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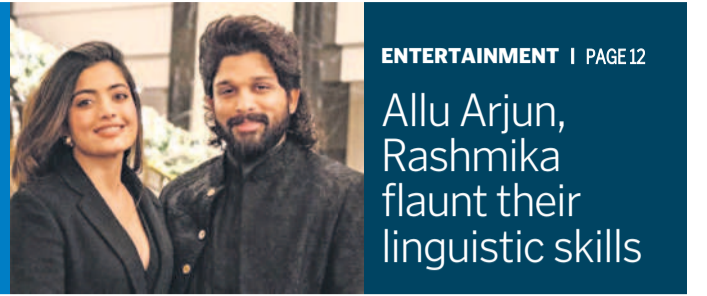
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In a nutshell

ED raids 'Lottery King'

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate has seized more than Rs 12 crore of "unexplained" cash and frozen fixed deposits worth Rs 6.42 crore during multi-State searches against Chennai-based 'Lottery King' Santiago Martin and his associates. The agency last week raided 22 premises spread across Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Karnataka, UP, Meghalaya and Punjab. **PTI**

Kailash Gahlot joins BJP

NEW DELHI: Former Delhi Minister Kailash Gahlot joined the BJP on Monday, a day after resigning from the AAP, and accused his former party of constantly picking fights with the Centre and compromising the values which drew people to its fold. He joined the BJP at its headquarters in the presence of Union Ministers Manohar Lal Khattar and Harsh Malhotra, and other party leaders. **PTI**

CCI slaps Rs 213 cr penalty on Meta

NEW DELHI: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed a penalty of Rs 213.14 crore on social media major Meta for unfair business ways with respect to WhatsApp privacy policy update done in 2021. Besides, it has directed Meta to "cease and desist" from anti-competitive practices. Meta and WhatsApp have been asked to implement certain behavioural remedies too. **PTI**

Lawrence Bishnoi's brother held in US

MUMBAI: Jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's brother Anmol, wanted for the murder of NCP leader Baba Siddique and firing outside actor Salman Khan's Mumbai home, has been detained in the United States, Mumbai police sources said on Monday. Anmol, who was believed to be living in Canada and regularly travelling to the US, is the brother of Lawrence Bishnoi. **PTI**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 95
Retail live.....	Rs. 117
With skin.....	Rs. 170
Skinless.....	Rs. 193
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 76

Are you waiting for houses to burn: KTR

BRS working president questions Modi, Rahul's silence on atrocities meted out to Lagacherla farmers, tribals

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Taking the fight against the Congress government in Telangana right up to the national capital, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Monday questioned the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi on the atrocities by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and the State police against tribals and farmers at Lagacherla in Kodangal. He warned that Telangana would face turmoil akin to Manipur or Lakshadweep if the situation continued.

"What does it take for Modi and Rahul Gandhi to break their silence? Are they waiting for houses to burn or lives to be lost?" asked Rama Rao, who was accompanied by tribal women from Lagacherla who narrated their ordeal to the media at the Constitution Club in Delhi. They earlier lodged complaints with the National Commissions for SCs, STs, Women and Human Rights in Delhi, seeking urgent intervention.

Rama Rao said the Congress government was forcefully acquiring 3,000 acres in Dudyal mandal to establish a Pharma Village by offering Rs 8-10 lakh per



BRS working president KT Rama Rao, accompanied by tribal women from Lagacherla, addressing a press conference in New Delhi.

acre, which is actually worth Rs 60-70 lakh.

"When farmers resisted, they were harassed, beaten and arrested. Over 30 farmers are in custody, while others were silenced through intimidation," Rama Rao revealed, also singling out Revanth Reddy's brother, A Tirupati Reddy, accusing him of acting as a de facto CM, wielding unchecked power in Kodangal constituency. "Though he holds no official position, Tirupati Reddy wields immense power, openly threatening people, while enjoying protocol treatment. Instead of filing cases against him, the

police are acting like a private army, assaulting women and detaining children without any accountability," he said.

Training his guns on Rahul Gandhi, Rama Rao charged him with double standards. "Rahul Gandhi speaks against crony capitalism elsewhere but remains silent when his own party's Chief Minister exploits tribal lands for a pharma company linked to his own son-in-law. Is this the justice Congress preaches about?" he asked, suggesting that Gandhi visit Lagacherla or at least meet them in Delhi to listen to

their problems and address their grievances.

