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India bombs terror pads 12cr to cast vote today

After unprovoked firing, army kills many terrorists in PoK

PAWAN BALI | DC
NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

In a strong counter-attack, the Indian army killed at least six Pakistani soldiers and destroyed four terror launch pads along the line of control, opposite the Tangdhar sector, on early Sunday morning through heavy targeted artillery shelling.

The Indian army action was in retaliation to the Pakistan army's gross violation of the ceasefire on Saturday night to push terrorists into Indian soil, in which two Indian army soldiers and one civilian were killed in the Tangdhar sector of Kupwara district in the Kashmir valley.

"According to reports, which we have received, there has been heavy damage to the Pakistani army and terrorists who were there in terror camps. At least six to ten Pakistani soldiers have died and a similar number of terrorists have also been killed," said General Bipin Rawat, chief of the Indian army.

He said that unconfirmed reports suggest that the casualties to terrorists could be much higher. "There is a kind of radio silence on the other side. We are not even able to pick up any mobile communication from across," he said. The army chief further said that at least three terrorist camps were completely destroyed and a fourth terrorist camp heavily damaged. "It was decided that we target terror camps across. We had the coordinates of these camps," he said.

He said that in the last one month, there have been repeated attempts to infiltrate terrorists in different sectors. "We have been able to destroy four to five terrorist camps. Each such camp has around 10 to 15 terrorists in them. It is difficult right now to give exact figures of how many terrorists have been killed," a senior army official said. He said that the number of Pakistani soldiers who have been injured is much higher.

■ Page 7: One killed in Pak shelling on Indian side



A resident stands in front of his damage house a day after cross border shelling in Jora, a village of Neelum valley in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on Sunday. — AFP

Only ones happy with 370 move are JeI, separatists

ANAND K. SAHAY | DC
SRINAGAR/BARAMULLA
/SHOPIAN, OCT. 20

Perhaps the only set of people in the Kashmir Valley pleased with the Narendra Modi government's revocation of autonomy are the adherents of the Jamaat-e-Islami, an influential religio-political outfit which believes in merging with Pakistan, which is now expected to command greater attention than before.

Otherwise the reaction in the valley can be summed up by a disgusted journalist in the north Kashmir town of Baramulla: "We are back at 1947." Identities have been kept secret to avoid dire consequences and now they are asking is whether the choice made by them in 1947 needs to be re-visited. "It has been an illusion," they say.

With Sheikh Abdullah marshalling popular opinion, in 1947 the Kashmiris put their faith in secular India rather than Islamic Pakistan, although the lat-

TROUBLE IN PARADISE - 1

ter continued to attract the allegiance of a small section since then. With the rubbishing of Article 370, this section has now come alive. The speech of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan at the UN last month elicits nothing but praise. A young woman lawyer said, "The Pakistan PM spoke about the crisis that hit us after August 5 - the jailing of thousands, the communications blackout. He is the only one who spoke about us. Modi, on the other hand, spoke about *shauchalya* (toilets) at the UN! He could have talked about peace but didn't."

A north Kashmir villager who gets by as an electrician said: "Imran Khan has his own interests. We understand that. The people of Kashmir have never been with Pakistan. The show of Pakistan flags in protest rallies, unless the Jamaatis are

involved, is only to cock a snook at New Delhi. But now we realise that India is not a friend. The trust of 70 years is gone. What was the need for all this? We have been made fools. God knows what the future holds."

Mr. Khan's speech has appealed even to those who did not hide their pro-India sentiment in a conflict zone. This lot seems to have swung to the side of *azadi*, a word with wide connotations, the most common being freedom from military searches and pervasive military presence that hits day-to-day life and wounds the dignity of people.

Crudely etched in Urdu on the side of a wooden table in a lawyer's small office in Shopian in south Kashmir, the valley's most disturbed district, where a killing took place hours after I departed, is the lament *Ghulam Kashmir* (Kashmir enslaved), encapsulating feelings in the wake of August 5.

(To be concluded)

Drug-resistant TB high in India, 5 lakh deaths a year

Telangana has 10% of nationwide TB cases

KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

The incidences of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, already a high in India by global standards, is increasing, as over five lakh new cases are identified each year. Inadequate and incomplete treatment of tuberculosis is the main reason for the increasing incidences of drug resistance. Experts say that to control multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDRT) double the efforts are required to control TB.

The controlling of MDRT is a challenge as its treatment plan requires a heavy dose of drugs and medicines for 24 months. It also requires intervention from specialists of the kidney, brain and digestive tracks, besides a lung specialist, which increases the cost of the treatment and requires frequent trips to the hospital. The lapses in treatment

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during the first stage of TB are due to stigma, lack of financial resources or knowledge of the disease in the general public.

