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## In a nutshell

### Indian nationals evacuated

**TEHRAN:** India is evacuating all its citizens from Iran, the Indian mission here said on Saturday, amid Iran's ongoing conflict with Israel. In a post on X, the Indian Embassy here provided emergency contact numbers and a link to a Telegram channel. "The Indian Embassy in Iran is evacuating all Indian Nationals in Iran. The Embassy may be contacted either on Telegram or on. +989010144557, +989128109115 +989128109109."

### Bihar govt hikes old age pension

**PATNA:** Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday said his government has decided to increase the pensions of senior citizens, widows and people with disability by Rs 700 per month. The beneficiaries will now get an enhanced pension of Rs 1,100 from July, he said. "I am happy to inform you that under the Social Security Pension Scheme, all the elderly, disabled and widowed women will now get a pension of Rs 1,100."

### 8 killed as hot-air balloon crashes

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** A hot-air balloon caught fire and tumbled from the sky on Saturday in Brazil's southern state of Santa Catarina, killing eight people, firefighters said. Footage shared by local news outlet G1 showed billows of smoke coming from the balloon in flames as it hurtled towards the ground. Thirteen people survived and were taken to hospitals, Santa Catarina's military fire brigade said, adding that 21 were on board.



## 'Important to have criticism'

Actors or makers can do better the next time, says Diana

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# ICMR creates rare blood donor registry

NEW DELHI

The National Institute of Immunohaematology in Mumbai, under the Indian Council of Medical Research, has for the first time created a national 'rare blood donor registry' for patients with rare and uncommon blood types who need frequent transfusions, especially in conditions such as thalassemia and sickle cell disease.

The ICMR-NIIH is now in talks with the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) so that the rare donor registry portal can be integrated with e-Rak-

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takosh, a platform which currently provides information about blood availability, Dr Manisha Madkaikar, Director of ICMR-Centre for Research Management and Control of Haemoglobinopathies (CRHCM) in Nagpur said.

The integration will help people with rare blood groups easily trace blood banks and procure blood. It will also assist the blood

banks manage their stock and donors through a centralised system. India, with a population of more than 142 crore, has over 4,000 licensed blood banks, according to the Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). India relies heavily on transfusions due to a higher prevalence of blood diseases and complications during pregnancy, Dr Madkaikar said.

"Thalassemia itself contributes to 1 to 1.5 lakh patients who require recurrent transfusions," she said.

Additionally, with more than 1,200 road accidents occurring every day in India, and with every year 60 million surgeries, 240 million major operations, 331 million cancer-related procedures, and 10 million pregnancy complications, a serious call for blood transfusion is recognised, she said. In majority of blood banks, only ABO and RhD are antigens matched prior to cross-matching for issuing of red blood cell components. (SEE PAGE 2)

## DGCA raps AI for 'systemic failures'

NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), in its order issued to Air India to remove three senior officials responsible for "serious and repeated lapses" in crew scheduling, has categorically mentioned "systemic failures in crew scheduling, compliance monitoring, and internal accountability" at the airline.

The DGCA identified following personnel as directly responsible for the continued non-compliance: Choorah Singh, Divisional Vice President; Pinky Mittal, Chief Manager-DOPS, Crew Scheduling; and Payal Arora, Crew Scheduling and Planning. These officials have been involved in serious and repeated lapses including but not limited to unauthorised and non-compliant crew pairings; violation of mandatory licensing and recency norms; and systemic failures in scheduling protocol and oversight.

"Repeated and serious violations voluntarily were disclosed by Air India concerning flight crew being scheduled and operated de-

spite lapses in licensing, rest, and recency requirements. These violations were discovered during the post-transition review from ARMS to the CAE Flight and Crew Management System," the DGCA order read.

The voluntary disclosures, while noted, point to "systemic failures" in crew scheduling, compliance monitoring, and internal accountability. "Of particular concern is the absence of strict disciplinary measures against key officials directly responsible for these operational lapses," it added. "Air India is directed to remove the above-mentioned officials from all roles and responsibilities related to crew scheduling and rostering. Internal disciplinary proceedings must be initiated against these officials without delay." (SEE PAGE 2)

**Asks the airline to remove three senior officials responsible for 'serious and repeated lapses' in crew scheduling**

## Kaushik Reddy arrested, BRS condemns 'blatant act'

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

Huzurabad MLA and BRS leader Padi Kaushik Reddy was arrested by Warangal Subedari police at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Shamshabad on Saturday morning. He was later taken to Kazipet Railway Court where he was granted conditional bail.

