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## WEATHER

**Max:** 33°C  
**Min:** 24°C  
**RH:** 65%  
**Rainfall:** Nil  
**Forecast:** Rain could occur in the evening. Max/Min temp. 33/24°C

## ASTROGUIDE

**Vikari:** Dakshinayana  
**Tithi:** Kartika Shudda Vidiya till 3.48 am (early hours of Wednesday)  
**Star:** Vishaka till 11.14 pm  
**Variyam:** 6.12 am to 7.41 am and 3.02 am to 4.34 am (Wednesday)  
**Durmuhurtam:** 8.34 am to 9.20 am and 10.44 pm to 11.34 pm  
**Rahukalam:** 3 pm to 4.30 pm  
**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
**Safar 29, 1441 AH**  
**PRAYERS**  
**Fajar:** 5.13 am  
**Zohar:** 12.10 pm  
**Asar:** 4.11 pm  
**Maghrib:** 5.53 pm  
**Isha:** 7.01 pm  
**SUNSET TODAY 5.46 PM**  
**SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.13 AM**  
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## KCR to end RTC's monopoly

**Cabinet to allow private buses on 4,000 routes in the state**

**S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 28**

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao is reported to have decided to call for a Cabinet meeting within a week to take a formal decision to issue permits to private players on 3,000 to 4,000 bus routes in the state and end the monopoly of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC).

Sources in the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) disclosed that Mr Rao, after having discussed with some ministers close to him and senior officers, had taken a decision to call a Cabinet meeting within the next four to five days to issue route permits to the private bus operators.

Sources disclosed that Mr Rao had "taken the decision keeping in view

## HC chides state, RTC unions for nitpicking

**VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 28**

Fretting about the plight of the people with a large part of public transportation being unused because of the RTC workers' strike for last 24 days, the Telangana High Court on Monday instructed the state government, RTC management and unions to not spend time nitpicking at a time of crisis.

A division bench of the High Court, comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice Annireddy Abhishek Reddy, while dealing with PILs on the RTC strike, asked what prevented the state government from being generous enough to grant some amount to rescue RTC now.

■ **Page 2: Report shows you have closed mind: HC**

the sufferings of the people because of the strike by RTC workers" for 24 days.

The response from private operators to tenders floated by the RTC to issue

route permits for 1,000 buses in state also served as a morale booster in reaching the decision. The RTC had received thousands of applications in response to its tenders.

Mr Rao told officials that the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act, 2019, empowered states to issue private route permits to run private buses. Mr Rao felt that the blackmail politics of RTC trade unions forced the government to issue permits to private operators, which will pave the way for good transportation services for the public, sources revealed.

Given the precarious financial condition of the RTC, Mr Rao felt, it could be declared as a bad debt by banks at any moment.

■ **Page 2: RTC legal battle may be protracted: KCR**

## Sena puts BJP on notice, meets Gov.

**Mumbai, Oct. 28:** Asserting that there are no saints in politics, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut on Monday warned ally BJP against compelling his party to look for an alternative to form government in Maharashtra.

He claimed the two parties had agreed on an "equal power" sharing for-

mula and had even made an announcement on it in Mumbai.

The BJP and the Sena, with 105 and 56 seats, respectively, in the new Assembly, are locked in a bitter tussle over sharing of power. The Congress-NCP, though not officially, hinted that a move by the Sena to look beyond the

BJP for the government formation may get a positive response from them.

There are 13 Independent MLAs in the newly-elected Assembly and both the BJP and the Sena are trying to attract them to have an upper hand in their negotiations. Two Independent MLAs — including the one who won with the

Congress-NCP support, backed the BJP, while another sided with the Sena.

On Monday, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and senior Sena leader Diwakar Raote met Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari. They described the meetings as "courtesy calls". — PTI

## Centre allows EU MPs to visit J&K

**Modi seeks EU's help in fighting terrorism**

**DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, OCT. 28**

In a development signalling an international outreach by the Narendra Modi government, 27 European Union MPs plan to visit Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday after they met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Monday.

Sources said the MPs' visit to J&K was being organised by an "NGO" and the EU MPs were in India on a private visit.

Nevertheless, it seems obvious that the government has given its approval to the visit. During his meeting the EU MPs, Mr Modi "highlighted the importance of international cooperation to fight terrorism".

"Urgent action must be taken against all those who support or sponsor terrorism or support such activities and organisations or use terrorism as a state policy. There should be zero tolerance for terrorism," Mr Modi told the European MPs, who called on him on Monday.

■ **Page 6: Why can't Indian MPs visit J&K: Congress**

## Pak denies airspace to Modi, India angry

**SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC NEW DELHI, OCT. 28**

India has approached the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) against Pakistan's decision of refusing permission for allow the VVIP Air India One aircraft that carried Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Saudi Arabia on Monday evening on an official visit.

A government source said, "We regret the decision of the government of Pakistan to yet again deny overflight clearance for the VVIP special flight, which is otherwise granted routinely by any normal country. Overflight clearances are sought, and granted by other countries as per prescribed ICAO guidelines and India will continue to seek such overflight clearances."

"Separately, we have taken up the matter of such denial with the rele-

vant international civil aviation body," he said.

Pakistan had last month refused permission to Air India One to overfly its territory when Mr Modi was headed to the United States. Two weeks prior to that, Pakistan had refused permission for Air India One carrying President Ram Nath Kovind to use its airspace to fly to Iceland. The VVIP aircraft had to take a detour over the Arabian Sea.

Commenting on India's complaint, ICAO spokesperson said flights carrying national leaders are considered as "state aircraft" and are not subject to its provisions. "The Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention), which ICAO helps governments to cooperate under, only applies to the operations of civilian aircraft and not to state or military aircraft," the ICAO spokesperson said.



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## All-out attack

AP BJP spokesperson Lanka Dinakar says KCR's approach towards RTC employees is inhuman and unjustifiable, defiant of High Court opinion

## Maheshwaram Wakf land under threat

ATHER MOIN I DC  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

The Wakf Board's lack of attention has led a prime property in Maheshwaram village running the risk of getting sold. The board woke up only when a person tried to transfer the property in Maheshwaram that had been endowed in favour of the Muslim Maternity Hospital managed by the Jamaat-e-Islami.

Though the value of the property is approximately ₹2,000 crore, it has been sold for just ₹50 crore. However, the board is now trying to do its best in protecting the land.

According to records of the Wakf Board, a land spread over survey numbers 231, 242, 252, 258 to 269, 280, 281, 450, 451, 457, 458, 459, 469, 486, 487 and 518 of Maheshwaram village and mandal in Ranga Reddy district, measuring 428 acres, was endowed in 1970 by Syed Jamaluddin in favour of Muslim Maternity Hospital run by Islamic Social Services Society (ISSS), a wing of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind.

Saying that it was Wakf land, the society wanted the Land Reforms Tribunal, Hyderabad south, to exempt it from the AP Land Reforms (Ceiling on Agriculture Holding) Act 1975. Subsequently, the tribunal exempted the land through Proceedings 3948/1/75 dated 30-12-1977. The society succeeded in acquiring Patta passbook in its favour in 1982.

Later, the ISSS vice-president addressed a letter to Wakf Board on 16-6-1988 requesting to register the land as wakf. The board took 17 years to make an entry into the Book of Endowment under Section 36 of the Wakf Act. It issued Muntakhab on 14-10-2005 after it came to know that the property was alienated. It did not publish an extraordinary gazette in this regard. It is pertinent to mention here that the land parcel was alienated by the society to various purchasers, including Vision Ventures in parts from 06-09-2005 to 15-12-2006.

In a face-saving exercise, the Wakf Board issued notice to the ISSS on 15-03-2008 when the matter was raised by MIM legislator Akbaruddin Owaisi at a House Committee meeting about alienation of the property. The society replied on 14-03-2008 and asked the Board to ratify its record as the property was not endowed, but gifted. It advised the Wakf Board to delete the property from its records. Later, under political pressure, authorities of the Wakf Board and officials of Minorities Welfare Board changed their stand and issued withdrawal letters to the ISSS secretary and sub-registrar on 09-05-2008 against the legal opinion of then law officer.

The matter of alienation of this prime land once again surfaced in August 2009. The Wakf Board then passed a resolution to file a criminal against its officers and secretary of the society, whose signatures were found in the documents of transfer of title. Subsequently, a criminal complaint was lodged by the then board CEO

THOUGH THE value of the property is approximately ₹2,000 crore, it has been sold for just ₹50 crore. However, the board is now trying to do its best in protecting the land.

WAKF BOARD chairman Mohammed Saleem said he came to know about the matter recently and was shocked.

Saleem ASKED officials to take measures to protect the land and held discussions with senior lawyers.

B.S. Farooq against former special officer M.A. Qudus, former CEO Shaik Madhar Saheb, then advocate counsel S.M. Subhani of the Wakf Board and then ISSS secretary Azharuddin.

The Abids police registered a criminal case under Indian Penal Code Sections 406 (punishment for criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating) and 120B (criminal conspiracy to commit an offence punishable with death) in criminal case 265 of 2009. The case was transferred to the Central Crime Station. In the meantime, Wakf Board addressed a letter to the registration department requesting it not to entertain the transaction pertaining to the particular land in Maheshwaram.

Thereafter, the Wakf Board remained silent for about 10 years. Board officials allegedly did not cooperate with the investigating officers resulting in the CCS closing the case. During the whole decade, Wakf Board authorities did not take legal action to cancel the registration deeds to protect the land parcel. However, when the purchasers approached the sub-registrar and revenue office to transfer properties to others, they were asked to obtain a no-objection certificate from the Wakf Board.

Subsequently, the Ranga Reddy collector sent a letter on 28-03-2019 seeking a detailed clarification and raising points of law in the matter. The board replied on 05-10-2019 merely reminding that the property still belonged to the Wakf Board, but failed to clarify queries in a satisfactory manner.

Asked about the matter, Wakf Board chairman Mohammed Saleem said he came to know about the matter recently and was shocked.

He asked officials to take measures to protect the land and held discussions with senior lawyers. The matter will be placed before the next meeting of the Wakf Board, which will be held within a week.

"All measures will be taken to protect the prime land. We will also file a case to get the registration done by the society cancelled," Mr Saleem said.

## Cops shift CPI leader to NIMS

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

The police on Monday shifted CPI leader, Kunamaneni Sambasiva Rao, who has been on an indefinite hunger strike from October 26, to Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences.

He was fasting at the party headquarters Maqdoom Bhavan demanding reinstatement of the 48,000 RTC workers sacked en masse for striking.

At the hospital, Mr Rao, 71, insisted on continuing his indefinite fast but doctors have advised him against it, a doctor said his condition was stable. The CPI leader accused

the Chief Minister of trying to manage the strike by using the police even as some of the employees were committing suicide or dying due to shock or depression.

He said the CM cannot leave the RTC employees high and dry after taking their support during the Telangana statehood movement.

CPI leader S. Sudhakar Reddy said, "Till the sacked RTC employees are not taken back on job and their demands not conceded, the strike will continue. CPI will work towards intensifying the strike towards fulfilment of the workers' demands," he stated.



Sacked TSRTC employees through the Hyderabad district collectorate in protest to the Chief Minister's comments on their salary. — P. SURENDRA

## TS to hire 2,248 private buses

22,332 applications were received from across TS for running 248 buses

IREDDY SRINIVAS  
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HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation has received a good response from private travel agencies to operate their buses in view of the ongoing employees' strike. The corporation had floated tenders from private entities to run buses for the RTC.

The government has decided to hire 2,248 private buses operators across the state to counter the strike by its regular employees.

According to an RTC official, 22,332 applications were received from across the state, including 332 in the GHMC area for running 248 buses. The applications will be scrutinised within a week, with regard particularly to quotations for route fares.

The corporation is planning to issue permits to those who already have buses within 48 hours, and for those who do not have buses, the government may select tenders through the lottery system.

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has already issued instructions to transport minister P. Ajay Kumar and RTC incharge managing director Sunil Sharma at a meeting on Sunday to conduct a quick survey of the routes to be allocated to private buses.

The corporation is currently floating tenders for only buses. Drivers will be appointed by the respective agencies. In the past, the RTC has hired buses when it did not have the funds to purchase new ones. The corporation not clarified how it will pay for these buses since it has no money.