Experts say that TB patients take medicines for three months, during which time cough and body pains subside. But the complete treatment course is of nine months to kill the bacteria in the body, which several patients ignore. This half-treatment regime leads to the re-emergence of the disease. The re-emergence is deadly and proves fatal in many cases. There were

five lakh TB deaths recorded in India by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2018.

A vicious cycle of TB, MDRT and HIV infection has also been noted in significant numbers by medical practitioners. These combinations are elongating the treatment period, besides making them expensive and increasing fatality rates.

Dr Mehboob Khan, superintendent, Chest Hospital, said, "There are more inpatients of MDRT now than there used to be five years ago in the hospital. Nearly 40 per cent of in-patients belong to this category. Telangana has 50,000 new cases of MDRT TB every year."

The ground reality is that 80 per cent of patients do not understand the concept of having to complete the TB treatment course.

■ Page 5: Many patients don't get family support

Maha, Haryana vote Assembly, TS watches Huzurnagar

DC CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI, OCT. 20

Nationalist Congress Party leader Dhananjay Munde was booked late on Saturday night for allegedly making obscene comments about his estranged cousin and political rival Pankaja Munde at a public meeting. They are locked in a fierce contest for the Parli Assembly seat in Beed district.

The cousin vs cousin battle came on the eve of the Maharashtra and Haryana elections and bypolls to 51 Assembly seats, including Huzurnagar seat in Telangana, and two LS constituencies spread across 18 states, which will involve about 12 crore voters.

The Maharashtra State Commission for Women on Sunday took suo motu cognisance of Mr Dhananjay Munde's alleged actions and its chairperson, Ms Vijaya Rahatkar the remarks, prima facie, seemed objectionable.

■ Page 7: FIR filed against LoP in Council

LITMUS TEST



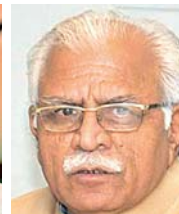
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NCP supremo Sharad Pawar

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Haryana CM M.L. Khattar

EC OBSERVER TO OVERSEE POLLS IN ASSANDH

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

The Election Commission on Sunday appointed former deputy poll panel chief Vinod Zutshi as the Special Observer for the elections in Assandh constituency in Haryana after a video went viral in social media.

In the video, the BJP candidate from Assandh, Mr Bakshish Singh Virk, was seen threatening voters that they will know easily who has voted for them and who has not through the EVMs. "Wherever you may vote, it will register with flower (BJP symbol). Whichever button you may press, the vote will go only to BJP. We have fitted a chip in the EVMs".

■ Page 7: Confusion on EC notice to BJP candidate

Poll officer confines Uttam to his house

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

State Congress president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has been confined to his house in Huzurnagar by the returning officer of the assembly segment in view of polling on Monday.

The action was taken in response to complaints from a TRS leader that Mr Reddy, an outsider to the

constituency area, was staying within the assembly segment, which is not permissible under the Election Code of Conduct, which stipulates that all outsiders leave the constituency before commencement of polling, which is slated to begin at 7 am on Monday.

■ Page 6: Mild tension prevailed at Uttam's house

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Star: Punarvasu till 5.27 pm
Varjyam: 5.37 am to 7.12 am (Tuesday)
Durmuhurtam: 12.24 pm to 1.10 pm and 2.42 pm to 3.28 pm
Rahukalam: 7.30 am to 9 am
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Zohar: 12.01 pm
Asar: 3.22 pm
Maghrib: 5.51 pm
Isha: 7.04 pm
SUNSET TODAY 5.51 PM
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.11 AM
MOONRISE TOMORROW 11.05 PM
MOONSET TODAY 11.39 AM

Patients visiting No. 10 CGHS dispensary at Vikaspuri Colony are facing a problem in travelling to the unit. At the entry, the road is encroached by a structure on the right side and vehicles are parked haphazardly. — Name withheld

ROADS CONTINUE TO BE A NIGHTMARE

Road in tatters, accidents increase in Kavadiyuda

My issue is regarding rainwater and dump on the road, which is leading to many accidents, especially for bike riders. I have complained to the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board and the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation via their respective apps but no action has been taken so far. This is a busy road located at Padmashali Colony, Road no 20.

— Mohammed Imroz Kavadiyuda

Streetlights in Janakpuri not working

The streetlights on our avenue in Janakpuri, Secunderabad, are not functioning since a month. The SCB conveniently dispensed with the complainant register, so we now have only a phone number to call. But no one answers this number. If at that they do, they say they will come someday or give another phone number. This is going on for a month.

Same is case of roadside sweepers who keep sweeping outside VIP homes and offices three times a day but don't even come to colonies even once a month. The SCB, which collects property tax promptly and water tax for whole year in advance, should show same efficiency in other civic matters.

