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**JAYENDRA  
CHAITHANYA T. | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26**

A woman HR professional was crushed to death by an RTC bus driven by a temporary driver at Banjara Hills on Tuesday. Sohini Saxena was dragged at least 30 metres by the bus which hit her bike from the rear and ran over her.

The public who witnessed the horrifying incident beat up the driver and then handed him over to the police. They also hurled stones at the bus and damaged the window panes, before the bus was removed from the accident spot.

Sohini Saxena, 34, a resident of Banjara Green Colony in Banjara Hills, had worked as an HR manager with Tata Consultancy Services at Deccan Park in Madhapur for the last six years. Her husband Vineeth Kumar Mathur is a senior manager with ICICI Bank at Gachibowli. The couple has twins aged three.

At around 12.50 pm, Sohini Saxena left the house on her bike (AP 09 CM 1852) and was going towards Banjara Hills Road No 1 via Road No 12. When she reached the main road at Anagaara 5 restaurant, a speeding RTC bus belonging to the Barkathpura depot hit her bike from the rear at 12.55 pm. The bus dragged her at least 30 metres and ran over her. Sohini's helmet broke and her head was crushed under the front left wheel of the bus. She died on the spot.

Taking the law into their own hands, bystanders beat up driver Sridhar before handing him to the police.

■ **Page 2: Driver did not stop and moved ahead crushing her: Cop**

Ajit Pawar

Devendra Fadanvis

Uddhav Thackeray

Sharad Pawar

**BHAGWAN PARAB | DC**  
MUMBAI, NOV. 26

In a dramatic turn of events precipitated by the Supreme Court's Tuesday morning order to hold a televised floor test in the Maharashtra Assembly "within 24 hours", Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and his deputy Ajit Pawar resigned from their posts and Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray is all set to become the first in the Thackeray family to become Maharashtra's Chief Minister.

Mr Thackeray will lead the government of Maha Vikas Aghadi — the grand alliance of the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress. He will take oath at Shivaji Park in Mumbai on Thursday, November 28.

Mr Thackeray's ascent was facilitated by the resignation of Mr Fadnavis as CM on Tuesday, barely four days after he took charge. Mr Fadnavis stepped down immediately after the unforeseen resignation of Ajit Pawar in the afternoon, leading to the collapse of a short-lived BJP-led government.

In a joint meeting attended by Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress leaders, Mr Thackeray's name was announced as the leader of the Maha Vikas Aghadi. NCP leader Jayant Patil proposed Mr Thackeray's name as "the (next) chief minister". State Congress chief Balasaheb Thorat seconded the proposal.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar was also present at the meeting along with senior party leader Praful Patel, Congress' Ashok Chavan, Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghatana's Raju Shetti, Samajwadi Party's

Abu Azmi and the MLAs of all these parties.

At the meeting, Mr Thackeray mocked the BJP, saying that the Opposition parties had shown more trust in him than the party with which he was allied for nearly 30 years. He also had a special word of thanks for the NCP chief and Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Lashing out at his former saffron ally for its "hatred towards his party", Mr Thackeray said: "Whenever there was a necessity, they sought the Sena's support, but

they did not hesitate to abandon us when there had no need for us."

"My government will not act against anyone with vengeance, but no one should create hurdles for us," he added.

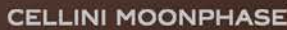
"I want to thank Sonjaji also. Parties with different ideologies have come together. Those who were friends for 30 years did not trust us. But those against whom we fought for 30 years have trusted me," Mr Thackeray said.

■ **Page 7: Sharad Pawar recalls Balasaheb Thackeray**

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## Textile Park

Minister K.T. Rama Rao meets Union minister Smriti Irani and requests Centre's assistance for mega textile park at Warangal

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Reviewed various schemes at Tourist Plaza and took stock of initiatives

— **Satyavathi Rathod**  
Woman and child welfare minister

## WEATHER



Max: 29.0°C  
Min: 17.4°C  
RH: 53%  
Rainfall: Nil

**Forecast:** Partly cloudy sky. Misty or haze in the morning. Max/Min 29/18 °C

## ASTROGUIDE

**Vikari:** Dakshinayana  
**Tithi:** Mrigasira Shudda Padyami till 7.03 pm  
**Star:** Anuradha till 8.13 am  
**Varjyam:** 1.40 pm to 3.13 pm  
**Durmuhurtam:** 11.41 am to 12.25 pm  
**Rahukalam:** 12 pm to 1.30 pm

**HILJRI CALENDAR**  
Rabi-ul-Awal 30, 1441 AH  
**PRAYERS**

**Fajar:** 5.24 am  
**Zohar:** 12.14 pm  
**Asar:** 4.04 pm  
**Maghrib:** 5.46 pm  
**Isha:** 6.57 pm

**SUNSET TODAY 5.39 PM**  
**SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.27 AM**  
**MOONRISE TODAY 5.54 AM**  
**MOONSET TOMORROW 5.35 PM**

## COUNTER POINT



Our Constitution gives us freedom... even horses!

## SHORT TAKES

## FOOTPATHS, ROADS TO GET A MAKEOVER

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

City roads, footpaths and central medians will get a makeover within six months with the GHMC finalising tenders for private players under the Comprehensive Road Maintenance programme. The corporation has issued work orders under CRM to lay 709 arterial roads at an estimated cost of ₹1,827 crore.

Officials claim that by January, roads will be motorable; and smooth ride will be assured within six months. Commuters will, however, have to suffer bad roads till January. Highly placed sources disclosed that six bidders participated in the tender process. One bid submitted by KCP Engineers Private Limited has been rejected, as it did not indicate balance assignments and thus rejected as per GO No. 94.

### DIVISION OF CRM WORKS

Comprehensive Road Maintenance has been divided into three packages. The state government has already released GO Nos. 777, 776 and 775, dated November 23, pertaining to five packages. GOs for the remaining two packages will be released after financial clearance.

BPCPL has been tasked with road laying, footpath and maintenance of greenery works in LB Nagar zone at an estimated cost of ₹238.42 crore. M. Venkatarao Infra Projects will execute works worth ₹219.70 crore in Charminar zone. NCC Ltd will implement works worth ₹243.25 crore, Megha Engineering & Infra will execute works worth ₹146.71 crore in Kukatpally zone and KNR Constructions has bagged works worth ₹240.61 crore in the Secunderabad zone. Works in Khairatabad zone have been split into two packages due the area being vast. KNR Constructions will execute work worth ₹165.68 in Khairatabad I and MBIL will take up works of ₹196.08 crore.

# Sohini was on way to wish brother

Two days ago, the victim saw her twins get admitted to a playschool

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Sohini Saxena, the victim of negligent driving by a temporary RTC driver was mother to twins Akshay and Ankitha. She was on her way to her parents' house at Hussaini Alam, to attend the birthday celebrations of her eldest brother Rishikesh Saxena.

Sohini's family, left heartbroken by this tragedy, questions the state government's decision to hire temporary drivers who may not be trained to drive public transportation vehicles. They raised slogans against chief minister K. Chandrababhan Rao at mortuary and demanded that the government take immediate measures to ensure that no other family suffers as they have.

Sohini was the youngest of four siblings. Her three brothers, Rishikesh, Amaresh, and Vishesh are bankers as is her husband Vineeth Kumar Mathur, a senior manager with ICICI Bank at Gachibowli. He got the information about his wife's death at work and rushed to the accident spot and from there to OGH, where the body had been taken for autopsy. "The last time I spoke to her was today morning. After I left for office, Sohini made a phone call and said she is going to her office," he said.

Two days ago, the



Top: Vineeth Mathur sobs after the demise of his wife. Below: An angry mob beats up the RTC driver

— P.SURENDRA — DC



twins had been admitted to a playschool. "My only request to the government is to train its drivers and ensure no such incident takes place again," said a sobbing Vineeth. Rishikesh, eldest of Sohini's three brothers, said, "I was in the

office when I got to know of my sister's death. She was our only sister. A highly educated and self-confident woman, working in a reputed MNC lost her life to the irresponsibility of a driver hired by the state government."

He added that "it is so shameful that such peo-

ple are allowed to drive public transportation vehicles. Who will take responsibility for my sister's death? She called in the morning and conveyed birthday wishes to me, promising that she would come home after 1 pm and she is no more now."

## DRIVER DIDN'T STOP AND MOVED AHEAD

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"The woman was ahead of the bus. The bus dashed into her and she fell off. The driver did not stop and moved ahead crushing her. It all happened within no time and the woman died," eye-witness K Sagar told the police.

The police recorded the statements of four eye-witnesses and collected footage of CCTV cameras installed at the commercial establishments on the road to analyse how the accident took place.

Banjara Hills police said that a case has been registered against the bus driver and the body was taken to the Osmania General Hospital for the autopsy. A disgusting aspect of the tragedy was a teenager who recorded a selfie video with the body of the woman in the background. The video went viral on social media.

## SOHINI SAXENA WAS ALUMNI OF ST. ANN'S

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Sohini Saxena, who was killed in a road accident at Banjara Hills on Tuesday, worked at the Deccan Park campus of Tata Consultancy Services in Madhapur.

She was a B. Sc graduate in genetics from St Ann's Degree College in the city. She also held a PGDM in Information Technology from Osmania University. Sohini was an HR executive since 2008. Before moving to TCS in November 2014, she worked in Innominds Software and Mann-India Technologies.



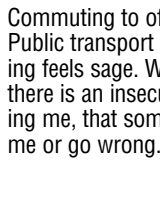
These big big road dividing cement blocks should be removed. How must pedestrians cross? Are roads only for motorists? Roads are very unsafe for us nowadays.

— **VEERAMMA**  
Housewife



Its taking hours to cross the road, there is no footpath to walk. No one stops or slows down the vehicle when some elderly is crossing the road, it's a nightmare to come out on roads. We are not sure whether we go home safe or not.

— **YOUSIN BEGUM**



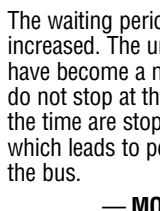
Commuting to office is always difficult. Public transport or private vehicle, nothing feels safe. When I ride my scooter, there is an insecurity that keeps following me, that something might happen to me or go wrong.

— **SHARMISHTA V.**  
software engineer



I think riding a scooter is extremely unsafe, especially over long distances. We are seeing how a woman's life has been lost due to no fault of her own. I also find using public transport unsafe since I have to travel late.

— **SWATHI K.**  
Techie



The waiting period for RTC buses have increased. The untrained RTC drivers have become a major problem as they do not stop at the bus stop and most of the time are stopping before the stop which leads to people running towards the bus.

— **MOHAMMED ABDUL WAJID**



Govt failed to control the traffic. And people have no traffic sense, unsafe to the drivers and also the pedestrians, police is busy in taking the violators pictures rather than controlling the traffic

— **SALEEM KHAN**  
Transport vehicle driver

## STRIKE | OVER

# Buses bring back chaos on road

Sight of swerving buses to pick up passengers returns

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

With Telangana State Road Transport Corporation employees calling off their strike, chaos is back on the city roads. Adding to chaos are those driving rashly and on the wrong side. Buses swerving from one end of the road to another at bus stops to pick up passengers were a common sight. There were many cases of school buses entering small and narrow lanes.

"We enter narrow lanes only because we have to pick up and drop children at their doorstep. Otherwise, parents would kick up a storm," said A. Mallaiiah, driver of a school bus attached to a prominent school in Banjara Hills. Owners who lease their buses to schools feign ignorance of how their vehicles are driven.

"We are only concerned about the vehicle's fitness. We cannot be held responsible for rash driving if the school management hires someone irresponsible," said Thatikonda Krishna, an owner of a few school buses leased out to schools within the city.

As it turns out, 1.57 lakh cases have been booked until last month against driving on the wrong side in the city. Motorists like T. Raghav, a resident of Trimulgherry, say most of wrong-side drivers are two-wheeler riders.

■ **ACCORDING TO** the traffic police, areas like Trimulgherry, SR Nagar, Punjagutta, Falaknuma, Sultan Bazar, Asif Nagar, Malakpet and Kacheguda are notorious for highest number of violations by two-wheelers.

"They look to avoid longer journey or crowds around U-turns and drive on wrong side of the road to take a short cut," he says. Such riders do not even bother about wearing helmets, lest something may happen to them.

Bikers' clubs in the city, however, claim that none of their members ride without helmets. "It is wrong to say that bikers of our group do not wear helmets. We do not even allow them to drive on wrong side of the roads," says Madan Sai Nagilla, a biker.

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Incidentally, Hyderabad Traffic Police collected ₹20.36 lakh as fines for red-light and speed-gun violations so far in 2019.



Barricades put up near the Jubilee Bus Stand caused inconvenience to commuters.

