



Right decision

Congress leader Jagga Reddy said JAC decision to call off strike is correct; unfortunate employees called for a strike

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Crop output has risen due to measures taken by the state government.

— Singireddy Niranjan Reddy
Agriculture minister

IN BRIEF

TJ PREZ CALLS FOR EQUALITY AMONG GENDER

Hyderabad: Making a cause for equality between men and women in the corporate sector, Telangana Jagruthi President and former-member of parliament Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Thursday said that more women should speak out and ask for promotions and raise they deserve. Addressing delegates at an event titled 'Developing Women Leadership — A Roadmap to Success', she said: "Perhaps even men need seminars on this subject to make sure that they are gender sensitive and ensure equal participation among women in corporate sector." Kavitha also pointed out that in society: "The pool is full of men, and there's hardly any place for women."

She said that men in the corporate sector and even in political parties must give more space to women. "There is so much burden placed upon our shoulders, that we constantly think we are in the dump," Kavitha added.

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Game of Thrones begins in BJP's TS unit

The party rank and file want a younger leader to head the party who can challenge and match KCR

SRIRAM KARRI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

They have a Ram but he cannot be the chosen one here. Laxman is very keen, but the party is not sure he is the one either. Since there is no Bharat in modern politics — someone refusing to sit on the throne — the Telangana Janata Party (BJP) is not closed to even considering poaching a political *Shatru* to fill in the state president's post.

Dr K. Laxman, president of Telangana BJP, has not inspired enough confidence in any of the political stakeholders — party top leadership, the RSS, party leaders and cadre, or the general public — to strongly substantiate his case for a re-nomination. Sadly, the party does not have too many options either: The party rank and file want a younger leader to head the party, someone who inspires public confidence and can challenge and match Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao.

The cadre has openly told several senior national leaders that the party needs a new leadership with fresh ideas and a massive shake-up to the organisation.

Dr Laxman and current state leadership, most youngsters in the party feel, is not aggressive and capable enough to build the party and acquire a winning momentum. They say that results of elections fought by the party in last few years prove their case for replacement.

In the 2018 Assembly elections, BJP candidates lost deposits in 103 out of 119 seats. The party won just one seat, Ghosha Mahal, where the victory was scripted by Thakur Raja Singh, the candidate himself.

In the Lok Sabha polls held a few months later, BJP won four seats and lost Mahabubnagar, a potential fifth, narrowly. The BJP's win in LS was technically equivalent of around 25 Assembly seats. Nobody explains the turnaround as a feat of the state BJP leadership. It was plainly the Modi factor at work, anticipating and fearing which, the TRS preponed the Assembly elections.

A senior BJP national leader said that none of the four BJP leaders elected to Lok Sabha are likely to succeed Dr Laxman, if the party decides to decline him a second term. The senior most amongst them, G. Kishan Reddy, MP, Secunderabad, is currently serving as minister of state for home affairs and cannot simultaneously hold another post, nor is he interested.

Two MPs — Arvind Dharmapuri (Nizamabad) and Bandi Sanjay Kumar (Karimnagar) — fit some boxes in the check list — they are young, aggressive and can raise resources locally. Soyam Babu Rao (Adilabad MP), whose win was a surprise, hardly had enough money to fight his own election, is a non-starter. But Mr Dharmapuri is not keen on a state role and is trying for either a ministerial berth or a national party role, according to party sources in Delhi. Mr Bandi Sanjay is considered too young, and wishes to focus on his constituency.

Dr Laxman has put in his hat in the ring for a second term, after reportedly cutting a truce about domestic turf with Mr Kishan Reddy — Mr Reddy is backing incumbent president Laxman's claim for a second term; in turn, Laxman will back Reddy as chief ministerial candidate in

MUSICAL CHAIRS

● **THE TWO** Telugu speaking biggies of the Sangh — Ram Madhav and P. Muralidhar Rao — who don't see eye-to-eye — have been concentrating on other states more.

● **NAMES** of two TRS ministers in the current government were considered — Etela Rajender, health minister, and Malla Reddy, labour minister — both of whom, the BJP sources say, are likely to be sacked within a fortnight from the KCR government. But they too would not fit the 'capable of challenging-KCR' criteria.

● **LOCAL BJP** leaders are making lists, in which Congress leaders A. Revanth Reddy and Konda Vishweshwar Reddy are at the top. When contacted, both leaders denied being aware of the issue.

next Assembly elections.

If Dr Laxman had hoped to use the LS performance to bolster his claim, the recent Huzurnagar byelection result punctured his chances badly. The result was a huge disaster and almost sealed his chances. The BJP got less than 2,700

votes, despite boasting of over 4,500 party workers in the area.

The party membership drive in Telangana, as national BJP leadership has realised, was a failure. State leader played havoc with membership drive. Facilitated by a missed

call mechanism across the country by a software tool, it was not used in the state. The Telangana BJP unit choose to reinvent the wheel and awarded a contract to a local vendor to develop a new software. The exercise ended in disaster.

INCUMBENT



K. Laxman

NOT INTERESTED



G. Kishan Reddy

POTENTIAL OUTSIDERS



● Etela Rajender

RECENT DEFECTORS IN RACE



D.K. Aruna



Jithender Reddy

YOUNG MPs NOT KEEN



● Arvind Dharmapuri (Nizamabad)



● Bandi Sanjay Kumar (Karimnagar)

RIVALS FOCUSING ELSEWHERE



● Ram Madhav



● Muralidhar Rao



● Malla Reddy



● A. Revanth Reddy



● Konda Vishweshwar Reddy

The party has been looking around within its ranks, without ruling out those who defected not so long ago, for a chief. A frontrunner is former Congress minister, D.K. Aruna, a firebrand leader, who has reportedly assured the party leadership that she can bankroll a wallet of over ₹100 crore with support of some Telugu industrialists.

However, two of the three biggies backing her are of Andhra origin. A.P. Jithender Reddy is another name doing rounds for the race. The former TRS MP, who defected when he realised he would not be given a ticket in the pink party, has the ability to mobilise resources, but lacks the chutzpah and charisma the BJP needs.

The RSS, however, is strongly against outsiders or recent defectors, but it has also given a thumb down to current office bearers.

The two Telugu speaking biggies of the Sangh — Ram Madhav and P. Muralidhar Rao — who don't see eye-to-eye — have been concentrating on other states more.

Mr Madhav, who played a crucial role in candidate selection in Telangana for the Lok Sabha polls, but does not make the cut for Telangana politics — hails originally from East Godavari region of Andhra.

Mr Muralidhar Rao, who oversaw the Karnataka elections, is focussed on national-level politics. His last key role in Telangana, handling candidate selection for Assembly polls, turned disastrous, after which he has been staying away. He is happy currently backing Dr Laxman's bid.

Despite RSS opposition to outsiders being entrusted with a top job, lack of

options has BJP is looking around. Names of two current TRS ministers — Etela Rajender, health minister, and Malla Reddy, labour minister — both of whom, the BJP sources say, are likely to be sacked within a fortnight from the KCR government, are doing rounds. But they would not fit the 'capable of challenging-KCR' criteria.

A BJP national leader said that party president Amit Shah wants a change in state leadership but does not want to impose a name from Delhi. He has asked the local leaders for nominations.

Local BJP leaders are making lists, in which Congress leaders A. Revanth Reddy and Konda Vishweshwar Reddy are at the top. When contacted, both leaders denied being aware of the issue.

While Mr Vishweshwar Reddy responded with a terse monosyllabic no, Mr Revanth Reddy, who said he was neither in touch with BJP nor keen to shift parties, called it "fake news."

However, a senior national BJP leader confirmed that the BJP was in talks with Mr Revanth Reddy, who, however, does not want to lose his hard won Lok Sabha seat with over 50 months term remaining. "He has the fire power. We are trying to get him to shift, but he is trying to become PCC chief," the BJP leader said.

Who would be an ideal leader on the BJP's wish-list to lead them to power? "Harish Rao, without a doubt. But we won't make a move. He is not keen on any options outside the TRS right now. It does seem that blood is thicker than water," the leader added.

Thankfully, Dr Laxman might be thinking. At least for now.



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15-year-old dies of dengue

Doctors said boy brought too late after a week of fever

KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Fifteen-year-old Mohammed Fasiuddin died of dengue early on Thursday morning creating a situation which is still not under control as stated by the government.

Fasiuddin from Shadnagar suffered from fever for more than a week. His uncle Mohammed Illyas said, "From Monday onwards, the child was inactive. He had very high fever. The local doctors gave medicines and IV fluids. There was no improvement and we rushed him to the city. The doctors here said that we came too late."

