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In a nutshell

RGV to digitally appear before cops
HYDERABAD: Movie director Ram Gopal Varma expressed willingness to appear 'digitally' before the Andhra Police in connection with his alleged defamatory posts against Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, his son Nara Lokesh and others. A police team descended on the house of the director after he allegedly failed to appear before the investigating officer in connection with case booked against him.
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Two killed as bus rams bike
ADILABAD: Two persons were killed on the spot, while another sustained injuries when a TGSRTC bus rams a two-wheeler at Jainath mandal centre on Monday. Jainath police said that Shaik Ali (60) and Shaik Rehan (13), both from Khanapur colony in Adilabad town sustained severe injuries in the incident. Death was instant for them. Another person travelling on the bike sustained minor injuries.

MP: Cheetah gives birth to four cubs
BHOPAL: Cheetah Neerva gave birth to four cubs at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said and hailed their arrival as a boost to the project that restored a species which vanished from India decades ago. Prior to this, 17 cheetah cubs had been born at the KNP, where the fastest land animal on Earth was translocated from Namibia more than two years ago. **PTI**

Sambhal: SP MP, MLA's son booked
SAMBHAL: Police have booked Samajwadi Party MP Zia-ur-Rehman Barq and local SP MLA Iqbal Mehmood's son Sohail Iqbal and arrested 25 people following clashes between locals opposing a court-ordered survey of a Mughal-era mosque here and security personnel that claimed four lives. Opposition parties attacked the ruling BJP at the Centre and UP a day after violence.
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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 107
Retail live.....	Rs. 129
With skin.....	Rs. 187
Skinless.....	Rs. 213
Egg Rates (2 eggs).....	Rs. 80

BRS vows to stand by Dalit and tribal farmers

KTR says party will continue to fight against anti-people policies of Congress

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

BRS working president KT Rama Rao launched a blistering attack on the Congress government and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, pledging to stand by Dalit and tribal farmers facing forcible land acquisition and oppression. He charged Revanth Reddy with betraying farmers and prioritising personal gains over public welfare. "You had promised to help the farmers upon coming to power, but today, you are usurping their lands for the benefit of Adani, your son-in-law and brothers," he said. Addressing a massive Maha Dharna near the Tahsildar office at Mahabubabad on Monday, he said the BRS would continue to fight against the anti-people policies of the Congress government.



BRS working president KT Rama Rao and other leaders during the party's Maha Dharna near the Tahsildar office in Mahabubabad.

He explained the injustice faced by tribal farmers in Lagacherla, the Chief Minister's own constituency. "Farmers there have been protesting for nine months against land acquisition, yet the Chief Minister had no time to meet them. Instead, he has flown to Delhi 28 times without addressing their concerns," he said. Rama Rao said despite failing to deliver the prom-

ises in Telangana, Revanth Reddy shamelessly went to Maharashtra and made more false claims, but got kicked out. The BRS working president explained the struggles of farmers and tribal women, including a pregnant woman who took her grievances to Delhi and lodged complaints with the National Human Rights Commission, and National Commissions for SCs, STs

and Women. He lambasted the Congress for failing to fulfil promises such as Rythu Bandhu and 24-hour electricity and accused the government of exploiting farmers while serving corporate interests.

'Fortress of resistance'
 He questioned the silence of the police who arrested the BRS leaders for no fault of theirs but did not initiate

any action against Congress MLAs who threatened to pelt stones at him and other BRS leaders for holding the Maha Dharna. Referring to the Telangana movement, Rama Rao invoked the historical significance of Mahabubabad, stating that 14 years ago, the place had ignited a fire that led to Telangana's formation. "Today, it will be the fortress of resistance against

those oppressing Dalits, BCs, and tribals," he declared. He warned of State-wide protests if the injustices continued, asserting that the BRS would hold similar dharnas across all 119 constituencies. "We are a force built by K Chandrababoo Naidu, unafraid and unyielding. This fight for justice will not stop until the people's rights are restored," he asserted.

SC cancels land allocations to housing societies in GHMC

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a significant judgement, the Supreme Court on Monday cancelled the allocation of land to cooperative housing societies of various sections, including MPs, MLAs, All India Services officers, judges and journalists, within the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits. A Bench, led by Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna, delivered the ruling, citing violations of the Constitution's principle of equality under Article 14. The judgement was delivered in connection with an appeal filed by Keshav Rao Jadhav challenging government orders issued in 2005 and 2008 that allotted land at subsidised rates to various groups, including MPs, MLAs, All India Services officers, judges and journalists



The court declared the orders issuing allotment of the land were "bad in law" and violated Article 14 of the Constitution.

by treating them as a separate class. The court quashed these orders, ruling that such classifications were arbitrary and discriminatory. The Bench also upheld a previous decision of the Andhra Pradesh High Court that had invalidated the allocations in cases filed in 2008. Further, the apex court stated that the interim directions passed by it in

some of these cases would now stand merged with the final direction where all parties involved would be accordingly bound by the same. While quashing the petitions filed by the defendants, the court declared the orders issuing allotment of the land were "bad in law" and violated Article 14 of the Constitution. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Kavitha demands clarity on caste census

