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Nama Nageswara Rao, TRS leader in LS, asks the Centre to implement TS' rice scheme across country

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Democracy is in danger in Telangana under CM KCR's rule

— **Sampath Kumar**,
AICC Secretary and
former MLA

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BRIEF

Former OU VC passes away

Hyderabad: Prof. V. Ramakistayya, former chairman of AP Public Service Commission and vice chancellor of Osmania University, passed away peacefully on Friday. Born in Munugodu village of Nalgonda in 1932, he was a topper of the Osmania University. He served OU in many capacities during his long and illustrious career before becoming its vice chancellor. He continued to selflessly serve his native Telangana state and society till his last breath.

SPECTACULAR FINALE TO TIGER TRIUMPH

DC CORRESPONDENT
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Indian and US armed forces concluded the inaugural tri-services exercise Tiger TRIUMPH at Kakinada with a closing ceremony held onboard the US Navy ship, Germantown. The maiden Tri-Services US-India Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Amphibious Exercise, known as Tiger TRIUMPH, took place from November 13-21 and represented the growing strategic partnership between the two countries. The first phase of the exercise (the Harbour Phase) was held at Visakhapatnam from November 13 to 16 and included Subject Matter Expert Exchanges on Amphibious and HADR operations. The second, from November 17 to 21, saw Indian and US forces jointly transit from Visakhapatnam to the simulated HADR location at Kakinada, where troops transferred ashore and set up a joint command and control centre and a joint relief and medical camp. More than 500 US marines and sailors and 1,200 Indian soldiers, sailors, and airmen participated in the exercise.

LETTER-WRITING CONTEST ANNOUNCED

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Department of Posts is calling for entries, including from the Indian diaspora, for its Dhai Akshar National Letter-Writing Campaign for 2019-20, which is themed "Dear Bapu, you are immortal". The letter can be written on A4 size paper and should not be more than 1,000 words. Entries written on inland letters must be limited to 500 words. The letters have to be posted in a special letter box marked 'Letter-writing campaign'. Contestants from rural areas can post their submissions to branch post offices. The competition is open for all, irrespective of their age. The categories include Inland Letter Card Category and Envelope Category. The first prize in each category at the all-India level is ₹50,000 and at the state level is ₹25,000. The second prize will be ₹25,000 and ₹10,000 while the third will be ₹10,000 and ₹5,000, respectively. Participants can post handwritten letters in English, Hindi or any regional language to the Chief Postmaster General, Telangana Circle Hyderabad - 500001. Entries, which close on December 31, should have the name, date of birth, age, mobile number, address and pin code of the sender. The state-level results will be announced on January 31 while that of the national level will be announced on March 31. The previous year's competition had attracted a record nine lakh entries with 1,06,872 coming from Telangana Circle, the second highest from a State.



Not only is this daredevil driving on the wrong side of the road, he is brave enough to attend to call while driving and not wear a helmet. — DC

Blame religious structures for bottlenecks in traffic

Removing structures that hamper traffic is completely another issue



SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC
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A major reason for traffic congestion in various parts of the twin cities is the existence of close to 100 bottlenecks at about 500 spots in the state capital, inquiries with civic bodies, traffic personnel and citizens reveal. "One of the major bottlenecks is at Begumpet near the Nandini hotel at the end of CTO flyover towards Rasoolpura, apart from the Chilla near the Parade Ground in Secunderabad. The two places cause a traffic jam over a stretch of two kilometres and increase commute time. We, the residents of Begumpet, have no option but to deal with it every day," says Ganji Kiran, a businessman. Another bottleneck is near Bhulaxmi temple beside Narayanguda flyover towards Himayatnagar Y Junction. "This road is a snail's track. It has free flow only during early mornings and late nights. I can confidently