Fasiuddin was a class X student. His father is a daily wage labourer.

The death is being questioned as time and again, the government has stated that mosquito control measures, from fogging, spraying of insecticides and pesticides to dry days are being undertaken but the situation is not improving on the ground.

Sporadic cases of dengue are being noted in city hospitals. Critical cases from districts are being treated here as they require proper medical management.

Children's hospitals in the city are still seeing infants and children with symptoms of dengue every week.

The intensive care units are stated to have a minimum of two children undergoing treatment for chronic stages of the disease.

Indian Medical Association's Dr Sanjiv Singh Yadav explains, "Mosquito control is most important. Awareness has to be effective to control the day-time mosquito. The government has to spread the word that it can be fatal for those who are immune compromised. These measures

● The death after the govt has stated that mosquito control measures are being undertaken but the situation is not improving.

will help control the disease. The problem of fresh water stagnation continues to be high as utensils and plastic drums to store water are rampantly used across the state. These are never completely dried and that is the reason for proliferation of mosquitoes in the state.

Bala Hakkula Sangham's president, Achyuta Rao, said, "The High Court has pulled up the government and it was expected that they will carry out strict measures. But that is not so. The death of a young boy again shows that measures are not sufficient."

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Genetics meet

Minister Etala Rajender attended the 6th Annual National Conference of the Indian Academy of Medical Genetics



CM KCR is working hard to help make farming a profitable activity in the state

— Errabelli Dayakar Rao
Minister

IN BRIEF

AUTO DRIVER, DOCS HELD FOR PRE-NATAL TESTS

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HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Two female doctors and an auto driver were arrested by Chaitanyapuri police following a complaint that the doctors conducted prenatal sex determination tests for three pregnant women. According to the Chaitan-yapuri police, at 12 pm on Thursday, Dr. K Bala Narendar, District Programme officer, lodged a complaint with the Chaitanyapuri police that three women were being taken to a hospital in an auto by some “mediators” for prenatal sex determination tests.

The police traced the auto, whose driver, Anjaneyulu was questioned. He admitted he had taken the pregnant women to Ushodaya Clinic in Hyderguda in Attapur area for prenatal sex determination tests.

The police went to the clinic and apprehended two doctors, who had conducted the sex determination tests on the three pregnant women. Police said they seized equipment, incriminating documents and mobile phones of the two doctors against whom a case has been booked.

Inspector S. Janaki Reddy of the Chaitanyapuri police said, “Prima facie, it has been found that Dr. Sarala and Dr. Ayesha Fathima collected Rs 9,000 from each of the pregnant women to perform the prenatal sex determination test.”

3 ARRESTED FOR MURDER OVER WEDDING BRAWL

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Three persons who murdered their friend for using objectionable language at a wedding and creating a nuisance have been arrested by Rajendranagar police.

The accused — Mohammed Naseem, 25, Shaik Sarvar, 25, and Mohammed Mohsin, 24, all residents of Suleman Nagar, killed Mohammed Feroz, 22, following an altercation at a wedding.

The Rajendranagar police said that on November 16, at a wedding reception, Naseem along with other friends consumed alcohol and went to the venue. They created a nuisance by using objectionable words and made women guests uncomfortable.

Feroz tried to pacify his friends and warned the miscreants. But he was beaten up and an altercation broke out between the youngsters. After they left the venue, Feroz along with his friends, on a bike, was waylaid by Naseem, Sarvar, and Mohsin and was attacked. The police said when Feroz tried to escape, he was chased and stabbed in the chest and back. Though he was shifted to OGH for treatment, he was declared dead on arrival. Following a complaint, the trio was traced and arrested on Thursday.

Car-o-bar is go-to place for boozing

Youngsters pick car over pubs to get tipsy

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HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Drinking in pubs and clubs is now passé, says a study conducted by Kantar-NFX. Conducted across India, it found that many youngsters are looking to grab a drink while in a car or in a parking lot. This, the study says, is due as much to high pricing at legitimate outlets as to social mores, as more than 54% of people across the country choose to have a car-o-bar (drink in cars) from fear of getting judged by strangers in legal premises.

According to Shyam, (name changed on request): “I would not shy away from any opportunity to grab a drink, be it in my car or the parking lot. Drinking in the car gives me the opportunity to change all the variables in my favour. The music would be of my choice, especially the volume. Since most bars and pubs are loud and sometimes out of my budget.”

Similarly, others say that when they have the opportunity to drink in the car, they would jump at it. “Most bars and pubs have a time limit. In a car, we can drink for as long as we want,” said Shyam.

However, officials of the police department say that consuming alcohol would impair the consumer’s sense of judgement and would make him a road hazard.

“Drinking and driving is against the rules. But, I would have to go through the study to give a more concise answer,” Hyderabad police commissioner, Anjani Kumar, told



Deccan Chronicle.

However, the study has noted that on-premises drinking is expensive and, therefore, an occasional indulgence. There is also a restrictive environment at home and societal judgments (moral policing) inhibit consumers from drinking in the comfort and safety of their homes. This forces consumers to drink in public spaces

● This shift in preference among youngsters is due as much to high pricing at legitimate outlets as to social mores

● Officials of the police department say that consuming alcohol would impair the consumer’s sense of judgement and would make him a road hazard

● There is also a restrictive environment at home and societal judgments responsible for this change

such as parking lots, parks and cars (car-o-bars).

Incidentally, for people like PSS Aditya, a youngster who works in a private firm: “When people drink, they tend to get aggressive and resort to violence. If they do that in a car, there are many factors that would distract them. So it is better if people drink at home.”

Youth blackmails woman with pics

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HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

A physiotherapy student from Khammam, who duped and extorted money from a city-based woman by threatening to post her morphed pictures online, was arrested by the cyber crime unit of the Rachakonda commissionerate here on Thursday.

Accused Banoth Sainath, 20, a native of Karepally of Khammam district and student of physiotherapy, downloaded pictures of an unknown male from Instagram and profiled it on a matrimonial site as Dr. Avinash Reddy, MS (Ortho), working in Karimnagar. A woman from Kapra, who was working in Malaysia, saw the profile, fell for it and contacted the numbers provided.

“By using voice-changing software, Sainath spoke to the woman in three voices as Dr. Avinash and the doctor’s father and sister, Prasad and Sandy respectively. He followed this up with conversations on WhatsApp. Sainath gained the woman’s confidence and collected her pictures through WhatsApp. He also borrowed money from her, stating he was unable to use his bank accounts and would repay her soon,” said Rachakonda cyber crimes ACP S. Harinath.

When the woman later asked for money, Sainath delayed it for some days. When she started insisting, he threatened to post her morphed pictures online. This way, he extorted Rs. 2.8 lakh from the woman.

“Unable to bear



Banoth Sainath

● Investigations revealed that the accused created similar fake profiles and cheated other women too

● The accused used the money extorted to buy a sports bike, costly watches and mobile phones

Sainath’s threats and meet his continuing demands for money, the woman quit her job in Malaysia, returned to India and reported the issue to police. We registered a complaint and investigated into the issue before arresting Sainath.” ACP Harinath said.

Investigations revealed that the accused created similar fake profiles and cheated other women too. To evade arrest, he frequently changed his location while staying in hostels at Hanmakonda, Warangal, and Guntur. Sainath used his roommates’ bank accounts to get money transfers from his victims. The ACP said the accused used the money extorted to buy a sports bike, costly watches and mobile phones.

Silver crown of Durga stolen from temple

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A burglary took place at the Durga Bhavani temple in Gunfoundry, just 100 metres away from the Hyderabad police commissionerate on Wednesday.

CCTV footage recorded at the temple shows a person entering the temple at about 6.25 pm, performing rituals, and taking

away the half-a-kg crown adorning the head of the Durga mata statue. For safety, the crown was secured to a chain, which the burglar managed to unchain before leaving with the crown.

The incident came to light the same night around 8:30 p.m. when temple priest Raju went to lock the doors of the shrine.

He found the crown

missing and alerted the temple management. Chandulal Mishra and Sheru Mishra, who manage the temple, said: “We get devotees who come from several parts of the city. During the day time, there is also Go Seva at the stable of holy cows attached to the temple. We do not have much security as the area is surrounded by people. The offender must have

visited the temple before stealing the crown. He must have known there will not be many people at the time he visited. We are sure he is not from this locality,” they said. They also pointed out that the locals consider the temple a holy shrine. The temple is visited by a huge number of devotees particularly during the festival season like Dasara and Bonalu.

