

Godse praise proves costly for Pragya

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NEW DELHI, NOV. 28

Left red-faced after its Bhopal MP and Malegaon blasts accused Pragya Singh Thakur's praise for Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse as a patriot, the BJP on Thursday barred her from attending its parliamentary party meetings for the Winter Session and removed her from the parliamentary consultative committee on defence.

Ms Thakur's controversial statement on Wednesday even led to vociferous protests by the Opposition in the Lok Sabha on Thursday, forcing defence minister Rajnath Singh to condemn her remarks. In a statement in the Lower House, Mr Singh said his party condemns any such views and added Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy was, is and will always remain the party's guiding light.

Opposition MPs, led by the Congress, TMC, DMK and the AIMIM, dissatisfied with the defence minister's response, staged a walkout.

As soon as the House met, the Opposition members stood up and strongly protested against the remarks made by Ms Thakur on Wednesday on Godse in the debate on the SPG (Amendment) Bill.

Congress Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the Bhopal MP had called Godse a patriot and the Congress a "terrorist party". "Thousands of members of the Congress laid down their lives while serving the nation. How can she dare to say such things, that too inside the House? We demand action," he said.

■ Page 10: BJP bars Pragya from party meetings

Uddhav sworn in as CM of new 'secular govt' in Maha

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC
MUMBAI, NOV. 28

Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray was on Friday sworn in as the chief minister of Maharashtra amid a galaxy of national political dignitaries and business tycoon Mukesh Ambani and his family as half a lakh people looked on at Shivaji Park in Mumbai. He took oath as the Chief Minister of Shiv Sena - Congress - NCP alliance Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), which also declared its common minimum programm (CMP) stating that the alliance will "uphold the secular values enshrined in the Constitution".

Fireworks were set off as the proceedings began as Sena supporters raised slogans and clicked pictures, joyous at the sight of one of their partymen



Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray waves to supporters in Mumbai on Thursday.

occupying the top post after 20 years.

Soon after his swearing-in, Mr Thackeray expressed his gratitude by bowing before the masses, a mannerism of his father and party founder, Balasaheb Thackeray, drawing a

round of rapturous applause.

Clad in dark saffron *kurta*, Mr Thackeray declared that even though he was allied with the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and Congress, he would keep his Hindutva

LIST OF MINISTERS WHO TOOK OATH

- ▶ Uddhav Thackeray Chief minister
- ▶ Balasaheb Thorat Congress
- ▶ Nitin Raut Congress
- ▶ Jayant Patil NCP
- ▶ Chhagan Bhujbal NCP
- ▶ Eknath Shinde Shiv Sena
- ▶ Subhash Desai Shiv Sena

agenda close to his heart.

The Shiv Sena's Eknath Shinde and Subhash Desai, NCP's Jayant Patil and Chhagan Bhujbal and Congress' Balasaheb Thorat and Nitin Raut took the oath as ministers.

■ Page 7: Uddhav Raj begins on Maha note

MAHA ALLIANCE TO WAIVE OFF FARMER LOANS

DC CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI, NOV. 28

The Shiv Sena, Congress and the NCP on Thursday unveiled their Common Minimum Programme (CMP), which highlights their alliance's "commitment to upholding the secular values enshrined in the Constitution".

The preamble of CMP reads: "On contentious issue of national importance as well as of state importance especially having repercussions/consequences on the secular fabric of the nation, the Shiv Sena, the NCP and the Congress will take a joint view after holding consultations and arriving at a consensus."

The CMP promises to introduce a law that will reserve 80 per cent jobs in the state for the Marathi *manos* as well as the provision of meals to the poor and needy at ₹10 — both of which were promised in the Sena's election manifesto.

Farmers' issues also feature prominently in the CMP, which states that an immediate loan waiver will be provided to farmers.

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KCR lets RTC staff join duty

Hikes fare by 20paise per km

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Giving relief to TSRTC workers, who have ended their 55-day-old strike and are waiting to return to work, Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Rao on Thursday said the Cabinet had decided to give them a chance to resume duty unconditionally. He also hiked fares by 20 paise per kilometre from Monday.

Incidentally, Friday marks 10 years of the day Mr Rao called off his fast in 2009 during the agitation to demand Telangana statehood. The RTC staff had gone on strike on October 5, and had twice ignored deadlines set for their return to work.

While announcing the decisions taken at the Cabinet meeting, Mr Rao invited the RTC workers to resume duty from Friday morning. He appealed to the temporary staff not to attend duty and said they would be given a chance in the future. He thanked them for serving the people when the RTC workers were on strike.

Stating that "RTC workers are our children," Mr Rao said the Cabinet had decided to release ₹100 crore as immediate relief to the RTC and permitted the management to increase fares by 20 paise per km to fetch an additional income of ₹752 crore. The new fares will come into force from Monday.

The Chief Minister



WE WILL not recognise RTC trade unions. In future, we will talk directly to the workers not with the trade union leaders.

— KCR, CM

announced that the government will provide a job to each of the family members of RTC workers who died during the strike.

Stating that the government had nothing against the RTC workers, Mr Rao said that they had dragged their families on to the road by falling into the trap of the unions. He said that the unions and Opposition parties were responsible for the suicide and deaths of RTC workers.

The Chief Minister said the government would not recognise RTC trade unions. In future, it would talk directly to the workers not with the trade union leaders who, he said, had messed up the RTC issue.

■ Page 5: CJ asked me to be sympathetic to staff: KCR

Cracks in Tirumala utsava murti

AVINASH P. SUBRAMANYAM | DC
TIRUPATI, NOV. 28

Cracks have been observed at the bottom and the top of the ancient idol of Lord Malayappa Swamy at the Lord Venkateswara temple in Tirumala. The Agama

Some *arjita sevas* inside the Lord Venkateswara temple in Tirumala may be cancelled

Advisory Committee (AAC) has recommended to the TTD board to cancel certain arjita sevas inside the Lord

Venkateswara temple in Tirumala, to enhance the longevity of the idol, which is used as the utsava murti in the temple. The recommendations will be placed before the trust board at its next meeting in December.

The committee is said to have recommended suspen-

sion of Visesha Puja (performed on Mondays), Sahasra Kalasabhishekam (Wednesdays) and Nitya Vasanthotsavam and other sevas being performed inside Srivari temple.

■ Page 6: Idol may be used sparingly now

INDIAN STUDENTS HELD IN U.S. FOR IMMIGRATION FRAUD

Washington, Nov. 28: US federal law enforcement agencies have arrested 90 more foreign students, mostly from India, taking the total number of students held so far to over 250 from a fake university set up by the authorities to check immigration fraud.

The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement ICE in March arrested 161 students from the fake university established by it in the US state of Michigan.

The latest news of arrest of additional 90 students, first reported on Tuesday by the *Detroit Free Press*, has resulted in outrage with #AbolishICE hashtag gaining ground on Twitter and other social media platforms on Wednesday.

When the fictitious university closed in March, there were 600 students, mostly Indians, enrolled in it.

The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has so far arrested more than 250 students, who were lured to enroll in the now-closed University of Farmington in the Detroit metropolitan area by the Department of Homeland Security.

According to an ICE spokesperson, of the 250 students arrested so far "nearly 80 per cent were granted voluntary departure and departed the United States."

Of the remaining 20 percent, about half of them have received a final order of removal.

Federal prosecutors claim that the students knew that this was a fake university as there were no classes.

Senator Elizabeth Warren, a leading Democratic presidential candidate, described the move as "cruel".

■ Page 11: Students had legally valid US visa

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Brother-in-law.



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New addition

KTR expresses happiness over the upcoming launch of Intel's new design and engineering centre in Hyderabad



KCR introduced various schemes for the benefit of handicraft industry

— Mahmood Ali Home minister

WEATHER

Max: 30.3°C
Min: 18.8°C
RH: 60%
Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky. Misty morning. Max/Min temp. 31/18°C

ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Dakshinayana
Tithi: Margasira Shudda Tadiya till 5.44 pm
Star: Moola till 7.34 am
Varjyam: 5.58 am to 7.34 am and 5.27 pm to 7.06 pm
Durmuhurtam: 8.45 am to 9.29 am and 12.26 pm to 1.10 pm
Rahukalam: 10.30 am to 12 noon
HIJRI CALENDAR
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PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.26 am
Zohar: 12.15 pm
Asar: 4.03 pm
Maghrib: 5.46 pm
Isha: 6.57 pm
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SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.29 AM
MOONRISE TOMORROW 8.51 AM
MOONSET TODAY 8.08 PM

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SHORT TAKE

THEATRE ARTIST MARUR PASSES AWAY

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Vijay Marur, a versatile artiste whose talents straddled advertising, media, theatre, book readings, food, and culture, passed away after a massive heart attack on Thursday. He was with his wife and daughter at home. They rushed him to the hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Mourned by friends, fans and mentees, Marur, whose dynamism touched lives of people for decades, will be cremated at Swarg Vatika, Gun Rock Road, at noon on Friday.

