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WINDOWS



SC rules out blanket ban on firecrackers

Also not to allow fireworks throughout the day

NEW DELHI: Ahead of festival season, the Supreme Court on Wednesday said it will neither impose a complete ban on firecrackers nor allow their use round the clock, noting that a middle ground would require specifying the hours during which they can be used. A bench of Justices MM Sundresh and PB Varale said a total ban would affect people's sentiments, while allowing fireworks throughout the day would have a "huge impact" on others, including the elderly, sick and children. "We need to find a solution by which we can give a specified time," the bench observed orally. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati submitted a note stating that limited and conditional relaxation could be considered.



Gill, Rohit power India's eight-wicket victory over WI in 2nd ODI

GUWAHATI: Skipper Shubman Gill clobbered an unbeaten 223, the fastest double hundred in 50-over cricket, and Rohit Sharma belted a 101 as two generations of super stars came together to give India a series-sealing eight-wicket win over the West Indies in the second ODI here on Wednesday. West Indies might have desperately hoped that 405 for seven remained target far from Indians but how wrong were they! The incumbent captain, who snatched the crown for the fastest ODI 200 (117 balls) from his teammate Ishan Kishan (126 balls), and his predecessor, who made his 35th one-day century, piled 255 runs for the opening wicket in just 26.2 overs as India made 406 for two in 43.3 overs. *Full report: P10*

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Economy is doing great. You need not look for a job. Just drive e-rickshaw

TG's Chikitha strikes double gold on debut in Asian Games

PEDDAPALLI PILLA'S *BANAM* FOR OLYMPICS

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AN archer from the Peddapalli District in Telangana Taniparthi Chikitha has made the country proud by winning two gold medals in team events on her Asian Games debut.

The icing on the cake in India's golden hat-trick in compound archery was the mixed combination of Chikitha and Sahil Jadhav also securing an Olympic quota place for the country following their top finish. Chikitha is India's first-ever Women's U-21 Compound World Champion.

Chikitha won the two gold medals in the women's team and mixed team on Wednesday. In the Compound Archery (Women's Team) Chikitha Taniparthi, along with Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Prithika Pradeep, defeated China 238-234, equalling world record to grab the gold at the Asian Games. Repeating her marvellous performance on the same day in a different event of Compound Archery of mixed team, Chikitha, along with Sahil Jadhav, secured gold. Altogether the Archery team had a stellar gold rush on Wednesday by bagging three gold medals. Despite being on her debut tournament, Chikitha held her nerves to contribute in the team's rush for gold at the games.



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Murmu pats archers



NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu extended her congratulations to Indian archers Chikitha Taniparthi, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav, Prithika Pradeep and Jyothi Surekha Vennam following their gold medal victories at the Asian Games 2026.



PM Modi calls up Trump, discusses trade & energy

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that he had a "productive conversation" with US President Donald Trump and reviewed bilateral cooperation between New Delhi and Washington in various sectors.

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KCR family amassed ₹1L-cr wealth: Revanth

Alleges KCR family looted state in the name of Telangana movement

Venkateshwarlu Kolishetty
Hyderabad

- Demands KTR to release white paper on KCR, Harish, Santosh and his assets
- Revanth assures Padmashali community of MLC representation



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy addressing a public meeting in Sircilla on Wednesday

ALLEGING that the KCR family amassed one lakh crore of rupees, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy challenged BRS working president KT Rama Rao to release a white paper on his assets and those of former chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao, T Harish Rao, and J Santosh Kumar.

Addressing a public meeting in Sircilla on Wednesday, Revanth Reddy alleged that the KCR family had amassed substantial assets by exploiting the Telangana movement and accused the family of benefiting disproportionately during the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) regime.

"If KTR has the courage, let him release a white paper on his assets as well as those of KCR, Harish Rao, Santosh Rao," the Chief Minister said. He questioned the ownership and sources of properties and farmhouses owned by the members of the KCR family and sought explanations regarding their reported investments and assets outside the country.

