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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 terror-ists 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 communica-

tion 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



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.

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 exat the UN last month elicits pected 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 have talked about peace but didn't." 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 opin-ion, in 1947 the Kashmiris put their faith in secular Îndia 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

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

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 Dhanan-jay Munde's alleged actions and its chairperson, Ms Vijaya Rahatkar the remarks, prima facie, seemed objectionable.

Page 7: FIR filed against LoP in Council





Minister KCR Sharad Pawar

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

M.L. Khattar

7 am on Monday. Page 6: Mild tension prevailed at Uttam's house



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 con-stituency 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 fit-ted a chip in the EVMs".

Page 7: Confusion on EC notice to BJP candidate

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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 nothing but praise. A young swung to the side of azadi, a woman lawyer said, "The word with wide connota-Pakistan PM spoke about tions, the most common the crisis that hit us after being freedom from mili-August 5 - the jailing of thousands, the communica-tions blackout. He is the tary searches and pervasive military presence that hits day-to-day life and wounds the dignity of people. only one who spoke about us. Modi, on the other hand, Crudely etched in Urdu on spoke about *shauchalya* (toilets) at the UN! He could the side of a wooden table in a lawyer's small office in

Shopian in south Kashmir, the valley's most disturbed A north Kashmir villager district, where a killing who gets by as an electri-cian said: "Imran Khan has took place hours after departed, is the lament Ghulam Kashmir (Kashmir his own interests. We enslaved), encapsulating feelings in the wake of understand that. The people of Kashmir have never been with Pakistan. The show of August 5. Pakistan flags in protest rallies, unless the Jamaatis are

without paying extra.

(To be concluded)

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Telangana has 10% of nationwide TB cases

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

The incidences of multidigestive tracks. drug resistant tuberculosis, already a high in India by global standards, is besides a lung specialist, which increases the increasing, as over five lakh new cases are identicost of the treatment fied each year. Inadequate and requires frequent and incomplete treatment trips to the hospital of tuberculosis is the main reason for the increasing incidences of drug resisduring the first stage of TB tance. Experts say that to are due to stigma, lack of control multi-drug resisfinancial resources or tant tuberculosis (MDRT) knowledge of the disease double the efforts are required to control TB. in the general public. Experts say that TB patients take medicines The controlling of MDRT is a challenge as its treatfor three months, during ment plan requires a which time cough and heavy dose of drugs and body pains subside. But medicines for 24 months. It also requires interventhe complete treatment course is of nine months to tion from specialists of the kill the bacteria in the body, which several patients ignore. This halfkidney, brain and digestive tracks, besides a lung specialist, which increastreatment regime leads to es the cost of the treatment the re-emergence of the and requires frequent disease. The re-emergence trips to the hospital. is deadly and proves fatal The lapses in treatment in many cases. There were

five lakh TB deaths recor-IT ALSO requires interded in India by the World vention from specialists Health Organisation of the kidney, brain and (WHO) in 2018.

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

Mehboob Dr 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 At JSW Paints, we believe that being thoughtful is beautiful. And we aim to create great experiences even in the smallest things we do. That's why we present 'Any Colour One Price', which gives you the freedom to choose your favourite colour,

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Narrow roads

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 haphazdly. — Name witheld

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ROADS CONTINUE TO BE A NIGHTMARE

Road in tatters, accidents increase in Kavadiguda

increase in Kavadiguda 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 Kavadiguda

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 at 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

TI am a resident of Chintal Basti, Khairthabad. 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

Dear Readers, Deccan Chronicle is not just your favourite newspaper. It is also your voice, and a recourse. Bad roads? No water supply? Too many power cuts? Garbage dumps unattended? Sewerage blocked? Schools without teachers? Hospitals without doctors?

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the subject line

'My Issue'.



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



Drainage overflowing daily

where 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



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





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

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 Nagarcolony, 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*



against this problem

— **M. Divaker** New Neredmet



Garbage dump at Pension Pura, Langar Houz

Due to irregular clearence 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

Yapral ward 18 drowns in garbage

This might be a very hyper local complaint about ward no. 18, Yapral, but we, the disgruntled citizens, might be speaking for everyone in the city. Hyderabad seems to 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 Yapral, 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, Yapral

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



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

to face.



GHMC FORCED TO ACT



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 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

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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.

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

DC, you helped us. Thanks!



e, 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).



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 need-



ful regarding catching stray dogs and laying road in dug up areas. Thank you, DC. — **S.I. Husaaini**, MJ Colony, Moula Ali

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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— Errabelli Dayakar Rao has the dubious distinc-Panchayat raj minister tion of being the third most vulnerable state for new and upcoming SHORT TAKES malware attacks created to infiltrate and steal information from ATM

AGRI UNIV V-C DAMODAR NAIDU ARRESTED

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 20

Vice-Chancellor Vallabhaneni Damodar Naidu of the Acharya 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. The complaint was lodged by one Mr Uyyala Muralikrishna, who had been dismissed as an attender by the

university. Mr Muralikrishna of Chilakkularipeta mandal, Guntur district, was appointed attendant in 2016 and was dismissed in April 2019 allegedly

without prior intimation. On November 23, Mr Muralikrishna along with his friend Gummadi Rajesh met Vice-Chancellor and the requested that he be reappoint-ed. Later Mr Muralikrishna lodged a complaint with the Tullur police that he had been subjected to caste threats by Mr Damodar Naidu.

The case against Mr Naidu was filed on Thursday. After receiving details CCTV footage of the Secretariat, where the alleged incident took place, the police arrested Mr Naidu.

TD leader Jawahar said he was outraged that the police had filed an illegal case against Mr Naidu.

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



cent were found in Maharashtra, followed by Karnataka (18.5 per cent) and Telangana state and other card data, (12 per cent). with a high concentration of that vulnerabili-

when the ATMDtrack malware was created to The study of malware samples were detected in 18 states in India, infiltrate Indian ATMs where 24 per cent were found in Maharashtra, and steal customer card data and was first detected by anti-virus followed by Karnataka companies. Following further investigations, (18.5 per cent) and Telangana state (12 per cent). Other vulnerable researchers Kaspersky, a leading

states include West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, anti-virus company, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and found more than 180 new malware samples which had code According to cyber and security experts, which sequence similarities

high risks to Indian with the ATMDtrack, plastic money users but they were clearly emerged a year ago, not aimed at ATMs.

Other vulnerable states include detected in 18 states West Bengal,

in India, where 24 per Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, 🙈 Delhi and

> Instead, their list of functions defined them as spy tools, now known as Dtrack.

Dtrack can be used remotely as well, which means a cyber criminal wouldn't have to be in surroundings. of your They can then perform different operations, such as uploading and downloading files from these remote areas. Mr Saurabh Sharma, security senior researcher, Kaspersky,

sistently ranked among Top 10 countries in vul-Kerala. nerability maps. India still needs to continue increasing its cyberse-curity efforts. The advanced persistent threat attacks highlight the importance of enhancing our threat landscape intelligence." However, Mr Pavan Duggal, one of India's leading cybersecurity experts, said that the country's cyberlaws must be improved to cover all kinds of

seen that the number of

local threats in India

have decreased in the

last quarter, compara-

tively to a previous year. India is still con-

attacks. "The Act we have right now is archaic. It must be amended in such a manner as to put all new cyber crime threats covered under its ambit," Mr Duggal said, "Although we have said

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. Two other attackers are still at large.

Police said the victim, Mir Riyasath Ali Razvi, 41, a resident of Pratapnagar in Punjagutta, was attacked with sickles by a group of five persons when he went to a tea stall at Nagarjuna Hills on Sunday

morning. The attackers reached there in a van (AP10 P 9054), attacked Riyasath in public and escaped. Alerted by a friend, Razvi's brother, Abbas Ali, rushed to the spot and rushed him to Gandhi Hospital, where he was declared dead.

Abbas lodged a complaint with the Punjagutta police who registered a case and arrested Abdul Rahman, 40, Mohammed Azhar, 19 and Abdul Aleem, 27 from Chandrayangutta, after tracking the vehicle.

SARPANCH SANGAM CHIEF MEETS LAXMAN

Hyderabad: Telangana Rashtra Panchayati Sarpanch Sangam president, Soudani Bhumanna Yadav, along with other members of the organi-

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sation went to the BJP office and met state president of the party, Dr K. Laxman, MLC Ramchander Rao and other leaders on Sunday.