— DC



An ambulance makes it way across in a jam-packed road in the city on Tuesday

— **S.SURENDER REDDY**

# Ambulance drivers dread traffic



ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

The job of an ambulance driver is an onerous one. Not only do they have to stay alert at all times, they have to wade through traffic as safely as they possibly can. Many of them told *Deccan Chronicle* that their biggest problem was being stuck in traffic, knowing that a patient's life depends on how long it takes for them to drive to the hospital.

Raja Babu, a driver of a 108 ambulance, is in his vehicle for 12 hours a day. He has to tend to at least five cases in this time. These cases can be from anywhere — just a few kilometres in the city, or on the outskirts.

"The daytime shifts can be quite difficult. There is a lot of traffic. A trip from Begumpet to the Gandhi Hospital can sometimes take an hour during peak

times," he said.

Mr Babu said people usually give way when they see the blue lights atop the ambulance. "Most people are considerate and move to the side of the road. But there are some special cases who are stubborn. In my experience, I have seen riders of two-wheelers have headphones in their ears and can't hear the siren and horns," he said. Having a siren makes quite a difference. For instance, the 102 'Ammu Vodi' ambulances launched by the government for transporting pregnant women to hospitals are not used in emergencies. Swami, a 102 ambulance driver, said, "No one gives us way on the road. We keep honking but vehicles in front stay put. They don't budge. We request them to move aside, but they never oblige. Ours are not emergency services so we get no benefit of the doubt from the general public."

Swami and his colleague Vinod said the traffic is often so bad that they cannot drive in any gear higher than second. "My left foot is always on the



Driving through traffic is the toughest part of the job. Most people give way when we drive with our sirens, but some don't. Often riders of two-wheelers use earphones and cannot hear us approaching. They don't move and waste our time.

— **RAJA BABU**



I often drive over 100 km within the city in a day. The roads are very bad and traffic is frustrating. Small one-km-long trips can take 30 minutes some times. Some trips are over two hours long. But this is the only skill I know.

— **LAKSHMAN**

clutch. I am always in first or second gear," said Vinod. They often drive over 200 km in a typical shift. "Trips within the city are a nightmare. We dread trips to Medchal or places on the outskirts. From Gandhi or Osmania hospital, it takes more than two hours for a one-way trip," said Swami.

All ambulance drivers *Deccan Chronicle* spoke to said they had chronic pain

issues. Vinod said his right knee pains a lot and keeps him awake on many nights. Swami said he had back issues. Raju, a 20-year-old driver and still in his youth, said he had severe back ache and knee issues driving through traffic for the past two years.

Lakshman, who drives a privately-owned ambulance, admitted that his life was quite stressful. "We have to drive patients

and their families through traffic. It is a very stressful situation to be in. Most people give way but some don't. The bad condition of the roads also makes our life difficult," he said.

So, why does he do it? Lakshman said driving is the only skill he has. "I have to make money. I drive over 100 km a day, mostly in the city. It is very difficult to do, but what other choice do I have?" he asked. Almost all private ambulances do not have any air-conditioning. They can get extremely uncomfortable to be inside during the summer months.

Interestingly, many of the drivers declined to go on record or have their pictures taken. They all said they did not want to complain about their working conditions, lest they be removed from their jobs. One private ambulance driver said, "My keth (employer) cannot know that I have complaints about driving too long. He will simply fire me and find a younger, fitter driver. For now, this is my fate."





## Meet on RTC

TS Cabinet to meet on November 28 and 29 to discuss issues relating to TSRTC employees and other matters, the CMO said

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Neither High Court nor labour court declared the RTC strike illegal

— T. Jeevan Reddy  
Congress MLC

## SHORT TAKES

### BODHAN RTC DRIVER DIES OF CARDIAC ARREST

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC  
NIZAMABAD, NOV. 26

In a tragic incident, RTC driver Ch.Rajender, 55, of Bodhan depot in Nizamabad district died of cardiac arrest on Tuesday.

Reportedly, he was depressed for not being permitted to resume duty after the strike was called off on Monday. Rajender suffered stroke and was admitted in a private hospital in Nizamabad on Monday night. He died on Tuesday.

Shocked at the death, RTC employees and Union leaders rushed to Mangalpad village in Yedapally to attend the last rites of the driver. Tension prevailed in Mangalpad as police prevented the employees to reach the village. On the other hand, RTC employees in large numbers reached all 6 depots in Nizamabad region to attend duties on Tuesday. Citing High Court orders, officials and police dispersed the employees from the depots in Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts.

### UNION LEADER HITS OUT AT RTC JAC CONVENER

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

National Mazdoor Union former general secretary Mahmood on Tuesday denounced the RTC employees and workers unions Joint Action Committee.

Reacting to the RTC JAC's decision to call-off the strike, he alleged that the JAC leaders failed to handle the strike in right earnest. He alleged that due to the adamant attitude of the RTC JAC leaders, the lives of around 48,000 employees have come to a state of misery.

# TS may offer VRS to 20,000 RTC staff

## CM plans to offer them contract jobs if they accept VRS, or else sack them; decision is on Friday

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

The state government is likely to announce a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for Road Transport Corporation employees to remove around 20,000 workers.

The state cabinet, which will meet at 2 pm on Friday, will take the final call on VRS as well as other issues, said government officials.

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, who is keen on privatising at least 50 per cent of bus routes, held a series of reviews with transport and legal experts on the issue of privatising the RTC routes.

He also held a review with the transport department, RTC and police officials in view of the RTC workers' decision to resume work and also the decision of the RTC management not to allow them to do so.

Sources said that the Chief Minister is of the opinion that in view of the High Court's order paving the way for privatisation of 5,100 RTC routes there would not be any hurdle for granting the permits to the private stage carriers.

According to sources, RTC may not need 48,000 employees to run 10,400 buses in the state after the government privatises 5,100 bus routes. So it is planning to reduce the work force by offering them VRS.

The sources claimed that the CM is also examining the possibility of accommodating the RTC workers, who opt for VRS, in some other departments on contract basis so that they would not lose their livelihood.

Sources said the Chief Minister is also looking at the option of removing the workers if they don't accept VRS.

The Chief Minister, according to the sources, wants to give loss-making routes such as Palle Velugu to private operator as he believes that they can make them profitable.

According sources, the Chief Minister has also instructed the authorities to work out modalities to regulate and fix the fares of private buses by setting up a fare regulating authority which would work under the Road Transport Authority (RTA).



RTC employees stage a protest at JBS over the management's denial to take them back. Police took them into custody.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

## HC blames RTC unions for death of workers

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday remarked that the leaders of the RTC trade unions were to be blamed for the deaths of workers from suicide and cardiac arrests, rather than blaming the state for the deaths.

While dealing with a PIL filed by former Professor P.L. Visheshwara Rao, professing that the government's and Chief Minister's attitude caused the deaths, the division bench of Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy asked how the government was to blame for the suicides when it had never asked the employees to go on strike.

"Strike was taken by the trade union leaders, not by the state. If anyone wants to blame, then the union leaders were to be blamed for their non concern about the welfare of

■ COMPARING THE situation to a patient consulting the wrong doctor, the court asked what was the use of consulting a nephrologist for bad eye-sight?

the workers in continuing the strike," the bench observed.

Pointing to the attitude adopted by the unions to get redressal for the grievances of the workers, the CJ said that instead of going on strike, the union leaders should have approached the right forum to resolve the issues faced by the workers. "Rather than taking a decision to go on strike, the union leaders could have consulted an advocate, who would have guided them appropriately as to which forum should be approached under the Industrial Disputes Act to resolve issues. Hyderabad city does not have a dearth of counsels who can give you the right advice on this issue," he observed.

Reacting to the petitioner's contention that in an effort to uphold constitutional morality, the courts have ample power to direct the state to initiate action, the bench said courts also have limitations and how can the court issue mandamus to the government to stop the suicides and heart attacks.

"Your contentions are totally a misnomer. The Constitution does not require the courts to jump into any issue like a breathless horse and issue directions. There are some limits on the judiciary — it does not interfere in everything and every issue. In this issue, the workers had an alternative remedy — to go to the labour court instead of approaching the unions," the bench said.

Comparing the situation to a patient consulting the wrong doctor, the court asked what was the use of consulting a nephrologist for bad eye-sight?

## Cops bar staff's entry, 4,200 held

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Tension prevailed at the RTC depots and bus stations across the state on Tuesday when police prevented RTC workers from resuming their duties.

On Monday, while calling-off the strike, RTC JAC urged all workers to report for duty in their respective depot by 6 am on Tuesday.

When they reached their work place, police personnel, deployed at all 97 depots, prevented them from entering the premises, which led to scuffles. The police took into preventive custody hundreds of workers across the state. Commotion and unease prevailed when the 'regular' staff obstructed and stopped temporary drivers and conductors from attending duty.

Upset by the management's decision of not allowing them to join duty, Rajender, a driver

at Bodhan depot, died of cardiac arrest Tuesday morning. Rajender hailed from Mangalpad village of Edapalli mandal in Nizamabad district.

Bhimla, a conductor from Sangareddy depot, collapsed after a cardiac arrest at Indrakaran police station of the Siddipet district when he was detained by the police. He was rushed to a private hospital for treatment, where doctors informed that he had suffered heart-attack.

When workers had an argument, cops told them that they had orders from higher officials not to allow them into the depots. Section 144 has been imposed at all depots. Women employees turned emotional and even those who tried to touch the feet of policemen posted at the depots, were prevented entry. Around 4,200 RTC employees have been placed under preventive custody.



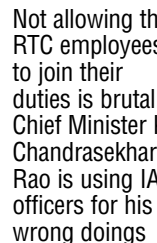
This is unprecedented, vengeful attitude towards the employees from lower economic strata, which has muscled them into winding up their legal and rightful protest abruptly

— K. KRISHNA SAGAR RAO,  
Chief spokesperson, TS BJP



Chief Minister KCR is misleading Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan on the RTC issue. The state government must allow RTC employees to join the duties unconditionally

— L. RAMANA,  
President, Telangana Telugu Desam



Not allowing the RTC employees to join their duties is brutal. Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao is using IAS officers for his wrong doings

— MALLU BHATTI VIKRAMARKA  
CLP leader



It's an emergency situation in Telangana. It is horrible to arrest the RTC employees who came to report for duty

— TAMMINENI  
VEERA BHADRAM  
CPM state secretary



The state government must allow RTC employees to join duty as they have called off the strike respecting the High Court's orders

— CHADA VENKATA REDDY  
CPI state secretary



A TSRTC worker is being taken into custody while he was trying to enter RTC depot in Khammam on Tuesday.

— DC

## Gadkari: RTC can't be shut without our nod

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari told the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday that a state government can liquidate its road transport corporation, though only after the Centre gives its approval.

Mr Gadkari was responding to a query from Congress MP K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao, who asked whether a state can inde-

pendently decide to wind up its RTC or merge it (with a state government) without consent from the Central government.

He said under Section 39 of the Road Transport Corporations Act, 1950, an RTC can be liquidated by the state government concerned with prior approval of the Centre.

He, however, made it clear that the central government does not bear any losses incurred by state RTCs.

## Congress hits out at KCR, seeks Modi's intervention

### Gadkari may convene meet on RTC: Uttam

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Opposition parties have lambasted the state government for its attitude towards RTC workers who have called off their strike. They say that the state government's decision not to allow the workers to restart work is brutal.

Congress MPs N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komati-reddy Venkatareddy and A. Revanth Reddy met Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari in Delhi on Tuesday to discuss the issue. They had sought an appointment with Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, but the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said that the appointment might be arranged on Wednesday.

Mr Uttam Kumar Reddy, in a statement, expressed his anguish and agony at the inhuman manner in which RTC employees have been treated by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and others such as RTC in-charge managing director Sunil Sharma.

Mr Reddy said that the Centre holds 33 per cent share in the RTC and therefore, it was its duty to protect the institution and its employees.

He urged Mr Gadkari to play a pro-active role in resolving the issue.

Mr Gadkari said is believed to have said he could convene a meeting on Thursday.

BJP spokesman K. Krishna Sagar Rao called the state government's decision as vengeful attitude towards the employees from lower economic strata, which has muscled them into winding up their legal protest.

Telangana TD chief L. Ramana said the CM is misleading Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan and RTC employees must be allowed to join the duties.



Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari listens to Telangana Congress chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy in New Delhi on Tuesday about logjam over TSRTC as his party MPs Komati-reddy Venkat Reddy and A. Revanth Reddy look on.

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## Royal Fellowship

Dr G. Satheesh Reddy, chairman, DRDO was conferred honorary fellowship of Royal Aeronautical Society, London; first Indian recipient in over 100 years

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No need to build new jails in Telangana. The whole state has become a jail

— Manda Krishna Madiga  
MRPS founder-president

## IN BRIEF

### Auto strike on December 5

**Hyderabad:** The Telangana Auto Drivers JAC has announced that it would observe a one-day Auto Bandh on December 5. This they said was to coerce the state government into enforcing total prohibition.