## Conductor takes her life

RAVINDRA SESHU I DC  
KHAMMAM, OCT. 28

A woman bus conductor of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporations (RTC) ended her life on Monday, the third RTC worker to commit suicide since the strike began on October 5.

Police said the body of B. Neeraja, conductor working at Sattupalli depot, was found hanging from a ceiling fan at their house in Kavirajanagar in Khammam by her husband B. Rajasekhar at about 11 am on Monday.

Ms Neeraja was said to be distressed that the strike was prolonging without any solution in sight. The financial commitments that the family had to meet allegedly weighed heavily on her mind, sources close to the family said. The RTC workers have not been paid salary for September. The RTC managed had claimed that it does not have money to pay salaries.

On October 12, D. Srinivas Reddy, an RTC driver working in Khammam depot, committed suicide setting himself ablaze at his house in Khammam. He died in hospital the next day.

On October 13, B. Surender Goud, a depot employee at RTC Ranigunj-2, committed suicide after a cheque he had issued towards an EMI bounced.

Police said Rajasekhar went to his native village Sadasivapuram in Nelakondapalli mandal, along with their two kids, to celebrate Diwali with his parents.

Neeraja had gone to Pallepadu, her parent's village, near Khammam but had returned at 7 am on Sunday. Her brother dropped her in Khammam. She talked with her husband and her mother after reaching home.

Rajasekhar called her in the morning today, but the call was not answered. He rushed home and found her body hanging from the ceiling fan.

Venkat Rao, ACP, Khammam, said, "The police had not received a post-mortem report so far. She might have been committed suicide late at night."

## FATHER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AFTER KIDS SENT BACK HOME

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

An RTC driver tried to commit suicide after his children were sent away from school for not paying their fee.

Sources said TSRTC

driver Venkatesh tried to end his life by suddenly in front of a running bus. The driver at the wheel halted the bus immediately, before running over Venkatesh. Onlookers pulled Venkatesh aside and counselled him.

## Family holds KCR responsible for death

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Bereaved family members of A. Venkateshwarlu, who allegedly committed suicide on October 26, on Monday lodged a complaint holding K. Chandrasekhar Rao responsible.

According to the complaint Venkateshwarlu, was upset after watching the telecast of the press conference of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on October in which he said he RTC was fit to be closed down. The family said that

Venkateshwarlu, a native of Kattangur village and driver with the RTC Narketpally depot, got to know that his friend, one Jameel, had due of a heart attack while watching the press meet.

He shared his feelings with his family and left to attend Jameel's funeral but never returned. His family members lodged a missing complaint and the next day got to know about him lying dead on the road side. They rushed to the spot and allegedly found a suicide note reportedly pointing to the CM for the suicide.

Neeraja is survived by two children, Pujitha studying in class 4, and Vishal studying in class 10, besides her husband Rajasekhar, who works as a supervisor in a granite factory. She used to stay in Khammam and go to Sattupalli every day to attend work.

The news of her death spread within minutes and scores of RTC workers assembled at her house.

## GOVT UNMOVED OVER RTC WORKERS' PLIGHT

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, OCT. 28:

With the month-end nearing and the strike entering the 26th day, the striking RTC employees are more concerned than ever about how they will meet their expenses. The state government is unmoved by the plight of the employees, who are also fighting in the High Court to get their demands met.

The lack of wages for two months has made it difficult for workers to support their families, and this has driven some to commit suicide, while others are at risk of doing likewise.

As part of the agitation, the workers have staged protests in front of the Collectorate in all the districts and on Monday given their representations to the collectors.

The RTC Joint Action Committee is making arrangements to hold 'Sakala Janula Samme Bheri' on October 30 at Saroornagar stadium. The unions do not have clarity on what to do from November 1, to achieve their demands.

"They don't know whether they should go to Delhi and meet the PM and other ministers, and where this strike would lead. RTC JAC convener Ashwathama Reddy said that the demands of the unions are very fair and will be achieved soon. He urged the employees not to lose confidence, but to be bold."

Ashwathama Reddy said that the RTC JAC is planning to visit all the districts to seek support.

## 'Report shows you have a closed mind'

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Advising that urgent efforts should be made to rebuild trust between workers and corporation, even if problems might not get resolved overnight, the Bench said that both sides should remember hurdles facing by poor people because of the strike.

The Bench, while perusing through a report submitted by the RTC management on financial implications of negotiations with worker unions held on October 26, felt the corporation and government were pre-conceived and pre-determined to find the demands non-feasible to implement.

On October 18, the High Court directed the state government and RTC to start negotiations on 21 demands with worker unions, which the court believed, would not impose

much financial burden on the corporation. The court had also directed the RTC to submit a report about the discussions. As directed, the RTC in-charge managing director submitted a report.

The report claims that out of 21, only two demands were feasible to implement. Another 16 could not be implemented as the corporation has less than ₹10 crore. Two were new demands and not feasible as they would require huge funds. Another demand could not be implemented due to provisions of the Road Transportation Act. The report also argued that four particular demands might impose a burden of more than ₹46.62 crore on the corporation.

The Bench sternly admonished the RTC officials, saying it was typical bureaucratic attitude to

not detail financial implication in numbers and simply resort to rhetoric of 16 demands "cannot be implemented."

"Your report reflects you have a closed mind. If you enter negotiations with a pre-conceived stance that no demands would be considered because the corporation has no funds, how would the crisis get resolved?" the Bench asked. J. Ramachandra Rao, additional advocate general (AAG), argued that the data and report were made by the corporation to discuss with unions. However, the unions left the negotiations by being adamant on merger of corporation, he submitted.

DON'T TELL US ABOUT OUR POWER, CJ UPBRAIDS AAG Chief Justice Chauhan sternly upbraided the AAG during the arguments.

When the Bench suggested that the state government should consider an additional budget for the RTC, observing that corporations should be aided as exigencies rose, Ramachandra Rao said that it was not permissible under Article 226.

Sharply reacting to comments by AAG Rao, Chief Justice Chauhan said, "Don't tell us our power under Article 226. Courts have jurisdictional power to interfere and sky is the limit for courts."

Then Justice Chauhan summoned B.S. Prasad, advocate general, who was not present in the court hall. When AG rushed to the court after being ushered, the CJ asked him why was the government not in position to help the RTC.

D. Prakash Reddy, senior counsel representing trade unions, informed the Court that the corpora-

tion and state government were blaming workers for losses to RTC without disclosing facts about not releasing reimbursement of bus passes amount to extent of ₹2,475 crore. The GHMC owed the RTC an amount of ₹1,492 crore.

"The RTC has no power to hike bus tickets. It cannot decide on which routes buses should be run. All this is done by the government. But when losses occur and mount, the government blames employees," he submitted.

Mr Reddy expressed sadness that the government had misinterpreted his arguments during the previous hearing. While he had submitted that all demands should be discussed, but the demand for merger was a pre-requisite, the government had twisted it to say that unions had given up the merger demand.



### Transparent railway

SCR GM Gajanan Mallya says transparency and accountability would be improved with implementation of technology



Software park in Mahabubnagar would provide thousands of jobs to youth

— V. Srinivas Goud  
Tourism minister

### POWER | SHUTDOWN

**10 am to 4 pm:** Balaji Nagar, Satyanarayana Nagar, Crystal Garden, Gudimalkapur, Heera Nagar, Sai Nagar, Pavan Garden, KRKM Garden, Shiv Bagh, Maheshnagar, Roof Garden.

**10 am to 2 pm:** Krishna Nagar, Krishna Nagar main road, Jubilee Hills Roads No. 2, 5, 9, Jubilee Hills check post, MLA Colony, Islan Colony, Venkatagiri Water Works, Kotla Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy Stadium area, Police Lines, Yadagiri Nagar, Laxmi Narasimha Nagar, Srisailem  
**2 pm to 5 pm:** Jubilee Hills Roads No.10, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 31, 44; IOA Institute; Divya Constructions, Infotech, SQL, I Lab Constructions, Deva Bhumi, Bharati Airtel, SoftPro, Karnex; Kavuri Hills Phase-II, Amar Co-operative Society, Kalyan Nagar, Anjani Nagar.

### IN BRIEF

## TRAFFIC CURBS FOR SADAR UTSAV

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

The police has ordered restrictions on traffic for the Sadar Utsav Mela at YMCA, Narayanguda, on Wednesday, October 29. The event will be held from 7 pm to 5 am on October 30.

Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar has ordered the following restrictions:

Traffic heading towards YMCA, Narayanguda:

Traffic from Kacheguda crossroads will be diverted towards Tourist Hotel.

Traffic from Vittalwadi crossroads will be diverted towards Ramkote crossroads. Traffic from Rajmohallah will be diverted towards Ramkote crossroads at Saboo Shop.

Traffic from Reddy College (St. No. 8) will be diverted towards Barkatpura.

Traffic from Old Barkatpura Post Office will be diverted either towards Crown Cat#99 or Bagh Lingampally.

Traffic from Old Excise Office lane will be diverted towards Vittalwadi. Traffic from Barkatpura Chaman will be diverted towards Barkatpura crossroads or Tourist Hotel. Also, traffic from Brilliant Grammar School (bear Narayanguda flyover) will not be allowed towards Reddy College and will be diverted towards Narayanguda crossroads.



A 1,600 kg bull from Haryana will be a special attraction for the Sadar Utsav Mela on Tuesday. — P. SURENDRA

## Divine blessings



A large number of devotees wait for darshan at the Bhagyalaxmi Temple at Charminar on the occasion of Diwali. — P. SURENDRA

# Post-Diwali, eye injury patients flood hospitals

### Over 50 cases reported at Sarojini Devi hospital

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Diwali was not so much fun for everyone in the city. For 13-year-old Siddharth from Saidabad, for instance, it was a night of pain and suffering. On Sunday evening, Siddharth tried to light a firecracker he held in his hand. He thought it would make for a great picture on Instagram. But it blew up in his face, injuring his right eye. His family rushed him to Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital, where he has been kept back for observation.

Some 52 cases of injury were brought to Sarojini Devi Hospital on Sunday, of which 44 were due to firecrackers; 37 were sent home after treatment while seven were admitted for further care.

On Monday, hospital superintendent Dr Rajalingam said most of the cases were from the twin cities. "We expect that people from other districts in the state will come in this evening," he said.

One of the seven patients admitted was Adarsh, 7, from Amberpet. His father Mohan said Adarsh had emptied the contents of several small 'flower pots' onto a paper. "He made a heap of the flammable powder and then tried to light it. It happened instantly and the fire came into his left eye," said Mohan.

The mother of Aqeel, 7, who was admitted at the hospital on Sunday evening, said, "I let him out of my sight for a few minutes. He and his elder brother ran out on the road. Aqeel got too close



Children admitted to Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital with cracker-related injuries. — P. SURENDRA

to a cracker and it blew up in his face."

She was relieved when the doctors told her surgery would not be necessary. "I am glad it is not that serious. But he is in a lot of pain. Whenever he wakes up, he wails inconsolably because of the pain. He hasn't eaten much since last night," she said.

The family of Koushik, 17, from Kacheguda, said he had lingered near a lit bomb for too long. "After he lit the fuse, Koushik stayed to see if it was really lit. It blew up before he could get away" said his mother.

Dr Rajalingam said it would take a few more days to ascertain whether any of the admitted patients would lose their vision or have permanent damage. He said the situation this year has been far better than in 2018.

"Last year, we had nearly 80 patients with cracker-related injuries, of which 12 were admitted.

Two people lost their vision too. This year, the number has come down. It seems awareness campaigns about firecrackers by hospitals, the government and other organisations are working," he said.

Other eye hospitals in the city too reported several cases. The LV Prasad Eye Institute at Banjara Hills saw 33 cases, of which 29 were treated as out-patients. A representative of the hospital said surgeries were performed on the remaining four patients.

None of them are expected to lose vision. Nearly 90 per cent of the patients were between the ages of six and 13. Interestingly, many patients were just bystanders. The hospital too reported a drop in such injuries; last year, it saw over 100 cases.

Solis Eye Care Hospital at AS Rao Nagar saw six patients on Diwali, all of whom were sent home after treatment.