“This is more than a century-old temple established by a brother and sister — Balaiah and Maisamma. It was a small mud temple. Later, devotees formed a trust under chairmanship of Salikram Mishra and constructed the temple anew,” Chandulal and Sheru stated. Abids police have registered a case and are investigating.

Court directs cops to register case against Akbar Owaisi

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The 16th additional chief metropolitan magistrate court of Hyderabad directed the Saidabad police to register a case against

MLA, Akbaruddin Owaisi, for alleged hate speech during a public meeting at Karimnagar during July 2019.

On August 1, K. Karunasagar, an advocate from the city, filed a petition before the said court, alleging that Chandrayangutta MLA, Akbaruddin Owaisi, peddled a hate speech on July 23, during a public meeting ‘Jalsa-e-Yaade Fakhr-

● A petition was filed before the court, alleging that Owaisi peddled a hate speech on July 23, during a public meeting in Karimnagar.

● The court directed the police to register a case against the Chandrayangutta MLA and also submit a report to the court by December 23.

e-Millat (A.R)’ at N.N. Garden function hall in Karimnagar, and requested it to take action.

Karunasagar alleged that he lodged a com-

plaint with the Saidabad police on July 26, but the police failed to register a case for investigation.

He also alleged that Akbaruddin Owaisi deliberately made a speech to promote enmity between religions.

After examining the petition, the court directed the Saidabad police to register a case against Akbaruddin Owaisi and also submit a report to the court by December 23.

When contacted, Malakpet ACP N. Venkata Ramana, said, “We are yet to receive orders from the court. But we will look into the matter and proceed accordingly.”

CHAOS AT RGIA AS FLIGHTS DELAYED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Passengers bound to Tirupati from the city on a Spice Jet flight were stranded at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport for over four hours on Thursday.

The flight, scheduled to leave at 3 pm from Hyderabad, did not take off until 9.10 pm. An Air India flight to Vijayawada was delayed by over two-and-a-half hours.

The flight, which was scheduled to leave at 5.20 pm did not leave till 8 pm.

Couple which drove sepyo to suicide held

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Online fraud, rising alarmingly in the country, claimed the life of an Indian Army soldier working in the city. Vilas Madhukar Sundarde, a sepyo, took his life after he became the victim at the hands of online cheaters.

The incident came to light after the cyber crime police apprehended the accused couple from New Delhi, who have been running an e-commerce website, on Thursday.

On April 16, this year, Sundarde, a sepyo in the Secunderabad Cantonment, committed suicide by hang-

ing. A case was registered under suspicious death at the Karkhana police station and a probe instituted.

On verification of the deceased sepyo’s WhatsApp and emails, a shocking fact came to light: the sepyo was trapped by online fraudsters and cheated to the tune of ₹90,000.

Information was communicated to army officials and, subsequently, captain Gadi Raghunadha Reddy, medical officer at a field hospital, lodged a complaint with the Hyderabad cyber crime police.

The investigation by the cyber crime police revealed that Sundarde purchased some articles through

● The army sepyo was lured in the name of gifts and valuable prizes like a TV, Renault KWID car and transferred ₹90,000 into the bank account of the portal. He had borrowed money to pay

Dealsothon Online Pvt. Ltd, an e-commerce website. The website offered a huge discount on purchasing combo packs with a discount of over 60 per cent.

Sundarde purchased products worth Rs 7,999 for Rs 2,999 through the offer. But he did not receive the products. Meanwhile, he also

received a communication from the company that he would receive a Car (Renault Kwid) and other expensive gifts if he deposits some more money. Detective joint commissioner, Avinash Mohanty, said, “The army sepyo was lured in the name of gifts and valuable prizes like a TV, Renault KWID car and transferred Rs 90,000 into the bank account of the portal. He had borrowed money from his friends and paid.”

As he was not receiving any gifts, he requested and begged the accused to return his money, but the accused did not care and neither sent the gifts which

they assured him nor his money. They also stopped responding to his calls.

“Constrained by the acts of the accused persons, Sundarde sent them messages and committed suicide by hanging,” said Mohanty.

Following the investigation, accused Lokendra Singh, 29, and his wife, Ruchi Singh, 28, who run the Dealsothon website were arrested and produced before the court. The official also said that Lokendra was earlier arrested by the cyber crime police in a similar offence in 2017, and he is currently facing trial in the court.

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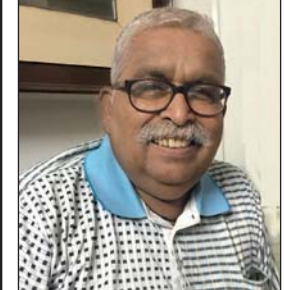
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Market, Chappal Bazar to Purnanapuli
Shamshan Vatika, Hyderabad.
Mourned by : Kanodiya Family
SHRI JYOTI MEDICAL HALL
Moti Market, Chappal Bazar, Hyderabad
Ph. : 9246505234, 9246524400

OBITUARY



JONNAKUNTI HARINATH RAO
D.O.B: 05-01-1949 D.O.D: 18-11-2019
“Your life was a blessing, your memory
a treasure, You are loved beyond words,
and missed beyond measure.”
Inserted by : ALL FAMILY MEMBERS

40th DAY CEREMONY



Sri. SSR GOVINDARAJAN
Ex-Servicemen
DOD: 21st November 2019
Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS
Contact: 9849420390, 9849578664
(CA-3072)



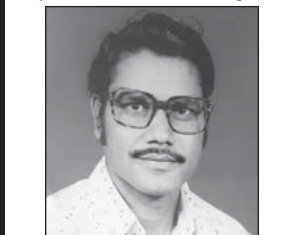
L. ANTHONY (IRIDIA NATHAN)
DOB: 23-12-1941 DOD: 13-10-2019
Mass on 22-11-2019 at 6.00 p.m. at
St. Anthony's Shrine Mettuguda,
Secunderabad. Followed by Dinner at
St. Anthony's Old Chapel, Modis
Compound, Mettuguda.
Inserted by: Mary Hessing & Family
Ph: 7951716744
(S/1920/D01279)

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Late Mrs. SOWJANYA BHAVANASI
W/o. Late. PURUSHOTHAM BHAVANASI
DOB: 18-01-1946 DOD: 22-11-2018
IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER;
WE LOVE YOU MOM.
INSERTED BY : FAMILY

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Sri K. VENKAT SWAMY
D.O.B: 19.07.1940 D.O.D: 22.11.2017
You brought sunshines and joy
wherever you went.
May your soul rest in peace
Inserted by : K. Indira (Wife) &
Family Members
Ph: 9490746149
(S/1920/D01272)

IN LOVING MEMORY 1st ANNIVERSARY



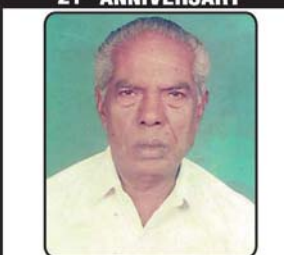
Mr. PULUKURI SAMUEL RAVICHANDRAN
DOB: 11-08-1950 DOD: 22-11-2018
Inserted by: Wife
**Daughter-Son-in-law
Son-Daughter-in-law
Grand Children**
(S/1920/D01278)

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Mrs. RENUKA CYRIL CHARLES
D.O.B: 25-11-1957 D.O.D: 22-11-2017
Inserted by:
Cyril Charles (Husband)
Rohit Cyril Charles (Son)
Rohan Cyril Charles (Son)
Raunaq Cyril Charles (Son)
(B/1920/D00140)

21st ANNIVERSARY



U.P. SWAMY
D.O.D: 22-11-1998
You will always remain in our hearts
and thoughts forever
Inserted by: Wife: Kamala
Sons, Daughters, Daughter-in-laws,
Son-in-laws & Grand Children
Ph: 9550014565

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY



G. SUBBA LAKSHMI
D.O.B: 4.11.1937 D.O.D: 22.11.2017
We live with your memories
Inserted by:
Husband - Ramesh B. Hundiwalla
Ph: 9391272172
(S/1920/D01278)

6th ANNIVERSARY



Dr. VISHWAS NAIK
D.O.B: 09.08.1964 D.O.D: 22.11.2013
Your short and sweet life
remembered by one and all
Inserted by:
Wife - Dr. Radha, Daughter - Riddhima
Mother, Father, Brother and Sisters
(B/1920/D00138)



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Visited Mid Manair Reservoir. Repairs and renovation are complete

— B. Vinod Kumar
Planning Board Vice Chairman

IN BRIEF

TS ANNOUNCES 2020 GENERAL HOLIDAYS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The following general holidays have been announced by the state government under Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, on Thursday.