### HC directs govt on women's body plea

**Hyderabad:** Justice Tadamalla Vinod Kumar has directed the counsel for Home department to get instructions on the writ petition filed by members Chaitanya Mahila Sangam (CMS) alleging that the police are frequently summoning them to the police stations forcing them to divulge certain personal details, which is in violation of rules and various laws. The court will hear the case on 10 December.

### Mason burnt alive due to short circuit

**Hyderabad:** A 29-year-old man was charred to death when he was sleeping in a hut at Vanasthalipuram on Tuesday. The police suspect that a short circuit could have led to the blaze. According to Vanasthalipuram police, the mishap took place at around 4 am on Tuesday at BN Reddy Nagar in which Ch Ramesh, a mason was sleeping. Ramesh, a native of Thirumalagiri village in Suryapet district was living along with his wife Swapna and children Varun Tej, 4, and Rishika, 6.

### PETITION IN HC AGAINST FILM KRKR

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

A petition has been filed before the Telangana High Court seeking that it direct Censor Board to deny certification for Telugu feature film *Kamma Rajyamlo Kadapa Reddilu* and prohibit its release and exhibition in cinema theatres, over YouTube, Twitter or social media in Telangana.

City resident Indrasena Chowdary filed the petition stating that the movie has been made against Principles for Guidance in Certifying Films under Clause 5-B of the Cinematograph Act and it also violates Article 19 of the Indian Constitution. He submitted that controversial movie director Ram Gopal Varma is trying to be in lime-light by making this movie blaming one caste and insulting some political leaders personally.

Mentioning statements of the director on the release of song titled *Pappu Lanti Abhayi* of the movie over social media like Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, the petitioner contended that the lyrics are clearly defamatory towards TD leader Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Lokesh and Telugu Desam party.

"If the movie releases, there is every possibility that their followers will become angry, leading to public disorder in the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh", the petitioner said.

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(S/1920/D01316)

# Onions to be dearer till Jan

Will be sold at ₹40/kg: Minister

KANIZA GARARI | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Onion prices will keep fluctuating between ₹80 and ₹100 per kg till January. The reason being attributed is that a lot of damaged stock remains in the market and traders have no other option but to hike prices. Though, the demand is high, the corresponding supply has been inadequate.

Of every 50 kgs of onions, at least 15 kgs are either soiled or rotten. In this backdrop, the soiled onions are being sold at ₹60 per kg while the good ones are priced at ₹100 per kg.

Till now, onions have come only from Maharashtra, while those from Karnataka are just about trickling in and larger quantities are expected the end of the month.

Mr Venkata Ramana, a wholesaler, explained, "The prices are high as the market has soiled stock, which is compelling an increase in price."

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Commission agents bringing stock from Maharashtra state that there has been steep hike in transportation costs, which is having its impact on the pricing structure.

Mr D. Jagdish Kumar, another wholesaler, explained, "Prices have escalated because of the high demand. Moreover, this is the wedding season. This trend will continue into December."

In a bid to bring relief to the people, agriculture and marketing minister Singi Reddy Niranjana Reddy on Tuesday asked officials to sell onions for ₹40 per kg. The vegetable would be available at Mehdiapatnam and

Saroornagar Rythu-bazaars from Wednesday. This would be extended to other markets soon, he said. As of now, the department has ensured that two tonnes of onions are available every day and an individual is entitled to buy only one kg. There will be dedicated onion sales centres at other markets soon. The minister instructed the authorities to write to the Centre for allocating some of the imported onions to Telangana. The state government has also announced that it would pay the farmers the difference in price, to ensure that the customers get onions at ₹40 per kg.

## Jamaat-e-Islami to oppose NRC

ATHER MOIN | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind has announced that it will oppose carrying out of NRC exercise all over India as well as the proposed Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB).

Addressing media, Moulana Hamid Mohammed Khan, President Jamaat-e-Islami and Odisha, maintained that their opposition to NRC and CAB is owing to these two being against the spirit of our Constitution.

He said while preparing NRC, the government is putting the burden of proof on shoulders of the citizens while, worldwide, it is the responsibility of the government to prove a person as intruder or illegally staying in the country. The exercise will be difficult as 135 crore citizens will have to prove that they are the legitimate citizens of India. Just in

Assam, the process started in 1985 following the Assam Accord during the regime of Rajiv Gandhi. But it went into cold storage before Supreme Court intervened into the matter and carried out the process under its supervision. Finally, about 20 lakh people have failed to prove that they are Indian inhabitants. "What will be the fate of these people," he asked.

Moulana Hamid said these people are proposed to be sent to detention centres. The expenditure on a detention centre of 700-inmate capacity will be ₹20 crore and government is not in a position to bear such huge expenditure.

According to the JIH chief, ₹12,000 crore have been spent on NRC for a population of 3 crore in Assam. "How much money will be needed for the process involving 135-crore population of India," he asked.

## MENTALLY ILL SETS SHED ABLAZE, DIES

DC CORRESPONDENT  
KARIMNAGAR, NOV. 26

A 70-years-old mentally ill person was allegedly burnt alive after being stuck in a cattle shed after setting the shed himself ablaze. The incident occurred in the late hours on Monday here at Etikyala village of Raikal mandal in Jagtial district. As per SI Arogyam, the deceased was identified as Soma Chennaiah, a resident of Etikyala village. Two years ago, he met with an accident and survived with a serious head injury and is still undergoing treatment. Since then, Chennaiah began to behave in an unusual manner.

Chennaiah's son Anjireddy informed the police that on Monday night, his father set ablaze the cattle shed. As he was trying to escape from the fire, he was stuck inside and was burnt alive.

## Rachakonda cops bust major flesh trade racket

JAYENDRA CHAITANYA T. | DC  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

In a major crackdown against trafficking of women, a man, who was providing finance to over 20 brothels, across three commissionerates and encouraging flesh trade, has been arrested by Rachakonda police.

The efforts of the police resulted in the rescue of seven victims and arrest of four women from brothers at Saroornagar, Medipally and LB Nagar areas.

Meanwhile, the others involved in the

flesh trade managed to escape and sleuths are confident of nabbing them soon.

Investigations into the flesh trade, revealed that the accused Shetty Vishwanth, 30, a resident of Chengicherla has reportedly sexually assaulted the victims, who were trafficked to the city.

Vishwanth came under the police radar given his sudden extravagance. He was caught following a well-executed decoy operation by sleuths from Rachakonda Special Operations Team (Malkajgiri).

Sources close to Rachakonda police shared that for the last one year, Vishwanth has been providing finance to the brothel organisers and was collecting interest between five and 10 percent. He was providing money on a daily, weekly and monthly basis subject to the borrower's needs. Vishwanth's revelations shocked the police. He admitted that he sexually assaulted the victims who were trafficked to the city, and was financing brothels across commissionerates.

## TPF angry over unlawful arrests

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Telangana Praja Front (TPF) has protested against booking of cases under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act against 51 people, including women and students, belonging to 12 organisations.

Speaking to media here on Tuesday, TPF president K. Ravichander said police are using the draconian UAPA to pick up people from their houses though they have not committed any crime.

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draw cases and release those arrested forthwith.

Others who addressed the media included, High Court advocate Chikudu Prabhakar, PDM president M. Raju, Chaitanya Mahila Mandali secretary Shilpa and K. Laxminarayana from University of Hyderabad. They demanded that RTC workers be taken back on duty.

## Drunk driving: Cecil pays ₹5K penalty

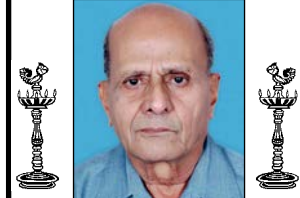
DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Telugu film and television actor Prince Cecil was caught driving drunk during enforcement drives carried out by the Cyberabad traffic police. He appeared before a court at Kukatpally on Tuesday, which imposed a fine of ₹5,000 driving under the influence of liquor.

Kukatpally inspector (Traffic) N. Bose Kiran said that during the enforcement drive against drunk driving, Cecil was caught on

November 24, on the main road at VNR Engineering College, Bachupally. The actor was heading towards Pragatinagar from Bachupally side when he was intercepted by the traffic police team for breathalyzer test. "The actor's BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) was recorded as 42 mg/100 ml of blood. A case was registered against him. After attending the counselling at the Traffic Training Institute, he appeared before a court. The court imposed ₹5,000 fine on the actor," Mr Kiran said.

### NIRYANAM



**VURAKARANAM VENKATA SUBBAIAH**  
Please be informed that, my father has attained abode of divine on 19-11-2019. Rituals at our home, 401, Sri Sai Residency, East Anandbagh, Malkajgiri, Hyderabad. 28-11-2019 Dasasaham (Darmodakalu) 29-11-2019 Ekadasam (Shodasamu) 30-11-2019 Dwadasasaham (Sapindikaranam) Inserted by: Vurakaranam Sai Kishore (Son), Daughter-in-law, Daughters and Sons-in-law. Contact: 97019 20050, 9866587984

### OBITUARY



**MAMIDI SUSHEELA**  
W/o Late M.J. Bhaskar  
DOB: 24.11.1948 DOD: 26.11.2019  
Address: 1-7-1022/30/5, Haringanagar, Opp. Madina Masjid, Zamistanpur, Musheerabad.  
Funeral talk at 11.30 a.m. at residence. Funeral on 27th November 2019 12.30 p.m. at Narayanguda Cemetery. Contact: 9533112890, 9014812890

(S/1920/D01317)

### 1st ANNIVERSARY



**Smt. V.L. ESHWARAMMA**  
D.O.B.: 11.6.1939 D.O.D.: 27.11.18  
May her soul rest in peace  
Inserted by:  
**Son: V.L. Sridhar**  
Daughter-in-law: V.S. Namratha  
Grand Daughters: V.S. Sanjana & V.S. Srishti

### 10th Day Ceremony of



**Smt. Sakinala Renuka**  
On 27th November 2019, 12.30 PM afternoon at Secunderabad Munimukapu Sangam near Chermas, Universal Bakery, Paradise.  
Inserted by: Family Members  
Mobile: 9704179232

### 3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

"For the godly who die, shall rest in peace" *Isaiah 57:2*



**Mr. JOSEPH MORRIS**  
S/o Late Anthony Ratnam  
Called to Glory on 27th Nov. 2016  
*I miss a lot, your love & Care*  
Inserted by:  
**Mrs. SHOBHA MORRIS (Wife) & FAMILY MEMBERS**  
(S/1920/D01305)

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith - 2 Timothy 4:7



**AUGUSTINE MADDIRALA**  
D.O.B. 06-07-1949 Exp. 27-11-2018  
You are always there in our hearts guiding us with your love Hosted by: **FAMILY MEMBERS**  
Memorial Service will be held on 27th Nov 2019 at 12.00 am at his residence. Address: H.No. 2-17/18, Sri Sairam Nagar, Prashanth Nagar, Uppal, Phs : 9618373030, 9866124862

### 13th ANNIVERSARY



**GALAM LAKSHMI**  
Inserted by:-  
**GALAM FAMILY**

### 1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY



**Smt. LEELA S. KUMAR**  
"Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and miss you beyond measure."  
Inserted by: Family Members

### INTEQAL



**MOHAMMED ISMAIL**  
Age. 26yrs., S/o. Md. Mehboob has passed away to a better place. He was laid to rest on Tuesday, Fateha will be held after Asar Prayers at Jamia Masjid, (Badi Masjid) Musheerabad, Hyd. for more details contact @ 9000519296, 9948118875

### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



**Smt. DORIS PATRICIA SMITH**  
"A capable wife who can find She is far more precious than Jewels. Many women have done exceedingly well But you surpass them all"  
— Fondly remembered by —  
**G. Sekaran & Christopher & Allan**  
(S/1920/D01255)

### 100th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



**SOKKULA JOHN**  
(1919 - 1982)  
Retd. Head Master & Correspondent C.S.I. School Luxettipet & Bellampally  
**RUTHAMMA JOHN SOKKULA**  
(1924 - 2009)  
Children, Grand Children & Great Grand Children  
(S/1920/D01313)

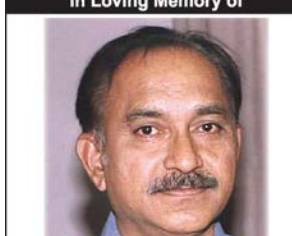
### 15th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DEAR SISTER



**MISS BALUVURI DEVAKRUPA**  
DOB: 29.12.1948 DOD: 27.11.2004  
The memory of just blessed Pro: 10:7  
Inserted by:  
**Mr. & Mrs. Rev. B. Noble Nirmal Kumar & Baluvuri Families, BHIL.**  
(S/1920/D01303)

### 1st ANNIVERSARY



**Smt. V.L. ESHWARAMMA**  
D.O.B.: 11.6.1939 D.O.D.: 27.11.18  
Forever and Ever more we preserve your memories with us,  
Inserted by:  
**ASIAN GROUP**

### 18th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of



**Shri ANAND SWAROOP BEHARA**  
(Retd. Regional Manager APSRTC)  
You are missed each and every day, for you were someone special who meant more than words can say.  
Inserted by:  
**Srikanth Behara & All at Home 9848800070**

### 1st ANNIVERSARY



**Smt. LALITHA EMMANUEL**  
DOB: 09-12-1946 DOD: 27-11-2017  
People like you should be around us for our entire lifetime. There were just too many things to learn from you. You will always be respected and remembered  
Inserted by:  
**SRILATHA BUNGA & FAMILY MEMBERS**

### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

1Th 5:10 KJV Christ died for us, that, whether we are awake or asleep, we should live together with him.