## 12 FIRE CASES DUE TO BURNING OF CRACKERS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Nineteen fires were reported in Hyderabad district on the occasion of Diwali on Sunday. There were no injuries to anyone. Twelve of these fires were caused by firecrackers.

Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Hyderabad district fire officer M. Srinivasa Reddy said that all these fires were small, where property damaged is less than ₹5 lakh and only one fire engine is required to douse it.

One of the fires was on the fourth floor of a building in Boggalkunta near Abids. Though a second fire engine was sent there as back-up, it was not used. Four fires were reported at Gowliguda, three at Langer Houz and two each at Moghalpura, Musheerabad and Sanatnagar. "The number of fires has come down a lot when compared to last year when we received 42 calls, of which 28 were due to firecrackers. This year, because of the awareness programmes on dangers of crackers and media reports on the subject, people were careful. We are happy with the outcome. No one was injured anywhere," Mr Reddy stated.

Last year, there were two major fires at Trimulgherry and Bowenpally.

# Diwali doubles pollution

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Particulate Matter 2.5 (pollutants smaller than 2.5 microns) was measured at 720 at Sanatnagar on Diwali evening, more than twice the upper limit of 300.

According to data collated by the World Air Quality Index, the PM 2.5 level stood at 472 at Begumpet, near the US Consulate.

Multiple requests for information on pollution

levels from the Telangana State Pollution Control Board went unanswered.

Ambee, a startup that monitors air quality at 500 locations across the country, also indicated a spike in pollution levels.

Ambee CEO Akshay Joshi and CTO Madhusudhan Anand told Deccan Chronicle that the air quality index (AQI) — an aggregate of pollutants with different weightages — in Hyderabad was quite

alarming. "One Saturday, the AQI hovered between 65 and 80. On Sunday evening, it was 240 in some places," said Mr Anand. Ambee has about 30 sensors in the city.

Mr Joshi said the rise in pollution levels could largely be attributed to the use of firecrackers. "On normal days, one could factor in industrial emissions, but most factories were most likely non-operational on Diwali."

## 2,000 TONNES OF TRASH COLLECTED AFTER DIWALI

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Massive heaps of trash greeted sanitation workers of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) on Monday morning, a day after Diwali festivities. The trash included burnt firecrackers and organic waste such as flowers

and leaves used in religious ceremonies.

As many as 18,000 sanitation workers got to work early in the morning to clean up the mess. GHMC additional commissioner Musharaf Ali Faruqui estimated the amount of trash to be 1,500 to 2,000 tonnes. He said the amount of waste has been higher than in previous years.

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# On World Stroke Day, take pledge to stay away from drugs

## Self-abuse causing brain strokes among youth

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Drug abuse, recreational drugs, smoking, hookah and early onset of hypertension and diabetes are emerging as a leading cause for brain strokes among students and young professionals, say experts on the eve of World Stroke Day on Tuesday.

So much so, incidence of strokes in 15-45 year age group is 20 per 1 lakh of population. This is a cause of worry as these strokes are caused by preventable factors. Dr Subash Kaul, senior consultant neurologist at KIMS Hospital, explained, "Every year, there are 150 stroke cases per 1 lakh population in India.

Of late, we are seeing many young people coming in. They have either suffered a paralytic attack, lost sensation in the toes and the leg, are unable to speak or have collapsed. This is a worrying trend as these people are in the most productive age group. Unfortunately, they end up suffering a debilitating attack that leaves them disabled. It is very important that the younger population is educated about these avoidable causes."

A brain stroke occurs when there is obstruction or rupture of a blood vessel that supplies blood to the brain. The obstruction is usually in the form of a clot. Experts say these strokes affect the younger age groups when they use

### Risk factors

- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Overweight
- High levels of cholesterol
- Smoking and drug abuse
- Family history of stroke

recreational drugs, hookah, seeshah, or abuse alcohol. The menace of drug abuse has spread to educational institutions, which is a leading cause for addiction and loss of productive life. Hospital data that exists is

of cases that come on time. Data is missing in cases wherein death is immediate. Experts state that the existing cases are only the tip of the iceberg.

Dr Alok Ranjan, senior neurologist at Apollo Hospitals, said, "Earlier, brain strokes affected only patients who were above 60 years. Now, more and more youngsters are coming in, who take a lot of time to recover." Hospital stay in such cases is more than 20 days. Complete recovery can take six months to a year depending on the response.

Medical cases, which have been researched, show that in most of the cases involving people below 20 years of age, their parents are unaware of their abuse and

addiction. They are unwilling to accept the condition of their child and blame doctors for wrong diagnosis.

Lifestyle disorders like hypertension and diabetes, where regular usage of medicines, timely diagnosis and checks are missing, can also be a reason for brain stroke, like the case of B. Ravi, 32, (name changed). He stopped taking blood pressure medicines once his BP got under control. He did not take any medicine for over a month, leading to a major stroke. He suffered paralysis and is now bedridden. His chances of getting back to normal life are dim.

Experts say careful management of lifestyle diseases is important.

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### Fogging continues

**Hari Chandana, zonal commissioner, GHMC, continues mosquito control operations with mechanised fogging**



Fighting human trafficking and forced labour has always been my aim

— Mahesh Bhagwat  
Police commissioner, Rachakonda

### IN BRIEF

## GOLD WORTH ₹19 LAKH SEIZED AT RGIA

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Customs personnel seized gold worth ₹19 lakh from an Indian national who was trying to smuggle it into the country by concealing it inside a bag. There was specific information that the passenger who was flying to Hyderabad from Dubai was carrying the gold.

An official of the air intelligence unit (AIU) said that central industrial security force (CISF) personnel who were screening baggage at the airport found the bag with suspicious objects. The bag belonged to one Mahboob Ali Khan. Upon checking, officials found the bag.

The passenger had arrived at the Shamshabad airport from Dubai.

Khan was detained by customs officials for carrying unauthorised gold weighing 506 grams costing approximately ₹19 lakh and the gold was seized.

## MAN DIES IN ACCIDENT AT GACHIBOWLI

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

A man died and his cousin sustained severe injuries when their bike hit a road median at the IIT junction in Gachibowli on Monday afternoon.

Police has identified the victim as B. Sudheer Kumar and the injured as Dhanraj. Kumar died on the spot.

They were travelling to Wipro Circle when the rider lost control and hit the divider.

Dhanraj sustained a severe head injury and was shifted to a private hospital in Madhapur where he is undergoing treatment. Gachibowli police booked a case and further probe in on.

Kumar's body was handed over to the family members after post mortem.

## GANG OF 4 HELD WITH 73 KG GANJA

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

A four-member gang that was trying to sneak 73 kg of ganja into the city was busted by the Nacharam police. Three suspects who were smuggling ganja in travel bags were taken into custody but the main accused, Abdul Nafize, is absconding. Those arrested were Shaik Hathik, 34, Sk. Abdul Matheen, 37 and Razak Khan, 27.

Police said the accused were bringing the ganja in buses. At about 3 pm on Sunday, they were waiting at the Snehapuri Colony bus stop. A police patrol found them suspicious and found that they were carrying the ganja in 17 plastic covers.

Nacharam police booked a case and sent them to judicial custody on Monday.

## Sign of danger



In a dangerous sign, people cross the railing to take selfies at Hussain Sagar, on Monday.

— Deepak Deshpande

# Girl murders mother with her lover's help

Confesses to dumping body on rail tracks after 3 days

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

A girl has confessed to killing her mother who, according to the police, opposed her relationship with her boyfriend. Keerthi reportedly took the help of her lover to kill her mother, Ranjitha, 38, and kept the body at home for three days before disposing it of on the railway tracks near the Ramanapet station.

According to the police, the incident happened on October 19. Keerthi and her boyfriend, Chanti alias Sashi, killed Ranjitha by strangling her with a chunni. They spent three days with the body until the smell of the decomposing body forced them to shift it in a four-wheeler on October 21 and leave it near the railway tracks.

Keerthi's father, Srinivas Reddy, who was a lorry driver and would be on the road and away from home for weeks at a time, returned on October 24 and found the house locked. He called his daughter who told him

# Woman takes revenge by burgling in-laws' house

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

With a view to taking revenge, a distressed woman along with her family allegedly burgled her in-laws' house in Bowenpally on Monday last week.

Her satisfaction did not last long as the police arrested all four of them within a week. The accused were identified as T. Supriya, her parents K. Srinivas and Sunitha and brother K. Sathvik. Supriya had married Dhanraj four months ago but marital disputes sprang up between them quickly.

She was in Vizag with her friends. But she came home that evening and along with her father, went to Hayatnagar police station to file a missing person's complaint. In her statement, she accused her father of harassing her mother.

The complainant, Ms Thaduri Sarala, 48, told the police that on October 21 she went out shopping at about 3 pm. When she returned at around 6.15 pm, she found the doors open. On checking the house, she found that gold and silver ornaments worth ₹18 lakh were missing.

The Bowenpally police analysed CCTV footage in the surrounding areas and identified the suspects as the complainant's relatives. The investigation team took the suspects into custody and questioned them. Supriya, the main accused, confessed that

she used duplicate keys to enter the house and decamped with the booty in the car. She told the police that she had a marital dispute with her in-laws and wanted to take revenge. She discussed the plan with her family and all of them supported and joined her.

Supriya said she knew that her mother-in-law keeps a large amount of money in the house as she runs a money-lending business. Police is suspecting that a dowry demand might have led to the robbery. Supriya left for her maternal home on Friday.

Finding something fishy, relatives questioned Keerthi about her Vizag tour and she gave evasive answers. After two days of questioning by her relatives, she told them her mother had committed suicide. When asked about the body, she was silent.

The investigating team were informed about this and took her in for questioning. She confessed that she had a grudge against her mother for opposing her relationship with her boyfriend and thus the two hatched the plan to kill her.

# Major fire in tyre godown creates panic for 12 hours

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

A major fire broke out at a tyre godown near Sushma Theatre in Vanasthalipuram on Sunday evening. The fire raged for nearly 12 hours before it was doused by the fire department and GHMC teams at around 4.30 pm. No injuries were reported.

Mr B. Sreenaiah, the station fire officer at Hayatnagar, said his team reached the spot within five minutes from receiving the information. "There was no one at the godown to let us in. The main gate was locked. After a while, we broke it open. A lot of time was wasted because of this," he said.

Mr Sreenaiah said there were no fire safety precautions at the location. "We barely had

Although the godown owner claims that the fire was caused by a stray cracker, fire personnel say it is unlikely the reason

access to the building. We found it extremely difficult to get close to the fire. There were also a lot of cars parked on the road, which meant our fire engines could not be taken near the compound quickly," he said. The GHMC's Enforcement Vigilance and Disaster Management and traffic police were asked for assistance.

Since no one had come to remove the cars, the police had to shift them. People living in nearby buildings too were evacuated for their safety. The fire department deployed seven of its fire engines. Excavators were

employed to demolish the structure.

Mr Sreenaiah said the owner of the godown claims the fire was caused by a stray cracker. "But this is unlikely. The fire occurred in the evening, when no one in the surroundings was bursting crackers," he said.

Mayor Bonthu Rammohan arrived at the site at around 10 pm and stayed for two hours, coordinating the teams working on dousing the fire. Corporator Vithal Reddy too was present. The fire was quite tricky to contain as every time it seemed like it had been doused, it would spring up again and would move to another part of the godown. Ultimately, the structure had to be demolished. A residential building and a car workshop located nearby sustained some damage.

# WOMAN BURNT WHILE LIGHTING DIWALI LAMPS

Hyderabad Oct. 28: A woman sustained burns when her clothes caught fire while she was lighting lamps on Diwali on Sunday. Her neighbours rushed to her rescue, put off the fire and took her to Gandhi Hospital where she was undergoing treatment. Her condition is said to be critical. As per the police complaint filed by the survivor, her dress came in contact with a burning lamp.

# Counterfeit currency racket busted

DC CORRESPONDENT KHAMMAM, OCT. 28

Seven members of a gang that cheated people with counterfeit currency notes were nabbed by the police in Sattupalli.

They are being interrogated while hunt is on to nab the eighth member and alleged kingpin.

