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**In a nutshell**

**Two die in road accident**

**SURYAPET:** Two persons died and another sustained injuries in a road accident near Sagar Cement Factory in Matampally mandal here on Monday morning. According to reports, the two persons died in a collision of bikes. The deceased belonged to Raghunadhapalem and Pedavidu villages of Matampally mandal. A woman, critically injured, was shifted to a government hospital. A case was registered.

**COP29 kicks off in Azerbaijan**

**BAKU/NEW DELHI:** Azerbaijan, the host of this year's UN climate conference, on Monday called on all countries to urgently resolve outstanding issues to agree on a new climate finance goal which the UN climate chief said is entirely in the self-interest of every nation. The negotiating priority of COP29 being held in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, is the new climate finance package.

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**Five killed in Kansas shooting**

**WICHITA:** Five people were found shot to death inside three homes in the same area of Wichita, Kansas, and police believe the shootings are connected. Police Chief Joe Sullivan said one of the people found dead on Sunday was the suspected shooter, but he declined to elaborate. Police believe all five knew each other, but the nature of their relationships weren't disclosed. Officers were called to a report of a shooting. AP

**Andhra govt presents Budget**

**AMARAVATI:** The AP government on Monday presented a Budget of Rs 2.94 lakh crore for the 2024-25 fiscal year, with Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav asserting it was aimed at "restarting the financial wheels of the State." The Budget allocated Rs 16,739 crore for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, a portfolio held by Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan.

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**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 110
Retail live.....	Rs. 132
With skin.....	Rs. 191
Skinless.....	Rs. 218
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 76

## AMRUT 2.0 scam: BRS complains against Revanth

**Asks Centre to probe corruption by CM's family in allotting tenders**

STATE BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

In a rare instance of the principal opposition party in a State lodging an official complaint with the Centre against a Chief Minister, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), led by working president KT Rama Rao, on Monday lodged a complaint with union Minister for Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar seeking a probe into the alleged corruption involving A Revanth Reddy's family in the AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) scheme tenders.

The party charged the Chief Minister with violation of the Office of Profit under the Constitution of India and also the Prevention of Corruption Act through the misuse of position for personal gains, seeking action, including cancellation of contracts found illegal.

Rama Rao, accompanied by BRS MPs KR Suresh Reddy, Vaddiraju Ravichandra, D Damodar Rao and others, met Khattar in Delhi to submit the representation and is expected to address a press conference in this regard on Tuesday.

In the representation, the BRS working president said Sujan Reddy, the brother-in-law of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, had received contracts worth thousands of crores despite his company lacking necessary qualification. Shodha Infrastructure Limited, owned by Sujan Reddy, was awarded a contract worth Rs 1,137 crore, despite its meagre profit declaration of Rs 2.2 crore for the financial year of 2021-2022.

"The prerequisites for AMRUT tenders are technical expertise and financial stability. Going by the financial statements and the history of the said firm, the allotment seems contentious," he said.

Rama Rao pointed out that the Indian Hume Pipe Company Limited declared that about 80 per cent of the Rs 1,137-crore work would be executed by Sodha Infrastructure Limited, a company with a financial record of only Rs 2.2 crore profits. "Was there an underlying understanding in the very



**Calling out 'scamsters'**

BRS WORKING PRESIDENT KT RAMA RAO, ACCOMPANIED BY PARTY MPS KR SURESH REDDY, VADDIRAJU RAVICHANDRA, D DAMODAR RAO AND OTHERS, MET UNION MINISTER MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR IN DELHI AND FLAGGED THE BLATANT SCAM UNFOLDING BACK HOME. HERE'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SCHEME AND THE SCAM!

