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Love after 40 isn't about chasing sparks—it's about building stability, understanding, and shared strength. For single parents and those starting over. **P8**

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Investigating cybercrimes is very difficult. Even though the SC has directed the CBI to take a direct role in probing these offences, the agency is bogged down with many different investigations, especially politically sensitive cases. **P6**

**BUSINESS** **Better regulatory oversight, ease of compliance via reforms: FM**  
Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the insurance reforms brought in through a bill in Parliament will grant greater access to insurance for the people, have better regulatory oversight and ensure ease of compliance. **P9**

**YOUNG HANS** **Sir CV Raman National Olympiad Talent exam held**  
Suchirindia conducted the prestigious Sir CV Raman National Olympiad Talent Exam for students from Classes 1 to 10. The examination witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 90,000 students across 730 centres nationwide. **P7**

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## WINDOWS



### Re hits fresh record low of Rs 91.14 against dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee slumped to a fresh record low of 91.14 against the US dollar on Tuesday, after weakening by 36 paise in afternoon trade. Pressured by sustained foreign institutional investor outflows and lingering uncertainty over a potential India-US trade deal, this marked the fourth consecutive session in which the rupee has touched a new all-time low. The currency has now depreciated about 1% over the past five trading sessions alone. In afternoon dealings, the rupee was quoted at 91.14 per dollar, extending its losses from the previous close amid continued pressure from global and domestic factors. **Full report: Page 9**

### FOG-LINKED ACCIDENTS 25 killed in road crashes across UP



LUCKNOW: At least 25 people were killed and 59 injured in a series of fog-linked road accidents across Uttar Pradesh, with the worst tragedy unfolding on the Yamuna Expressway in Mathura, where a multi-vehicle pile-up turned into an inferno, police said on Tuesday. The maximum number of 13 fatalities was reported from Mathura, while four people each were killed in Basti and Unnao and two each in Meerut and Barabanki. According to officials, all the incidents were linked to poor visibility. The Mathura accident occurred around 4:30 am on the Agra-to-Noida carriageway within the Baldev police station limits. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shlok Kumar said eight buses and three smaller vehicles were involved in the pile-up due to poor visibility.



### 58 lakh names deleted in West Bengal draft SIR

REPORT: P5



**IRREGULAR by MANJUL**  
Ours is a democratic party, and he is a powerful president. No, not elected, but selected by the supreme leader

## CM seeks IIM for TG

In meet with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in Delhi

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday urged Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to sanction an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) for Hyderabad and also set up Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya schools in identified areas in the state.

The Chief Minister met with Dharmendra Pradhan at the Union Minister's chambers in the Parliament house on Tuesday. The CM brought to the attention of the Union Minister that Hyderabad city was growing fast in technology, life sciences, aerospace, defense, logistics, and advanced manufacturing sectors and there was an urgent need to establish an IIM in the city.

Revanth Reddy also informed Pradhan that 200 acres of land required for the establishment of the IIM had already been identified at the University of Hyderabad campus. A facility of transit campus is also ready to immediately commence IIM classes. The government will grant necessary permissions for the establishment of the IIM and provide the required facilities. **Continued on Page 5**



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in New Delhi on Tuesday

### CM urges Sitharaman to exempt FRBM limit on borrowings for education sector

NEW DELHI: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday appealed to the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to exempt borrowings raised through the SPC (Special Purpose Center), which is being established to construct over 100 Young India Integrated Residential Schools (YIIRS), from the e FRBM (Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management) limit. The

- Rs 21K cr required to develop Young India Integrated Schools
- Union Finance Minister praises Revanth's YIIRS initiative

Chief Minister urged the Union Minister to consider the expenditure incurred on



### Sonia lauds Revanth's efforts to develop TG

HANS NEWS SERVICE

HYDERABAD: Former president of the Congress party Sonia Gandhi appreciated the performance of the party government in Telangana and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's foresight in the state's development. **Continued on Page 5**



CM with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

development of the education sector as an investment in human resource development. **Continued on Page 5**

## Sydney attacker had Hyd roots: TG police

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

SAJID Akram, one of the two terrorists who killed 15 people in a gruesome mass shooting at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia, recently, hailed from Hyderabad, the Telangana police said on Tuesday.

Director General of Police (DGP) B Shivadhar Reddy said in a statement that the attackers were identified as Sajid Akram (50) and his

- SAJID AKRAM MIGRATED TO AUSTRALIA 27 YEARS AGO
- HE WAS SHOT DEAD BY OZ POLICE DURING THE BEACH ATTACK



son Naveed Akram (24). Further investigation in this regard is being carried out by Australian investigators

who described the attack as a terrorist act inspired by the Islamic State group. Sajid Akram was shot dead by

the Australian police during the attack. The assailants targeted Jewish people during Hanukkah celebrations at the beach.

The DGP said that Sajid Akram is originally from Hyderabad. He completed his B Com degree in Hyderabad and migrated to Australia in search of employment, approximately 27 years ago, in November 1998. He subsequently married Venera Grosso, a European origin woman

before settling permanently in Australia.

They have one son, Naveed (one of the two attackers) and one daughter. Akram carries an Indian passport as on date and his son Naveed and daughter were born in Australia and are Australian citizens.

As per information available from his relatives in India, Sajid Akram had limited contact with his family in Hyderabad over the past 27 years. **Continued on Page 5**

## Modi's Jordan visit strengthens bilateral ties, 5 MoUs signed

AMMAN/NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Jordan has paved the way for deepening bilateral ties between India and the West Asian country with the signing of five MoUs in the areas of renewable energy, water resource management, cultural exchange, digital solution and twinning between Petra and Ellora.