According to sources, the gang cheated many persons in Sattupalli and

the surrounding areas by offering ₹3 lakh counterfeit currency in exchange for ₹1 lakh. Many fell for this modus operandi.

However, when some of the gullible persons arrived at the appointed spot to collect the amount, the gang would cook up some story or the other.

Over 20 cases have been filed against Madar, the leader of the gang.

According to an official, "The leader used to offer ₹3 lakh in counterfeit currency for one lakh rupees in real currency. Several innocent people fell for the trap."

The gang members take real currency notes from the person and give a date for handing over the fake currency.

On that date, they enact a scene depicting police movement around the

spot. The persons are told to leave the place to avoid trouble from the police.

If a person senses something fishy and demands return of his ₹1 lakh, the gang comes up with some excuse or one of them gives some counterfeit notes and disappears.

Meanwhile, the police official said, "We will produce the members before media on Tuesday."

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**Late Sri S.G. PHADKE**  
Passed away on this day  
October 29th, 1977  
Inserted by:  
**Family Members & Staff**  
Sri Gajanan Cloth Stores  
4-2-238, Sultan Bazar, Hyderabad.  
Ph: 24756793

**10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

**Mr. GOURA KISHAN RAO**  
GHMC Office Head Cashier, Tankbund Hyd.  
29th Oct 2009  
Sadly missed along life's way...  
Lovingly remembered everyday...  
No longer in our life share  
But in hearts you're always there...  
In Grief:  
Your Loving Wife:  
**G. Sunitha Kishan Rao**  
Daughters:  
Padmasree, Ushasree, Tripurasree  
Son-in-laws:  
Raghunath, Amruth Raj, Shanker  
Sons:  
**Sridhar Rao, Shashidhar Rao**  
Daughters:  
**Nirmala, Vijayalaxmi**  
Grand Children:  
Amulya, Mahasha, Vinolya,  
Tanmayee, Ahalya, Sai Raj Mohan,  
Akshara, Akshay, Tandava Krishna,  
Gopi Krishna, Tulsi Krishna,  
Vaishnavi, Yeshaswini  
Ph: 9963360321

**OBITUARY**

**Dr. HEMA CHANDRA TANDANA**  
Ex. Principal - K.M.C. - Warangal  
D.O.B: 7.05.1926 D.O.D: 28.10.2019  
Funeral at 11 A.M. on 29.10.19 East Marredpally.  
Inserted by:  
**Dr. Manu Tandana & Dr. Suchitra Tandana**  
Raka Tandana & Dr. Deva Shishu Tandana  
Grand Children  
Dhruv Tandana & Malavika Jaggi  
Aditi Tandana & Sathya Ramanathan  
Ph: 9676706111 & 9701274168  
(CA-3058)

**14th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
"The righteous shall be ever lasting remembrance" Psalms 112:6

**Late Mrs. LIMA SULOCHANA**  
Retd. Teacher (Tagore's Home High School, Secbad)  
W/o D.H. BHASKERAN  
D.O.B: 18-8-1940 D.O.D: 28-10-2005  
"Your sweet memories remain with us forever  
ever & you will be in our hearts"  
Inserted by: **Loving Husband,**  
**Children, Sons-in-Law,**  
**Daughter-in-Law & Grand Children**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**SRI S K SHARMA**  
Left for heavenly abode on 25-10-2019  
"Your memories remain in our hearts  
forever and ever"  
Inserted by: **FAMILY MEMBERS**  
Ph: 9676595050

**4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."  
Psalm 23:6

**JALAGAM INDIRA MOSES**  
W/o Late J.N. Moses (Retd. Railways)  
(D.O.B: 12.11.1937) (D.O.D: 28.10.2015)  
Your memories are always in our Hearts forever  
Inserted by:  
**Daughter - Sharada Sampath & Family**  
**Son - Solomon & Family**  
(S/1920/D01129)

**4th ANNIVERSARY**

**Mrs. Vanita Kulkarni**  
Dear Vanita, the saddest moment is when the person who gave you the best memories, becomes a memory. You are missed daily and every day, you are that special person which meant to us more than anything else in the world. You are and you will be with us guiding us invisibly. ॐ शांति शांति शांति.  
Prashanth Kulkarni and Apoorva Kulkarni.

**8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
The memory of the righteous will be a blessing. Prov 10:7

**A. JERUSHA**  
W/o S. Anthony  
DOB: 01-07-1956 DOD: 29-10-2011  
You have chesited an indelible impression on our heart. Praise God for all that you have been to us.  
Inserted by:  
**Husband - S. Anthony & Family Members**  
(S/1920/D01127)

**6th Anniversary**

**Late THAKUR GYAN SINGH**  
DOB: 11-06-1934 DOD: 28-10-2013  
An amazing generous person  
We miss your affectionate presence,  
still you are alive in our hearts.  
With deep respect...  
**Wife - Smt. TARAVATI**  
**Children & Grand Children**

**2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
"JESUS Said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25)  
In Loving Memory...

**SUDAPALLE THIRUPALU**  
D.O.B: 01-07-1947 D.O.D: 29-10-2017  
(Asst. Secretary (Admin) Retd. LIC of India)  
Loving, caring, forgiving, disciplined, fearless, you drifted through our lives captivating us giving joy to everyone you touched.  
Address: 8-2-293/B/49, Plot no. 49, Gayathri Hills, Jubilee Hills, (Rd No. 10C), Hyd-33. Ph: 040-23543550  
By Beloved Family Members

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
The memory of the just is blessed. Ps. 10:7

**N. RAJARATNAM - PAPA**  
Retd. Teacher  
M/s. Kellet High School (Madras)  
Inserted by:  
**Loving Son: T.C. Jayaker**  
Bagh Amberpet, Hyderabad.  
9550407882  
(S/1920/D01128)

**7th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
"For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him" 1Thessalonians 4:14 NIV

**Mrs. JOYCE DIVAKER**  
DOB: 04-10-1948 DOD: 28-10-2012  
We miss you and Love you, but we believe you are in better place.  
Inserted by: Family Members

**OBITUARY**

**Mrs ANGELINA PARMAR**  
wife of late Bishop Parmar  
DOB: 22-02-1931 DOD: 28-10-2019  
Inserted by:  
**Children and Grandchildren**  
Contact : Sunil 9849025433

**1st ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**SHILPA RAJ MANGWANI**  
18-04-1977 - 29-10-2018  
Ever so kind loving and compassionate  
We Love & Miss You Dear  
Husband: **RAJ KUMAR MANGWANI**  
Children: **TINJA, MONICA, HITESH**  
(B/1920/D00124)

**15th ANNIVERSARY**  
I will dwell in the house of Lord forever Ps: 23:6

**Mrs. G. ANNAMMA**  
Exp. on: 28-10-2004  
Inserted by:  
**Gnana Chandar Rao - Husband,**  
**Children & Grand Children**

**OBITUARY**

**Dr. S. Madhukar**  
10.06.1944 - 28.10.2019,  
Prof & HOD (Retd), Department of Medicine,  
Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad.  
Deeply Grieved by  
**Family Members, Friends,**  
**Relatives, Colleagues, Near & Dear**

**63rd BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
I thank my God every time I remember you. Phil 1:3

**Late. E. JOSHUA**  
Retd- Lecturer  
fondly remembered by  
**Wife - Jeeva Joshua**  
**Daughters & Sons - in - law**  
**Son & Daughters-in-law & Grandchildren**

**12th ANNIVERSARY**

**B.V. SUBBARAYUDU**, Advocate  
(S/o. Late Sri B.V. Narasimham, Dt. Judge)  
DOB: 02.10.1963 DOD: 28.10.2007  
We are missing you, Your loving smile,  
your lovely face and caring nature are  
there forever in our hearts.  
Inserted by:  
**Brothers & Sisters**  
Cell: 9849724858/7702152981

**OBITUARY**

**SRI S K SHARMA**  
DOD: 25-10-2019  
The pain of losing you is immeasurable.  
Every day we remember you in our  
prayers, in our thoughts.  
Your memory can never be forgotten.  
We love you so much and miss you.  
Rest peacefully in heaven!  
- USHA SHARMA

**10th ANNIVERSARY**

**GUNIGANTI VUPENDRA (JAYA)**  
D.O.B: 10-06-1962 D.O.D: 29-10-2009  
We could not forget you for ever  
for your Love & Affection Showered  
on us throughout your life  
Husband  
**GUNIGANTI DHANUNJAYA**  
Sons, Daughter & Family Members



## Green challenge

K. Keshava Rao takes up green challenge initiated by party Rajya Sabha member Santosh Kumar, plants saplings at home



₹10 lakh would be provided to Abdul Kalam Azad Oriental Research Institute

— Mohammed Mahmood Ali Home minister

## IN BRIEF

### BJP's Unity Day on Oct. 31

Hyderabad: The TS BJP will celebrate National Unity Day on October 31 to pay tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary. BJP spokesperson Krishna Saagar Rao said the TS BJP unit will conduct a Run for Unity in the city. Party leaders will hoist the National Flag at the BJP office.

### Ponnala survives car crash

Hyderabad: Former minister and senior Congress leader Ponnala Lakshmaiah escaped unhurt in a road accident, a police official said, on Monday. The vehicle in which he was travelling was rammed by another vehicle on Jubilee Hills Road No. 45. The front of Mr Lakshmaiah's car was damaged but he escaped unhurt.

### Yadadri opening in Feb.: KCR

Hyderabad: Chinna Jeeyar Swami said Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao had implemented many programmes for the people and has politically established a place for himself. He was addressing the 'Thirunakshatra Mahotsavam' held at the Chinna Jeeyar Swami Ashram in Muchchinthal. He appreciated Mr Rao's work at the Yadadri temple. Recalling his association with the seer, Mr Rao said the Chinna Jeeyar had come to his house when he got married and they knew each other since then. He said the Yadadri temple would open for the public in February.

### BJP MP ASKS KCR ABOUT GOVT DEBT

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

BJP MP Bandi Sanjay asked Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao that if the RTC was to be shut down due to its debts, what about the state government which is in a debt trap. He asked Mr Rao who was responsible for the government's debts, if the workers were responsible for the RTC's debts. Mr Sanjay said that Mr Rao had claimed that he had restored the RTC to profit when he was transport minister in undivided AP. He should explain to the people why he failed to revive the RTC as CM. Speaking at Husnabad on Monday during his Gandhi Sankalpa Yatra, Mr Sanjay attributed the RTC's losses to the TRS government's failure.

### HC DISMISSES HABEAS PETITIONS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Following Supreme Court orders, which bars High Courts from verifying aspects of legality of arrests while dealing with habeas corpus petitions, the Telangana state High Court dismissed petitions filed by the wives of Nalamasa Krishna, advocate and vice-president of Telangana Praja Front, and Maddileti, a student of Telugu University, challenging the illegal custody of the two and seeking that they be produced before the court. The division bench, comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy, clarified that in case the petitioners are of the opinion that their fundamental rights or civil rights have been violated, they shall be free to challenge the same in a court and seek compensation from the government.

# 1 lakh land cases are still in courts

## Computerisation of records hasn't helped State interferes in land records

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA I DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Land dispute cases are clogging the courts right up to the High Court, even after the computerisation of land records has been completed. The government declared that it has completed the process of corrections in Records of Rights.

Approximately, one lakh land dispute cases are pending before the district and other lower courts and some 60,000 of these have been pending for more than a year. In the High Court, on an average around 100 land related cases, including writ petitions, writ appeals, second appeals etc are filed, most of them seeking to direct concerned revenue authorities to issue patta (ownership) pass books or challenging the decision of revenue authorities in including their lands in the prohibition list and not registering them, stating that the lands are government or other type of land such as forest land.

According to some estimates, land-related disputes account for two-thirds of all pending court cases. Land disputes are mostly related to the validity of land titles and records, and rightful ownership.

A NITI Aayog paper suggests that land disputes on average take 20 years to be resolved.

Other than cases that are in dispute between private parties, which are negligible and can be solved with appropriate decisions of the courts, the cases filed against government relate to the decisions of the revenue authorities such as unilaterally holding the land to be government land even after the land has been registered several times to private parties who have been issued pattadar pass books.

## DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

When the legal point was raised as to whether the government can make entries in revenue records incorporating its name, the High Court said that it is not permissible and the government must go to a civil court.

