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NEW DELHI: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, in his first visit to the national capital after leading his ruling alliance to an unprecedented second straight term in the State. Soren was accompanied by his wife Kalpana Soren, who has also been elected as an MLA in the recent elections. Soren said he invited Modi to his oath-taking ceremony on Thursday. PTI

**Manipur violence: NIA begins probe**  
NEW DELHI: Acting swiftly on the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) directions to bring the culprits to book expeditiously, the NIA has launched thorough investigations into three major cases relating to the recent spate of violence in Manipur. The process of handing over case documents from Manipur police to the NIA is currently underway, said the statement issued by the probe agency. PTI

**Shinde resigns as Maha CM**  
MUMBAI: Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde resigned on Tuesday, paving the way for the appointment of a new government amid haggling by his Shiv Sena faction for continuity and the BJP pressing for its candidate for the top post. The uncertainty surrounding the selection of Shinde's successor remains, as coalition leaders have yet to reach a consensus on the candidate. NATION PAGE 7

**Six cops killed in Pak violence**  
ISLAMABAD: Jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's supporters, demanding his release from prison, reached the heart of Pakistan's capital on Tuesday after battling police in clashes that killed six security personnel and injured dozens. The top leaders of the PTI, who led protesters, vowed to remain in the city until Khan was released from jail. WORLD PAGE 9

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

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

## Revanthn gov't trampling free speech, says BRS

**KTR slams Congress for violating Constitutional values in State**

STATE BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

Free speech curbed, false cases against political opponents, suppression of press freedom through intimidation and arrests, rights of citizens being trampled upon — these were just some of the daily happenings in Telangana that BRS working president KT Rama Rao mentioned in a hard-hitting fiery open letter to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on the occasion of National Constitution Day on Tuesday. In a separate post on X, he also asked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to summon Revanth Reddy and ask him what was happening in Telangana.

Stating that the unconstitutional rule of the Congress in Telangana was trampling on the rights of citizens and causing numerous hardships to the people of the State, Rama Rao criticised the Congress government for violating constitutional values and betraying public trust. Slamming the Congress government for its utter disregard for fundamental rights, misuse of



BRS working president KT Rama Rao addressing the media at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday.

power and failure to uphold the democratic principles enshrined in the Constitution, he also cited Rahul Gandhi's frequent statements on constitutional values and questioned the party's hypocrisy.

"While Rahul Gandhi speaks of constitutional values, your government tramples on them," he said. While former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao honoured Dr BR Ambedkar by installing the latter's tallest statue, Revanth Reddy failed to pay respects to the statue only due to his

personal animosity towards Chandrashekhara Rao, he said, terming this as an insult to the architect of the Constitution.

The BRS working president also charged Revanth Reddy of encouraging defections from the BRS in blatant violation of the Anti-Defection Law and offering them posts within the State government. He also stated that the Congress government was curbing free speech, filing false cases against political opponents, and suppressing press freedom through intimidation

and arrests. Rama Rao condemned the frequent police excesses being reported across the State, holding them responsible for custodial torture and creating a 'Police Raj.'

He said Revanth Reddy's family members were acting as extra-constitutional forces, meddling in the State administration and benefiting from quid pro quo deals. He also criticised unlawful demolitions conducted by HYDRABAD, citing a Supreme Court ruling against such actions. (SEE PAGE 2) (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 5)

## 30 fall ill again at Maganoor ZPHS

**Officials say 'only' 22 students fell ill, claim they ate outside food**

STATE BUREAU  
NARAYANPET

Six days after the school was hit twice in two days with food poisoning and worm-infested food incidents, nearly 30 students of the Zilla Parishad High School, Maganoor, fell ill again on Tuesday after consuming mid-day meals served at the school.

The incident, which once again exposed the sheer callousness of officials towards the students' health, saw the students being rushed to the government hospital, Makthal, for treatment. Soon after consuming the mid-day meals, the students, at around 3.30 pm, complained of stomach ache and nausea and fell ill.

As there were not enough ambulances available, they were shifted in cars and other vehicles as well. Many parents were crying inconsolably at the Makthal hospital and pleaded with the doctors to extend quality



Students of the Zilla Parishad High School, Maganoor, who fell ill after consuming mid-day meals served at the school.

treatment. Former BRS MLA C Rammohan Reddy visited the hospital, and spoke to the students and urged the doctors to extend quality treatment. Meanwhile, the officials claimed that "only" 22 students fell ill and that two students were shifted to the Government Hospital, Mahabubnagar, for better treatment.

