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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 VIP 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 VIP 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.

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## RUCKUS IN ASSEMBLY

# 22 BRS MLAs suspended

### KTR, Harish among legislators suspended for remainder of session

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IN all, 22 Bharat Rashttra Samithi legislators, including party working president KT Rama Rao, BRS 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 Adhuri 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



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

in but they were sent back by the Government Chief Whip Adi Srinivas.

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 'shuddhikarana' 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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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,

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

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**



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 Com-

mission (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



PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi

into alleged irregularities in the issuance of bar licences and various other issues.

The searches, which began early in the morning on Wednesday, were also carried out at premises linked

to his daughter and Chikodi 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**

## 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 Cloud-era, 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 Cloud-era, nor said how many PERM applications are affected or how long the suspension will last.

US Department of Labour Inspector General Anthony D'Esposito an-

nounced 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 QUILTS, 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



Jacob Coxon

to "hack anything, revolutionize any field overnight, and acquire real power and

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.

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**