There are several instances of the High Court stating that the government has no authority and it does not have the right to change the classification of land by infringing on the rights of the owners. Courts have also directed that the government has to approach civil courts and only then proceed to get the declaration of its title on a piece of land.

It seems that the concept of continuing wrong and the concept of recurring cause of action are something the higher authorities and staff at the revenue department go by.

Advocate Lalitha Gayathri says this opinion is shared by the public that has suffered bitter experiences with land issues because of

Advocate Neeli Arjun Kumar says that since approximately two decades the surreptitious decisions of the revenue authorities and registration authorities on land issues have been causing more worries to land owners. These authorities insist the land parcels belong to the government and prohibit registration by listing it under Section 22-A of the Registration Act even when the land has

the actions of the revenue staff.

The High Court has given directions that before including a particular piece of land in the prohibition list, objections and claims from the possessors or owners must be received, but this has never been implemented, Ms Gayathri said.

In many cases, even the Supreme Court has held that the acts of the government in changing classification of land etc are a continuing wrong, that it creates a continuing source of injury and renders the doer responsible and liable for the continuance of the injury.

It is necessary to have conclusive titling of land, said advocate K. Pavan Kumar, but that will require amendments in the law to create a unified legal framework that provides for guaranteed land ownership.

Mistakes made by the governance should not cause agony to citizens and they should not be forced to approach the courts as it also places a financial burden on them, Mr Kumar said.

been treated as patta land for several years and has been transferred several times and registered under the Registration Act.

Even after pattadar passbooks have been issued to the owners, the revenue authorities change the classification of the land and title in favour of the government, without giving notice or giving the landowner a hearing, Mr Kumar says.

# Centre returns service rule file

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY I DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

In a setback to the state government, a file which it forwarded to the Centre seeking amendment to the Presidential Order has been returned. The government had included the newly constituted districts in the wake of Supreme Court orders on the unified service rules of teachers.

The Supreme Court had stated that integration of government and panchayat raj teachers' services and treating them as unified services was not sustainable under the law.

Against this backdrop, the government sent a proposal seeking

to amend the Presidential order and include two districts, Mulug and Narayankhed, in the order.

Government sources said that the Centre returned the file stating that after the Supreme Court order on unified service rules, the government has issued certain guidelines revising the Presidential Order.

Those guidelines and revisions were challenged by the teachers associations stating that they were in violation of Article 371.

The sources said the Centre told the state government that it could not take the decision on the file till the outcome of the petitions pending before the courts.

# Legislator quits Desam in AP

MD ILYAS I DC VIJAYAWADA, OCT. 28

The defection of Telugu Desam MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi to the YSRC has given the party a big jolt. Mr Vamsi submitted his resignation as legislator and quit the party, stating that he wanted to quit politics because he is unable to protect his followers from harassment.

Mr Vamsi, a strong TD leader in Gannavaram, won the seat narrowly, overcoming a YSRC wave in the Assembly elections earlier this year. His quitting the party will be a big loss to the TD.

According to reports several other MLAs are also planning to quit the TD.

Mr Vamsi won the Gannavaram Assembly seat with 838 votes, defeating the YSRC's Yarlagadda Venkat Rao. It was alleged that Mr Vamsi and his followers distributed fake land pattas or title deeds to lure voters. The fake pattas issue came to light after the elections when the supposed beneficiaries lodged a complaint with the police.

Mr Vamsi had alleged that he was being harassed by TRS leaders who wanted him to join the YSRC.

## DON'T COME TO HYD TO MEET ME: HARISH

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Finance minister T. Harish Rao has asked people from his constituency, Siddipet, not to spend money to meet him in Hyderabad, unless there was an urgent requirement.

Mr Harish Rao reminded them that he is available in Siddipet four days a week where they can meet and apprise him. He advised them to make it to Hyderabad only in case of medical emergencies or if it is an issue of importance. It is common knowledge that Mr Harish Rao makes himself accessible to the people whether he is a minister or not. As a minister, he spends more time in Siddipet.

It so happened that on Diwali, several people from Siddipet came to Hyderabad to greet him. His immediate reaction was: "Today I am in Hyderabad, tomorrow I will be amongst you. When people from Siddipet come to meet me in the capital spending thousands of rupees, it implies that I have failed in discharging my duty. Some of the works you seek may not be possible immediately. That will make me feel guilty". He posted a video of this on Twitter, which drew immense praise on social media.

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T. HARISH RAO Finance minister



Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan and others post at the Bhagalakshmi temple where she had gone on Diwali. — DECCAN CHRONICLE

# Governor's meet'n'greet on Diwali turns a praja durbar

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU I DC HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan held a praja darbar at Raj Bhavan on occasion of Diwali and met several people including political leaders on Sunday. Some of them presented her a memorandum on the ongoing strike by the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation employees. On this, the Governor said the state government will take care of the issue.

Dr Soundararajan has previously held review meetings with officials on education and tribal welfare issues. She has announced that she will visit some tribal areas soon and also make a night halt there. The Governor has been gradually becoming active in government-related issues. It is significant that she held a praja darbar and met people

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and political leaders when Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has been facing criticism that he does not allow his own party MLAs to meet him. Raj Bhavan sources disclosed that Dr Soundararajan has decided to meet people on special occasions like festivals, a practice her predecessor E.S.L. Narasimhan followed.

Sources said the Governor met people to exchange greetings on the occasion of Diwali but some people ended up giving her representations on their prob-

lems. Sources said Dr Soundararajan would not be holding praja darbars on a regular basis.

Dr Soundararajan is accessible and mingles freely with people and others. Recently, RTC union leaders met her twice. State BJP leaders met her a couple of times to brief her about RTC strike and other issues. Post this, the Governor called transport minister P. Ajay Kumar over phone and sought to know the alternative arrangements being made by the government in view of the strike. Later, transport principal secretary Sunil Sharma met Dr Soundararajan and briefed her on the issue.

Telangana TD president L. Ramana and former MP Ravula Chandrasekhar Reddy were among the politicians who met the Governor during the praja darbar.

# CONG MEET TODAY TO BE HOT AFFAIR

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, OCT. 28

In the wake of the debacle in the Huzurnagar byelection, the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) will take stock of the political situation with two separate core committee and executive committee meetings lined up for Tuesday.

The core committee comprises TPCC president B. Uttam Kumar Reddy, working presidents, AICC secretaries from the state and AICC general secretary and TS Congress affairs incharge R.C. Khuntia and AICC incharge secretaries.

In spite of being unseated from the constituency, many senior leaders continue to support Mr Uttam Kumar Reddy. Those opposed to his continuation are backing TPCC working president and MP A. Revanth Reddy.

Congress MLA T. Jayaprakash 'Jagga' Reddy said Mr Uttam Kumar Reddy remained the spearhead, although some sections are wondering how he could enjoy such a status when his wife Padmavathi failed to win the Huzurnagar seat which he had vacated.

Compared to the core committee meeting, the executive committee could be quite volatile while discussing the Huzurnagar setback. The main agenda is to discuss and finalise a strategy on going about the ensuing municipal elections.

Besides, some senior Congress leaders have questioned Mr Revanth Reddy's showmanship during the Congress plan to besiege the Chief Minister's residence.

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## Chief assurance

Dushyant Chautala, who was sworn in as Haryana's Dy CM on Sunday, says the BJP-JJP combine will provide a 'stable and honest' government



Give time frame by which you will fulfil poll promises

— Kumari Selja  
Haryana Congress president asks BJP-JJP govt

## US officer meets Dalai Lama

Washington: The Trump administration's point person for international religious freedom is on a visit to India and met Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama in Dharmasala on Monday. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback began his trip in Dharmasala on October 28, where he delivered remarks alongside the Dalai Lama at the 60th anniversary celebration of the Tibetan Institute for Performing Arts, it said. Brownback met the Dalai Lama and discussed with the 84-year-old religious leader ways to improve religious freedom for Tibetan Buddhists around the world.

## Man 'sacrifices' 10-yr-old nephew

Bhagalpur (Bihar): A 10-year-old boy was allegedly sacrificed by his paternal uncle following the advice of a tantrik to propitiate goddess Kali in Bhagalpur district of Bihar, police said on Monday. The accused Shivnandan Ravidas, who did not have any children, was told by local tantrik Vibhash Mandal that his crave for an offspring would be fulfilled if he sacrificed a child belonging to a close relative during the Kali Puja, Senior superintendent of police Ashish Bharti said. The incident took place at Dilauri village under Pirpainti police station area late on Sunday night.

## TOURIST VISAS FOR NON-INDIAN SIKHS: PAK

Lahore, Oct. 28: The Pakistan government will issue tourist visas to non-Indian Sikhs visiting the Kartarpur corridor and other gurdwaras in the country during the 550th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev.

Under the Kartarpur Corridor agreement between India and Pakistan, pilgrims coming from India for one day would not require visa but they can only visit Gurudwara Baba Guru Nanak.

However, those coming from other countries will need a visa and be free to visit other religious places.

"The Pakistan government will issue tourist visas to (non-Indian) Sikhs coming from Europe, Canada and America for their visit to the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, Kartarpur Narawal, some 125kms from Lahore," said a source in the Pakistan Foreign Office.

The official said Indian pilgrims will have to obtain a visa for touring other holy sites in Pakistan. India and Pakistan signed the Kartarpur corridor agreement on October 24. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Indian side on November 8, his Pakistani counterpart will open the corridor on November 9.

## Diwali with troops



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday celebrated Diwali with troops deployed in Jammu and Kashmir's border district of Rajouri and praised them for their valour, saying it enables the government to take decisions hitherto considered impossible. — PTI

## Why can't Indian MPs visit J&K, asks Cong

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International news agency reports claimed that the delegation is "drawn mainly from right-wing parties" and that the group is "dominated" by right-wing MPs from France, Britain and eastern Europe.

Thierry Mariani, a European MP belonging to France's far-right National Rally, was quoted as telling a news agency, "We are going to see the situation in Kashmir; at least what they want to show us."

In early August this year, India revoked Article 370 that granted a special status to J&K state. The government had also then announced the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories.

The Congress on Monday swiftly questioned the government for allowing a European Union delegation to visit Kashmir while preventing Indian political leaders from going to the state, and claimed it was an insult to India's

Parliament and democracy.

The move was also criticised by the Left parties and BJP MP Subramanian Swamy.

News agency reports said national security adviser Ajit Doval, who hosted a lunch for the European legislators, also briefed them on cross-border terror emanating from Pakistan, the constitutional changes made in the status of Jammu and Kashmir and the situation in the Kashmir Valley.

In a statement from New Delhi, the Prime Minister's Office said, "Members of the European Parliament called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg today... Talking about the need to strengthen engagement with EU on regional and global matters, the Prime Minister highlighted the importance of close international cooperation to fight terrorism."

Amid mounting criticism, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh asked why the "chest-

beating champion of nationalism", in an apparent swipe at Mr Modi, has allowed European leaders to visit J&K.

"When Indian political leaders have been prevented from meeting the people of J&K, what possessed the great chest-beating champion of nationalism to allow European politicians to visit J&K. This is an outright insult to India's own Parliament and our democracy," he tweeted.

An angry CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury tweeted, "Then why were Indian political party leaders and MPs repeatedly prevented from exiting Srinagar airport? I was allowed to enter Srinagar only when the Supreme Court permitted my habeas corpus petition. Even today, Indian MPs are not allowed while Modi welcomes MEPs!"

BJP MP Subramanian Swamy was quoted as saying, "This is a perversion of our national policy. I urge the government cancel this visit because it is immoral."

## ANOTHER TRUCK DRIVER SHOT DEAD IN J&K

Srinagar, Oct. 28: A truck driver was killed by suspected militants on Monday in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district, police said, a day before a delegation of European Union MPs visits the Valley.

Narayan Dutt, a resident of Katra in Udhampur district, is the fourth truck driver to be killed by militants since August 5 when the Centre abrogated J&K's special status under Article 370 and split the state into two Union Territories.

Dutt was fired upon by the militants in the evening in the Kanilwan area of Bijbehara in the south Kashmir district, a police official said.

He died on the spot, he added. A senior police official, who was nearby, rushed to the spot and managed to save two other truck drivers who were in the vicinity, police said.