**VIMALA MARGARET GOVADA**  
Inserted by: Premkumar - Husband  
Lydia Govada - Daughter,  
Rohan Govada - Son, Shayna - Grand Daughter

### 3rd ANNIVERSARY IN LOVING MEMORY OF



**Mrs. G. SHEELA RAJAN**  
W/o Late G. L. Rajan (Dist. Registrar)  
DOD: 27.11.2016  
Inserted by: Family Members  
Ph: 9848046516  
(S/1920/D01307)

### Vaikunta Samaradhanai



**Mrs Jambakam Narasimhan**  
DOB 26-02-1925 DOD 21-11-2019  
will be held on 03-12-2019 at his Plot No.26, H No.03-49-43 P&T Colony, Trimulgiri, Secunderabad 500015  
Inserted by:-  
N.P. Rangan - Son  
Mrs Padmasri Rangan - Daughter-in-law  
Bhargavi - Grand Daughter  
Padma N - Daughter  
You will always be remembered forever.  
Ph: 9440989888, 040-27740297

### REMEMBRANCE



**Prof. SHAMLA MATHUR**  
W/o. Ram Raj Mathur  
D.O.B: 21-07-1962 D.O.D: 27-11-2009  
In Grief: **Dr.Rashmi Mathur** - Daughter  
Near and Dear

### † 1st ANNIVERSARY †



"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Philippians 3:20  
**K.R. Chandraleela**  
Slept in the Lord on 27th November 2018.  
Inserted by: Rev. A.S. Devadass (Husband)  
Sons and Daughters-in-law  
Daughter and Son-in-law  
And 9 Grand Children  
Contact: 9866175529, 9948324723, 8247282111





## Constitutional Rights

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan says every citizen must read the Constitution to learn about their rights

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The Constitution of India is one of the best in the world. Got TS because of it

— **Gutha Sukender Reddy**  
TS Legislative Council chairman

### POWER | SHUTDOWN

**10 am to 5 pm:** Asrani Hotel, Regal Sports, AP Paper Merchant, Hardy Complex, Vision Links, Chandralok, Parsi Compound, Emamath Hotel Abhi Ruchi, Emerald House, Kalasiguda, Khandoji Bazar, Shyam (Steel City), Sindh Bank, Praveen Begum DTR, Hanuman Charan, Kedla House, Mool Chand, Canara Bank, Gandhi Statue area, Wood Land, Ishaq Complex Area, Kanchu Bomma, Rocha Bazar, Subhash Riad, Wesley Jr College, Jawahar Nagar, Yadav Construction, Kareem Compound, F Class Nallagutta, Swathi Hotel, Mukhundlal, OBP CTO, Amar Petrol Bunk, Navaketan Complex, Mee Seva, Maruthi Estate, Rajadeendayal, SP Road, College of Air Warfare, SD Road, Swapna Lok Complex 1 and 2, Pantaloons, Yatri Nivas.

# Economic slowdown hits I-T collections

## Officials hint at more raids to increase revenue

**VIKRAM SHARMA | DC**  
HYDERABAD NOV. 26

The economic slowdown continues to impact Income Tax collections across the country with many states faring poorly. As per the latest figures, the all-India collections made by Income Tax department (from April 1 up to Nov 23) for financial year 2019-20 stand at a little over ₹5.44 lakh crore, registering an all-India growth of 0.6%. The IT department itself describes it as 'far from satisfactory.'

Central Board of Direct Taxes had set an all-India budgetary target of ₹13.8 lakh cr for the I-T department for 2019-20. At the rate collections are going on, tax personnel are quite worried whether they would be able to achieve the target set for them. As per the new figures, the total corporate tax collections stood at over ₹2.83 lakh cr, while the total Income Tax collections have been ₹2.53 lakh cr.

### THE TARGETS

The CBDT had set an all India budgetary target of ₹13.8 lakh cr for the IT department during the FY 2019-20 of which ₹7,60,000 cr is towards corporate tax and personal Income Tax is ₹6,07,200 cr. The target for 2018-19 was ₹11.5 lakh cr.

The net collections for the same period (April 1 to November 23) in the last financial year stood at close to ₹5.41 lakh cr. Leading the tax collections was Mumbai, the financial capital of India, where an intense political battle is underway. The total net collection of the Mumbai IT region was over ₹1.63 lakh cr compared to ₹1.56 lakh cr the previous year, recording a growth of 4.4%. The total corporate tax collected was ₹89,731 cr and Income Tax was ₹66,654 cr.

Next in the list is Delhi IT region, which fared poorly with total collection of ₹80,864 cr as against ₹89,650 cr the previous year. The growth

dipped to minus 9.8%. The corporate tax was ₹48,134 cr while IT was ₹32,757 cr. Coming to south Indian states, Bengaluru too fared poorly with total collection of ₹58,842 cr while the figure the previous year was ₹60,782 cr. The growth rate here too went negative to minus 3.2%. The corporate tax collected was ₹25,876 cr and IT ₹32,569 cr. The Chennai IT region recorded total collections to the tune of ₹39,382 cr while the previous year, the figure was ₹37,423 cr; registering a growth of 5.2%. The Hyderabad IT region, which comprises both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, saw a growth rate of 5.2% after the total collection stood at ₹30,657

cr as against ₹29,140 cr the previous year. The corporate tax collected was ₹14,736 cr and IT was ₹15,720 cr.

The Income Tax regions, which saw a dip in their collections and fared poorly, as per the latest figures, are Delhi (-9.8% growth rate), Bengaluru (-3.2 %), Jaipur (-17.4%), Lucknow (-4.5%), Kanpur (-3.4 %), and Guwahati (-20.3%). "Besides economic slowdown, soft approach of the I-T department towards corporates since July 31 (when Cafe Coffee Day founder V.G. Siddhartha committed suicide due to alleged 'tax terrorism' appears to have impacted tax collections. However, we have stepped up our operations post Diwali, which improved collections," said department officials. They hinted at the possibility of more raids and searches in the days to come. "We have a budgetary target of ₹13.8 lakh cr, which we have to achieve before March 31, 2020," they said.

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Telangana Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan on Tuesday said that it was the duty of every citizen of the country to honour Dr B.R. Ambedkar for his brilliance in drafting an all-encompassing Constitution for a complex nation like India and one that provided protection to every citizen.

Participating in the 'Constitution Day' celebrations, organised at Raj Bhavan on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Constitution of India, she urged people to uphold its spirit at every level. The Governor maintained that the younger generation was unaware of the importance of the Constitution, which guarantees protection and a multitude of fundamental rights to the people of the nation. She opined that until and unless people were made aware of their rights, duties and responsibilities towards the nation, each and every scheme and project initiated by the government would be rendered use-

■ **THE GOVERNOR** maintained that the younger generation was unaware of the importance of the Constitution, which guarantees protection and a multitude of fundamental rights to the people of the nation.

less. She felt happy that Telangana State was one of the first States to celebrate Constitution Day on such an exemplary note.

In his address, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Reddy observed that when compared to other democratic nations, the Constitution of India was dynamic. It has been amended several times as the endeavour has been to achieve people's aspirations in true democratic spirit.

Mr Rao said that besides taking advantage of rights and performing duties given by the Constitution, one must not ignore their responsibilities and rededicate themselves to the country and thereby the

Constitution. He said "We are yet to accomplish many aspirations of the people of the State. We must accept it sincerely and put our best efforts to realise them."

Chief Justice of Telangana State High Court Justice Raghendra Singh Chauhan emphasised the need to rededicate oneself and strive to rebuild the nation so as to achieve Constitutional goals. He said that Legislative, Executive and Judiciary have come together to affirm their faith in the Constitution.

He said "we fought for emergence of Telangana State and it is our solemn duty to live up to the people's expectations. Telangana must emerge as the beacon of hope and a model worthy of emulation." Legislative Assembly Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Council Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy, Judges of Telangana State High Court, Cabinet Ministers, Parliament members, Legislators, Chief Secretary S.K. Joshi and other officials graced the occasion.

# KTR flaunts Brand Telangana in Delhi

**S.A. ISHAQUI | DC**  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

IT and Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister KT Rama Rao (KTR) on Tuesday said that the State Government was determined to upgrade its infrastructure across various sectors. A case in point is the Metro connectivity that facilitates around three lakh commuters every day.

He made this observation while addressing the core

session on Enhancing capability-states gearing up in the CRISIL India Infrastructure Conclave 2019. The 'Central' role of states in India's Infrastructure build-out in New Delhi.

Dwelling about the way the youngest State, Telangana, combated challenges without compromising on good governance in the last five years, he said that the policies adopted by the State were tailor-made to suit the expectations and

requirements of the people. Maintaining that there was a balanced approach towards building infrastructure, as also financial discipline, he said that the State should focus on innovation, infrastructure and inclusion.

Mr Rama Rao explained that the government has invested ₹45, 000 crore in providing safe drinking water to all households by construction of 50 new water treatment plants, 19 new intake wells, 19,000

service tanks besides constructing 1.05 lakh kms of water pipe lines.

He pointed out that the infrastructure created under Mission Bhagiratha is four times more than what has been created since independence.

He said that 26 ongoing irrigation schemes in the State will create irrigation ayacut of 6880161 acres. Telangana has the distinction of putting in place Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, which

has elevated the status of the State as a major Infrastructure developer.

He told the gathering that the government has strengthened road network that stretches to beyond 7,000 kms in the last five years. In keeping with the requirements and catering to a long-felt need is in going about housing projects with renewed vigour. Of the 2.83 lakh houses that have been taken up, 1.67 lakh are earmarked for urban areas.

# Indian Constitution unique, says TS CJ

**VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC**  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

Explaining the uniqueness of Indian Constitution, Telangana High Court Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan underlined that unlike other constitutions in the world, Constitution of India has solemnly promised liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship to all its citizens.

He was addressing a gathering at the High Court premises to mark the Constitution Day celebrations organised by the Telangana High Court Advocates Association.

The Chief Justice said, "After our country got Independent on August 15, 1947, the Constituent

■ **THE CHIEF** Justice was addressing a gathering at the High Court to mark the Constitution Day celebrations.

Assembly was constituted. After due deliberations, it passed the Constitution of our country on November 26, 1949. The same was given effect on January 26, 1950 – the Republic Day."

Present on the occasion were judges of the High Court, president of Advocates Association T. Surya Karan Reddy, Advocate General B.S. Prasad, and A. Narasimha Reddy. Chairman to the Bar Council of Telangana also addressed the gathering on the occasion.

# UPPAL BHAGAT PHASE-II PRE-BIDDING ON NOV. 28

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
HYDERABAD, NOV. 26

In connection with e-auctions of Uppal Bhagat phase-II plots, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) will conduct a pre-bid meeting on November 25 from 11 am onwards on the HMDA premises, second floor, above SBI Bank, HMDA Complex, Tarnaka, Hyderabad. Interested bidders, buyers, individuals, firms may attend the pre-bid meeting to clarify their doubts about the e-bidding process, registration etc.

# DRONE DEPLOYED IN KAWAL TIGER RESERVE

**DC CORRESPONDENT**  
MANCHERIAL, NOV. 26

The forest department is using a drone camera for the first time to control smuggling of wood and poaching in the Kawal Tiger Reserve spread over Nirmal, Mancherla, Kumarambheem Asifabad and Adilabad districts. It is said earlier, forest staff found it difficult to control wood smuggling and poaching, but now they can take the help of technology including drone cameras. Officials of Indhanpalli Forest Range have been the first to use the drone camera in the forests of Jannaram mandal. Jannaram Forest Divisional Officer Madhav Rao and Indhanpalli Forest Range Officer Srinivas Rao were present at the time of flying drone camera on an experimental basis.

**EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION**  
(Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India)  
Regional Off: 3-4-763, Bhavishyanidhi Bhawan, Barkatpura, Hyderabad-500027  
No. TS/Hyd/RO-II/Public Notice/C-III/T-1/2019/ Dated: 08.11.2019

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Attention of public at large is being invited that inquiry under Section 7A of the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 has been continuing for more than three years for determination of date of Applicability of Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 to the establishment but there is no effective participation in terms of production of all summoned records or through attendance of the summoned persons. The Inquiry under Section 7A of EPF & MP Act, 1952 is deemed to be judicial proceeding within the meaning of Section 193 of India Penal Code and inquiry authority have the powers vested in a court under Civil Procedure of 1908.

