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WINDOWS

ECI recognises Vijay-led TVK as state party

Reserves 'whistle' symbol

CHENNAI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has recognised Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) as a state party in Tamil Nadu and reserved the 'whistle' as its election symbol. The recognition comes after the party's performance in the Assembly election, winning 108 of the 234 seats in the State. This marks a significant milestone for the actor-turned-politician Vijay-led TVK party. In a communication dated September 9, the ECI said it had reviewed TVK's performance in the 2026 Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Assembly elections and found that the party had fulfilled the conditions prescribed under Para 6A of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968. Accordingly, the Commission granted TVK recognition as a state party in Tamil Nadu as well as in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

25 killed after fire breaks out on cargo ship in China port

BEIJING: At least 25 people were killed and five were missing after a cargo ship caught fire while docked in a Chinese port, Chinese state media reported on Thursday. The vessel was undergoing repairs at Beihai Shipbuilding Co. at the port of Qingdao, a major shipping hub on China's northeastern coast, when the fire broke out. China's Xinhua news agency released a photograph identifying the ship as the Ocean Melody. The vessel sails under a Liberian flag, according to the tracking website VesselFinder. There were 42 people aboard the ship when the incident occurred, Xinhua reported. Twelve people were safely evacuated, while five others suffered injuries and were taken to hospital. Their condition was reported to be stable.

I use vulgar language, roast everyone and abuse frequently. I don't know why Gen Z still can't connect with me

'PERFORM OR PERISH'

CM TELLS CONG MLAs ASPIRING FOR 2ND TERM

- Wants full attendance in House
- Asks them to raise local issues

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy has made it clear to Congress MLAs that only the performance of every legislator will determine the success of the party and therefore their own conduct will influence the chances of their winning a second term in the next elections. The Chief Minister instructed all MLAs to attend the ongoing Assembly session and raise local issues in the House.

The Chief Minister presided over the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting here on Thursday, with Ministers, government whips and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president in tow.

Asking all the party MLAs to attend the ongoing Assembly session regularly, CM Revanth Reddy advised them to raise local issues in the House and work hard to succeed politically in the future as well

He told the legislators that people gave a big mandate in the last elections; so, everyone has to work hard to succeed politically in the future as well. Revanth Reddy commended the legislators for strongly countering the Opposition's conspiracy and exposing their "plot" against the government to the public. An inquiry into the incidents that took place has already been initiated. The opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi had "conspired" to disrupt the Assembly session, he reiterated. Even after losing power, BRS leaders had refused to shed their arrogance. The opposition leaders abused police officials and public representatives verbally. They behaved inappropriately towards officials and caused embarrassment by taking off their T-shirts in the presence of female officers. The use of highly objectionable language to abuse the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly was uncalled for. The BRS also insulted the Dalit community by "purifying" the ground where Dalits had walked at KCR's farmhouse.

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'Sexual assault' cases against KTR, Harish Rao

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HYDERABAD: After Bharat Rashtra Samithi legislators' September 7th scuffle with cops while protesting at the Legislative Assembly's main gate during the start of the monsoon session, the Saifabad Police have registered cases against BRS MLAs T Harish Rao, K T Rama Rao and others for allegedly abusing a woman constable posted at the premises. The police stated in the FIR that the complainant was afraid of threatening the accused persons. But due to viral video clippings and photos of assault over her, she was offended and decided to lodge a complaint. Continued on Page 7

2-DAY BRICS SUMMIT BEGINS TOMORROW

India pushes Global South priorities amid trade tensions

NEW DELHI

IN a strategic balancing act triggered by escalating global trade tensions, India is leveraging the two-day BRICS Summit starting Saturday to position the grouping as a complementary engine for economic growth while championing the Global South's core developmental priorities — most notably safeguarding food, energy and supply chain security.

With New Delhi putting

the finishing touches to the summit, China has confirmed President Xi Jinping's attendance, marking his first trip to India after a seven-year gap.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Russian President Vladimir Putin, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and his Indonesian counterpart Prabowo Subianto are among the top leaders attending the crucial meet in the national capital.

India is steering the BRICS grouping as a vital complementary platform to champion the Global South's core developmental priorities, top Indian officials said on Thursday.

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S-400, BrahMos on table at Modi-Putin meet

NEW DELHI: The next phase of S-400 deliveries and the next phase of BrahMos development will both be on the table when Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Russian President Vladimir Putin in New Delhi on Friday, ahead of the BRICS Summit on September 12-13. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov has confirmed that Russia would fulfil its commitments. "Russia is capable of fulfilling its obligations, and they will be fulfilled. This issue is being mentioned during the conversations of our two leaders," he said. Continued on Page 7

IT'S CERTAIN: Xi to visit India for BRICS Summit

NEW DELHI: Chinese President Xi Jinping will be visiting India over this weekend to attend the 18th BRICS summit in New Delhi, the government has confirmed, effectively ending days of heavy diplomatic suspense."At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Republic of India Narendra Modi, President Xi Jinping will attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi from September 12 to 13," China's foreign ministry statement read. Earlier in the day, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jia-kun refused to provide any confirmation on Xi's visit to New Delhi.