The area has been cordoned off and a hunt launched to nab the attackers, they said. Dutt's killing follows a series of attacks by militants on truck drivers and non-locals. — PTI

## HOUSE PANEL FOR J&K, LADAKH SET UP

New Delhi, Oct. 28: A parliamentary panel headed by Congress leader Anand Sharma will examine the functioning of administration, development and people's welfare in the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

The parliamentary standing committee on home affairs will also look into the rising crime in Delhi-NCR.

The panel, which had met thrice before, was briefed by top officials of Delhi Police on the worsening traffic situation in the national capital.

According to a Lok Sabha bulletin, the panel has also decided to examine the issues of national register of citizens (NRC) in Assam, intelligence coordination and counter terrorism.

## Vijayan: CBI probe into Walayar deaths likely

DC CORRESPONDENT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCT. 28

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Monday promised to consider a re-investigation by the state police or the CBI into the deaths of two minor sisters in Walayar after examining all aspects.

Replying to the notice for an adjournment motion moved by Shafi Parambil of the Congress, he said the government would appeal against the acquittal of four suspects and seek the services of a prominent lawyer.

The same will be the stand on the case pending against the minor suspect before the Juvenile Justice Board and the lapses by the

police would be examined.

Earlier, the Walayar SI was suspended and departmental action taken against him for lapses in the investigation. He said whether there were lapses by the prosecution would also be examined.

He said the gruesome death of the two children had shaken the conscience of everyone. The government is committed to giving justice to the victims, even if posthumously.

Vijayan said the government was on the side of victims and there was no politics in such matters.

The 13-year-old girl was found hanging from the ceiling of her house on January 13, 2017, and her nine-year-old sister died the same way 52

days later under suspicious circumstances.

They are the daughters of a couple living in Selvapuram Attappalam within the Walayar police station limits in Palakkad.

The Walayar police had registered two cases under crime no. 43/17 and 240/17 and investigated. He said the allegations of sabotage were baseless.

Since the minors were from the same family and their death occurred under suspicious circumstances, the government had formed a special investigation team under ASP G. Poonguzhali and a detailed investigation followed.

It found that the children were sexually assaulted before their death.

## 20 injured in grenade attack

Srinagar, Oct. 28: Terrorists on Monday lobbed a grenade into a crowd waiting at a bus stop in Kashmir's Sopore town, injuring at least 20 civilians, police said. Of the 20, six people are

seriously injured and have been referred to a hospital in Srinagar. The others are undergoing treatment at a local hospital, officials said. The attack comes a day before a delegation of

European Union MPs is visiting the Valley. Security forces have cordoned off the area and launched an operation to nab the attackers. No arrests have been made so far, police said. — PTI

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2.	कबीर सम्मान	भारतीय भाषाओं की कविता के लिए	3.00 लाख
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14.	शरद जोशी सम्मान	हिन्दी खग्य, ललित निबंध, संस्करण, रिपोर्ताज, डायरी, पत्र लेखन आदि	2.00 लाख
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16.	कवि प्रदीप सम्मान	शास्त्रीय गायन (आयु समूह 25 से 45 वर्ष)	1.25 लाख
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18.	सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी सम्मान	हिन्दी सॉफ्टवेयर सचं इंजिन, वेब डिजाइनिंग, डिजिटल भाषा प्रयोगशाला, प्रोग्रामिंग, सोशल मिडिया, डिजिटल ऑडियो विड्युअल एडोर्टिंग आदि में उत्कृष्ट योगदान।	1.00 लाख
19.	निर्मल वर्मा सम्मान	भारतीय अग्रवासी होकर विदेश में हिंदी के विकास में अमूल्य योगदान।	1.00 लाख
20.	फादर कामिल बुल्के सम्मान	विदेशी मूल के व्यक्ति के हिंदी भाषा एवं उसकी बोलियों के विकास में उत्कृष्ट योगदान।	1.00 लाख
21.	गुणाकर मुले सम्मान	हिंदी में वैज्ञानिक एवं तकनीकी लेखन एवं पाठ्य-पुस्तकों के लिए लेखन।	1.00 लाख
22.	हिन्दी सेवा सम्मान	अहिंदी भाषी लेखकों और साहित्यकारों को लेखन-सूजन से हिंदी की समृद्धि के लिए योगदान।	1.00 लाख

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1.	शिखर सम्मान	हिंदी साहित्य	1.00 लाख
2.	शिखर सम्मान	उर्दू साहित्य	1.00 लाख
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4.	शिखर सम्मान	रूपकर कलाएँ	1.00 लाख
5.	शिखर सम्मान	नृत्य	1.00 लाख
6.	शिखर सम्मान	नाटक	1.00 लाख
7.	शिखर सम्मान	संगीत	1.00 लाख
8.	शिखर सम्मान	आदिवासी एवं लोक कलाएँ	1.00 लाख
9.	शिखर सम्मान	दुर्लभ वाद्य वादन	1.00 लाख

उक्त सम्मान देश के सुजान सज्जिय साहित्यकार/कलाकार/संस्था की उच्च सुजानलक्षकता, असाधारण उपलब्धि, अनवरत दीर्घसाधना तथा समाज रचनात्मक अदान के लिए देय हैं। प्रत्येक सम्मान के अन्तर्गत आयकर मुक्त सम्मान राशि एवं प्रशस्ति पत्रिका भेंट की जाती है।

वर्ष 2019 के इन सम्मानों हेतु संबंधित विधाओं के प्रति साधक सरोकार और रुझान वाले समीक्षकों, लेखकों, विचारकों, कला-सज्जियों, आलोचकों एवं संस्थाओं से ख्याति प्राप्त साहित्यकारों/कलाकारों के चयन के लिए अनुशंसार्थ विधिवत आमंत्रित की जाती है। अनुशंसार्थ निम्न प्रारूप में भेजी जा सकती है :-

1. सम्मान का नाम (जिसके लिए अनुशंसा की जा रही है) 2. अनुशंसित का पुरा नाम 3. अनुशंसित की आयु 4. अनुशंसित का वर्तमान पता एवं दूरभाष, मोबाइल, ई-मेल आदि 5. अनुशंसित की सुजानलक्षक एवं प्रतिष्ठादायी उपलब्धियों का सुस्पष्ट विवरण, छायाचित्र, प्रशंसा, क्रेडेंशियल आदि 6. प्रस्तावक का नाम, पता एवं दूरभाष क्रमांक

उल्लेखनीय है कि प्रत्येक सम्मान एवं वर्ष के लिए अलग-अलग अनुशंसार्थ तथा प्रत्येक सम्मान का नाम विधा सहित लिफाफे के ऊपर अंकित किया जाना आवश्यक है। उल्लेखित सम्मानों के लिए गठित जूरी समिति के समक्ष अनुशंसार्थ विचार एवं निर्णय के लिए रखी जायेंगी। चयन समिति की सर्वसम्मत अनुशंसार्थ पर राज्य शासन का निर्णय अंतिम होगा। घोषणा तक सभी कार्यवाहियाँ गोपनीय होती हैं। इस संबंध में कोई प्रचारण नहीं किया जायगा और न ही दूरभाष पर जानकारों तथा संभव हो सकेगा। प्रतिष्ठितों तथा संलग्न दस्तावेज लौटाने नही जा सकते हैं। जना प्रस्तावों पर संशोधन आदि भी मान्य न होगा। प्रत्येक सम्मान के लिए अलग-अलग अनुशंसार्थ 30 नवम्बर, 2019 तक आयुक्त, संस्कृति संचालनालय, 1-शिवाजी नगर (रेडकाउंट अस्पताल के पीछे), भोपाल-462016 के पते पर पहुँचाना आवश्यक है।

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## Nath loyalist minister for Bhuria as PCC chief in MP

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, OCT. 28

A senior minister in Madhya Pradesh government, known as a staunch loyalist of Chief Minister Kamal Nath, on Monday projected the newly elected MLA and veteran tribal leader Kantilal Bhuria as new president of MP Congress, creating ripples particularly in the camp of

AICC general secretary Jyotiraditya Scindia here. State PWD minister Sajjan Singh Verma's statement, significantly, comes hours after Mr Nath left for Delhi from Chhindwara where he celebrated his first Diwali after he became chief minister.

"Bhuria is not only a veteran leader but also the tribal face of Congress. There will be good coordination between organisa-

tion and government if he heads Congress in MP, since he enjoys good rapport with Chief Minister. "Besides, Bhuria commands respect of all sections of the party and hence, he can take them along with him", Mr Verma told reporters here.

Replying to a question, he dismissed the reports that Bhuria belonged to camp of former chief minister Digvijay Singh.

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## Royal visit

Prince Charles to visit India for second time in two years. The visit begins on Nov. 13



Post-Diwali pollution level in Delhi is 'lowest' in five years

— Arvind Kejriwal  
Chief Minister

# Festival of lights was not all that pleasant

## Scores of people poured into hospitals nation-wide with burns, eye injuries and other complaints

New Delhi, Oct. 28: At least nine people were killed in fireworks related incidents, including gutting of houses and shops, on Diwali across the country, while scores of others poured into hospitals with burns, eye injuries and other complaints.

### GRIM DIWALI FOR FARMERS IN AURANGABAD

Aurangabad, Oct. 28: Maize and cotton growers in Maharashtra's Aurangabad district did not celebrate Diwali this year as their crops were destroyed due to heavy post monsoon showers.

While the district, located in the perennially parched Marathwada region, got deficient downpour during this year's rainy season, it received excess post monsoon showers in the last one week, a government official said.

"Last year, pests ate 60 to 70 per cent of our cotton crop. This year, excess rains damaged both cotton and maize crops. Only 10 to 15 per cent of the crops can be reaped now," said Ishwar Sapkal, a farmer from Soyegaon taluka.

— PTI



Fireworks illuminate the sky during Diwali celebrations in Ghaziabad.

### DELHI'S AIR QUALITY DIPS TO 'SEVERE'

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, OCT. 28

Despite several attempts made to curb the menace of air pollution, a layer of haze enveloped the national capital a day after Diwali as the city's air quality plummeted on Monday to the "severe" category for the first time this season, with a large number of revellers brazenly flouting the Supreme Court-enforced two-hour limit for bursting crackers.

However, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said on Monday that the air pollution level in the city on Diwali night was the "lowest" in the past five years as there was relatively less bursting of firecrackers.

His remarks came even as the city's air quality dropped to the season's worst on the morning after Diwali, but government agencies said the situation was still better than previous years.

Addressing a press conference, the Chief Minister said on Monday that the government has received masks and would distribute these in a few days.

"After 8.30 pm on Sunday, I could hear some sound of crackers bursting. I was very happy that compared to the last few years, there was much less bursting of crackers. The pollution figures have revealed that pollution has been the lowest in the last five years on Diwali night," he said.

"Our aim is to eliminate pollution from Delhi," he added. The Delhi Pollution Control Committee on Monday said less fireworks, rigorous night patrolling and enforcement measures to curb instigators reduced the PM2.5 and PM10 levels by 30 per cent on Diwali night this year, in comparison to 2018.

The decline in emissions of dangerous PM10 and PM2.5 particles across Delhi ranged from 20 to 50 per cent, indicating that the air quality was better than in previous years, the DPCC said in a statement.

## BRIEF

### NAGA TALKS DEADLINE MAY BE EXTENDED

DC CORRESPONDENT  
GUWAHATI, OCT. 28

The ongoing talks between Prime Minister's envoy for Naga talks R.N. Ravi and collective leadership of NSCN (IM) led by Th Muivah on Monday remained inconclusive but chances of thrashing out differences on separate Naga flag and constitution has brightened with the Centre considering the idea of extending the deadline of October 31 for concluding the Naga talks.

Though, final decision on extending the deadline is yet to be taken, security sources did not rule out the possibility.

"The dialogue between Ravi and NSCN (IM), lasted for more than four hours but remained inconclusive.

However, a final agreement between the NSCN-IM and the government is unlikely to take place by October 31," sources said. In a related development which has been seen as an attempt to mount pressure on NSCN (IM), the Naga National Political Groups has asked all the legislators to clarify their stand on contentious issues instead of taking a "neutral" stand.