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and Loved Ones. Mass at St. Mary's Basilica at 2:00 PM For further details contact: 9177528045, 8143874473 D.B: 21.4.1913 — D.O.D. Inserted by: ndar & Shobha Mohan Rajesh & Meena Mohan. **OBITUARY**





Mrs PUSHPA VERMA W/o Late Dev Raj Verma W/O Late Dev hay verifia 4th Day Ceremony (Chautha) or October 21, (Monday) a Satyanarayan Temple, Mahendre Hills, East Marredpally from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Inserted by: Family Members **B.P. RICHARD** Phone: 07389903957, 9398569803 DOB: 16.09.1964 DOD: 20.10.2019 to Govt. Finance Dept. (Retd.) A.P. Secretariat OBITUARY Funeral Service will be held or 21.10.2019 at 11.00 a.m. at Baptis Church, Sanathnagar. Burial a Borabanda at 12.00 noon. "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God." Wis. 3:1 Inserted by: Family Members Contact: 9848409553, 9848273313 12th Day Ceremony THEO PRAZER DOB: 23.07.1958 DOD: 18.10.2019 uneral Mass: On 21.10.19 at 9.00 a.m. F.S. Church. Shantingger, M. 4 Sri, MNN Sarma S.F.S. Church, Shartinagar, N. Lallaguda. Burial at: Bhoiguda Cemetery. Inserted by: Loved Ones Mob: 9492043232 (Natraj) IRSME(Retd) DOB: 13.04.1952 DOD: 10.10.2019 (S/1920/D01086 12th day ceremony is on 21st Oct 2019 at Krupadeep Apts, 95వ జయంతి Road # 6 Trimurthi Colony నాన్నగాలికి ఎందరో దేముళ్ళ Mahindra Hills Secbad. నాకు మాత్రం నానగారే దేముడు Inserted by: Mukkamala Family మరుజన, Mobile: 9866308060/8106391936 50082!! **10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY** మ కోడుకుగా 3 పుట్టాలని 5 6 500 600 ಕ್ಷೆ పఠావేನಿ ತಮ್ಮೆ ಕೃರರಾವುಗಾರು SA De త సమర యోధుడు తామరపత గరహత జవహరర్లాల్ నెహ్రుణ 9848036040 Sri S. SURESH 23rd ANNIVERSARY OF Date of Birth: 11th June 1945 Date of Death: 21st Oct. 2009 Not a day goes by without thinking of you Inserted by: Wife & Children 9th ANNIVERSARY Late MADDELA ELIAS S/o Late Maddela Ratnam Called to glory on 26.10.1996 You shall remain in our heart forever Inserted by: Mother: Shubhamani Ratnam Children, Grand Children & Great Grand Children (S/1920/D01080 PRIYANKA RAMCHANDANI Though time is flying you live in our minds & hearts every moment We Miss You: Ramchandani's -mail: ramchandanisham@gmail.com



The prison authorities have banned entry of motorists without helmet inside the central prison in Chanchalguda. – P. SURENDRA

Drunken man kills Army jawan at birthday party

DC CORRESPONDENT

accidents at Uppal and Narsingi on Saturday



CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 20 Hyderabad unit Officials on who at the were at

Three international passengers and a person who flew MGM, felt that he be into from Mumbai were arrested in separate cases for smuggling gold into the country over the weekend. The air intelligence unit (AIU) and directorate of revenue intelligence (DRI) made the arrests at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport at Shamshabad. seized 1.5 kg of gold worth over 63 lakh. In the first instance, October 18, DRI personnel, based on specific informa-tion, intercepted a passenger arrived Shamshabad airport from Mumbai on Air India Flight AI 50. When nothing suspicious was found in his bagon a bond paper stating that gage, the passenger he owes the couple ₹1 crore. was made to undergo a full body scan where suspicious The couple then sent the Worried about his picobjects were found tures being publicised, the priest paid ₹10 lakh to the concealed in his rectum. Under the couple but they demanded supervision of docmore. That is when he went to the Moinabad police and tors, three elliptical capsules found, wrapped in Based on his complaint, black adhesive tape the police booked cases which contained against the couple under Indian Penal Code Sections 420 (cheating), 384 (punishgold in paste form. The paste weighed 832 gm and ment for extortion), 506 contained 724 gm of (punishment for criminal gold, a DRI official intimidation) and 323 (punsaid. Its value was ishment for causing hurt) pegged ₹27,87,400. The pasr/w 34 (acts done by several senger claimed his friend had given persons in furtherance of 3 common intention) and Section 25 (1) B of the Arms him the gold to be Act (possession of weapons handed over to an prohibited bore). associate in the city. Following investigations, Vijay Kumar and Kanishka The passenger was arrested. On Saturwere arrested and remandday, the air intelligence unit sleuths A toy pistol, bond papers, the customs six cellphones, a bottle of department booked artificial blood, a passport and a car were seized from cases against three passengers who had arrived in on a the couple, the police offi-

flight from Jeddah.

the victim was heading home from his work-place at Ramanthapur

Peeramcheruvu died instantly. Narsingi police have registered a





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HYDERABAD, OCT. 20 A pedestrian and a twowheeler rider were killed in separate road

Pedestrian, biker

killed in mishaps

M. Satish, a municipali-ty worker at Bandlaguda, was hit by a bike at Kaman. He suffered grievous injuries and

night D. Hussain, 46, a tailor from Boduppal was killed in Uppal when his motorcycle was hit by an unidentified vehicle. Uppal Inspector P. Venkateshwarlu

1.5 KG GOLD



Sons: Vinod Subramanyam, Ravi Ranganathar

case. 10th DAY CEREMONY





In the second accident





Tirupati will suffice to cater to the water needs for the next 295 days

While the total capacity of water storage in different dams at Tirumala is 5,047 million litres, the present reserve is 2,164 million litres. The average consumption of water in Tirumala is 14 MLD.

The demand is addressed by water sources including Papavinasanam, Aakasa Ganga, Kumaradhara and Pasupudhara and Gobarbham dams at Tirumala besides Kalyani dam at Tirupati. With the recent rains over 50 per cent of water needs have been met out. When the total capacity of all dams is 5,312 lakh gallons, the present level in all dams is 3,892 lakh gallons as of now.

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. According to police, Prem Kumar, currently posted as an SSB constable in Srinagar, came home two days ago on a short vacation. He went to meet his friends on Saturday and they all went to watch a late night film. While in the middle of the movie, he was called by a friend Chiluveru Rakesh, ask-

birthday party. Prem Kumar decided to leave the show mid-way along with another friend R. Uday and reached Vallabh Nagar. When the

two reached the party venue, there was a fight vate going on between Prem's and another friend group. The army man tried to separate the fighting men but he too came under attack. One of the attackers stabbed him in the chest with the knife used to cut the cake. Kumar was Prem rushed to a private hospital in Narsampet but after first aid, it was suggested that he be moved to MGM Hospital in Warangal. Doctors who

attended on him at

to a resort for dinner where

she reportedly offered him apple juice laced with seda-

The priest had the juice

and fell unconscious. When

he woke up, the priest told

the police, he found himself

It later transpired that the

woman had taken pictures

with him in compromising

positions, according to the

complaint. Some time later, Vijay

Kumar barged into the

room, accused the priest of

trying to get intimate with

Kanishka and threatened to

kill the priest. He bran-dished a pistol, which later

turned out to be a toy, and

took the priest's signature

the police that Dudimetla Dileep Yadav, Nagaraju and Bharath Reddy had attacked his son and killed him. The prime prime accused Dudimetla Dileep has accused been taken into custody and investigation is underway. Police said preliminary investigation suggests that Dileep was in an inebriated state when

priest away.

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cial said.

lodged a complaint.

ed to judicial custody.

shifted to Hyderabad for better treatment. But the soldier suffered severe loss of blood and died while on the way to a prihospital in Hyderabad during the early hours of Sunday. Prem Kumar's father Ramesh complained to he stabbed Prem Kumar.









Couple held for blackmailing priest

ing him to join a friend's

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 attempt-ing to extort money from him ostensibly to bolster their struggling business.

The official said that the couple, accused Manchikala Vijay Kumar, 30, and his wife Kanishka, 23, had given the pastor a spiked soft drink. When he became unconscious, they took pictures of him in compromising positions. They then tried to extort money from him by threatening him with a toy pistol. Police said Kumar owns

the V Hotel at Gachibowli. The victim, 58, preaches at churches in and around the city. Kanishka, claiming to be the owner of seven hotels in the city, approached the priest and requested him to pray for her as she was suffering from ill-health.

