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In a nutshell

Ex-sarpanch ends life over dues

Jagtial: Former sarpanch Dasari Shankaraiah died by suicide in Bibirajpalli of Gollapalli mandal, reportedly unable to cope with debts incurred for village development works. Shankaraiah consumed pesticide in a mango orchard, family members said. He had taken up various developmental works in the village over the last two years by borrowing over Rs 10 lakh. However, bills for the works remained unpaid even after two years.

AI resumes flights to West Asia

New Delhi: Air India Express resumed its services to West Asia from Tuesday with flights to Muscat, Riyadh and Jeddah, a day after suspending operations to the region due to closure of airspaces. The Tata Group-owned airline flies to 13 cities in the Middle East, operating over 900 flights per week. The airline's flights to key cities in the UAE as well as other cities in West Asia are scheduled from Wednesday.

French woman raped in Udaipur

Jaipur: A man allegedly raped a French tourist in Udaipur after luring her from a party to his apartment. The accused is absconding, and efforts are underway to trace him, the police added. According to the police, the woman, who arrived in Udaipur from Delhi on June 22, was staying at a hotel in the Ambamata area. Police said a detailed investigation is underway to ascertain how the woman came in contact with the accused.



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Remembering him through his directorial ventures

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Israel-Iran ceasefire in effect, says Trump

Held off on tougher strike against Iran: Netanyahu

AP
JERUSALEM

US President Donald Trump claimed a ceasefire between Iran and Israel was "in effect" on Tuesday, after expressing deep frustration with both sides and accusing them of violating the agreement he brokered.

Israel earlier accused Iran of launching missiles into its airspace after the truce was supposed to take effect. The Iranian military denied firing on Israel, state media reported. Trump expressed anger and frustration as he told reporters at the White House that both Israel, a close ally, and Iran had violated the ceasefire plan. But later he said the deal was saved, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said he held off on tougher strike against Iran after speaking to Trump.

Israel's emergency services said 28 were killed during 12 days of war with Iran as a cease-fire between Iran and Israel took effect Tuesday, Israel's emergency services released final figures from 12 days of fighting. According to the data, 1,347 people in Israel were affected, including 28 killed, 17 seriously wounded, 29 moderately wounded, 872 lightly wounded and 401 treated for anxiety.



Israeli soldiers work amid the rubble of residential buildings destroyed by an Iranian missile strike, in Beersheba, on Tuesday. — Photo: AP

Netanyahu's office says he held off on tougher strike after speaking to Trump

Netanyahu's office says Israel struck an Iranian radar in response to the Iranian missile attack early Tuesday. But it

clear scientist was killed in an Israeli strike, Iran state TV said, making him the latest in a list of top atomic experts who are said to have been killed in Israeli attacks over the last 12 days. Mohammad Reza Sedighi Saber, who the US State Department had sanctioned

last month, was killed at his father-in-law's residence in an early Tuesday morning strike in northern Iran, according to the report. It added that three projectiles had hit the residence, and an earlier round of strikes had killed his 17-year-old son on June 13. (SEE PAGES 2, 9)

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CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Cyberabad Police have dismantled a sophisticated online betting syndicate operating through Telegram influencers, unauthorised betting websites and mule accounts, and arrested four social media influencers.

An official said the network tricked young people with fake promises of match-fixing tips. It also used social media advertisements to attract millions to illegal gambling sites. The arrested were identified as Chinnamsetti Naga Rakesh, Pottavathini Deepak, Guguloth Sri Ram Naik and Hemanth Kumar.

The fraud came to light after a youth from Miyapur lodged a complaint alleging he was defrauded by cyber fraudsters who claimed to give predictions on Telegram channels. The complainant lost Rs 50 lakh, and his friend lost Rs 60 lakh.

According to the police, the fraudsters ran a betting scam and created private Telegram groups to lure victims with 'exclusive insider tips' and 'fixed matches'. "They used emo-

tional tricks and FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) to get users to register through side-loaded Android apps (APK files), special URLs, or influencer codes," said a senior cybercrime official investigating the case.

Once victims were hooked, they deposited money through UPI, IMPS, or NEFT and this money went into mule accounts controlled by the syndicate and were opened with forged Aadhaar and PAN documents to avoid KYC rules.

"The gang laundered money by moving funds through many accounts. They also converted some of it into crypto currency. To keep their credibility, they sometimes paid out small 'wins' using new mule accounts but blocked high-value withdrawals," the official said.

Influencers who promoted the scam made commissions of 1-3 per cent on each bet apart from monthly retainers. Some earned between Rs 25 lakh and Rs 80 lakh.

The syndicate operated from 2019 to 2025, targeting Telugu-speaking regions and other States.

