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The Raja Saab release date pushed to May 16

In a nutshell

Five naxals killed in encounter BIJAPUR: Five naxalites,

including two women, were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Sunday. The gunfight broke out in the forest of Bandepara-Koranjed villages under Madded police station limits when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range, Sundarraj P said. PTI

Cops book actor Venkatesh, family

HYDERABAD: The Filmnagar police registered a case against actor Venkatesh and his family members in connection with the alleged trespassing and demolition of the Deccan Kitchen Hotel last year. The police cited producer Daggubati Suresh, Daggubati Venkatesh, Suresh's son and actor, Daggubati Rana and producer Daggubati Abhiram as accused in the case.

HYDERABAD PAGE 3

IPL likely to begin from March 21

NEW DELHI: The IPL 2025 is scheduled to begin on March 21, with **Eden Gardens hosting** both the tournament opener and the final on May 25 As per a report by ESPNcricinfo, the WPL 2025 will take place from February 7 to March 2. In an unprecedented move ahead of the mega auction in November, the IPL shared the windows for the next three seasons (2025-27) with the franchises. IANS

14-yr-old Ira scores triple hundred

Police target them for protesting against vandalism at Bhongir party office

BRS leaders under attack



Police officials arrest a BRS leader during the protest at Bhongir on Sunday.

STATE BUREAU BHONGIR

In a dramatic turn of events, Bhongir turned into a police fortress with barricades all across and movement of people restricted inexplicably on Sunday as the police tried to suppress protests by the BRS against Saturday's Congress attack on the BRS party office in the town. Though it was clear that it was Congress that orchestrated the attack, Sunday's crackdown was entirely tar-

geted at the BRS. The attempt to quell any form of protest saw the police swooping down early in the morning on the residences of several BRS leaders and public representatives, detaining them and denying them permission to move out. Many were arrested and shifted to police mission for the Maha

RACHAKONDA CP ISSUES WARNING

HYDERABAD: Rachakonda Police Commissioner G Sudheer Babu warned of strict against those trying to incite public disorder or disrupt peace. The warning came a day after skirmishes between Congress and BRS workers at Bhongir town on Saturday. The Congress workers had tresspassed and damaged furniture at the BRS office in protest against the alleged remarks of BRS district president, Kancherla Ramakrishna Reddy against Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy during a programme. (SEE PAGE 2)

stations. However, refusing Dharna, BRS activists reto be deterred by the pomained defiant, positioning lice's high-handedness, themselves at key locations across the town, including BRS activists continued to Hyderabad organise fiery protests. The BRS' call for a massive protest (maha dharna) to Collectorate condemn the attack, led to an even more tense standoff between party cadres and law enforcement agen-Despite the denial of per-

Chowrasta, Jagdevpur Road, Rayagiri, Centre, Vinavak Chowrasta and the old bus station. The streets of Bhongir were soon filled with protesters squatting on the roads, demanding justice.

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Cops manhandle Kaushik Reddy The episode unfolded when Irrigation Minister N

STATE BUREAU

BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy was literally dragged out of the district review meeting by the police after the former questioned Jagtial turncoat MLA Sanjay Kumar as to which party he was representing at the meeting.

nessed at the meeting in Karimnagar with Kaushik Reddy and Sanjay Kumar entering into a verbal duel, with both pushing each other in between. Intervening in the argument, the police, however, chose to drag representing the Congress, Kaushik Reddy raised ob-jections and pointed out Kaushik Reddy out of the hall, without even restraining Sanjay Kumar, who had jumped ship from the BRS to the Congress after winnied joining the Congress ning on BRS ticket.



A screen grab of the video showing police personnel dragging BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy out of a meeting.

B'desh calls for crime-free border

Expresses 'deep concern' over 'BSF activities'

DHAKA

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earlier.

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Uttam Kumar Reddy con-Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin on Sunday exducted a review meeting to discuss the implementation pressed Bangladesh's "deep concern" over the recent of various government welborder tensions during a meeting with Indian High Commissioner Pranay Verma at the Foreign Ministry. The State-run BSS news agency earlier reported that Verma was "summoned" by entire erstwhile Karimnathe Foreign Ministry to dis-When Sanjay Kumar began speaking, Kaushik Reddy asked him to make it clear which party he was cuss escalating tensions along the border. However, a press state-ment issued by the Foreign

along the Bangladesh-India

Border," the Foreign Min-

istry said in the statement.