- Sankranti 15-1-2020 (Wed)
- Sivaratri 21-2-2020 (Fri)
- Holi 9-3-2020 (Mon)
- Ugadi 25-3-2020 (Wed)
- Annual closing of accounts 1-4-2020 (Wed)
- Ramnavami 2-4-2020 (Thur)
- Good Friday 10-4-2020
- Dr.B.R. Ambedkar's birthday 14-4-2020 (Tue)
- May Day 1-05-2020 (Fri)
- Ramzan 25-5-2020 (Mon)
- Bakrid 1-8-2020 (Sat)
- Krishnashtami 11-8-2020 (Tue)
- Independence Day 15-8-2020 (Sat)
- Mahatma Gandhi Jayanthi 2-10-2020 (Fri)
- Milad-un-nabi 30-10-2020 (Fri)
- Kartika Purnima/Guru Nanak's Birthday 30-11-2020 (Mon)
- Christmas 25-12-2020 (Fri)

The following festivals occur on Sundays, 2nd and 4th Saturdays

- Republic Day 26-01-2020 (Sun)
- Babu Jagjivan Ram's birthday 5-4-2020 (Sun)
- Vinayaka Chavithi 22-8-2020 (Fourth Sat)
- Moharram 30-8-2020 (Sun)
- Durgastami 24-10-2020 (Fourth Sat)
- Vijaya Dasami 25-10-2020 (Sun)
- Diwali 14-11-2020 (Second Sat)

MINORITIES FEEL THEY ARE TARGETED

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"This is not possible in many ways for many of us. It is creating apprehension."

Minorities fear and are concerned that they are being targeted. Verification for NRC in Telangana will tentatively be in April to September 2020.

"The poor will suffer the most," Nizamuddin Farooqui, who team worked for the NRC in Assam, said. "They will now have to pay agents, lawyers and government officers who will make getting valid documents difficult. The process is cumbersome and requires time and money. It is also emotionally draining for many who actually are born in India and who have not come from outside," Mr Farooqui said.

CONG ASKS CM TO ADD DENGUE IN AROGYASRI

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Congress MLA Jagga Reddy has requested Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao to include dengue in the list of diseases under the Arogyasri scheme.

Speaking to media on Thursday, he said that in every house two or three persons are suffering from dengue.

Hospital bills amounting ₹60,000 to ₹1 lakh are being levied upon the poor, he said.

He also said he will write to China Jeeyar Swamy requesting that a trust be set up to collect funds from the godman's devotees to give financial help to poor cancer patients.

He said several rich and prominent persons such as Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, and businessman Rameswara Rao visit China Jeeyar Swamy and would be able to donate funds for this cause.

RTC: CM to await HC order

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Thursday decided to wait for outcome of the petition pending before the Telangana High Court on privatisation of RTC routes before taking a final call on the RTC strike.

On the day, the CM held a marathon meeting with senior officials at Pragati Bhavan and reviewed the latest situation after RTC workers expressed their willingness to call off the strike.

Officials informed the Chief Minister that there is a chance of the High Court announcing its decision on privatisation of the RTC routes on Friday. The CM then told officials to wait till Friday before holding another round of discussions for taking a final decision on the RTC situation.

According to the CMO, the Chief Minister felt that in view of RTC reeling under huge losses, the state government, given its economic condition, is not in a position to pump in funds and restore RTC to its normal condition.

The CM further pointed out that around ₹640 crore was required to pay salaries to the employees and clear arrears of PF. It would not be possible for the state government to

4 BJP MPs seek Centre's intervention into strike

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The Union transport ministry is likely to intervene into the affairs of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation as well as demands of the striking Road Transport Corporation workers.

The chances of the ministry intervening are high after BJP's Lok Sabha members from Telangana, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Arvind Dharmapur and Soyam Bapurao, led by union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy, met Union minister for transport Nitin Gadkari at Delhi on Thursday and sought his intervention into the demands raised by RTC workers.

The BJP leaders spent more than 40 minutes with Gadkari and pointed out that the state government is making moves to privatise RTC routes, while leasing out properties of RTC to private organisations owned by TRS leaders.

Sources disclosed that while the meeting was



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retur to duty, without achieving any of their demands, are searching for success points in their story of failures.

RTC JAC leader G. Madhava Rao said: "We are considering the strike as unfortunate

on, the Union minister tried to reach Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao over phone but did not succeed. The MPs told Gadkari that the centre holds 31 per cent of shares in APSRTC and its assets and liabilities are yet to be divided between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana post division of the united state.

Kishan Reddy told media later that Gadkari responded positively to their request of doing justice to RTC workers. He disclosed that the union transport minister has assured that a meeting of his ministry's officials and TSRTC management will be called within 10 days. The union minister of state for home asserted that the Centre has every right to intervene into the RTC affairs as it has a share in the RTC.

than failure. Though we failed to achieve our demands, we got the goodwill of 90 lakh commuters of RTC. The unity of RTC workers stand at new heights and no worker has obeyed the government's diktat."

RIFT AMONG RTC UNIONS OVER STRIKE CALL-OFF

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

A rift between the trade unions of the Road Transport Corporation came to light a day after the TS Road Transport Corporation trade unions' Joint Action Committee announced it was calling off the strike.

The RTC JAC announced that it was ready to end the strike if the government accepted certain conditions. But, on Thursday, the Telangana Jathiya Mazdoor Union expressed anger at the JAC's announcement, and its convener Hanumanth Mudiraj announced that the union has not called off the strike.

CHENNAMANENI MOVES HC OVER CENTRE'S ORDER

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Dr. Chennamaneni Ramesh, a TRS MLA from Vemulawada, moved the Telangana High Court on Thursday seeking to suspend the orders of the Union home secretary, passed on November 20, 2019, declaring that he was not an Indian citizen and has obtained citizenship fraudulently.

Dr Ramesh pleaded before the court that he has already surrendered his German citizenship and if he is stripped of his Indian citizenship, he will be left stateless.

GEORGE REDDY PRE-LAUNCH AT CEMETERY

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

The Narayanguda Christian cemetery on Thursday saw the pre-launch of the film *George Reddy*, better known as the Che Guevara of Osmania university.

The film is slated for release on Friday. The unit paid a flower tribute to the great student leader. He was murdered in 1972 in a student hostel at Osmania University at the age of 25. George Reddy, after graduating from the Nizam college, entered Osmania university as a research student in Physics. He was also a university gold medalist. He was exceedingly good in studies. Had he still been alive, he would have been a well-known scientist by now, it is believed.

He is remembered now primarily for his promotion of Marxist ideas and his opposition to social discrimination and inequality.

On his death anniversary a documentary was released about his life, titled *Crisis on the Campus*.

‘NRC, a futile exercise’

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Former Wakf Board chairman and chief Qazi, Warangal, Moulana Syed Gulam Afzal Biyabani Khuroso Pasha said that their Qazat is preserved for 341 years. Eleven generations of his family has maintained the system.

"In our system, after solemnising the Nikah, we provide a booklet to the husband and another to the wife, based on which the Wakf Board issues the marriage certificate," he said. "We incorporated the names of couples with the names of their parents, profession and addresses, date and place of Nikah, names of witnesses and even the amount of Mehr (dowry)." The Nikah proof can be a supporting document for the NRC.

Many ordinary folk are confused over enrolment in the NRC, especially the poor and uneducated. In Hyderabad, a large section of dwellers migrated from around the country. Most did not preserve old documents to prove their citizenship. They do not know the requirements and ask which documents they need. Some are

planning to visit their ancestral places to procure land documents from the revenue department.

Many Muslim organisations are planning to create awareness about the NRC.

Religious scholars are also asking people in Jumma sermons to maintain records.

However, NRIs in the Gulf are not worried. Mohammed Saifuddin, a columnist in Riyad for 19 years, opined that even though it is better for everyone to procure documents, politicians are unnecessarily hyping the issue. "Even if the government declares anyone illegal or puts them in detention centres, what will it do after that? The government has to convince a foreign country to accept them. In the history of independent India, no illegal person in Assam was accepted by Bangladesh," he said. "It's just a political stunt to create fear among minorities."

The most common issue was that many people have slightly altered names in different documents. Their name or the father's name may not match in all documents. "I suggest every-

one correct their names and parents', spouse's and children's names so that the documents are similar," Saifuddin said. Children born abroad to NRI couples will get passports from Indian embassies, and based on that they can procure other documents in India.

