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**In a nutshell**

**4 judicial officers appointed to HC**

**HYDERABAD:** The Centre has notified the appointment of four judicial officers from Telangana — Renuka Yara, Narsing Rao Nandikonda, Tirumala Devi Eada @ Thirupathamma K and Madhusudhan Rao Bobbili Ramaiah — as additional judges to the Telangana High Court following a recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium. The strength of the HC has increased from 26 to 30 judges.

**Stalker throws acid on student**

**KHAMMAM:** An incident of acid attack against a young woman, a nursing second-year student at the local Government Nursing College, came to light in Khammam lately. According to the victim's family, a youth, Ganesh had been harassing and stalking the teenager for long forcing her to love him. On January 13, when she was drawing rangoli in front of her house, the youth threw acid at her.

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**Sugarcane crop destroyed in fire**

**SANGAREDDY:** Hours after a fire reduced sugarcane crops on 50 acres into ashes in Mogudampally mandal, two more accidents were reported in the mandal on Tuesday night. In the first one, a truck carrying sugarcane came in contact with live wires at Gousabad. The fire spread to 10 acres of harvested crop. In the other accident, three acres of sugarcane belonging to farmer Devi Singh was gutted.

**Woman, daughters paraded for theft**

**LUDHIANA:** A woman and her three daughters were paraded with their faces blackened and placards around their necks reading, 'I am a thief', in the industrial area of the Bahadurke road here, police said. The women were "punished" over the suspicion that they stole garments from a factory where they worked, they said. Police said a case has been registered against the owner of the factory and manager. PTI

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 127
Retail live.....	Rs. 149
With skin.....	Rs. 216
Skinless.....	Rs. 246
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 68

## Ex-serviceman kills wife, chops body, cooks parts

CITY BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

In a gruesome incident, an ex-serviceman allegedly killed his wife, chopped her body into pieces and cooked them in a pressure cooker before dumping them into a lake at Jillelaguda, Meerpet, in the city.

Full details of the crime, which came to light on Wednesday, are yet to emerge. According to the police, Guru Murthy (45), a native of Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh, briefly worked for the Army and

**Guru Murthy, a native of AP, briefly worked for Army and is now an outsourced security guard with DRDO in Kanchanbagh**

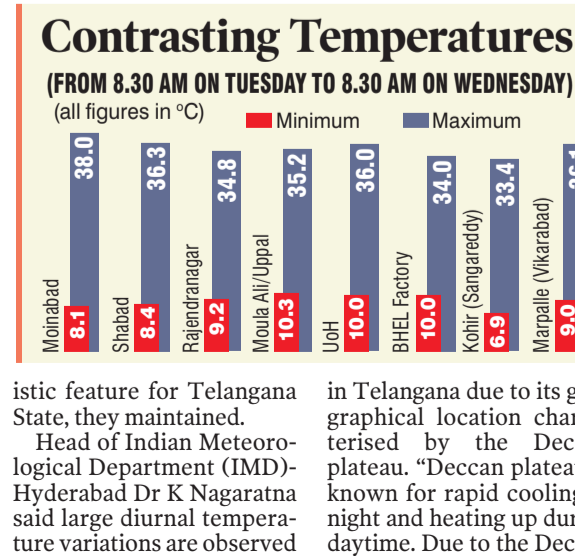
currently works as an outsourced security guard with the DRDO in Kanchanbagh. He lived in a rented house with his wife Venkata Madhavi (35) and two children at New Venkateshwara Nagar Colony in Meerpet. As per

available information, the couple had been having frequent arguments for the past several days.

Madhavi went missing on January 18 and Murthy informed the same to her family members, who had lodged a missing person complaint with the Meerpet police. Murthy accompanied his in-laws to the police station for lodging the complaint and pretended to be clueless of the whereabouts of his wife. He also supported the police in searching for her. Murthy was detained.

The geographical location of Hyderabad and Telangana on the Deccan plateau, coupled with very low humidity levels, appears to be contributing to the large temperature variations between day and night that continued even on Wednesday.

Experts have termed the ongoing phenomenon of extreme weather between day and night as diurnal variations in temperatures, which are characterised by a steep drop in temperatures at night and a significant rise in daytime. Such weather patterns are a unique character-



istic feature for Telangana State, they maintained. Head of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)-Hyderabad Dr K Nagaratna said large diurnal temperature variations are observed

## 12 run over by train in Maha

**Incident occurs after they jump off their train in panic over 'fire' only to be run over**

PTI  
 JALGAON

At least 12 passengers were killed on Wednesday evening when they jumped from their train in panic due to a "fire incident", only to be run over by another train on the adjacent tracks in north Maharashtra's Jalgaon district, officials said.

Twelve bodies were sent to the nearby civil hospital while six to seven persons were injured, special Inspector General of Police Dattatraya Karale said. The accident took place between Maheji and Pardhade stations near Pachora, more than 400 km from Mumbai, where the 12533 Lucknow-Mumbai Pushpak Express had halted after someone pulled the chain around 5 pm, Central Railway officials said, without confirming the death toll.

Some passengers of the Pushpak Express jumped off, and were hit by the oncoming Karnataka Express heading from Bengaluru to Delhi, said Central Railway's chief spokesperson Swapnil Nila. IG Karale said that a "fire incident" occurred on Pushpak Express, at km 372/07 between Maheji and Pardhade stations. The train stopped at the location, and some passengers disembarked.

