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In a nutshell

3 Naxalites killed in encounter

BIJAPUR: Three Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Saturday morning, police said. The gunfight broke out in a forest in the Indravati National Park area around 9 am when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation. The bodies of three Naxalites and a cache of weapons and explosives and other material were recovered from the spot, officials said.

No tariff on smartphones

WASHINGTON: The Trump administration late Friday said they would exclude electronics like smartphones and laptops from reciprocal tariffs, a move that could help keep the prices down for popular consumer electronics that aren't usually made in the US. It would also benefit big tech companies like Apple and Samsung and chip makers like Nvidia. Machines used to make semiconductors are excluded.

Nainar elected TN BJP chief

CHENNAI: BJP MLA Nainar Nagenthran was on Saturday elected as president of the party's Tamil Nadu State unit, with outgoing chief K Annamalai declaring that the goal is to oust the ruling DMK from the corridors of power and the path, to be led by Nagenthran, in alliance with the AIADMK is clear. BJP leader and Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, and party national general secretary Tarun Chugh, declared Nagenthran duly elected.



Rasha Thadani sizzles

Drops a gamut of images donning a icy blue gown looking like Elsa

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Thousands took part in Hanuman Jayanti celebrations and offered prayers at temples in Hyderabad on Saturday. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

Congress, BJP colluding against Telangana: KTR

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday said both the Delhi parties - Congress and BJP - were colluding and doing injustice to the State.

This was evident from the fact that though the BRS was exposing all illegal activities of the Congress government here, the BJP-led Centre was not ordering any enquiries. Both the parties were hand

in glove right from the Medigadda barrage controversy to the Kancha Gachibowli land issue.

‘Biggest Scam’

Addressing a press conference after inaugurating the district party office building at Chintakunta here, Rama Rao said the Kancha Gachibowli land row was one of the biggest land scams in the country, with the corruption scandal going beyond Rs.10,000

crore. The Congress government was engaging in dubious land transactions, including mortgaging 400 acres of forest land belonging to the University of Hyderabad and diverting public resources to benefit private brokers and corporations.

“The PCC president himself admitted that money was raised by pledging UoH lands, which confirms what we had already revealed,” he said. “But while one part of

the government says this, another says something entirely different. The people deserve to know the truth. Was the land mortgaged, sold, auctioned, or illegally allotted?” he asked, demanding a transparent explanation on the status of these lands, questioning whether they had already been converted into real estate plots and distributed to private beneficiaries through backdoor channels.

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‘Post Covid children prone to heart disease ‘

NEW DELHI

While the risk of cardiovascular outcomes following SARS-CoV-2 infection has been reported in adults, a new study showed that children and adolescents are also likely to develop multiple cardiac signs and symptoms.

The evidence of heart disease post-Covid infection in children and adolescents is limited.

The study, led by researchers from the University of Pennsylvania, revealed children and adolescents remained at risk of cardiovascular disease, including higher odds of high blood pressure and heart failure, between one to six months after Covid-19 infection.

The team analysed electronic health records (EHR) data from 19 children's hos-

pitals and health institutions in the US between March 2020 and September 2023.

The study involved 297,920 children and adolescents with Covid infection and 915,402 without infection — all of them were followed up for at least six months.

The results showed that “children and adolescents with prior SARS-CoV-2 infection are at a statistically significant increased risk of various cardiovascular outcomes”.

This includes “hypertension, ventricular arrhythmias, myocarditis, heart failure, cardiomyopathy, cardiac arrest, thromboembolism, chest pain, and palpitations, compared to uninfected controls,” said the researchers in the paper published in the journal Nature Communications.

Farmer steps on electric wire, electrocuted

STATE BUREAU
Sangareddy

A farmer who accidentally stepped on an electric wire that snapped during heavy rains on Thursday at Minpur Thanda in Pulkal mandal was electrocuted on Friday night.

According to villagers, the overhead electric wires had snapped at several places in the village following the heavy rains and winds on Thursday. Following a complaint from the farmers, Transco officials told them that they had stopped the power supply and would restore it after all the poles and lines were reinstalled. However, the wires remained on the ground at many places until Friday when the victim Ramavath Ramesh (33) came in touch with one such wire on Friday.

National Herald: ED to seize assets worth Rs 661 crore

NEW DELHI

Assets attached in money laundering probe linked to Congress, controlled National Herald newspaper, AJL

The Enforcement Directorate on Saturday said it has served notices to take possession of immovable assets worth Rs 661 crore that it had attached as part of a money laundering probe linked to Congress-controlled National Herald newspaper and the Associated Journals Limited (AJL).

The federal probe agency said in a statement that it has served the relevant documents to the respective registrar of properties where the assets are located.