She pretended to take the

On October 2, the He fell unconwoman invited the scious and the next priest to a resort for morning, the priest a dinner where she found himself in a reportedly laced bathtub. The woman Apple juice with had taken pictures sedatives and made with him in comprohim consume it. mising positions.

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in a bathtub.

priest into confidence, telling him that he is of her father's age

Police said Kanishka also took him on an outing to a resort at Adibatla and to the movies. At all times, she took pictures with the priest and he did not suspect that anything was amiss.

Some days later, the police official said, Kanishka told the priest that she had got a franchise from an American fast-food restaurant for which she had bid ₹1.5 crore at an auction. She told the priest that she was running short of money and borrowed ₹10 lakh, the police official said.

She then invited the priest



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

MADDY DEEKSHITH I DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

auction of land

the sale of Kokapet land

are the Palamuru-Ranga

Reddy lift irrigation scheme (PRLIS) in

structure projects.

ture projects.

A fresh impediment has come up for the proposed igation. The state government had transferred the land at Kokapet by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority. It was expected that the parcel to the HMDA in 2006 and gave it permission to auction it and raise funds, Initially, 168 acres were put up for aucauction of the land would raise about ₹1.200 which tion which fetched ₹1,775 the government would use to pay for infrastruccrore.

Afterwards, a few indi-viduals challenged the ownership. A division bench of the High Court Waiting for funds from ruled in favour of the HMDA. This order was scheme (PRLIS) in Mahbubnagar district, as stated by Chief Minister challenged in the Supreme Court. In 2017, the HMDA secured a ver-K. Chandrasekhar Rao in dict in its favour.

August, and city infra-Just as the HMDA was getting set to auction the The latest hurdle is in land, some persons filed writ petitions (WP No 222431 of 2019 and WP the form of two petitions filed in the High Court by private persons claiming 22499) in the High Court ownership of the land. challenging the alleged

Interestingly, the govern-ment secured control of the land after years of lit-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 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 judg-

ments 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

the 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

can take part in.

THE ORGANISERS

tators on the race day.

As many as 400 volun-

teers are expected to

work as support staff

along the race route.

There would be aid sta-

tions along the running

Half-Ironman (21.1 kms run, 90 kms cycling, 1.9 kms

swim). Participants who do not own bicycles can rent

them from the organisers.

Of course, not everyone in this city might know how to

swim. Don't worry. The

organisers have an answer

for this too. Such partici-

pants can opt for the

Duathlon challenges. The

and cycling routes.

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 tailormade 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 meati-er challenge can opt for the mini (one km run, four km cycling) and novice (two

MANY PATIENTS DON'T GET FAMILY SUPPORT

From Page 1

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 medica-tion 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, senor 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 highdensity zones of cities, since most all our metro cities are over-crowded.

THE EVENT is not limkms run, eight kms cycling) challenges are, according to ited to professional aththe organisers, the simplest letes, extreme sports of the entire event. lovers and experts. Organisers say they have

take part in the Dualathon mini and novice chaltailormade the event lenges," they say. For those with several legs, in who do not wish to ride a which even little children

bicycle, the event also has Aquathlon challenges with only swimming and running. The timings of particiexpect at least 1,200 parpants will be measured ticipants and 3,000 spec-

electronically, with no need for human intervention, using RFID chips in their race bibs. The organisers expect at

'The whole family can

least 1,200 participants and 3,000 spectators onthe 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 partici-GMC Balayogi Stadium in Gachibowli or the ICFAI Business School in Shankarpally.

Participants can register at www.hyderabadtriathlon.com or call 99599-77897 for more details.

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

intermittent were but intense. sudden Following the the Indian downpour.

fall 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."

Meteorological Department

(IMD), issued a heavy rain-



No green Diwali for Hyderabad this year

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH I 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 man-

ufacturers 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.

produced in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu, as per the new Sivakasi 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

"The crackers that were

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 month state that for imme-

diate relief, the CSIR-NEERI developed improvefamily welfare earlier this ments 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 making crackers been the conventional using method for decades. So, now, it is very unlikely that we will see green crackers being made on a large

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.

MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 2019 COMPANIES ARE REQUESTED TO FILE THEIR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL RETURNS AT THE EARLIEST, WITHOUT POSTPONING IT TO THE LAST DAYS.

DURING THIS PERIOD THE CORPORATE SEVA KENDRA/HELP DESKS (PH. NO. 0124-4832500) WOULD GIVE PRIORITY TO E-FILING/ ANSWERING QUERIES OF COMPANIES FOR FILING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ANNUAL RETURNS.

KINDLY PLAN YOUR ACTIVITIES ACCORDINGLY davp 07101/11/0012/1920



NOTICE

. Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations'2014 for determination of Transmission Tariff from DOCO to 31-03-2019 for "400 kV Dharmapuri (Salem New) - Somanahalli 400 kV D/C Quad Line along with Bay Extensions at Dharmapuri (Salem New) and Somanahalli Sub-stations" under Transmission System associated with "System Strengthening in Southern Region – XIV".

. 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) APNPDCL (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) CESC (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (g) Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd (r) TANTRANSCO.

3. Tariff details:

Name of the Asset	Petition-1	
	Assets as mentioned above	
Approved Capital cost (₹ in Lakhs)	27652.50	
Authority which has approved Capital Cost	Board of Directors of POWERGRID	
Schedule DOCO (FR)	26.08.2014	
DOCO (Actual)	30.03.2019	
Estimated Completion Cost (₹ in Lakhs)	47769.83	
Tariff for year 2014-19	(₹ in Lacs	
2014-15 2015-16 20	16-17 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 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.

Place : Gurugram	Sd/-
Date : 17.10.2019	Dy. General Manager (Commercial)
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AP man finishes 4K km Pacific Crest Trail in US

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

A techie from Vijayawada has completed the gruelling 4,270km Pacific Crest Trail, from Mexico-US border to the Canada-US border in British Columbia. Karthikeya Nadendla, 29, who hails from Suryaroapet 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 trained 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 level 13,000 feet (4,009 m) in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Provide financial support to Hyd Pharma City, KTR urges Centre

scale.

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 writ-

ten letters to Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Dharmendra Pradhan, telling them that the Centre has already recog-

Hyderabad nised 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-

tion of external infra-

structure linkages and ₹2,100 crore for the project towards Phase-1 internal infra 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 proj-

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 man-agement facility, district heating & cooling systems, logistic parks, global pharma university, regulatory facilitation cells. common drug development & testing laboratories, startup/SME hub etc.

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 Phase-1 has been initiat-

ed. "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

Mr Rama Rao said that 5.6 lakh jobs.



ect and a feasibility study for this has also been completed following THE MINISTER requested the central government to provide the National Industrial Corridor Development & Implementation Trust grant-in-aid of ₹1,318 crore for implementa-(NICDIT) guidelines.



Future jobs

Harish Rao says nearly 5,000 people will get jobs due to the industrial park that will come up near Siddipet

HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

October 5.

niously," he said.

declared holidays. "Once

my daughter's classes

start, I will be asked to

pay her term fees. It is

not a small amount for

us. Come November 1, we

also need to pay the

rent," he said. One of Mr Satya-narayana's neighbours,

who is the wife of a TSRTC conductor, too

conveyed the same fears.

"We do not have a lot of

savings. My son is also

studying in college. We

said Mr

DECCAN CHRONICLE



support the fight of the RTC workers against the govern-ment till the legitimate

demands are met and the

48,000 sacked employees are

taken back. In BJP-ruled

states, the government does-

n't suppress the workers and the RTC has not been priva-

tised anywhere, unlike what

is proposed in Telangana

state," he added. Further, Mr Singh said the BJP would win the Haryana

and Maharashtra polls with

a full majority. In the next

Assembly election, the BJP

would come to power in Telangana state as well, as people are inclined towards

Prime Minister Narendra

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E-TENDER NOTICE

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E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF

THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE

S.N.: 1. Name of work with it's location

Construction of sub-structure & super

structure of major bridge No. 40 (1x45.7m at Km 42.950, 72 (1x45.7m) at Km 54.503 156 (1x45.7m) at Km 74.823, 192

(1x45.7m) at Km 87.203 and super structure of bridge no. 105 at Km 62.303

Structure of oncyge no. 108 at Km 80.383 (1x45.7) and bridge no. 168 at Km 80.383 (3x45.7) in connection with construction of Hajipur - Sagauli new BG Rail line project., S.N.: 2, Approx, cost of the work : Rs. 49,04,94,979.41, S.N.: 3, Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 26,02,500/- S.N.: 4, Date and time for accience of trader.

