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In a nutshell

SpiceJet flight diverted from RGIA

HYDERABAD: A spice jet aircraft bound for Renigunta from RGI Airport Hyderabad was moved away from the runway for technical inspection after reportedly developing some issues. According to reports, the aircraft came on the runway at 6.30 am, as scheduled. However, when the crew inspected the aircraft as a routine protocol they noticed some strange noise from the engine indicating a problem. The aircraft was later moved away from the runway for a detailed inspection.

Pregnant woman dies in accident

HYDERABAD: A pregnant woman died and her husband was injured after a TGSRTC bus mowed them down at Attapur in Rajendranagar on Thursday. The woman, Syed Asra (35), was traveling from Mehdiapatnam towards Rajendranagar on her husband Mohammed's motorcycle, when the mishap occurred. As per information, the couple reached the service road, when the driver of a car which was halted, suddenly opened the door without checking for traffic.

'Aircraft was well-maintained'

MUMBAI: The Centre on Thursday said the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau will decide on the location of decoding the black box of Air India's crashed Dreamliner. A multi-disciplinary team from the AAIB has commenced an investigation into the accident. Meanwhile, Air India CEO-MD Campbell Wilson, in a message to flyers, said the crashed Dreamliner was "well-maintained" and had undergone a major check in June 2023 with the next scheduled for December this year. **PTI**

PM to visit Bihar, Odisha, Andhra

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a three-State visit for two days from Friday, a tour that will include the launch of multiple development projects in Bihar and Odisha and his participating in a mass yoga programme on the International Day of Yoga. He will be in Siwan in Bihar and Bhubaneswar in Odisha on Friday and will also address public meetings. On the 11th International Day of Yoga, he will lead the national celebrations from Visakhapatnam.

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

Senior BRS MLA and former Minister T Harish Rao launched a blistering attack on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Thursday, accusing him of betraying Telangana's water rights by tacitly supporting Andhra Pradesh's Banakacharla project, which proposes to divert 200 TMCft of Godavari water.

Harish Rao ridiculed Revanth Reddy's claim that Andhra Pradesh could utilise water from the Godavari and Krishna rivers after Telangana was 'offered' 1,000 TMCft and 500 TMCft, respectively. He said the Chief Minister was treating State water rights like a personal fiefdom.

In a sharp rebuttal, the former Irrigation Minister pointed out that 968 TMCft of Godavari water had already been allocated to Telangana, with 946 TMCft cleared by the Central Water Commission (CWC) under the leadership of former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao. "There is nothing to beg Chandrababu Naidu for. This is not charity. These are Telangana's legal rights, earned through years of struggle, not through Delhi packages or loyalty to Delhi parties," he said.

He said Revanth Reddy was offering Andhra Pradesh 1,000 TMCft from



BRS MLA T Harish Rao addressing the media at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Thursday.

CLEAR TALK

- Harish says Revanth tacitly backing Banakacharla project to divert **200 TMCft** of Godavari water
- Points out that TG already has rights over **968 TMCft**, with **946 TMCft** cleared by the CWC
- Dismisses Revanth's offer of **1,000 TMCft** and **500 TMCft** to Andhra as unconstitutional and arrogant
- Says Revanth is treating Telangana's water rights like a personal fiefdom
- Warns that Revanth's remarks could weaken Telangana's case in tribunals and courts
- Mocks Revanth's ignorance of river basins, says he is helping Chandrababu Naidu's agenda

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the Godavari and 500 TMCft from the Krishna river as though he personally owned them. "Is this a monarchy? Telangana does not need your royal favours. Revanth Reddy should be hanged for his irresponsible remarks," Harish Rao said.

He lambasted the Chief Minister for distorting BRS chief K Chandrashekhara Rao's stand in the Apex Council meetings. "KCR sought 1,950 TMCft from the 3,000 TMCft of unused Godavari water that flows into the sea, in addition to Telan-

gana's rightful 968 TMCft. He also moved the tribunal for allocation of 763 TMCft in Krishna river," Harish Rao said.