Marur had celebrated his birthday on November 19 and was very emotional about his friends remembering him.

He was a well-known name in the ad and branding fraternity in the city. Hemant Apte, movie director of Telugu and Marathi films, said, "I knew him since 1993 when we were students in Central University. He took a workshop for us in advertising. We did documentaries and approached Mr Marur for his voice. He was highly professional and always encouraged us in our initial days. He was a fantastic person." Marur has also been a part of the Hyderabad Literary Festival. He was CEO of DC Interactive.

"Vijay uncle led an extremely full and inspiring life. He has touched so many people. Be it a friend, guide or mentor, he lived each role he played to the fullest in life. He was one of the finest theatre personalities the city has seen," said Supriya Lahoti, co-founder of Art Cafe. "I can still feel the grip of his warm handshake, charming smile and great sense of humour. It feels as if there has been a mistake and Vijay exited the stage a little too early," said Amita Talwar who runs Art for Causes.



2-wheelers prove to be a bane

Inexperienced RTC drivers have also caused accidents in the last one and a half months



KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

There have been 610 deaths in Cyberabad and 335 deaths in Hyderabad due to accidents this year up to now.

Road accidents have seen a rise in the last few days in the city and outskirts due to speeding, drunk driving, driving on the wrong side of the road, overtaking from the wrong side and also attempting to dodge heavy vehicles like buses and trucks.

Inexperienced RTC drivers have also caused accidents in the last one and a half months in the city. Those driving two wheelers and pedestrians are at the highest risk on the roads.

The pedestrians are mostly walking on the roads as there are no working footpaths in the city. Whatever footpaths are available have been encroached upon by hawkers and that makes it difficult to walk.

More than 100 pedestrians have died as the vehicles hit them or they were hit while trying to cross the road.

A senior traffic police officer explained, "The biggest problem faced is two wheelers. They come from anywhere and any side. Along with this, are the light two wheelers, mostly driven by women. They are always in a hurry to take the child from school or rush somewhere. They drive very badly and there is just no control."

Managing traffic is not only job of the policeman but also people who have to follow discipline. This is the biggest challenge and people are not concerned whether their acts lead to injury, disability or death.

Renuka Vamshi, a software employee explained, "The worst are the cabs as they are always in a hurry. They overtake, speed and also honk continuously. The drivers get angry if employees complain. They drive carefully only when



Inspired by the RTC bus jumping the traffic signal, bikes and three wheelers are happy to break the traffic rule despite it posing risk to their lives.

— DC

Over 1 lakh drivers fined in 2018, people still drive on wrong side

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HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Road safety is constantly being compromised for citizens of the state capital. Every day accidents are recorded, some minor ones even going unmarked. Breaking traffic rules is the single reason for the avoidable number of injuries and fatalities - speeding, dangerous driving, under-age drivers, signal jumping and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Last year, 54,685 cars were

booked for speeding and dangerous driving and a whopping 1,28,058 for driving on the wrong side of the road, a flagrant violation. There were 4,176 cases booked for minors driving.

"Road No. 1, Himayatnagar, and Liberty crossroad which has six lanes sees a lot of speeding and this is the main cause of the accidents," says Mr Raja, a tea vendor of the locality.

On the Narayanguda flyover it is not uncommon to see RTC buses breaking the red light, an alarming flouting of the rules for which there should be a

severe penalty. The stretch from Chikkadpally to Musheerabad is chaotic because most drivers don't follow any rules.

"They break the signal here. Two-wheelers drive on the wrong side. People have no patience, no one is willing to wait for the signal. They are not able to understand how fatal this can be," said Mr Md Jaffer, a travel agent in Abids.

"From Lakdikapul to Hotel Dwarika, Metro Rail pillars divide the road, then a bridge. There are speeding vehicles and we see almost every day some-

thing or the other on this road; accidents have become common," says Pasha, a mechanic.

Rajaiah, a lime-soda vendor identifies the Ashok Nagar crossing at night time and early morning as a major hazard with vehicles speeding or driving on the wrong side of the road.

"At the Liberty signal we see fast moving vehicles which are coming from Tankbund. Here someone breaks the signal or tries to take a wrong turn and gets hit," says Mr Sailesh who works at a tyre repair shop.

they know cameras are tracking them. This has to be tackled as they ferry a large number of working people. Most employees are so tired that they sleep in the car instead of asking the driver to follow

traffic rules."

Company cabs which go to the outskirts of the city areas ferry college students and working people on their return journeys. These are mostly commuters who would other-

wise travel in RTC buses. Instead of returning empty, they ferry people to make extra money. This is a regular practice in the city and there is no one to stop them from speeding. Senior traffic police per-

sonnel state that they are manning important junctions and have brought down the accidents in the main city of Hyderabad but in Cyberabad and Rachakonda, the challenges remain.

HYDERABAD (TILL NOV. 25)	
Accidents	Deaths
2,240	335

CYBERABAD (TILL OCTOBER)	
Accidents	Deaths
2,475	610



In a desperate attempt to escape from the traffic police, people are seen driving their bikes over the divider on the Khairatabad flyover

— S. SURENDER REDDY



While a motorist, instead of waiting, attempts to get his bike through the closed gate at the railway crossing opposite Raj Bhavan, pedestrians too are happy to flout the rules.

— DECCAN CHRONICLE

DANGEROUS | ROADS

Trucks weaving across road make it quite hard to control the traffic, says police

Drivers dread Trimulgherry-Suchitra stretch

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HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Travelling on clogged, congested roads from Trimulgherry, Alwal, to Suchitra Junction and other areas is a daily drudgery for residents, with the element of risk added, as they have to share the two-lane road along with buses, trucks and other heavy vehicles.

This, experts say, is due to unplanned growth of the city and failure of the officials in not improving the road infrastructure to keep up with the phenomenal spurt in traffic in these areas.

"The road must be segregated to cater for the kind of traffic the city witnesses. The road should provide space for all road users. Police are deciding on the road infrastructure while architects design the

TRAFFIC LOGJAM

Tukaram Gate
Bowenpally
Tadbund X roads
Shenoy Nursing
Home crossroads
Diamond Point
Bapujinagar
Trimulgherry X roads
New Monda Market

road, which does not match the needs of actual users of the road. Similarly, almost all speed-breakers in the city are not as per norms laid down by the Indian Road Congress," Malcolm Wolfe of Roadkraft told Deccan Chronicle.

This, perhaps, aptly explains the rise in number of road accidents along the stretches of city roads, including the one involving a pedestrian who was hit by

a 19-year-old biker on the road near Trimulgherry. Significantly, Trimulgherry traffic police, who have been tasked with maintaining traffic in these areas, find it an arduous task. They say there is no traffic sense among people who travel along these roads.

"There are many accidents taking place on these roads owing to immense traffic, especially trucks that are proceeding to the Rajiv Rahadari. These trucks weave in from left to right or right to left as per their whims. Controlling traffic in such circumstances is difficult," maintained a traffic police official on condition of anonymity.

There were plans of building a skyway from Jubilee Bus Station to Shameerpet for easing traffic flow but nothing

has happened yet.

Mr K. Pandu Rangam Yadav, a ward member of Secunderabad Cantonment Board, says "The plan has been shelved, as the Army is unwilling to provide land. Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Rao had asked for 100 acres so that four-lane roads could be laid. But the army refused to budge on the issue. People have no other go but struggle on these 'skinny' roads every day," the ward member remarked.

Officials have sought land near the Suchitra Junction. But this proposal too has not moved forward, he added.

Meanwhile, people, coming from Sanikpuri, add to the traffic woes as they often opt for the wrong route to not only enter as well as exit the Trimulgherry petrol pump.

Even cars find it difficult to traverse the clustered roads

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HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

The woes of commuters travelling along the dreaded Trimulgherry junction have all fallen on deaf ears, especially after the state government has canned the plan of constructing a "skyway" from the Jubilee Bus Station to Shamirpet.

The plan to construct a skyway over the area started when N. Ashwin Kumar, a member of GAASA (Greater Alwal Allied Service Association) had sent a message out on social media to the then defence

minister Nirmala Sitharaman, asking for 160 acres of defence land to be given to the state government.

"That plan, however, did not take off. Now, people are forced to navigate through traffic-riddled roads. As these roads connect to a highway, we have to share the paltry road with huge trucks and buses. There is absolutely no segregation of traffic on the roads," Mr Ashwin Kumar remarked.

He regretted that commuters and the common man are stuck in midst of the fight between the state government and

MoD with regard to the land.

"If they want to ease traffic movement, they must demolish the walls of Secunderabad Club for road widening," Mr Kumar remarked.