Date and time for closing of tender 06.11.2019 at 14.30 hrs., S.N.: 5, Websit

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complete details of tender can be seen

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I will not rest until KCR has been sent to prison

— Nagam Janardhan Reddy **Congress leader**



EYEING RS SEAT. **CHIRANJEEVI ON MOVIE DIPLOMACY**

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

Is there a secret mission behind former minister and film actor K. Chiranjeevi meeting top political leaders under the guise of his new film? Mr Chiranjeevi has met Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan and AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to invite them to watch Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy

He has sought the appoint-ment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah. On Wednesday last week, Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu watched Sye Raa at his residence along with his family members and Mr Chiranjeevi.

It is significant to note that all the leaders that Mr Chiranjeevi met or has sought an appoint-ment with are top BJP leaders and those who have good rela-tions with Mr Modi and Mr Shah. Mr Chiranjeevi did not meet Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao who is more knowledgeable in matters of literature and history than Mr Reddy. Compared to Mr Rao, Mr Reddy is seen as being closer to Mr Modi and Mr Shah.

At the same time, Mr Chiranjeevi did not seek the appointment of AICC president and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi and her son, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi. Mr Chiranjeevi was Union minister in the UPA government headed by Dr Manmohan Singh.

There are speculations that Mr Chiranjeevi wants to become a Rajya Sabha member in the nominated quota, like the film personalities Shabana Azmi, Javed Akhtar and Lata Mangeshkar.



Agitation may take sheen off Diwali for RTC workers

Many families are facing grim situations as salaries have stopped

ADITYA CHUNDURU I DC క్రంచుకుందాం ශර්. හී. බ. න "For us, there is no Diwali. I am worried about paying my son's and daughter's college Satyanarayana, a bus driver with the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC). He is one of the thousands of employees who, according to the state government, was 'self-dismissed' for not showing up to work. The employees have been on an indefinite strike since Mr Satyanarayana, his wife and two children live in a rented house in Gudimalkapur. He has worked at TSRTC's Mehdipatnam depot since 1996. "When I first saw the news that said I no longer had a job, I was shocked. I did not expect to be fired so unceremo-Pointing to his wife who was sitting beside him, he said, "She has been glued to the TV for the past two weeks. She

Agitating RTC employees distribute flowers to motorists, seeking their support to the ongoing strike, at hasn't had any food in – DEEPAK DESHPANDE Vidyanagar signal in Hyderabad on Sunday.

two days." The couple's son is a first-year intermediate student and their daugher and is very worried about money. A few of us ter is a BSc student. Both got together and counselled We keep of them have been at her. home these past couple checking on her every of weeks as most educational institutions had

few hours," she said. Some of the employees are involving their families in the protests, to drive home the point that many lives were dependent on the state govern-ment's decisions. Mr Krishna, a conductor from Sangareddy, with 31 years of service under his belt, said, "While both my children are set-tled with stable jobs, not all of my colleagues are so lucky. We have been conducting peaceful marches and vigils with the employees and fami-

have to pay ₹25,000 as his fees soon. If my husband A fear for their future doesn't get his salary till then, I will pawn my gold," she said. and resentment towards the state government Ms Nazimunisa, a conwas common in all the ductor, is in a better posi-tion than her peers. "My cases. Mr Satyanarayana said, "I was an active husband runs a business. participant of the statehood So I had the opportunity Telangana to set some money aside movement. I had put my faith in KCR. I was hop-

participating in peaceful protests." In the same period, he also saw the death of one-time colleague, Surender Goud, who had immolated himself at Karwan. Meanwhile, the strike

has also given rise to the spread of wild misinformation. Referring to viral Whatsapp mes-sages that claimed TSRTC drivers made ₹50,000 a month, an employee's wife asked, 'If the salary was so high, why would we live in rented houses? houses? Wouldn't we have bought our own home?"

Some misinformation, however, seems to be coming from the employees too. Sai. an intermediate student who had accompanied his uncle for a protest at RTC Crossroads the previous day, claimed that his uncle told him the state government would fall soon. A few bemused policemen who overheard the conversation ing for change. But this made him sit down and explained to him that it was unlikely and his uncle was exaggerating the power of the strike. While this claim might have been exaggerated, it is not untrue that many people are running out of patience. This government's days may be well and truly numbered.

JAC draws up action plan

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY I DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

The TSRTC employees unions' Joint Action Committee on Sunday announced that it would be holding a 'Sakala Janula Samme Bheri' on October 30, as part of the ongoing strike. It is expected to draw around

Leaders of the RTC JAC held a meeting with Opposition leaders at the Sundarayya Vignana Kendram on Sunday and decided on a series of programmes that would be carried out in the coming week as part of

highway blockade the strike action. JAC convener, Ashwa-Oct. 26: Protest for thama Reddy, accused the

PEOPLE REGRET VOTING TRS BACK TO POWER, SAYS ARUN SINGH

AVINASH PUJARI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

Politics

BJP general secretary Arun Singh on Sunday claimed that the people were 'embarrassed' about having elected the Telangana Rashtra the Telangana Rashtra Samiti to power, as he Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao had forgotten all his

campaign promises. Speaking to mediapersons during a visit to the city on Sunday, Mr Singh said that the people do not trust the TRS and its chief anymore. "RTC employees are dying and the state government is ignoring the issue even after the High Court intervention." "The BJP will continue to

Modi's, popularity and his initiatives, he added.

HUZURNAGAR **ALL SET TO VOTE TODAY**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

The Election Commission has made elaborate arrangements for Monday's Huzurnagar byelection. The constituency has 2,36,842 voters and 1,500 staff in 302 polling sta-tions have been deployed in the seven mandals of Huzurnagar, Chinta-lapalem, Mellacheruvu, Palakeedu, Mattampally, Neruducherla and Garidepally. Polling will be held from 7 am to 5 pm. The results will be declared on October 24. The poll material was

distributed on Sunday evening at the Huzurna-gar market yard. The bypoll was necessitated by the resignation of TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy.

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Name of work with it's location:

Supplying, fabricating,

transportation and fixing galvanized

H-beam sleepers and linking of BG

track on girder bridges with H-Beam

sleepers and track fittings on Bridge

no. 15 (10x45.7m), Br No 21

(3x45.7m) & Br No 25 (3x45.7m) as

per RDSO approved drawing in

connection with Sakari-Hasanpur

Road new railway line project.

SI.No. 2. Approx, cost of the work:

Rs. 4,13,10,794.00/- SI.No. 3.

Earnest money to be deposited:

Rs. 3,56,600.00/- SI.No. 4. Date

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PREVAILED AT UTTAM'S HOUSE

FROM PAGE 1

M. Srinivasa Reddy, general secretary, TRS, complained to the state chief electoral officer and the RO, stating that Mr Reddy had mentioned that he was a resident of Kodad town in his election affidavit for the Lok Sabha elections, and therefore, his stay in the Huzurnagar was illegal. Following the complaint, the election officer reached the Huzurnagar residence of the TPCC chief and asked him to vacate the place.

Mr Amoy Kumar, district collector, Suryapet, and returning officer of the constituency, told *Deccan Chronicle* that since he was a MP from Nalgonda and Huzurnagar was one of the Assembly segments under it, he was permitted to stay in his residence, but his moments would have to be restricted to his residence on the day of the election.

Mild tension prevailed at the residence of Uttam Kumar Reddy in Huzurnagar when the police and election officers surrounded it and asked him to leave the place. The TPCC president refused to vacate the place and told authorities that he has had the house in Huzurnagar since decades. He argued that he was living in the home, and being MP of Nalgonda Lok Sabha, he had every right to stay there.

