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In a nutshell

### UPI outage across country

**NEW DELHI:** Digital transactions were impacted on Wednesday due to a widespread UPI outage with a large number of users reporting problems in the instant payment interface. The outage triggered a surge in complaints on Downdetector, a platform that monitors service disruptions based on user reports. The system faced temporary issue for about an hour or so. [PTI](#)

### Surface-to-air missile test fired

**BALASORE:** India on Wednesday successfully flight-tested an indigenously-developed Vertically-Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VLSRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, off the coast of the Odisha, defence sources said. DRDO and the Indian Navy conducted test launching of the VLSRSAM. The flight-test was carried out from a land-based vertical launcher. [PTI](#)

### J&K Police bust terrorist hideout

**SRINAGAR:** Security forces on Wednesday busted a terrorist hideout in forest area of Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. "Security forces uncovered a militant hideout in the Namblan forest area of Baramulla and recovered a cache of arms and ammunition," the officials said. They said during the search, security forces recovered a cache of arms and explosives, including an IED. [PTI](#)

### UP juice seller gets Rs 7.7 cr I-T notice

**ALIGARH:** A middle-aged juice seller, who runs a small kiosk at the district court compound here, was left in shock after allegedly receiving an income tax notice seeking an outstanding payment of Rs 7.79 crore. Mohammed Rahees, a resident of working-class locality Sarai Rehman, was dumbfounded when he received the notice on March 18. Unsure of how to respond, he sought help from friends. [PTI](#)

**Ramzan Timings**

<b>Iftar</b>	Thursday	6:35 PM
<b>Sahar</b>	Friday	4:51 AM

## 2 feared trapped as building caves in at Bhadrachalam

STATE BUREAU  
Kothagudem

An under-construction ground plus five-storey structure caved in and two persons were feared trapped in the debris in Bhadrachalam town here on Wednesday.

It is said that six people were engaged in the work in the day and four of them went out for lunch when the incident took place in the afternoon.

The owner of the structure, Shaik Moulana alias Sripathi, and his family, who reside on the ground floor, also went out for lunch at the time of the incident.

District Collector Jitesh V Patil, Superintendent of Po-



Rescue operations under way at the collapsed building site in Bhadrachalam town on Wednesday.

lice B Rohith Raju, Bhadrachalam Additional SP Vikrant Singh Kumar and the local station fire officer Srinivas Rao were monitoring the rescue operations. A couple of earthmovers and five cranes

have been engaged in the rescue operations. It is said that Moulana alias Sripathi of Bhadrachalam has been constructing five floors on the foundation of an old building for the last two years. [\(SEE PAGE 2\)](#)

# Revanth's no bypoll remark triggers row

## Harish questions legality of discussing case that's pending in Supreme Court

STATE BUREAU  
HYDERABAD

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's remarks in the Telangana Assembly on Wednesday, dismissing the possibility of by-elections for the constituencies represented by 10 turncoat MLAs, triggered a fresh political debate.

His claim that bypolls never took place under previous governments because of defections and would not happen now was met with strong objection from senior BRS MLA T Harish Rao, who charged him with disregarding constitutional provisions and judicial authority.

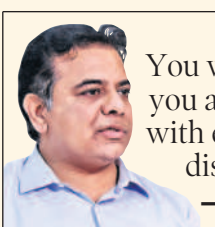
In an attempt to dismiss the possibility of bypolls during the reply in the Assembly on Wednesday, Revanth Reddy said the past precedents suggested that bypolls would not be necessary. He pointed out that the past governments inducted defected MLAs into the Cabinet without facing by-elections and that his government was follow-

## KTR takes dig at CM for 'playing role of Supreme Court'

**HYDERABAD:** BRS working president KT Rama Rao took a swipe at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for "playing the Supreme Court's role" in the Legislative Assembly and making remarks on the ongoing case regarding the disqualification of turncoat MLAs.

He slammed Revanth Reddy for undermining judicial authority and violating parliamentary norms.