— Ms Sunil Kumar Janakpuri



Viral fevers spreading in Chintal Basti

I am a resident of Chintal Basti, Khairathabad. Since its pictures depict the situation of our area from past two months eloquently, I will spare words. The photo is of a spot situated besides the government degree college. Despite calling and complaining to the GHMC many times, no response or action from them. No one has visited or area to either understanding our sufferings, or help prevent or stop further spread of dengue and viral fevers here. Requesting authorities to look into the matter and take necessary steps.

— Haridhar Kadaram Chintal Basti, Khairatabad



Road in dangerous state

The road from Hotel Sohail Malakpet to Nalgonda crossroads is in a very dangerous situation. It has several big potholes and across its length is comprised of uneven surface, especially the stretch opposite Suprabhat Tiffins. Many accidents have happened here due to slippery and bad quality concrete. A new road was laid just before the rainy season, which disappeared after the first big rain. There are bus stops, colleges, shops, petrol pumps, all of which are facing untold difficulties, especially when it rains. The state of the road near the signal is worse. Requesting the GHMC authorities to look into this issue.

— Md Wasif Qader Azampura

Stray dogs at Moosarambagh Metro

The Moosarambagh Metro Rail station has become a resting place for stray dogs. When we try to enter the station from the staircase or escalators, they stand at the entry and create unnecessary fear among commuters. There is no security guard available at the spot. I request the authorities concerned of the Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited to take necessary action in this regard and post a security guard at the Moosarambagh Metro Station and other stations to safeguard commuters and give fearless travelling experience. We request the GHMC to clear the strays problem.

— Syed Nissar, Malakpet



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Complete FoB across Pragathi Bhavan soon

Work on the foot overbridge (FoB) for pedestrians to cross the busy road safely, which is being constructed across the road between Lifestyle building and the Chief Minister's camp-office (Pragathi Bhavan) in Begumpet, is going at a very tardy pace. This road witnesses heavy traffic flow the entire day. The situation is worse during peak traffic times — office hours — endangering the lives of those attempting to cross the road. I request the authorities concerned to ensure work is completed at the earliest.

— Thatikonda Rahul, Begumpet

Whitefield Road 'underwater' for months



This road is part of a single and only internal lane of Whitefield Roads, Kondapur, which connects a busy road from HiTech City Cyber City going to Kothaguda X-roads to the Botanical Gardens road leading to Ring Road. It is close to Google, Facebook, Oracle, TechM offices, and has a mega lord Rama temple at one corner. This road becomes a swimming pool during rains. For last few months, this is how traffic has been in this part of the city.

The GHMC has not undertaken work, repairs, or helped with flushing out the water during these rainy months at all, despite several complaints. Shame on GHMC for ignoring us so badly and being indifferent to our plight. Worse, with schools opening tomorrow, you can imagine the chaos and the risk and troubles kids and parents will have to face.

— Syeda Sara Gachibowli



Drainage overflowing daily

We are suffering from drainage overflows on the street at the New Neredmet village area. We people are experiencing the worst smells throughout the day, and it is posing a serious health hazard for all residents. Request GHMC authorities to take action against this problem.

— M. Divaker New Neredmet

Road dug up, no restoration for nearly three months

The GHMC authorities dug a cement concrete (CC) road in our area three months ago for laying new drainage lines. After completion of the work, they left the dug up road without restoring it back. They ignored our requests to lay either cover it up with CC or any other material at Srinivas Nagar colony, near Vertex Lake View Villas, Nizampet Road of Hydernagar division in Kukatpally circle. We have registered several complaints with the GHMC but no action is being initiated by them.

— Mahipal Reddy Kolan Srinivasnagar Colony, Hydernagar



Rainwater, dump yard at Padmashali Colony Road no. 20

Here is a picture to capture the plight of our colony. Can the GHMC please help?

— Mohammed Imroz Padmashali Colony



Tree waste not picked up

The tree waste was dumped here after some branches were cut two weeks ago (Sunday, Oct. 6). Since then, no one has come to pick it up. This tree waste dump is causing inconvenience to residents and commuters in the colony. No GHMC official has responded even though we have complained several times.