The officials relented, and allowed him to stay on, but the RO deployed security personnel to ensure he could not move out of his house till polling ended Monday evening.

for my children's educa-tion. I will be fine for a few months even if I don't get my job back," she said. However, Ms Nazimunisa is not untouched by

the chaos around her. "The plight of some of my female colleagues is horrible. One of them recently tried to kill herself. She is a single moth-

is not the change I had in mind. This is what we get for supporting him?" He added: "In my almost 24 years of serv-

ice, I never got into trouble with the police, even during the statehood movement. In the past two weeks, I have been arrested four times for state government of attempting to suppress the movement through the police. He demanded that the government should hold talks with the workers in accordance with High Court's instructions.

meeting The attended by TJS president Prof. M. Kodand-

Salaries

Oct. 30: Sakala Janula Samme Bheri

aram, Congress leader V. Hanumantha Rao, TS TD president L. Ramana and Madiga Reservation Porata Samiti president Manda Krishna Madiga.

The calendar

Oct. 21: Protest

with families at

Oct. 22: Appeal to

temporary drivers

and conductors to

Oct. 23: RTC JAC to

call on public rep-

Oct. 24: Women

conductors' one-

day hunger strike

Oct. 25: Protests.

support strike

resentatives

bus depots

Activist seeks fee waiver for students

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

With schools and colleges re-opening on Monday, the issue occupying the minds of most RTC staff is paying the fees for the next term. Parents have to pay the term fee, transport fee and for extra-

curricular activities. A child rights activist has appealed to private schools to be considerate towards the RTC staff. The activist, Mr Achyut Rao, said, "Till this issue is resolved, the coopera-tion of private schools will be required. They must not remove the child for want of fee. On humanitarian grounds these cases must be considered.

"The appeal is to ensure that they are not further distressed. The support from society will go a long way in helping them fight the innumerable problems that they may be facing at the official social and also personal levels," he said



Left parties supporting the RTC employees' strike burn an effigy at Sundariah Vignanyana Kendram in Hyderabad on Sunday. -DC

CM orders more buses on roads from today

which reopen on Monday.

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 20

Κ. Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao on

and the Telangana State Transport Road Corporation (TSRTC) man-

agement to ensure that students do not face hardships Sunday instructed transport department officials while travelling to and from schools and colleges

Mr Rao held a review meeting with senior officers with regard to making alternative arrangements for students. An RTC offi-cial said the corporation

was operating 6,437 buses across the state and more would be deployed on Monday.

It was also decided to pay ₹1,750 per day for each private driver who volunteers

for RTC service, up from ₹1,500 at present. RTC said school authorities buses which had been borrowed for public transport had been returned to

CONG VOWS TO LAY SIEGE TO KCR RESIDENCE

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

The Congress on Sunday warned that it would besiege Pragathi Bhavan on Monday if Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao failed to resolve the RTC strike.

TPCC working president, A. Revanth Reddy, Bhongir MP Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, AICC member Daya Sagar and a few other senior leaders met at the residence of former minister, Mohammed Ali Shabbir, in Jubilee Hills and decided to lay siege to Pragathi Bhavan.

Speaking to media-persons, Mr Shabbir Ali said that the Congress had set October 19 as the deadline for the Chief Minister to resolve the RTC crisis but he appeared to be in no mood to change his adamant attitude.

He criticised the Chief Minister for openly disobeying the orders of the High Court which had asked the government to initiate talks with the employees. Mr Rao was sending out the message that he was above the law.

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schools.

Stern action

BJP's Ram Madhav says anyone who tries to create hurdles in the way of J&K's peace will be dealt with sternly



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Instead of Savarkar, Bharat Ratna should be conferred on Lindavat seer Shivakumar Swamiji

— Siddaramaiah **Congress leader**



4 KILLED OVER B'DESH HINDU MAN'S FB POST

Dhaka, Oct. 20: At least four people were killed and 50 oth-ers_injured as Bangladesh police on Sunday opened fire on hundreds of Muslims protesting against an alleged Facebook post by a Hindu man. The violence erupted in the morning after hundreds of Muslims gathered in the southwestern Bhola district, 116 kms from Dhaka, for a protest rally under the banner of Muslim Tawhidi Janata, demanding action against the Hindu man for his social media comments against Prophet Mohammed.

The Hindu man, who is in protective custody, has denied making the comment, saying his Facebook account had been hacked.

Following a complaint by him, police detained three peo-ple for allegedly hacking his Facebook account.

According to reports, village elders were holding a meeting with local authorities on Sunday to try to defuse the tensions that began on Friday after the Facebook post went viral. But the protesters started attacking security officials, prompting them to retaliate.

Four people were killed during the incident, a local police official said. The death toll is expected to rise.

RAHUL BACKS BANERJEE OVER GOYAL REMARK

New Delhi, Oct. 20: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday hit out at union minister Piyush Goyal for his remarks that Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee is "Left-leaning", saying "these bigots are blinded by hatred" and have no



Election officials walk through a damp field as they leave for their polling stations on the eve of Maharashtra polls, in Sangli on Sunday.-PTI

Maha, Haryana polls to test BJP

Byelections for 51 Assembly, two Lok Sabha seats across 18 states today

Kishor Lohiya after a

video went viral on social media, an official said. Mr Lohiya claimed that

the NCP leader allegedly

the

remarks against the BJP

minister at a public meet-ing on October 17. The

BJP had complained to

the EC and the women's

commission against the

NCP leader's remarks.

Some BJP workers also burnt his effigy.

of the Indian National Lok

Dal (INLD), is also hoping

for an improvement in its

prospects following the

Lok Sabha debacle. Voting will also be held in bypolls for 51 assembly

seats spread across 17

states. The BJP and its

allies had nearly 30 of

assembly seats,

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Mumbai/Chandigarh, Oct. 20: Polling will be held on Monday to elect Maharashtra and Haryana assemblies, with the BJP and its allies seeking to retain power in the two states on the back of the recent Lok Sabha polls victory, while the opposition is hoping to turn the tide by taking advantage of

any anti-incumbency. Bypolls will also be held for 51 Assembly seats and two Lok Sabha constituencies spread across 18 states

In Maharashtra, the 'Mahayuti' alliance of BJP, Shiv Sena and smaller parties is vying against the 'Maha-agadhi' led by the Congress and the NCP. As many as 3,237 candi-ates, including 235 dates. women, are contesting 288 seats and 96,661 polling booths are in place with 6.5 lakh staff for the vot-

FIR filed against LoP in Council Council, was filed by

From Page 1 Parli BJP president Jugal

Maharashtra State Commission for Women chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar said that action Vijaya would be taken against the NCP leader after an inquiry. The commission also tweeted in Marathi, "Dhananjay Munde's statement is shocking and indecent.

A complaint against Mr Dhananjay Munde, leader of the Opposition in the Legislative have been mobilised in

Haryana. Counting will be on October 24. In Haryana, the Congress is hoping to make a comeback follow-

The ruling BJP is locked ing a change in guard in the state, while the BJPin a contest with the Opposition Congress and the fledgling JJP for the 90 led by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, has set a target of winning 75 seats out of 90 in which

in Assam and two each in Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

The other states where bypolls will be held are Punjab (4 seats), Kerala (5 seats), Sikkim (3 seats), Rajasthan (two seats) and one seat each in **EC NOTICE TO BJP CANDIDATE** From Page 1 Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, The Election Commission Chhattisgarh, Puduch-erry, Meghalaya and has not made it clear whether it has issued any notice to Mr Virk for mak-

erry, Telangana. The exercise is coinciding with assembly elections in Haryana and Maharashtra, the first major elections after the BJP retained power in the Lok Sabha polls, winning 303 seats out of 543.

The Congress is hoping to consolidate its thin majority in Rajasthan by wresting the two seats from the BJP and its ally, RLP. The AIADMK and DMK are locked in a keen contest the Vikravandi and Nanguneri Assembly seats in Tami Nadu.

Sikkim CM, Prem Singh Former IAS officer Mr Zutshi has earlier worked Tamang, is contesting from Poklok Kamrang, is contesting as Chief Electoral Officer one of the three seats where bypolls will be held of Rajasthan and in ECI for seven years in various in the state capacitie

Hindi-speaking people attacked Murli Yadav, who was critically injured, was shifted to Assam Medical

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College and Hospital where he subsequently

injuries. Six others are reported

to have been treated in different private hospi-tals, security sources

said, while pointing out

that tension was mount-

ing in the neighbouring

region as well. The villagers had actually submitted the extor-

tion threats issued on the letterheads of Takam Mising Porin Kebang (TMPK), Laimekuri

Dhemaji, to the local police, which failed to ini-

claimed that a team of district administration

and police has been

rushed to the troubled

area to find out if any

insurgent group had instigated the mob fury. The villagers have accused the police of not

taking their pleas seri-

ously and denying protec-

tion to them. "We are looking into all

these aspects," said a sen-ior police officer, who

refused to be named

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MANOJ ANAND I DC GUWAHATI, OCT. 20

In what has created tension and panic among the Hindi-speaking people in

Upper Assam's Dibrugarh district, a mob of more than 100 people belonging to Takam Mising Porin Kebang (TMPK) attacked a village of milkmen and set 20 houses on fire.