Maulana Mohammed Abdul Hameed Rahmani Chishti, president of Kul Hind Tanzeem Islah e Muasharah said the NRC will prove to be an exercise in futility as crores will fail to prove their existence in India for more than 50 years.

The poor do not possess legitimate documents, but it will be impossible to deport people in crores. "The purpose of NRC is to send a message that the government is taking revenge on the Muslim community, because Home Minister Amit Shah also stated that the government will introduce the Citizenship Amendment Bill which will allow Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Jain, Christian and Parsi refugees to get Indian citizenship," he said.

"This amendment will exclude only Muslims. This shows the intention of the government."



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DECCAN CHRONICLE

FRIDAY | 22 NOVEMBER 2019 | HYDERABAD

KTR for cycling track around Gandipet lake

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

MAUD minister K. Taraka Rama Rao held a marathon meeting with officials of the HMDA at Buddha Bhavan on Thursday. The focus of the meeting was on steps to be taken for development and beautification of Hussainsagar, Durgam Cheruvu and Gandipet.

He approved a proposal of HMDA to build a park on the banks of Gandipet lake and asked officials to start the work immediately. He instructed officials to prepare proposals for a 40-km walking/ cycling track around the Gandipet lake.

LEVEL PARKING

The GHMC will work towards providing multi-level parking facilities in order to provide better civic amenities to people.

A Kuwait-based company made a PowerPoint presentation to officials of GHMC.

GHMC BUDGET

The GHMC has approved the draft budget for 2020-21. A budget of ₹5,380 crore was set aside for the year, of this ₹1,593 crore would be spent on major projects. ₹6,150 crore was okayed, but revised to ₹5,254 crore.

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Date for Online Registration of applications

Name of course	Opens on	Closes on
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Date of Entrance Examination

Name of Course	Date of Exam.	Duration of Exam.	Exam Centre Location
Ph.D. Programme	04.01.2020	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Delhi/NCR

Important For Prospectus, detailed information etc. please visit the website www.aiimsexams.org. All applicants are required to visit the website regularly since all subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum/ Updates will be uploaded on the website only.



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For further clarification, Jt. GM(Contracts), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad can be contacted through Fax no.+91-040-23538777, Tel No.+91-040-23533536, email: steelContracts@nmdc.co.in

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A Government of Bihar Undertaking

Short EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for

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NIT. No- BUIDCo/Yo-1434/19-80
(Through e-procurement mode only – www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

There are 39 drainage/sewerage pumping stations situated at different locations in Patna town through which sewage water, waste water and storm drainage water are being pumped out. Different types of pumps are required on urgent basis for replacement, augmentation & for new proposed Drainage pumping stations. Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited invites EOI from Global leading manufacturers / authorised dealers of market leading brands only for Supplying, installation, commissioning & testing of Non-clog type Vertical Turbine, Centrifugal & Submersible pumps, Diesel driven C/F pumps, Portable trolley mounted Diesel driven C/F pumps, Transformers, DG sets, panel Starters, Motorised cranes. Manufacturers/ Authorised dealer with more turn over with Global and latest technology shall be first preferred. The participants shall have an opportunity to display their product brand, experience and turn over before Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited committee in support of their brand quality and highlighting their engineering efficiency. All types of drainage pumps as mentioned above shall have SCADA system also. Manufacturers / Authorised dealer/ Firms willing to participate in EOI shall have to get themselves registered to get user ID, password and Digital signature for submission of EOI by online only through e-procurement mode on website - <http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>. The EOI queries shall be communicated at mbuidco@gmail.com or ceuidco@gmail.com.

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The participants shall have to submit the following documents with EOI-

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Unfriendly city for pedestrians

Putting their lives at risk, people often run across the road to avoid traffic

**ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC**
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Crossing a road in Hyderabad is not that different from walking a tightrope. The city's zebra crossings are often ignored by both motorists and pedestrians. Pelican crossings, which allow pedestrians to operate traffic lights, remain a non-starter. This in spite of Hyderabad Traffic Police claiming pelican crossings would be a game changer.

There are innumerable roads in the city which are extremely busy and unsafe for pedestrians to cross. People often have no way to cross them and are forced to walk into head-on traffic. At AS Rao Nagar, for instance, there are hardly any visible zebra crossings. Barbara, a resident of Anupuram, said, "I often have to cross the road with my mother in the morning. Every day I hope that some vehicle doesn't hit me or my mother."

Shravan, a resident of a locality near Lakdi-ka-pul, said, "Every evening, I get down from my office cab near Mehdi Function Hall. I have to cross the road to get home. My friends do it very easily. They just cross without looking at the road. I am terrified of doing this. I just hold their hand and let them take control."

Problems are exacerbated when schoolchildren and hospitals are involved. Kavya, a mother of an eight-year-old boy studying in Howard Public School in Himayat Nagar, said, "I have to cross the road every day to walk home. I am so worried some vehicle will hit my boy. We parents prefer moving in packs. We wait for other mothers and fathers to



People are seen struggling to cross the roads due to traffic in the city

— S. SURENDER REDDY

gather by the side of the road before we cross."

Similar problems can be seen at places such as Raidurg (near the Cyberabad Commissioner's office), Kothaguda X Roads, Tolichowki, Masab Tank and across Banjara Hills Road No 1. The pedestrians' problems have only increased since the construction of the Hyderabad Metro. Its pillars, which are connected by tall medians, have made it impossible for people to cross a road without having to walk for long distances for a foot-overbridge. Often, people find these walks too long and prefer jumping over the

tall cement medians, in front of oncoming traffic.

At KPHB Metro station, for instance, pedestrians can use the station's stairs as a foot-over-bridge but many don't do that. They look for gaps in the median where they can squeeze through or simply jump over. A pedestrian, Devesh, said, "The closest pedestrian crossing is near JNTU. Who will walk for half a kilometre? Also, the Metro station's stairs are too long."

Indeed, little thought seems to have gone into making infrastructure friendly for pedestrians. The roads seem to be built for two-

wheelers and cars. City-based Shankar Narayan, whose firm has worked on Hyderabad Metro, said there is little or no coordination between the stakeholders. "The authorities are only thinking about two-wheelers and four-wheelers. No thought has been spared for the pedestrian. There isn't a single pedestrian crossing in the city that can be called 'ideal'. There are many examples when zebra crossings run into a closed median."

Mr Narayan said there was no coordination between the GHMC, police or agencies like Hyderabad Metro. "These bodies need to

work together to make pedestrian-friendly infrastructure possible. But this isn't happening," he said.

Mr Narayan said the lack of vision and long-term planning is obvious in the GHMC's attitude. "A few years ago, GHMC tried to work with urban designers. Today, they are not even consulting with experts in the domain," he said. He argued for more powers for GHMC so that it could act independently and without political interference. "As our largest city government, it needs to be given more responsibilities. It needs to get efficient and able administrators," he said.

Traffic cops mop up over ₹100 cr in fines till June

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

It is a million dollar question for commuters and citizens of Hyderabad whether the traffic conditions will improve in the city in the near future.

The majority believes it won't. The Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Rachakonda police are concentrating on enforcement and not on giving priority to regulation of traffic in the Tri-Commissionerate.

The income generated by fining offenders in the three commissionerates under the MV Act and the City Police Act, shows that the traffic police are more interested in penalising commuters than in preventing traffic violations.

The revenue collection in the Tri-Commissionerates for traffic violations was around ₹100 crore till June this year. The Cyberabad traffic police collected ₹23 crore till October this year and Rachakonda traffic police collected ₹22 crore in fines for traffic violations.

