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HYDERABAD | PAGE 02 Over 1,200 drunk drivers booked on April weekends



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Israel plans to capture all of Gaza, stay in region

NEW DELHI

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

While the relations be-

tween India and Pakistan hit rock bottom after the Pahal-

gam attack, a group of Pakistan-based hackers on Monday claimed to have

breached the websites of multiple Indian defence in-

stitutions, leaving sensitive

The hacker group, describing itself as the Pak-

istan Cyber Force, claimed

that it has hacked the por-

tals of leading defence es-

tablishments, including the

Indian Military Engineering

Services, the Manohar Par-

rikar Institute for Defence

Studies and Analyses, and

other websites. Pakistan Cyber Force, a

handle on X, claimed that

hackers got access to sensi-

tive data pertaining to de-fence personnel and also their login details. The

group also attempted to

take control of the websites

of Armoured Vehicles

Nigam Limited, a PSU

under the Ministry of De-

fence. The Pakistan Cyber

Force also posted images of

the webpage from Armoured Vehicles Nigam

Limited, where an Indian

tank's photograph has al-

legedly been replaced by a

Pakistani tank. "Your ar-

moured factory is now

owned by Pakistan, cour-

tesy Pakistan Cyber Force,"

it wrote. Meanwhile, the

website of the Armoured

Vehicle Nigam Ltd is under-

stood to have been taken of-

fline for a thorough audit to

assess the extent of any po-

tential damage, said reports.

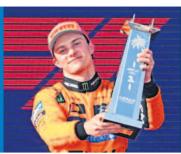
tails to to ward off any such

cyberattacks. AGENCIES

Experts are analysing de-

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data compromised.



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McLaren driver Piastri wins F1 Miami Grand Prix

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,

US student visa appointments

it said. PTI

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 countrywise details related to visa appointment availability can be accessed by applicants. In April 2024, the then US Ambassador to India Eric America puts "high priority" on student visas because it knows people-to-people ties "last a lifetime". ₽ТІ

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. AF



For stronger 'female voices'

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

Jittery Revanth slams govt saff for protest plan

Claims that Telangana is bankrupt

STATE BUREAU HYDERABAD

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,
- Tries to pin responsibility on employee unions
- Olaims 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 pensions, 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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India swings into action

Indian defence sites 'hacked'

CYBER SECURITY EXPERTS, SECURITY AGENCIES ACTIVELY MONITORING CYBERSPACE TO DETECT CYBER ATTACKS

Pak hackers claim to have got access to sensitive data

- Nigam Ltd website precautionary measure
- Measures being taken to bolster security infra, strengthen digital defences, safeguard against further intrusion attempts
- Efforts on to enhance overall resilience of online platforms
- Ensure that forces are better prepared to defend against future



STATES TO CONDUCT DRILLS ON MAY 7

NEW DELHI: The Union Home Ministry has asked several States to conduct mock drills on May, government sources said on Monday. The measures to be taken during the drill include operationalisation of air raid warning sirens and training of civilians on civil defence aspects to protect themselves in the event of a "hostile attack", they said. The other measures are provisions of crash blackout measures, early camouflaging of vital plants and updation of evacuation plans. PTI

'RUSSIA FULLY BACKS INDIA'

NEW DELHI: Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday conveyed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a phone call that Russia fully backs India's fight against terrorism and that the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack must be brought to justice. Putin described the terror attack as "barbaric" and that both the leaders emphasised the need for an "uncompromising fight" against terrorism. PTI

'INDIA-PAK TENSIONS AT HIGHEST IN YEARS'

UNITED NATIONS: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday voiced concern over tensions between India and Pakistan being at "at their highest in years" and called for "maximum restraint and stepping back from the brink". "Make no mistake: A military solution is no solution," Guterres said, adding that he understands the "raw feelings" following the Pahalgam attack. PTI

PAK TESTS 'FATAH' MISSILES

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan conducted a successful training launch of the 'Fatah series' surface-to-surface missile with a range of 120 km. The Inter-Services Public Relations said a 'Fatah Series' was tested as a part of the 'INDUS' exercise. "It was aimed at ensuring the operational readiness of troops and validating key technical parameters, including the missile's advanced navigation system and enhanced accuracy," it said. PTI

PAKISTAN THREATENS NUKE RESPONSE IF WATER FLOW IS STOPPED

MOSCOW: Pakistan will respond with "full spectrum of force", including nuclear, if it is attacked or its vital water flow disrupted, Pakistan's ambassador here has warned. Warning that Pakistan was prepared to respond to any aggression, Muhammad Khalid Jamali said, "We in Pakistan will use the full spectrum of

force, both conventional and nuclear." Jamali reiterated Islamabad's position regarding the Indus Water Treaty. "Any attempt to usurp the water of the lower riparian, or to stop it, or to divert it would be an act of war against Pakistan and would be responded to with full force, including nuclear," he said. PTI

Plans afoot for local body polls

STATE BUREAU

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 leg-islative 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.



Groundsmen 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

STATE BUREAU

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

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

Bitcoin trade refined way of Hawala biz: SC

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 regu-

Kant and N Kotiswar Singh dealing with a bail applica-

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

Nursing staff conduct C-section with instructions from doc over WhatsApp

woman gave birth to twins, who were born

Through the alleged cesarean section, the pregnant

CITY BUREAU

Nursing staff at a private hospital in Ibrahimpatnam, Rangareddy district, allegedly conducted a cesarean section on a pregnant woman. They reportedly received instructions over the phone from a senior hospital obstetrician, who was not physically present in the hospital premises, angry and upset relatives of the pregnant woman alleged.

Through the alleged cesarean section, the pregnant woman gave birth to twins, who were born premature at

premature at 18 weeks and died in a few hours 18 weeks and died in a few

hours. This development triggered massive protests, as relatives of the woman alleged that the senior obstetrician was not present and she gave instructions over phone to the nursing staff on conducting the procedure.

Senior officials, including District Medical and Health Officer (DM&HO), Rangareddy district, conducted inspections of the hospital and seized the facility. "To conduct any proce-

dure, a senior doctor must be physically present at the operation theatre. We have seized the facility and will conduct a thorough inquiry. The relatives are alleging that the procedure was conducted by the nursing staff while they received instructions over phone from the

health authorities said.

The woman who delivered the twins is in stable condition. According to authorities, she conceived the twins through an IVF treatment, and there might have been a need for an emergency surgery due to nonviable nature of the pregnancy. The relatives of the pregnant women conducted dharna and demanded justice from the authorities.

Later, they reportedly also lodged a complaint on the private hospital and doctor for alleged medical neg-

Cong conspiring to abandon KLIS, alleges BRS

STATE BUREAU

BRS on Monday charged the Revanth Reddy gov-ernment with conspiracy to delay repairs to the Kaleshwaram Lift Irriga tion 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 govern-

NEW DELHI

A Bench of Justices Surya

lating virtual currency. made the remarks while tion of Shailesh Babulal Bhatt, who was arrested for alleged illegal Bitcoin trade. The Bench said two years ago while dealing with a case related to Bitcoin trade