One person was killed and six critically injured when the mob, armed with sharp weapons and sticks, unleashed terror. They fled to the nearby forest soon thereafter. Though senior district and police officers could

not be contacted, personnel from the local police station said that the inci-

dent occurred at Charkholia Ramsing sapori village of the district Saturday night.

Stating that the villagers were served extor-tion notices demanding that amounts ranging from ₹20,000 to ₹50,000 be paid to TMPK, security sources said that the village was specifically targeted because the locals expressed their inability to cough up the amounts. Police said that one

IIT nod must for tech colleges

New Delhi, Oct. 20: Engineering colleges in the country will no longer be accredited by the national board of accredi-tation (NBA) and the role will be taken over by a new company — IIT foundation for accreditation and assessment (IFAA).

The company, estab-lished recently, having IIT Madras, IIT Delhi and IIT Kharagpur as founding partners, is now looking for a CEO.

The human resource development ministry had proposed the formation of a section-8 company under the Companies Act, 2013 for the purpose of undertaking accreditation, through the partici-pation of the IITs and IIMs and a company named IFAA has been established.

rated will attempt to expedite the accreditation process, operating in a self-sustainable mode, a senior official, member of the IIT Council. said. sible for overall operation

The new body, with the support of IITs and IIMs, will expedite the accreditation process, operating in a self-sustainable mode without interference from the ministry

of the academic, administrative and financial functions of the company, developing an objective, efficient and transparent framework for assessment, to undertake the accreditation needs of colleges offering engineering and science education, the official

any invitation to extend services to the University Grants "The company incorpo-ated will attempt to expe-All India Council for Education Technical (AICTE) for undertaking accreditation activities. The company will be free from any interference The CEO will be respon- from the ministry or IITs. -PT

added. IFAA will participate in

idea what a professional is.

Goyal, at a media briefing in Pune, had described Banerjee as a 'Left-leaning' person. The Nobel laureate on Saturday said the commerce minister is "questioning my professional ism

"Dear Mr Banerjee, These bigots are blinded by hatred and have no idea what a professional is. You cannot explain it to them, even if you tried for a decade," Gandhi said in a tweet tagging the media report on Banerjee's response to Goyal's comments on him. "Please be certain that millions of Indians are proud of your work," the former Congress president said.

Goyal on Friday had also said Banerjee's suggestion of a minimum income scheme was rejected by Indian voters.

DU PROFESSOR, MOTHER, FOUND DEAD

New Delhi, Oct. 20: The decapitated body of a Delhi University professor was found on the railway tracks in Sarai Rohilla and his mother was found hanging from a ceiling fan with her mouth stuffed with cloth at their flat in Pitampura, police said on Sunday.

Allen Stanley, 27, who hailed from Kottayam in Kerala, was found dead on Saturday. Earlier on that day, his mother Lissy, 55, was found hanging at the flat in Ashiana Apartment.

Police suspect Stanley committed suicide after killing his mother. However, no suicide note was recovered with Stanley's body, but a note written in Malayalam was found at the flat. Police said the bodies have been sent for postmortem and they are probing all angles. They have registered a murder case under section 302 at Rani Bagh police station after they found his

mother dead at the flat. Stanley was pursuing PhD from IIT-Delhi and had joined as an ad hoc professor at St Stephen's College over a year ago.

Assembly seats in Haryana. Polling will be held from 7 am to 6 pm. Tight security arrange-1,169 candidates of variments have been made, ous political outfits are with deployment of more than three lakh personnel from state police and cenforces in tral Maharashtra, while over

75,000 security personnel

contesting. At present, the BJP has 48 members in the state assembly. The Dushyant Chautalaled Jannayak Janta Party

Pradesh, followed by six in (JJP), a breakaway faction Gujarat, five in Bihar, four

Golay is the president of the Sikkim Krantikari won 12 and the rest were with regional parties. Among the states ruled by the BJP and its allies, the maximum 11 seats will have bypolls in Uttar İS

Morcha, an ally of the BJP. Former Indian football captain Bhaichung Bhutia contesting from Gangtok on a Hamro Sikkim Party ticket.

Meanwhile, the latest data from ECI shows that 25,606 of the 99,807 overseas Indians who had registered as voters flew down to India to exercise their franchise in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

CONFUSION ON

ing such threats to voters

and claims against the

sanctity of the EVM.

However, it said that Mr

Zutshi has been appointed

to keep an eye against harassment of voters and

that there is no fear

"Mr Zutshi has been

requested to proceed immediately to the con-

stituency to take neces-

sary corrective action and

ensure free, fair and peaceful election," the Election Commission

against voting.

said.

ONE KILLED IN PAK SHELLING ON INDIAN SIDE

ing exercise.

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The Indian Army, in a statement, said that its artillery hit terrorist launch pads, Pak army posts and Pakistan gun positions along the line of control (LoC) around the Tangdhar sector. On the Indian side, Tiwari. Mohd Sadeeq, a civilian, 55, was killed in the Gundi Shath village in Tangdhar in Pakistan police army firing. Three civil-

ians from the same village were injured — Mohd Maqbool, 70, Mohd Shafi, 50, and Yusuf Hamid, 22. the cial said.

"Last night, Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation to assist infiltration by terrorists into the Indian territories," a senior Indian army official said. He said that Indian army retains the right to respond at a time and place of its choosing in case the Pakistan army continues to assist terrorist activities across the Indian border.

minister Defence Rajnath Singh spoke to Army Chief Gen. Rawat about the situation in the Tangdhar sector.

However, Pakistan rrmy spokesperson, najor general Asif armv major Ghafoor, in a statement ,said that only one Pakistani soldier was killed and two soldiers were injured in the firing by the Indian

army.

TRANSIT REMAND FOR 3 ACCUSED IN TIWARI CASE

Ahmedabad, Oct. 20: A added

court here on Sunday granted the Uttar The three men were arrested by the Gujarat Pradesh police the tran-ATS on the basis of the sit remand of three per-CCTV footage obtained sons arrested by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) from a shop, from where they had bought sweets that were found at the in connection with the scene of the crime. killing of Hindu Samaj Tiwari, 45, who was Party leader Kamlesh earlier associated with a faction of the Hindu The court granted the Mahasabha, was killed 72-hour transit remand to the Uttar Pradesh at his Lucknow residence on Friday. The Uttar Pradesh police had said five per-Sunday

sons, including three from Surat, were held in connection with the killing. On Friday, Tiwaris's

mother met UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at his residence in Lucknow. -PTI

Kartarpur sign-up delayed over Pak fee levying a fee of \$20 (approx. ₹1,420) on all pil-grims. We have urged Pakistan not to do so in

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

In the absence of any agreement signed by India and Pakistan on the Kartrapur Corridor, the Indian government has postponed the registration process of pilgrims for Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur. The registration process was to begin on Sunday.

However, with Pakistan adamant on charging \$20 fee from pilgrims visiting Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara using the corridor, the Indian side is not keen to hurry in signing the pact.

India and Pakistan were to sign the agreement on Saturday, which did not happen. It is learnt that the Indian officials who are part of the negotiations are continuing to engage with their

We have urged Pakistan not to levy the fees in the interests of devotees, and also because this is a people-to-people initiative. We hope that the agreement can be concluded and signed in time for the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji

RAVEESH KUMAR, MEA spokesman

Pakistani counterparts to convince them to remove the condition of \$20.

"Since some issues are yet to be resolved, the online registration for the Kartarpur pilgrimage could not be started on Sunday," said an official. India has been constantly objecting to the \$20 fee which Pakistan claims it will use for infrastructure

maintenance and providing others facilities to the pilgrims at Kartarpur Sahib.