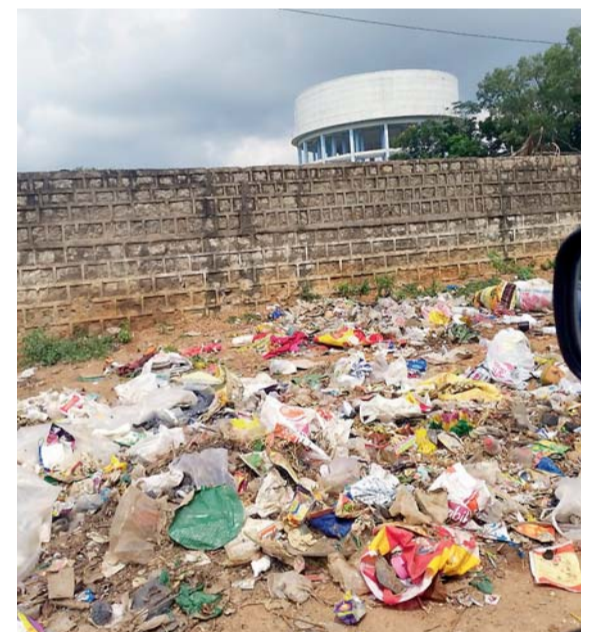
— Vellore Sahil



Ali Nagar has no civic amenities

The Alinagar Qhuba Colony, under Maheswaram Assembly segment, lacks basic amenities such as sewage lines and drinking water supply. We are untouched by such progress as LED street lights, or three-phase power supply. Hand pumps have not been installed in the area for water supply, causing immense difficulties to residents. Requesting concerned GHMC authorities to provide people here with at least most basic of amenities.

— Abdul Aleem Hafeez Baba Nagar



Yaprall ward 18 drowns in garbage

This might be a very hyper local complaint about ward no. 18, Yaprall, but we, the disgruntled citizens, might be speaking for everyone in the city. Hyderabad seems to be under siege — an RTC bus strike, cab strike, incessant rains, roads have drowned in overflowing and stagnant rainwater, roads filled with craters and mega potholes, overflowing sewage, garbage dumps, mosquito breeding grounds, and a health crisis. As the pictures here show of Yaprall, supposedly a premium residential cantonment in Secunderabad, there is no civic infrastructure any more, only battered remnants, and shreds of amenities. GHMC authorities don't seem to be bothered or care for the people — citizens or tax payers — anymore. The commissioner does not even care of reply. Despite numerous complaints to GHMC and engineering department about bad roads and garbage dumps on their app, and directly, no response. Roads are destroying our vehicles, garbage emanates unbearable stench and stray animals have taken over colonies.

— Alankritha Mandadi Disgruntled resident of Patels Green Park, Yaprall

Garbage dump at Pension Pura, Langar Houz

Due to irregular clearance of garbage at the Pension Pura, Langar Houz, bad smell spreads through the air. Due to the unhygienic conditions, residents face a tough time and in risk of more health problems. We appeal to GHMC authorities to take note and clear garbage bins regularly.

— Dastagir Nawaaz Pension Pura, Langar Houz

Installed CCTV not working

There are several CCTV cameras installed at places across the city, including near and in residential areas to improve security through surveillance. But it doubtful if any follow-up action is being done regularly by the respective police stations. A fortnight ago, I sent three emails to the Tukaram Gate police station with a photo of a CCTV camera facing downwards, clicking mother earth, but I have not received any response.

This should have been corrected, ideally, without even a complaint if these were monitored regularly and the camera was working. Police must ensure all CCTV cameras within their jurisdiction are working properly, which will help increase confidence of residents. I hope the higher authorities will direct the SHO s in this regard.

— Chandrasekhar Teachers Colony, East Marredpally



Evict hawkers at Lalapet flyover

We, citizens and residents, request the Hyderabad traffic police to immediately evict the hawkers at the Lalapet flyover. There is a heavy traffic and frequent jams here due to the closure of the flyover on one side. The presence of hawkers makes commuting further difficult. Please help.

— Sabesan Krishnamurthy Janapriya Heavens, Lalapet



GHMC FORCED TO ACT



DC, you helped us. Thanks!



We, the residents of the MJ Colony, Moula Ali, are very thankful to Speak Out column in Deccan Chronicle for publishing our complaints regarding civic issues in our area (Monday, October 14 - MJ Colony has roads to hell).



MJ Colony has roads to hell

Within few hours of its publishing, the local GHMC authorities took immediate action and the garbage was cleared. Without DC, it would not have been possible. We also urge the GHMC to do needful regarding catching stray dogs and laying road in dug up areas. Thank you, DC. — S.I. Husaaini, MJ Colony, Moula Ali

Thanks, Deccan Chronicle

The two pictures below showcase the contrasting state of affairs in our colony, with a happy ending to this episode for the residents of Lingampally, street number 9, Narayanguda. After our complaint was published in SpeakOut in DC, regarding wrong parking resulting in traffic jams and urination by public, it led to immediate action. Thank you DC, and the Hyderabad traffic police. Sincerely hope the status will be maintained. — Rajeev Deshmukh