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

BRS MLC K Kavitha trained her guns at the Congress and BJP over their failure to address the demands of BC community through caste census. She charged both national parties with betraying the BC community and demanded that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi explain why the party, despite ruling the country for over 55 years, failed to conduct a caste census. She lambasted the BJP, stating that the party's policies have historically been anti-BC, SC, and ST, alleging that this bias is deeply embedded in its ideology. She recalled the BJP-led Central government's affidavit in the Supreme Court, where it categorically stated it would not conduct a caste census. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

Telangana puts Adani's Rs 100-cr donation on hold

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Soon after Rahul Gandhi made it clear that the Congress wanted an investigation into all deals by the Adani Group, the party's government in Telangana wrote to the Adani Foundation seeking to stop the transfer of a donation of Rs 100 crore that the group had committed to the Young India Skills University here. However, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy denied any sort of pressure to cancel deals with Adani and claimed that his government only wanted to avoid controversies. The letter, written by Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan to Adani Foundation chairperson Priti Adani, said the Chief Minister had given instructions not to seek transfer of

Writes to Adani Foundation seeking to stop the transfer that the group committed to the Young India Skills University

funds "in view of the present circumstances and arising controversies". However, it was not made clear whether it was a complete rejection of the donation or a temporary postponement of the fund transfer. The Chief Minister, addressing a press conference here on Monday, claimed he was under no pressure to reject the donation and that he would not heed 'any sort of pressure'. He instead tried to blame opposition parties, accusing them of stirring a controversy over the Adani

Group's donation. The donation was to be accepted in the better interest of the State, especially to provide quality skills to the youth at the university, he claimed. Interestingly, while LoP Rahul Gandhi demanded a thorough investigation into the alleged irregularities of the Adani Group, Revanth Reddy said the deals signed by the Telangana government "could not be cancelled unilaterally". The same was informed to Rahul Gandhi as well, he said, adding that the government was not against investments by Adani, Ambani or Tata. Rahul Gandhi was against the out-of-the-way allotment of the Mumbai airport to the Adani Group by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Every company can file bids and bag contracts, which were being offered legally, he said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

Asifabad student hospitalised due to food poisoning dies

STATE BUREAU
Kumram Bheem Asifabad

Choudari Shailaja, a Class IX student of Ashram school-Wankidi who was hospitalised due to food poisoning on October 31, died while undergoing treatment at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Hyderabad on Monday. The parents told the media that the doctors declared that Shailaja (14) breathed her last after battling for life for 25 days. They stated that they would bring the body to their native place, Dhabha village,



Choudari Shailaja

hospital of Mancheril when her medical condition deteriorated a few days back. She was then shifted to NIMS recently. She was one of the 63 students who fell sick after having dinner on October 30. Four students — Kudimetha Jyothi, Maha Laxmi, Bhumika and Lavanya — were already discharged from hospitals in Mancheril and Kagaznagar. On November 14, the headmaster of the school, Srinivas, was suspended for dereliction of duties, leading to hospitalisation of the students on October 30 and 31. **(SEE PAGES 2, 4)**

Class VI student chokes to death

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a tragic incident, Viren Jain, a Class VI student, choked to death while eating lunch on Monday. The child, who brought puris in his lunch box, choked while eating three puris at once. According to the Begumpet Inspector, Ch Ramaiah, the boy struggled to breathe because of choking, and on noticing that, the school staff rushed him to a local nursing home and later to a private hospital. The doctors at the hospital pronounced him dead on arrival. Based on a complaint, a case was registered.

Parl session off to stormy start

NEW DELHI

The winter session of Parliament got off to a rocky start on Monday with both Houses being adjourned within minutes of the commencement of proceedings as the opposition tried to corner the government on the issue of corruption allegations against the Adani Group and demanded a JPC probe. Addressing media before the two Houses met, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attacked the opposition on the issue of disruptions, saying those rejected by people "80-90 times" were trying to control Parliament by resorting to hooliganism for



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in the House during the first day of the Winter session of Parliament, in New Delhi. — Photo: PTI

their political gains. Several opposition MPs had given adjournment notices in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha seeking suspension of the

day's listed business to discuss the issue of the indictment of Adani Group head Gautam Adani and others. **(SEE PAGES 2, 7)**

Exotic snakes seized at RGIA

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The customs officials at the Hyderabad airport were taken for a shock by the sight of two exotic snakes in the luggage of two women passengers on Sunday night. The incident led to panic at the airport, which otherwise is known for seizures of gold, drugs and guns. The two passengers had arrived in the city by flight from Bangkok with the serpents kept in a separate basket. However, when the aircraft arrived at RGIA, the officials inspected them and were shocked. **(SEE PAGE 2)**