The Indian side maintains that any amount charged is against the

P2P (people-to-people) ini-tiative. We hope that the agreement can be concluded and signed in time for spirit of the goodwill that great the spokesperson for ministry Pakistan is trying to creof external affairs Raveesh Kumar, had said ate by opening the corridor. India also feels that this can lead to charging on Thursday. higher amount from Indian pilgrims in future. Meanwhile. close to former Prime

"The Kartarpur Sahib Corridor is an important people-to-people initiative taken by India to commemorate the 550th birth of Guru anniversarv Nanak Devji.

After several rounds of discussion with Pakistan, we have reached an agreement on all other issues. except the matter of service fee. Pakistan insists on

Minister Dr Manmohan Singh made it clear that there is no question of Mr Singh attending the inauguration ceremony of the Kartarpur Corridor in Pakistan. Sources underlined that

the interests of devotees,

and also because this is a

event.'

sources

Mr Singh will go as part of the 'jattha' and only as a normal pilgrim. He will not participate in any inauguration functions.

GOLDEN JUBILEE Mega film event expected to be one of the biggest-ever celebrations Iffi a boon for language, regional films

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, OCT. 20

three accused on Monday morning, he

While showcasing the international and Indian commercial cinema, the 50th International Film Festival of India will also be a boon for language and regional cinemas. To mark the golden jubilee, the festival will be showcasing language cinemas at the international film festival. The IFFI on Sunday

announced the Films in Debut Competition sec-tion of the festival. The festival, which has been a

section. Romang, by LEE Changgeun, Romanian film Monsters, by Marius Olteanu, US film My Name is Sara, by Steven Oritt, female filmmaker Eva Cool's *Cleo* are the films which made it to the Debut Competition this year.

The national award-winning film Hellaro by Abhishek Shah and Malayalam film Uyare by Manu Ashokan are the Indian films competing for the award for the Best Debut feature film of a

Marius director at the 50th IFFI Sources say that the selection of these films provides them with a platform to compete with international cinema.

The Golden Jubilee edition of the International Film Festival of India has the best lot of 15 films representing 20 countries competing for the coveted Golden Peacock Award.

The selection has been lovers are expected to parmade from over 700

entries.

The golden jubilee year of this prestigious film event is expected to be one of the biggest-ever celebration.

The festival, to be held between November 20-28 in Goa, will screen about 250 films from various countries, with Russia being the partner country at the event this year.

Thousands of movie-

ticipate in the film festival this year. To generate awareness on the mega event, the I&B ministry has launched a 'caravan' of movies that will travel across the nation's movie hub cities of Hyderabad, Chennai. Bangalore, Mumbai, Kolkata, Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram.

The first such caravan event was held recently in Chennai.

launch pad for several filmmakers over the past 50 years, aims at bringing the best first-time film-

makers of the year in this Algerian film Abou Leila, directed by Amin Sidi-Boumedine, Korean film

on evening for accused Mohsin Sheikh, Faizan and Rashid Ahmed, who were arrested by the Gujarat ATS from Surat on Friday night, an offi-A police team will leave for Lucknow with the



MIND POWER

CHRISTINA KOCH SIMONE WEIL

When pure performance is the criteria, I've I can, noticed women naturally excel therefore I am



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Politics whiff to Hindu leader's murder probe

hose responsible for the murder of Kamlesh Tiwari, who headed a minor Hindu Mahasabha offshoot, at his residence-cumoffice in Lucknow on Friday, must be caught at the earliest **L** after careful investigation and put on trial. But due diligence hasn't been the strong suit of the UP police for a long time. Under chief minister Yogi Adityanath, one of whose first acts as CM of the nation's most populous state in early 2017, was to have all criminal cases against himself dropped, the idea of justice and of dependable police work, an important aspect of judicial administration, have become conspicuous by their absence. The law and order machinery has been both politicised and communalised.

In the present case, the police acted swiftly, booking culprits from not only UP but also Gujarat, with tracking of suspects also being done in Nagpur in Maharashtra. This is possibly because those booked are from the Muslim community.

This would be in keeping with the record of the Adityanath adminis-tration whether we document the fake encounters, the so-called "love jihad" cases that were overly communalised and shown to be fabricated, or of the innocent medical professional Dr Kafeel, who appears to have been framed on account of his faith. The poorer communities among Hindus have also been at the receiving end, as in a high profile case in Mirzapur showed recently, where upper caste men attacked a dalit village and the CM and the police gave no succour to the latter, choosing instead to attack political opponents for highlighting the gov-

choosing instead to attack political opponents for highlighting the gov-ernment's proclivity for one-sided actions. In the matter of the murder of Kamlesh Tiwari, members of the Muslim community may indeed have committed the crime. The deceased appears to have been a religious fanatic and had bad-mouthed the Prophet Muhammad in 2015, and distributed pamphlets carrying that dubious message, in the process attracting the ire of most of Muslim equiption. Muslim society. To track Muslim suspects may, therefore, be legiti-mate if there is the smallest suspicion. But the UP police and the CM himself have gone to the media in a way that suggests they have solved

the case, and some Muslim youth are at the centre of it. This single-track approach is apt to raise doubts in light of the asser-tion by the mother of the deceased that a UP BJP leader should be investigated over her son's killing. Her contention is that there was a dispute between this politico and her son over temple land in a village. It is surprising that the police has not commented on this matter, though the UP police chief himself has chosen to make statements in this case, rather than leave it to the spokesman. This too suggests his readiness to remain in tandem with the CM's thinking in the case, rather than direct his force to investigate the matter in a fair and impartial manner.

Smooth Brexit is in peril

n thwarting a Brexit vote, British MPs were seeking additional insurance against an abrupt October 31 exit from the European Union that Lwould hurt Britain. Prime Minister Boris Johnson retaliated in a tru-culent way as he usually does by sending an unsigned letter to the EU on the need to postpone Britain's exit. "I am Boris, trust me," he may say, and have the last laugh as Parliament may vote positively later this week on the new divorce deal he brought back from Brussels. The deal may not be the best, and even signals a betrayal of what the PM promised over the backstop and Northern Ireland. Brexit may be too complicated now for anyone in Britain to be satisfied, including those who voted for it in the referendum. But is Boris the only one knows how to get it done?

The PM's attitude, his brazen defiance of the British system's norms and culture — of an unwritten Constitution, but bound by traditions going back to the Magna Carta — and his devil-may-care approach to Brexit by October 31 should make the democratic world sit up. The PM has mocked parliamentary colleagues, sacked some of his own Tories and is cocking a snook at MPs by, quite preposterously, sending an unsigned letter among three to the EU. He is defying the Supreme Court that felt compelled to rule his proroguing of Parliament invalid. In short, Boris is showing all signs of "strongmanship", which is a term in the making for the present era, dominated by the likes of Donald Trump, Xi Jinping, Vladimir Putin, Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Jair Bolsanaro. A proclivity to believe they're always right and that they needn't consult anyone on their decisions is a credo of this club.



Humiliation for Cong writ large in this ballot



people of Maharashtra and Haryana and would cast

their vote to elect a new state government today. This would be the second time within a span of six months that they would be exercising their franchise, the first being the 2019 Lok Sabha elections held in the month of May ear-lier this year.

Past electoral trends suggest if the Assembly elections are held short-ly after the Lok Sabha elections, as is the case with Maharashtra and Haryana, there is a great possibility of voters electing the same party they had voted in during the preceding ballot. In eight of ten such instances, they voted for the same party. The Delhi and Bihar Delhi and Bihar Assembly elections of 2015 and Odisha in 2019 were among the few exceptions.