CASES BOOKED DURING THE YEAR 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

I.M.V.ACT CASES & AMOUNT (INCLUDING TOWING)		
Year	Cases	Fine Amount
2014	14,37,503	21,63,79,200
2015	8,19,712	11,30,96,860
2016	8,68,530	10,98,59,850
2017	8,11,621	8,84,69,610
2018	8,64,968	6,79,68,685
2019 (Up to 30 June)	5,25,557	9,12,02,110

II C.P. ACT 39(b) CASES

Year	Cases Booked	Fine Amount
2014	22,554	35,06,500
2015	22,456	1,01,57,620
2016	30,771	69,09,900
2017	12,921	52,96,880
2018	15,271	35,36,000
2019 (Up to 30 June)	8,597	18,56,800

III. E-CHALLAN (NON CONTACT)

Year	Cases Booked	Fine Amt paid
2014	15,71,723	11,67,69,960
2015	21,64,285	264,975,990
2016	21,70,746	16,36,04,440
2017	27,01,960	13,20,59,560
2018	35,94,345	19,36,85,620
2019 (Up to 30 June)	20,36,159	20,58,03,945

Total: I+II+III

Year	CASES		FINE AMOUNT			
	Contact	Non Contact	Total Cases	Contact	Non Contact	Total Amt
2014	14,75,446	15,71,723	30,47,169	24,07,76,650	11,67,69,960	35,75,46,610
2015	8,58,801	21,64,285	30,23,086	14,40,01,040	26,49,75,990	32,25,45,023
2016	9,16,753	21,70,746	30,87,499	14,66,56,935	16,36,04,440	31,02,61,375
2017	8,45,353	27,01,960	35,47,313	11,58,09,390	13,20,59,560	24,78,68,950
2018	9,09,029	35,94,345	45,03,374	13,01,07,085	19,36,85,620	30,77,51,150
2019 (Up to 30 June)	5,49,325	20,36,159	25,85,484	12,37,66,610	20,58,03,945	32,95,70,555



Despite a no parking signboard, vehicles are being parked in front of shops at Ranigunj, making pedestrians walk on the road.

— DC

Pollution woes too pose huge problem

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 21

Walking the roads of this city has become increasingly difficult in recent days with a majority of pedestrian spaces being converted into road space in order to accommodate the constantly rising number of vehicles.

What's worse, that's not all: the rise in the number of vehicles has led to a proportional rise in pollution, say environmentalists.

The situation in the city, they say, has been worsening. If there were a total of 2 lakh vehicles in the city in 2009, it is projected to reach 74 lakh by 2025.

"The rise in the number of vehicles has led to an increase in pollution on and around roads. It is pedestrians who are at the receiving end, as they have bear the brunt of the pollution that comes from the exhaust pipes," Dr D. Saha, an air pol-

lution expert empanelled with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), told *Deccan Chronicle*. He also added that these exhaust emissions consist of improperly burnt hydrocarbons which cause very adverse health impact. "The fumes let out from these vehicles have left pedestrians with breathing difficulties. Over 99 per cent of the roads are teeming with vehicles," he adds.

Mr T. Venkateshwara Reddy, assistant professor at the Nalanda Institute of Engineering and Technology, says, "There is a lot of exhaust smoke that emanates from the buses. There has to be a means to control it."

Also, a large number of people have developed respiratory symptoms in locations that are close to traffic-prone areas. The exhaust of these vehicles is largely released into the open air which is breathed in by pedestrians, said an official of the TSPCB.

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI

EDP Department, T.T.D., TIRUPATI
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
Adv.No.24/7TTD-11021(58)/1/2019-TE-TTD Dt:22-11-2019
Online open tenders are invited on e-procurement platform for the works with the following NIT No:
EDP Manager, TTD, Tirupati : 73/EDPM/TTD/TP/2019-20
For tender notice visit <http://www.tirumala.org>. To participate in the e-tender log into <https://tender.ape-procurement.gov.in> or log <https://www.apeprocurement.gov.in>
Roc.No.PR4/13812/Adv.No.316/PRO/2019, Dt: 21-11-2019
Executive Officer

CSIR - NATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)
UPPAL ROAD, HYDERABAD-500 007, Telangana, INDIA
Tel: +91 - 40 - 27012000/2369, 2799, 2779
No: NGRI/23/01/2019-(Med) 21 November 2019
CORRIGENDUM
Reference is invited to our Tender NGRI-23/01/2019-(Med), dated 06-11-2019 inviting online bids from reputed pharmacies having minimum 50 outlets spread over twin cities for supply of medicines to its Staff/Pensioners and their dependents. The last date for submission of bids is extended upto 28.11.2019 at 12.00 noon. Date of opening is on 29.11.2019 at 2.30 PM.
Administrative Officer

भारत सरकार Government of India

परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग Department of Atomic Energy
क्रय एवं भंडार निदेशालय Directorate of Purchase & Stores
CORRIGENDUM
Tender No **DPS/CPU/03/C3/1915-TPT** the following amendment is hereby authorized with regard to tender which was uploaded on <https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in>

DUE DATE of submission upto 2.30 p.m.	Existing Entry	Read As
	21/11/2019	9/12/2019

ALL THE OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS REMAIN UNALTERED

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

SN	Tender No./Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	07191034A GUIDE BUSH FOR AXLE BOX GUIDE	28187 NOS	16-12-19
02	08191521 SINGLE SECTION DIGITAL AXLE COUNTER (SSDAC)	9 NOS/SET	16-12-19
03	11192045 MANUAL MATEL ARC WELDING ELECTRODES CLASS M-2	196000 MTR	18-12-19
04	11192046 SOLID MIG / MG WELDING FILLER WIRE	24500 KGS	18-12-19
05	08195654 SET OF BASE & COVER FOR AIR CORE INDUCTOR	700 SET	25-12-19

NOTE -1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.
Tender Notice No. 14/2019-2020 Dated : 20.11.2019 3728/2019
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ERODE SMART CITY LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Roc.No. E1 / 4314 / 2019 Dated : 20.11.2019
Tenders are invited Two Cover System by the Managing Director, Erode Smart City Limited or his authorized person for Erode Smart City Programmes - Appointment of Project Management Consultant for Various Projects under Smart City in Erode Smart City Limited (ESCL). Total No. of Work-1 No. Tenders will be received upto 3.00 pm, 26.12.2019 and tenders will be opened by the Managing Director or his authorized person on the 27.12.2019 day at 3.30 pm in the presence of the contractors or their representatives present at the time. The bid documents can be downloaded from the website upto 3.00 pm on 26.12.2019. Further details can be heard from Engineering section of the Corporation in any of the working day if required. The Managing Director, Erode Smart City Limited reserves the rights to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Website Address: <https://tntenders.gov.in>, <http://tenders.tn.gov.in> (E-Mail id: commr.erode@tn.gov.in Phone No. 0424- 2251616)
Managing Director,
Erode Smart City Limited
DIPR/4452/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
DIRECTORATE OF PURCHASE & STORES
NRB PURCHASE & STORES UNIT (NRBPSU)
E-TENDER NOTICE
NRBPSU invites **ONLINE** tenders for the supply of items mentioned below as per the tender notice given in our E-Tender portal <https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in>. The suppliers need to get enrolled in the E-Tender portal and only online tenders will be accepted. However, EMD in the form of DD, drawn in favor of **PAY & ACCOUNTS OFFICER, NRB, MUMBAI** should be sent by post to our Mumbai Office, so as to reach us by the tender opening date. **No paper quotation will be accepted.**

Sr. No	Tender Number	Tender Name	Last Date of Uploading the tender	Opening Date
1	DPS/NRBPSU/03/N2/173/TPT	Water Polishing System	14/01/2020	14/01/2020
2	DPS/NRBPSU/03/N1/175/TPT	Cooling System	13/01/2020	13/01/2020
3	DPS/NRBPSU/13/N1/180/PT	Decanter Centrifuge	30/12/2019	30/12/2019

Details of EMD, Pre-Bid Meeting (if applicable) are given on the above portal. Bidders shall ensure that minutes of pre-bid meeting and / or corrigendum if any uploaded on the E-Tender portal would be viewed / verified for any modification before uploading their offer.

For details on Bid Preparation, please see the user manual in the portal. For technical assistance please contact help desk 020-25315555 or email: support.dpsdae@nextenders.com Website- etenders.dpsdae.gov.in

Part II opening date in the tender will be intimated after evaluation of part-I to only those bidders who have been technically selected. Date of pre-bid meeting if any, is given in the tender.