Makes visa process easier for Pak

LAHORE: The interim government in Bangladesh simplified the visa process for Pakistanis to further strengthen trade and economic relations. The government removed the need for clearance from Dhaka for Pakistani heads of missions while issuing visas, Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan Ministry did not use that lqbal Hussain said at term. "Foreign Secretary Ambassador Md. Jashim the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and In-Uddin today expressed deep concern of the Gov-ernment of Bangladesh to dustry on Saturday. Dawn News reported that Hussain said inthe High Commissioner of creasing trade and in-India Pranay Verma at his vestment between the office at the Ministry of Fortwo countries must be a eign Affairs over the recent top priority to move foractivities of the Border Se-curity Force (BSF) of India

> media after emerging from the meeting.

ward. PTI

Verma entered the For-"We have an understandeign Ministry around 3:00 pm (local time). His meeting with regard to fencing the border for security. BSF and BGB (Border Security ing with the foreign secretary lasted about 45 min-Force and Border Guard utes, BSS reported. "I just met Foreign Secretary to Bangladesh) have been in communication in this rediscuss India's commitment gard. We expect that understandings will be imple-mented and there will be to ensuring a crime-free border, effectively addressing challenges of smuggling, cooperative approach to combatting crime," he movement of criminals and trafficking," Verma told the added. PTI

fare schemes in erstwhile Karimnagar. BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prab-hakar, MLC T Jeevan Reddy and other MLAs also partic-ipated in the meeting wherein officials from the Noisy scenes were wit-

ALUR: Fourteen-year-old Mumbai opener Ira Jadhav became the first Indian to score a triple hundred in Under-19 cricket when she made a 346 against Meghalaya in the U19 Women's One Day Trophy. Ira, a student of Sharadashram Vidyamandir, the alma mater of Sachin Tendulkar, Vinod Kambli and Ajit Agarkar made her runs in 157 balls with 42 fours and 16 sixes. SPORT PAGE 10

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Farm	Rs. 104	
Retail live	Rs. 126	
With skin	Rs. 183	
Skinless	Rs.208	
Egg Rates (12 eggs)	Rs. 70	

cies.

resent India at the swearing-in ceremony of US Presidentelect Donald Trump in Washington on January 20, according to a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The MEA noted, "On the invitation of the Trump-Vance Inaugural Committee, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar will attend the swearing-in ceremony of President-elect Donald J. Trump as the 47th President of the United States of America." It further stated that Jaishankar will also engage with representatives from the incoming administration and other dignitaries during his visit. IANS

Ex-MP Manda passes away

HYDERABAD: Former Nagarkurnool MP Manda Jagannadham passed away on Sunday after a prolonged illness. He was 73. He was survived by a daughter and two sons. He was undergoing treatment at NIMS Hospital in Hyderabad, where his condition worsened on Sunday. Several politicians, academicians and others expressed their shock and extended condolences to the bereaved family. Born on May 22, 1951, in Itikyala village of Nagarkurnool district, Jagannadham completed his MS in medical education.



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cording to ISRO.

SpaDeX: Satellites close in to 3 metres in trial attempt

BENGALURU

ISRO on Sunday said the two satellites launched to perform space docking experiments were brought within three metres and then moved safely back in a trial attempt.

The space agency also said the docking process would be done after analysing the data further. "A trial attempt to reach up to 15 metres and further to three metres is done. Moving back spacecraft to a safe distance. The docking process will be done after analysing data further," ISRO said in a post on X. The Space Docking Ex-

periment (SpaDeX) project has missed two announced schedules for docking ex-

According to ISRO officials, the docking process of the satellites will be done after analysing the data further

Future missions periments on January 7 and January 9. ISRO launched the mission on December 30. The PSLV C60 rocket, carrying two small satellites - SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target) — along with 24 payloads, lifted off from the Satish Dhawan technology is essential when multiple rocket Space Centre in Sriharikota.