Theoretically, therefore, there are possibili-

the 10 Lok Sabha seats. If seen in terms of Assembly segments in Maharashtra, the BJP-Shiv Sena combine led in 225 of the 288 Assembly constituen-cies, while in Haryana it led in 79 Assembly seats, the Congress being virtually decimated - it led from one party to anothonly in 22 Assembly seats in Maharashtra, while its alliance parter (defection) is another sign of which way the ner NCP led in 23 Assembly seats. The story of the Congress in wind is blowing. During the last couple of months Haryana and Maharashtra, there was Haryana remained the same, with the party leading only in 10 Assembly seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha elecmovement of 43 political leaders from one party to another. Of these, there were 19 leaders of the Congress Party (nine tions. in Haryana, 10 in Maharashtra) who left their parent party to join The ground reports

suggest though some sections of the populaother parties, mainly the tion share some concerns about growing BJP. The BJP itself did not suffer on this account but welcomed 31 unemployment, rural distress and the agricultural crisis, the popular mood has not changed significantly. The issues of national identity, national pride and the percention of Article 270 leaders during the last There was also an exodus from the NCP; as the count suggests, 11 NCP leaders left the party of abrogation of Article 370 by the Narendra Modi government have overwhom five joined the Shiv Sena and six switched over to the shadowed local issues. BJP. Charanjeet Singh These are likely to loom Rori is the only leader to large on the minds of the voters when they cast their vote today. There have joined the Congress, leaving his parent party, the Indian Nat-ional Lok Dal (INLD) in were concerns about unemployment, jobless-Haryana. These defecness, farmer distress tions do suggest that the and rural distress even Sabha elections, but the national issue of that moment — the Pulwama terror attack and the Balakot air strikes overshadowed them. While these issues were often referred to as the "real issues of livelihood" during campaigns, a sizeable section voted on the "national issue". What and tion have also strengthened Though some sections of the population share some concerns about growing unemployment, rural distress and cent votes and won 41 the agricultural Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra. In crisis, the mood has not changed Haryana, it polled 58 per significantly cent votes and won all

the position of the BJP is the popularity of Prime Minister Modi and the absence of any credible Absence of any creating the Opposition parties. The Congress, which is the main Opposition in both these states, looks very weak when voters compare the two parties on the parameters of its leadership. Prime Minister Modi has been a vote catcher for the BJP and it should not surprise us if large numbers of people in these two states vote for the BJP solely in his name. Though voters have not always voted in the Assembly elections the same way that they vote during the Lok Sabha elections even if held

after a short interval, they exercise different voting choices only if there is a viable alternative as was the case in Bihar (*Mahagatth*bandhan in 2015), Delhi (the Aam Aadmi Party under Arvind Kejriwal) and most recently in Odisha (Naveen Patnaik's BJD). The Congress, which performed badly both in Haryana and Maharashtra during the 2014 Assembly elections and in the most recent 2019 Lok Sabha elections, has failed to show any sign

LETTERS **CITY'S LEGACY**

It is very painful to read about the negligence of the government, GHMC and the archaeological department, which are responsible for maintenance of heritage buildings in and around the city (Part of Nampally Sarai collapses, one injured, DC, Oct. 20). Authorities come into picture only after some damage is done. We can see that historical buildings are in a dilapidated condition. In some, plaster on walls is peeling off and weeds are growing on damaged walls, making them weaker. The government claims they are spending crores of rupees from public exchequer for maintaining and beautifying heritage buildings, but reality is different.

Mohammad Ayub Mujahid Hyderabad

INTEGRITY FOR COPS

The job of a policeman requires high level of personal integrity to enforce the law (*No cop job for acquitted man*, *DC*, *Oct. 20*). However, we do elect public repre-sentatives to make laws though they face serious criminal charges. Is it not a mockery of our law and democracy?

S. Anoop Kumar Secunderabaa

DEPLORABLE ACT

This shocking news has upset a senior citizen like me (*Man stamps* sis' Pom to death, DC Oct. 20). I am astonished that the man, under the such extreme level. Such mentality reveals that morals have come down, even amongst educated persons.

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today's Assembly elections, voters could exercise an electoral choice different from how they had voted during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls or they could go the way they did a few months back. The mood on the ground in both states suggests the verdict would be in conformity with the broadly established pattern. For, there is hardly any likelihood of any of these states bucking the trend. The BJP seems to be on a very strong wicket and the inability of the Opposition to put its house in order has played its part. While the popular vote share of political parties remains the most impor-tant indicator of the mood of the voters, the

on a weak wicket when elections were announced, kept slipping and instead of consolidating its position seems to have lost more ground to the BJP during the last two-three weeks of the election campaign. Even if we treat these defections as politics of opportunism believe that this does not depict the right picture, the past performances of the political parties also favour the BJP. During the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP registered a stunning victory in both Maharashtra and Haryana. The BJP in alliance with Shiv Sena polled more than 51 per

few months.

of revival. On the conweakened by rebellions and defections from within the party. For me, it is difficult to imagine that the Congress was ever in a winning position in today's election, but a united Congress could have gone down fighting bravely and won seats in some pockets with Dalit and Jat predominance in Haryana and Maratha, Muslim and Dalit combinations in

Maharashtra. Today's

political reality is at a

great distance from that

professor and currently

director of the Centre for

the Study of Developing Societies.

The views expressed

The writer is a

are personal.

scenario.

Dr Shankar Chatterjee Hyderabad

It was painful to read the news of an eight-year-old Pomeranian dog being mercilessly stamped to death by a man at Lalapet following a quarrel with his sibling. Police, having booked a case under the prevention of cruelty to animals act against him, must ensure that he is punished for this horrible act, so that it acts as a deterrent.

M. Dikshant Secunderabad

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Rejig buzz starts guessing game; Priyanka's team attracts envy

government was sworn in only five months ago, there is already talk in the corridors of power that the Prime Minister may go in for a Cabinet expansion/reshuffle in the near future. In fact, insiders in the Bharatiya Janata Party say it could even happen before the win-ter session of Parliament slated to commence in the third week of November. There are many ministers who are holding more than one portfolio and the proposed exercise is meant to lighten their burden. The new inductions will most likely be of a minister of state rank. Sulking allies like the Janata Dal (United) may also be accommodated. Anil Baluni, who heads the BJP's media depart-ment, is being mentioned as a strong contender for a ministerial post. Baluni is learned to have befriended Modi and BJP president Amit Shah when he was attached to Sunder Singh Bhandari during the latter's tenure as Gujarat governor. Suresh Prabhu was excluded in

hough the Narendra Modi

the first round but the possibility of his induction cannot be ruled out. There is also a strong buzz that Mr Modi could bring in a domain expert in the agriculture or finance sectors as he did by appointing former foreign secretary S. Jaishankar as the external affairs minister. There is no certainty in this regard but several names are being bandied around. The guessing game is on.

movement of leaders

is only a by-election to an Assembly seat but the October 21 poll for the Jhabua con-stituency in Madhya Pradesh but it has become a prestige battle for both the ruling Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party. The BJP is obviously keen to retain the seat as a victory will not only improve the party's tally of MLAs but also embolden it further to topple the Congress government which has a wafer-thin majority in the Assembly. On the other hand, chief minister Kamal Nath and senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh are putting their best foot forward in this election. For them,

this bypoll is not just about con-solidating Kamal Nath's position as chief minister but it also has a bearing on the internal dynamics in the Congress Party's Madhya Pradesh unit. Nath and Singh, who have joined forces to sideline former minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, are working overtime for the victory of their loyalist, Kantilal Bhuria, as it would then strengthen their campaign for the appointment of the tribal leader as president of Madhya Pradesh Congress. It is no secret that Scindia has also been lobbying for this post in an effort to retain his hold in state politics which has been weakening since his defeat in the Lok Sabha election. Only time will tell if Scindia will succeed in outsmarting his senior colleagues.

s was to be expected, the announcement of a new A announcement of a desh team of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee has led to rumblings in the party with the senior leaders complaining that it is packed with outsiders and juniors. In an attempt to placate

the dissenters, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's loyalists have made it known that the new members are on what is being described as probation for three months. According to them, the fresh three incumbents have been told by the Congress general secretary's office that their work will be monitored closely and that they will be shown the door if they fail to deliver. For instance, the absence of the members from a party meeting or their failure to hold regular programmes in their areas will not be taken lightly. This has, to some extent, reassured the veterans who find themselves marginalised in the new set-up. A senior leader from Uttar Pradesh was recently heard exulting that the tenure of the fresh entrants will not last long. "Wait and see... most of the newcomers will not survive the test. We should be prepared for further changes in a couple of months," he added happily.

he Congress is currently abuzz with stories about a L showdown between party

chief Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi a few weeks ago. Apparently, Sonia Gandhi wanted to appoint senior leader Sushil Kumar Shinde as party general secretary in charge of organisa-tion in place of K.C. Venugopal who is a Rahul Gandhi favourite. The Nehru-Gandhi scion did not take kindly to this suggestion though Sonia Gandhi made a strong case for Shinde's rehabilitation in the party by citing his years of experience and the fact that it would send out a positive signal before the Maharashtra Assembly polls. Rahul Gandhi, it is said, remained unmoved and argued that younger leaders should not be cast aside merely to accommodate seniors. Rahul Gandhi won this round but the episode only shows that there is no end to the tussle between the old guard or loyalists and Rahul Sonia Gandhi's supporters.

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