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India needs more reforms, says top IMF official



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66 dead in hotel fire at ski resort in Turkiye

According to officials, at least 51 injured in the fire at the Grand Kartal hotel in Kartalkaya



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Shami in focus as India eye fresh start against England

In a nutshell

I-T raids Dil Raju for tax evasion

HYDERABAD: The I-T Department conducted searches at multiple locations linked to film producer Dil Raju and others. The searches were carried out with regard to charges of tax evasion. Multiple premises are being covered in this search activity in the city including those in Jubilee Hills and Banjara Hills. Dil Raju is a leading film producer and the chairman of Telangana Film Development Corporation (FDC). PTI

Water leakage from Jurala worries ryots

HYDERABAD: Rabi farmers under the Jurala project have been voicing concern over the wastage of water due to unattended leakage from the crest gates. Of late, volume of leakage has assumed serious proportions. Water is leaking from 12 of the 62 flood gates resulting in substantial loss of water. This situation is alarming as farmers would require irrigation support for at least another 120 days. STATE PAGE 5

Saif returns home from hospital

MUMBAI: Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan returned home on Tuesday as he left a Mumbai hospital five days after an intruder stabbed him inside his apartment with a knife in the neck and spine. The actor underwent a neurosurgery to treat a spinal injury and a plastic surgery to repair wounds on his neck and hands at Lilavati Hospital after he was stabbed by an intruder in the early hours of Thursday last. NATION PAGE 7

Ruckus at Gram Sabhas, officials face people's ire

Villagers allege genuine beneficiaries left out of welfare schemes

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

The Gram Sabhas held to identify eligible beneficiaries for four schemes — Rythu Bharosa, Indiramma Atmeeya Bharosa, new ration cards and Indiramma Indlu — were marred with arguments, abuses and allegations at several places across the State on Tuesday.

In a few places, villagers argued with officials that names of ineligible persons were included in the list and that genuine beneficiaries were left out. They wanted fresh surveys to be conducted. Amidst arguments, officials left the meetings midway at Kadthal village in Nirmal district.

In the Chakalivanipalle Gram Sabha under Ganeruvaram mandal of Karimnagar district, a woman cried inconsolably,



Women confront officials during a Gram Sabha meeting in Nalgonda district on Tuesday.

stating that her name did not feature in the list of eligible persons for the Indiramma Atmeeya Bharosa under which financial assistance was to be extended for landless labourers. Villagers fumed over the officials that

persons did not turn up even for one day for employment guarantee scheme works featured in the list. As the officials declared the names of eligible persons in the Gram Sabhas, arguments took place

between those who got featured in the list and those who were not included in the list.

Tension prevailed at the Gram Sabhas in Kuncha party village, Vemsur mandal, Kishitaram and Sid-

daram villages in Sattupallu mandal of Khammam district. Heated arguments took place with local residents and Congress leaders over the inclusion of ineligible persons' names in the list for Indiramma Indlu.

Likewise, in the Ganugapadu panchayat under Chandrugonda mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem, women argued with officials over the list of beneficiaries. They alleged that there were irregularities in the selection of beneficiaries and demanded that a fresh survey be conducted.

A similar situation prevailed at the Kondapur and Ankshapur under the Ghatkesar municipality of Medchal Malkajiri district. Residents charged that Indiramma Committees were constituted and beneficiaries were shortlisted without the consent of the local councillor. (SEE PAGES 2, 5)

14 naxals killed in encounter

RAIPUR

Fourteen naxals, including a top leader of the CPI (Maoists) who was carrying a reward of Rs 1 crore, were killed in a joint operation by Central and State Police forces along the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday termed the encounter as "another mighty blow to Naxalism" and asserted the Narendra Modi government's resolve for a Naxal-free India and the joint ef-

According to police officials, deceased include a top leader of the CPI (Maoists) who was carrying a reward of Rs 1 crore

orts of the security forces to eliminate the menace from the country.

Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district superintendent of police Nikhil Rakhecha said of the deceased, one has

been identified as Jairam alias Chalapati, a central committee member of the CPI (Maoist), who was carrying a bounty of Rs 1 crore. The identity of the remaining cadres was yet to be ascertained.