Tourists see dirty Charminar area

It is unfortunate that the GHMC is neglecting the Charminar area. Garbage is not cleared at Mitti-Ka-Sher Kamaan and rainwater is stagnating there. Hundreds of foreign tourists visit the Charminar and have to withstand the stench from the garbage pile. I request the area MLA and the GHMC to ensure the place is cleaned immediately. — Om Vishal Raj Kachiguda

Irregular garbage mop up

As a resident of Harithavanam Colony, ward no 1 Bachupally, I would like to draw the attention of the Nizampet municipal commissioner to the huge garbage dump that gets created in our locality once the weekly market closes. Municipal employees ignore cleaning up afterwards or putting a system of cleaning the dump. The locality is neglected and treated badly by the authorities, despite several complaints. There is always a pile of garbage uncleared and unattended to for many days. From rotten waste materials emanates bad smells, making people of nearby area suffer. Requesting municipal officers to fix issue permanently and ease sufferings of residents. — Kamala Menon Cochran 72, Parkview Enclave



Potholed roads of Saipuri Colony in Malkajgiri

The main entrances of MS Junior College and SS Function Hall are always filled with either drainage water or rainwater, and this whether it rains or not. The drainage duct adjacent to the entrance is overflowing constantly, every day, creating traffic disturbance and foul smell in the premises. Traffic is impossible at peak hours, especially college timings, where tens of autos and vehicles reach at the same time. We request the GHMC to repair the spots. — Abu Mustafa, Malakpet — Uday Kiran Kankipati Saipuri Colony, Malkajgiri

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Big honour P. Chokka Rao from Nalgonda district elected secretary of the All India Confederation of The Blind

In five years, Warangal will look better than Hyderabad Errabelli Dayakar Rao Panchayat raj minister

SHORT TAKES AGRI UNIV V-C DAMODAR NAIDU ARRESTED

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 20 Vice-Chancellor Vallabhaneni Damodar Naidu of the Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University was arrested here on Sunday in the case under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and was remanded for 15 days by a local court.

RAINS START FILLING DAMS IN TIRUMALA DC CORRESPONDENT TIRUPATI, OCT. 20

Following the recent rainfall, dams in Tirumala have shown progress in water levels. The current water levels in dams including Kalyani Dam at Tirupati will suffice to cater to the water needs for the next 295 days.

Couple held for blackmailing priest

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T. | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 20 The Moinabad police on Sunday arrested a former air hostess and her husband for blackmailing and threatening a priest and attempting to extort money from him ostensibly to bolster their struggling business.

TS ranks 3rd in cyber security attacks Malware samples were detected in 18 states

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 20 Telangana state now has the dubious distinction of being the third most vulnerable state for new and upcoming malware attacks created to infiltrate and steal information from ATM and other card data, with a high concentration of that vulnerability in Hyderabad.

The study of malware samples were detected in 18 states in India, where 24 per cent were found in Maharashtra, followed by Karnataka (18.5 per cent) and Telangana state (12 per cent).

Safety first The prison authorities have banned entry of motorists without helmet inside the central prison in Chanchalguda.

Drunken man kills Army jawan at birthday party

ANUDEEP CEREMILLA | DC WARANGAL, OCT. 20 A 29-year-old army soldier, Hanmakonda Prem Kumar, was killed after he got involved in a fight during a friend's birthday party at Narsampet in Warangal Rural district on Saturday night.

THREE HELD FOR REVENGE KILLING OF AUTO DRIVER

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 20 The police arrested three persons hours after they allegedly murdered an autorickshaw driver in Punjagutta to avenge a previous killing that occurred on July 28. Among the accused is the son of the victim of the July murder.

SARPANCH SANGAM CHIEF MEETS LAXMAN

Hyderabad: Telangana Rashtra Panchayati Sarpanch Sangam president, Soudani Bhumanna Yadav, along with other members of the organization went to the BJP office and met state president of the party, Dr K. Laxman, MLC Ramchander Rao and other leaders on Sunday.



అంత్యక్రియలు కీ.శే. ఎర్దుల విజయలక్ష్మిగారు మా తాతగారికి కీ.శే. ఎర్దుల విజయలక్ష్మిగారు 20-10-2019 ఆదివారం స్వస్థపడారు.

OBITUARY DOMINICA MARIA KUMAR D/o Tony and Hazel Francis Husband: Ravinder Kumar Son, Daughter, Daughter-in-law and Loved Ones.

17th MEMORIAM Your valuable guidance, is proving correct, we dedicate ourselves and promise to follow them in true spirit.

Pedestrian, biker killed in mishaps

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 20 A pedestrian and a two-wheeler rider were killed in separate road accidents at Uppal and Narsingi on Saturday night.

OBITUARY A good name is better than precious ointment and the day of death than the day of birth.