**AMRUT 2.0**

Launched on Oct 1, 2021, for 5 years —from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26

- Designed to provide coverage of sewerage/septage management in **500 cities** in first phase
- Prerequisites for tenders are company's technical expertise, financial stability
- Total indicative outlay: **Rs 2,99,000 cr**
- Rs 8,888.51 cr:** Total tender allotment to Telangana under scheme

**THE 'SCAM'**

- BRS accuses Revanth of misusing position for personal gains
- Revanth's brother-in-law Sujan Reddy receives contracts worth thousands of crores despite his company lacking necessary qualification
- Indian Hume Pipe Company Ltd declares **80% of Rs 1,137-cr** work to be executed by Sodha Infrastructure Ltd
- Tender allotment violates Office of Profit under Article 191 (1) of Indian Constitution, Section 9A of Representation of the **People Act of 1951**

Sujan's company, Shodha Infrastructure Ltd, awarded contract worth **₹1,137 cr**

This is despite firm declaring meagre profit of **₹2.2 cr** in FY 2021-22

first stage of allotment or was it a conscious decision of The Indian Hume Pipe Co. Ltd to do it out of the goodness of their heart? This needs to be investigated," he said.

The former Municipal Administration Minister cautioned that certain decisions could have a lasting impact on public welfare. As local municipalities were the deciding authorities when it comes to the allot-

ment of AMRUT tenders, he feared that a Chief Minister could get his way around to get the project allotted to his brother-in-law.

"I also request your rational self to kindly not just investigate the Rs 1,137-crore allotment to Sodha Infrastructure, but the entire tender allotment of Rs 8,888.51 crore in Telangana under AMRUT 2.0," he urged. (SEE PAGE 2) (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 5)

## Protest against Pharma Village turns violent

**Vikarabad Collector, officials attacked in Kodangal**



Lokals gherao Vikarabad Collector Prateek Jain's vehicle at Lagicherla village in Dudyala mandal, Kodangal, on Monday.

STATE BUREAU  
Vikarabad

In a shocking response to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's pet project of a Pharma Village from his own constituency, farmers, women and villagers turned violent on Monday while protesting against the acquisition of their land for the project, and took out their fury on Vikarabad Collector Prateek Jain and Kodangal Area Development Authority Special Officer Venkat Reddy, who were attacked and chased out of Lagicherla village in Dudyala mandal.

The Vikarabad district administration had organised a public hearing programme

at Lagicherla village on land acquisition for the Pharma Village. Farmers and residents from Hakimpet, Polepally, Lagicherla, Dudyala and other neighbouring villages were invited to attend the programme. However, the farmers and villagers did not turn up for the programme. In a bid to speak and convince the farmers, Prateek Jain, along with other officials, including Venkat Reddy, visited the village.

As soon as the officials entered the village, the villagers, including women and farmers raised slogans against them — 'Go back' and 'Congress down down'. Despite this, the Collector

and officials tried to speak to the agitated villagers. As the officials continued to persist with them, the villagers, especially women, pushed and attacked them. Sensing trouble, the Collector and officials boarded their vehicles but the villagers chased them and pelted stones at them. Venkat Reddy was thrashed severely by the women and three vehicles, including that of the Collector, were damaged.

The police deployed heavy force and rescued the officials from the village. They were escorted in the vehicles to safe places while the police resorted to lathi charge to bring the situation under control. The police

department deployed more force from Mahabubnagar and Narayanpet districts in Dudyala to avoid any untoward incidents. This is not the first time that the villagers have vehemently opposed the establishment of the Pharma Village.

On October 25, residents and farmers of Rotibanda thanda in Kodangal opposed the project. Congress mandal president A Shekhar, who tried to argue with the villagers over their reluctance to part with their lands, was even locked up in the gram panchayat office. Police had a tough time rescuing the Congress leader from the villagers' ire. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)

## 11 suspected militants killed in Manipur gunfight

IMPHAL

Eleven suspected militants were killed in a fierce gunfight with security forces on Monday after insurgents in camouflage uniforms, armed with sophisticated weapons, fired indiscriminately at a police station and an adjacent CRPF camp in Manipur's Jiribam district, officials said.

