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In a nutshell

India, UK seal historic FTA

NEW DELHI: India and the UK on Tuesday sealed a landmark free trade agreement that will benefit 99 per cent Indian exports from tariff and will make it easier for British firms to export whisky, cars and other products to India besides boosting overall trade and investment. Along with the FTA — the biggest the UK has done since leaving the European union — the two sides also sealed a double contribution convention. (REPORT PAGE 5)

State govt splits MA&UD Dept

HYDERABAD: The State government has reorganised the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department into Metropolitan Area and Urban Development Department and Municipal Administration Department. The government issued GO Ms 107, dividing the MA&UD into two departments. HMDA is brought under the purview of Metropolitan Area and Urban Development Department. (REPORT PAGE 3)

Monsoon to hit Andaman Sea

New Delhi: The South-west Monsoon is very likely to advance into the South Andaman Sea, parts of the southeast Bay of Bengal and the Nicobar Islands around May 13, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday. The arrival of the main rain-bearing system over the Indian mainland is officially declared when it reaches Kerala, usually around June 1. The monsoon typically covers the entire country by July 8.



Stars shine brighter at Met Gala

From Kiara to SRK, celebs flaunt fashion game on the carpet

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Quit if you can't run govt, KTR tells Revanth

Terms Cong regime intellectually bankrupt, morally decayed

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

In a strong rebuttal to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's remarks on Telangana being financially bankrupt and unable to raise loans, BRS working president KT Rama Rao demanded for his resignation if he was unable to run the State. He charged the Congress government with deliberately portraying Telangana as bankrupt to avoid fulfilling its electoral promises.

Speaking to media at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday, Rama Rao said Revanth Reddy had exposed himself as the most incompetent and inefficient Chief Minister in India. He reminded that no Chief Minister in the country's history had made such defeatist statements about their own State's financial position. He termed the Congress regime intellectually bankrupt and morally decayed.

Rebutting the Chief Minister's recent comments on Telangana's fiscal health, the BRS working president warned Congress leaders

TG's fiscal health under BRS

- Telangana's revenue rose from **Rs 51,000 cr in 2014 to Rs 2.16 lakh cr in 2023-24** under BRS rule
- State saw revenue surplus of **Rs 4,882 cr in 2023-24**
- BRS borrowed funds to build infra, irrigation projects, while Congress took **Rs 1.7 lakh cr** without completing single project

“RBI confirmed our monthly debt servicing is Rs 2,000 crore, not Rs 10,000 crore as falsely claimed by the Congress. Even Parliament records show Telangana ranks 24th among 28 States in debt-to-GSDP ratio”

— **KT RAMA RAO**, BRS working president

WARNS AGAINST INSULTS TO KCR

HYDERABAD: KT Rama Rao issued a stern warning to Congress leaders, declaring that his party would not remain silent if Telangana or former CM K Chandrababhan Naidu was insulted. “We tolerated personal criticism. But if anyone curses Telangana or disrespects our leader, we will cut off their tongues,” he said. Targeting Revanth Reddy, he said governance was not easy as it appears. He said while Telangana's revenues were shrinking, the CM's relatives had acquired around 2,000 acres of land near the proposed Fourth City. He sought to know the formula for wealth amassed by the Chief Minister's family within a short span. (SEE PAGE 2)

against tarnishing the State's reputation to cover up their failures. “These remarks are not just irresponsible, but also unforgivable,” he said, asserting that the State remained financially sound.

Rama Rao also criticised the Chief Minister for attempting to portray government employees as villains and ignoring their just demands. “These are the same employees who stood on the frontlines during the Telangana movement. Instead of

honouring promises, Revanth Reddy is vilifying them,” he said.

Clarifying that as responsible opposition, BRS does not support strikes, he said the Congress was morally bound to fulfil its poll promises. “But if the government fails to respond, the BRS will take a call,” he said.

He said the Congress had promised to merge TGSRTC with the government, release pending DAs, abolish the CPS, implement

a new PRC, and ensure timely salaries, among others. He questioned the irony that the government was ready to splurge Rs 250 crore on a beauty pageant, but had no funds for pensions for its employees.

He also demanded a white paper on the latter's 43 Delhi visits in chartered flights and also funds spent for Ministers who were using helicopters like share autos to travel even short distances. (SEE PAGE 2)

Cashless care for road mishap victims

Victims can avail treatment of up to Rs 1.5 lakh at designated hospitals

NEW DELHI

Road accident victims all over India will be entitled for cashless treatment of up to Rs 1.5 lakh for the first seven days at designated hospitals, said a notification issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) issued on Tuesday.

According to a gazette notification, the (Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025) has come into force with effect from May 5, 2025.

The scheme is aimed at reducing the number of deaths arising from road accidents every year due to delay in timely medical intervention.