The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.
Regional Director, (NRBPSU)

AMRITSAR SMART CITY LTD. (ASCL)
SCO-21, 2nd Floor, B - Block, District Shopping Complex, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar, Phone No. 0183-5015048
smartcityamritsar.com, ceoasclsr@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Amritsar Smart City Limited, Amritsar invites online unconditional bids from eligible bidders under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) with Single Stage - two envelope bidding procedure for following works:

Sr No.	Name of the Works	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Tender Availability Date and Time	Period of Completion	Last Date for Bid Submission	Tender Document Fee
1	Work of Way Finding/ Directional and Traffic Signages in Amritsar under Smart City Mission with 1 (one) year of Defect Liability Period; NIB No. 27/ASCL/2019-20	182.23 Lakh	3.64 Lakhs	22.11.2019 at 03:00 PM	06 months	13.12.2019 by 03:00 PM	Rs. 10,000/- + processing fee
2	Redevelopment of Outer Circular Road of Walled City at Amritsar as "Smart Road" with 5 years of Operation and Maintenance Period including Defect Liability Period under Smart City Mission (2nd Call); NIB No. 28/ASCL/2019-20	125.78 Crore	125.78 Lakhs	22.11.2019 at 03:00 PM	28 months	06.12.2019 by 03:00 PM	Rs. 25,000/- + processing fee

1. Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum shall be published only at the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Chief Executive Officer
Amritsar Smart City Limited
RO No. - C7894

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation

NIT NO.	NAME OF WORK	Estimate Amount (₹ Cr.)	Start Date/Last Date & Times for receipt of Bid	Name Address Officer Cell No.
26/DB/EE/Outp/circle-25 /GHMC/2019-20	Construction of Footpath (2) Works, etc.	69.45 Lakhs	25.11.19 at 9.00 PM 03.12.19 at 3.00 PM	E.E Outp/Cir-25/GHMC Cell No.8790522433
31/GHMC/MPT/EE/GHMC/2019-20	VDCC, G.I Pipeline and Water Supply Works (3) Works, etc.	65.50 Lakhs	22.11.19 at 2.00 PM 25.11.19 at 2.00 PM	E.E-MPT/Cir-23/GHMC Cell No.9849808759
GHMC/MK/JE/TN/Div-28 /2019-2041	Maintenance Works, BT-2, CC-1,(3) Works, etc.	40.40 Lakhs	21.11.19 at 4.00 PM 22.11.19 at 11.00 AM	EE/Div-28/GHMC Cell No.9898930374
44/EE/Div-16/9B/GHMC /2019-20(Re-call)	Removal of Damaged CC Road and Lying of CC Road with RMC M30, Circle. 16, etc.	13.00 Lakhs	20.11.19 at 5.00 PM 25.11.19 at 3.00 PM	EE-16/Old-9B/GHMC Cell No. 9898930522
14/CTO/GHMC/DIV-21 /SLP/2019-20	Food vending Zone, etc.	11.00 Lakhs	22.11.19 at 12.00 PM 25.11.19 at 12.00 PM	CTO Div-21 GHMC/SLP Ph.No.040-2303163
45/EE/Div.6/4A/CRZ/GHMC/2019-20	Procurement of Entomology, Larvicides, Adulticides and Equipments to UMS Section, CRZ, GHMC-Works, etc.	10.98 Lakhs	21.11.19 at 5.00 PM 22.11.19 at 5.00 PM	E.E Div.6/4A/CRZ GHMC Cell No.8008102048
58/20DD/Parks /SCZ/ GHMC /2019-20	1) Maintenance of Public Toilets Located in (2) Major Parks Indira Park(5) units and Sundaraiyah(1) unit in Circle-15 SCZ, GHMC, etc.	8.34 Lakhs	21.11.2019 at 9.00 AM 28.11.2019 at 4.00 P.M	Dy. Dir (Parks, SCZ) GHMC Cell No.8374901776
20/DB/EE/Cir-26/GHMC /2019-20	Laying of UGD and Construction of R/R masonry, etc.	7.20 Lakhs	22.11.19 at 3.00 PM 23.11.19 at 3.30 PM	E.E Cir-26/GHMC Cell No.7955077953
45/EE/Div-16/9B/GHMC /2019-20	Providing infrastructure Arrangement to Vardhanti of Mahatma Jyothi Rao Phule on 28-11-2019 in Circle. 16, etc.	0.65 Lakhs	21.11.19 at 4.30 PM 22.11.19 at 4.45 PM	EE-16/Old-9B/GHMC Cell No.7955077953

For further details can be seen at e-procurement-<https://www.tender.eprocurement.gov.in>

R.O.No.204/CPRO/GHMC/2019-20. Call 040-21111111 for 24x7 GHMC Services. Commissioner.

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(INDIAN RAILWAYS ORGANIZATION FOR ALTERNATE FUELS)
CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
GLOBAL

In order to develop Technical specifications for development and manufacture of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered Hybrid Distributed Power Rolling Stock (DPRS) with regenerative braking system, EOI (IROAF/CME(G)/FUEL CELL POWERED) is invited.

NOVEMBER 2019

Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuels (IROAF), Government of India, Ministry of Railways, New Delhi invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for development of Technical specifications for development and manufacture of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered Hybrid Distributed Power Rolling Stock (DPRS) with regenerative braking system.

The Functional Requirement Specifications No. FRS/ED/2019/89 of October 2019 issued by Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO) of the desired product and Format for Letter of Response have been uploaded on the website of IROAF <https://iroaf.indianrailways.gov.in/> —> IROAF Tenders —> Expression of Interest. Alternatively EOI form can be collected in person from the office of IROAF, New Delhi. Interested Firms/Organizations who have experience and capability to meet with such requirements are requested to submit technical and other details in the prescribed Format attached herewith on or before 10.01.2020 to the address mentioned below.

Firms willing to participate in EOI shall be required to make a presentation in office of IROAF on 11.12.2019 before sending their response.

Chief Mechanical Engineer/BD, Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuels (IROAF), Government of India, Ministry of Railways
4th Floor, Railway Office Complex, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002
Telephone no. : 011-23379107, Fax no.:- 011-23379083
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Recovery sign

Family of legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar, who was admitted to hospital last week, says she is doing much better now



India's traditions of non-violence and love are needed in today's world

— The Dalai Lama

Tibetan spiritual leader

IN BRIEF

31 convicted in Vyapam scam

Bhopal: A CBI special court here on Thursday convicted 31 accused in infamous Vyapam scam involving irregularities in admission in various medical colleges in Madhya Pradesh and recruitment of class three and class four employees in state government departments. Twelve imposters who wrote entrance tests for candidates and seven middlemen were among the 31 accused convicted by the CBI special judge S.B. Sahu in the Vyapam scandal, according to CBI special prosecutor Satish Dinakar.

Assam bid to curb child marriages

Guwahati: In what is said to be the part of the population policy, the Assam cabinet has envisaged an ambitious scheme worth ₹800 crore to check the child marriage by committing gold worth ₹30,000 to every bride. The benefit of the scheme, which is called Arundhati scheme, will go to bride only if marriage is solemnised and registered under the Special Marriage (Assam) Rules, 1954 after January 1, 2020. "Assam government has decided in our budget that we will give one tola (10gm) of gold to the bride if a marriage is solemnised and registered. Because, if you register a marriage then there will be a minimum age which is notified as 18 years and 21 years for the bride and bridegroom," Assam finance minister Himanta Biswa Sarma .

Navy gets first woman pilot

Kochi: First woman pilot of Indian Navy will join Naval operations here on December 2, two days ahead of Navy Day on December 4, a Defence source said here on Thursday. The first woman pilot, Lieutenant Shivangi, will join naval operations on completion of operational training here on December 2. "Shivangi will graduate to become the First female Pilot of Indian Navy. She hails from Muzaffarpur, Bihar and completed her schooling from DAV Public school, Muzaffarpur," the source said. She was inducted into Indian Navy as SSC (Pilot) as part of 27 NOC course in Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala and got formally commissioned by Vice-Admiral A.K. Chawla, in June last year. The Navy's aviation branch has had women officers operating as air traffic control officers and as 'observers' in the aircraft who are responsible for communication.

SECURITY | MATTERS

■ Court is hearing pleas by Azad and Bhasin

Answer every question raised on restrictions: SC tells J&K

New Delhi, Nov. 21: The Supreme Court on Thursday told the Jammu and Kashmir administration that it will have to respond to each and every question raised on the restrictions imposed in the erstwhile state after the abrogation of Article 370.

A bench headed by Justice N.V. Ramana told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the administration, that petitioners challenging the restrictions have argued in detail and he will have to answer all questions.

"Mehta you have to answer each and every question raised by the petitioners who have argued in detail. Your counter affi-

davit does not help us to come to any conclusion. Don't give the impression that you are not giving enough attention to the case," said the bench, comprising Justices R. Subhash Reddy and B.R. Gavai.

Mehta said most of the averments made by the petitioners on restrictions are "incorrect" and he will respond to each and every aspect when he argues in court.

The solicitor general said he has a status report with him but he has not filed it in the court as the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is changing every single day and would like to show to the court the exact status at the time of his sub-

mission. At the outset, the top court clarified that except for one petition it does not have any detention matters pending before it.

"We are not hearing any detention matters with regard to Jammu and Kashmir. We are currently hearing two petitions filed by Anuradha Bhasin and Ghulam Nabi Azad which are on restrictions in freedom of movement, press, etc," it said, adding that only one habeas corpus petition is pending.