say this as my shop is in a building on the roadside," states Kishore, a DTP shop owner. Among the other major bottlenecks causing traffic congestion are Bahadurpura, where the road shrinks due to high tension lines on both sides, Falaknuma between Aliya Jhanda and Syed Ali Chabutra, Pochamma temple near Film Nagar, Karbala Maidan to Sailing Club stretch, Golnaka Nala and Darga at Kachiguda, Malakpet Chilla in front of Mahindra showroom, Renuka Yellamma temple opposite Secunderabad YMCA, apart from the graveyard at Bowenpally. Says I. Venkateswarlu, retired Indian Airlines employee: "Hyderabad is a city that was established over 400 years ago. It was planned well for the population of those days. There were no structures that obstructed traffic like you see nowadays, whether graveyards or temples. But over the decades, migration into Hyderabad has led to localities mushrooming. The IT boom followed. Graveyards, mosques, temples and various other religious structures are becoming the cause for

Using cellphones while driving, a common sight

DC CORRESPONDENT
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With almost every other person now possessing a phone, the usage of cell phones while driving has become a very common sight in the city. However, Section 184 of the Motor Vehicles Act, recently amended to hike the penalties, forbids the practice of driving and talking on the cell phone while driving. Under the new rules, the fine for this offence was hiked to ₹5,000 from ₹1,000. With the proliferation of budget phones and cheap connections, the trend of using the phone while driving is on the rise,

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according to records. In 2017, 9,864 people were caught using a cell phone while driving. In 2018, that number went up to 14,686. This year, till October, 15,887 offences have already been registered. The present Motor Vehicles Act also penalises with offence points. For cell phone driving, it is two points; if a motorist reaches 12 points his/her licence will be cancelled. Bluetooth is another device which is popular

with four-wheeler drivers as it connects the mobile phone to the car's audio system, leaving the driver's hands free. Driving and talking on the phone is distracting, mood swings may result according to the conversation, and this may lead to fatal accidents. A traffic officer said there is no prohibition of the use of Bluetooth but it is still hazardous. The city traffic police are doing its best to make citizens aware of the dangers by arranging interactive sessions, putting up hoardings and advertising in newspapers. But still there has been no dip in cell phone driving

traffic jams. Religious sentiments are attached to them. Removing them for smooth traffic flow is a deal that authorities do not attempt," points out Venkateswarlu. Says a passerby: "Old structures are fine. They

have been there since before independence. The sad part now is that we see many religious structures encroaching on roads. How can they come up? Is the GHMC in slumber?" Additional commissioner, traffic, Anil Kumar,

says they are deputing personnel to man traffic and clear bottlenecks. But removing the structures that cause the bottlenecks is totally another issue. GHMC needs to focus on this, an official pointed out.

Few avail motor insurance for vehicles

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
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If the records of the Insurance Information Bureau are anything to go by, only 57.62 per cent of two-wheelers and 25.95 per cent of private cars have availed motor vehicle insurance of various types, for their vehicles. While it is common knowledge that insurance is mandatory for all vehicle owners under the Motor Vehicles Act of

1988, many motorists do not consider it important after two years, say automobile dealers. All vehicles are to be covered under an appropriate insurance policy before they can ply on the road" says the Motor Vehicles Act of 1988. The minimum requirement is that a vehicle must at least have third party legal liability insurance before it can be driven on a public road. "Several people are under the impression that

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insurance is just another way to swindle money. This is farthest from the truth as there are many benefits of having motor

vehicle insurance. If one is involved in an accident, one would not be liable to pay for any damage to life or property (with an insurance policy)," said a senior official of the Insurance Information Bureau. Traffic police say that they are checking documents regularly. "We are taking a serious look at traffic violations; our priority is to ensure that there is no wayward driving in the city. However,

there is very little knowledge about insurance for auto, bus and transport drivers," Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Hyderabad, Anil Kumar, told *Deccan Chronicle*. Car owners are better informed about the benefits of a valid insurance policy, but autos and buses change hands so often that the owners do not feel the need to purchase a vehicle insurance policy, he said.

