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Move will vastly expand Israel's operations there and likely draw international opposition



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In a nutshell

Anti-India parade held in Toronto

NEW DELHI: India has conveyed its concerns in “strongest terms” to Canada over a parade that featured “unacceptable imagery” against the Indian leadership, official sources said on Monday. India also called on Canadian authorities to act against anti-India elements who are spreading “hatred” and advocating extremism and separatist agenda, they said. “We conveyed our concerns in the strongest terms to the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi.” PTI

NIA raids in Raj, Haryana, Delhi

NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency has conducted extensive searches at 10 locations in Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi to probe the conspiracy behind the 2024 Neemrana hotel firing attack linked with Canada-based Khalistani terrorist Arsh Dalla, an official statement said. The attack, in which 35 shots were fired on September 8 last year, around the premises of Hotel Highway King was aimed at terrorising people, it said. PTI

US student visa appointments

NEW DELHI: The US Embassy on Monday said “thousands of student visa appointments” are available across its Mission in India. It also shared a link to a webpage where country-wise details related to visa appointment availability can be accessed by applicants. In April 2024, the then US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti had said that America puts “high priority” on student visas because it knows people-to-people ties “last a lifetime”. PTI

Trump's offer to immigrants

WASHINGTON: The Trump administration says it's going to pay immigrants in the US illegally who've returned to their home country voluntarily \$1,000 as it pushes forward with its mass deportation agenda. The Department of Homeland Security said it's also paying for travel assistance and that people who use their CBP Home app to tell the government they plan to return home will be “deprioritised” for detention and removal by enforcement. AP



For stronger ‘female voices’

Sam says her identity as a woman will influence all her creative choices

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Jittery Revanth slams govt saff for protest plan

Claims that Telangana is bankrupt

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In crystal clear signs of buckling under pressure, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday launched an attack on government employees, who were planning protests against his government's failure to keep its promises made to them. Revanth Reddy's verbal outburst against employees, which comes even before employee unions served any strike notice and before the government held any talks with them, is being seen as the Chief Minister getting jittery after coming to face to face with what could be the one of the first major crises his government has faced.

Earlier, though farmers, unemployed youth, students, women and police constables, among others, had protested over issues, including a severe water shortage and an agrarian crisis, government employees, too, announcing their plans to launch protests has hit the Congress government hard. This is primarily because any such protest could paralyse the already tottering administration.

The Chief Minister's first response to the situation, ac-

Buckling under pressure

CM ACCUSES GOVT EMPLOYEES OF WAGING WAR AFTER THEY ANNOUNCE PROTESTS

- Questions their sense of responsibility
- Takes no tough stance as CM, no diplomatic approach either
- Tries to pin responsibility on employee unions
- Claims Telangana is in a financial mess and is bankrupt
- Admits administration has no clue how to handle situation
- Says it is challenging for his government to raise loans
- Bankers looking at representatives of Telangana as thieves, says CM



cusing the employees of “waging a war” and questioning their sense of responsibility, also showed that he was desperate after losing control over the administration. There was no tough stance, stating that the government would tackle the situation with a stern hand, nor any diplomatic approach, saying truce talks would be held and their demands considered.

Instead, Revanth Reddy tried to pin the responsibility on employee unions, saying they should support the government in paying pen-

sions, implementing the crop loan waiver or Rythu Bharosa and Kalyana Lakshmi schemes. This was not solely the responsibility of public representatives, he said. “Against whom are you waging a war? Don't you have any responsibility?” he asked while speaking at a programme to honour police officials here.

He also skipped responsibility for the failure to keep his government's promises, claiming that Telangana was in a financial mess and had gone bankrupt.

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Plans afoot for local body polls

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

After much dilly-dallying, the Congress government appears to have decided to conduct the long-delayed elections to rural local bodies in July-August this year. The decision comes amid mounting financial commitments and also pressure from local leaders.

Sources confirmed that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has issued instructions to party functionaries and also senior government officials to expedite the process in the wake of previous delays caused by the caste census and the push for increased BC reservations. The Telangana State Election Commission had already made logistical arrangements two months

Congress govt plans long-delayed polls to rural local bodies for July-Aug, spurred by financial pressures and local demands

ago, including printing ballot papers and finalising polling stations. However, the polls were deferred due to the caste census and legislative processes aimed at enhancing BC representation in local bodies.

While the Assembly passed Bills seeking 42 per cent BC quota in local bodies, education, and employment, they are still pending for the Central government's approval.

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RAIN PLAYS TRUANT



Groundsman cover the field as it rains during the IPL match between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Delhi Capitals at the Uppal stadium on Monday. SRH has been eliminated from the race for a place in the playoffs. — Photo: Surya Sridhar (REPORT PAGE 10)

Work pressure drives doctor to suicide

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Hyderabad

Another instance of alleged extreme work pressure impacting the medical profession has come to light.

This time, a Post-Graduate medical student, Dr Ravi Kumar Ashamoni, who completed his MBBS from RIMS, Adilabad, and was pursuing PG in Forensic Medicine at AIIMS, Raipur, has died by suicide.

According to reports, 26-year-old Kumar was found dead in his apartment at Harshit Towers in Raipur on Sunday. Junior doctors at AIIMS Raipur made several phone calls to him when he did not reach the hospital on time.

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Cong conspiring to abandon KLIS, alleges BRS

STATE BUREAU
Warangal

BRS on Monday charged the Revanth Reddy government with conspiracy to delay repairs to the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), and eventually, abandon the project under the guise of structural failures. The party leaders suspect that the Congress government was undermining the project for political gain and vowed to fight against a well-orchestrated campaign to discredit the previous BRS government. (FULL REPORT PAGE 5)

Bitcoin trade refined way of Hawala biz: SC

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said trading in Bitcoin in India is like “dealing with a refined way of Hawala business” as it lamented that the Centre has till now not come out with a clear regime on regulating virtual currency.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh made the remarks while dealing with a bail application of Shailesh Babul Bhatt, who was arrested for alleged illegal Bitcoin trade. The Bench said two years ago while dealing with a case related to Bitcoin trade

it had asked the Centre to apprise the court of the policy regime on the trade but till now it has not received a response.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Bhatt, submitted that trading in Bitcoin is not illegal in India after the apex court quashed a circular of the Reserve Bank of India and therefore his client was wrongly arrested. Justice Surya Kant told Rohatgi that though he does not understand much about Bitcoin, the court has been telling Centre that if there is a regulatory regime, there will not be a problem. PTI