurled the grenade at the CRPF bunker near the TRC. "However, the grenade missed the intended target

and landed on the roadside, injuring 11 people," the officer said. The explosion caused panic in the area and sent shoppers scrambling for cover. The officer said the attack was borne out of the desperation of terrorists following Saturday's killing of the LeT commander. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah condemned the attack.

"The last few days have been dominated by headlines of attacks and encounters in parts of the Valley. Today's news of a grenade attack on innocent shoppers at the Sunday market in Srinagar is deeply disturbing. There can be no justification for targeting innocent civilians," Abdullah said in a post on X. (SEE PAGE 2)

Tushar Gandhi opposes Mahatma statue plan in TG

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The State government's plans to establish the world's largest statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Langer Houz is being opposed by family members of the Father of the Nation.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had announced that plans were being drawn up to develop the Babu Ghat at Langer Houz into a global centre of Gandhian ideology. Already, a statue of Mahatma Gandhi exists at the venue but the State government is now planning to establish the world's largest

Asks Revanth Reddy to use the funds to establish healthcare and education initiatives instead of a tall statue of Babu

statue of the Mahatma here. This is being modelled on the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel statue on the River Narmada in Gujarat.

'Competition of statues' However, this move has not gone well with the Mahatma's family members.

Tushar Gandhi, great-grandson of Gandhi, said he was very much against this competition of statues. He suggested that the Chief Minister instead use the funds in the healthcare and education sector.

"I am very much against this competition of Statues. My sincere appeal to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy ji, please use the funds to establish healthcare and education initiatives in the State instead of a tall statue of Babu..." Tushar Gandhi said on X. His suggestions to the Chief Minister were supported by many people. (SEE PAGE 2)

Himalayan glacial lakes expand rapidly

NEW DELHI

Glacial lakes and other water bodies across the Himalayan region saw a 10.81 per cent increase in area from 2011 to 2024 due to climate change, signalling a heightened risk of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs), according to a government report.

The Central Water Commission's (CWC) report states that with a 33.7 per cent expansion of the surface area, the lakes in India experienced an even more substantial rise.



According to CWC report, the region saw a 10.81 per cent increase in area from 2011 to 2024 due to climate change.

"The total inventory area of glacial lakes within India was 1,962 hectares during

the year 2011 which has increased to 2,623 hectares during the year 2024 (Sep-

Caste survey to impact NAS exam

YUVRAJ AKULA
Hyderabad

The Congress government's upcoming caste survey, scheduled to begin on November 6, threatens to impact the National Achievement Survey (NAS) examination, slated for December 4.

Nearly 40,000 educators, including 36,559 Secondary Grade Teachers (SGTs) and 3,414 school headmasters working in 18,241 government primary schools, have been tasked with conducting the caste survey.