GENDER | DISCRIMINATION

■ **In TS, sex ratio has dipped to 910 females per 1,000 males**

Finally, Etala faces the media

DC CORRESPONDENT
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In a long overdue media interaction in the city since the dengue epidemic broke out in the rainy season, state health minister, Etala Rajender, announced that nine new medical colleges, nine hospitals and 11 trauma centres have been planned in the state and ₹241 crore have been allotted for it. The minister said that the trauma centres on highways are being given a priority. There would be 11 trauma centres in existing government hospitals in the state. The district government

hospitals in Warangal and Adilabad are to be upgraded to super-specialty hospitals, he said. The plan is to ensure that the district units are strengthened so that the poor could get maximum benefit. Rajender said, "The Aarogyasri scheme in Telangana is better than the Ayushman Bharat scheme. We are able to reach out to more people than the scheme which is implemented by the central government." Gandhi Hospital will have a mother and child centre as the present unit has a lot of women coming from nearby districts for deliveries.

KANIZA GARARI | DC
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Discrimination against the girl child is rampant and the arrest of two doctors found to be carrying out sex determination tests has confirmed that the illegal practice is still being carried out in the state. Dr V. Sarla, gynaecologist at Ushodhya Hospital in Attapur had the ultrasound machine, but no radiologists to carry out the imaging tests. The tests were carried out by Dr Ayesha Fathima, a graduate in Unani medicine. Both doctors were arrested by the Chaitanyapuri police on Thursday. The police have

also asked people to report such illegal sex determination tests if it comes to their notice. The Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act prohibits revealing the sex of the foetus by this test. The female ratio in the country is in decline. In Telangana, it has dipped from 927 to 910 females per 1000 males, according to the Niti Ayog report. Dr Sikandar Shaikh, secretary of the Telangana chapter of the Radiological and Imaging Association, explained: "This practice is strongly condemned by our association and the police must further investi-

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gate it. In 90 per cent of the cases, there is no radiologist but only technicians doing this work in most clinics. The use of imaging machines by non-radiologists is a cause of concern and we have time and again raised it with the government." There are 3,443 regis-

tered imaging machines in Telangana. But there are only 640 registered radiologists and 360 post-graduate radiology students. The IRDA has pointed out several times that non-qualified technicians who are doctors in alternative streams of medicine are misusing the machines. This disparity has created loopholes and there are agents who are exploiting it. If the sex of the foetus is determined in this test and it is female, it is often aborted. A senior radiologist, on condition of anonymity, said the hospital must have been involved in carrying out tests earlier too

"hence the tip-off was given to the district medical and health officer. The time of the raid and that of the pregnant women being present coincides. People must be made aware that they must not ask for the sex of the child as it is wrong." The test is used for determining several medical conditions in the foetus, which is legal, but it is misused as a means of determining sex. The Ushodhya Hospital in Attapur has been in existence since 13 years and was registered with the Telangana Small Nursing Home and Hospitals Association in 2009.

'VFX cos. don't follow labour law'

ADITYA CHUNDUR | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 22

Working in an animation, production or VFX company has often been looked at as an exciting career choice. However, according to employees, both current and past, life in such companies is nightmarish: they are underpaid and overworked in a toxic work culture. Several of the employees who spoke to *Deccan Chronicle* said they had come into the industry with much interest, but were regretting their decision after being exploited for years. Kumar (name changed) worked for a Hyderabad-based post-production firm until a couple of years ago. Though he had an MBA under his belt, Kumar was enamoured by the technological side of the film industry. He wanted to be involved in digital intermediate work, which deals in post-production work such as coloring and sound effects. The firm that he worked for, by his own assessment, "is one of the top firms in the city."