CIRCLE III, TASK-01			
S. No.	Code No.	Est Name	Period of inquiry
1	AP/1028265	M/s TNR Constructions India Pvt Ltd	Date of Applicability of the Act

If any person who has worked in above cited establishments during the period as mentioned above, has any relevant records in his possession, he may appear in person or through authorized representative and produce all records or send the same by mail or by post, at the Office of Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Regional Office-II, Barkatpura, Hyderabad within 20 days.

Sd/- Regional PF Commissioner-II  
Circle-III, Regional Office, Hyderabad-II

**Govt. of Bihar**  
**Khushi Jeevika Mahila Napkin Producer Group**  
C/o Jeevika Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Opposite Bank of India, Hatiya More, Block-Barbigha, District-Sheikhpura, Bihar-811101,  
Email- khushijeevika.snpu@gmail.com Mob: +91 - 9570399501, 9771478321

**BIHAR RURAL LIVELIHOODS PROMOTION SOCIETY (JEEVIKA)**

Khushi Jeevika Mahila Napkin Producer Group is a producer group developed under the aegis of Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society(BRLPS), Bihar. Patna. BRLPS is a registered society of Government of Bihar under the Department of Rural Development, GoB. invites sealed quotation from the manufacturers/authorized dealers for the following items for its Sanitary Napkin Production unit in Bihar. The details of items are as follows:

Sl.No.	Component Required	Tentative Quantity in a year (In Kg.)
1.	SAP Paper	7052
2.	Airlaid	3452
3.	Perforated Topsheet	3752
4.	Poly Backsheet	3752
5.	Release Paper	6452
6.	Glue Positioning	1020
7.	Glue Construction	480
8.	Re Seal Tape	120

Interested manufacturers/suppliers may download the bidding document from [www.brpl.in](http://www.brpl.in) (Procurement/Tender). Last date for submission of bid with address and other details are mentioned in the bidding document. A pre bid meeting will be held at Patna on the date, time and address mentioned in the bidding document. For any further enquiry, intending bidders may contact mobile numbers 9771478321 / 9570399501. Last date and time for Bid Submission is 24.12.2019 till 03.00 PM.

For further details please visit website [www.prdbihar.gov.in](http://www.prdbihar.gov.in)  
PR. No. 011184(NI.NI.) 2019-20

**President**  
**बेटी है एक वरदान। दहेज देकर मत करो अपमान।।**

# Hyderabad

## IMAGES AND MEMORIES

We wrapped up our celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of Deccan Chronicle on May 15, by bringing a special compilation of seventy-five stories filled with intrigue and delight from the final days of the Nizamshahi, titled *Hyderabad: Images & Memories*

From the palace mysteries and murder plots to the Nizam's 3,000 wives and how the ruler faced allegations of kidnapping his bride, all under the watchful eyes of the British, it is all there.

We scoured the archives and collected anecdotal evidence from several actors of that era to discover delightful asides like how the motichur laddus got their name, how an aide saved the Nizam's legendary treasures for the royal family and how Indira Gandhi floored the Nizam.

There are more than 75 pictures, a few of them rare and perhaps being published for the first time.

**HYDERABAD: IMAGES AND MEMORIES**  
The hard-bound : ₹2,000, Soft cover : ₹1,500.  
at all Deccan Chronicle & The Asian Age offices across the cities







## Trouble continues

ED opposes Chidambaram's bail plea in SC in INX Media money laundering case



Those trying to destroy Constitution will never succeed

— Mamata Banerjee  
West Bengal Chief Minister

## IN BRIEF

## COMPUTER BABA'S BID TO STOP MINING

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, NOV. 26

Madhya Pradesh river trust chairman Namdeo Das Tyagi, the seer who loves to be called Computer Baba, along with his army of followers has launched a campaign to curb illegal sand mining in Narmada, leaving state mining minister Pradeep Jaiswal upset.

The religious leader who has been rewarded by Kamal Nath government for supporting Congress in the 2018 Assembly elections by appointing him chairman of the newly created Trust, has been camping on the banks of Narmada at Raheti in Sehore district since Saturday to stop the mining mafia.

The seer also demanded the local administration to take immediate action against the sand mafia to save Narmada. He announced to deploy 2,000 seers across the banks of Narmada to stop illegal mining in the river.

State mining minister on Tuesday took strong exception to such actions by Computer Baba advising him not to interfere in affairs of his department. "Please do not meddle in my department. You should better focus on your Babagiri," the minister said.

## DANCING COP BEATS AUTO DRIVER

DC CORRESPONDENT BHOPAL, NOV. 26

The cop from Indore who became internet sensation almost overnight for managing traffic with moonwalk-style dance has incurred wrath of his fans for assaulting an auto driver in the city.

Ranjit Singh, called 'Singham cop' for adopting a unique way of regulating busy traffic in Indore has been trolled by his followers for thrashing the auto driver in public. "Singham turns into chewing gum" one of his social media followers commented.

The cop kicked and slapped the auto driver in Indore on Monday for allegedly entering no entry zone at an intersection. The video showing his brutality went viral on Tuesday, leading auto drivers in the city to stage a demonstration before the office of local superintendent of police demanding his suspension.

## DRIVING | FORCE

■ Veteran leader is instrumental in stitching the anti-BJP alliance

## 'Big Boss' Sharad Pawar outwits BJP

Mumbai, Nov. 26: When Sharad Pawar addressed a rain-soaked rally in Maharashtra's Satara during campaigning for the October 21 Assembly polls, few thought that the 79-year-old would be the driving force behind the new government.

With the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress all set to assume power in Maharashtra, the patriarch of this unlikely anti-BJP combine is the one left smiling, having outwitted stalwarts from the BJP camp.

Having brought his party out of a virtual existential crisis ahead of the Assembly polls, Pawar's efforts suffered a setback, albeit momentarily, when nephew Ajit Pawar shocked him by allying with the BJP to form the government.

That regime lasted just 80 hours, before Ajit quit as deputy CM citing personal reasons, leaving Devendra Fadnavis, into his second



Supporters of the NCP shout slogans as their party leaders hold a meeting outside a hotel in Mumbai on Tuesday. — AP

stint as the CM high and dry. Within hours, Fadnavis also quit, paving way for the non-BJP combine to assume reins of the state.

With the NCP hit by multiple desertions ahead of the Maharashtra polls, Sharad Pawar assumed charge of the campaign and traversed the state. His

efforts paid off, with the party winning 54 seats, 13 more than its 2014 tally in the 288-member House.

A dauntless Pawar was instrumental in stitching the unlikely alliance with rival Shiv Sena to form a government in the state to keep the BJP away from power.

Pawar has been a defence minister, Opposition leader in the Lok Sabha and three-time Maharashtra chief minister in a career spanning 52 years in electoral politics.

He was a member of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and the Lok Sabha for seven times each. At 27 he was already a legislator in the Maharashtra Assembly, and at 38 he managed to pull down the Congress government in the state.

Pawar shot to fame in 1978 when he dislodged the then Vasantdada Patil dispensation in the state to form a government with the Janata Party.

He was only 38 at the time and is Maharashtra's youngest chief minister till date. He went on to become Chief Minister of the state two more times, from June 1988 to June 1991 and from March 1993 to March 1995.

Pawar served as defence minister from June 1991 to

March 1993. He parted ways with the Congress in 1999 over party president Sonia Gandhi's foreign origin issue and formed the NCP the same year.

The Congress and the NCP came together after the 1999 Assembly election in Maharashtra to form government in the state. Pawar became agriculture minister in the Manmohan Singh government 2004 and served in that capacity over the next 10 years.

A powerful minister in the Manmohan Singh government, he derives much power from his sugar-exporting constituency in Pune district.

He is one of the few politicians to enjoy support from parties across regions and ideologies.

Often accused by his rivals of encouraging dynastic politics, Pawar's daughter Supriya Sule is a three-time MP from Baramati, the NCP's stronghold. — PTI

# Ayodhya: Sunni Board not to file review plea

Board yet to take call on accepting land for mosque

## PM HITS OUT AT OPPOSITION, SAYS ISSUE COULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED EARLIER

New Delhi, Nov. 26: The Ayodhya matter could have been resolved much before but political parties which were in power earlier did not show the will to settle it as they saw it as a "vote bank" issue, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Tuesday in an apparent swipe at the Congress.

He also said that Article 370 that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir was a temporary provision in the Constitution but due to "some families", it was considered as permanent.

"You know what India has suffered because of Articles 370 and 35A and you have also seen how this challenge has been resolved," Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the function to commemorate Samvidhan Divas at Parliament House on Tuesday. — PTI

said at a summit, referring to his government's abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu

and Kashmir and bifurcation of the state into two Union territories. — PTI

appropriate as per the Shariat.

"All further action in compliance with the order of the Supreme Court, including the issue of five-acre land in Ayodhya, are still in consideration of the board and no decision has yet been taken.

"The members of the board have asked for more time to formulate

their views. As and when any decision is taken, it will be communicated separately," the release said.

In a unanimous verdict on November 9, the Supreme Court had paved the way for the construction of a Ram Temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya. It also directed the Centre to allot a five-acre plot to

the Sunni Waqf Board for building a mosque.

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has already said a review petition will be filed against the judgment. It is also against accepting the alternative site to replace the mosque that was demolished in Ayodhya in 1992. — PTI

## Village head, babu killed in Anantnag grenade blast

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC SRINAGAR, NOV. 26

A village head and a government official were killed and another person was injured as unknown assailants exploded a bomb at a village council in southern Anantnag district on Tuesday to target the government's public outreach 'Back to Village II' (B2V2) campaign.

The week-long flagship programme, aimed at providing governance at the doorsteps of the rural populace and enlisting community participation across the Union Territory (UT) of J&K, began on Monday.

It is the government's first major attempt to reach out to the people at rural level after abrogation of Article 370 and splitting J&K up into two separate Union Territories (UTs) on August 5.

Another grenade attack carried out in a marketplace in Srinagar's Hazratbal area earlier during the day left four persons injured.

As the blast took place

■ ANOTHER GRENADE attack carried out in a marketplace in Srinagar's Hazratbal area earlier during the day left four persons injured.

less than ten yards away from Sir Syed Gate — the main (southern) entrance to University of Kashmir — it created panic among the students, faculty and other staff present on the campus. The police termed it a 'low intensity' blast.

The authorities blamed separatist militants for both these incidents. They said that a manhunt has been launched for those involved in carrying out attacks.

Giving the details, the police said that militants hurled a hand grenade towards a Panchayat ghar in Hakura, Badagam village of Anantnag at 3.30 pm to target about 80 people including government officials who had gathered within the premises in connection with the 'B2V2' programme.

They said sarpanch of the village 42-year-old Peer Muhammad Rafiq owing allegiance to Congress and assistant agricultural officer Zahoor Ahmed Sheikh were killed on the spot whereas another person was injured in the attack.

The police said that the assailants also opened fire before fleeing from the scene.

The authorities said that 'B2V2' programme will continue and Tuesday's grenade attack in Anantnag should not stop the government from reaching out to the people particularly to handhold the Panchayats and to assist them wherever they face any impediments in using the funds devolved for development based on local priorities to further strengthen grass-roots democracy and participatory development. "No doubt, it is a setback to the 'B2V2' effort but the agencies concerned will take care of the security of the officials," said Sheetal Nanda, secretary Rural Development Department.

## TWO HIZB MILITANTS KILLED IN PULWAMA ENCOUNTER

DC CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, NOV. 26

Two Hizb-ul-Mujahideen militants were killed in 20-hour-long fire fight with security forces in southern Pulwama district.

The Army and police said that fighting broke out in Pulwama's Pachaar

Rajpora area after the security forces laid siege to the village to flush out militants hiding in a private house on Monday evening.

