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In a nutshell
Parliament winter session from today
NEW DELHI: The Opposition on Sunday asked the Centre to allow discussions in the Parliament on the US prosecutors' bribery charges against the Adani Group even as Union Minister Kiren Rijiju made it clear that the matters to be taken up in the two Houses will be decided by their authorised committees with the consent of the respective Chair. The Parliamentary Winter Session commences on Monday. **PTI | NATION PAGE 7**

Terror hideout busted in J&K
SRINAGAR: Security forces busted a terror hideout on Sunday in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, recovering arms and ammunition from there, an official said. Officials said a terror hideout was busted in the forest area of Mughalpora (Zachaldara) in Handwara subdivision of Kupwara district by the security forces. Rashtriya Rifles, local police and CRPF launched a search operation in Mughalpora. **IANS**

24 die as two boats capsized
MOGADISHU: Twenty-four people died after two boats capsized off the Madagascar coast in the Indian Ocean, Somalia's government said on Sunday. Somalia's Foreign Minister Ahmed Moalim Fiqi said 46 people were rescued. Most of the passengers were young Somalis, and their destination remains unclear. Somalia's Ambassador to Morocco will look into a separate report of youth stranded on Morocco's coast. **AP**

Musk hails India's poll process
WASHINGTON: Tesla CEO Elon Musk has applauded the Indian electoral system after vote counting for two state Assembly elections and by-elections were concluded in a single day, while also taking a jibe at the process in the US where the poll is yet to be called in California. "India counted 640 million votes in 1 day. California is still counting votes," wrote Musk on X. **NATION PAGE 7**

CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 107
Retail live.....	Rs. 129
With skin.....	Rs. 187
Skinless.....	Rs. 213
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 80

Did my own stunts, says Sunny
 Actor plays major role in upcoming psychological thriller *Shero*

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Congress in power turning TG 'powerless'

In last one year, not even 1 MW added to State's power capacity

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Sample this. The installed power capacity in Telangana, which was 7,000 MW in 2014, soared to 24,000 MW by 2023. That is around 1,888 MW every year when the BRS was in power. From December 2023 to November 2024, after the Congress came to power, not a single megawatt has been added to the installed power capacity of the State, and that pretty much sums up the current situation of the sector.

This is even after the Congress announced a slew of reforms in the power sector and promised to improve power supply in the State. But even after one year, it does not have even a clear policy to take up new power projects. Except for completing some minor works at the 4,000 MW (5X800 MW) coal-based supercritical Yadadri Thermal Power Station at Veerlapalem village in Damacherla mandal of Nalgonda district, which in fact was launched by the previous government, the Congress has done nothing much in the power sector. In fact, over 90 per cent of the



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works of the Yadadri plant was completed during the previous BRS government's tenure and there was hardly any major work left to be taken up. Even the new comprehensive power policy announced by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy in January has not taken shape. In contrast, the previous BRS government gave top

priority to the power sector and brought several reforms to improve the power situation in the State — the increase in installed power capacity from 7,000 MW to 24,000 MW being the foremost achievement. The Centre is promoting solar energy on a large scale through various programmes and schemes.

However, the current State government has not been taking measures to increase solar power generation in the State. The rigid policies of the government and the attitude of the discom officials are also discouraging people from shifting to solar. On the other hand, the BRS government, from a mere 74 MW of solar power at the time of the State's formation in 2014, increased it to 5,865 MW through a series of reforms.

Now, the current State government's regulatory policies are hindering the progress of rooftop solar plants and open-access initiatives in the State. People complained that though they were applying for feasibility, permissions were not granted and the applications just sat there with no response. The situation of solar open access could be gauged by the fact that Telangana didn't witness any solar open access capacity additions in Q2 2024. As of June 2024, Telangana has a cumulative installed solar open access capacity, with 329.5 MW, accounting for just 2 per cent of the country's total. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Hemant Soren to take oath as CM on Nov 28



RANCHI

JMM leader Hemant Soren on Sunday met Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar and staked claim to form the government, soon after leaders of the I.N.D.I.A bloc in the State unanimously elected him as the legislature party leader.

He resigned as the Chief Minister, before staking claim to form the government. He will officiate as the acting Chief Minister till oath is administered to him on November 28.

"I met the Governor. We staked claim to form the government, and handed over support letter of alliance partners to him. He invited us to form the government. The swearing-in ceremony will be held on November 28," Soren said after meeting Gangwar.

Soren, who drove to Raj Bhavan in his car, said the Governor asked him to officiate as the acting Chief Minister in the interim. He will be sworn in as the 14th Chief Minister of Jharkhand, which was carved out of Bihar on November 15, 2000. He will be sworn in as the Chief Minister for the fourth term. **PTI**

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Soon, Telugu medium may be history

Cong govt plans to abolish it in state-run schools

YUVRAJ AKULA
 Hyderabad

In a controversial move, the Congress government is considering abolishing Telugu as a medium of instruction in government and local body schools in Telangana from the next academic year.

If implemented, English would become the sole medium of instruction from Classes I to X, replacing the current bilingual model (Telugu and English, Hindi and English, Urdu and English). Telugu might just be offered as a language subject.

The recently constituted Telangana Education Commission, as per the directions of the State government, is soliciting opinions from students, teachers and educationists on introducing English medium of instruction.

The Commission will shortly submit a report to the government, which is expected to implement the same from the next academic year.