The allegations are part of an ongoing political exchange between the Congress government and the BRS leadership over land and assets. KTR recently demanded a white paper and documentary details from the government regarding its allegations concerning 8,000 acres of land owned by him in Sircilla. **Continued on Page 7**

SIR UPDATE

No more parent, grandparent details, says EC

NEW DELHI: New voters in 20 states, where the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) has been completed, will no longer have to provide details of their parents' presence on the electoral rolls. The Election Commission has amended Form 6 to allow applicants in these states to submit the form without the additional SIR-linked declaration seeking details of parents and grandparents. However, in states where SIR is still underway, new voters will continue to be required to submit the declaration. The move comes days after reports of internal objections within the three-member poll panel over changes made to Form 6. Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had reportedly raised objections to the addition of the declaration, with internal records. **Cont'd on Page 7**

INDIA bloc declares all-out war on SIR

- Announces protests on 'vote chori'
- To undertake march to EC on Oct 6
- Demands paper ballots in future polls



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge addresses a press conference following the INDIA bloc meeting, alongside LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, J&K CM Omar Abdullah and CPP chairperson Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi on Wednesday

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New Delhi

PUTTING up a united front on the 'vote chori' issue, the Opposition INDIA bloc on Wednesday announced joint 'save democracy' marches in all districts and five major rallies, demanded that future polls be held with ballot paper and appealed to the Supreme Court to expedite cases of SIR and electoral "malpractices".

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Zero vision, 100% frustration in Oppn, poohpoohs BJP P7

Heroic Indian captain prevents flydubai hijack

Makes emergency landing in Saudi Arabia; saves 180 passengers

New Delhi



IN a dramatic mid-air incident, an Indian Captain of flydubai flight FZ1073 from Dubai to Tel Aviv carrying 180 passengers thwarted a hijack attempt by his co-pilot, averting what Israeli media described as a potential "second 9/11."

The flight made an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia after an alleged violent altercation between the two pilots inside the cockpit triggering a mid-air emergency, with videos purportedly capturing passengers screaming as the aircraft rapidly descended.

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Key decisions likely in Cabinet meet today

PRC, DA arrears, Indiramma Insurance scheme on the table

Patan Afzal Babu
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THE Telangana government is likely to take some important decisions in the Cabinet meeting on Thursday, including the implementation of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC) report, the release of Dearness Allowances (DAs), and the finalisation of the modalities for launching the 'Indiramma Family Insurance Scheme' on October 19.

"The Cabinet is set to approve the sanction of a 3.64 per cent Dearness Allowance (DA) and a 2.74 per cent DA for employees and pensioners, which is being paid to all government employees during the festive season of Dussehra and Diwali this year.

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Cabinet hikes MSP for all rabi crops

Green Energy Corridor, Delhi traffic mgmt system get nod

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved three major measures spanning agriculture, power infrastructure and urban mobility, including higher Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated rabi crops for the 2027-28 marketing season, a Rs 1.86 lakh crore Green Energy Corridor Phase-III scheme and a Rs 1,789.52 crore technology-led traffic management system for Delhi. **Continued on Page 7**

'SURGICAL STRIKE' OVER DUES FROM GOVT!

Aargoyasri Network Hospitals shun major cases

K Chandrashekar
Hyderabad

- Aarogyasri dues between Rs 2,000 and Rs 2,500 cr
- Bills pending for 14 months for many of the network hospitals
- Hospitals also staying away from new EHS

MEMBERS of the Telangana Network Hospitals Association (TANHA) are not accepting major surgeries under the Aarogyasri scheme, apart from staying away from the newly launched Employees Health Scheme (EHS). Besides, they have just announced that they will not be able to provide "some more services" if the government does not clear the Aarogyasri dues that have mounted to between Rs 2,000 and Rs 2,500 crore.

The Network Hospitals wanted the government to call them for discussions and make them part of the committee seized of the EHS scheme so that they too can put forward their viewpoints. Representing a network of over 350 hospitals in the state, the TANHA stressed that coordination, transparency, and continuous dialogue among the government, the Employee Health Care Trust (EHCT), and the network hospitals were essential for the successful implementation of the new EHS scheme.

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