Two CRPF personnel also sustained injuries during the heavy exchange of fire at Borobekra, and the condition of one of them was stated to be critical, they said. Following this incident, fresh violence was reported from multiple places



Security personnel during a search operation and area domination in the hill and valley districts of Manipur on Monday. — Photo: PTI

in Imphal Valley where armed groups from the two warring sides engaged in exchanges of fire, police said. The Kuki-Zo Council called

for a total shutdown in the hill areas of the State from 5 am to 6 pm on Tuesday "to express our collective grief and solidarity". PTI

## Justice Khanna takes oath as 51st CJI

NEW DELHI

Justice Sanjiv Khanna on Monday took oath as the 51st Chief Justice of India with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other prominent persons wishing him well.

President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to him at a brief swearing-in ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The CJI took the oath in English in the name of god. Justice Khanna, who was born on May 14, 1960, will have a tenure of a little over six months and demit office on May 13, 2025. PTI



## Thai tourist resists molestation bid, shot at in Udaipur hotel

JAIPUR

Four men have been arrested for firing at a Thai woman after she tried to resist an alleged molestation attempt by one of them in Udaipur, police said on Monday.

The 24-year-old victim is undergoing treatment at the Udaipur District Hospital and is now out of danger, they added. The accused were identified as Rahul Gurjar (25), Akshay Khubchandani (25), Dhruv Suhalka (21) and Mahim Chaudhary (20), Superintendent of Police (SP) Yogesh Goyal said.

Around 1.30 am, she left the hotel alone to meet some friends, who took her to another hotel room for a liquor party

— POLICE

According to the SP, the victim was staying in a hotel in Udaipur with a female friend and around 1.30 am on Saturday, she left the hotel alone under the pre-

text of meeting some friends, who took her to another hotel room for a liquor party.

**Self-defence**

When one of the men, Rahul Gurjar, tried to molest her, Chanok bit him in self-defence, the SP said. In anger, Gurjar allegedly shot at the woman with his country-made pistol, he added.

The four men, however, panicked and rushed the woman to a private hospital, where they left her and fled. She was later referred to the district hospital for treatment of a bullet injury near her ribs, Goyal said. PTI

## TG village boycotts caste census

STATE BUREAU  
Mulugu

People of Ailapur, a tribal village in Kannaigudem mandal of the district, have boycotted the ongoing comprehensive caste census programme in protest against the government's failure to provide basic amenities to them.

They boycotted the comprehensive caste census demanding that their village be provided with road, electricity, drinking water, irrigation water and medical facilities. The government had sanctioned funds in 2018 for laying 10 km of road

**Residents of Ailapur village want govt to first provide them with road, electricity, drinking water, irrigation water**

between Ailapur village and Eturnagaram, but the work had been stopped stating that there was no permission from the Forest Department, they said, adding that farmers dug boreholes in fields for about seven years, but the electricity line had not been laid yet.

## Revanth tries to woo minorities

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday made an attempt to win the confidence of minority communities in the State, also stating that he was a bit upset with them as they had not elected even one minority candidate from the Congress in any of 119 constituencies in the State.

Speaking at the Minorities Welfare Day event here, the CM said this was the reason why there was no Minority Minister in the State Cabinet. Despite this, the Congress appointed former Minister Mohd Ali Shabbir as Advisor to the Government. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Khalistani terrorist Dalla's aides held

GWALIOR

Two firearms made in Australia and China as well as mobile phones with foreign IMEI numbers have been seized from Canada-based Khalistani terrorist Arshdeep Singh Gill's two aides, who allegedly shot dead a man in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior last week, a police official said on Monday.

The two accused, Navjot Singh alias Neetu and Anmolpreet Singh alias Vishal, were arrested in Punjab on Sunday in connection with the murder of a YouTuber there, as per police. They

had allegedly shot dead Jaswant Singh Gill on November 7 outside his house in Dabra area in Gwalior, the official said. Gill was sentenced to life imprisonment for killing his wife's cousin Sukhvinder in 2016 and was out on parole since October 28.

The official said Sukhvinder's brother Satpal possibly transferred Rs 2.50 lakh from Canada to his cousin Jitu Singh alias Jita here to facilitate the November 7 killing. "The two firearms, an Australian Glock and Chinese-made pistol, are worth Rs 15 lakh each," the official said. (SEE PAGE 2)