"It took me six months to get an appointment letter from the company, even though they told me I had the job. I needed friends to refer me there. Once I got in, I was asked to work without pay. Though I was working on big-budget films, I was not making anything. After a year, I was finally made an official employee at ₹7,000 a month," he said. Kumar said that the first year, when he worked without pay, was challenging for many reasons. "During that time, I had to wait for a chance to use the computer. I would be made to sit beside a senior person through the day, to learn from him. This person would barely teach me anything and he would often stay till 11 PM every night. Once he left, I was asked to practice on my own. I couldn't leave the office for days at a stretch," he said. Others too had similar horror stories. An employee currently working in a city-based VFX company said he often spends all seven days of the week in office. "There is no concept of work-life balance. I often sleep in the office," he said. He added that he had been working at the same salary for two years. "I won't dare ask for a raise. If the management thinks you are a nuisance, it will simply fire you. There are no notice periods or severance packages," he said. Several employees said that there are only a few firms that care about adhering to labour laws. They said weekly offs were a luxury which only a few firms, mostly MNCs, had in place. "The normal practice is to work without offs for an entire year and take a long two or three-week vacation once," said an employee of a fledgling 3D animation and VFX firm.

The reason seems to stem from the working practices of the Telugu and Indian film industries. Film directors are often known to be fiercely loyal to technicians they have worked with since the beginning of their career. "They are also very superstitious. They

TELANGANA TO BET BIG ON GAMING COS.

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 22

Looking to widen the horizon of the state's gaming industry, IT secretary, Jayesh Ranjan, on Friday said that the state government was in talks with some top universities in the UK for setting up of off-campus sites in the city. "There is a need to come up with world-class educational institutions in the state to bolster budding gaming enthusiasts. A Centre of Excellence (CoE) for gaming, animation and VFX is in the offing. We plan to make the Indian Game Developer Conference (IGDC) an annual series in the city and hope to provide a rewarding experience for everyone, including gamers, developers and companies," he said.

Dwelling upon the government's initiatives to promote gaming industry, Ranjan, delivering the keynote address, said, "The Indian Game Developer Conference has enriched the appeal of IndiaJoy-2019. The government has been making efforts to promote the sector. The Image Tower that we plan to construct by the end of 2020, promises to re-define the gaming industry in the country. It will boast excellent infrastructure and a business-friendly environment that would encourage investments."

Chairman of IGDC, Rajesh Rao said: "Over 25-30 gaming companies have contributed to make this a one-of-its-kind event. The overwhelming support from sponsors and gaming enthusiasts from across the globe has come in as a morale-booster for us."

think if they work with the same guy or team, they will succeed. They don't want to work with new people. This leaves very little room for newcomers to prove themselves," said Kumar.

There are also cash flow issues. Even big-time producers are infamous for not paying companies on time.

Rajiv Chilaka, president of Telangana VFX, animation and gaming association and founder of Greengold Animations, said he was unaware of the problem of work-life culture in multimedia companies. "We will definitely look into this issue," he said.

Chilaka did admit that many firms were under financial stress, which might be translating into bad working conditions for employees. "Most companies are unable to pay salaries to their employees. Eighty per cent of the studios have this problem.



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No tie-up

CPI state secretary Chada Venkata Reddy rules out alliance with TRS in the ensuing municipal elections.

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Non payment of PF arrears of over Rs 760 crore by TSRTC is a criminal act

— Dharmapuri Arvind

BJP MP

IN BRIEF

AP businessman dupes trader, held

Hyderabad: An Andhra Pradesh-based marble businessman was arrested by the Rachakonda cyber crime police for cheating a trader from the city by collecting money on the pretext of selling granite and marble. Accused B. Ajith Kumar, 23, is a granite and marble businessman from Eluru in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. After his father's demise, Ajith took up the business of selling granite and marble. In October 2018, he exported granite worth Rs. five crore to Egypt through Krishnapatnam Port, but he was duped by the receiver who did not pay the money. In order to overcome the financial burden, he decided to earn money by cheating businessmen with the same modus operandi. The accused cheated at least 40 traders.

Chain snatchers rob shop owner

Hyderabad: A woman from Vanasthalipuram had her gold chain snatched from her while she was serving a customer in her grocery store. The gold chain weighed three and a half tolas. At around 6 am on Friday, E. Aruna, a resident of Self Help Colony, who runs a grocery in the colony, opened the store and was sitting inside when a man in his early 20s came to the shop on a bike. He got off the bike and asked for sugar. As she was weighing the sugar, the youngster snatched her gold chain and fled on the bike. Following a complaint from Aruna, the Vanasthalipuram police are verifying CCTV footage in the area to identify the bike used by the accused.