He also criticised the Congress' handling of land acquisition, dismissing its claims of adhering to the UPA's Land Acquisition Act of 2013. "Rahul Gandhi touts this law as safeguarding the poor, yet his government in Telangana is trampling on the rights of farmers and tribals. Why cannot they offer fair compensation or at least engage in dialogue?" he asked. The BRS working president did not spare the BJP either. He lashed out at Modi for turning a blind eye to the atrocities in Telangana.

"Modi once called Telangana an ATM for the Congress royal family. Why then is the BJP silent now? Does the modesty of tribal women not matter to them?" he asked.

Rama Rao explained how tribal women were molested and farmers were tortured in custody with no legal recourse. He stated that the attack on the Lagacherla victims was no less than such incidents in Manipur and Lakshadweep. "The Congress government's actions have pushed Telangana's farmers and tribals to the brink," he said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

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Aggrieved families reach NHRC's door

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Aggrieved families from Lagacherla, accompanied by BRS leaders, approached the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in Delhi on Monday, seeking intervention against forcible land acquisition and police atrocities.

The victims charged the Congress government in Telangana with forcibly taking their land to benefit a pharma company and also detailed the horrors of police excesses in their village.

In their meeting with NHRC Chairperson Vijaya Bharathi Sayani, the families of arrested farmers said they had been protesting for the past nine months against the acquisition of their land, but neither the local elected representatives nor the officials were ready to listen to their woes.

"The District Collector recently visited our village in plainclothes without police protection. Some youngsters, unaware of his

Charge the Congress govt with forcibly taking their land to benefit pharma firm, detail horrors of police excesses

identity, attacked him, fearing threat to their land," a farmer explained.

This incident triggered a severe police crackdown on the village.

They said later that night, 500 policemen stormed the village, cut electricity and internet connectivity, and assaulted the families. Besides abusing them, they said the police beat them mercilessly.

"All the men were arrested, and those who escaped are in hiding. We don't even know the whereabouts of our children and are concerned about them as the police are threatening to arrest them as well," said another victim. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Cong's bid to jail Dileep falls flat

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

The Congress government's attempt to put Telangana Digital Media's former director and social media activist Dileep Konatham failed miserably after the magistrate denied to remand him in judicial custody.

Sources said the magistrate refused to entertain the plea from the police, considering the Telangana High Court's standing orders not to arrest him. The police were left with no choice but to release him.

Earlier in the day, Dileep had reached the Central Crime Station (CCS) headquarters after being summoned for questioning in connection with a previous case. Though the court had earlier granted relief against his arrest in the case, the police informed him that he was arrested. Later, he was taken to the Osmania Gen-



Dileep Konatham

eral Hospital for a medical examination and was presented before the magistrate for remand. The police had earlier registered a suo moto case against him for reposting video links of Jainoor clashes in September. He was released after being questioned for over 12 hours and was asked to appear for questioning later. In a video posted by the BRS on X following his arrest, Dileep said the police arrested him illegally despite HC orders. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

'Political drama by Congress'

National Commission for ST member says innocent farmers arrested in Lagacherla

STATE BUREAU
 Sangareddy

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes member Jatothu Hussain Nayak on Monday observed that there was a political drama being enacted by Congress leaders at Lagacherla.

Nayak, after visiting Lagacherla village in the morning, interacted for over two hours with 21 farmers from the village who were kept in the Sangareddy Central Jail. Speaking to the media later, Nayak said the farmers had told him that they were lifted from their villages at midnight after power supply was cut off and internet was disconnected.

Nayak said the police arrested the innocent tribal farmers on charges of attacking Vikarabad Collector Prateek Jain while the official himself was saying that the farmers did not attack him. Farmers also told the



National Commission for Scheduled Tribes member Jatothu Hussain Nayak addressing a press conference in Sangareddy on Monday.

Commission that a Congress worker, Shekhar, was threatening them to acquire their land at any cost. Following the arrest of the 21 farmers, other young farmers had

fled the village into the forests, except for the elderly and children, fearing more attacks and arrests.

Farmers also told Nayak that Chief Minister A Rev-

vanth Reddy's brother A Tirupati Reddy was threatening them with serious consequences unless they surrendered their land. Nayak said the farmers com-

plained to him that the government wanted to acquire 1,350 acres of land for which they were being harassed ever since the Congress came to power.