### PC BEING TREATED FOR STOMACH ACHE

New Delhi, Oct. 28: Former finance minister and senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram, who is currently in the custody of Enforcement Directorate in the INX Media case, was taken to AIIMS on Monday after he complained of stomach ache and other related issues.

Sources said Chidambaram was taken to the RML Hospital in the morning but has now been shifted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences here. Chidambaram complained of illness and pain in the stomach, the sources added. Sources at AIIMS said, the former Union minister was brought to the hospital around 5.40 pm and is being examined by a team of doctors in the old private ward. While those close to Chidambaram said his condition is not good, ED sources claimed "there was nothing serious".

### BANK LOAN TROUBLE FOR MUNDE

Pune, Oct. 28: A Pune-based bank has taken "symbolic possession" of a flat owned by newly-elected NCP MLA Dhananjay Munde here in Maharashtra for alleged non-payment of loan of ₹70 lakh.

The NCP leader defeated his cousin Pankaja Munde of the BJP in the just-concluded Assembly elections from Parli in Beed district of central Maharashtra.

Pune-headquartered Shivajirao Bhosale Cooperative Bank Ltd had published an advertisement/notice related to the flat in a newspaper on October 25, the day after election results were declared.

"Since the respondent has failed to repay the loan amount, the bank has taken symbolic possession of the property," stated the notice. In symbolic possession, the property remains in the possession of the owner. The flat in question is located at 'Yugai Greens' project in Model Colony in Shivajinagar here.

A bank official said if the borrower fails to repay the outstanding amount, the bank will send a proposal to the collector to take physical possession of the property.

Due to "serious irregularities" in functioning of the cooperative lender, its board was dismissed earlier this month by the RBI, which subsequently appointed an administrator to run the bank.

Among them was a young man whose thumb and index finger were partially amputated.

There was a massive fire at Golbazar vegetable market in Sambalpur where 80 shops were damaged.

Another blaze was reported at Khantapada in Balasore district in which a footwear shop was gutted.

In Dhenkanal, a garment godown was destroyed due to fire. But major hospitals in the national capital reported lesser number of injuries this Diwali than the previous years. Centre-run Safdarjung Hospital, which has the largest burn unit in the country, received 62 patients who had suffered Diwali festivities related burn injuries out of which 11 patients were admitted.

The RML Hospital received 22 patients. All of them had suffered minor burns due to bursting of crackers. None of the patients had to be admitted.

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) received only two burn injury cases related to Diwali last night and there were no admissions, a senior official said.

Due to pollution concerns, there is a Supreme Court-enforced two-hour

window for bursting of firecrackers. Only green firecrackers, which have 30 per cent less emissions, can be burnt.

Bomb disposal squads and fire department personnel were scrambled after several boxes of crackers dumped on a vacant plot in Punjab's Jalandhar exploded, shattering window panes and triggering panic among residents on Diwali night, police said.

Eyewitness told police that pellet-like things scattered in the air after the explosions.

A police investigation has ruled out the possibility of any terror angle. At least five shops were gutted when a fire broke out in a market area in Maharashtra's Sangli city, a fire brigade official said, adding no casualty was reported.

Four to five fire tenders were pressed into service and they took around two hours to douse the flames, he said.

"It is not yet clear whether the blaze was caused due to fire crackers," the official said. In Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh, at least seven persons were injured when two rival groups opened over a dispute on burning crackers, police said on Monday.

— PTI

### 3 CHARRED TO DEATH IN CHHATTISGARH

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC  
BHOVAL, OCT. 28

Three people in a Chhattisgarh village were charred to death when a shop in which firecrackers were stored caught fire, police said on Monday.

The tragic incident took place in the village of Makdi in Kondagaon district in south Bastar region in Chhattisgarh late on Sunday night.

According to Kondagaon police, a local grocery shop owner Kashi Sen used to sell firecrackers for which he was granted licence, on the occasion of Diwali. He along with two of his friends, identified as Balram Netam and Shival Shrimali, slept inside the shop on Sunday night after it was closed.

Fire broke out suddenly trapping all of them in the shop. Later, their charred bodies were recovered by police. Preliminary probe suggested that the three locked themselves inside the shop leading to the mishap.

### 5 killed, several hurt in Odisha

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC  
BHUBANESWAR, OCT. 28

As many as five persons were killed and many others injured in Diwali-related incidents in Odisha on Sunday.

Reports from Keonjhar district said a government employee was charred to death after firecrackers fell on his house at Sadha Chhak in Keonjhar district. The man was sleeping in his house during the incident.

Another man came in contact with a live wire while fixing decorative lights at his residence in Bhadrak district and died on way to the hospital.

Reports from Ganjam said two persons were killed in an explosion that took place when they were making firecrackers on the occasion of Diwali at Shyam Sundarpur in Ganjam district.

According to inspector Satya Ranjan Pradhan of Khallikote police station, the victims were rushed

to MKCG Medical College and Hospital where one of them died during treatment and another while being transferred to SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack.

In Bhubaneswar, a youth named Amaresh Nayak was hacked to death by members of rival youth group allegedly for bursting fireworks.

Four children were injured while burning firecrackers in Bhadrak district, while one person sustained burn injuries due to a blaze caused by a lamp in his shop in Ganjam district.

A youth was injured while bursting fireworks in Sundargarh district, the police official said.

A standard five student was injured when he lit some duds he had collected from the street on Monday morning at Kairasi in Ganjam district.

Fire incidents during Diwali celebrations were also reported from Sambalpur, Balasore and Dhenkanal districts.

### MARITAL AGE TOO LINKED TO JOBS: ASSAM

DC CORRESPONDENT  
GUWAHATI, OCT. 28

The state government while notifying the population and women empowerment policy of Assam has made it clear that not only is the two-child norm mandatory for getting a government job but also that men and women who violate the legal age limit for marriage will be ineligible for employment related schemes.

However, some exceptions have been made with regard to the conditions.

### 'Davos in desert' begins today

RIYADH, OCT. 28: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several other world leaders will attend the third edition of Saudi Arabia's high-profile annual financial conference beginning on Tuesday, which is aimed at wooing foreign investors to help the Gulf Kingdom diversify its oil-based economy.

Mr Modi, who will arrive in Riyadh late Monday night on a two-day visit, will deliver the keynote address under the title 'What's next for India?' at the forum, which is dubbed as 'Davos in the Desert'.

India, Saudi Arabia are expected to sign a number of agreements in several key sectors including oil and gas, renewable energy and civil aviation to bolster their ties.

This would be Prime Minister Modi's second visit to the Gulf Kingdom.

forum, which will also see Pakistan Prime Minister Khan for the second consecutive year.

"India and Saudi Arabia have enjoyed traditionally close and friendly relations. Saudi Arabia has been one of the largest and reliable suppliers of India's energy needs," Modi said in his departure statement in New Delhi.

He noted that defence, security, trade, culture, education and people-to-people contacts are the other important areas of bilateral cooperation with Saudi Arabia.

The two sides would also sign an agreement to establish a Strategic Partnership Council to coordinate on key issues.

The council will be headed by Prime Minister Modi and the crown prince and it will meet every two years.

— PTI

### AIUDF chief says, Muslims will defy Assam's two-child norm

MANOJ ANAND | DC  
GUWAHATI, OCT. 28

Triggering a fresh row and opening a new debate on the child-control measures being initiated by the state government, All Indian United Democratic Front (AIUDF) chief Badruddin Ajmal contends that the new law will hardly have any impact as Muslims would continue to have children.

Referring to the government's Cabinet decision to disqualify people having more than two children and seeking a government

job, Ajmal, who represents the Muslim-dominated Dhubri Lok Sabha seat, said, "Muslims will continue to produce children, they will not listen to anyone. Now, the government has brought this law to stop Muslims from having jobs. According to Sachar Committee report, less than two per cent Muslims get government jobs. It should be remembered that there is a substantial increase of literate people in the community and many are working across the world."

The Muslim leader argued, "Our religion, and I personally believe that those who want to come to the world will come and no one can stop that process."

Criticising the BJP-led Assam government, Ajmal said, "Whatever laws you make, it will have no impact on the Muslims. Tampering with nature is not good. Muslims will do whatever they want to bear children. Don't shout later that we have more children."

Ajmal, in response to remarks made by Hindu religious leaders, said,

"On one side, the RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat asks families to produce 10 children, while on the other hand, the saffron party-led government says that no government jobs will be given to people having more than two children. First, they should decide what they want."

It may be recalled that in a significant move, the Assam cabinet on October 21 decided that no government jobs will be given to people having more than two children from January 1, 2021.

### TESTING | TIMES Sujith is stuck in an abandoned borewell for 80 hours

## Time running out for rescue of 3-yr-old

DC CORRESPONDENT  
TIRUCHIRAPALLI, OCT. 28

A heavy, German-made drilling machine has been deployed to dig a parallel shaft to reach the 3-year-old boy Sujith Wilson stuck in an abandoned borewell at a depth of 88 feet for the last nearly 80 hours, but rescue efforts were still being hampered by rocky soil and rain, officials admitted on Monday.

Two Fire and Rescue Services personnel were lowered into the freshly drilled shaft, using a ladder and with necessary support like oxygen, for initial assessment of the condition inside, they said.



A fire fighter dons a mask to try out a planned descent into the alternate tunnel in Nadukattupatti.

"We don't know the condition of the child right now," an official said.

As operations stretched into the fourth day, the

witness the elaborate rescue efforts for the boy who fell into the disused farm borewell while playing near his house at 5.30 pm on Friday.

Officials on the site indicated that approximately 50 feet of parallel shaft has been dug and after reaching further "right depth," horizontal tunnelling of about six feet is on the cards to reach the trapped child.

TN Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami said he has briefed the Prime Minister on the extensive steps taken by the government to save Sujith Wilson from the disused borewell at Nadukattupatti village in Tiruchirapalli district.

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## Power grab in Haryana can lead to downfall

To everyone's dismay, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar ran the BJP's first government in Haryana for five years without showing too much interest in the people's welfare. Farmers suffered greatly in a state that is a synonym for agricultural output, and unemployment ran high. This hasn't stopped the RSS-BJP leader from being once again sworn in as Chief Minister on Sunday. Mr Khattar will thus be the first non-Congress politician to be CM for two successive terms in Haryana.

And yet he didn't win the Assembly polls earlier this month. The BJP lost its majority. Its numbers fell below the halfway mark. Practically all ministers lost, showing the extent of the people's fatigue. There was gloom in the saffron camp as the Congress, fighting under the leadership of former chief minister B.S. Hooda, ran the BJP close, quite unexpectedly — and won 10 of its 31 seats along the G.T. Road, seen as a BJP preserve.

Mr Khattar owes his return as the Chief Minister to the greed of Jananayak Janata Party (JJP) leader Dushyant Chautala. The JJP, an offshoot of the late Devi Lal's political legacy, did surprisingly well for a new party, winning 10 seats out of 90 in the state legislature. This was because it took up the grievance of farmers seriously and campaigned hard against the ruling BJP, just as the Congress did. Later, however, Mr Chautala found the bait of deputy CM offered by the BJP irresistible, forgetting that the election verdict was against the BJP.

This is likely to have consequences for governance, depending on how successfully the Congress is able to play the role of an effective Opposition party that can highlight the opportunism of the BJP and JJP for the sake of power.

In Karnataka, the Congress lost its majority in the state polls in early 2018 and backed JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy for CM, while retaining its political influence to such a degree that fights with its ally became a routine affair, eventually leading to the government's fall well before time. This was political opportunism gone wrong.

In Haryana, however, the BJP was power-hungry enough not only to grab the CM's post but also retain a failed leader as CM. A change of guard was not countenanced, displaying remarkable hubris. The act could succeed only due to the avarice of the JJP leader. Many in the state are apt to see this as sacrificing farmers' interests. The exercise looks like dubious politics and questionable morality. Surprisingly, the move was sanctioned by the two most powerful political figures in the country — Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who in public remarks made Mr Khattar appear as a paragon of sagacity and administrative capacity, and Union home minister Amit Shah, who summoned Mr Khattar to New Delhi when the gloomy results were in, presumably to counsel him to put on a show of brazenness.