It said only one habeas corpus (against detention of a business man) is pending because the petitioner had simultaneously moved before the J&K High Court and the Supreme Court.

"Now they have withdrawn from the high court and hence the petition is pending here," the bench said.

Meanwhile, India has strongly rejected references to Kashmir by Pakistan in the UN Security Council and asserted that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the country. Pakistan's newly appointed envoy to the UN Munir Akram, speaking in the Council for the first time since assuming charge, raked up the issue of Kashmir. Akram said the Security Council has had uneven record in resolving threats to and breaches of international peace and security. — PTI



Samajwadi Party MP Jaya Bachchan and Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman at Parliament during the ongoing Winter Session on Thursday. — PTI

Oppn takes up poll bonds issue

Cong says govt corruption made official

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, NOV. 21

Despite opposition from the Reserve Bank and the Election Commission, the government went ahead with this scheme

— MANISH TEWARI
Congress MP

The Congress on Thursday tried to corner the government on the issue of electoral bonds, the disinvestment of PSUs and the withdrawal of SPG cover of the Gandhi family during discussions in the Lok Sabha.

The party alleged lack of transparency in electoral bonds and accused the Centre of "formalising governmental corruption" through this.

"Despite opposition from the Reserve Bank and the Election Commission, the government went ahead with this scheme," said Congress MP Manish Tewari during Zero Hour.

"Prior to 2017 there used to be control over the influence of the rich in politics but since this scheme was introduced in the 2017 Budget, under which anonymous donations can be accepted, neither can you know who is the donor, nor who is the receiver and how much money was given. This has made the government corruption

official (formal)," he said. Tewari added that though electoral bonds were meant only for Lok Sabha elections, there was proof that the rules were relaxed before the Karnataka state elections.

He even made a reference to the role of the Prime Minister's Office in this regard, which prompted Speaker Om Birla to turn off his mic, saying he cannot take names. However, Tewari stood his ground and said he has documents received through the RTI Act to prove his point.

Birla did not allow Tewari to speak further, as a result of which an agitated Congress bench, including party president Sonia Gandhi, walked out in protest.

Tewari was referring to a report in *Huffington Post* that has claimed

that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's office had directed the finance ministry to break its own rules to approve the special and illegal sale of electoral bonds just before the Assembly elections in Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana.

Later, another Congress MP, Ravneet Singh Bittu, was cautioned by Birla after he accused the Speaker of having "joined hands" with the BJP. Bittu had raised security concerns with regard to the Gandhi family after the withdrawal of SPG cover. He said former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had been assassinated after his high-level security was downgraded and that the Gandhi family too faces a high threat level.

However, when Birla cut short his speech, Bittu protested and questioned the Speaker himself. This agitated Birla, who cautioned the MP, saying: "Don't speak in such a manner about the Chair. You will get another chance to speak."

Surrogacy Bill sent to 23-member select panel

New Delhi, Nov. 2: The government on Thursday referred a Bill, which seeks to ban commercial surrogacy in India, to a 23-member select committee of Rajya Sabha.

Union health minister Harsh Vardhan moved a motion in the Upper House of Parliament referring the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019, to the select committee. The members approved the motion by voice vote.

Rajya Sabha members had on Wednesday sought amendments in certain provisions of the Bill like the ones which

■ THE MEMBERS had expressed their reservation on the condition of close relative and five year of marriage of commissioning parents.

only allow a close relative to act as a surrogate to couples who have been legally married for at least five years. The members had expressed reservation on the condition of close relative and five year of marriage of commissioning parents.

"I move the motion that Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019... as passed by Lok Sabha be referred to

a select committee of the Rajya Sabha consisting of following members," Vardhan said.

He also told the House the panel has been instructed to submit its report to Rajya Sabha by the last day of last week of the next session. However, Vardhan did not name the chairman of the committee.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu said that the head of the committee would also attach an annexure in its report, providing details of the number of members attending the meetings of the panel. — PTI

SENA-NCP-CONG FORM 'MAHA VIKAS AGHADI'

BHAGWAN PARAB & ASHVAR KHAN | DC
MUMBAI, NOV. 21

As the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leaders ended their talks with each other about joining hands with Shiv Sena in New Delhi on Thursday, the focus of government formation will now shift to Mumbai. The leaders of the NCP and the Congress will meet Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray on Friday, after which all three parties will announce their decision on government formation.

Prior to this, Uddhav will hold a meeting of his own party MLAs at his residence in the morning. The MLAs have been asked to come prepared to stay for a few days in Mumbai, which indicates that the party is getting ready to stake claim for the government formation.

Senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan said that his party and the NCP have completed discussions on all the issues in New Delhi.

"We will discuss with other allies on Friday and then with Shiv Sena before making the announcement of grand alliance in Mumbai. The announcement of the Common Minimum Programme will clarify all the details of the new government. Only after all the issues are discussed and cleared by the three parties, we will meet the Governor to stake claim to form the government," he said.

Before the talks start with Shiv Sena, the Congress and the NCP will hold deliberations with its pre-poll allies, the Peasants Workers Party (PWP), Samajwadi Party, Swabhimani Paksh and CPI(M).

Sources indicated that the proposed alliance will be called 'Maha Vikas Aghadi'. The Congress is not in favour of a rotational Chief Minister instead it prefers two deputy chief ministers.

Row as Pragya named to panel on defence

Other members include Farooq, Raja

DC CORRESPONDENT
with agency inputs
NEW DELHI / BHOPAL, NOV. 21

Controversial BJP MP Pragya Thakur, accused in the 2008 Malegaon blasts case, has been appointed to a parliamentary committee on defence, triggering a political row as the Congress on Thursday attacked the government for nominating a person charged with "spreading terror" to a panel tasked with defence-related issues.

The ruling BJP, however, strongly defended her presence in the 21-member joint consultative committee headed by defence minister Rajnath Singh and asserted that the Bhopal MP can help in "framing right methodology" so that innocents are not "victimised" the way she was by the Congress-led UPA government.

Three-time chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir Farooq Abdullah, who is detained in Srinagar under the stringent PSA, former defence minister and NCP leader Sharad Pawar and BJP working president J.P. Nadda are among the other committee members.

However, it was the presence of Thakur, a first-time MP with a hardline Hindutva background and who has triggered several rows earlier with her controversial remarks, that became a lightning rod for yet another political joust involving her.

She is accused in the 2008 Malegaon blasts case, and is currently out on bail. She is facing trial for multiple charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.



Pragya Thakur

Congress on Thursday regretted her nomination to the panel, describing it an "insult to defence forces, parliamentarians and every citizen of India".

"It is unthinkable that a person who is facing charges under sections of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, Indian Penal Code, the Arms Act and the Explosive Substances Act could be nominated to a parliamentary panel. It is not good for democracy," Pankaj Chaturvedi, spokesman of Congress here said on Thursday.

"Pragya Thakur, a terror accused and Godse fanatic has been nominated by the BJP govt. to be a member of the Parliamentary Panel on Defence. This move is an insult to our nation's defence forces, to our nation's esteemed parliamentarians & to every Indian", a tweet by AICC said (sic).

The constitution of 21-member parliamentary consultative committee on defence has been notified on October 31.

Pragya had made uncharitable comments against Maharashtra anti-terrorist squad chief Hemant Karkare, martyred in Mumbai 26/11 terror attack, inviting

■ THAKUR, A FIRST-TIME MP from Bhopal, is an accused in the 2008 Malegaon blasts case, and is currently out on bail. She is facing trial for multiple charges under the UAPA. The Bombay High Court granted Thakur bail on health grounds in 2017 after the NIA dropped charges against her under the MCOCA.

action by Election Commission a couple of weeks before 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

She had later glorified Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse calling him a 'patriot' triggering nationwide outrage.

Pragya had recently sparked a controversy when she snubbed her constituents for complaining lack of hygiene and cleanliness in Sehore, part of her constituency, by saying, "I am not elected to get drains and toilets cleaned".

BJP has, however, defended her nomination to the defence panel. "She is a member of parliament and hence she has every right to be member of a parliamentary panel like other members of the parliament," BJP spokesman here Rajneesh Agrawal said.

The consultative committee also includes Trinamul's Sougata Roy and DMK's A. Raja. Besides the 21 MPs, the committee also has Arjun Ram Meghwal and V. Muralidharan, both junior ministers for parliamentary affairs, as its ex-officio members.

The panel comprises 12 members from Lok Sabha and nine from Rajya Sabha.

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