Simultaneously, the notices have been affixed at “conspicuous part of these properties” located at Herald House at TITO (5A, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg) in Delhi, in the Bandra (E) area (Plot No. 2, Survey No. 341) of Mumbai and the AJL

building located at Bisheshwar Nath Road (Property No.1) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, on Friday.

The notices primarily seek vacation of the premises to be taken over by the ED. “A notice... has also been served to Jindal South West Projects Limited which occupies the 7th, 8th, and 9th floors at Herald House, Bandra (E), Mumbai, to transfer the rent/lease amount every month in favour of the director, Directorate of Enforcement,”

it said. The action has been taken under Section (8) and Rule 5(1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) that talks about the procedure of taking possession of assets attached by the ED and then confirmed by the adjudicating authority (of the PMLA).

These immovable assets worth Rs 661 crore, apart from shares of AJL worth Rs 90.2 crore, were attached by the ED in November 2023 to “secure the proceeds of crime and to prevent the accused form dissipating the same.”

The Adjudicating Authority confirmed this order in April last year. According to the ED, the total “proceeds of crime” in the case was Rs 988 crore.

The Congress had earlier termed the investigation “petty vendetta.”

3 killed in Bengal clashes over Waqf Act

KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday announced that the Waqf (Amendment) Act would not be implemented in the state, following violent protests in the Muslim-majority Murshidabad district that left at least three people dead and several others injured.

Amidst growing unrest in pockets such as Suti and Samserganj, the Calcutta High Court, acting on a petition filed by Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari, ordered the deployment of CAPF personnel in the affected areas.

A division bench, presided over by Justice Soumen Sen, observed that the court “cannot keep its eyes closed” when such situations arise, and stressed the need to provide adequate security to citizens.

The court also directed the Centre and the State to submit detailed reports on the situation before the next hearing on April 17.

At least three people, including a father-son duo, were killed, and over 138 arrested.

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Padma Shri ‘Vanajeevi’ Ramaiah no more

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Padma Shri awardee and green crusader Daripalli Ramaiah, popularly known as Vanajeevi Ramaiah, passed away on Saturday, April 12, after suffering a heart attack. He was undergoing treatment at Khammam Government Hospital. He was 88.

Ramaiah, who hailed from Reddypalli village in Khammam Rural Mandal, dedicated his entire life to planting trees and protecting the environment. In 2017, the Central Government honoured him with the Padma Shri for his tireless contribu-

tion to social forestry. He planted over one lakh saplings in and around Khammam, focusing on native trees that provide shade, fruits, and biofuel. Known as Chetla Ramaiah (Trees Ramaiah), he was often seen riding his bicycle with saplings, pockets full of seeds and a deep mission to turn barren lands green.

Despite studying only till Class 10, Ramaiah read countless books on plants and became a self-taught expert. He even sold his 3 acres to buy seeds and saplings.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, his

Andhra Pradesh counterpart N Chandrababu Naidu, BRS working president K Chandrashekhara Rao and other leaders condoned the demise of Ramaiah.

Chandrashekhara Rao hailed his unparalleled contributions to environmental conservation. He paid tributes to Ramaiah, who lived his life with the motto “Vruksho Rakshati Rakshitah” (Protect trees, and they will protect you). Ramaiah's mission of planting over one crore trees and spreading awareness about the impor-



tance of greenery was described as a noble and monumental goal. The BRS chief praised Ramaiah's life as an inspiration for future generations, highlighting his

transformation into “Vanajeevi” to nurture and protect trees. He acknowledged the extraordinary sacrifices made by Ramaiah in his life-long dedication to the environment, calling it unmatched in human efforts for global conservation.

He also recalled the significant role Ramaiah played in supporting the Telangana

government's flagship afforestation programme, “Haritha Haram,” which aimed to enhance greenery across the State. Ramaiah's efforts were instrumental in bringing the program closer to the people.

Chandrashekhara Rao emphasized that the true legacy for future generations lies in preserving biodiversity. He also criticized the destructive environmental policies that lead to deforestation and harm to wildlife, stressing the urgent need for thousands of individuals like Vanajeevi Ramaiah in today's world.

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UPI faces glitch, third time in 15 days

NEW DELHI

UPI users across the country experienced transaction failures on Saturday as the popular payment system was down due to a technical glitch.

This is the third time in less than a fortnight that UPI witnessed outages impacting transactions. In the recent past, UPI outage was reported on March 26 and April 2.

According to the outage tracking platform Downto- detector, a platform that monitors service disruptions based on user reports, com-

plaints about UPI failures were being received after 11:30 am.

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is an instant payment system developed and managed by the NPCI, an RBI-regulated entity.

NPCI acknowledged that users are facing partial transaction decline and it is working to resolve the issue. “NPCI is currently facing intermittent technical issues, leading to partial UPI transaction declines.” However, the services were back to life after the technical glitch.