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Netanyahu invites Modi to light I-Day torch

TEL AVIV: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday said he has Prime Minister Narendra Modi to light a torch alongside Indian pilot Smit Machchar on Israel's Independence Day. In a post on X, Netanyahu said PM Modi thanked him for the invitation and described India and Israel as jointly fighting terrorism "on land and in the air". Netanyahu added that Modi had also commended the strong, decades-old ties between the two countries.

Sonia Gandhi unveils first copies of her memoir

NEW DELHI: The first copies of 'Belonging: A Journey of Love', Sonia Gandhi's memoir, are here. The 79-year-old was, of course, the first recipient of the much-awaited book, which is set for worldwide release on November 10. "You are carrying a very heavy weight," Sonia Gandhi told her publishers as they arrived with a few hardback copies.

Revanth pitches Rahul for PM

- CM seeks people's support to LoP for the empowerment of 'Bahujans'
- Cabinet panel to study Mudiraj community inclusion in BC-A group

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TELANGANA Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has warned that the next General Election is crucial for the country and people's full support to Rahul Gandhi is the need of the hour. Participating in the Pandaga Sayanna Mudiraj birth anniversary celebrations in Hyderabad on Thursday, the Chief Minister called upon people to stand in support of Rahul Gandhi at the present crucial juncture. The Chief Minister expressed his confidence that the majority of 'Bahujans' across the coun-



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at the birth anniversary celebrations of Telangana folk hero Pandaga Sayanna Mudiraj in Hyderabad on Thursday

try would be empowered should Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi become Prime Minister of the country. Stating that the People's

Government was according top priority to the political empowerment of all BC communities, Revanth Reddy announced that a Cabinet Sub Committee would be constituted to study the inclusion of the Mudiraj community in BC-A category. Due to lack of accurate data, the Mudiraj community could not be reclassified from the 'BC-D' category to 'BC-A', he said. "We will discuss this issue in the next Cabinet meeting and form a Cabinet Sub-Committee to conduct a comprehensive study on this issue," he observed.

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POLITICAL CHURN

Modi, Shah to visit TG

K CHANDRASHEKAR

HYDERABAD: The Bharatiya Janata Party, buoyed by its triumph in West Bengal, has sharpened its focus on Telangana now; for, the saffron party's senior leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, are slated to visit the state in the next two months. Their visit is likely to induce political churn in the state. According to party leaders, Amit Shah is expected to visit the state in November to attend a polling booth convention. The Union Home Minister was initially slated to visit Telangana during this month. Party leaders said that



Shah's visit would focus on strengthening the BJP in the state. He is likely to address a meeting of the polling booth committees of the party from Hyderabad, Rangareddy, and Mahbubnagar, coinciding with elections to the Graduate MLC seats in the state. He is expected to provide guidance to party workers as well local leaders regarding the upcoming elections and firm up strategies to bolster the party.

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Indian among 3 killed in Houthi attacks on Saudi airport, oilfield

DUBAI: An Indian national among 3 people were killed and many others were injured in two separate attacks on an airport and an oilfield in Saudi Arabia, officials said on Thursday. The attacks took place on Wednesday amid a series of drone and missile strikes on airports, energy facilities and other key infrastructure in Saudi Arabia. Falling debris from the successful interception of a drone targeting a processing facility at Saudi Aramco's Shaybah oil field killed two people and injured two others, the Kingdom's Energy Ministry said.

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