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**In a nutshell**

**Special Officers to be appointed**

**HYDERABAD:** As the term of a few municipalities and municipal corporations ended on Saturday and many more completing on Sunday, the government will be appointing Special Officers for the urban local bodies. Of the 143 ULBs, the term of nearly 125 municipalities and corporations will be completed on Sunday.

**26/11 accused to be extradited**

**WASHINGTON:** The US Supreme Court has turned down a review petition by terror accused Tahawwur Rana, dismissing his last legal challenge against his extradition to India in connection with the 2008 Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people. The apex court's order came on January 21, a day after Trump was sworn in as the US President. **PTI**

**India, Indonesia to fortify defence ties**

**NEW DELHI:** India and Indonesia decided to work jointly in defence manufacturing and supply chains, diversify two-way trade basket and boost maritime security ties with Prime Minister Narendra Modi describing the Southeast Asian nation as an "important partner" of New Delhi in the Indo-Pacific. **BUSINESS PAGE 8**

**CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD**

Farm.....	Rs. 120
Retail live.....	Rs. 142
With skin.....	Rs. 206
Skinless.....	Rs. 234
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 66

## Congress does U-turn on four schemes

**To launch them in one village in every mandal on saturation mode**

STATE BUREAU  
 HYDERABAD

In yet another 'U'-turn from its earlier announcement of launching four schemes on Saturday across the State, the Congress government on Saturday declared that the schemes would be formally launched in only one village in every mandal for implementation on saturation mode.

This is a volte-face from its earlier announcement that the schemes — distribution of ration cards, Indiramma Indlu, Rythu Bharosa and Indiramma At-

meeya Bharosa — would be launched State-wide for all beneficiaries on Republic Day. Addressing a press conference on Saturday, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said all the applications received at Gram Sabhas would be compiled and scrutinised and eligible persons would be extended the benefits under the different schemes.

This exercise would commence formally on Sunday and would be completed by March. At many Gram Sabhas, residents had complained that their names

were missing from the list and many new applications were being filed. Accordingly, the numbers had gone into lakhs and to complete the application processing exercise, the process was extended till March, he said.

Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy said that in the identified village, the exercise for distribution of ration cards, Indiramma Indlu, Rythu Bharosa and Indiramma Atmeeya Bharosa would be commenced and completed on saturation mode.

Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy

said initially the plan was to extend benefits to all the people, but more time was being taken to process the new applications. In the first week of February, details of venues and the programmes to be held in other villages would be declared, he said.

The Minister alleged that at many Gram Sabhas, a few people and a few political parties deliberately created ruckus. Irrespective of the conspiracies hatched by opposition parties, the schemes would be launched formally as a model in one village under each mandal, he said. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Hamas frees four women Israeli soldiers

TEL AVIV

Hamas militants handed over four captive women Israeli soldiers to the Red Cross in Gaza City on Saturday after parading them in front of a crowd. Israel followed with the release of 200 Palestinian prisoners or detainees as part of the fragile ceasefire in Gaza Strip.

The four Israeli soldiers smiled broadly as they waved and gave the thumbs-up from a stage in Gaza City's Palestine Square, militants on either side of them and a crowd of thousands watching before they were led off to waiting Red Cross vehicles. They were likely acting under duress, with previously released hostages saying they were held in brutal conditions **(SEE PAGE 2)**



Israeli women soldier hostages wave at a crowd before being handed over to the Red Cross in Gaza City. — Photo: AP

and forced to record propaganda videos.

Israel's Prison Service later said it had completed the release of 200 Palestinians. They include 120 who had been serving life sentences after being convicted

of deadly attacks against Israelis. Around 70 were released into Egypt, according to Egypt's state-run Qahera TV. Egypt had served as a key mediator in the talks that led to the truce. **(RELATED REPORT PAGE 9)**

## Farmer ends life over loan waiver

STATE BUREAU  
 ADILABAD

A 59-year-old farmer died by suicide as he was allegedly depressed over his inability to repay mounting debts at Varthamannur village on Saturday.