"The government is keen on introducing English as the only medium of instruction in government schools. The Commission has already started consulting students and teachers, besides experts. Given the

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— TG EDUCATION COMMISSION MEMBER

feedback we received, there is a need to train teachers in English language teaching for the effective implementation of the initiative. Presently, the Commission is focused on school education reforms. Shortly, we will also consult stakeholders to bring reforms in higher education," said a Commission member.

The move by the government comes at a time when the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 staunchly advocates for the mother tongue as a medium of instruction in the schools.

As per studies, teaching and learning in mother tongue aid students in building a strong foundation for cognitive development, besides improving their communication skills and ensuring faster learning and retention. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

VIEW TO REMEMBER



Visitors gather to watch the sunset at the summit of Haleakala National Park near Kula, Hawaii. — Photo: AP

BRS Deeksha Divas to be observed on Nov 29

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

Calling for liberation of the four crore Telanganites from the pincer grips of the oppressive Congress rule in the State, BRS working president K T Rama Rao on Sunday stressed the need for another Sankalpa Deeksha to reaffirm the commitment to the State's progress and put it back on the rails.

Addressing a news conference at Telangana Bhavan, along with a host of party leaders, he announced that Deeksha Divas would

be observed in a befitting manner on November 29 in the State. This day marks the anniversary of the pivotal hunger strike initiated by K Chandrashekar Rao in 2009, which played a crucial role in achieving Statehood for Telangana.

Reiterating his party's commitment to preserving the legacy of the statehood movement while addressing the challenges faced by the State today, he appealed to the BRS cadres to participate in large numbers and make Deeksha Divas a massive success. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

BRS Maha Dharna today

HYDERABAD: The BRS is set to hold a Maha Dharna in Mahabubabad on Monday. The protest aims to highlight the Congress government's oppression of tribal, Dalit and poor farmers, in the backdrop of police brutality against the residents of Lagacherla village. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

Three killed in UP mosque violence

SAMBHAL

Three people were killed and 30 others, including around 20 security personnel, were injured as protesters opposing a court-ordered survey of a Mughal-era mosque here clashed with police personnel on Sunday.

The protesters torched vehicles and pelted stones at the police, who used tear gas and batons to disperse the mob. "Shots were fired by the miscreants... the PRO of the superintendent of police suffered a gunshot to the leg, the police circle officer was hit by pellets and 15 to 20 security personnel were injured in the violence," Moradabad Divisional Commissioner Aunjaneya Kumar Singh said.

He said a constable also suffered a serious head injury, while the Deputy Col-

20 security personnel injured as protesters, opposing survey of Mughal-era mosque, clash with police in Sambhal

lector fractured his leg. Internet services have been suspended in Sambhal tehsil for 24 hours and the district administration declared a holiday on November 25 for all students up to Class XII. Purported images shared on social media showed protesters pelting stones at cops from atop buildings and in front of the Shahi Jama Masjid. Later, police personnel were reportedly seen cornering and hitting people as they tried to disperse a large crowd in a narrow alleyway. **PTI**

Farmer couple tries to end lives in public

STATE BUREAU
 Suryapet

A farmer couple attempted to end their lives by self-immolation in full public view after getting distressed over millers deducting as much as 7 kg of paddy per quintal citing impurities and moisture content.

The incident, followed by protests by farmers at the IKP procurement centre in Annaram village on Sunday, saw Guguloth Keema Naik and Punnamma attempting to set themselves on fire even as several hundreds of people were at the procurement centre. Other farmers at the centre, who rushed to their rescue and prevented them from taking the desperate step, sat in protest, expressing solidarity with the couple. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

IPL auction: Pant, Iyer top buys

JEDDAH

Resurrected generational talent Rishabh Pant pipped Shreyas Iyer to become the costliest buy in IPL's history with a Rs 27 crore winning bid from Lucknow Super Giants, while Venkatesh Iyer was the surprise show-stopper as teams expectedly went the extra mile for marquee Indian players at the mega auction on Sunday.

Shreyas, who captained the Kolkata Knight Riders to the title earlier this year, and Delhi Capitals' icon Pant, reaped the benefits of making themselves available at the auction following differences with their respective teams. Venkatesh was also a part of Shreyas' triumphant KKR outfit and the franchise had to pay a whopping Rs 23.75 crore to bring him back after not retaining him.

The batting all-rounder, who has become an integral part of the KKR setup over the years, gained from an in-

BIG DEALS

RISHABH PANT
₹27 crore
 (Lucknow Super Giants)

Shreyas Iyer
₹26.75 crore
 (Punjab Kings)

Arshdeep Singh
₹18 cr
 (Punjab Kings)

Yuzvendra Chahal
₹18 cr
 (Punjab Kings)

Venkatesh Iyer
₹23.75 crore
 (Kolkata Knight Riders)

Despite his status as an IPL legend, David Warner was surprisingly overlooked by all teams

tense bidding battle between the Kolkata side and Royal Challengers Bengaluru to end with a massive sum. Shreyas, on the other hand, was the first one to surpass Mitchell Starc as the IPL's most expensive buy

with cash-heavy Punjab Kings shelling out Rs 26.75 crore for their potential captain before Pant overtook the fellow Indian by attracting Rs 25 lakh more from LSG. Pant beat all odds to make a successful comeback

after a life-threatening car accident in 2022 while Shreyas put behind his exclusion from the BCCI central contracts list to lead KKR to their third IPL trophy earlier this year. **(SEE PAGES 2, 10)**