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In a nutshell

**ITR filing deadline extended to Sept 15**

**NEW DELHI:** The Income Tax Department on Tuesday extended the due date for filing ITRs for Assessment Year 2025-26 by individuals and entities who do not have to get their accounts audited to September 15. The extension from the current deadline of July 31, was on account of "structural and content revisions" in the income tax return (ITR) forms, which was notified in late April and early May. PTI

**Seven of family die in 'suicide pact'**

**CHANDIGARH:** Six of a family, including three children, were found dead inside a car in Haryana's Panchkula, while another died on his way to a hospital, police said, suspecting a suicide pact. A suicide note found from the car pointed to the family being under financial stress. The car was spotted on Monday by a passerby, who exchanged a few words with the man who died last. NATION PAGE 7

**Trump targets Harvard again**

**WASHINGTON:** The Trump administration is asking federal agencies to cancel contracts with Harvard University worth about \$100 million, a senior administration official said on Tuesday. The government already has cancelled more than \$2.6 billion in federal research grants for the Ivy League school, which has pushed back on the administration's demands for changes to many of its policies. AP



**Urvashi Rautela hits back at trolls**

Actress was accused of blocking a staircase at Cannes Film Festival

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## Fifth-gen stealth fighter jet plan cleared

To be helmed by DRDO's Aeronautical Development Agency

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NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has cleared the "execution model" to design and produce India's ambitious fifth-generation stealth fighter jet — the advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA).

India has been working on the ambitious AMCA project to develop the medium weight deep penetration fighter jet with advanced stealth features to bolster its air power capability. AMCA, along with the Tejas light combat aircraft, are planned to be the mainstays of the Indian Air Force.

The project will be helmed by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), said the Defence Ministry in a press release on Tuesday. It said Singh has approved the "execution model" for AMCA that will be developed by the ADA in cooperation with industry partners. The approval for the critical step for development of



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the execution model for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme. — Photo: PTI

the aircraft came against the backdrop of increasing focus on bolstering India's air power in view of China's rapid stride in the domain.

"In a significant push towards enhancing India's indigenous defence capabilities and fostering a robust domestic aerospace industrial ecosystem, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) Programme Execution Model," the Ministry said.

The "execution model" approach provides equal opportunities to both private and public sectors on competitive basis, it said. "They can bid either independently or as joint venture or as consortia. The entity/bidder should be an Indian company compliant with the laws and regulations of the country," the Ministry said in a statement.

"This is an important step towards harnessing the indigenous expertise, capability and capacity to develop

the AMCA prototype, which will be a major milestone towards Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) in the aerospace sector," it said.

The Cabinet Committee on security led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given in-principle approval to the fighter jet programme last year. The initial development cost of the project has been estimated at Rs 15,000 crore. The IAF has been pushing for the AMCA project in view of its long-term requirement.

## KTR calls for grand Formation Day fete

Says day will be celebrated on June 2 across TG

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao announced that Telangana Formation Day would be celebrated on a grand scale on June 2 at Telangana Bhavan and all the party's offices across the State.

He called upon party cadres, senior leaders and people from all walks of life to actively participate in the celebrations. The party's founding member and Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council, S Madhusudhana Chari, would hoist the national flag followed by the party flag as part of the celebrations at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad.

In a statement, Rama Rao who left for a trip to UK and US on Tuesday, urged for hoisting of the national flag and the BRS party flag at all district offices, constituencies, municipalities, towns, and mandal headquarters, emphasising that the celebrations should reflect the pride and spirit of the Telangana movement.

Calling the Telangana movement a people's move-

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— KT RAMA RAO, BRS working president



ment, he asked all BRS units to celebrate the day with the people, honouring the collective spirit that brought the State into being.

"The Telangana State was achieved through 14 years of relentless struggle under the visionary leadership of BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao. This day

must be celebrated with pride and spirit of the statehood struggle," he stated, reminding the public of the sacrifices made by martyrs, students, and government employees during the movement.

The BRS leader said the first decade of Telangana's journey has become a model for the nation. He said flagship schemes like Rythu Bandhu, Mission Kakatiya, and Mission Bhagiratha have inspired various other States across the country, becoming synonymous with Telangana's innovative governance, he noted.

Meanwhile, Rama Rao reached London on Tuesday, where he received a rousing welcome from Telangana NRIs. He will deliver the keynote address at India Week 2025, hosted by Bridge India. He will showcase Telangana's governance model, innovation-driven development, and achievements under the BRS' nine-year rule.

The former Minister will also inaugurate the Pragmatic Design Solution Limited Knowledge Centre in Warwick.

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## 'Stop Op Kagar, initiate talks'

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Former Minister and BRS senior leader S Niranjan Reddy urged the Centre government to stop Operation Kagar and initiate peace talks with the Maoists. He cautioned that continued

military suppression could destabilise democratic values and trigger public outrage. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday, Niranjan Reddy slammed the BJP government at the Centre for prioritising corporate interests rather than for the common man. He stated that the Centre could not act with arrogance, wield power without responsibility and ignore the voices calling for peace.

"Shooting our own citizens cannot be the solution. Talks are the only way forward," he asserted, citing

BRS supremo K Chandrashekar Rao's appeal at Warangal to stop the combing operations and to initiate dialogue with the Maoists.