PM Modi held extensive discussions with King Abdullah II of Jordan on ways to



PM Narendra Modi being driven by Jordan's Crown Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah II to the Jordan Museum in Amman

further deepen bilateral engagement in the fields of trade and investment; defense and security; renewable energy. **Continued on Page 5**

### MODI ARRIVES IN ETHIOPIA

ADDIS ABABA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Ethiopia on Tuesday on the second leg of his three-nation tour, aimed at strengthening ties between the two countries. Prime Minister Dr Abiy Ahmed Ali received PM Modi at the Addis Ababa International Airport.

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## IPL AUCTION Uncapped players strike gold!

ABU DHABI

KOLKATA Knight Riders (KKR) splurged a record-breaking Rs 25.20 crore to land top Australian all-rounder Cameron Green and Rs 18 crore to acquire the services of Sri Lankan pacer Matheesha Pathirana in the Indian Premier League players' auction here on Tuesday.

Uncapped Indian players were also a big hit with Uttar Pradesh's 20-year-old left-arm spinner Prashant Veer going to Chennai Super Kings for Rs 14.20 crore. He became the highest paid uncapped player in the history of IPL auction after coming in at a base price of Rs 30 lakh. Jammu and

### CSK splurge Rs 14.2cr each on Prashant & Kartik

Kashmir pacer Aqib Nabi Dar also attracted a hefty sum of Rs 8.40 crore from Delhi Capitals to be among the top gainers in the mini auction. Dar's base price was also Rs 30 lakh. Indian stars Prithvi Shaw and Sarfaraz Khan, however, went unsold in the auction despite their good run of form with the bat.

Green surpassed compatriot Mitchell Starc (Rs 24.75 crore) to become the most expensive overseas player at an IPL auction. This was after Kolkata Knight Riders and Chennai Super Kings were involved in an intense bidding



war for him before the latter emerged winner.

KKR also went after Venkatesh Iyer before pulling out of the race against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, who

got the India all-rounder for Rs 7 crore. The three-time champions then entered the fray to buy Pathirana after Delhi Capitals and Lucknow Super Giants withdrew fol-

lowing an intense bidding war between the two franchises.

Entering the auction at a base price of Rs 2 crore, Pathirana became the most expensive Sri Lankan sold in an IPL auction. As far as Green is concerned, his salary for the season would still be Rs 18 crore (USD 1.9 million) as the rest of the amount will go towards the BCCI's player development programme as per the rules of the auction for foreign players.

Pathirana will get the full amount as it falls within the salary cap. Green, who previously turned up for

Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bengaluru, has so far played 29 matches in the IPL to aggregate 707 runs and take 16 wickets. Shaw, however, went unsold despite his fine run of form in the domestic circuit lately, and so was the case with Sarfaraz, who smashed a 22-ball 73 in a Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match for Mumbai on Tuesday. Big-hitting South African batter David Miller was bought by Delhi Capitals for his base price of Rs 2 crore, but New Zealand swashbuckler Devon Conway, whose base price was also Rs 2 crore, went unsold in the auction. **Continued on Page 5**

## G RAM G Bill introduced in LS amid Oppn uproar

- DMK ACCUSES NDA GOVT OF RIDICULING 'FATHER OF THE NATION'
- MAHATMA GANDHI IS FROM EVERY FAMILY IN COUNTRY: PRIYANKA

NEW DELHI

A Bill that seeks to guarantee rural jobs for 125 days every year and replace the 20-year-old MNREGA was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday amid strong objections by the Opposition to the "removal" of Mahatma Gandhi's name from it.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while introducing the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, 2025, said the government not only believes in Mahatma Gandhi but also follows his princi-



ples. "The (Narendra) Modi govt has done more for rural development than previous governments," he said. **Continued on Page 5**

A 'north-south divide' over Hindi names for new laws **P5**



Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Samajwadi Party MP Akhilesh Yadav, DMK MP TR Baalu and other Opposition MPs stage a protest near the statue of Mahatma Gandhi against the G RAM G Bill in New Delhi on Tuesday

### Cong plans nationwide protest today

NEW DELHI: The Congress will hold protests across the country on Wednesday against the Centre's rural employment bill VB-G RAM G that seeks to replace MGNREGA, claiming it was a "BJP-RSS conspiracy" to dismantle a rights-based welfare scheme and attack Mahatma Gandhi's legacy, workers' rights and federal responsibility. **Continued on Page 5**

Dekho deewano ye kaam na karo, Ram ka naam badnaam na karo



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### Four Union ministers, Revanth, Naidu to attend WEF annual meet

NEW DELHI: India is set for a power-packed presence at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Swiss ski resort town of Davos next month with four Union ministers, including Ashwini Vaishnaw and Shivraj Singh Chouhan, set to join five CMs and over 100 CEOs from the country. Minister for Civil Aviation K Ram Mohan Naidu and Minister for New & Renewable Energy, Consumer Affairs, and Food & Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi will also be part of the Indian delegation at the 5-day annual meeting from January 18. The Chief Ministers include Devendra Fadnis of Maharashtra, N Chandrababu Naidu of Andhra Pradesh, Assam's Himanta Biswa Sarma, Madhya Pradesh's Mohan Yadav and Telangana's A Revanth Reddy. While Reddy is from Congress and Naidu is from Telugu Desam Party (an ally of BJP), the other three CMs are from BJP. Among the Union ministers, Ram Mohan Naidu is from TDP while other four are from BJP.