Stolen items not from shrine

Sircilla: The theft case of ornaments worth several lakhs from the Vemulawada temple took a new turn with an announcement by the temple authorities on Friday that the stolen ornaments do not belong to the temple. The police on Thursday nabbed one Feeroz and seized a bag containing ornaments of gold and silver worth several lakhs from his possession. They learnt from him that the items were stolen from inside the famous Sri Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy temple of Vemulawada in Rajanna Sircilla district.

MAN RAPES STEP-DAUGHTER, ARRESTED

Hyderabad: A 50-year-old man, who allegedly raped his step-daughter, 11, was arrested by Mailardveppally police on Friday. The accused, a plumber from Hassan Nagar in Mailardveppally is a father of eight daughters. A few months ago, he married a widow from the city. The accused took his step-daughter to his house where he allegedly raped her.

Internet helps family print fake currency

YouTube videos inspire Warangal family to commit crime

DC CORRESPONDENT
WARANGAL, NOV. 22

Taking inspiration from YouTube videos, four of a family printed and circulated fake currency notes but were caught after people identified the notes as fake and handed them over to the police.

The police seized fake currency with a face value of Rs 69,900, besides Rs 29,870 original notes. The accused have so far circulated fake currency with a face value of Rs 2 lakh.

The four members of the family are Samala Srinivas, his wife Bhagyalakshmi, and sons Sai Charan and Akhil, all natives of Narsampet in Warangal Rural district. According to police, Srinivas, who worked as a registered medical practitioner in Narsampet for some time, shifted to Thorur in search of work. After he incurred losses in the hotel business, he moved his family to Hyderabad in 2017 and started working as an auto-rickshaw driver.

In need of money, Srinivas was always on the look-out for ways of making it. By watching



Warangal police put on display the fake currency and the printer used by the accused.

— DC

YouTube videos, he learnt how to print fake currency. He procured a colour printer and paper, and started to print notes in the denomination of Rs 2,000, Rs 500 and Rs 200. He and his family circulated the notes in rural areas where there was less chance of them being identified as coun-

terfeit. They bought liquor from belt shops with the fake notes and got the change in cash in genuine notes. zOn Thursday, they visited several belt shops in Kesamudram mandal. Their luck ran out when the police seized two printers from the residence of Srinivas in Hyderabad.

received several complaints from victims and began an investigation that led them to Srinivas who was arrested with other family members on Friday. The equipment used for printing the fake notes was found and the police seized two printers from the residence of Srinivas in Hyderabad.

Chaddi gang strikes again in Hayathnagar

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 22

The notorious chaddi gang struck again at Hayathnagar on Friday. A gang of six members in their inners broke opened the doors of two houses using boulders and robbed about 19 tolas of gold and Rs 75,000 cash from the victims by threatening them with.

Not more than a month ago, the chaddi gang had stuck twice in Hayathnagar, throwing a tough challenge to the Rachakonda police.

The victims alleged that the robbers ran away in front of the police but were not caught, and the thieves also had told the victims that they missed the chance to loot last month and now they successfully executed the robbery.

The CCTV cameras that captured the movements of the masked robbers moving from one house to another went viral.

At around 1.20 pm on Friday, the gang of six had knocked the door of Venkat Reddy, a plumber who lives along with his wife, three children, and elderly parents and in-laws. When none of the

■ Not more than a month ago, the chaddi gang had stuck twice in Hayathnagar, throwing a tough challenge to the Rachakonda police

inmates responded to the knocks, the burglars hit the door with boulders and forcibly entered the house.

Reddy said that all his family members were asleep when the robbers broke opened the door and gained entry. Most of the family members were asleep in the hall and a room beside it, and he was in another room. The robbers carrying huge sticks signalled at us to keep mum and took away 15 tolas of gold and Rs 75,000 cash, he said.