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TG PR Act amended

GPs get quick access to funds

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THE Telangana Assembly on Thursday amended the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 allowing the gram panchayats in the state to have separate bank accounts so that they can utilise the funds whenever they are needed. Under sub-section (3) of section 70 of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 (Telangana Act No. 5 of 2018), all moneys received by the gram panchayat are required to be lodged in the nearest government treasury. The proviso to that sub-section permits amounts received under central or state government schemes to be lodged in nearby nationalised banks, co-operative banks or post offices in such manner as may be prescribed.

The government had received representations seeking permission to deposit the gram panchayat general fund in nearby nationalised banks, co-operative banks or post offices, in addition to amounts received under centrally- or state-sponsored schemes.

Panchayat Raj Minister

Dhanasri Anasuya (Seethakka) said that it had been brought to their notice that delays in processing payments through the treasury system impede timely payment of salaries to gram panchayat staff and the timely discharge of other obligations. She said that while the Municipalities Act prescribes separate schedule commercial bank, there is no such provision in the Panchayat Raj.

The Minister said that it was decided to substitute sub-section (3) of section 70 of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 so as to provide that all moneys and funds received by a gram panchayat, including amounts received under the schemes of the central government or the state government from time to time, should be deposited in a nearby nationalised bank, co-operative bank or post office in such manner as may be prescribed. Continued on Page 7

Court frames charges against Lalu, family under PMLA act

NEW DELHI: The Special MP-MLA Court on Thursday directed to frame money laundering Charges against LARA Projects, Rabri Devi, Tejaswi, Lalu Prasad Yadav, PC Gupta, Sarala Gupta, Sujata Hotels and Vijay Kochar and Vinay Kochar for the money laundering offences. This alleged money laundering case is linked to the irregularities in the IRCTC hotel tender scam case registered by the CBI. The court also said that the Investigation against Lalu Prasad Yadav was not politically motivated. Continued on Page 7

SEC'BAD-KAZIPET MULTI-TRACKING RAIL PROJECT

Kishan, Laxman see fillip to TG economic development

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RAJYA Sabha member and a member of the Railway Standing Committee Dr K Laxman has called the approval of the Secunderabad (Ghatkesar)-Kazipet Railway Multi-Tracking Project "another historic decision by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government for the development of Telangana".

The decision was taken in the meeting of the Union Cabinet

Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by PM Modi on Wednesday. Dr Laxman, while welcoming the announcement, said that the Union Government had approved eight railway multi-tracking projects across the country with an investment of Rs. 20,804 crore. Continued on Page 7

BANK STRIKE TODAY

- Friday: Unions strike
- Saturday: 2nd Saturday
- Sunday: Gen holiday
- Monday: Ganesh Chaturthi

NEW DELHI

BANK unions will go ahead with their planned nationwide strike on Friday, after talks with the government over key demands, including service conditions, failed to break the deadlock.

The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) has said it will not defer the strike unless there is a favourable decision or a definite timeline on its principal demand for a five-day banking week. It may noted here that banks are closed on the second Saturday (September 12), followed by Sunday (September 13) and Monday (September 14: Ganesh Chaturthi) in some states. Continued on Page 7

'Get off our roads, Mr Singh'

US HOMELAND SECURITY POSTER SPARKS OUTRAGE

WASHINGTON

A social media campaign by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has caused outrage after an AI-generated poster appeared to single out Indian truck drivers as part of the Trump administration's push encouraging undocumented migrants to leave the country.

The graphic, shared by the official DHS account on X, is designed like a movie poster and is titled Transformers: Age of Deportations. It shows an AI-generated robot carrying a DHS

badge facing a brown-bearded man wearing a head covering.

Across the centre of the image is the message: 'America for Americans. Get off our roads; you don't know how to drive, Mr Singh.' The post also tells undocumented commercial drivers to 'self-deport or find out' and includes a federal hotline through which people can report what DHS describes as 'illegal aliens on American roads'. The reference to 'Mr Singh' has drawn particular criticism from Sikh and Indian American organisations. Continued on Page 7

RECYCLED WATER FOR INDUSTRIES

Telangana govt to make Musi money-spinner

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THE cash-strapped Telangana government, looking for avenues to boost revenues, proposes to make the Musi river, presently under phased rejuvenation, a money-spinner.

For context, the state government has launched the Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Ltd to clean the 55-kilometer urban stretch, build sewage treatment plants, and transform the corridor into a sustainable public space.

Right now, the government is focusing on creating a commercial demand for recycled water (grey water) from the Musi Rejuvenation Project. As the first phase of the Musi project, already grounded, is scheduled to completed by 2027; the available water from the STPs along the Musi river would be on sale for commercial needs.

In view of mushrooming data centers and industrial estates at the Bharat Future City and in the PURE

region, the government would start selling water to meet industrial needs. It is estimated that 1,900 MLD of recycled water from the STPs in the Musi project would be produced every day. Since data centres required huge water for cooling and other purposes, officials said: "Arrangements are being made to cater to their needs once the Musi – phase one project is completed next year."

Presently, the establishment of data centres with 800 megawatts capacity are in various stages of completion. Each megawatt capacity requires around 15 million litres of water a year. The government estimates that 210 crore litres would be required every year to keep the existing and upcoming data centres in and around Hyderabad cool. "IT is impossible to meet the requirement of huge amounts of water to keep the systems at data centers cool round the clock with the available water resources in the state.

The available water in Musi during monsoon season would be enough to meet the requirements of data centres and other industrial needs. A separate water supply network needs to be developed for all data centers. Water stock points should also be created around the data centers in the summer.

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