IN MEMORIAM PUSHPAVATI MEHAN SANTOSH WADHERA

FOUR HELD, 1.5 KG GOLD SEIZED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 20 Three international passengers and a person who flew into Hyderabad from Mumbai were arrested in separate cases for smuggling gold into the country over the weekend.

BATHULA PRABHUDAS DOB: 13.3.1965 DOD: 20.10.2019 Funeral Service will be held at Narayanaguda on 21.10.2019 at 2:30 pm

10th DAY CEREMONY R.S.KASI VISWESWARAN

OBITUARY "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God." Wis. 3:1

THEO PRAZER DOB: 23.07.1958 DOD: 18.10.2019

సానుకారికి ఎందరో దేవులు నాకు మాత్రం నాన్నగారి దేవుడు

23rd ANNIVERSARY OF "My soul finds rest in God alone." Ps 62:1

Late MADDELA ELIAS S/o Late Maddela Ratnam Called to glory on 26.10.1996

Deeply mourn a lot both Mother & Sister. Daughter joins Parents

R.P. RICHARD DOB: 16.09.1964 DOD: 20.10.2019

OBITUARY I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

12th Day Ceremony Sri. MNN Sarma (Natraj) IRSE(Retd)

10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Sri S. SURESH Date of Birth: 11th June 1945 Date of Death: 21st Oct 2009

9th ANNIVERSARY

PRIYANKA RAMCHANDANI Do. Namrula & Shivam Ram Chandani



Helping hand

AICC secretary V. Hanumantha Rao hands over ₹50,000 to family of RTC employee Surender Goud, who committed suicide last week



RTC staff strike is legal. It is the government that is behaving arrogantly

— Dr. K. Laxman
TS BJP chief

BRIEF

Pipe at Metro station falls

Hyderabad: A plastic pipe fell from atop the Hyderabad Metro Rail station near Peddamma temple at Jubilee Hills check post. Fortunately, there was no one at the spot. "The pipe was roughly two metres in length. When it fell down, it rolled to the side of the footpath. There were no injuries reported. Even the traffic flowed smoothly," said Jubilee Hills inspector K. Balakrishna Reddy.

Headless body floats from boat

Kakinada: Some progress was reported on Sunday in the efforts to pull out the boat that capsized in the Godavari in East Godavari district. Ten divers arrived from Visakhapatnam to assist the team in pulling out the boat. Two divers went to the boat that is lying at a depth of 50 feet and cast ropes. Meanwhile, a headless body was found floating on the water near the boat



Why can't the EC change the poll timing... evening 6 pm to till the wee hours!

For peace and harmony



Monks pray at the Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara on the occasion of Kathina Civara Dana (robe offering) ceremony, at Mahendra Hills, Secunderabad, on Sunday. — S. SURENDER REDDY

Kokapet land auction in fresh legal tangle

Some persons claim land ownership, file plea in HC

MADDEY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

A fresh impediment has come up for the proposed auction of land at Kokapet by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority. It was expected that the auction of the land would raise about ₹1,200 which the government would use to pay for infrastructure projects. Waiting for funds from the sale of Kokapet land are the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy lift irrigation scheme (PRLIS) in Mahabubnagar district, as stated by Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu in August, and city infrastructure projects. The latest hurdle is in the form of two petitions filed in the High Court by private persons claiming ownership of the land.

Interestingly, the government secured control of the land after years of litigation. The state government had transferred the land parcel to the HMDA in 2006 and gave it permission to auction it and raise funds. Initially, 168 acres were put up for auction which fetched ₹1,775 crore. Afterwards, a few individuals challenged the ownership. A division bench of the High Court ruled in favour of the HMDA. This order was challenged in the Supreme Court. In 2017, the HMDA secured a verdict in its favour. Just as the HMDA was getting set to auction the land, some persons filed writ petitions (WP No 222431 of 2019 and WP 22499) in the High Court challenging the alleged

"arbitrary and illegal action" of the HMDA in auctioning the land. The petitioners claimed that HMDA was illegally attempting to auction the land in Survey No. 239 and 240 of Kokapet village. In the petitions, the petitioners stated they are lawful owners of 151 acres and 35 guntas in the same survey numbers. The petitioners claimed that they were the absolute owners and possessors of the land for more than 50 years and had purchased it vide registered sale deeds bearing numbers 756, 872, 873, 927, 929, 953, 1920 and 1922 of 1967. The petitioners also claimed that government records like the muntakab and gazette notification of 1950 and 1955 show the land parcels as private.