Echoing a similar sentiment, Ms Deepa Shailender, a resident of Sanikpuri, said: "The roads have become completely cluttered. There is no space for a pedestrian to walk, forget a two-wheeler or four-wheeler. It gets trickier when it comes to car, as they have no idea what is going to come under their wheels."



Tributes

Minister Jagadish Reddy pays tribute to Jyothiba Phule on his death anniversary, says government is striving for BCS' welfare

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DECCAN CHRONICLE

FRIDAY | 29 NOVEMBER 2019 | HYDERABAD



CM KCR's vision in launching Haritha Haram programme led to good rainfall

— **Bajireddy Govardhan Reddy**
TRS MLA

IN BRIEF

POWER SHUTDOWN

- **10 am to 2 pm:** Punjagutta main road area, Officers Colony, Udyog Nagar Colony, Nagarjuna Hills; Kamalapur Colony, Satya Sai Kalyana Mandapam, area around house of M. Venkaiah Naidu, Kamalapur Phase-II, Indiranagar, Bata showroom line; Srinagar Colony, post office, Andhra Jyothi office area, Road No.3, Arora Colony, Sagar Society area, Andhra Bank ATM area, Karnataka Bank area.
- **2 pm to 5 pm:** Nagarjunanagar, Yellareddyguda, Ameerpet main road, Sitara Hotel area, Image Hospital area; Devarakonda Basti area, area up to Banjara Hills Roads No. 2 and 3, Road No.1, SBH, area behind Silver Spoon

179 NEW CASES OF AIDS IDENTIFIED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

A total of 179 new cases of HIV infection were identified in the screening programme of the health department in the state. With AIDS Day on December 1, a general screening camp was organised at various centres in the state and it was found that there are positive cases but they are missed as tests are not conducted on them. These were found to be people who did not get their blood test done for more than five years.

The blood test was carried out in 32,996 people in all districts. They were aged 14 to 49 years. The prevalence in the state according to these sample estimates is seven out of 1,00,000 people.

The number of new AIDS cases has dipped after surveillance programmes of awareness, use of condoms and self-help groups working in various centres were initiated.

The drive was held to identify those who were missed out in these groups and health experts state that it has helped bring these people to institutions from where they will be followed up.

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Wakf to initiate prayers in abandoned mosques

Board presses employees into service to clear thorny bushes

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

The Wakf Board has taken the initiative to restore prayers in mosques that have been abandoned and those under the control of the department of heritage, Telangana.

On Thursday, chairman of the Wakf Board Mohammed Saleem, MLA from Karwan, Kausar Mohiuddin, and deputy director of the Heritage department, B. Narayana, visited a few of these mosques, including two mosques situated in the premises of the Golf Course.

They first visited the Masjid Shaik situated in Shaikpet, which is under the control of the Department of Heritage, Telangana and closed for many years. It wears a wild and ugly

■ **WAKF OFFICIALS** visited the Masjid Shaik situated in Shaikpet, which is under the control of the Department of Heritage, Telangana and closed for many years. It wore an abandoned look.

■ **MLA KAUSAR** Mohiuddin requested the Board to refer the issue to officials of the ASI and get permission to erect a shade in front of the Masjid e Tayaba in the vicinity of Qutub Shahi Tombs for the convenience of musallis.

■ **WAKF BOARD** chairman Saleem said the Wakf Board was ready to provide funds for preservation and restoration of the structures of the mosques and would also maintain the mosques.

not performed in them.

Speaking to the media, the chairman of the Wakf Board Mr Saleem said, "We have requested the officials of the Heritage Department to maintain the mosques which are under their control and open these mosques for the local Muslims and tourists. We will also interact with the authorities of the ASI for restoration of prayers in the mosques situated in the vicinity of the Golconda Fort. The Wakf Board is ready to provide funds for preservation and restoration of the structures of these mosques and will also maintain these mosques."

Mr Saleem said he will ask the management of the Golf Course to provide access to the two mosques under their control.

look. Thorny bushes can be spotted in every corner of the Masjid's premises. The Board employees removed the bushes and cleaned the area.

Initially, some local people raised objection to the cleaning of the premises, but on the intervention of the Wakf Board chairman, they left the place.

The Masjid e Tayaba in the vicinity of Qutub Shahi Tombs was also visited. This mosque

comes under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the management of the Masjid was not allowed to carry out repair work by ASI authorities.

MLA Kausar Mohiuddin requested the Board to refer the issue to officials of the ASI and get permission to erect a shade in front of the mosque for the convenience of musallis.

They also visited the Golf Course premises in Naya Quila area of

Golconda Fort, where there are two mosques — the Masjid Mustafa Khan and Masjid Mulla Qayali. Locals are not allowed to perform prayers in both mosques.

According to information provided to Kareem Ansari of Yugantar Organisation, the ASI stated that eight mosques existed in the Golconda Fort.

Surprisingly, all of these mosques are abandoned and prayers are

Old city residents rue narrow roads, potholes

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Commuters in the old city blame narrow roads for traffic problems. They say that even the main approaching roads in the old city are much narrower and in bad condition.

Sangyapaga Sudarshan, from Bahadurpura, said commuters in the old city are facing a lot of inconvenience every day as the main roads are damaged and full of potholes.

The flow of the tourists is still high due to the Charminar, the Salar Jung museum and the zoological park.

India's largest bus station is in the old city but the government is not focusing on improving the conditions of the roads.

Mohammed Abdul Akram, of Sultan Shahi, said there is a need to increase the numbers of traffic signals.

Though GHMC authorities have widened many roads in the old city during the past three decades, there are bottlenecks in every direction, which lead to traffic congestion. A comprehensive master plan for the old city will end the problems.

Annamala Paramesh of Gowlipura said government authorities have utterly neglected the old city area due to lack of political will. We

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— **SANGYAPAGA SUDARSHAN**



There is a need to increase the numbers of traffic signals

— **MOHAMMED ABDUL AKRAM**

Authorities have utterly neglected the old city area due to lack of political will. We are battling potholed roads.

— **ANNAMALA PARAMESH**



There is a lack of coordination and cooperation between the traffic police and civic bodies. The bad condition of the roads in the old city is consequently creating problems for commuters.

— **KAREEM ANSARI**

are battling potholed roads. He said roads are not suitable to handle the volume of traffic. The city planners should design roads keeping in mind the average number of commuters that use the stretch.

Kareem Ansari of Shaheen Nagar said there is a lack of coordination and cooperation between the traffic police and civic bodies. He said the bad condi-

tion of the roads in the old city is consequently creating problems for commuters.

In the old city, vehicles move inch by inch due to bottlenecks and narrow roads.

Literally, to cover a kilometre's distance will take more than half an hour. Roads in the old city have become a nightmare for commuters and pedestrians alike.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO BE GIVEN OUT FROM DEC. 10

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HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Christmas festivities will be organised by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation along with the state minority department in 200 locations, and gifts will be distributed from December 5-10.

Each church will be given ₹1 lakh and 500 gift packets. There will be Christmas lunch and a feast will be on Dec. 20 and 21.

GHMC has asked corporators to identify the locations by December 3. The gift packets include a pair of polyester pants, a shirt, a sari, jacket piece and salwar kameez. Over 500 people in these locations will be served biryani during the feast.

They will be given out from Nampally Haj House on Dec. 10. Mayor Bonthu Rammohan said the gifts will be given to widows, orphans and HIV patients.

Raidurg-Hitec City Metro launch today

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

In a bid to make travel to the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) smoother, and make it easy for techies, the Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) will inaugurate services on the 1.5-km stretch between Hitec City and Raidurg on Friday.

Ministers K.T. Rama Rao and P. Ajay Kumar will flag off the inaugural run from the Hitec City station. According to officials, services for regular passengers would begin a few hours later.

The Metro Rail project in Hyderabad is the second largest in the country with 56 kilometers in operation, behind Delhi

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Metro.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated the 30-km stretch between Miyapur and Nagole in November 2017.

In September 2018, the 16-km stretch between Ameerpet and LB Nagar went into service.

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COMMON IDENTITY

95 per cent of all adults have the unique ID

Study says Aadhar doing fine

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

It has been 10 years since Aadhaar was launched across the country. The document that was envisioned to be a simple, common means of identification, has become a raging controversy across the country.

The State of Aadhaar Report 2019, prepared by Omdiyar Network India and advisory group, Dalberg, has found that 95 per cent of all adults and 75 per cent of all children have Aadhaar cards. The overall enrolment is 90.5 per cent. In Telangana, the enrolment figure is even better — 99.8 per cent. At least 96 per cent of Telangana residents said they were satisfied with Aadhaar.

The findings of the report are from a pulse survey of 1,47,868 households in 28 states and union territories, and an in-depth survey with 19,209 households in 16 states and one union territory. It has thrown up surprising and interesting figures.