Recalling an hour of terror, Reddy said, "The robbers were in my house for almost an hour. As I was in another room, I had time to call the police, but my efforts to reach the police on Dial 100 and also the patrolling team went in vain. By the time the police called me back,

the thieves were already in my room. They were scary and masked. They even also told me that they missed robbing my house last month, but they did it now. After looting my house, they went into another house and stole more gold."

He said that when the patrolling vehicle reached their home, the robbers who were in the house next door, ran away in front of the police and escaped.

Responding to a query, Reddy said that on the night of October 25, the robbers tried to enter his house, but as all the housemates were awake and began shouting, they ran away but robbed another house at Kuntloor in which a Vedic teacher's family reside. The chaddi gang members stole 11 tolas gold and Rs 40,000 cash from the house of Vedic teacher, Shankar Sarma.

Hayathnagar inspector, K. Satish, said that the robbers involved in the offence on Friday and in the one that took place in October could be the same. "The victims said the robbers were speaking in Telugu and Hindi. Our teams are working on the clues to nab the robbers," he said.

Transferred cop attempts suicide

JAYENDRA CHAITANYA
DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 22

An assistant sub-inspector working at Manchal police station under Rachakonda commissionerate attempted suicide by setting himself ablaze atop a water tank on Friday. The ASI took the extreme step complaining of harassment by superiors. He has been admitted to Apollo

DRDO Hospital at Kanchanbagh, where he is stated to be critical.

K. Narsimha, 54, a resident of Bandlaguda, had been working with the Rachakonda police commissionerate and was transferred to Manchal police station five days ago. On Friday noon, Narsimha took a bottle of fuel and climbed on to a water tank located near the Balapur police station and set himself

ablaze. Policemen rushed to douse the flames. They then took the ASI to Apollo DRDO hospital, where he has been admitted for treatment of burns.

Balapur inspector V. Saidulu said At a wedding on November 15, ASI Narsimha and his son abused the patrol constables when they asked them to turn off the music. A complaint was lodged seeking

action. Subsequently, ASI Narsimha was transferred on disciplinary grounds. He might have felt humiliated at this.

Rachakonda police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat visited the hospital and spoke to the family members of the injured ASI, and asked LB Nagar DCP Sunpreet Singh to give a report on the incident. The ASI suffered about 60 to 70 percent burns.

Man sets wife, four of family ablaze

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 22

Five members of a family sustained severe burns when a man poured petrol over them and set them ablaze at Khammampally village in Siddipet district on Thursday night.

Kukunurpally police said the man Lakshmirajyam

frequently quarrelled with his wife Vimala. As a result, Vimala, along with her two sons, left him and for the last nine years was staying with her brother Raju and mother at Khammampally village.

Lakshmirajyam reached the house of Raju on Thursday and picked up a quarrel with Vimala. He

then poured petrol over Vimala, his two sons, Raju and his wife Sunitha, set them ablaze, and ran away.

Neighbours informed the police who rushed the five to Siddipet area hospital. They were later shifted to the Gandhi hospital at Hyderabad. Police have booked an attempt-to-murder case against him.

GIRL FALLS TO DEATH WHILE ON CELLPHONE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 22

A 20-year-old girl, who was talking on the mobile phone, fell from the terrace of a residential complex and died while undergoing treatment at a hospital on Friday.

According to Bachupally police, the victim, Mukkadala Ayushini, was a resident of Prime Kasani Apartments. She was pursuing Bachelor of Pharmacy at a private college in the city.

Ayushini went to the terrace (third floor) of the apartment at around 9.30am. While talking on the mobile phone, she fell on the ground floor. The apartment residents rushed her to SLG Hospital. Ayushini, who received critical injuries, succumbed while undergoing treatment.

ACB arrests corrupt accountant in city

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 22

A senior accountant working in the Boduppal municipality P Rajender Reddy, and an outsourced employee working in the same office were arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000 from a contractor to process his pending bills. According to ACB officials, Venkatesh Goud, the contractor, had to be

paid Rs 62 lakh for the work he had done. Bills for Rs 27 lakh were still pending, and when he approached Rajender Reddy for the payment he was told to pay Rs 1.8 lakh as bribe. He gave Rs 1.2 lakh to Syed Asif to hand over to Rajender Reddy. On Friday, the two men were caught when taking Rs 50,000 from Goud. The two are under arrest and will be produced before a court for judicial remand, said ACB officials.