He warned that Revanth Reddy's "falsehoods" would damage Telangana's case before tribunals and courts, especially by creating the impression that the State had agreed to projects such as Banakacharla. "KCR clearly stated that interlinking projects must not proceed without Telangana's consent," he said.

Calling the Chief Minister ignorant and irresponsible, Harish Rao said Revanth Reddy lacked even the basic understanding of river basins and hydrology. "You know bags, but not basins," he mocked, referring to the Chief Minister asking officials about the location of the Banakacharla project.

He accused Revanth Reddy of using the issue for political optics and misleading the public with scripted presentations, aimed at helping his "old mentor" N Chandrababu Naidu. "You are diverting the core issue of illegal diversion and weakening Telangana's case for political gains," he charged.

Targeting the BJP-led Centre, Harish Rao demanded to know why Andhra Pradesh was being allowed to take up projects without permissions, while Telangana was denied funds and clearances. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

TG, AP must share Godavari water amicably, says Naidu

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Amidst the ongoing row between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh over the Banakacharla project, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said there was ample water in River Godavari and that both States were utilising it. Except for the Polavaram project, which was approved under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, no other projects had requisite permissions, Naidu said. While Telangana was building projects



upstream, Andhra Pradesh was lifting water and diverting it to other basins. "Telangana did the same earlier," he claimed during a press conference in Amaravati on Thursday.

The AP Chief Minister also claimed he had never

objected to the construction of Kaleshwaram and that Andhra Pradesh was only trying to use water that would otherwise flow into the sea. "If Telangana does not use the water, it flows downstream," he observed.

"Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are both part of the Telugu community. Why are we creating issues? Through a policy of give and take, water can be shared amicably. If legal clarity is needed, the matter can be taken up with the Centre," Naidu suggested.

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CM, Uttam urge Centre to reject report

HYDERABAD: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy urged Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil to reject the pre-feasibility report of the Godavari-Banakacharla project proposed by the AP government. They said the project was against the interests of Telangana and was being pursued in violation of the GWDT award of 1980 and the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014. "AP claims the project is based on utilisation of floodwaters from Godavari, but truth is that there is no mention of floodwaters or surplus waters in GWDT-1980," Revanth said. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

Centre to convene meeting of Telugu CMs

HYDERABAD: Union Minister for Jal Shakti CR Patil on Thursday assured that a meeting between the Chief Ministers of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh would be arranged soon to discuss the Godavari-Banakacharla project and to help resolve ongoing disputes related to river water sharing. Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, who met the Union Minister in New Delhi, voiced his concern over the project sought to be implemented by AP without obtaining mandatory clearances. He said AP was keen on implementing it in violation of interstate agreements. **(REPORT PAGE 5)**

Cash row: SC panel for Justice Varma's removal

NEW DELHI

High court judge Yashwant Varma and his family members had "covert or active control" over the store room where a huge cache of half-burnt cash was found, proving his misconduct, which is serious enough to seek his removal, a report of the inquiry panel probing the incident said.

The three-judge panel, headed by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, conducted the inquiry for 10 days, examined 55 witnesses and visited the scene of the accidental fire that started at around 11.35 pm on March 14 at the official residence Justice Varma, then a sitting judge of the Delhi High Court and now in the Allahabad High Court.

Acting on the report, former Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna wrote to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Naren-

Says HC judge and his family had "covert or active control" over the store room where cache of half-burnt cash was found

dra Modi recommending the judge's impeachment. "This committee thus holds that the cash/money was found in the store room of 30 Tughlak Crescent, New Delhi, officially occupied by Justice Varma. More so, the access to the store room has been found to be within the covert or active control of Justice Varma and his family members and that by way of strong inferential evidence, it is established that the burnt cash/money was got removed from the store room during the wee hours of 15.3.2025 from 30 Tughlak Crescent, New Delhi," the panel said in its report. **PTI**

BEERSHEBA

Israel's Defence Minister threatened Iran's supreme leader on Thursday after the latest missile barrage from Iran damaged the main hospital in southern Israel and hit several other residential buildings near Tel Aviv.