The survey has found that an alarming 90 per cent of people in Assam and 61 per cent in Meghalaya do not

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have Aadhaar. Across the country, 30 per cent of the homeless and 27 per cent of third gender residents also don't have the document.

Other minority groups too were found to be at a disadvantage: 13 per cent of Christians, 11 per cent of Muslims did not have Aadhaar while the number was 7 per cent among Hindus, 4 per cent among Jains and 3 per cent among Sikhs.

Nearly four per cent of the country's population are estimated to have errors in their Aadhaar. Making changes to their document too seems quite difficult. Nearly 33 per cent of all those who tried to make changes found it difficult; one in five did not succeed at it at all. Interestingly, half of the respondents claimed Aadhaar allowed to access one or more services for the first time ever

(ration, MNREGS, social pensions, SIM cards, bank accounts). Also, 80 per cent of beneficiaries said Aadhaar made PDS rations, MGNREGS and social pensions more reliable. There are also problems which led to denial of welfare services or even exclusion. Nearly 0.8 per cent of all people said they experienced exclusion due to Aadhaar-related reasons from key welfare services. Also, 1.5 per cent of PDS users experienced a biometric authentication failure and did not receive their rations due to biometric authentication failure; 3.2 per cent got rations even after biometric authentication.

One of the most interesting findings was that half the population (65 per cent) mistakenly believes Aadhaar is mandatory for bank accounts, SIM cards and school enrolment. Also,

0.5 per cent of children aged 6-14 could not enroll in school due to Aadhaar-related issues. On a related note, nearly 3.3 per cent said they were denied bank accounts due to Aadhaar-related problems.

Around 72 per cent seems to appreciate the convenience of Aadhaar as a universal ID. However, half of them also worry about the risks of linking it to too many services.

Interestingly, 67 per cent of people who were excluded from a service due to Aadhaar problems still said they were satisfied with it.

Perhaps the most amusing of the report's extrapolations is that 90 per cent of the people trust that their data is safe in the Aadhaar system. Only eight per cent worry about misuse of their data and another two per cent have actually experienced fraud that they believe is due to Aadhaar.

That this report flies in the face of countless problems, malfunctionings and malpractices reported on Aadhaar, often leading to starvation and even death, and a strong movement against it as well is perhaps to be expected.

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DECCAN CHRONICLE

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We appeal to women to seek police help in case of vehicle breakdown in odd hours

— Mahesh M. Bhagwat
Rachakonda CP

IN BRIEF

Man drowns in sump

Hyderabad: An unidentified man drowned in a sump near IDL Cheruvu in Kukatpally, police said. Locals alerted the police when they saw him falling into the sump. The disaster relief team rushed to the spot. Two of their personnel wore underwater gear and entered the sump. It was too late, however, and the man had drowned. The police has sent the for postmortem and is working to identify him.

Five held for killing pastor

Hyderabad: Five people were arrested on Thursday for allegedly murdering a pastor from AP here on November 22. The prime accused hails from Anantapur district. Police said Satyanarayana Reddy, a native of Ramnagar in Musheerabad and pastor at a church in Anantapur district, had promised the accused to arrange for the same of land and collected ₹3 lakh. The land was later sold to someone else, and the pastor allegedly did not return the money, police said.

TEACHER LETS PARENTS TIE SCHOOLKIDS

DC CORRESPONDENT
ANANTAPUR, NOV. 28

In an inhuman punishment, a teacher from municipal upper primary school in Kadiri town in the district tied legs and hands of three students because they were noisy in the classroom.

The incident came to light after locals noticed and rushed to the classroom and shot videos and pictures of the students who were not even in a position to move.

Ahmad, a fifth standard student, Pavan Kumar, a third standard student and S. Nawaz, a second standard student, were tied with a rope to the desks in the classroom. When student unions and locals objected, headmistress Sri Devi said it was punishment following instructions by parents to control their children and the parents came and tied the trio.

The mothers of three children arrived school and clarified that the punishment was given by them and no way related to the headmistress.

Reacting to the protests and the viral videos on social media, Kadiri mandal education officer K. Chenna Krishna inspected Masanapeta upper primary school and recorded the statements of the head mistress and parents. The MEO said the report would be sent to the higher authorities. "This type of punishment is not at all encouraged and action would be initiated," he said.

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Missing vet's body found in Shadnagar

Body found burning under an NH44 culvert, she had gone missing from near a toll plaza

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA
T. I DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

The charred body of a 27-year-old government veterinary doctor, who had gone missing on Wednesday, was found under a bridge on National Highway 44 at Chattanpally, close to Shadnagar on Thursday. The police suspect that she could have been killed and the body was shifted to another place and set ablaze by the suspects.

P. Priyanka Reddy, 27, a resident of Shamshabad, was working as a veterinary doctor at Kollur in Mahbubnagar district. On Wednesday, Priyanka had an appointment at Olive Skin Care Hospital in Gachibowli and left the house at 5.50 pm on her bike. She parked the bike near Thonudpally toll-plaza and took private transport to go to Gachibowli.

At around 9.22 pm, she called her younger sister P. Bhavya and informed her that her bike had a flat tyre and some stranger had offered her help to get it repaired. But he had returned the bike without getting it repaired and his presence scared her.

When her family members called back at 9.44 pm, Priyanka's phone was switched off. Since she did not return home late in the night and her phone was found to be switched off, her family searched for her and then lodged a complaint with the Shamshabad police.

At around 7 am on Thursday, the police received information from one S. Sathyam, a milkman from Lingareddyguda that he had seen the body of a woman burning under the culvert on the outskirts of Chattanpally village in Shadnagar mandal. Mr Sathyam told the police that when he was on the way to deliver milk at the nearby villages, he noticed the fire under the culvert and assumed that somebody had started a bonfire to beat the cold. Two hours later, when he went by the same spot, he noticed the hand of a woman in the fire.

The Shadnagar police said that the body was covered in a rug and was set ablaze. A scarf was found a few feet away from the body. The police asked the family members to come to the spot for identifying the body. Upon seeing the scarf and a pendant of Lord Ganesh around her neck, they confirmed it



Police inspect the spot where the doctor's body was allegedly burnt on the outskirts of Chattanpally village in Shadnagar mandal, on Thursday.

was her. During the probe, the police found that Priyanka was killed at a secluded place close to the toll plaza and her body, along with her scooter was shifted to the outskirts of Chattanpally.

Police checked the footage from the CCTV cameras of the toll plaza. It contained pictures of Priyanka crossing the road near the toll plaza at around 9 pm but the kid-

nap was not captured.

The Clues teams recovered innerwear, footwear and an identification card of Priyanka from the bushes near the toll plaza on Thursday evening.

Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said, "Prima facie, it is understood that the suspects knew the area where they burnt the body. The bike of the victim is missing. Clues have been col-

lected and 10 special teams to nab the offenders have been formed."

Meanwhile, the missing bike of Priyanka was recovered by the police from bushes on the road side of National Highway 44 near Kothur village. The registration number plate of the bike was removed and was dumped on the road side by the offenders, the police suspect.

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Minutes before she went missing, veterinarian P. Priyanka Reddy called her sister P. Bhavya and said she was frightened by the presence of some unidentified persons close to her. Within no time, her mobile phone got switched off.

Her charred body was found the next day.

The incident has raised questions over the safety and security of women travelling during the late hours.

Recollecting the last moments of her elder sister, Ms Bhavya said, "My sister called me at 9.22 pm. When I asked what happened, she said that some strangers had told her that her bike had a flat tyre and advised her not to proceed as it would be unsafe."

"One of strangers wearing a red-coloured shirt took the bike saying he would get it repaired. After some time, he returned saying that the tyre repair shops were

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— BHAVYA
Priyanka's sister

closed. When she was waiting alone, my sister called me. She said the strangers who had offered to help her were standing close to her near a lorry and she is frightened," Ms Bhavya said, fighting tears as she recalled her last conversation with her sister.

The Cyberabad police who checked the call data records of the phone number of Priyanka Reddy said it was turned off at about 9.45 pm.

A police official associated with the investigation said, "CCTV cameras cover the routes towards the toll plaza.

A lorry was parked close to the spot due to which the offence was not cap-

tured by the cameras. It is understood that the lorry was parked in that manner to ensure that the toll plaza personnel and passersby could not see anything."

The police suspects that two or more persons are involved in the offence, as it would not be easy for one person to load a bike on to a lorry. Another pointer was the spot where the body was disposed of.

The accused would have known of the culvert only if they had sound knowledge of the NH 44 route from Hyderabad towards Kurnool.

Asked if the woman was sexually assaulted, the investigators said that the post-mortem examination of the body did not reveal any signs of it. The body had been burnt to least 70 per cent.