## Baghdadi had to go

One of the world's most wanted terrorists has been killed. Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi died "like a dog", US President Donald Trump said after watching the entire operation in the White House situation room. This was another covert ops strike, beloved of Hollywood, as Chinook helicopters flew low in Idlib, Syria, and strafed a building. The ominous bearded figure of al-Baghdadi wore his favourite suicide vest and in his most villainous style dragged three children along with him before he realised he was boxed in. Trapped, he triggered the vest and died a horrible death, but no one would sympathise as he was a world class ogre, much reviled for acts of terror across the world.

There's reason to believe the US got the "Scarlet Pimpernel" like a furtive, fugitive figure this time, after several disappointments in exaggerated reports of his death. They took his DNA to match his body, that was blown to bits. This is a signal moment in the fight against terror. The "free world" will rejoice as it continues to pay the price of eternal vigilance. The proactive action by the well-equipped US forces, that had carried out several such strikes earlier, like the revenge killing of Osama bin Laden, must be lauded.

Al-Baghdadi was the most dreaded terrorist even in an era filled with them as he commanded a territory he called the Islamic State (ISIS), a lawless 34,000 sq. m. where only his writ ran. Among his acolytes were also Western-educated youth who thought blowing up people was a jolly good thing. But terror is a hydra-headed monster. Others will emerge as leaders, even in ISIS, that was pulverised in battle two years ago. But Baghdadi had to go as he defied every tenet of civilisation, and despite Mr Trump's boasting.

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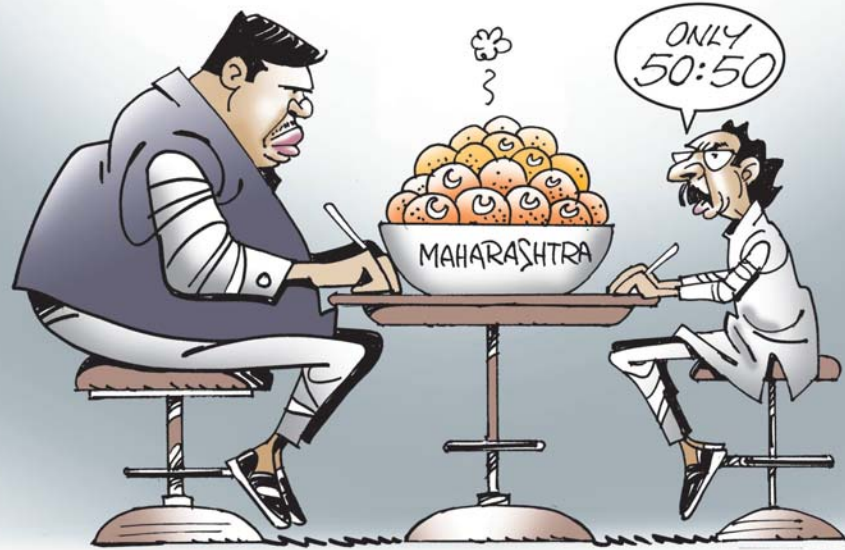
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# Maha, Haryana signals: Lesson of half-full glass



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The Bharatiya Janata Party's efforts after October 24 indicate it is in survivor mode, salvaging what was a natural disaster. From the wreck of the castle the party had built, albeit in the air, it has been working to ensure that the states of Haryana and Maharashtra are headed by its hand-picked chief ministers, Devendra Fadnavis, who has not yet been confirmed, and Manohar Lal Khattar, who has, for the second time.

Some inkling of what could be the worst-case scenario must have been there. In hindsight, it was entirely sensible of Amit Shah, J.P. Nadda and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reduce the risk of a snub by not putting all the party's eggs into one basket. If the riskier and therefore politically dangerous decision had been to start the post-Lok Sabha spree of state elections by lumping together all the states due in the next six months, it would have been more difficult for Mr Shah and Mr Modi to save face by declaring the Maharashtra and Haryana verdicts as a victory, an endorsement and a confidence vote.

That it was no such thing is self-evident. The verdict failed to give the BJP the single party majority that had declared it would get in both states. Instead, there is a hung legislature in Maharashtra with the Shiv Sena claiming that it has the "remote control of power" in its hands. In other words, the BJP's nose is being rubbed in the dirt for its failure to convert the 164 seats it contested into a single-party majority. Hubris is being chased by Nemesis.

In Haryana, the BJP scrambled to get together with the infant Jannayak Janata Party, the very existence of which contradicts the Shah-Modi plank that probity and principles in political life matter and that their personal success confirms the possibilities of the ordinary man coming up through the ranks in the hard way, instead of becoming leaders by inheritance. Earlier in October, Mr Shah had waxed eloquent on the difference between the Congress, the Nationalist Congress Party and the BJP. He was reported to have asked: "Is there no talent outside the family? Such 'parivar wadi' parties can't work for the welfare of the state and the country."

The swiftness with which principles have been abandoned for practical reasons of installing two chief ministers in two states that were prior to October 24 part of the BJP's footprint across the nation is stunning. The Jananayak Janata Party is unquestionably a family enterprise. Its purpose is to protect the Chautalas from suffering the consequences of corruption. And it is a party that represents key voters — Jats — in Haryana. The proof of the pudding is the speed with which Abhay Chauthala was released on furlough so that he

could celebrate his son's ascension to the deputy chief minister's post and so effectively become the next generation's crown prince. Additionally, the BJP needed to get caste interests under control in Haryana after Mr Modi's message and Mr Shah's strategy and organisational genius failed to get Mr Khattar the anticipated 75-plus seats.

If the BJP really meant to do what it had declared — one nation, one vote — the best time to get started would have been now. What would have prevented the BJP from nudging the cooperative Election Commission from obsequiously clubbing the elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand and Delhi together? The Jharkhand elections are due in November/December, while Delhi is due in February 2020.

Bundling four states together in one playoff was a risk. The BJP chose to avoid it. Having said, in October, that "the elections are an opportunity to show that the entire country is together on this issue", meaning the justness of abrogating Article 370 and turning Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories, the BJP did not opt to test the truth of it.

Voters in Maharashtra and Haryana have delivered a message... It was not the BJP's strategy that went wrong. It was that the voters preferred others to the BJP.

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firms the abysmal performance of the BJP governments and the pain this is causing for millions of Indians in rural and urban areas. To assume that there was just one principal reason for voters in Haryana and Maharashtra to decide the way they did would be to simplify how rationality works. The verdicts in both states are quite clearly unhappy/disgruntled/disappointed with the BJP. To pass off this sentiment or reason as failure of strategy is taking people to be fools.

The failed strategy excuse, which is backed up with data on the increase in voteshare, is eyewash. It is a cover up for the inevitability that voters in a robust democracy are sometimes unpredictable. Like sheep, they can be wayward. They can lose themselves and Bo Peep it seems does not know where to find them.

The challenge now for the Amit Shah-Narendra Modi duo is to reduce the chances of another unpredictable outcome. In order to do so, the leaders will need to introspect instead of finding fall guys to blame for the "strategy failure". It will also require for the BJP to accept that voters can change their mind.

It would be easy to conclude that the manipulation of minds by talking nationalism and identity, excluding the minorities, crucifying the secularists and critics as anti-nationals, corrupt and opportunists has reached the point of diminishing returns. It may have; but that will not become clear till some more voters in hitherto BJP-controlled states give the party a hard time.

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### LETTERS

#### USELESS THINGS

We Indians go gaga over things which do not give happiness or a better life to millions of common people in our country. We build the tallest statues, largest diya, or manufacture the longest saree (picture, Oct. 27). I wonder how do these so-called 'big' achievements matter? Indians should be happy if they get safe hospitals, roads, buildings, and transport, clean streets and roads, healthy food, clean water and honest leaders.

Nayantara Prabhakar  
Hyderabad

#### FUEL STATIONS

Petrol pumps owners are authorised to collect 10 paise per litre from customers for providing public toilets and drinking water at their premises. But most PSU fuel stations do a shoddy job and maintain toilets poorly. They manage to get away scot-free because there is no need for answerability on this count. With government allowing private companies into fuel retailing, PSUs will lose their customer base unless they improve on customer satisfaction.

Suriseti Pankaj Kumar  
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#### Pheruman dead

AMRITSAR, OCT. 28

Darshan Singh Pheruman, 85-year-old veteran of the freedom struggle, died here today after an epic 74-day fast to press Punjab's claim to Chandigarh. The end came at 3.30 in the afternoon in the heavily-guarded family ward of the V.J. Hospital, where he was admitted in the third week of the fast while under arrest.

The revolutionary, who made the supreme sacrifice in pursuance of his vow of "Chandigarh or death," will be given a State funeral at his native village of Pheruman, about 45 kilometres from here. The body was taken to Pheruman under police escort shortly after his death.

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## Muslims have been ostriches over eroding Uighur culture

Imagine a scenario in which a Western country locks up hundreds of thousands of Muslims in internment camps. Here, they are "re-educated" to adopt liberal values that include a change of language and lifestyle.

Had such a deliberate effort to brainwash an entire Muslim community been attempted, there would be riots and protests across the Islamic world. Embassies of the country responsible for this outrage would be attacked, and its businesses boycotted. We know from experience that this sequence of events is pretty much standard operating procedure whenever real or perceived acts of state-organised violence against Muslims take place.

So why the deafening silence across the Islamic world when around 1.5 million Muslims in China's Xinjiang province have been forced into vast "re-education centres"? Even before this policy was launched, Uighur culture was under attack, with beards and headscarves strongly discouraged

by an increasingly harsh Chinese administration. It is now virtually impossible to find books in the Uighur language in bookshops.

Around half the province's population of 24 million is Sunni, and largely follows the Sufi tradition. Apart from Uighurs, there are Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, Hui and other minorities in Xinjiang. Ever since the government in Beijing began its policy of moving Han Chinese to the province to dilute the Muslim presence, Uighur separatist groups have resisted and staged sporadic attacks. As often happens, the state has countered with tough action and policies.

The aim of the Chinese government is to "transform through education". For thousands of years, the Chinese ruling class has sought to build a stable society free of tension between various ethnic groups. So when a handful of Uighur resisted the attempt to integrate them into mainstream Han culture, they were accused of separatism and subversion. One such group is the Uighur mother-tongue

movement: the authorities have dubbed it the "fourth evil" after separatism, religious extremism and terrorism.

While the policy of brainwashing the Uighur has been widely criticised in the West as "cultural genocide", Muslims have been largely silent.

One reason for this hypocritical approach is the clout China wields. For Pakistan, China has been the bedrock of its foreign policy, as well as its economic saviour. It is also an important importer of Saudi and Iranian oil. And other developing Muslim countries have benefited from Chinese aid and loans. All these factors have served to mute criticism of Beijing's assault on Uighur religion and culture.

But just as important is the pivotal role Xinjiang is expected to play in China's Belt and Road Initiative. Roads and railway lines from various points around the world will carry thousands of containers, and China is nervous about any disruption caused by

separatist groups. It has already seen how such terrorism can affect infrastructure projects in Balochistan.

China denies that it is trying to brainwash the Muslim population of Xinjiang, but government spokesmen have admitted to a policy of training and educating the young. In many cases, children have been separated from parents to be placed in these centres where they are indoctrinated and forced to learn Mandarin Chinese. More and more, a single, monolithic Han culture is being forced on minorities. Muslims, in particular, are at the sharp end of this policy.

Xinjiang means "new frontier", and was given this name when the vast region was conquered by the Qing dynasty in the 18th century after a series of bloody battles. However, this conquest was resisted by warlords who regained control of various areas from time to time. In fact, for a short time, they set up the Republic of East Turkestan. Since then, there has been fric-

tion between Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang, and Beijing. And as the stakes have risen, so has the level of repression. Electronic surveillance has been a key element in this crackdown. Locals have been forced to hand over mobile phones so that their sim cards can be read by the police. Security forces at innumerable checkpoints stop and search locals and foreigners alike, and CCTV cameras check their photographs against a central database.

The victims of these human rights violations have no right of appeal. China is a one-party dictatorship. In its long history, there hasn't been a single period when democracy was practised. To a large extent, people accept a strong Central government that has lifted hundreds of millions out of poverty in a single generation.

But the attitude of the ummah is surprising: both on the left and right, Muslims have been like the proverbial ostriches.

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