For this, the State government announced half-day school schedule (9 am to 1

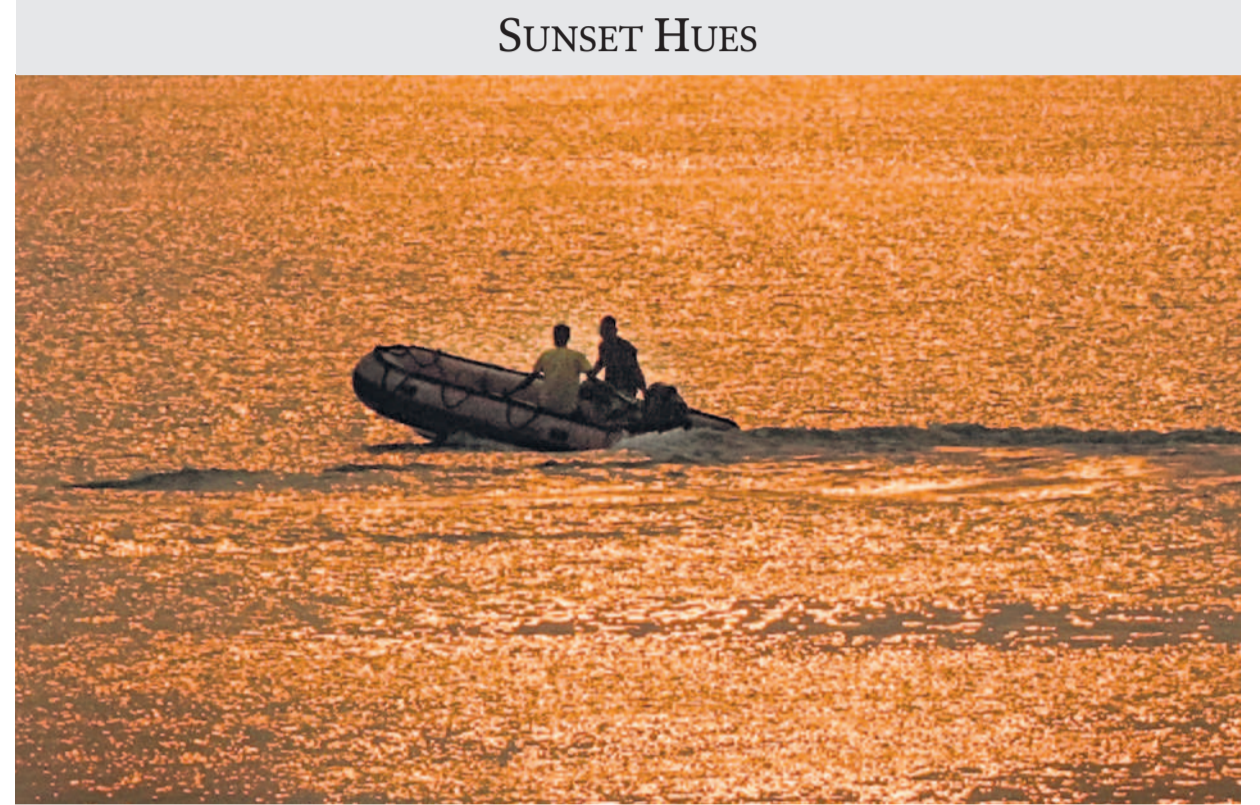
pm) for three weeks. This decision, coming at a critical juncture, could significantly impact the academic preparedness of Class-III students for the NAS exam.

Primary schools typically operate from 9 am to 4 pm, and the reduction in the instructional time has come at a time when Class-III students are gearing up for the NAS exam, which is a triennial national assessment test to evaluate the learning levels of students in Classes III, VI, and IX. Moreover, the half-day schools have been notified at a time when teachers have just started to settle down in their academic calendar. (SEE PAGE 2)

BC Commission postpones public hearings

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Public hearings by the Telangana Commission for Backward Classes have been postponed with immediate effect, and a revised schedule will be announced shortly. In a press release, the Commission said that due to unavoidable circumstances, the ongoing public hearings being conducted in the erstwhile district headquarters have been postponed.



River Traffic Police personnel patrol on a boat in the Ganga river during sunset, in Kolkata on Sunday. — Photo:PTI

'Sitarama LIS tender norms violated'

KTR says necessary approvals not obtained

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao lashed out at the Congress government for inviting tenders worth Rs 1,074 crore for the construction of distributary canals of the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Scheme without necessary approvals.

He said the government violated norms and asked whether it was ready to face an inquiry commission for disregarding regulatory norms. In a post on X, Rama Rao pointed out that Congress made false accusations of corruption against the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme and constituted a commission to probe

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— KT RAMA RAO
BRS WORKING PRESIDENT

into the allegations. "Those who called Kaleshwaram corrupt are now using it as a lifeline for lakhs of acres. What action should be taken against you now for your corrupt practices?" he asked, calling the Congress a "helping hand of corrup-

tion for its Delhi bosses". In a separate post, Rama Rao expressed disappointment over the Congress' neglect of the fisheries sector in the State, resulting in around 20,000 tonnes of loss of annual production. He said while the BRS initiated a blue revolution through the free distribution of fishlings across the State, the Congress government ignored it, posing a threat to the livelihood of fishermen.

"Under the Congress, schemes don't just change names — they disappear," he said, criticising the administration for failing to uphold the livelihood of Telangana's fishermen, particularly the Mudiraj community. (SEE PAGE 2)

Shah promises UCC in Jharkhand

RANCHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday announced that the BJP will implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in Jharkhand if voted to power in the State, but would keep tribals out of its ambit.

Shah, while releasing the saffron party's manifesto, 'Sankalp Patra', for the Assembly elections in Jharkhand, announced that a Displacement Commission would be formed to ensure the rehabilitation of people displaced by industries and mines in the State. "Our government will introduce UCC in Jharkhand but tribals will be kept out of its ambit. JMM government is spreading false propaganda that UCC will impact tribal rights, which is totally baseless as they will be kept out of its ambit," he said. (REPORT PAGE 7)