The writs came up for hearing on October 15 and after arguments by counsel for the petitioner and standing counsel of the HMDA, the court passed an interim order directing both parties to maintain status quo. A senior HMDA official on condition of anonymity told Deccan Chronicle that the petitioner had filed three petitions and the High Court did not admit one of them. He said that the HMDA had presented eight judgments given by the Supreme Court. The official did not disclose details of the two petitions and said they had no legal grounds. Meanwhile, the HMDA has decided to mop ₹5,000 crore by auctioning about 200 acres of land in Kokapet.

Hyderabad Triathlon to have something for all

Event to test your endurance on Nov. 10

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

Fitness enthusiasts and lovers of sport events in the city can rejoice. The Hyderabad Triathlon is back for its tenth edition and will be held on November 10. The triathlon is one of the sporting world's toughest disciplines. It tests a person's endurance, speed, skill and strength at three events back-to-back – swimming, running and cycling. As an event, the Hyderabad Triathlon is not limited to professional athletes, extreme sports lovers and experts – and organisers say they have tailored the event with several legs, in which even little children can take part. Participants have a myriad challenges to choose from. The smallest triathlon challenge is dubbed mini (one km run, four kms cycling, 50 metres swim); the novice challenge comes next (two kms run, 8 kms cycling, 300 metres swim). The organisers of the event emphasize how these two challenges can be taken up by almost anyone. Those looking for a meatier challenge can opt for the

■ THE EVENT is not limited to professional athletes, extreme sports lovers and experts. Organisers say they have tailored the event with several legs, in which even little children can take part in. ■ THE ORGANISERS expect at least 1,200 participants and 3,000 spectators on the race day. As many as 400 volunteers are expected to work as support staff along the race route. There would be aid stations along the running and cycling routes.

kms run, eight kms cycling) challenges are, according to the organisers, the simplest of the entire event. "The whole family can take part in the Dualathlon mini and novice challenges," they say. For those who do not wish to ride a bicycle, the event also has Aquathlon challenges with only swimming and running. The timings of participants will be measured electronically, with no need for human intervention, using RFID chips in their race bibs. The organisers expect at least 1,200 participants and 3,000 spectators on the race day. As many as 400 volunteers are expected to work as support staff along the race route. There would be aid stations along the running and cycling routes where participants can get medical attention, if needed. Based on the challenge, the event venues allotted to participants would either be the GMC Balayogi Stadium in Gachibowli or the ICFAI Business School in Shankarapally. Participants can register at www.hyderabad-triathlon.com or call 99599-77897 for more details.

MANY PATIENTS DON'T GET FAMILY SUPPORT

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The other problem observed in big numbers is that TB patients do not get enough cooperation and support from family members. There is often worry about loss of pay if the patients do not report to work. Due to these factors, nutritional and medication regimes are compromised. These compromised patients, who have taken only half-treatment, are not only at a high risk of a relapse but also become an unquarantined health hazard, as each uncured TB patient out in the open can spread the disease to nearly another thousand people, experts argue.

Dr C Vijay Kumar, senior pulmonologist, Apollo Hospitals, said, "Following a good cough etiquette is important to control the spread of the disease. This is such a simple yet effective preventive measure. The spread of TB is very high in high-density zones of cities, since most of our metro cities are over-crowded." India contributes to 27 per cent of TB cases worldwide. To eradicate TB globally, controlling its spread in India is very important and the stated target is to eradicate it by 2025. Experts, however, concede that it is a herculean task for India, despite a robust surveillance and control programme.

RAIN LASHES CITY, IMD ISSUES HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

Sudden showers in the city caught people unawares on Sunday afternoon. The showers that lashed the city were intermittent but intense. Following the sudden downpour, the Indian

Meteorological Department (IMD), issued a heavy rainfall warning in isolated places in the state for the next three days. In its warning it said "Heavy rain and thunderstorm accompanied with lightning very likely to occur at isolated places over Telangana."

No green Diwali for Hyderabad this year

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

Firecracker sales are on the upswing in the city, but no one is selling 'green firecrackers' as they are not going to make it to the city for Diwali. The green firecrackers are only for New Delhi, said traders as there is high level of pollution in the capital. The guidelines for manufacturing green firecrackers were given on October 5 this year and manufacturing the fireworks as per the new standards would take a few more months. There are only 1,000 manufacturers who have been given the formula. The remaining have not been given as the Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research has applied for a patent.

"The crackers that were produced in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu, as per the new norms are moving to the northern part of the country. Since it is already facing problems due to heavy air pollution, the demand for these kinds of crackers is higher over there," Manik Rao, a member of the Telangana fire crackers dealers' association, told Deccan Chronicle. Green firecrackers are made of chemicals that result in lesser pollutants upon combustion and also produce comparatively lesser fumes. While traders were unaware of these norms until January this year, the lack of supplies this year will make way for a eardrum-obliterating, noxious gas-filled Diwali for Hyderabad.