In the ensuing gunfight two militants were killed, they said and identified the slain men as Irfan Ahmad Sheikh and Irfan Ahmad Rather



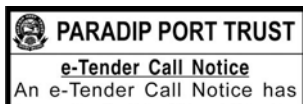
## PARADIP PORT TRUST

### e-TENDER NOTICE

Name of the work: "Laying of new D.I. water supply pipe line from Ghanagolia Pump house to different berths". Estimated Cost: ₹ 2,21,52,970/-. Last date & time of submission of bid: 13.12.2019 up to 17.00 Hrs. Refer our website for details: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Executive Engineer, E&CM PPT/PR/479-19-20, Dt. 26.11.2019

NIT NO.	NAME OF WORK	Estimate Amount /ECV	Start Date/Last Date & Times for receipt of Bid	Name Address Officer Cell No.
21/SE-MLB/NZ/GHMC/22/2019-20	Providing Footpath in Various locations of Circle-1,2,3,4&5	801.30 Lakhs	28.11.19 at 2.30 PM/ 07.12.19 at 3.00 PM	SE(LBNZ)-GHMC Cell No.965442013
22/SE-MLB/NZ/GHMC/22/2019-20	Circles of LB Nagar Zone GHMC etc.	388.00 Lakhs	30.11.19 at 2.30 PM/ 09.12.19 at 3.00 PM	SE(LBNZ)-GHMC Cell No.965442013
27/DBES-D/Up/Corridor-25 /GHMC/2019-20	1 No. Remodelling, Strengthening & Widening in Circle-1 & 3 Nos of Box culvert Works in Upper Circle-2 of LB Nagar Zone GHMC. (No.4 of Works), etc.	24.65 Lakhs	27.11.19 at 3.00 PM/ 30.11.19 at 3.00 PM	E.E. Q&A/GC-25/GHMC Cell No.976052433
AEE (SWM & T) 5826/7 /GHMC/2019-20/223	Laying & Restoration of C.C. Road, Laying of USD trunk main line, RCC Retaining Wall (4 Works), etc.	8.03 Lakhs	27.11.19 at 11.00 AM/ 28.11.19 at 11.00 AM	(SWM&T)R/GHMC Cell No.9701365516
66/CTO/GHMC/2019-20	(1) No. of Work (Sweeping Labours), etc.	7.68 Lakhs	26.11.19 at 11.00 AM/ 28.11.19 at 11.00 AM	CTO/GHMC Cell No.9649905739
67/CTO/GHMC/2019-20	GHMC is inviting tenders on e-procurement platform for the following works Engaging of Additional (2) Nos of 25 Tippers with a total of 100 days for transportation of transfer Station to Jawaharnagar Dumping Yard for the period from 01.12.2019 to 31.12.2019, etc.	1.06 Lakhs	26.11.19 at 12.00 PM/ 28.11.19 at 12.00 PM	CTO/GHMC Cell No.9649905739

For further details can be seen at e-procurement@https://www.tender.eprocurement.gov.in Call: 040-21111111 for 24x7 GHMC Services. Commissioner.



**e-Tender Call Notice**  
An e-Tender Call Notice has been floated inviting bids for the work "Providing Field / Office Assistance for Estate Works for a period of 2(two) years". The date of available of documents in website is from 22.11.2019 to 12.12.2019 at 16.00 hours. For details, please log on the website: <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> Sr. Asst. Estate Manager PPT/PR/486/19-20, Dt.26/11/2019



## E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No. CE/2019/13, Date 22.11.2019, E-Open tender No - 02196450 SP to be opened on 16.12.2019, SI.No. 01. Name of the work with its location: Manufacture and supply of :-10 mm thick Composite Grooved Rubber Sole Plates for 60 kg wider PSC Sleeper to RDSO Drg. No.T-8528 Alt.I. (Qty. - 5,00,000 Nos.) Location-Office of Principal Chief Engineer, East Central Railway Hajipur. SI.No. 02. Approx. cost of the work : Rs. 3,70,90,000/- SI.No. 03. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 7,41,800/- SI.No. 04. Date & Time for closing of tender: 11.30 Hrs on 16.12.19 SI.No. 05. Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen. : (i) Related tender documents can be seen or downloaded from websites: <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Dy. CETSP/HJP PR/1732/HQ/Engg/T/19-20/36



## E-Open Tender

Open E-Tender Notice No. L-Open-2019-20-24 dated 22.11.2019, The Divl. Rly Manager (Elect/G)/Sonpur and behalf of the president of India invites "Open E-Tender" for following works. The last date of online E-tendering is 26.12.2019 up to 12.30 Hrs. All information and tender documents related to E-Tender is available on website-[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). SI.No. 1. Name of work: Provision of lifts (40 Nos.) at station @ 2 lifts per station (PB #1105/2018-19/NR). Approx. Cost (in Rs): 1,65,00,000.00/- Earnest Money (in Rs): 2,32,500/- Cost of Tender document (in Rs) (Non-refundable): 5,000.00/- The above Tender notice is available on Website - [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). RIGHT OF RAILWAY TO DEAL WITH TENDER: Railway Administration reserves the right to postpone/modify or to cancel the tenders without assigning any reason. Divl. Rail. Manager (Elect/G) ECR/Sonpur PR/1742/SEE/ELEC/T/19-20/40



## E-TENDER NOTICE

ईसीआर-सीएओ-कोन-वटर-ई.निद्रा-103-19-20, दि.18.11.2019, E-TENDER NOTICE NO. - ECR-CAO-CON-NORTH-ETN-103-19-20, E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK SI.No. 1. Name of work: Construction of sub-structure & super-structure for Major Br. No. Br. No. 30 (2 x 45.70 m O/WG) on Well Foundation in DBG By-Pass line between Kakarghat & Shisho station. SI.No. 2. Approx cost of the work: Rs. 11,68,70,778.26/- SI.No. 3. Earnest money, Rs. 7,34,400/- SI.No. 4. Date and time for closing of tender: 13.12.2019 at 14.30 hrs. SI.No. 5. Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in> and also can see in the office of CAO/Con/ECR/MHX, Patna Note: Tenderers are requested to visit the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum /corrections etc in response to this E-tender CAO/Con/North, E.C.R.Ry, Mahendraghat, patna PR/1731/CON/ENG/T/19-20/48



## Short Tender Notice No. 01/19-20

Tenders are invited from eligible vendors for electrical works in Suryapet division. For further details and digital certificate please visit [www.tssouthernpower.com](http://www.tssouthernpower.com) & [www.eprocurement.gov.in](http://www.eprocurement.gov.in) Last Date & Time : 04-12-2019 at 15:00 hrs. Phone: 9493950037. Sd/- Divisional Engineer Operation Division, Suryapet



## TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI EDP Department, T.T.D., TIRUPATI

### e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Adv.No.25/TTD-11021(58)/1/2019-TE-TTD Dt:26-11-2019 Online open tenders are invited on e-procurement platform for the works with the following NIT No: EDP Manager, TTD, Tirupati : 74 to 75/EDPM/TTD/TPT/2019-20 For tender notice visit <https://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.PR/1391/2019.No.323/PRO/2019, Dt. 26-11-2019 Executive Officer



## Department of Atomic Energy Hyderabad Regional Purchase Unit

### Corrigendum to e-Tender Notice

Last Date for Submission of Online Bid against NIT No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/TPT/MIA/2260 is extended to 06/12/2019 up to 2.00 PM. Please visit <https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in> for Additional Technical Specifications. [DPS/HRPU/NFC/1920/24C1]

## GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION SURAJPUR (C.G.) e-Procurement Tender corrigendum Notice eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> (THIRD - CORRIGENDUM)

SYSTEM TENDER NO. 57481 / NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. 02 /SAC/2019-20 DATED: 17.10.2019 for the work of "CONSTRUCTION OF SINGHARI DIVERSION HEAD WORK" The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Govt. Of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from dated 20.11.2019 at 17.31 hours (IST) onwards. In this tender

1. In Pre Qualification Document (Envelop-B) Para 3.1 (i) Mentioned Minimum requirement Hard Rock Excavation- 679.50 Cum, All types of Masonry- 371.85 Cum , Gate Work- 3.44 MT Shall be deleted.
2. In Pre Qualification Document (Envelop-B) of Annexure-1 Para 1.1 Physical Turnover Mentioned Minimum requirement Hard Rock Excavation - 679.50 Cum, All types of Masonry- 371.85 Cum, Gate Work - 3.44 MT Shall be deleted.
3. In Tender Document Form B (Envelop-C) Annexure-1 Para 1.1 Physical Turnover Mentioned Minimum requirement Hard Rock Excavation - 679.50 Cum, All types of Masonry- 371.85 Cum, Gate Work - 3.44 MT Shall be deleted.
4. Rest all rules and condition will be same .

Note: All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under centralized contractor/ supplier registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION SURAJPUR (C.G.) For, Chief Engineer, Hasdeo Ganga Basin Water Resources Deptt. Ambikapur (C.G.) G -75356/4

## छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, जल संसाधन विभाग कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता महानदी गोदावरी कछार, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

### ई-प्रोक्यूमेंट निविदा सूचना eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

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सिस्टम निविदा क्र. 58009/निविदा सूचना क्र. 11/वलेलि/2019-20, बेमेतरा दिनांक 04.11.2019

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## Big relief

Shiv Sena, Congress, NCP satisfied with SC order of floor test in Maha Assembly, says Congress' Prithviraj Chavan



Koshyari made mistake in swearing-in Fadnavis as Chief Minister

— H D Deve Gowda  
former Prime Minister

## SHORT TAKES



Kalidas Kolambkar

## KOLAMBKAR IS PRO TEM SPEAKER

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MUMBAI, NOV. 26

Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari on Tuesday appointed Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA Kalidas Kolambkar as the pro tem speaker of the Assembly. Eight-time Wadala MLA Kolambkar was one of the candidates recommended for the post to the governor. "The governor has administered the oath to Kolambkar as pro tem speaker of the Assembly. Kolambkar will administer the oath to remaining 287 MLAs during the Assembly session," said an official from Raj Bhavan.

Koshyari has called a special session of the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday where floor test will be conducted after pro-tem speaker administers the oath to the 288 newly-elected members, an official said on Tuesday.

The oath will be administered by Kolambkar at the session, which will begin at 8 am. Kolambkar, who was elected on a BJP ticket this time, was earlier with the Congress party. Before joining the Congress in 2005, Kolambkar was a senior leader of the Shiv Sena. He is considered a close confidant of former chief minister Narayan Rane.

Interestingly, Kolambkar is not the senior-most MLA in the present Assembly. The honour goes to Congress leader Balasaheb Thorat, who has been elected as the Congress legislative party leader.

Earlier in the day, ordering a floor test for the Devendra Fadnavis government, the Supreme Court had asked Koshyari to appoint a pro tem speaker and ensure all elected members of the House are sworn-in on Wednesday. However, the Supreme Court order was followed by the resignations of Fadnavis and deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar.



Balasaheb Thorat

## THORAT IS CONG LEADER IN HOUSE

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Maharashtra Congress president Balasaheb Thorat has been elected as the legislative party leader of Congress. All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary in-charge for Maharashtra, Mallikarjun Kharge, made the announcement at a meeting of party MLAs held at a hotel in Mumbai. "The Congress president (Sonia Gandhi) has approved the name of Balasaheb Thorat as the Congress Legislature Party leader in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly," Kharge told the MLAs.

An eight-term MLA, Thorat is the senior-most legislator and trusted aide of Congress president Sonia Gandhi. He is also considered close to Rahul Gandhi.

# How family brought Ajit back

Sharad Pawar's wife Pratibha instrumental in persuading rebel leader to quit as Dy CM

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MUMBAI, NOV. 26

NCP chief Sharad Pawar's wife Pratibha Pawar played a crucial role in bringing Ajit Pawar back to the party fold. It was her persistent efforts, which forced the disgruntled leader to change his mind and resign from the post of deputy chief minister, sources said. Initially, after being sworn in as deputy CM on Saturday morning, Ajit had gone incommunicado. Later, several top leaders of the NCP tried their best to persuade him to return to the party, but he indicated that he would not budge.

However, on Tuesday, Ajit had a sudden change of heart and decided to step down. According to sources, he enjoys a close rapport with Pratibhai, as she is known in the family and the party.

"He has tremendous respect for Pratibhai. It was only because of her that he decided to resign," said a source.

Ajit Pawar later visited Sharad Pawar's Mumbai residence at 9.22 pm.

Pratibhai met Ajit Pawar and persuaded him to change his mind. She was upset over the split in the family over politics and wanted to prevent matters from souring further. Hence, she took the initiative to end the row, said the source.

Pratibha is the daughter of late cricketer Sadu Shinde, but she has always preferred to remain behind the scenes.

According to sources, Pratibha was also instrumental in ensuring the NCP's support for the Shiv Sena as well.

When senior leaders of the party were insisting that the NCP should go along with the BJP, it was Pratibha who persuaded Sharad Pawar to support the Sena in the government formation, citing the close bond between the Pawar and Thackeray family.

Meanwhile, with his resignation as the deputy chief minister, Ajit Pawar has cemented his image as an impulsive leader.

Within four days, he changed his mind and returned to the NCP. Earlier too, when he was in power, Ajit Pawar had resigned as deputy CM after making a controversial statement about the drought situation. After the ED initiated action against him, Sharad Pawar had turned the tables by announcing that he would himself visit the central agency for the inquiry. However, Ajit Pawar ruined his plan by tendering his resignation the same day. Later, he made a U-turn and said that he had resigned as the ED was trying to implicate his uncle.



Uddhav Thackeray pays tribute to Shiv Sena founder and his father Balasaheb Thackeray at Matoshree on Tuesday.

## MIDNIGHT COUP FAILS

■ **THE BJP**, till Tuesday morning, looked very confident about proving its majority. Even after the SC verdict, party leaders expressed confidence that they would prove majority

■ **A SENIOR BJP** leader said, the SC ruling was the final nail in the coffin for the party. The ruling made it amply clear that the doors for making any attempts at mustering support were closed, he said.

