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WINDOWS

BRICS Summit

DELHI ON HIGH ALERT

NEW DELHI: Delhi has tightened security across the national capital ahead of the 18th BRICS Summit, with nearly 4,800 traffic police personnel set to manage VVIP movement and more than 35 major roads identified for traffic restrictions and diversions. The summit will be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from September 11 to 13, with foreign leaders and other dignitaries expected to attend. Around 22 diversion points will be used to regulate traffic during the movement of foreign delegations and VVIP convoys. Security has also been stepped up at around 10 major hotels where foreign delegates are expected to stay, along with 12 other important locations across the capital. India is hosting the 18th BRICS Summit as the grouping's chair for 2026. The main leaders' summit will be held on September 12 and 13, while the BRICS Business Forum is scheduled for September 11.

14 people killed in Syria blast

SARMADA (SYRIA): An explosion at a weapons warehouse in northwestern Syria killed at least 14 people and injured 11 others, state media reported Wednesday, citing the Health Ministry. The cause of the blast near the town of Sarmada, in Idlib province, was not immediately clear.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL

But we're allowed to carry firearms to PM meetings... I read the news on WhatsApp!

RUCKUS IN ASSEMBLY

22 BRS MLAs suspended

KTR, Harish among legislators suspended for remainder of session

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IN all, 22 Bharat Rashtra Samithi legislators, including party working president KT Rama Rao, BRSLP Deputy Leader T Harish Rao and other senior leaders, were suspended for the entire monsoon session on Wednesday, after the members demanded a discussion on slogans of "death to KCR" allegedly raised by a Congress MLA against Leader of Opposition (LOP) and former chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao.

The BRS members registered protest by coming into the well demanding immediate discussion and apologies for the slogans raised against the LOP. When the House assembled, the BRS members came into the well and raised slogans of 'We want justice'.

In the meantime, Minister Adluri Lakshman, under rule 338 raised the issue of 'shuddhikarana' by the BRS leaders after Dalits went to KCR's farmhouse a day before and sought discussion. With BRS MLAs protesting in the well of the House, some of the Congress members also came in but they were sent back by the Government Chief Whip Adi Srinivas.

BRS working president K T Rama Rao, BRSLP deputy leader T Harish Rao and other senior leaders before a meeting with Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Wednesday

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu objected to the protest by the BRS members. He said that already the Opposition members insulted the Speaker and they were continuing to do the same. The members should resume their seats when Speaker speaks in the House. "They are talking about self-respect. The Telangana state is formed on self-respect. What justice they want? They insulted Dalits for walking to the farmhouse by washing with the turmeric water. It is the Dalits who should get Justice. What do you want to do with the state? We were in Opposition for 10 years but we never came into the well. This 'landlord attitude' will not work. The House should take up discussion about the 'shuddikarana' issue," said Bhatti.

The Deputy CM further said that the House cannot allow people like these (BRS MLAs) to come and have argument with the Speaker. In a democracy, you should discuss but should not attack the Speaker. "Enough of your insults. Continued on Page 5

SPEAKER 'ABUSE' AND 'SHUDDHIKARAN' ...

CM Revanth orders thorough probe

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- Alleges 'conspiracy' to disrupt Assembly proceedings
- Hyd Joint Commissioner to probe 'untouchability' incidents since Sept 6

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday announced a comprehensive inquiry into a series of incidents involving alleged verbal abuse of Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, acts of untouchability, harassment of women, and attacks on personnel on duty.

Addressing the Legislative Assembly, Revanth Reddy alleged that the incidents were part of a 'conspiracy' hatched at the Erravalli farmhouse of former CM KCR to disrupt Assembly proceedings. He said the government would take action against both those who allegedly planned the incidents and those who executed them. Continued on Page 5

Union Cabinet okays ₹20,804-crore railway projects across 9 states

Aimed to add 1,196 km to existing rail network

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved eight railway multitracking projects with a combined estimated cost of Rs 20,804 crore across nine states. The projects will add around 1,196 km to the existing Indian Railways network and are targeted for completion by 2029-30. The capacity expansion is expected to ease congestion, improve train movement and strengthen operational efficiency and service reliability on key passenger and freight corridors.

Together, the projects will cover 31 districts and improve rail connectivity to around 6,911 villages with a combined population of nearly 1.08 crore. Continued on Page 5

Ghatkesar-Kazipet multitracking project gets Centre's nod

PROJECT TO EASE CONGESTION, IMPROVE TRAIN OPERATIONS

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HYDERABAD: In a major boost to the railway infrastructure in the Telangana state, the Union Cabinet approved a 110-km multitracking project between Ghatkesar in Secunderabad division and Kazipet. The project is part of a five-project package approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday at an estimated total cost of Rs 10,021 crore. Cont'd on Page 5

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju at a meeting with the representatives of the Employees JAC in Hyderabad on Wednesday

Govt-staff JAC talks fructify; stir move dropped

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PRC, RELEASE OF PENDING DAs ASSURED

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THE talks between the Telangana government and the Employees' Joint Action Committee (JAC) fructified on Wednesday, with the government taking some major decisions concerning implementation of new PRC, release of pending DAs, and consideration of the demand for the cancellation of the Contributory Pension scheme (CPC) by a panel.

Consequently, the JAC called off the proposed strike from Thursday.

State Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju instructed the head of the second Pay Revision Commission (PRC) N Sivashankar to complete the report on new pay scales expeditiously and submit the same to the government. In another big announcement, the government said that a committee would be constituted to study the demand for the cancellation of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and called a meeting with the leaders of employees' unions to discuss the release of pending DAs and other bills. Employees JAC Chairman V Lachi Reddy said that the Chief Secretary assured that steps would be taken to ensure the submission of the PRC report to the government by September 18. Cont'd on Page 5

India, US trade pact to be signed soon: Commerce Secy

NEW DELHI: The India-US trade pact is "more or less" finalised, with the two sides discussing only a few remaining issues, and the agreement will be signed at an appropriate time, Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarawal said on Wednesday. Agarawal said a trade agreement must provide a certain degree of preferential market access to both sides. "My minister (Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal) on record has multiple times indicated that the deal has more or less been finalised. Continued on Page 5

ED raids K'taka minister

DKS accuses Centre of targeting Congress

Belagavi

A few weeks after multiple raids conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on the properties of Joint Commissioner of Excise Y Manjunath, who is the brother in law of PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, the ED conducted searches at around 18 premises linked to the minister, including his residence in Bengaluru's Dollars Colony, government quarters and properties in Belagavi and Gokak, as part of an investigation into alleged irregularities in the issuance of bar licences and various other issues.

PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi

The searches, which began early in the morning on Wednesday, were also carried out at premises linked to his daughter and Chikkodi MP Priyanka Jarkiholi and other family-linked locations and properties. Locations in Maharashtra were also covered as part of the operation, according to sources close to Jarkiholi.

The ED action is reportedly linked to its ongoing probe into alleged corruption in the Karnataka Excise Department, including irregularities surrounding the issuance of 18 bar licences and suspected movement of illicit funds. Continued on Page 5

Iran captures US sub after attack on 5 oil tankers

TEHRAN: The Iranian navy has claimed to have captured one of the US military's "most modern, smart" unmanned submarines at the entrance of the Strait of Hormuz. In a statement published by Sepah News, the official news outlet of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the navy said it captured the unmanned underwater vehicle -- identified as a Dive-LD -- in a complex intelligence operation. Continued on Page 5

EXTRA 'F' IN CNR RAO'S NAME TRIGGERS SIR NOTICE

EC now says will visit Bharat Ratna's house for verification

Bengaluru

ELECTION Commission of India (ECI) officials will visit 92-year-old Bharat Ratna awardee and eminent scientist CNR Rao's Bengaluru residence for verification after backlash over the notice issued to him as part of the Karnataka electoral roll Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

Rao was asked to appear at an SIR hearing centre to address a discrepancy in how his name was recorded during the enumeration process. "... Rao does not have to appear before the election officials at the designated centre. Officials will visit his home and conduct the necessary verification there," said an ECI official, who did not want to be named.

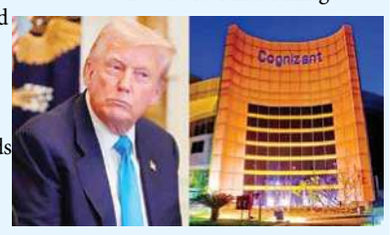
The notice listed the reason as "self-name mismatch." Continued on Page 5

Cognizant's green card filings suspended

IT industry may face tougher scrutiny

Washington

THE US has suspended permanent labour certification filings (PERM) by Chennai-founded IT services company Cognizant and software firm Cloudera, as the Trump administration steps up its crackdown on alleged fraud and misuse of employment visa programmes.



The move could have implications for foreign workers seeking US employment-based Green Cards through Cognizant, including Indian technology professionals. The US Department of Labour has not disclosed the specific allegations against either company. Authorities have not publicly given details about the specific allegations against Cognizant or Cloudera, nor said how many PERM applications are affected or how long the suspension will last.

US Department of Labour Inspector General Anthony D'Esposito announced the suspension of the companies' PERM filings, saying, "Threats to American workers will NOT be tolerated."

D'Esposito said the investigation into the two companies was conducted in coordination with the White House Fraud Task Force and other officials.

Referring to Cognizant, he said its PERM filings had been suspended and that the Department of Labour's Office of Inspector General was investigating. In another statement, D'Esposito said authorities were following "facts, fraud and finances".

The development comes after the Trump administration launched a major investigation in July into alleged fraud involving the H-1B and PERM employment programmes.

'AI could kill us all by end of decade'

ANTHROPIC RESEARCHER QUITS, ISSUES DIRE WARNING

Washington

AN Anthropic researcher has resigned from the company citing fears that AI labs are building systems that could kill human life in just a few years. Jacob Coxon said in an X post on Wednesday morning that he is quitting Anthropic — as he had previously quit OpenAI — because these AI companies are gambling with lives in their rush to improve superintelligence.

"I resigned from Anthropic today. I spent the last three years doing pretraining research at both OpenAI and Anthropic. Neither company is acting responsibly," Coxon said. "They are racing straight to self-improving superintelligence and gambling with our lives."

Coxon warned against underestimating the power of AI systems — predicting that they would soon be able to "hack anything, revolutionize any field overnight, and acquire real power and resources". He went so far as to say that these superintelligent AI systems could end humanity in the space of just a few years, and the people building them are aware of this. "The people building AI earnestly believe that it could kill us all by the end of the decade," the 27-year-old former Anthropic researcher warned. He claimed to have first-hand knowledge of senior AI researchers who are worried about artificial intelligence killing humanity, writing: "This is not a marketing stunt. If anything, many executives and senior researchers will couch their phrasing in the press to sound sensible - but I hear the same people express fear privately." "No other human activity poses this level of danger," Coxon added.

Jacob Coxon

The 27-year-old researcher said that Anthropic is well aware of the stakes, but wants to be the first to build an uncontrollable, self-improving AI system. Continued on Page 5