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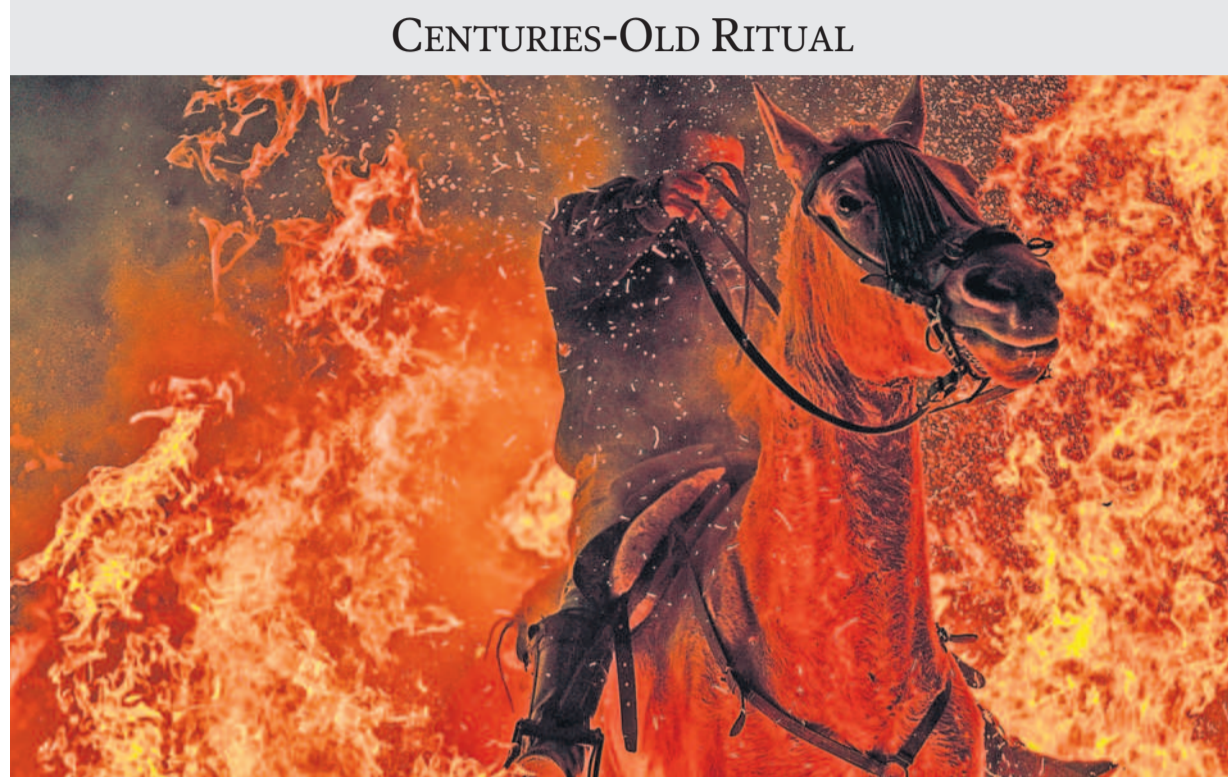


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In a nutshell
Valuables stolen from bank
MANGALURU: A gang of armed robbers looted valuables estimated over Rs 4 crore from the Sahakari Sangh Bank in Kotekar, Mangaluru, on Friday, police said. This comes close on the heels of two unidentified armed robbers on a bike shooting dead two security guards and fleeing with Rs 93 lakh in cash meant for filling an ATM in Bidar, the northernmost district headquarters of the State, on Thursday. PTI

Imran Khan, wife jailed for graft
ISLAMABAD: A Pakistani court on Friday sentenced jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi to 14 and seven years in prison respectively after finding them guilty of corruption in the 190 million pounds al-Qadir Trust case. Judge Nasir Javed Rana of the anti-corruption court announced the verdict in a makeshift court set up in Adila jail where Khan is currently lodged. WORLD PAGE 7

Saif attacker still at large
MUMBAI: The intruder who stabbed actor Saif Ali Khan at his home in Mumbai remains at large despite more than 30 teams on the lookout for him on Friday, while a Maharashtra minister ruled out underworld link to the brutal attack. The attacker was not working for any criminal gang and probably was not even aware whose house he had entered in, said police, citing their investigation carried out so far. PTI



A man rides a horse through a bonfire as part of a ritual in honor of St Anthony The Abbot, the patron saint of domestic animals, in San Bartolome de Pinares, Spain. — Photo: AP

Rs 11,440 cr for VSP revival

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs okays financial aid plan

NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet has approved a Rs 11,440 crore revival plan for debt-laden Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL), according to a statement released on Friday. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the revival plan for RINL for Rs 11,440 crore, it added. The infusion includes Rs 10,300 crore as equity capital into RINL and conversion of Rs 1,140 crore working capital loan as 7 per cent non-cumulative preference share capital redeemable after 10 years to keep RINL as a

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going concern, the official statement said. With this revival package, many of the legacy problems that RINL used to face will be resolved, I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. The equity infusion of Rs 10,300 crore into RINL will help it overcome the operational problems related to raising working capital and start blast furnace operations in the most productive

way, the statement said. The revival package would allow the company to gradually reach its full production capacity, which is critical and is in the national interest to have stability in the Indian steel market by augmenting steel production and also save the livelihoods of employees (regular and contractual) and those dependent on the operations of the steel plant. PTI

CHANDRABABU NAIDU THANKS PM

AMARAVATI: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday said the issue of privatising the Vizag Steel Plant will no longer arise as the Centre has approved financial support of Rs 11,440 crore. He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the Centre approved financial support of Rs 11,440 crore to revive the Vizag Steel Plant. The Chief Minister also expressed gratitude to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Steel Minister HD Kumaraswamy for their "constant support" and positive response. "I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his unwavering support to the steel plant, which I assure will contribute to the PM's vision of nation-building as part of Viksit Bharat-Viksit Andhra (developed India and Andhra Pradesh)," Naidu said. PTI

'BRS MLAs will resign en masse if loans waived'

KTR throws challenge at Congress government



BRS working president KT Rama Rao during the Rythu Maha Dharna at Shabad of Chevella constituency in Rangareddy district on Friday.