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Panchayat secy gets memo for sharing civic woes

STATE BUREAU
Medak

A woman panchayat secretary in Chippalturthi village of Medak has come under government scrutiny after she shared civic issues with BRS leader T Harish Rao on Monday. Shortly after the interaction, Medak District Collector Rahul Raj reportedly directed the District Panchayat Officer to serve a memo to the official, identified as Sruthija. The move has sparked surprise and outrage among villagers, BRS leaders, and the official herself. During his visit, Harish Rao noticed a garbage collection tractor parked on the panchayat office premises and asked why garbage collection had ceased. Sruthija explained that the panchayat had no funds even to buy diesel, and she had personally spent around Rs 80,000 to cover office expenses. (SEE PAGE 2)

Tribals fall on cops' feet for water



A tribal man falling on the feet of a policeman pleading for water in Kerameri mandal of Kumram Bheem Asifabad district.

STATE BUREAU
Adilabad

In a poignant display of desperation, aboriginal tribals from several villages in Kerameri mandal of Kumram Bheem Asifabad district touched the feet of policemen, pleading for uninterrupted drinking water supply under the Mission Bhagiratha scheme.

Carrying empty pots, the tribals staged a sit-in protest on the Asifabad-Utnoor road on Tuesday, disrupt-

ing traffic for some time. They expressed anguish over the lack of drinking water in their villages for the past 11 days, despite the onset of monsoon.

Upon receiving information, police attempted to disperse the protestors by blocking the road. However, the tribals begged them not to intervene, saying their protest was not against the police, but against government apathy towards their basic need for water.

Why no FIR against Justice Varma, ask MPs

NEW DELHI

Several MPs at a Parliamentary panel meeting on Tuesday asked why no FIR has been lodged over the recovery of unaccounted cash from a High Court judge's residence here and told the Department of Justice to prepare a detailed note on the matter, sources said.

The MPs also demanded a code of conduct for judges, and justices in the higher judiciary should not take up government assignments till a period of five years post-retirement, they said.

During a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, MPs of various political parties raised the issue and posed several questions to the Ministry of Law and Justice on what it was doing in the matters raised concerning the judiciary. (SEE PAGE 2)

Pending compensation hits Mamnoor airport expansion

STATE BUREAU
Warangal

The much-awaited expansion of Mamnoor airport in Warangal could face delays as the district administration has yet to disburse compensation to farmers whose lands are being acquired for the project.

Farmers are protesting the issuance of notices directing them not to cultivate during the current season.

Farmers from Guntur-

pally, Gadipally and Nakkalapally have been instructed by the district administration not to undertake cultivation, as their lands have been identified for acquisition. However, the farmers are demanding that compensation be paid first and insist they will continue farming until the payments are made.

The Central government approved the airport expansion project in February this year. An estimated 950 acres

are required for the expansion. Of this, 696 acres are available with the airport, and 260 acres are being acquired from nearly 200 farmers and landowners, from three villages. To expedite land acquisition, the government released Rs 205 crore in November last year. Since then, the administration, in coordination with public representatives, held several meetings with farmers to discuss compensation terms. (SEE PAGE 2)

A case of robbers, robbed by robbers!

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a dramatic breakthrough, a criminal gang which orchestrated a fake gold deal and another criminal gang which intercepted and robbed it, posing as vehicle recovery agents, were arrested by the Monda Market police.

Apart from arresting 18 persons from the two gangs, the police recovered Rs 43.21 lakh cash, nearly 59 grams of gold, vehicles, and 23 mobile phones.

The arrests followed a complaint by Hariram, a Bowenpally resident, who was duped by the first gang



Monda Market police with the 18 arrested persons, during a press meet on Tuesday.

under the pretext of purchasing 1 kg of gold at a 5 per cent discount. The prime suspect, Radheshyam, introduced Hariram to a few individuals, including Ram-

babu, and later confirmed the presence of cash at Hariram's office to his associates.

"Soon after, four men posing as officials from the Rachakonda SOT, including

one displaying a fake ID as Keshavulu, barged into the premises. They assaulted Hariram and fled with the cash and mobile phones of all the present, using a car and two bikes to escape," said Rashmi Perumal, DCP, North Zone.

Daring Double Heist

However, in a bizarre twist, the gang's own loot was snatched by a separate group, a self-proclaimed 'vehicle recovery team', who intercepted one of the gang members, Bhanu, near Trimulgherry, suspecting his bike was an EMI default vehicle. They checked the bag he was carrying and

robbed the cash, threatening him with false police action.

This led to internal rifts among the gang members, which eventually helped the police piece together the case. Police said Chandra Shekar Verma and Nagaraju Kumar Verma, suspects and brothers from Krishna district in AP, masterminded the crime. They devised a plan to impersonate gold traders offering fake discounts to lure cash-rich victims. After confirming the location and availability of cash, a fake police raid was staged. Among the arrested was Keshavulu, a constable with TG Special Police, who played a central role.

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