Train No. 12627, Bengaluru-New Delhi Karnataka Express hit people standing on the railway tracks, he added. "Six to



People gather at the site following the death of the train passengers in north Maharashtra's Jalgaon district. — Photo:PTI

seven people have been injured. All injured passengers are being treated at the hospital, none of their injuries are serious. Both trains have reached their respective next stations and the accident site has been cleared," the senior police official added.

Pushpak Express departed from the spot in just 15 minutes, while the Kar-

nataka Express was removed within 20 minutes after the accident, a railway official said. Maharashtra minister Girish Mahajan also reached the spot. The injured are being treated in a hospital in Pachora and most of them were out of danger, he said. Visuals from the accident spot showed a few bodies and severed body parts.

## More anger, chaos on Day 2 of Gram Sabhas in State

**Villagers accuse Congress govt of failing to deliver on promises**

STATE BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

Gram Sabhas across Telangana continued to be battlegrounds as villagers voiced their anger against the Congress government, accusing it of failing to deliver on its promises.

For the second consecutive day, the public meetings were marred by protests, clashes and heavy police presence, reflecting widespread discontent over unfulfilled welfare schemes. The officials faced the people's ire, with mounting pressure to address grievances.

In Paleru constituency, villagers in Chennaram and Siddique Nagar dismantled Gram Sabha tents in frustration over the lack of access to government schemes. They alleged that deserving beneficiaries were ignored, while benefits were extended to ineligible individuals. Similar scenes unfolded in Karimnagar's Kataram mandal, where villagers accused authorities of prioritising the ineligible rich over the eligible poor.

In Khammam district, tensions flared in Konijal mandal as villagers expressed outrage over unkept promises. Anger boiled over in Jagtial district's Kodimayala and Morapelli Gram Sabhas.

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A woman falls at the feet of MPDO Lalitha, requesting her to sanction a house during the gram sabha at Penchikalpet in Kamapur mandal of Peddapalli on Wednesday.

## Outrage reflects discontent: KTR

STATE BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao stated that the widespread public outrage at the ongoing Grama Sabhas reflected their discontent against the Congress government in Telangana. He pointed out that people were openly confronting the Congress leaders and questioning them about the government's six guarantees and other electoral promises.

"In the Grama Sabhas being held across the State, people are questioning the Congress government on its unfulfilled guarantees and expressing frustration. Their anger is palpable as citizens are tearing down tents set up for these meetings and confronting officials as well as the Congress leaders on the electoral promises. It reflects how people are vexed up with the Congress rule," he said. Addressing a meeting of BRS leaders from the

Sathupalli municipality at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Rama Rao attributed the failures of the Congress government to its inability to sustain the development initiated during former CM K Chandrashekhara Rao's tenure.

"Under the KCR government, villages and towns witnessed unprecedented growth. Once, allocations of Rs 50 lakh to municipalities were viewed as unprecedented," Rama Rao said. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Trump warns of curbs on Russia

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said he is ready to meet his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin anytime, but at the same time warned that he would likely impose sanctions on Russia if the latter does not come to the negotiations table on the Ukraine issue.

"It sounds likely," Trump told reporters when asked if the US will impose additional sanctions on Russia if Putin doesn't come to the negotiation table. "The war should have never started. If you had a competent President, which you didn't, the war wouldn't have happened. The war in Ukraine would have never happened if I were the president,"



Trump said. "Russia never would have gone into Ukraine. I had a very strong understanding with Putin. That would have never, ever happened. He disrespected Biden. Very simple. He disrespects people. He's smart. He understands. He disrespected Biden," Trump said. PTI

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## BRS Rythu Maha Dharna gets HC nod

STATE BUREAU  
 Hyderabad

The Telangana High Court has granted permission for the Rythu Maha Dharna by the BRS in Nalgonda, to be held from 11 am to 2 pm on January 28. BRS working president KT Rama Rao will participate in the dharna at Clock Tower Centre.

Initially planned for January 20, the Maha Dharna faced a setback when the police denied permission. Following this, the BRS approached the High Court. Meanwhile, municipal authorities reportedly removed banners, BRS flags and festoons, leading to tensions. BRS activists staged a protest at the municipal office. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Why is TG seeing hot days, cold nights?

M SAI GOPAL  
 Hyderabad

terrain, cold winds flow freely from colder regions to Telangana. This, however, does not happen in other South Indian States or in States located in northern parts of the country. Compared to Hyderabad, temperatures are relatively higher in South India," says Dr Nagaratna.

Adding his unique perspective, noted weather specialist from Hyderabad, T Balaji, known for his forecasting on X (Telangana Weatherman) believes that such weather events need a lot of observation and analysis.

"This event needs a lot of observation, analysis as sig-

nificant variations in weather patterns are expected during the next three weeks. On January 21, Hyderabad recorded low humidity of 8 per cent which is the driest day in the last two years. It's like a desert kind of humidity. Overall extreme weather patterns of massive cold and hot conditions are unfolding in January and perhaps even in February, which needs more analysis," he said.

Meanwhile, multiple regions in Hyderabad and districts in Telangana experienced severe cold conditions between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.