STATE BUREAU
 HYDERABAD

Taking the ongoing tussle between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS by several notches up, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday threw down the gauntlet to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his Cabinet Ministers, offering that his party MLAs will resign en masse if the Congress proves that crop loans of 100 per cent farmers in any village of Telangana are waived. He said the Congress utterly failed to

waive loans upto Rs 2 lakh for all farmers.

"If the Chief Minister is honest, let us both visit your hometown Kondareddy-palle or Kodangal. If farmers in any village confirm that loans are fully waived, we will resign. If not, I challenge you to political asceticism," he said, while participating in the Rythu Maha Dharna at Shabad of Chevella constituency in Rangareddy district. He also revealed plans for a farmers' protests in Nalgonda on January 21, followed by district-wise Rythu Deeksha gather-

ings to demand the implementation of Congress' six guarantees.

Rama Rao charged the Chief Minister with deceiving farmers with unfulfilled promises of loan waivers and financial schemes. He said the Congress government owes around Rs 17,500 per acre to farmers under Rythu Bharosa in Telangana. He demanded that the Congress government extend Rythu Bharosa benefits to tenant farmers starting January 26, increasing the payout to Rs 15,000 per acre. (SEE PAGES 2, 3)

ED attaches assets worth Rs 300 cr in MUDA case

NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Friday said it has attached more than 140 units of immovable assets worth about Rs 300 crore in a MUDA-linked money laundering case involving Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and others. The attachment is part of a money laundering probe into alleged irregularities in land allotment by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). The attached properties are registered in the name of various individuals who are working as real-estate businessmen and agents, the federal agency said. "It is alleged that Siddaramaiah (a Congress leader) used his political influence to get compensation for 14 sites in



Siddaramaiah

his family, saying the Opposition was "scared" of him and that these were politically motivated charges. The role of ex-MUDA Commissioner DB Natesh has emerged as "instrumental" in the illegal allotment of compensation sites to Parvathi, the agency said. It said searches conducted in the case found that a large number of sites, other than the 14 allotted to Parvathi, have been "illegally" allotted by the MUDA as compensation to real estate businessmen, who in turn have sold these sites at "huge" profit and generated huge amount of "unaccounted" cash. The profit so generated has been "laundered" and shown as derived out of legitimate sources, the agency claimed. PTI

'16 Indians serving with Russian military missing'

NEW DELHI

The Indian government on Friday said 12 Indian nationals have been killed while serving with the Russian military and another 16 listed by Russia as missing. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said a total of 126 Indians were serving with the Russian military and 96 of them have so far been discharged. (SEE PAGE 2)

Rahul snubs Revanth again

STATE BUREAU
 Hyderabad

A Revanth Reddy's failure to meet Congress MP Rahul Gandhi yet again in New Delhi has fuelled fire to the speculations in the party over the state of affairs between the Gandhi family and the Chief Minister. Interestingly, Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee president YS Sharmila met Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi. She had a meeting with the Congress MP over the political affairs in Andhra Pradesh and discussed the measures being taken to strengthen Congress in the State. The Chief Minister, along with some of his Cabinet colleagues, was in New Delhi on Wednesday to participate in the AICC office inauguration. Though, he

was in the national capital on Thursday, he could not meet Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and this has left the State leaders dejected.

Party sources claimed that Rahul Gandhi could not meet Revanth Reddy due to prior appointments. Accordingly, the State leaders, including the Chief Minister held a meeting with AICC general secretary KC Venugopal over a few aspects, including preparations for local bodies' elections and others. After the meeting, the Chief Minister left the venue and TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud spoke to the media.

Revanth Reddy has been to New Delhi quite a few times in the recent past but could not meet Rahul Gandhi or Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi. (SEE PAGE 2)

Planetary parade in Hyderabad skies

CITY BUREAU
 Hyderabad

For amateur stargazers and astronomy enthusiasts, this is an excellent opportunity to spot four planets of our solar system in the January skies of Hyderabad!

If the weather cooperates and there is adequate darkness, then you may be able to spot Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars on the chilly Western and Eastern skies of Hyderabad in the coming few days. "There are some exaggerated reports about the visibility of 6 to 7

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planets. However, this is an excellent chance to catch four planets in a span of minutes in the evening sky. But, do not rush to buy telescopes," advises founder president of Planetary Society of India N Sree Raghunandan Kumar. He shares simple ways to check out Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars without telescopes.

"On the West direction before 8.30 pm, you can see one 'bright non-twinkling star like object' and its Venus. As it will set around 8.30pm, we can track and spot till then. Just besides Venus, if one can observe keenly, they can spot a dim yellowish white star like non-twinkling celestial object, which is planet Saturn,"

he said. On the Eastern skies of Hyderabad, if one looks above the sky, it will not be difficult to spot a non-twinkling star-like object, which is Jupiter. Further, in the East direction and close to the horizon, one can spot an orange-red star like celestial object, which is Mars, Raghunandan Kumar said.

At some point of the night, Jupiter can be spotted exactly above the head around 10 pm and Mars will be above ahead at 12 Mid-night, which can be located in the west before sunrise, the founder of PSI, added.

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