A police official said things would have ended differently if Priyanka had called them when she felt scared, or her sister Bhavya called the police when the cell phone was switched off.

OBITUARY



BHISE SHANKER RAO
(Retd. Asst. Comm. of Excise Dept.)
D.O.B: 13.05.1948 D.O.D: 28.11.2019
Funeral Starts from our residence on 29.11.2019. H.No: Mig-2, B-31, F-4, Beside Ambedkar College, Baghlingampalli, at 11.00 a.m. Cremation would be at Puranapuli Smashanavatika.
Inserted by: Family Members
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Sri VIJAY MARUR
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Ph: 8008001880
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I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. - 2 Timothy 4:7



Mariamma Mathew (Jolly)
DoB: 01.03.1968 DoD: 26.11.2019
Funeral Service on Friday 29.11.2019 8 am at Residence.
9.30 am at Ascension Marthoma Church Behind Telephone Exchange, RTC X Roads
Inserted by: Husband & Children
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3rd ANNIVERSARY

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Mrs. BEESA FLORENCE INDUMANI
W/o. Late Beesa Padma Rao
RTC H.S. Teacher (Retd.)
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Mrs. & Mr. K.M. Vijay Kumar
Mrs. & Mr. Beesa Anand Kumar and Grand Children

CENTINARY BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DEAR PARENTS



Mr. Theodore C.P. Aiman
DOB: 29-11-1919
Mrs. Rhoda Millicent Aiman
DOB: 7-1-1918
"Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right."
Proverbs 16:13.
Inserted by Loving Children:- Elizabeth Vivekanand, John Aiman, Bethsheba Bhopal and Fly, Noel Aiman and Fly, Grand Children and Great Grand Children
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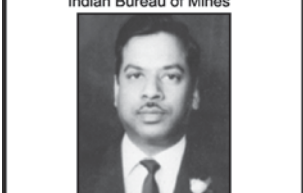
"The Memory of the Righteous is Blessed" Pro.10:7



Dr. A.J. Sanjeeva Rao
Retd. Commercial Instructor, M.A. D.D. V. ZTS, Moulati, SCR
"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day; Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed & very dear."
In fond Memory
A.S.P. RAD, A.JAYASHEELA, A. PRATHIMA, A. PREETHAM

In Loving Memory of our Father

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Life would have been so much fuller had you been there with us. You are always there in our hearts guiding us with your love, memories and blessings.
Fondly remembered by
Cdr & Mrs G Ram Kumar, Gp Capt & Mrs G Mahesh Kumar

2nd PUNYATITHI



Late Smt. PRIYAMVADA VIJAYVERGIA
(W/o. Late Sri Dwarakadasji Vijayvergia)
(08-10-1938 - 29-11-2017)
You will never be away from us, we still feel your presence and you would remain in our hearts forever.
WITH LOVE
SHOBHA-LALIT SHUCHI-RICHIN, SURBHIE-ARPIT AKSSHIT & FAMILY

5th Death Anniversary



Smt. Y. CHANDRA KUMARI
W/o Late Shri Y. Ranga Rao
DOB: 25-12-1945 DOB: 29-11-2014
You remain in our hearts forever
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10th ANNIVERSARY



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Avitha Jaiswal D. Akhilesh Jaiswal
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Warangal teen celebrating her birthday raped, killed by pal

Accused drove around city with body before dumping it

ANUDEEP CEREMILLA I
DC
WARANGAL, NOV. 28

A 19-year-old girl who went out to celebrate her birthday with a friend was found dead by the roadside at Nandhi Hills colony in Hanamkonda late on Wednesday night. The incident comes at a time when the city is just recovering from the rape and murder of a nine-month-old baby earlier this year.

The victim's parents lodged a complaint with the police that she had gone missing.

Based on the complaint, the police identified the body and traced and arrested one Puli Sai Goud, a final year college student, for the murder on Thursday.

The girl, an intermediate student, is a resident of Deendayal Nagar Colony. The two met recently and had been interacting with each other over the phone, police said. After asking her to meet him to celebrate her birthday, Sai Goud allegedly took her in a car to a secluded location near Pendyal railway station on the outskirts of the city. She was raped and killed on the spot. Police commissioner V. Ravinder said the deceased told her father, a vegetable vendor, that she would visit the temple on her birth-

DC CORRESPONDENT
WARANGAL, NOV. 28

Retracing the steps of Puli Sai Goud, who allegedly raped and killed a girl on Wednesday, police say he drove around the city with her body in a car before disposing it of at night.

Working on mobile phone conversations and CCTV footage, the police said he drove around Chinna Pendyal, Husnabad, Elkathurthy, KUC crossroads with the body in the car. He parked the car near Kakatiya Government College in the heart of the city and went shopping for a new dress for the girl. He stopped the car in a secluded location near New Shayampet where he changed the blood stained clothes of the girl. Sai Goud is a native

day. When she did not return by evening and her phone was found switched off, a search was initiated and a missing complaint was filed.

At about 10 pm on Wednesday, the police received information



Police have recovered the car belonging to rape and murder accused, Puli Sai Goud.

of Nemaligondla of Station Ghanpur mandal in Jangaon district and studies at a private college situated on Hunter Road.

On Wednesday, he is said to have asked the girl to meet him at Kazipet at about 2 pm. He picked her up and took her near Pendyal railway station where he forced himself on her, police said.

She died of shock and excessive bleeding at

about a body. The parents of the missing girl identified her as their daughter but she was wearing a different dress from the one in which she had left home. There was evidence of physical trauma on her body. The body was

about 3 pm, the police say.

A panic-stricken Sai Goud called two of his friends to the location and asked them to help him dispose of the body. After looking at the condition of the body, his friends refused and left.

"Sai put the body in the car and roamed around the city before dropping it. Based on mobile phone conversations and CCTV footage, we traced the accused at his residence in Nemaligondla," police commissioner V. Ravinder said.

The commissioner said there was no evidence to suspect gang rape as there were no other injuries on the victim's body. He said investigation is on to collect all the evidence and file a charge sheet to ensure strict punishment to the accused.

Family members of the girl have demanded the strictest punishment for the accused to ensure that such incidents do not recur.

34th ANNIVERSARY



Smt. NENIBAI LALAWANI
W/o. Late. Sri Lalchand Lalwani
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11th DAY CEREMONY



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W/o. Sri. P. Bhasker
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SHRADHANALU
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In grief: Husband, Sons, Daughters-in-law & Grand Children



Lack of support

Dr Laxman says farmers are taking the extreme step as the government failed to provide the Rythu Bandhu assistance



Government aims at supplying drinking water to every household in the state

— Mallu Reddy
Labour minister

FROM THE COURT

HC: NO URGENCY TO EXAMINE VARMA FILM

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

The Telangana High Court on Thursday said it did not find any ground or urgency to direct the Censor Board to examine the film *Kamma Rajyamlo Kadapa Reddlu* early.

Filmmaker Penmasta Ramgopal Varma had told the court that he was ready to change the name of the movie if the Censor Board certified it before Friday, when it is scheduled to release.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy pointed out lapses in Mr Varma's contentions, like not mentioning the reason the court should give directions based on his prayer.

The bench directed the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to examine *Kamma Rajyamlo Kadapa Reddlu* in a week and consider the grievances raised by the some of the petitioners that the film was made to defame one caste and particularly some persons.

"If the board feels that the movie or title or any scene will precipitate the sensitivities in the communities, the board has the right to direct the movie-makers to change not only the title but also the scenes," the court said.

Mr Varma had moved an urgent petition before the court through his counsel Durga Prasad, seeking a direction to the Censor Board to examine the film and take a decision on issuing certification.

Mr Varma said he would suffer heavy losses if the film is not certified by the Censor Board on Thursday.

Reacting to Mr Varma's contentions, the bench observed that the producer was not doing anyone a favour by changing the name. "If the Censor Board suggests, it is the bounden duty of any movie-maker to change the title and even portions of the movie when it is objectionable," the bench said.

"You said that you will sustain a heavy loss if it is not examined early, but you did not mention what loss you will suffer, what is the nature of loss," the Chief Justice told Mr Varma's counsel.

Recalling Rule 41 of the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, which gives the Censor Board 68 days to certify a film, the court said it would not go beyond the rules to direct the board to examine the film early.

Disposing of another petition filed against the film, which claimed that the filmmaker intended to defame Telugu Desam leaders, the bench said that they have every right to take recourse to legal remedy.

KCR'S RESIDENCE HOUSEWARMING ON DECEMBER 8

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Work on Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's residential building at his farmhouse at Erravelli is reaching its final stages and he is likely to perform the housewarming ceremony on December 8. He may celebrate New Year's Day at the farmhouse, sources said.

Mr Rao has reportedly informed his close aides of the date of the ceremony. It is not yet clear if Mr Rao will invite all TRS leaders and some prominent persons or have a small function.