Bazarhathoor Sub-Inspector Apparao said Mailarapu Narsaiah was found hanging from a tree in his agriculture field. He was distressed over the financial crisis caused by the delay in the crop loan waiver and Rythu Bharosa investment support scheme, with which he was planning to repay his debts. Narsaiah grew the cotton and red gram crops

on his 6 acres of land and took another 3 acres on lease from another farmer by borrowing a loan of around Rs 5 lakh. He reportedly registered losses in farming due to a dip in the yield of cotton produce. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Narsaiah's wife Prameela, lodged a complaint with the police. A case was registered. Investigations were taken up. Incidentally, this is the seventh case of suicide by a farmer in the district in the last couple of months. Gode Govind Rao, 45, took the drastic step by consuming pesticide at his farm. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Car runs over people sleeping on pavement, 1 dead

CITY BUREAU  
 HYDERABAD

A car went out of control and ran over people sleeping on the footpath killing one person and injuring two others near Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital in Banjara Hills early on Saturday. The accident occurred around 4 am, when the vehicle, Mahindra Thar, heading towards Jubilee Hills, lost control and veered onto the pavement.

According to the police, the car first crashed into the pavement and with the same speed, ran over people sleeping on it. One person, a middle-aged man, sustained grievous bleeding injuries and died on the spot and others escaped with injuries. They were found to be patient attendants who were resting on the roadside.

The driver fled the scene immediately after the accident, abandoning the vehicle, which was heavily damaged. Preliminary investigations indicate the accident was caused by rash and negligent driving. The Banjara Hills police examined the CCTV footage from the area to trace the vehicle and driver. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

## Padma honour for AIG chief, actor Balakrishna

HYDERABAD

Renowned gastroenterologist and Chairman of AIG Hospitals D Nageshwar Reddy has been conferred with Padma Vibhushan, the nation's second highest civilian award.

While Tollywood actor and Andhra Pradesh legislator Nandamuri Balakrishna

was honoured with Padma Bhushan award for his contributions to the field of art the founder and president of Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi (MRPS), Manda Krishna Madiga, was conferred with the Padma Shri award. They are among 139 Padma awardees announced on the eve of the 76th Republic

Day on Saturday. The highest civilian honours of the country announced by the government include seven Padma Vibhushan, 19 Padma Bhushan and 113 Padma Shri decorations.

"Twenty-three of the awardees are women and the list also includes 10 persons from the category of foreigners, NRI (Non-resi-

dent Indians), PIO (Person of Indian Origin), OCI (Overseas Citizenship of India) and 13 posthumous awardees," the MHA said in a statement.

Publisher of Tamil daily Dinamalar Lakshmi Pathy Ramasubbaiah has been awarded Padma Shri for literature, education and journalism.

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## Arikepudi Raghu wins Governor's excellence award

T KARNAKAR REDDY  
 HYDERABAD

His day begins by searching news articles in the newspaper for human interest stories. After spending a few hours going through newspapers, he zeroes in on a person whom needs help.

Meet Arikepudi Raghu who was selected for the first-ever Governor's Awards for Excellence-2024. Raghu reached out to thousands of such people during the last two decades and was selected for the word for his work on the welfare of the differently-abled. He started his journey by supporting differently-abled woman Marathamma, who had arrived at the Sangareddy Collectorate in 2017 seeking a three-wheeler. Since she was an Inter student then, officials could not give a vehicle for her because only degree and PG students were eligible under the scheme. After coming to know about her struggles, Raghu, a retired BDL employee, mobilised funds and bought her a vehicle. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

# 29th Death Anniversary 26th January 2025

Dr. B. V. Rao

~ 1935 - 1996 ~

"By fulfilling one's duty, and detaching one self from the fruits of action, one is liberated from the cycle of birth and death, and ascends to the Indestructible State that is free from all bonds..."

Bhagavadgita : Chapter II, Stanza 51

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