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Terror attack on CRPF checkpost in J&K's Kulgam

SRINAGAR: Two heavily armed terrorists emerged from a dense cluster of trees and opened fire at a Central Reserve Police Force post in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday, injuring three CRPF personnel, one of them critically, officials said. The two men disappeared into the forested area after the attack that took place around 2.15 pm near Mir Bazar, about 75 km from Srinagar and just a kilometre from the strategic Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, they said. Initial reports suggested that the terrorists came on a motorcycle. However, ground verification during joint search operations by the Army and security agencies established that no two-wheeler was involved.

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Mother Dairy, Amul hike milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre

NEW DELHI: Leading dairy companies Amul and Mother Dairy have hiked milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre, effective Thursday, due to higher input costs, including higher farmer procurement rates and increased fuel expenses. Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) and Mother Dairy, leading milk suppliers, last increased retail milk prices in May this year. Last month, Karnataka's popular dairy brand Nandini raised prices of its products. Full report *P8*

Dhankhar indisposed



NEW DELHI: Former vice president Jagdeep Dhankhar was admitted to AIIMS here on Wednesday after he fell unconscious during his morning walk, sources said. Details about his health condition were not immediately available. AIIMS authorities have not issued any statement so far. The 75-year-old former Rajya Sabha chairman has been admitted to the hospital's cardio-neuro centre and is currently under the care of the department of cardiology for medical evaluation and treatment, the sources said.

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TG to replace Intermediate system with 10+2 structure

New system: Primary (nursery to 4th grade), secondary (5th to 8th) & senior secondary (9th to 12th)

Patan Afzal Babu
Hyderabad

ON the lines of the system adopted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the Telangana government is all set to introduce at the school level classes up to 12th grade (continuous 10+2) by scrapping Intermediate from the next academic year

Under the new education system, the class structure consists of primary education (nursery to 4th grade), secondary education (5th to 8th grade), and senior secondary education (9th to 12th grade).

"The main objective of the new system is that students should be groomed to attain command of language and communication skills by the time they complete the 12th grade. After the 12th grade, students should get the opportunity to choose subjects of their interest and become experts in those fields," Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said, while declaring the launch of the new education system in the state .



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at a review meeting on the Education Department with senior officials in Hyderabad on Wednesday. Government Advisor K Keshava Rao and Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju are present

At a review of the Education Department here on Wednesday, Revanth Reddy ordered the officials to make all necessary arrangements to implement the 10 + 2 education system on the lines of CBSE, effective next year. The officials briefed the Chief Minister on the readiness of the department to introduce the new education system from nursery to intermediate. The Chief Minister expressed his concern over increasing dropouts among students after 10th class, mostly girls, as well as children from Dalit, tribal, and minority communities. The dropout rates are significantly lower in institutions like Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, which offer continuous education up to the 12th grade.

The Chief Minister instructed the officials to study the new system, which is in place in 18 states across the country. Assuring that the employment and retirement benefits of lecturers and non-teaching staff in junior colleges would remain unaffected, the Chief Minister issued specific instructions to the officials that welfare hostels or residential schools should stop functioning in rented buildings and take necessary action to construct hostels and residential schools equipped with full-fledged facilities. The funds required for these constructions would be released, the Chief Minister said. Toilets should also be built in all schools, hostels, and residential schools, he said, while assuring that they would be provided with an adequate water supply.

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Cabinet nod for ₹62,370-cr Rabi fertiliser subsidy

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New Delhi

- Rs 5,000-crore credit guarantee fund cleared for MUDRA
- Rs 3,230-crore approved for Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum

THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a Rs 62,370-crore fertiliser subsidy for the rabi season, alongside a Rs 5,000-crore credit guarantee fund under the MUDRA Yojana and a Rs 3,230-crore project to develop the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum in New Delhi.

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the decisions following the Cabinet meeting, outlining measures covering agriculture, credit access and cultural infrastructure.

The Cabinet approved Rs 62,370 crore towards fertiliser subsidies for the rabi season, which runs from October to March.

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BJP MLAs, MPs have become 'ashta grahalu': KTR

K Chandrashekar
Nirmal/Hyderabad

MAINTAINING that both the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party were same, Bharat Rashtra Samithi working president and former minister KT Rama Rao remarked on Wednesday that the eight BJP MLAs and MPs have become 'ashta grahalu' for the state.

For context, astrologers consider an eight-planet conjunction as leading to an intense and transformative event. Depending on the zodiacal sign and the specific planets involved, it is believed to trigger major shifts in personal fortunes, leadership, and global events.



Addressing Rythu Garjana Sabha at Nirmal, Rama Rao lashed out at both the Congress and the BJP on various issues. The BRS leader questioned whether there was a place for Telangana in the heart of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The drought teams visited Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, but not Telangana.

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Revanth says BRS will join hands with BJP

Patan Afzal Babu
Hyderabad

TELANGANA Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has claimed that the opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi would join hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party and become a political ally to the saffron party in New Delhi after the next elections.

Participating in 'National Education Day' and 'Minority Welfare Day' celebrations on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said that the Congress party had the strength to take on the BJP. "The 'car' (BRS party symbol) that starts from the streets of Telangana will turn into a 'lotus' (BJP symbol) the moment it reaches Delhi," he observed. The Chief Minister criticised



the BJP for stalling the minority reservation in education and jobs. He claimed that the Congress government was providing four per cent reservation for minorities. The BJP announced at a public meeting in Chevella that it would abolish minority reservations.