Israel, meanwhile, struck a heavy water reactor that is part of Iran's nuclear programme. At least 240 people were wounded by the Iranian missiles, four of them seriously, according to Israel's Health Ministry. The vast majority were lightly wounded, including over 70 people from the Soroka Medical Centre in the southern city of Beersheba, where smoke rose as emergency teams evacuated patients.

In the aftermath of the strikes, Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz blamed Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and said the military "has been instructed and knows that in order to achieve all of its goals, this man absolutely



Smokes raises from a building of the Soroka hospital complex after it was hit by a missile fired from Iran, in Be'er Sheva, Israel, on Thursday. — Photo: AP

should not continue to exist". US officials said this week that President Donald Trump had vetoed an Israeli plan to kill Khamenei. Trump later said there were no plans to kill him "at least

not for now." Israel carried out strikes on Iran's Arak heavy water reactor, in its latest attack on the country's sprawling nuclear programme. Meanwhile, an Israeli military official said

Iran used a missile with multiple warheads in an attack Thursday, posing a new challenge to its defences.

There was no immediate independent analysis that could be made. However,

Iran has hinted in the past that it was pursuing such weaponry. Instead of having to track one warhead, missiles with multiple warheads can pose a more difficult challenge for air defence systems, like Israel's Iron Dome.

Missile hits main hospital in southern Israel

Two doctors said the missile struck almost immediately after air raid sirens went off, causing a loud explosion that could be heard from a safe room. The hospital said the main impact was on an old surgery building that had been evacuated in recent days. After the strike, the medical facility was closed to all patients except for life-threatening cases, it said. There were no serious injuries from the strike on the hospital. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned the attack and vowed a response, saying: "We will exact the full price from the tyrants in 'Tehran.'" **AP (REPORTS PAGE 9)**

Nizam-era Bowenpally PO faces demolition



The Bowenpally sub-post office in Secunderabad Cantonment.

SUNIL MUNGARA
Hyderabad

Having weathered more than 100 summers, the Bowenpally sub-post office — built during the Nizam era — is facing imminent demolition to make way for the elevated corridor in Secunderabad Cantonment along National Highway (NH) 44.

The demarcation of the sub-post office building was recently completed, along with the staff quarters located just 150 metres away, for the construction of the elevated corridor between Paradise Circle and Suchitra

Junction (ORR Shamirpet). According to records from the Postal Department, the iconic building on the highway was constructed in 1922. The blueprint indicates that the post office once extended up to NH-44 but lost a portion of its land during the widening of the highway.

Post office's structure

The entire structure was built using load-bearing masonry and lime-plastered walls, which helped keep the interiors cool. However, the rooftop is now covered with overgrown vegetation, resulting in water seepage.

"This post office serves customers in the Secunderabad Cantonment, primarily in four areas — Bowenpally, Manovikas Nagar, Balanagar, and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Customers are disappointed that the charm of the Bowenpally post office on National Highway 44 is unfortunately set to disappear," said YDG Smitha, Sub-Postmaster, Bowenpally Post Office, speaking to *Telangana Today*.

Incidentally, the building has become a traffic bottleneck due to its location on a sharp curve, posing a danger to commuters. **(SEE PAGE 2)**

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a major crackdown on online sexual exploitation of children, the Child Protection Unit (CPU) of the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) conducted a state-wide special operation, resulting in the arrest of 15 persons.

TGCSB Director Shikha Goel said the operation targeted repeat offenders involved in uploading, storing, and circulating nude and sexually explicit videos of

15 individuals, all identified as habitual offenders, arrested based on 57 Cyber Tipline complaints, says TGCSB

minors. A total of 15 individuals, all identified as habitual offenders, were arrested based on 57 Cyber Tipline complaints. Following the operation, 34 FIRs were registered under various Sec-

tions of the Information Technology Act and the POCSO Act. The suspects were arrested in a coordinated effort across Hyderabad, Yadagirigutta, Karimnagar, Warangal, Jagtial, and Jagadgirigutta.

"Most of the Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material (CSEAM) appears to involve foreign individuals, with victims between 6 to 14 years of age. Ninety per cent of the content pertains to girls. All arrested accused have been sent to judicial remand," said Goel. **(SEE PAGE 2)**