“Any person being a victim of a road accident arising out of the use of a motor vehicle, occurring on any road, shall be entitled to cashless treatment in accordance with the provisions of this scheme,” the notification said.

BIG RELIEF

- Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme comes into force
- Road accident victims entitled for cashless treatment for first seven days at designated hospitals

- Treatment at a hospital, other than a designated hospital shall be for stabilisation purposes only
- National Health Authority to be the implementing agency
- State Road Safety Council to be the nodal agency for the State or UT
- 11-member committee to monitor implementation

(Courtesy: MoRTH notification)

the National Health Authority (NHA) shall be the implementing agency for the programme, in coordination with police, hospitals and State Health Agencies etc.

“The victim shall be entitled to cashless treatment at any designated hospital for an amount up to one lakh fifty thousand rupees per victim for a maximum period of seven days from the date of such accident,” it added.

According to the notification, the treatment under this scheme at a hospital, other than a designated hospital, shall be for stabilisation purposes only and shall be as specified by the guidelines.

As per the notification, the State Road Safety Council shall be the nodal agency for implementation of the scheme for that state or union Territory and would be responsible for coordinating with the National Health Authority for adoption and utilisation of the portal for onboarding of designated hospitals, treatment of victims, payment to the designated hospital on treatment and related matters.

The government has also set up an 11-member steering committee under the road secretary to monitor the implementation of the scheme.

The committee will comprise CEO of National Health Authority, and additional secretary of MoRTH as members. PTI

Gali gets 7-year jail term; Sabitha acquitted

HYDERABAD

A special CBI court here on Tuesday convicted former Karnataka minister and MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy and three others in the Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) illegal iron ore mining case after a prolonged legal battle spanning nearly 14 years.

The court sentenced them to seven years' imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on each. Reddy was named accused number two. The court imposed a Rs 1 lakh fine on the company. Soon after the judgment, the CBI took Reddy and others into custody.

The CBI court delivered the judgement based on the central agency's charge sheet against Reddy and others, accusing them of tampering with mining lease boundary markings and carrying out mining il-

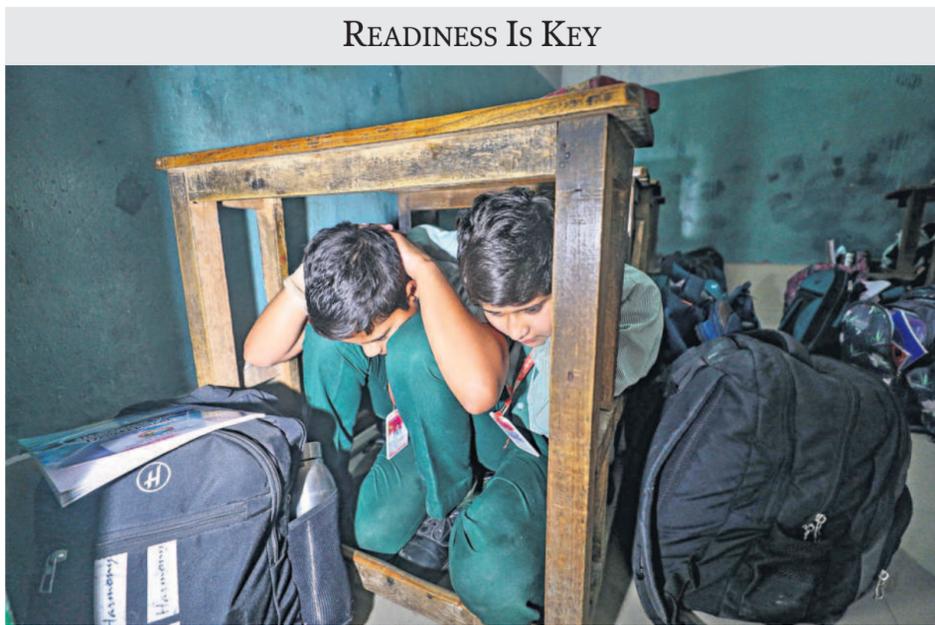
legally in the Bellary Reserve Forest area on the Karnataka-Andhra Pradesh border.

The Principal Special Judge for CBI cases Judge T Raghu Ram acquitted ex-minister Sabitha Indra Reddy and former bureaucrat B Krupanandam in the case. The court convicted Janardhana Reddy's brother-in-law and Managing Director of OMC, Srinivas Reddy (A1) and VD Rajagopal (A3), the then Director of Mines and Geology, Mehafuz Ali Khan (A7), Reddy's assistant.