Customers at a firecracker shop in Hyderabad on Sunday. — P. SURENDRA

The norms laid down by the ministry of health and family welfare earlier this month state that for immediate relief, the CSIR-NEERI developed improvements in conventional formulations based on barium

nitrate meet the stipulated norms of green crackers. The implementation of these formulations is subject to the approval of Supreme Court of India. CSIR-NEERI has also developed new formulations for reduced emission light and sound-emitting crackers with 30 per cent reduction in particulate matter. These crackers would be marked with a Quick Read code, which they can scan using a smart phone, to check their pollutant levels. "Whatever the science, the people who make the crackers are unaware of these chemicals. They have been making crackers using the conventional method for decades. So, now, it is very unlikely that we will see green crackers being made on a large scale."

AP man finishes 4K km Pacific Crest Trail in US

K. KALYAN KRISHNA KUMAR | DC VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 20

A techie from Vijayawada has completed the gruelling 4,270-km Pacific Crest Trail, from Mexico-US border to the Canada-US border in British Columbia. Karthikeya Nadendla, 29, who hails from Suryaraoapet in Vijayawada, and has been living in Victoria, Canada, for the last seven years, completed the hike in 152 days. Karthikeya, son of a retired income-tax auditor Nadendla Srinivasa Rao and his wife Janaki, is only the second Indian to complete the trail Kittu Kollipara. He works as a business analyst at a Canadian firm. He began the hike on April 30, 2019 from Campo in California on the Mexican border and reached the finish in Canada on September 20. To



Karthikeya Nadendla.

prepare for the Trail, he had trained briefly in wilderness first aid. The world's second longest hike cost him \$8,500 (₹6 lakh) and he paid for it himself. This Pacific Crest Trail ranges in elevation from sea level at the Oregon-Washington border to about 13,000 feet (4,009 m) in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Provide financial support to Hyd Pharma City, KTR urges Centre

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

Industries minister K.T. Rama Rao on Sunday requested the Centre to provide financial assistance to the Hyderabad Pharma City (HPC). The minister has written letters to Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Dharmendra Pradhan, telling them that the Centre has already recognised Hyderabad Pharma City as a project of 'national importance' and has accorded in-principle approval to it as a national investment and manufacturing zone. Mr Rama Rao requested the Centre to provide grant-in-aid of ₹1,318 crore for implementation of external infrastruc-

■ THE MINISTER requested the central government to provide grant-in-aid of ₹1,318 crore for implementation of external infrastructure linkages and ₹2,100 crore for the project towards Phase-1 internal infrastructure development.

ture linkages and ₹2,100 crore for the project towards Phase-1 internal infrastructure development. He brought to the ministers' notice that the project has been integrated as a priority node of the proposed Hyderabad-Warangal industrial corridor project

and a feasibility study for this has also been completed following the National Industrial Corridor Development & Implementation Trust (NICDIT) guidelines. The minister explained that the project will be a first-of-its-kind featuring state-of-the-art infrastructure, common facilities including zero liquid discharge (ZLD) based common effluent treatment plant (CETP), integrated solid waste management facility, district heating & cooling systems, logistic parks, global pharma university, regulatory facilitation cells, common drug development & testing laboratories, startup/SME hub etc. Mr Rama Rao said that

environmental clearance has already been accorded by the Union ministry for environment and forests, and the state government has already assigned a special purpose vehicle in the name of Hyderabad Pharma City Limited and the implementation of Phase-1 has been initiated. "You will be pleased to note that the project has received an overwhelming response from both domestic and global companies to setup manufacturing units," Mr Rama Rao wrote and mentioned that the overall investment potential of the project is estimated to be around ₹64,000 crore and will generate 5.6 lakh jobs.

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2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (a) KPTCL (b) APTRANSCO (c) KSEB (d) TNEB (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEDCL (h) APSPDCL (i) APCPDCL (j) APNPDC (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) CESC (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (q) Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd (r) TANTRANSCO.

3. Tariff details:

Name of the Asset	Petition-1 Assets as mentioned above				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Approved Capital cost (₹ in Lakhs)	27652.50				
Authority which has approved Capital Cost	Board of Directors of POWERGRID				
Schedule DCOO (FR)	26.08.2014				
DCOO (Actual)	30.03.2019				
Estimated Completion Cost (₹ in Lakhs)	47769.83				
Tariff for year 2014-19 (₹ in Lacs)					
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	-	-	-	-	44.47

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at www.powergridindia.com

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application to be filed by any person, including the beneficiary, before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd and 4th Floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi-110001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its Corporate Office, "Saudamini", Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurugram, Haryana - 122 001 within 30 days of publication of this notice.

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