Police said two women naxalites were killed during a joint operation on Monday along the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border. A large cache of firearms, ammunition and IEDs, including a self-loading rifle, were recovered from the encounter site. PTI

Kidney racket busted in Hyd hospital

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

An alleged organ trade racket being operated from Doctors Colony in the city was busted by the Rachakonda Police and Health Department officials on Tuesday.

On specific information, the health officials, along with Saroornagar police, raided Alkananda Hospital located at Doctors Colony

in Saroornagar. The officials, during the inspection, found that the hospital management did not have any permission from the government.

It was alleged the hospital was being used for illegal kidney trade by an organised gang who were luring poor people from different States and offering them huge money for selling their kidney. (SEE PAGE 2)

Trump starts 2nd term with blitz of executive orders

DONALD TRUMP BEGAN HIS FIRST DAY AS THE 47TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WITH A DIZZYING DISPLAY OF FORCE, SIGNING A BLIZZARD OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS THAT SIGNALED HIS DESIRE TO 'REMAKE' AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS



WHAT IS AN EXECUTIVE ORDER
EXECUTIVE ORDERS ARE TOOLS THAT ALLOW A US PRESIDENT TO MANAGE OPERATIONS OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, DIRECT AGENCIES, OR ADDRESS SPECIFIC NATIONAL ISSUES WITHOUT NEEDING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR EXECUTIVE ORDERS SIGNED BY TRUMP

- To end birthright citizenship, though constitutional obstacles remain
- Reverses Biden-era immigration orders, prioritises deportation of all undocumented individuals
- Declares national emergency at US-Mexico border, troops to restrict refugees and asylum seekers
- Withdraws the US from the Paris Climate Agreement (again)
- Signs on United States' exit from World Health Organization
- Renames Gulf of Mexico as the 'Gulf of America'
- To restart policy requiring asylum seekers to remain in Mexico while awaiting US hearings
- Rolls back transgender protections, declares federal govt will recognise only two biological sexes (male and female)
- To keep TikTok operating for 75 days
- Designates drug cartels as foreign terrorist organisations
- Declares energy emergency, promising to expand fossil fuel drilling and eliminate Biden's EV mandate
- Halts federal hiring, except for the military and unspecified areas of government
- DOGE, led by Elon Musk, to recommend cuts to government programmes and spending
- Directs Attorney general to help States get lethal injection drugs to carry out executions

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'Hyd turned into hub of hardships'

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Hyderabad, the capital city of Telangana, has been facing a series of crises over the past year, according to Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao.

At a meeting held with MLAs and MLCs from the city, he expressed his concerns about the city's deteriorating condition under the Congress-led government, headed by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

He resented that Hyderabad, once a symbol of progress and happiness under the leadership of K Chandrashekhar Rao as Chief Minister, had now become a hub of challenges

and hardships. He highlighted several pressing issues, including inadequate sanitation, drinking water shortages, and power cuts that have disrupted business, commercial, and industrial activities.

During the meeting, legislators discussed the daily struggles faced by the residents of the city. One of the focal points was the appearance of water tankers in various areas even before the onset of summer. The MLAs also raised concerns about the city's deteriorating law and order situation, pointing out an alarming rise in land grabbing, crime rates, and a growing sense of insecurity among citizens. (SEE PAGE 2)

Man kills pregnant wife at Kushaiguda

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a gruesome incident, a pregnant woman was killed, allegedly by her husband, at their house in Kushaiguda. The incident, which reportedly took place on January 15, came to light on Tuesday after the house owner sensed a foul smell emanating from the house.

The victim, identified as Sneha, had a love marriage with Sachin Satyanarayana, and the couple was staying in a rented house in Kushaiguda. As

per available information, Sachin Satyanarayana would often pick up a fight with Sneha over trivial matters, including financial issues.

More recently, he started suspecting her fidelity ever since she became pregnant. It is suspected that after one such argument, Sachin Satyanarayana beat Sneha and reportedly sat on her stomach, causing bleeding injury and instant death. Due to the impact, even the foetus was forced out. The Kushaiguda police are investigating.

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