The prosecution accused that the illegal mining between 2007 and 2009 caused Rs 884 crore to the exchequer. The CBI had on December 3, 2011, filed the first charge sheet and subsequently three supplementary charge sheets in the case against Reddy, who is also director of the mining company. (SEE PAGE 2)



SPECIAL CBI COURT IMPOSES RS 1 LAKH FINE ON OBULAPURAM MINING COMPANY



School students take part in a drill as they prepare for the nationwide civil defence drill scheduled for May 7, in Jammu. — Photo: PTI

READINESS IS KEY

Hyd top cop bags prestigious award

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand and Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (HNEW) have been awarded first place in the category of 'Excellence in Anti-Narcotics Award' at the World Police Summit (WPS) 2025, which will be organized by Dubai Police and scheduled to be held from May 13 to 15.

The World Police Summit is a premier global forum that brings together leading law enforcement professionals from over 138 countries. With participation from globally renowned agencies such as the FBI, NYPD, LAPD, Metropolitan Police (UK), Australian Federal Police, and the German Police, the summit promotes strategic collaboration, exchange of best practices. (SEE PAGE 2)



NEET aspirant hangs herself in Jagtial

STATE BUREAU
Jagtial

Believing that she could not perform upto her expectations in the NEET examination held recently, Janga Pujitha (18) died, allegedly by suicide, in Chelgal of Jagtial. According to villagers, Pujitha hanged herself from the ceiling in her house. Pujitha, who failed to get a good rank in the 2023 examination, went for long term coaching for NEET and appeared for the exam conducted recently. However, thinking that she could not perform well this time too, she was upset and is suspected to have resorted to the extreme step.

Upset over performance in NEET, teen ends life

STATE BUREAU
Adilabad

A 19-year-old, aspiring to become a medical student died, allegedly by suicide, as he was upset over not being able to perform well during the recent National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) in Uttoor mandal centre on Monday. Roy Manoj (19), son of teacher Gangadhar from Angadibazaar in Uttoor mandal headquarters, resorted to the drastic step by hanging as he was upset thinking that he had not performed in NEET. He was shifted to a hospital in Uttoor. However, doctors declared him brought dead.

'Dentists are not doctors' remark sparks row

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The members of All India Dental Students and Surgeons Association (AIDSA) on Tuesday urged the Telangana State Dental Council to initiate action against dermatologist Dr Rajaeetha Dharmashetty, who allegedly in an interview with a YouTube Channel said that Dentists were not Doctors.

“AIDSA strongly condemn the recent defamatory and derogatory remarks made by fitness instructor,

Telangana State Dental Council urged to initiate action against dermatologist Dr Rajaeetha Dharmashetty

Purnima and dermatologist Dr Rajaeetha during an interview aired in a YouTube channel. In the said video, the individuals irresponsibly mocked the dental profession by calling the fake doctors and asserting that

dentists are not doctors,” the AIDSA in a letter to TS Dental Council, said.

AIDSA president Dr Md Manzur said a complaint against Dr Rajaeetha will be lodged. “Such baseless statements not only mislead the general public but also seriously undermine the dignity, credibility and professional status of the dental community. These remarks amount to professional misconduct and are a direct insult to thousands of qualified dental practitioners across the country,” the AIDSA members said.

IAF to hold mega wargame along Pak border

NEW DELHI

The Indian Air Force will carry out a two-day mega military exercise along the border with Pakistan from Wednesday that will involve all the frontline fighter jets including Rafale, Su-30 and Jaguar aircraft, sources in the defence establishment said on Tuesday.

The mega military exercise is taking place amid heightened tensions between India and Pakistan over the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people.

India's civil aviation authorities have already issued a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) for the major air exercise that will largely take place along the southern and western section of the Indo-Pakistan border. PTI

Pakistan may face 21% water shortage

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Indus River System Authority (IRSA) has issued a warning of an expected 21 per cent shortage of water availability in the country during the Kharif season amid blockade of water supplies from India. IRSA said that after India blocked water supply to Pakistan, River Chenab has witnessed a sudden decrease in water inflow.

The advisory was issued after IRSA's Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting during which anticipated water availability criteria for the remaining Kharif season was approved.

During the meeting, serious concerns were raised over the sudden drop of water levels in River Chenab. Participants stated that the reduction of water flow was due to the shortage of supply from India which

has been blocked after New Delhi put the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) in abeyance following the heinous Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 which resulted in the death of 26 innocent civilians. “If the decline in inflows continues, the shortage will be reassessed,” read a statement issued by IRSA. The officials who participated in the meeting maintained that there were fears of a projected 21 per cent

shortage in early Kharif water availability - a critical period for sowing summer crops including rice, sugarcane and cotton. The projected shortage of water availability from June to September was estimated to be about at least seven per cent in normal supply conditions.

However, with water supply from India disrupted, the shortage is expected to go up to 21 per cent. IANS