About 15 minutes later, launches are required to the two small spacecraft achieve common mission weighing about 220 kg each objectives. PTI

Jaishankar for Trump's swearing-in NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will rep-Maha Kumbh from today

PRAYAGRAJ

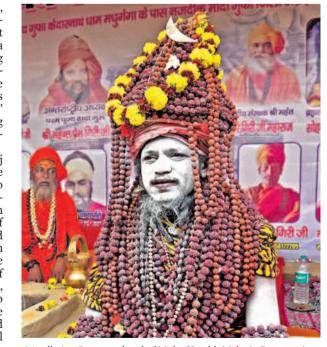
Maha Kumbh 2025 — a 45day event billed as the biggest gathering of humans in one place — is all set to begin Monday with the first major bathing ritual or 'Shahi Snan' on the auspicious occasion of 'Paush Purnima' at the Sangam, the confluence of Ganga, Yamuna and the mystical Saraswati rivers here.

The present edition of the Kumbh is being held after 12 years, though seers claim the celestial permutations and combinations for the event are taking place after 144 years, making the occasion even more auspicious.

Perhaps that's why the Uttar Pradesh government is confident of 35 crore devotees visiting Prayagraj this time. Already the num-

the holy dip on Saturday, two days ahead of the formal start of the event. "It will be a grand Maha Kumbh this time. Along with divinity and spirituality, it would also showcase modernity as this time it is going to be a 'Digi-Kumbh' of sorts with AI being tapped in a big way," officials said.

On the ground, Prayagraj is all decked up for the grand occasion, ready to welcome saints, seers, pilgrims, and masses from across the globe, many of whom have already arrived -- all driven by the common goal of getting soaked in the spiritual fervour. Chief Minister The Maha Kumbh, to be held from January 13 to February 26, will elevate India's ancient cultural and religious traditions to global



Cops stumble upon gangrape of mentally unstable woman on CCTV

STATE BUREAU

In a shocking discovery, police stumbled upon CCTV visuals of a woman being gang-raped. The footage led to the arrest of three persons, while the victim, a mentally unstable woman, was shifted to the local Bharosa Centre for treatment.

How the police stumbled upon the shocking visuals was even more bizarre. Following a complaint on a cattle theft lodged by a farmer, the police were scanning CCTV footage when they accidentally saw the rape visuals, with the incident that happened at Ramanthapur village said to have occurred on Friday. The three persons, who were seen sexually assaulting the woman, were then identified and ar-(SEE PAGE 2)

"I was sitting near the statue in the university Hussian said the entire campus was being patrolled by Jackal attacks villagers, woman injured

SIRCILLA: A woman was injured after she was attacked by a jackal in Maddikunta on Sunday morning. According to villagers, the jackal came out from the nearby forest area and attacked the woman. Sutrapur Radha. while she was cleaning in front of her house at around 6 am. As she raised an alarm, the jackal ran away and attacked two others. It was later killed by villagers.

partment officials, searched for pug marks in various areas for about four hours. However, they could not find any. As a precautionary

the security personnel and asked students to take appropriate precautions, including not moving on the road at night.

Earlier in the day, Venkatesh Goud, a businessman, who was out on a morning walk on the campus, claimed to have spotted a leopard. He raised an measure, camera traps have been set up on the campus to alarm and alerted others capture any movement of about the 'presence' of the big cats, if any. University leopard and asked them to in-charge security officer be careful.

when I noticed the leopard walking at a little distance. It moved into the thick vegetation and then disappeared," Venkatesh told the media persons. The security guards were informed and soon the police reached the spot. "As a precautionary measure, we alerted the local residents in nearby colonies and informed the forest officials," said an official of Rajendranagar police station. (SEE PAGE 2)

bers are telling, with a prominence. A 'sadhu' at Sangam ahead of Maha Kumbh Mela, in Prayagraj were launched into a 475record 25 lakh people taking (RELATED REPORTS PAGE 7) on Sunday. - Photo: PTI rested km circular orbit, as intended. The SpaDeX project is a cost-effective technology demonstrator No signs of leopard on PJTAU campus mission for the demonstration of in-space docking

CITY BUREAU

Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University (PJTAU) on Sunday clarified there were no signs of leopard movement on the campus and urged the university community not to believe rumours.

social media that a leopard was on the prowl on the campus, the university security personnel, along with local police and Forest De-

using small spacecraft, ac-

Hyderabad

A successful demonstration of SpaDeX will make India the fourth nation to master the complex technologies that are crucial for its future missions, such as the Bharatiya Antariksh Station and landing an astronaut on the moon. In-space docking As there were rumours on