"We challenged the BJP to abolish the reservation in Gujarat first. The Congress empowered the poor and the minorities with the right to vote. The BJP is trying to disenfranchise them," the Chief Minister charged.

Stating that the government had accorded top priority to the welfare of minorities, the Chief Minister said that the Metro Rail works were being taken up expeditiously in the Old City, which is called as Orginal City, and the Musi Rejuvenation Project would revive the Old City's glory. The Chief Minister highlighted the importance of creating a night economy along the Musi river. Revanth Reddy warned that that jobs in software engineering were on the decline under the impact of AI technology.

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Hijack threat grounds Kolkata-Mumbai flight

Kolkata

A Mumbai-bound Air India flight was grounded in Kolkata on Wednesday before it could take off, after the pilot informed the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower about a hijack threat received on a paper slip. Subsequently, all passengers were de-boarded, and the aircraft was taken to an isolation bay, the sources added.

A thorough inspection of the aircraft was being carried out by the security authorities. The threat note was found in the lavatory. Following the discovery, the flight crew alerted the ATC about it. The flight was scheduled to depart at 10.20 am, an airport official said, confirming the incident.

The note said that the plane would be hijacked at



11.10 am, Vikram Singh, the director of Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, said.

Earlier, on October 23, an IndiGo flight scheduled to operate from Delhi to Chennai received a bomb threat before take-off, prompting the aircraft to return to the bay at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) in the national capital.

The threat was later declared a hoax by authorities after the airline completed the required Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

Stolen Olympic gold of hockey star recovered

New Delhi



EIGHT sporting medals, including a 1980 Moscow Olympic gold medal, stolen last month from the residence of former hockey player MM Somaya in east Bengaluru's New Thippasandra, have been recovered, the city police said on Wednesday, announcing the arrest of two suspects. Police have identified the two suspects as Manikya alias Manikanta, 31, and Bharat, 25. Police arrested them near Hagalahalli Cross in Ramanagara on Monday and produced them before a court on Tuesday. They have been remanded in police custody for eight days. Somaya thanked the police for recovering the medals and other belongings. "I feel like I have won the medals all over again," he said. A third person, their accomplice, is still on the run, police said. Investigators have also retrieved a traditional Kodava dagger, a camera, an Olympic kit bag and seized the two-wheeler allegedly used in the burglary.

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Rahul Gandhi to visit US for fireside chats at Columbia varsity



NEW DELHI: Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, will travel to the US next week for two fireside chats, or informal conversations featuring a moderator and a guest in front of an audience, at Columbia University on November 17 and in Chicago on November 18. Continued on Page 7

Murmu's bodyguard shot over firecracker dispute



Saurabh Tomar

NEW DELHI: A dispute over bursting firecrackers on Diwali night turned violent in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat district, leaving a 26-year-old Army jawan serving with the elite President's Bodyguard critically injured after being shot in the head. The soldier, identified as Saurabh Tomar, is currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Meerut. Baghpat police said they received information about the firing around 10 pm on Sunday.

During the preliminary inquiry, police learnt that Saurabh was bursting firecrackers on the road along with his family when two neighbours, brothers Dheeraj and Monu, objected to it and got into an argument with Saurabh's brother, Vineet, 28.

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Bhatti terms Bharat Summit as global platform; likens it to Davos

Hyderabad

DEPUTY Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said the Bharat Summit in Hyderabad would gradually emerge as a major global platform for discussions on political, social and economic development, similar to how the Davos Summit has become synonymous with business and economic affairs.

Addressing a press conference at HICC on Wednesday, along with IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, former External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid, Congress Working Committee member Gurdeep Singh Sabbal, TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud and MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, he said the second edition of the Bharat Summit would be held on November 13 and 14 under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

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AI TO ACHIEVE MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH?

Anthropic CEO claims cancer will be history in 10 years

Medical experts dismiss these timelines as complete bullshit

Washington

"CANCER, Alzheimer's, heart disease, mental illness, these will be relics of the past in, I think, less than a decade," Claude maker Anthropic's CEO Dario Amodei said.

These are not obscure medical conditions, they affect millions of families, and some of them remain among medicine's toughest challenges till date.

"I think if we do this right, we can create an age of miracles where humanity is able to solve problems that have eluded us for millennia," Amodei said.

Amodei sees AI as a technology capable of dramatically accelerating biological research, drug discovery and medical breakthroughs.

Amodei isn't alone. His promise is echoed by other AI leaders including Elon Musk and Google's AI boss Demis Hassabis. Hassabis has suggested AI could



compress a decade of drug discovery into weeks, potentially bringing about the "end of disease" or curing all diseases within a decade.

Hassabis has pointed to breakthroughs like AlphaFold-which mapped over 200 million protein structures-as proof that AI can radically accelerate biological research. While AlphaFold is a genuine scientific achievement, it is not proof that AI can produce cures for cancer, Alzheimer's or other complex diseases within a decade. Musk has claimed that all of humanity will have access to the best medical care at the same level that the President of The United States gets thanks to AI advancements. But there's a catch. The people who actually develop medicines aren't necessarily buying this timeline. Jeff Leiden, executive chairman of Vertex Pharmaceuticals has dismissed these timelines as "complete BS," noting that Vertex tested roughly 50 AI companies to comb through 10,000 drug compounds and not a single one generated a working drug on its own.

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