He further said the police had jailed innocent people, letting off those who actually were involved in the attack on officials. Innocent students and workers, who were staying outside their village, were also arrested, he said, adding that the police were putting all efforts into forcing the tribals to hand over their land for the pharma village using power. He asked the government to give land for tribals if they wanted to acquire the land. Also stating that some officials overreacted on the issue, Nayak said he had asked Chief Secretary A Santhi Kumari and DGP Dr Jitendar to initiate steps to protect the rights of the tribals and ensure justice for them.

Centre rushes 5k troops to Manipur

IMPHAL/NEW DELHI

Defying curfew orders, a Meitei group on Monday took to the streets and locked several government offices in Imphal's west district to protest the recent killings in Jiribam even as the Centre decided to rush about 5,000 paramilitary troops to tackle the "volatile" situation in restive Manipur after Home Minister Amit Shah's review meeting in New Delhi.

Chief Minister N Biren Singh convened an emergency meeting with Ministers and MLAs of the ruling NDA to review the law and order situation, a day after the National People's Party withdrew its support from the BJP-led government,

further complicating the political landscape.

Meanwhile, a protester was killed in firing during a clash between security forces and a mob that was vandalising properties at Babupara in Jiribam district, police said on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as K Athouba, who was in his twenties, police said.

In New Delhi, Shah reviewed the prevailing security situation and deployment of troops in Manipur for the second consecutive day and directed top officials to focus on restoring peace and order there as early as possible, sources said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

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Faith in honesty restored! Man returns Rs 2 lakh cash to cops

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Yes, honesty is still alive. Proving this, a youngster in the city didn't think twice when he came across bundles of currency on the road and promptly handed it over to the cops.

Muddam Satish Yadav, a lineman with the TSSPDCL, was walking in Lallaguda on Monday morning. As he was crossing the Ayyappa Swamy temple, a two-wheeler zoomed past him and a distance away, a cover dropped from the vehicle. The motorist didn't notice this and drove away despite Satish trying to alert him.

Satish checked the cover, which was torn on one side, and it contained Rs 2 lakh in



Muddam Satish Yadav, a lineman, with the Lallaguda police.

cash. The honest youngster immediately walked down to the Lallaguda police station, handed it over to the Station House Officer and explained the circumstance.

Speaking to "Telangana Today", Satish said the motorist may have hung the cover on the hook of the vehicle and, with the cover

torn, it could have slipped out. Was he not tempted by the money? Pat came the reply from Satish, "Not for a moment. It's someone else's money. Perhaps the motorist was taking it for some medical emergency or he had saved it for his daughter's marriage." The cops praised him for his deed.

Maha, J'khand poll campaigns end

MUMBAI/RANCHI

The election campaign for the Maharashtra Assembly polls ended on Monday, with the ruling BJP-led Mahayuti alliance vying to retain power and the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) combine hoping for a strong comeback. Polling will be held in all the 288 assembly seats on November 20 and votes will be counted on November 23.

Campaign also drew to a close for the second and final phase of the Jharkhand Assembly elections to be held on November 20, when 38 of the total 81 seats go to polls. The ruling JMM-led I.N.D.I.A bloc and BJP-led NDA are engaged in a fierce battle in the elections in the State. **PTI**

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Panic over blast outside temple

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

A priest sustained serious injuries following an explosion outside a temple at Mailardevpally in the city suburbs on Monday morning.

The victim, Sugunaram (65), a resident of Laxmiguda and native of Rajasthan, is a priest at the Sri Seethala Mata temple located at the Rajasthani Prapapati Samaj building. On Monday around 10.30 am, he was cleaning the surroundings of the temple when the incident occurred. "While the priest was cleaning the debris with a spade, there was an explosion. Due to the impact, he sustained

severe injuries and fell," Rajendranagar ACP T Srinivas said.

The local people, who heard the noise, rushed out of their shops and houses. After noticing the victim lying on the road in a pool of blood, he was rushed for treatment to a private hospital at Shamshabad.

Soon after the incident, police vans rushed to the spot and cordoned off the road. "We suspect either a paint box or some cracker had exploded, injuring the priest. Investigation is going on and we can know the exact reason for the explosion after a report from the forensic science laboratory," said the official. **(SEE PAGE 2)**