Sources said Mr Rao was regularly visiting the farmhouse to inspect the work, and returning to Pragathi Bhavan as there is no accommodation there.

Highways to be repaired

Cabinet allocates ₹571 cr; tenders to be called soon

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

The Cabinet has decided to allocate ₹571 crore to repair state highways that were damaged by the recent heavy rains, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao said on Thursday.

Mr Rao was briefing mediapersons on the decisions of the Cabinet, which met at Pragathi Bhavan on Thursday.

Keeping in view the importance of the matter, the Cabinet summoned the chief engineers of the roads and buildings department and took stock of the situation. It decided to sanction funds and float tenders so that the damaged roads will be restored in two-and-a-half to three months, Mr Rao said.

The Chief Minister said that with regard to the national highways, the Cabinet had decided to write to the Union transport minister and meet him with an request to take up the repairs.

Mr Rao said that the Cabinet had decided to formulate a comprehensive policy to procure paddy from the farmers in future.

He said that as far as the procurement in the Kharif season was concerned, the state government had give a guarantee of ₹7,000 crore to the Civil Supplies Corporation for the purpose.

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K. Chandrasekhar Rao

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HC for repeat of pre-poll process for civic elections

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Justice A. Rajashekar Reddy of the Telangana High Court on Thursday proposed a repeat of the delimitation and other pre-poll processes for the municipal elections and sought the opinion of the petitioners and the state government.

The court was attempting to break the logjam caused by stay orders granted on 74 petitions, which have stalled elections in 67 municipalities.

The judge asked the petitioners to submit their response by Friday morning on whether or not they agree with the proposal. The court proposed to give one week to

the people to submit objections to the pre-poll process including delimitation of wards.

The court said it will direct the state government and officials in 67 municipalities to resolve the grievances in 10 days by hearing the ward wise objections.

The judge said he would dispose of the cases where the petitioners and the government agree, and adjudicate the others.

Earlier, Additional Advocate General J. Ramachandra Rao submitted that the pre-poll process had been done according to Sections 4 and 5 of the Municipalities Act. He said the petitioners had moved court with an

intention to delay the elections.

Counsels for some of the petitioners said that Section 8 of the Telangana Municipalities Act had not been followed and requested the court to direct it to issue fresh draft notification to call for objections. The court did not agree.

G Vidyasagar, senior counsel representing the State Election Commission, said the scheduled time to conduct elections was over six months ago. Issuing a fresh notification would cause more delay. Following this, the judge made the proposal.

In July, a single judge had stayed elections in 67 municipalities based on these petitions.

FROM PAGE 1

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao cautioned the RTC workers that if they took this chance lightly, they would be responsible for any consequences.

Lashing out at BJP MPs for their dual stand on the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, he asked if they had ever got funds from the Centre to save the RTC.

Referring to the BJP MPs' demand regarding the Centre's share in the RTC, the Mr Rao said, "We will give notice to the Centre and we will also go to court if required to get funds from the Centre. We will certainly dig out the accounts of the RTC with regard to the Centre's share."

He said Opposition parties played cheap politics during the RTC strike. "They are not really concerned. They tried to get some political benefit," he said.

Mr Rao said CJ Raghavendra Singh Chauhan had showed real concern for the RTC workers when the two met at Raj Bhavan during the Constitution Day celebrations.

"He told me that RTC workers were poor people and asked me to show some sympathy towards them as the law had limited scope to get involved in the RTC strike."

CJ asked me to be sympathetic: CM Congress writes to PM

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Four Congress MPs from the state have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking his intervention to "save" the TSRTC and its 49,000 employees and their families from the "inhuman attitude" of the TRS government.

Congress Lok Sabha members N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and A. Revanth Reddy and Rajya Sabha member M.A. Khan wrote that the APSRTC in the undivided state was the largest and best public transport corporation in the country and had been mentioned in the Guinness Book of Records.

He said each RTC worker would be informed about the actual financial position of the corporation. He would invite the workers for lunch and discuss with them the measures to make the RTC a more sustainable and profit-making unit.

Regarding privatisation of RTC routes, Mr Rao said that the government's plan was different and the Opposition was making false and misleading statements.

After the division of state, the bifurcation of the APSRTC had not been completed in a proper manner.

There was no documentation to show the concurrence of the Centre which owns 33 per cent of the undivided APSRTC.

The MPs said that the number of employees with the TSRTC had come down from 57,000 at the time of bifurcation to 49,000 a few months ago. The properties of the TSRTC were located in prime areas in the cities and are worth tens of thousands of crores.

The MPs said that about 49,000 TSRTC employees had been on strike for over 50 days, and 30 of them had either committed sui-

cide or died due to heart attack.

Their major demand was the merger of the RTC with the government as had been done recently by Andhra Pradesh, reimbursement of subsidies and others. Now that the RTC employees had called off the strike and wished to rejoin duty unconditionally, the state government was using the police in an inhuman and brutal manner to prevent them, the MPs said.

The Members of Parliament alleged that the government was trying to close down the TSRTC and hand over the routes to private operators which would make public transport to remote rural areas significantly costlier.

LAXMAN OBJECTS TO CM'S COMMENT ON BJP MPs

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

Taking serious exception to Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's comments against BJP MPs, state BJP president K. Laxman on Thursday said it is improper on the part of a CM to make remarks like "Sannasi, waste fel-

lows and mean men".

"Such comments degrade the dignity and post of a Chief Minister," Dr Laxman stated.

He said Mr Rao was against the strike right and hence responsible for the deaths of RTC staff.

He said it is surprising that Mr Rao is ow trying to blame the Centre.

RTC JAC WELCOMES CM'S MOVE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation employees unions' Joint Action Committee welcomed the decision of the Cabinet to allow workers to resume duty unconditionally from Friday.

JAC convener E. Ashwathama Reddy on Thursday appealed to the employees to rejoin duty and said that with the announcement of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao the strike had a happy ending.

He, however, criticised Mr Rao's comments against the RTC unions and said they had never caused a loss to the RTC.

No one has the right to remove trade unions from the labour sector.

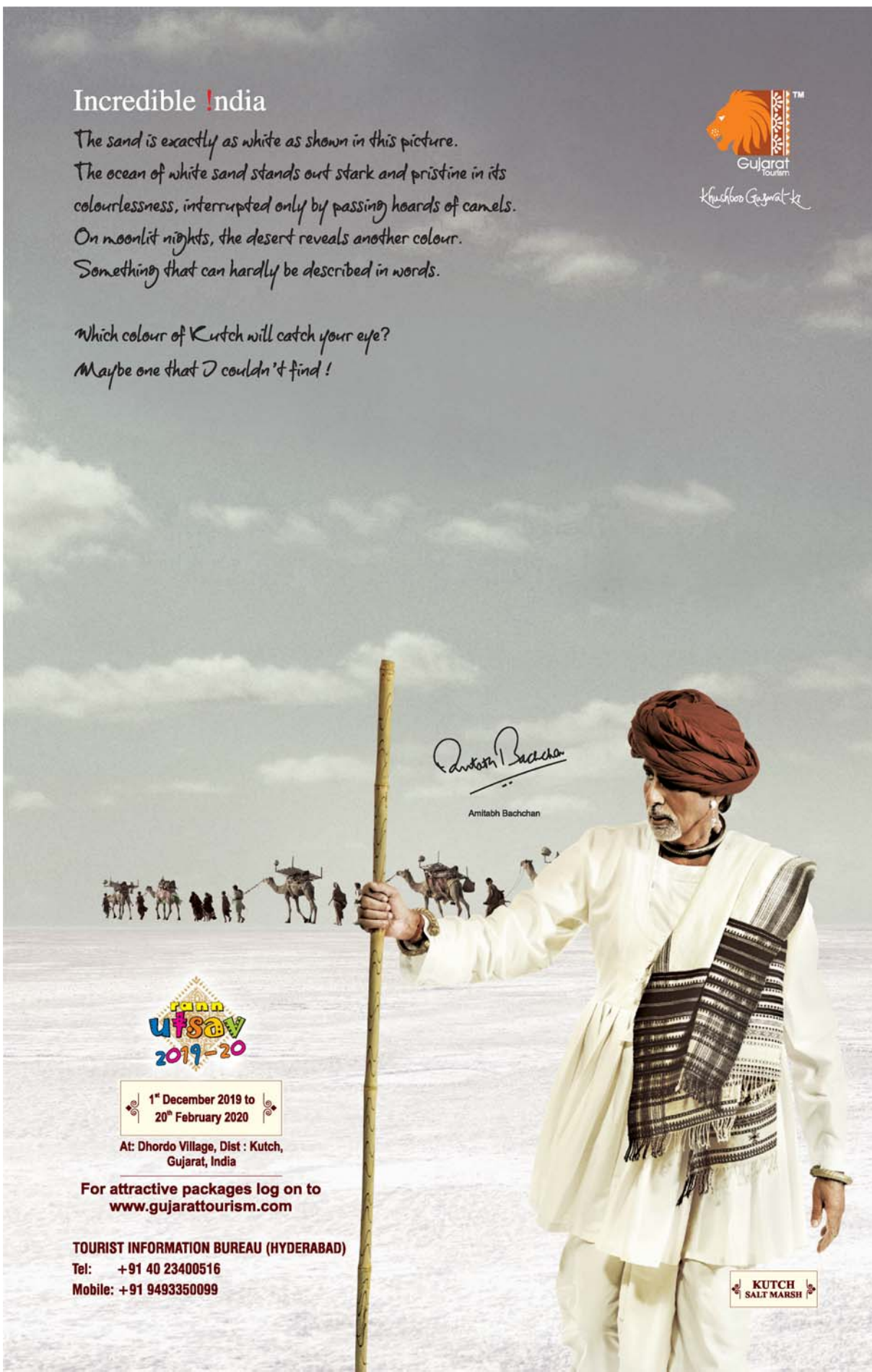
Mr Reddy apologised to the commuters who had to face hardships during the strike and thanked them for their cooperation and support to the agitation. He said the episode was not a win either for the RTC or the state government.