RETD STAFF DUPES JOB ASPIRANTS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 22

A retired assistant divisional engineer of Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Ltd was arrested by the Hyderabad city police for cheating job aspirants on the pretext of facilitating junior linemen jobs.

The accused, Gokul Shyam Sundhar, 67, retired as an ADE with the TSSPDCL in 2012 while working at Mamidipally in Ranga Reddy district, and was living at Moosarambagh. As his pension amount was not sufficient, Sundhar hatched a plan to dupe job aspirants. Recently, the TSSPDCL

issued a job notification to fill vacancies in various posts, including junior linemen. He boasted that with his contacts in TSSPDCL, he could get jobs for Rs 3 lakh.

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OBITUARY

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With profound grief we inform the sad demise of
PROF. V. RAMAKISTAYYA
Former Chairman, APPSC & Former Vice Chancellor,
Osmania University on 22nd November, 2019.
Final rites performed at Mahaprasantham
on 22nd November, 2019.
In Grief:
Sri V. NARENDER & Smt. SUNETRA
Prof. V. SHEKHAR & Smt. VENU RADHA
Dr. M. SUJATHA (Daughter)
Sri V. VENKATA RAMANA & Smt. NAVANITHA
Sri V. MADHUSUDAN & Smt. SRIDEVI
Grand Children, Great Grand Children and Near & Dear

90th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

SMT. BHAGAWATHI KAMALA DEVI
W/o. Late BHAGAWATHI RAMAMOHAN RAO
DOB: 23-11-1929 DOD: 30-05-2016
MISSING YOU ALWAYS REMEMBERING YOU FOREVER
BHAGAWATHI KRISHNAKUMAR
BHAGAWATHI RADHA
BHAGAWATHI CHITRALEKHA
Family & Friends - Ph: 9866138895, 9866138895

63rd BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Ps. 23:6
Late Mrs. BOLLAM VASANTHA WESLEY
Rtd. Nursing Superintendent
DoB: 23.11.1956 DoD: 19.02.2017
It's been a while you've changed your residence, but the fragrance of your memories still remains, with each passing day it makes it evident, how your presence could make a difference.
Inserted by:
B.M. John Wesley & Family Members
Contact: 9849729698

OBITUARY
I have fought a good fight. — 2 Tim 4:7

Rev. Dr. Bontha Karunakar Thyagaraj
(Senior Pastor, Kavali)
Called unto Lord's glory on 22-11-2019.
Funeral service on 23-11-2019 at 3 pm
in Kavali followed by burial.
Condolence service on 25-11-2019
at 10 am in Kavali.
Phones: 9490761270, 9849529229

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY
"God is not the God of the dead but the living, for all live unto Him." — Luke 20:38

T. RAJ KUMAR
(23-11-1958 — 23-11-2018)
Thanksgiving Memorial Service today
23-11-2019, at 6:30 pm at Baptist
Church Hyderabad, Narayanaguda.
The pain of losing you is immeasurable, your memory can never be forgotten.
We love you so much and miss you.
Inserted by: Wife — Rhena Raj Kumar,
Daughters, Sons-in-Law,
Grandchildren and all other family members. Phone: 9347311775

OBITUARY

Sri R.R. KUMAR
Left for his Heavenly Abode on 12.11.2019.
Kirtan and Antim Ardas in his memory will be held on
Sunday 24.11.2019 from 4 pm to 5 pm at
MCME Gurudwara, Behind Lal Bazar, Sec: bad.
"You left us with sweetest memories"
Inserted by: Dr. R.K. Kapoor
Invogue Apparel, Sainikpuri, Ph: 9703295707