The former Minister pointed out that the decision to eliminate Maoists by 2026 was flawed and dangerous. One could not eradicate ideas by eliminating individuals, he said, adding that around 22 student unions and various public organisations were urging for negotiations.

Drawing parallels with the prolonged farmers' protest against three contentious laws near Delhi, he said the government did not heed to farmers' requests and it was only after 700 farmers died that Prime Minister Narendra Modi eventually apologised. "Let us not repeat the same mistake with Operation Kagar," he added. (SEE PAGE 2)



**BRS LEADER NIRANJAN REDDY SAYS CONTINUED MILITARY SUPPRESSION COULD DESTABILISE DEMOCRATIC VALUES**

## Cut the flab, high command tells TG Cong unit

S SANDEEP KUMAR  
Hyderabad

The All India Congress Committee appears to have put the State unit of the Congress in a spot with directions to leaders to trim the proposed jumbo executive committee. It has been over six months after Mahesh Kumar Goud was appointed as the new president of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee.

Since then, pressure has been mounting on the State leadership to constitute the new executive committee. Apart from MLAs, the party's MPs and leaders from different community wings like BCs, SCs and STs have been demanding due recognition in the appointment of members in the new executive committee.

Accordingly, proposals were made to have a jumbo executive committee with nearly five working presidents, 30 vice presidents and 70 general secretaries. (SEE PAGE 2)

## CIRCLING THE PREY



Vultures fly over the decomposed body of an animal, unseen, in Jammu on Tuesday. — Photo: AP

## Boy ends life after parents scold him for using cell phone

**HYDERABAD:** Upset over his parents reprimanding him for excessive use of mobile phone, a boy died by suicide by hanging himself at home in Saidabad on Monday. The 16-year-old from Vinay Nagar Colony in IS Sadan failed in one subject in the recent SSC exams. He was staying back at home and preparing for the Advanced Supplementary Examinations. On Saturday, he borrowed a smart phone from a friend and was playing video games. Earlier too, his parents scolded him for using his phone too much. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Budding dance master kills self over love failure

**HYDERABAD:** Upset over love failure, a 17-year-old budding dance master died by suicide by hanging himself at a dance studio in Miyapur on Monday night. Sagar, a native of Uttar Pradesh, was working in Deloitte Dance Studio in Miyapur and staying in a room in the studio at night. According to police, he was reportedly in love with a girl and recently shared about his love failure with dance studio owner Paramesh. He was visibly upset for the past one week and hanged from the ceiling fan.

## Unreleased data of 'Kannappa' stolen

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

In an unexpected development for the upcoming Telugu movie 'Kannappa', starring Manchu Vishnu in the titular role of Thinnadu aka Kannappa, a hard disk allegedly containing the 'unreleased data' of the movie has been stolen.

The hard disk was stolen, with the production house and police suspecting two persons, including a woman behind it.

As per available information, Hive Studios, a VFX vendor from Mumbai, had recently sent the hard disk to the office of Twenty Four Frames Factory Private Limited in Filmnagar through a



**THE HARD DISK CONTAINS UNRELEASED, SENSITIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL DATA INCLUDING ELEVATED COMBINATION SCENES BETWEEN ACTORS PRABHAS, MANCHU MOHAN BABU AND MANCHU VISHNU**

DTDC courier. According to the police, the parcel had arrived here on May 25, was collected by an office staffer and handed over to another person, Charitha, who has been absconding ever since she received the parcel.

After an internal enquiry, the manager of Twenty Four Frames Factory Private Limited,

Reddy Vijay Kumar, has filed a complaint with the Filmnagar police. He has alleged that Charitha absconded with the hard disk to damage the project.

In his complaint, Reddy also stated that his company would suffer irreparable financial loss if the data was leaked or deleted. He has

also requested to recover the hard disk immediately.

**Filmnagar police registers case**

Based on a complaint, the Filmnagar police booked a case and took up investigation. Reportedly, the hard disk contained unreleased, sensitive and confidential data including elevated combination scenes between Prabhas, Manchu Mohan Babu and Manchu Vishnu.

With just a month left for its theatrical release — June 27, the multi-starrer film is highly anticipated among fans, who are waiting for the special cameos of actors Mohanlal, Akshay Kumar and Prabhas. PTI

## Country to see above-normal June rainfall

NEW DELHI

India is likely to receive above-normal rainfall in June, which is expected to keep maximum temperatures in check in most parts of the country, the IMD said on Tuesday. M Ravichandran, Secretary in Ministry of Earth Sciences, said rainfall during June is likely to be more than 108 per cent of the long-period average of 166.9 mm. PTI

## 'Your visa may be revoked if..., ' US Embassy warns students

NEW DELHI

The US Embassy in India on Tuesday warned international students studying in the US that if they "drop out, skip classes or leave your programme of study" without informing the school, their student visas may be revoked.

The Embassy, in a post on X, also urged students to adhere to the terms of visas and "maintain your student

status" to avoid any issues. "If you drop out, skip classes or leave your program of study without informing your school, your student visa may be revoked, and you may lose eligibility for future US visas. Always adhere to the terms of your visa and maintain your student status to avoid any issues," it said.

American universities attract a large number of Indian students. In 2023, the

US consular team in India issued over 1,40,000 student visas — more than any other country — setting a record for the third year in a row. The same year, the US Mission in India processed a record 1.4 million visas.

The F-1 Visa (Academic Student) allows individuals to enter the US as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, academic high school or other academic institution. PTI