FORM - C NOTIFICATION (Under Section-11 of the Act where 10 A Exemption is given) (See Rule 6/12) GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT No. B/215/2019 Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana / Collector that a total of 2591.71 Sq. Mtrs. or 3099.68 Sq. Yards of land is required in Shaikpet Village & Mandal of Hyderabad District for public purpose, namely for Proposed 150'-00" wide road from Towlichowki Junction to Darga Road Shaikpet, Hyderabad. Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in the Shaikpet (V) & (M) Hyderabad Dist. land measuring more or less of 2591.71 Sq.Mtrs. or 3099.68 Sq.Yards of Standard measurement, whose detail description is as following, is proposed for acquisition: Sl. No. TS No. Block Ward Type of Title Type of Land Area Under acquisition Sq.Mtrs. Sq.Yds. Name & Address of person interested Boundaries North South East West Variety Number Type Plinth Area 1 30 A 13 Owner Platta 2591.71 3099.68 Sri Laxman Kapoor 8-1-329 Owner's Property Road Neighbour Road 11 12 13 14 This notification is made under the provisions of Section-11(1) of The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act No. 30/2013), as amended by the Right to Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017) to all whom it may concern. A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector & District Magistrate, on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana / Collector-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize Officer i.e., Spl. Dy. Collector, Land Acquisition, GHMC, Hyderabad and his Survey staff to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section-12 of the said Act. Under Section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale / purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of notification without prior approval of the Collector. Objections to the acquisition, if any, and claims from all the persons interested / affected for settlement by negotiation of the compensation, may be filed by the person interested in the land within 60 (sixty) days from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before District Collector / Authorized Officer. Spl. Dy. Collector, LA GHMC, Hyderabad Joint Collector, Hyderabad District Collector, Hyderabad District R.O.No. 81/LA/CPRO/GHMC/2019-20													
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Incredible India

The sand is exactly as white as shown in this picture.
The ocean of white sand stands out stark and pristine in its colourlessness, interrupted only by passing herds of camels.
On moonlit nights, the desert reveals another colour.
Something that can hardly be described in words.

Which colour of Kutch will catch your eye?
Maybe one that I couldn't find!





With the people

Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar goes on a bicycle tour in Khammam to learn about people's issues



I congratulate Hyderabadis on completing 2 years of Hyderabad Metro — Baba Fasiuddin Deputy mayor

SHORT TAKE

HC: WHY RELY ON REVOKED MEDIA ORDER?

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 28

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Friday served sought a counter affidavit from the state government explaining why it had mentioned a revoked government order (GO) while issuing GO No. 2430 recently to impose curbs on dissemination of information by media agencies. The court was hearing a PIL challenging the new GO on Wednesday.

A bench headed by Chief Justice J.K. Maheswari asked the government to file the counter in three weeks to explain how it had mentioned the GO issued earlier, and which was cancelled, while issuing a new GO. The bench permitted the state government to issue a fresh GO without mentioning the old GO in it if it wanted to do so. Hyderabad-based senior journalist U. Lakshman had filed the PIL in the AP High Court seeking orders to annul GO No. 2430, claiming that it would deprive media agencies of their freedom. The petitioner mentioned that the GO would intimidate mediapersons from writing anything against the government as it empowered the heads of departments to serve rejoinders and file complaints if they found any information defamatory to the state government or false.

When the bench asked petitioner's counsel M. Venu Madhav was wrong with the GO, he stated that the earlier Congress government of Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy had issued GO No. 938 in 2007 with a provision to file cases in case any media agency filed false reports. Based on suggestions from senior journalists, the government then issued another GO No. 980 cancelling GO No. 938.

Mr Madhav wondered how the YSRC government could issue the new GO while referring to the annulled old GO No. 938. He asked the bench to issue an order imposing a stay on GO 2430, but the bench rejected this and asked how it could do so without hearing the response from the government. The bench served notices to chief secretary and also to secretary (general administration department).

AP plans new entity, Seema Steel to go

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, NOV 28

In another attempt by the dispensation to undo what the predecessor government had done, the YSRC government appears to have abandoned the company Rayalaseema Steel Corporation Ltd (RSLC) floated by the previous TD government to develop an integrated steel plant in Kadapa.

The YSRC government has decided to float a different company, AP High Grade Steel Corporation, to develop the same steel plant.

Incidentally, it was on December 27 last that the then chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, had laid the foundation stone for the Kadapa steel plant and now Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy will again lay the foundation at a different spot in Kadapa on December 26.

The TD government had also appointed former Vizag Steel Plant, CMD, P. Madhusudan as the CMD of RSLC. RSLC was formed as a 100 per cent public sector undertaking (PSU) towards the setting up of the steel plant as a joint venture with AP Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) for taking up min-

ing and supply of iron ore to the steel plant.

The private limited company was formed with a paid up capital of ₹2 crore, divided into 2 lakh shares of ₹10 each and the board was constituted, establishing a registered office at the corporate office of APMDC at Vijayawada.

RSLC had also called global tenders to prepare a techno-economic feasibility report for the integrated steel plant. The steel plant was to come up at an investment of ₹15,000 crore to ₹18,000 crore.

While Mr Naidu laid the foundation stone at M. Kambalidinne Village, Mylavaram mandal in YSR Kadapa district, Jagan will lay the foundation at Jammalamadugu.

The government had also got assurance from NMDC for the iron ore supply for the steel production.

The present dispensation also strongly feels that the previous TD government had laid the foundation stone to establish a steel plant at Kadapa hurriedly without any plan to raise funds and that the previous government had also not effectively worked with the union government to ground the project.



Police personnel try to prevent Dalit protesters from approaching the convoy of TD president N. Chandrababu Naidu during a tour of the AP capital region, near Venkatapalem in Guntur district. — CH. NARAYANA RAO

Naidu convoy pelted with footwear, stones

MD ILYAS I DC VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 28

Slogans of “Go back Naidu, Chandrababu go back, and “down down Naidu,” rang through Undavalli in Amaravati on Thursday even as stones and footwear were hurled at the TD president and former chief minister's convoy, which was passing through the area.

Police had a tough time in ensuring that the convoy passed through the road blocked by farmers of Rayapudi, Tullur, Uddandarayunipalem, Penumaka, Undavalli and other areas of Amaravati. The former chief minister and other TD leaders were on their way to Amaravati and had taken prior permission to visit the area.

The angry farmers alleged that Telugu Desam leaders had grabbed their assigned lands for meager prices and then went on the sell the same at high prices under the land pooling scheme for establishment of the capital at Amaravati.

Farmers erected black flexes and banners. They also carried placards and gathered in



The windscreen of the bus in which TD president N. Chandrababu Naidu was travelling suffers a crack after it was pelted with stones. — DC

large numbers near the Seed Access Road at Undavalli, contending that Naidu had no right to tour Amaravati. As the convoy neared, the farmers tried to barge into the convoy and prevent it from moving forward.

Police resorted to lathi charge at places to ensure that the convoy passed through.

Angry farmers, including Dalits, charged that while Mr Naidu offered a

good package to patta lands, he showed scant regard to Dalit farmers and offered them a meagre package under GO 41 to seize their assigned lands.

They claimed that the erstwhile TD government promised to provide free education, interest-free bank loans, jobs, free medical treatment, and developed commercial/residential plots in lieu of their

assigned lands. But none of the promises were fulfilled.