During the Budget discussion in the Legislative Assembly, the Chief Minister had claimed that the defected MLAs would not



You were elected to serve, but you are trying to pass the time with extravagance, daytime disguises and empty words

— **KT RAMA RAO**, BRS WORKING PRESIDENT

be disqualified and there was no question of byelections due to the same in the State as was being stated by the BRS. "Our Chief Minister often forgets his position. He likes to role play. Today, he decided he is the Supreme

ing the same tradition. When Harish pointed out that the matter, of disqualifying turncoat MLAs, was pending in the Supreme Court, Revanth Reddy claimed that Assembly immunity allowed him to

speak on sub-judice matters within the House. However, Harish was quick to counter, raising a point of order and questioning the legality of discussing a case that was currently pending before the Supreme Court. He

Court, passing judgments on an ongoing case of MLA defections on the Assembly floor," he said, stating that parliamentary conventions and the House rules prohibit commentary on ongoing judicial matters. [\(SEE PAGE 2\)](#)

cited legislative rules and Article 121 of the Constitution, which bar discussions on pending judicial matters in the legislature unless it pertains to a judge's removal. [\(SEE PAGE 2\)](#) [\(RELATED REPORTS PAGE 5\)](#)

### Downplays MMTS rape attempt, plays blame game

**HYDERABAD:** Refuting allegations of a deteriorating law and order situation in the State, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy chose to deflect blame onto the previous BRS government while responding to the recent rape attempt on an MMTS train.

In his statement in the Assembly on Wednesday, he downplayed the Opposition's concerns and accused them of "spreading misinformation" to scare investors coming to Telangana. Stating that crimes could not be predicted, he claimed that the State government had responded swiftly and directed police to take preventive measures. While he said his government acted swiftly despite the case being under the Railway Police's jurisdiction, he failed to outline any concrete measures taken to prevent such crimes. [\(SEE PAGE 2\)](#)

## TURKIYE ON THE BOIL



Fireworks thrown by protesters explode over riot police during a protest after Istanbul's Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu was arrested and sent to prison, in Istanbul, Turkiye. — Photo: AP

## CM defends Gachibowli land auction

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Amid rising criticism, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy attempted to defend the Congress government's decision to auction Kancha Gachibowli lands for industrial development, dismissing protests by opposition parties, students and environmentalists as politically motivated.

He accused critics of misleading the public and insisted that the land had no connection to the University of Hyderabad.

Addressing the Assembly on Wednesday, Revanth Reddy stated that the land was handed over to a private entity 25 years ago and was not under the University ownership. He claimed that his government fought a legal battle in the Supreme Court to reclaim it and had now transferred it to the TGIIC for an open auction to attract multinational companies. [\(REPORT PAGE 5\)](#)

## Priest jailed for Saroornagar murder

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

A local court sentenced a priest, A Venkat Sai Krishna, to life imprisonment in the brutal murder case of K Apsara (30), reported at Saroornagar in 2023. It also sentenced him to undergo imprisonment for seven years for tampering with ev-

idence. The court imposed a fine of Rs 10 lakh, of which Rs 9.7 lakh was to be handed to the victim's family as compensation.

Krishna, a priest at a temple and already married, had promised to marry Apsara, a resident of Saroornagar. He lured her to Shamshabad under pretext of a trip to Coimbatore, then murdered

her by smothering and concealed her body in a manhole near the Bangaru Maisamma temple in Saroornagar in June 2023.

Krishna had planned the deception, even creating fake flight tickets to gain Apsara's confidence. He also told Apsara's mother he was dropping her off at the RGI Airport. [\(SEE PAGE 2\)](#)

## Two killed in collision

**HYDERABAD:** Two youths were killed after a rashly driven car went out of control and ran into their motorcycle near Paradise junction in Secunderabad on Wednesday morning.

The victims were identified as Y Harshith (20) from Babu Jagjeevan Ram Nagar in Bhoiguda and his friend Devi Pranay (18) of Chacha

Nehru Nagar, both working for a pest control firm in Marredpally.

The duo started from their office after the day's work on Harshith's Harley Davidson motorcycle and went to have tea near Paradise Hotel before going to their homes, when the incident occurred in the wee hours. [\(SEE PAGE 2\)](#)

# Teen undergoes complex heart transplant at NIMS

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

A 19-year-old youngster, Anil Kumar, who was suffering from severe heart disease, has received a new lease of life after successfully undergoing a complex heart transplant surgery at

Hyderabad-based Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS).

The heart-lung transplant team of NIMS said a medical team, led by head of cardio thoracic surgery, NIMS, Dr Amaresh Rao, successfully completed the surgery on March 7. Post transplant

surgery, Anil Kumar, who was under observation at NIMS, has recovered and responded very well, surgeons said.

For the past two-three years, there has been a concerted attempt by surgeons from NIMS to ensure complex organ transplants are

taken up regularly for needy patients free of cost through CM Relief Fund and Aarogyasri. As part of these efforts, the heart-lung transplant department had entered into MoU with UT Southwestern Medical Centre, Texas, which has a track record of successfully con-

ducting nearly 500 transplants every year.

The collaboration between NIMS and UT Southwestern Medical Centre ensured sharing of latest developments and techniques needed for successful transplant surgeries. [\(SEE PAGE 2\)](#)