The arrest was based on

a complaint lodged by the wife of granite quarry businessman Manoj Reddy,

who alleged that Kaushik Reddy had demanded money. A case was registered against the MLA under the BNS. Kaushik Reddy had moved the HC seeking to quash the FIR.

BRS leaders including Errabelli Dayakar Rao, D Vinay Bhaskar and a legal team rushed to Warangal and met Police Commissioner Sunpreet Singh.

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The 11th International Yoga Day celebrations being held at Balayogi Stadium in Gachibowli on Saturday. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

## Pak to nominate Trump for Nobel Peace Prize

ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan government on Saturday said it has decided to formally recommend US President Donald Trump for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize for his "decisive diplomatic intervention" during the recent India-Pakistan conflict. The announcement came this in a post on X, with the headline: "Government of Pakistan Recommends President Donald J Trump for 2026 Nobel Peace Prize".

The announcement came three days after Trump hosted Pakistan Army chief Asim Munir at the White House. "The Government of Pakistan has decided to formally recommend President Donald J Trump for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of his decisive

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### I WON'T GET A NOBEL FOR HALTING INDO-PAK WAR, SAYS US PREZ

**WASHINGTON:** United States President Donald Trump has reiterated his claim that he prevented a war between nuclear-armed neighbours India and Pakistan, expressing disappointment that his efforts have not earned him a Nobel Peace Prize. Taking to 'Truth Social', Trump said, "I won't get a Nobel Peace Prize for stopping the war between India and Pakistan, No, I won't get a Nobel Peace Prize no matter what I do, including Russia/Ukraine and Israel/Iran — but the people know, and that's all that matters to me." IANS

diplomatic intervention and pivotal leadership during the recent India-Pakistan crisis," it said.

Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, with India carrying out precision strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pak-

istan-occupied Kashmir on May 7. The on-ground hostilities from the Indian and Pakistan sides that lasted for four days ended with an understanding of stopping the military actions following talks between the directors general of military operations of both sides on May 10. PTT

## Ten-year-old boy run over by bus

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

In a heart-wrenching incident, a ten-year-old boy died after being run over by a school bus at Jagathgiritutta in city suburbs on Saturday morning.

Jayashith Chauhan was riding a bicycle near his house at Allwyn colony in Jagathgiritutta when he suddenly fell on the road. The driver of a school bus that came to pick up students in the locality, ran the vehicle over the boy, said the police.

The child was rushed to a hospital by the parents where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival. The Jagathgiritutta registered a case against the driver of the school bus and took him into custody. Probe is on.

## BRS slams Congress for 'reign of terror'

STATE BUREAU

KOTHAGUDEM/HYDERABAD

The alleged assault on Adivasi women by Forest officials at Iravendi village in Burgampadu mandal on Friday has snowballed into a major controversy, with the women lodging a police complaint and the BRS slamming the Congress government, accusing it of unleashing a 'reign of terror'.

According to the complainant, Madakam Sunitha, she and 11 other women were sowing cotton seeds in their podu lands when Forest officials, identified as Nagaraju, Rambabu and others, arrived to dig trenches. When questioned by the women, the officials allegedly beat them with hands and sticks, tore the clothes of one woman, Kunjam Jogamma, and attempted to molest them.

Sunitha said the women pleaded with the officials not to harass them, explaining that they had been cultivating the land for over 25 years and had no other livelihood. She urged the police to take action against the named officials, claiming the adivasi families were



The tribal women being manhandled by Forest officials at Iravendi village in Burgampadu mandal on Friday.

facing threats to their lives. As per reports, the incident took place when Deputy Forest Range Officer Nagaraju, beat officer Rambabu and other staff arrived with earthmovers to dig trenches on the disputed podu lands. The women said the officials were trying to forcibly take away the land they had been farming for decades and had threatened to demolish their homes with bulldozers. The Forest Department, however, claimed that its staff were attacked by the women, who tore their uniforms. Following the incident, residents of the hamlet met Pinapaka MLA Payam

Venkateshwarlu on Friday itself and complained to him against the Forest officials.

BRS working president KT Rama Rao blamed the Congress, accusing it of failing to protect the dignity of women. He referred to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's earlier controversial remarks, where he allegedly spoke about "stripping women" who questioned authority. Calling the Congress regime a 'reign of terror', he demanded to know the stand of Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge on the issue of women's safety in Telangana.