■ **THE BJP** had believed that the defection of Ajit Pawar to its camp would help it draw enough MLAs to gain a simple majority. However, it didn't happen so.

6 We were assuming that the apex court will seek the normal process of floor test by first appointing the pro tem speaker, followed by the oath ceremony of newly elected MLAs and then the election of the speaker through a secret ballot. But it did not happen that way. The court straightaway asked for a floor test through the secret ballot, which foiled our chances. We could have won the election to the speaker's post if it was through a secret ballot.

— A BJP LEADER

## Uddhav: A soft-spoken leader with strong mind

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC  
MUMBAI, NOV. 26

"I had made a pledge to my father Balasaheb that one day I would install a Shiv Sainik as the chief minister and I will fulfil that promise..." When Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray had said this a few months back, no one took his statement seriously.

But as the grand alliance of three parties — Sena, NCP and Congress — elected Thackeray as their leader to head the government on Tuesday, the Sena leader will not only fulfil his pledge, but also teach a lesson to the BJP, which made the grave mistake of taking him lightly.

When the Assembly polls were announced and it became crystal clear that

BJP would not form the state government with Sena's help. Thackeray took the opportunity to remind the BJP of the promise reportedly made to him before the Lok Sabha polls: To share portfolios and responsibilities equally. However, the BJP denied making any such promises.

This supposed betrayal infuriated the normally mild-mannered Thackeray, who is known for love of photography, so much that he took the extreme step of breaking the 34-year-old alliance with its long-time partner.

"Uddhavsahab may come across as a soft person, but he has a very strong mind and he doesn't hesitate to express it," said a senior Sena leader.

Indeed, the BJP made the

mistake of taking the Sena chief lightly, thinking he would fall in line after the initial bravado. But what they faced was a determined leader, who was not willing to give an inch of what was decided earlier.

After he made up his mind to break ties with the BJP, Thackeray played his cards astutely and outsmarted the BJP with his political acumen.

Thackeray will become the first person from the Thackeray family to become the CM. The icing on the cake is that his son Aaditya, now an MLA, will be there by his side to assist him.

However, the soft-spoken Sena chief will have to be an astute administrator as he faces the challenge of running the three-party government.

## SC HAD ORDERED TELEVISED 'OPEN' VOTE IN HOUSE

PARMOD KUMAR | DC  
NEW DELHI, NOV. 26

The Supreme Court on Tuesday morning ordered the BJP's Devendra Fadnavis to prove his government's majority in a televised floor test "within 24 hours".

Stating that it is necessary to have a floor test to avoid horse trading, the apex court also asked Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari to appoint a pro-tem Speaker who should administer oath to the 288 newly elected members by then.

A bench comprising justices N.V. Ramana, Ashok Bhushan and Sanjiv Khanna said that voting in the Assembly shall not be on the basis of secret ballot, and ordered that the entire exercise be telecast live and completed by 5 pm Wednesday.

Ruling on a petition filed by the Congress-Shiv Sena-NCP alliance challenging the surprise government formation by the BJP in Maharashtra, the Supreme Court said, "If the floor test is delayed, there is a possibility of horse-trading... It becomes incumbent upon the court to act to protect democratic values. An immediate floor test, in such a case, might be the most effective mechanism to do so."

The three-judge bench did not accept the contention of Fadnavis, the BJP and the governor's office that Article 212 impeded the court from interfering with the procedure for the conduct of Assembly proceedings.

## Fadnavis is shortest serving CM of Maha

APRAMEYA RAO | DC  
MUMBAI, NOV. 26

Bharatiya Janata Party leader Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday resigned as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, just 79 hours into his new term.

Fadnavis thus became the shortest-serving chief minister of the state. Interestingly, just weeks earlier, he had become the first chief minister after Vasant Rao Naik to complete a full five-year term.

Before Fadnavis, who like Naik is from the Vidarbha region, the unwanted record was held by Narayan Rane. As a Chief Minister from the Shiv Sena, Rane held the post for little over eight months in 1999.

The Sena, however, lost the 1999 Assembly election, leading to Rane's resignation. Some may also consider P.K. Sawant as one of the shortest serving CMs, since he held the post for just nine days.

Nevertheless, Sawant was an acting chief minister after Marotrao Kannamwar died in office in November 1963.

Meanwhile, Fadnavis also joined Karnataka chief minister B.S. Yediyurappa and former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Jagdambika Pal as one of the shortest serving CMs in Indian history.

Both Yediyurappa and Pal resigned as the chief minister of their respective states in less than

■ **JUST WEEKS EARLIER**, Devendra Fadnavis had become the first Chief Minister after Vasant Rao Naik to complete a full five-year term.

three days. Meanwhile, Fadnavis launched a scathing attack on the Shiv Sena alleging that the Uddhav Thackeray-led party started making threats after realising its increased bargaining power due to the number game.

While wishing good luck to Thackeray and his new government, Fadnavis also predicted that the Shiv Sena-Congress-NCP alliance would not last for long because of the "core differences" in all three parties.

"The BJP and Shiv Sena contested election as an alliance and we got a clear mandate from the people. The mandate was more in favour of the BJP as we won nearly 70 per cent of the seats that we contested. Shiv Sena managed to win just 40-42 per cent of the seats they contested. But as the results came out and the Sena realised that their bargaining power had increased, they began arm-twisting us over demands that were never agreed upon. Sena leaders stopped talking to us and started talks with the Congress and NCP," Fadnavis said in a press conference held to announce his resignation.



Devendra Fadnavis submits his resignation to Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai on Tuesday.

— PTI

## NCP: Sena was never a Hindutva party

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MUMBAI, NOV. 26

The Shiv Sena was not formed on the basis of Hindutva, but for the welfare of Maharashtra, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) said on Tuesday.

The party's spokesperson Nawab Malik said that the Sena had travelled the wrong path because of its association with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). "Shiv Sena was formed to protect the lawful rights of the people of Maharashtra. It is because of its association with the BJP that the party had to travel the wrong path. It was never a Hindutva party," Malik claimed.

The Shiv Sena, which was formed by Balasaheb Thackeray in 1966, is one of the oldest alliance partners of the BJP and Hindutva was their common ideology. In fact, Shiv Sena's rise in Maharashtra was mainly due to its role in 1992-93 riots in Mumbai — which claimed hundreds of lives — in the wake of the demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya.

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After the recent Supreme Court verdict on the Ayodhya issue, Sena president Uddhav Thackeray had announced that he would visit Ayodhya on November 24.

However, after the Sena started talks with Congress and NCP, he called off his visit. The BJP, thereafter, accused Shiv Sena on compromising on Hindutva.

The NCP leader also dismissed Devendra Fadnavis' claim that the Sena-NCP-Congress coalition would not endure. "Our government will run not only for five years, but for 20-25 years," he said.

## Why the house of cards collapsed

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NEW DELHI, NOV. 26

The collapse of its government and its failure to face a trust vote in Maharashtra led to a major embarrassment for the so-called saffron "chanakya" on Tuesday.

Two developments went against the gameplan of the BJP's strategists, who only a few days back tried to pull off a grand post-midnight coup; Tuesday's Supreme Court ruling and "overestimating" Ajit Pawar's ability to swing

NCP MLAs in the BJP's favour.

The party is also paying the price for the leadership's decision to "overrule objections" of a top Union minister close to the RSS to try force a government in the state.

A senior BJP leader close to the minister revealed that when the BJP "began hatching the great game to form a government" in Maharashtra, the Union minister had "cautioned against the move" and made it clear that "Ajit Pawar was no match for

Sharad Pawar".

Meanwhile, in New Delhi, as the BJP's house of cards in Maharashtra began to crumble, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP president Amit Shah and working president J.P. Nadda held a meeting. As the die was cast after the Supreme Court order, the BJP top brass asked Devendra Fadnavis to quit.

Sources said after Ajit Pawar, who had taken the oath as deputy chief minister on Saturday, failed to attend an official meeting with Fadnavis on Monday,

the BJP got an inkling that NCP supremo might have managed to win over his nephew.

Also, after a majority of NCP MLAs rallied around its chief, the BJP top brass realised that Ajit Pawar would not be able to get the required numbers of party MLAs to support him.

The BJP had to face flak for joining hands with Ajit Pawar, even from its own supporters, as it was the earlier Fadnavis government which had launched probes into Ajit's alleged corruption.

## Sharad Pawar recalls Balasaheb Thackeray

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Sharad Pawar said late Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray would have been happy if he were alive today. "The Maha Vikas Aghadi government will work well under Uddhav's leadership," he said.

Thackeray recalled Supriya Sule's first election, when Bal Thackeray decided that Sharad Pawar's daughter should be elected unopposed and did not nominate any can-



Parth Pawar, son of NCP leader Ajit Pawar, in Mumbai on Tuesday.

didate against her. "Today Pawar Saheb is guiding me. This is not give and

take though," he said.

Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari has called a special Assembly session at 8 am on Wednesday where a floor test will be conducted after pro-tem Speaker Kalidas Kolambkar administers the oath of office and secrecy to all the 288 newly-elected members.

The Maha Vikas Aghadi comprises 154 MLAs of the Shiv Sena, Congress and NCP (including Ajit Pawar). They have also claimed the support of

avoided all contact with the media and stayed at his residence for most of the day.

At the Maha Vikas Aghadi meeting, Chhagan Bhujbal said that Ajit Pawar should be accepted back into the NCP fold.

"Several people have worked hard for the NCP. I want to mention Ajit Dada's contribution is big in this regard. Mistakes happen... We need some key people to be around to strengthen this alliance," Bhujbal said.



I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand. Everything in the world is about sex except sex. Sex is about power.

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## SC order brings cheer in Maha testing times

The Supreme Court's order Tuesday for a floor test in the Maharashtra Assembly on November 27 will gladden hearts as it came on Constitution Day, which was celebrated with customary pomp at Parliament House just after the court's order was passed. The three-member bench of Justices N.V. Ramanna, Ashok Bhushan and Sanjiv Khanna appears to have accepted the plea of the petitioners — the Congress-NCP-Shiv Sena combine — in toto as it also gave them satisfaction on two other counts — that the test of strength be conducted by a protem Speaker and not a regular Speaker; and the entire exercise be video-graphed (in the interest of transparency), with the result to be submitted to the court.

Each of these points of the petitioners had been contested by the BJP and the Central government. These entities had desired more time for the proposed floor test despite their claim to having the needed majority. Evidently, the court saw through the game, and in its order noted that delaying the vote of confidence in the government (sworn in by the governor in suspicious circumstances early on November 23) may leave room open for horse-trading.

It is noteworthy that the Supreme Court order was passed after examination by it of two documents, which became the basis of the BJP's claim to have the right to form the government in association with Ajit Pawar, who seems to have played a trick to append the names (and signatures taken in a different context) of all 54 NCP MLAs while supporting BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis' case to be CM again. These documents are the list of MLAs presented to the governor backing Mr Fadnavis' bid, and the governor's formal invitation to the BJP aspirant to take the oath.

The Supreme Court's order is suggestive of the fact that it did not find the governor's decision to appoint Mr Fadnavis to be based on material that was reliable. This is an indirect indictment of the role of governor B.S. Koshiyari, an old RSS hand and a former Uttarakhand CM, whose conduct in this case appears to have been coloured by partisanship.

Should he, then, put in his papers? Any self-respecting person should do so in such circumstances, though a formal requirement may not exist since the court made no direct comment.

In fast-moving developments hours after the court order, evidently realising he did not have the numbers, Devendra Fadnavis resigned as chief minister, just after his deputy Ajit Pawar too submitted his resignation. Mr Fadnavis said the BJP would now sit in Opposition and not "indulge in horse-trading". With Ajit Pawar back in the NCP fold, the chances of that succeeding were slim anyway. The stage appears set for the Sena-NCP-Congress to come to power as all eyes turn, once again, to the governor's office. These are testing times for India's democracy.

## Eggs and equality

First, the good news. The Madhya Pradesh government will introduce eggs in mid-day meals, starting April 2020, after anganwadis in the state approved the proposal despite stiff resistance from many quarters, with leader of Opposition Gopal Bhargava fantastically claiming it could turn children into "cannibals". The more sobering news is that this scheme, when implemented, will still be a differential one — excluding children from vegetarian families.

The social facts nationwide continue to be as stark as ever — just one-third of states, mostly in the northern and eastern parts of the country, provide eggs to children — Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttarakhand being the sole exceptions among the northern states, and recently Chhattisgarh.

The biological truth is that eggs remain the most efficient food for growth. Scientists frequently use eggs as a standard for measuring the protein quality of other foods, and at 93.7 per cent, eggs score higher than any other.

The problems of large-scale malnutrition and stunting in India are giant imponderables. While stunted adults never reach their full mental and physical potentials, they pathetically go on to develop diabetes and high blood pressure should they be exposed to a healthy diet later in their lives. The offspring of these adults inherit this immeasurable loss. The worst sufferers are the ones with the least means to exercise choice, the poor and Dalits the largest majorities therein.