Videos of a mother crying inconsolably and speaking to her child, who was admitted at hospital over the phone, went viral on social media platforms. Meanwhile, officials claimed that of the 597 students at the school, 400 consumed the mid-day meals. (SEE PAGE 2)

## SC rules out paper ballot

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a plea seeking to revert to paper ballot voting in elections in the country, saying allegations of tampering with electronic voting machines (EVM) raked up only when people lose polls. "What happens is, when you win the election, EVMs are not tampered with. When you lose the election, EVMs are tampered (with)," remarked a Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and PB Varale. Apart from ballot paper voting, the plea sought several directions including a directive to the Election Commission to disqualify candidates for a minimum of five years if found guilty of distributing money, liquor or other material inducement to the voters during polls. When petitioner-in-person KA Paul said he filed the PIL, the Bench said, "You have interesting PILs. How do you get these brilliant ideas?". The petitioner said he is the president of an

**Apex court gives an earful to the petitioner, KA Paul; says 'EVMs tampered when you lose, it's not when you win'**

organisation which has rescued over three lakh orphans and 40 lakh widows. "Why are you getting into this political arena? Your area of work is very different," the Bench retorted. After Paul revealed he had been to over 150 countries, the Bench asked him whether each of the nations had ballot paper voting or used electronic voting. The petitioner said foreign countries had adopted ballot paper voting and India should follow suit. "Why you don't want to be different from the rest of the world?" the Bench asked. There was corruption and in June 2024, the ECI announced they seized Rs 9,000 crore, Paul responded. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Drop some poll guarantees: K'taka Congress MLA

BENGALURU

Karnataka Congress MLA HR Gaviyappa on Tuesday urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to drop some poll guarantees, citing lack of funds, which drew a sharp response from Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar.

The ruling party MLA from Vijayanagara suggested that the election guarantees have made it difficult to provide houses to the poor in the State. "Because of guarantee schemes, there is difficulty in providing houses to the poor. We are also asking the Chief Minister to drop two or three schemes, which are not needed. Let's see what the Chief Minister says," Gaviyappa said in a public meeting in Vijayanagara. He, however, maintained that he would stand by the decision taken by the Chief Minister.

The legislator's statement irked Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar. "This is Congress party. I am going to issue him a showcase notice. He can't do that," he said. PTI

## Protest marks Class 9 girl's funeral

STATE BUREAU  
KUMRAM BHEEM ASIFABAD

The funeral of Ch Shailaja, a Class 9 student who died after falling victim to food poisoning at the Tribal Welfare Department's Ashram school at Wankidi, was marked with massive protests from different sections of the people against the callousness of the State

government. The protest was intensified after the State government tried to restrict public and opposition party leaders from attending the funeral.

Shailaja (14) died while undergoing treatment at NIMS in Hyderabad on Monday. She was one of the 64 students who was hospitalised after having dinner at the hostel of the school on

October 30 and 31. Her body was brought from Hyderabad to the Dhabha village early Tuesday. The village came under a thick blanket of security much before the arrival of the body with the police imposing restrictions on entry of outsiders into the village.

They set up checkpoints in all four directions prohibiting entry of the general pub-

lic and media from about 10 kilometres away from the village. Due to the restrictions and tight security, it is said that even Shailaja's parents were not allowed to spend much time with their daughter's body before it was shifted for the funeral. Their relatives were also not permitted into the village and pay homage to Shailaja. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Old City Metro works from January

CITY BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

The land acquisition process for the Old City Metro Rail between MG Bus Station and Chandrayangutta, a stretch measuring 7.5 km, is underway on a war footing and by first week of January, the preliminary works related to the construction will be underway, Managing Director (MD), HMRL, NVS Reddy said.

The demolition of properties that have been identified will begin in the fourth week of December. Over 1,100 properties will be affected in the road widening and station construction works and all the heritage



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and religious structures on the route will be safely preserved. Sketches of 800 properties, of the 1,100 identified, have already been sent to the Collector, the

MD while interacting with press persons on Tuesday said.

At present, the proposals related to Phase-2 Metro Rail in Old City, including

its DPR (Detailed Project Report), the Construction Management Plan (CMP) and the alternative analysis are under technical and financial evaluation of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India (GoI), he said.

### Land acquisition

The entire process of land acquisition for the Old City Metro is being taken up as per the Land Acquisition Act, NVS Reddy said, adding that close to 103 religious and other sensitive structures on this stretch are being protected through innovative engineering solutions and careful adjustment of metro pillars and station locations. (SEE PAGE 2)

## RAGING FIRE



Smoke and flames billow out during a forest fire, in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh. — Photo: PTI

## Bangladeshi court denies bail to Hindu leader

**DHAKA:** A Bangladeshi court on Tuesday denied bail to prominent Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari, arrested on sedition charges, and sent him to prison, triggering protests by community members in various locations, including the capital Dhaka and the port city of Chattogram. Bangladesh police on Monday arrested Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari, a leader of the Hindu group Sammilita Sanatani Jote, from the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport area in Dhaka while travelling to Chattogram. He was then brought to Chattogram. (SEE PAGES 2, 7)

## Musi project: HC asks for socio-economic survey

**HYDERABAD:** Justice CV Bhaskar Reddy of the Telangana High Court on Tuesday issued comprehensive directions to the State government regarding the removal of unauthorised constructions along the Musi River. The order follows the filing of around 45 writ petitions by residents whose properties allegedly fall within the Full Tank Level (FTL) and Buffer Zones of the Musi River, which are being impacted by the proposed Musi riverfront development project. The court directed the Revenue Department to conduct a detailed socio-economic survey of the affected residents. (REPORT PAGE 4)