LOVING MEMORIES

MAHENDRA KUMAR SARAIIYA
DOB: 14-08-1950 DOD: 23-11-2013
"Always alive in our heart"
Inserted by:
A tribute of love from his beloved family & Grand Children:
Dheer, Veer, Srishti & Viraj
Ph: 9394708080, 7989592824
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IN REMEMBRANCE

PRIYANKA MATHUR
DOB: 08.06.1977 DOD: 23.11.2011
Today's the anniversary of the day we lost you and for a time it felt as though our life our life had ended too. But your memories live forever in our hearts until we meet again
Papa, Mama, and All Family members

6th YEAR REMEMBRANCE

Bandi Ramesh
HMT Press Division Balnagar (Retd.)
Born on : 10th Oct. 1953 Expired on : 23rd Nov. 2013
"Your life was a blessing. Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words & missed beyond measure."
Deeply Loved & missed by
Bandi Aruna (Wife), Daughter, Sons,
Grand Children and Bandi Family
Ph : 9703203931

OBITUARY
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

Major K SUNDER RAJ (Retd)
S/o Late K C John
DOB: 06-07-1934 DOD: 22-11-2019
Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Trimulgherry on 23rd Nov 2019 at 10:30 am. Burial at No 12, Cemetery, Lane Opp. RTA office, Trimulgherry.
INSERTED BY:
Smt Kamala Sunder Raj and Family.
Contact : +91 9989652230

OBITUARY

Smt. V.V. UDAYA KUMARI
Wife of Late Sri V.G. Vittal Rao
DOD: 22-11-2019
Funeral Procession will leave from our residence at Malkajgiri today Saturday 23-11-2019 by about 11 am and the final rites will be performed at SP Nagar Grave Yard, Patel Nagar, Malkajgiri.
In Grief: FAMILY MEMBERS
Ph: 9948099323

SAD DEMISE

D.O.D: 22-11-2019
We condole the sudden & sad demise of
Prof V. RAMA KISTAYYA
Former Chairman APPSC & former Vice-Chancellor Osmania University & our Advisory Committee Chairman.
"May his soul rest in peace"
Chairman & Trustees
Munnuru Kapu Vidhyarthi Vasthi Gruham Trust Board

In Remembrance
I will dwell in the house of the Lord (Ps. 23:6)

Mrs. MAVIS GOVIND
(W/o. Late C.S. Govind)
Retd. Nurse, E.S.I Hospital, Sanathnagar
DOB: 20.03.1934 DOD: 23.05.2019
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INSERTED BY :
Parents, Wife and Children

4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

T. TARA BAI
DOD: 23.11.2015
Sons: T. Manoj Singh, T. Dilip Singh
T. Ranjeet Singh, T. Rajeev Singh,
T. Kuvareet Singh
Devi Singh Eng. Works, Attapur

Two die, two hurt in road accident

DC CORRESPONDENT
ADILABAD, NOV. 22

A badly constructed road without a bitumen (BT) surface, let alone a railing, reportedly caused a road accident that resulted in two deaths and two others being seriously injured near Pippalkoti, a village bordering Maharashtra at 4 am on November 21.

The car in which they were travelling jumped off the road as no BT road was laid for 20 meters and there was no railing. The driver lost control of the vehicle in the foggy conditions and swerved into agriculture fields at some speed.

The deceased, said to be natives of Hyderabad, were identified as Yogesh Gupta, 37, of Chappal Bazar and

Patali Kishore, 36, of Charminar area of Hyderabad city.

According to sources, they were travelling in a Jaguar from Nagpur and the incident took place near Pippalkoti while they were on their way to Hyderabad.

A lorry driver stopped his vehicle when the injured persons in the incident

came onto the NH-44 and sought help.

The lorry driver took the two injured persons to the RIMS where they underwent treatment and were later shifted to Hyderabad as their condition deteriorated.

The two injured persons were able to reach the NH-44 while two others breathed their last since

they lost their way in the fields in the dark and foggy conditions after their vehicle jumped off the road.

The villagers of Pippalkoti staged a rasta roko on Friday, demanding that the Maharashtra government take action against the contractor for not laying a BT road, causing nearly 10 road accidents till now.

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