Academic debate regarding food habits and traditions aside and notwithstanding, what we are doing to our children in the name of adherence to a majoritarian brahminical culture is, therefore, criminal, by the most liberal of estimates. What, for instance, would the former Shivraj Singh government now say to children deprived of a normal diet for the last 10 years? Would it spin a fiction like *Aamis* and brandish it before their credulous eyes? Would it even have the requisite imagination? Crucially, would it be able to distinguish between policy and art?

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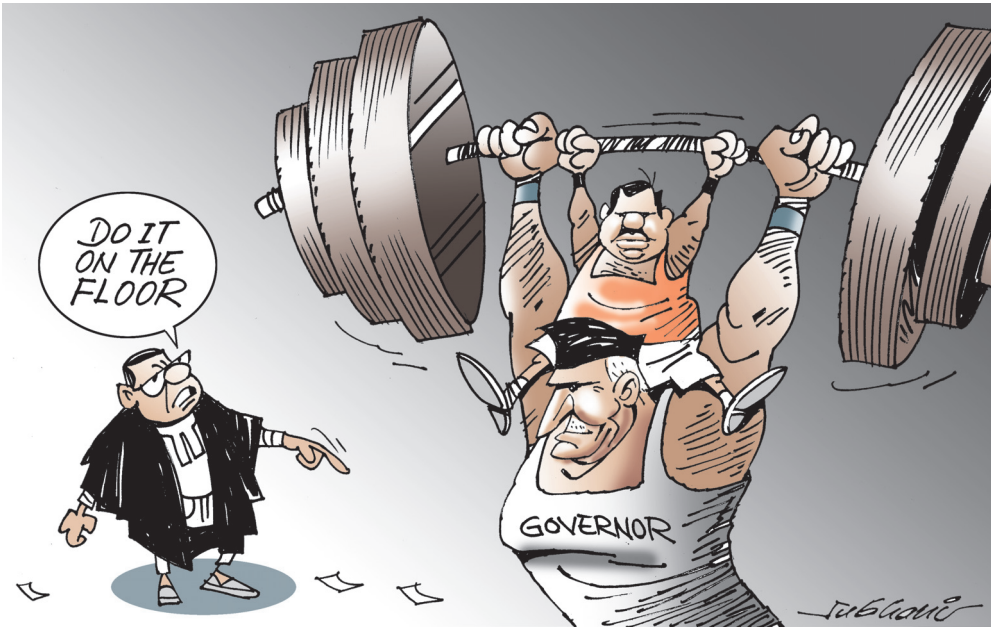
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## Jharkhand: The going won't be easy for BJP



Sanjay Kumar

While one can't deny the credit Jharkhand's chief minister Raghubar Das deserves for being the only CM to have completed his full term in office, that is no real indication of the BJP's electoral prospects in the state for the coming Assembly elections. In fact, the BJP seems to be on a slippery ground having failed to form an alliance with any of the regional parties. On the other hand, the Congress-JMM and the Rashtriya Janata Dal have managed to form an alliance to fight against the BJP. The parting of ways between the BJP's erstwhile NDA allies — the JD(U), Lok Janshakti Party and the All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU) -- would adversely affect the BJP's electoral prospects in the elections starting November 30. Clearly, the recent electoral verdicts in Haryana and Maharashtra seem to have had some impact on these NDA alliance partners, who decided to contest independently and not as part of the NDA alliance.

While all new governments formed in Jharkhand after the 2000, 2005 and 2009 Assembly elections saw frequent changes in government and frequent changes in the chief ministership, the BJP in alliance with the AJSU managed to successfully complete its full term in the government formed after the 2014 polls, even though these two together had only 42 seats in the 81-member Assembly. The BJP-AJSU managed to govern the state without much difficulty as the Opposition was badly divided, with the JMM having 19 members, JMM(P) with eight and Congress with six members in the

Assembly. Even though before the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the Congress, JMM, JVM and RJD came together and formed an alliance against the BJP-AJSU alliance, these four parties together couldn't halt the victory march of the BJP, which swept the whole of North India. The BJP-AJSU alliance won 12 of 14 Lok Sabha seats and polled 55.3 per cent votes, while the UPA won only two seats and polled 34.6 per cent votes.

While the BJP-AJSU managed to increase its support base enormously in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, that should not be seen as an indicator of how people are likely to vote in the Assembly elections. The 2019 Lok Sabha polls were largely contested on the national issues, in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It is hard to imagine that Jharkhand's people would vote in the same way in the state polls.

There are two indicators to suggest that the BJP won't find it easy in the coming elections. First, the BJP did very well even in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, winning 12 of 14 seat and polling 40 per cent votes; but soon after that its voteshare went down to 31.8 per cent, and it managed to win only 37 of the 72 Assembly seats. Seen in terms of votes per seat contested, the BJP polled 35.7 per cent votes, a decline of about 3-4 per cent compared to the 2014 Lok Sabha polls.

Perhaps, the verdict in the 2014 Assembly polls in Jharkhand may have been different if the Opposition had formed an alliance. In as many as 14 seats (2014 Assembly), the combined vote share of the Congress and JMM, which fought against each other, was higher than the BJP-led alliance. There are thus

clear signals of people voting differently in the 2014 Assembly and 2014 Lok Sabha polls, held one after another in a short span of time. Clearly, the Assembly elections were fought more on local issues.

Reports from the ground suggest that while the BJP is trying to focus on the national issues and the Centre's flagship programmes, the JMM, Congress and other parties are trying to focus more on constituency-level local issues. What makes the BJP's situation harder is that AJSU's move to desert the BJP and contesting against it. As Haryana and many other Assembly elections since 2014 have indicated, sharp vote swings between the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls cannot be ruled out here as well.

The Jharkhand polls will be another test of the BJP's ability to overcome state-level anti-incumbency. While BJP has a massive success rate in winning state elections after 2014, in recent years, its record of success has not been as spectacular as it was immediately after the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. In Gujarat, the BJP just about managed to win a simple majority with its tally of seats below three digits. Most recently, in Haryana and Maharashtra, it emerged as the single largest party but is still short of a majority. While it managed to form the government in Haryana in alliance with the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), it is still struggling in Maharashtra.

In a state with a very large adivasi popula-

tion, the electoral verdict rests heavily on 25 Assembly seats, where adivasis constitute a majority of the electorate. In the 2014 election, these seats were split between the BJP (11 seats) and the JMM (12 seats).

Data from surveys conducted by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) indicates the support base of parties are divided across caste communities. During the 2014 Assembly elections, support for the BJP came mostly from the upper castes, OBCs, and certain tribal groups. It received 50 per cent and 40 per cent votes among the upper castes and OBCs respectively. Adivasi voters, the numerically predominant social group in the state (nearly 27 per cent) were almost equally split between the BJP (30 per cent) and the JMM (29 per cent) in 2014. While almost half (47 per cent) of the Oraons voted for the BJP, the JMM retained support (40 per cent) among its traditional Santal support base. The Congress was a distant third among all social groups, except Muslims, who form a minuscule proportion of state's electorate. The Congress had failed to win any seat which are adivasi majority seats, but it secured 10.8 per cent of the votes. Its success in transferring votes to its alliance partners in these seats could be the critical factor in this election.

Even though the Opposition parties may not have registered any major success in putting up a challenge to the BJP, but the narrative seems to have shifted little bit. The question is: Will this help the Opposition? Will voters cast their ballots over local issues or get swayed over national issues like Ram Mandir and/or by the recent developments in Kashmir?

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### LETTERS

#### ONION PRICES

When onions are sold at ₹100 per kg, it might make no difference to the rich, but for the common man it imposes a huge financial burden (*Onion price hits an all-time high, Nov. 26, DC*). Onions are commonly used by all households. They contain antioxidants and reduce cholesterol levels. They also help reduce high blood pressure. Hence, government should intervene from time to time in order to control prices.

Syed Amjad Ali

Chilka, Secunderabad

#### BEST EXAMPLE

The BEST buses of Mumbai are well-known for their all-round excellence in services and profits. They assure comfort for customers and welfare for employees, along with a very reasonable pricing. The TSRTC management and government should consult BEST for practical solutions.

P. Madhav

Secunderabad

#### FOR SALE

Once our MLAs or MPs win elections, they change their colours, notwithstanding the sentiments or aspirations of the voters. What is the need to keep elected leaders in hotels or resorts? Who is footing the bill? Our MPs and MLAs are on sale like a commodity. With opposition MLAs being herded into plush hotels and allegations of crores being offered to cross over, Maharashtra politics presents a distressing contrast to grim economic prospects of ordinary people.

P. Arihant

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#### VANDE MATARAM

The decision to make Vande Mataram compulsory in schools on instructions of a district education officer will have an adverse effect on students from Muslim community as it is against the basic tenet of Islam. The Supreme Court judgment in 2017 says that Vande Mataram cannot be given status on par with National Anthem and there is no provision in the Constitution regarding a national song. The DEO, instead of upgrading schools, renovating dilapidated school buildings, ensuring quality education, providing good sanitation and mid-day meals are being ordered to create division by such orders. The government should resolve this issue amicably.

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View from Pakistan

## Govt, Army & America: 'Frenemies' at all levels

On this very day, eight years ago, Gen John Allen, then commander of the International Security Assistance Force, was in Islamabad to discuss military matters in Afghanistan with then Pakistani army chief Gen Ashfaq Kayani. Late that night, he was woken up and told about a 'firefight' and that there were Pakistani casualties.

As Allen drove to the airport, he kept getting calls about the growing number of casualties — four, 12, and "by the time I get to the airport, it's over 20 dead". He called Kayani to offer his condolences and was told, "You have no idea what's happened here. I've lost my ability to manage our relationship now."

The Salala incident, as it is still called in Pakistan, led to the loss of 22 soldiers and two officers on two border posts, provoking Islamabad to close the Ground Lines of Communication for the American forces. It was seen as the final nail in the coffin of US-Pakistan relations as

they had evolved after 9/11, as well as an unfortunate ending to 2011, the year known as the annus horribilis for bilateral ties. It was a year that began with the Raymond Davis affair, followed by the raid to take out Osama bin Laden, and then Salala happened.

This unravelling as Pervez Musharraf and George Bush Jr departed from the scene has been depicted by Shuja Nawaz in his latest offering, *The Battle for Pakistan*, which picks up the story on the eve of the 2008 election. (The story is narrated from the book.) The book highlights the transactional relationship between the US and Pakistan, and one which has simply been about Afghanistan since the 1980s.

The sentence about how Bush didn't have a Pakistan policy — he had a Musharraf policy — explains why the post-9/11 bonhomie was bound to fall apart. And once Musharraf (and Bush) are removed, the relationship hits rock bottom. Since then we have been in the phase where every good

moment or good bilateral visit is described as a 'reset' till the next crisis. And this 'reset' is nothing more than an effort — for the US at least — to get Pakistan to do more on Afghanistan, and every crisis is linked to Washington's unhappiness at the pace of progress in Afghanistan.

As Nawaz notes, during the Davis affair one of the reasons for US unwillingness to concede anything to Pakistan was the knowledge in Washington of OBL's location. But for one who makes a living out of following domestic politics, it is the parallel track of civil-military relations that proves more fascinating.

Nawaz may be focusing on Pakistan's most important external relationship but it seems as if an equal number of words and pages are spent on the most important relationship internally.

This is especially true of the PPP's five-year tenure where many near confrontations had a US link — be it the (unsuccessful) move to put the

interior ministry in charge of the ISI or the fracas over the Kerry-Lugar bill or the Memogate affair. Even the Raymond Davis affair saw friction between the two sides. In fact, in events such as Memogate, the internal friction completely dominated the event. There was little the US did or contributed.

In others such as Raymond Davis or the Kerry-Lugar bill episodes, civil-military tension was part of the blowback, while the OBL raid provided a rare moment of unity. "The debate [in parliament] turned then from an indictment of the guardians of the frontiers to the cursing of Pakistan's 'American' friends ... This became the narrative of the day."

In contrast, the five years of the PML-N rule are different — it seems as if friction between the ruling party's prime minister and the military were solely due to internal matters especially linked to terrorism. Apart from the news leaks later in the PML-N tenure (which caused an

irreparable break between the establishment and the PML-N), one of the earliest issues said to have caused a chill in the relationship is Nawaz Sharif's decision to pursue talks with the Pakistani Taliban.

Indeed, there is no doubt that there was civil-military friction during both the tenures but in hindsight it seems that there is a difference between the two. The friction during the 2008-2013 period can be linked to the bilateral relationship in a way that is completely missing in the 2013-2018 period. Friction, in a way, is inevitable but during the PPP tenure, it was due to Washington's efforts to engage with Islamabad, while the PML-N perhaps was deemed guilty of trying to re-engage externally as it tried to hold the military responsible for the 'isolation'. Whether this difference is merely one of form or there is more to it, would be an interesting angle to explore.

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