At one stage, TD supporters accompanying the convoy almost came to blows with farmers. But the police lathi charged and ensured that the convoy got through the area. Another group of farmers tried to stop Naidu's convoy at Tullur but police foiled their attempt too.

BALAYYA FIRM OWES ₹39CR POWER DUES

D. SIVA RAMI REDDY I DC KURNOOL, NOV. 28

AP Carbides Ltd, the first foray of Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's family into industry some 45 years ago, has had a controversial run.

Even after it was taken over by relatives of TD leader and cine actor N. Balakrishna, it continues to bleed promoters and drills a big hole to the state exchequer.

Bharat Alloys Energy Ltd, the latest version of AP Carbides Ltd, situated near Kurnool, has electricity bill arrears of ₹38.65,08,257.

APTranco superintendent engineer G. Bhargava Ramudu has issued a notice to the now defunct company to pay the dues. Otherwise, its assets would be liquidated to recover the dues.

The directors of the company include Babu Rao Nadella, managing director, and Siva Sankara Rao Kale, Gopala Bhupala and Mathukumalli Rama Rao Sripattabhi listed as directors. The company was listed as 'amalgamated'. Babu Rao is also listed as director in Bollineni Sponge Iron and Srinav Oil Extraction Private Limited as full-time director.

Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, the father of Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy, was one of the major stakeholders of AP Carbides. It was an ambitious project of the Rajasekhara Reddy family in the corporate sector as till then they were small-time contractors and traders in barytes in Kadapa district.

When the Telugu Desam came to power in 1983, then Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao targeted the AP Carbides factory at Kurnool. The government slapped a demand notice for ₹5 lakh on AP Carbides. The issue had figured in the AP Assembly and Dr Rajasekhara Reddy had a tough time defending the non-payment of electricity charges.

AP Carbides used to produce carbide products initially, and later switched over to ferro alloys before it was shut.

HC status quo on Penna properties

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

The Telangana High Court on Thursday directed status quo on the properties of Penna Cements, Pioneer Holiday Resorts and the Bengaluru-based Embassy Property Development Ltd, which were attached by the Enforcement Directorate with regard to Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's disproportionate assets case.

A division bench comprising Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao and

Justice K. Lakshman was dealing with the ED's petition challenging the order of the appellate authority of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), which had faulted the Enforcement Directorate investigation into the Penna Group and ordered release of the attached properties.

The court issued notices to the three companies to explain their stand. Last week, the bench had given similar directions in respect of Bharathi Cements and Utopia Infra.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited	
Regd. Office: PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001	
e-Tender Notice	
1. Name & Complete Address of Office inviting tender	Office of EIC/DS, Central Zone, Power Colony No. 1 Opp. PAU Gate No. 1, Ferozpur Road, PSPCL, Ludhiana
2. Tender Enquiry No.	03/CSIT/2019-20
3. Scope of work	Setting up of 60 seater call centre for PSPCL in outsourced model.
4. Start date for downloading of specifications / tender documents	29.11.19
5. Last date and time for downloading of specifications / tender documents	30.12.19 up to 13.00 Hrs.
6. Last date and time of bid submission	30.12.19, 14:00 hrs
7. Date & time of opening of tenders	30.12.19, 14:30 hrs
8. Cost of tender specifications (in Rs.) & mode of its payment	Rs. 2950/- [through DD in favour of PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED]

*Tender specifications can only be downloaded from website https://pspcl.abcpocore.com. All the prospective bidders are requested to get their digital signatures, register themselves on the web site https://pspcl.abcpocore.com and get conversant with the process of on-line submission of tenders well in time so as to submit the tender by due deadline. No request for extension in due date of tender opening on the above grounds shall be entertained.

Note: It is informed that in case tender process is not completed as per time schedule given in NIT due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspaper. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website, www.pspcl.in

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CS & IT Imp. Div.
PSPCL, Ludhiana

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Srei Srei Equipment Finance Limited

CIN U70101WB2006PLC109898

"Vishwakarma", 86C, Topsis Road (South), Kolkata - 700046

Public Notice for Auction for sale of immovable properties of M/s Aashi Realtors

Date of Auction –30th December, 2019

Notice is hereby given for sale of the secured assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 for recovery of secured debts due and payable by Borrowers namely M/s Aashi Realtors and Neeharika Infrastructure Private Limited and/or Guarantors namely Mr. Sukesh Gupta, Mrs. Reema Agarwal as per Guarantee Agreement dated 15.07.2018, Mr. Rajesh Agarwal and Agarwal Realty Developers (P) Limited to Srei Equipment Finance Limited (Secured Creditor) of Rs. 119,31,00,746/- (Rupees One Hundred and Nineteen Crores Thirty One Lakhs and Seven Hundred and Forty Six only) together with interest thereon from 29.01.2019 along with cost and charges ("Secured Debt"). QUOTATIONS are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" for purchase of the land of M/s Aashi Realtors, as detailed hereunder:

Description of the Immovable Property (Secured Asset)	Part A: All that the piece or parcel of land/properties admeasuring Acres 4-07 Guntas, forming part of Survey No. 78 of Hafeezpet, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana and bounded as under: North: Private Property in Survey No. 78. South: Part of Sy.No. 78. East: Common Road. West: Part of Private Property in Sy.No. 78.
	Part B: All that the dry agriculture lands to an extent admeasuring Acres 4-00 Guntas, forming part and parcel of Survey No. 78 of Hafeezpet, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana and bounded as under: North: Private Property in Survey No. 78. South: Part of Sy.No. 78. East: Common Road. West: Part of Private Property in Sy.No. 78.
Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Rs.92,91,97,840/- (Rupees Ninety Two Crores Ninety One Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only)
EMD (5% of Reserve Price in Rs.)	Rs.4,64,59,882/- (Rupees Four Crores Sixty Four Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Two Only)
Type of Possession	Physical Possession
Date of Demand Notice	28.01.2019
Bid Increment Amount	Rs.100,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)

1) Copy of the Tender Document containing details of Land and terms & conditions of sale forming part of this sale notice may be collected from **Srei Equipment Finance Limited**, (Secured Creditor) D No.8-2-269/4/B, 2nd Floor, Stamford Park, Road No.2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500 034 Telangana (Contact Person: **Mr. E Venu Gopal, Mobile Nos. - 9849505684, 9642328884**) from 9th December 2019 to 13th December 2019. (10 AM to 4 PM) on payment of Rs. 1,00,00/- by DD / Pay Order favouring "SREI EQUIPMENT FINANCE LIMITED" payable at Kolkata.

2) Interested parties may inspect the property on **16th December 2019 to 17th December 2019 between 10 am. to 4 p.m.** with prior appointment of the Authorised Officer, Mr. E Venu Gopal. Persons interested to inspect the property to meet the Authorised Officer for further details.

3) Interested buyers may submit sealed quotation for the aforesaid property, together with EMD by Demand Draft / Pay Order drawn in favour of "SREI EQUIPMENT FINANCE LIMITED" payable at Kolkata, in a sealed cover super scribed "Offer for M/s Aashi Realtors and Neeharika Infrastructure Private Limited" addressed to "The Authorised Officer, Srei Equipment Finance Limited, D No.8-2-269/4/B, 2nd Floor, Stamford Park, Road No.2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500 034 Telangana. No interest shall be payable by the Authorised Officer on the EMD amount under any circumstances. The sealed bid be handed over directly to Mr. E Venu Gopal, of Srei Equipment Finance Limited at their office at D No.8-2-269/4/B, 2nd Floor, Stamford Park, Road No.2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500 034 T.G. from 18th December 2019 to 24th December 2019 (Except 22nd December 2019) between 11 AM to 4 PM. Only those bidders whose payment is confirmed shall be permitted to participate in the auction.

4) The Secured Asset shall not be sold below the Reserve Price.

5) The sealed covers so received will be opened by the Authorized Officer on **30th December, 2019** at 11 AM at Srei Equipment Finance Limited, D No.8-2-269/4/B, 2nd Floor, Stamford Park, Road No.2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500 034 Telangana in presence of the representatives of the bidders, who wish to attend. After opening of the Sealed Covers, the bidding will be held among the eligible bidders, who paid the EMD. The Bid will start from the Highest offer received over and above the Reserve Price. The Bid increment amount will be Rs.100,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) with unlimited extension(s). The Successful bidder shall pay 25% of the successful Bid amount within closing hours of the next working day and balance amount shall be paid within period of 15 days from the day of bidding. If Successful bidder fails to pay aforesaid amounts within time period as stated above, then the amount paid till that date shall be forfeited.

6) Encumbrances known to the Secured Creditor appears to be NIL. However, interested bidder may enquire from different authorities and departments to their satisfaction before bidding and make their own independent enquiries regarding any encumbrances, lien, charge, attachment, statutory dues, property tax and other liabilities. Authorised Officer and/or Secured Creditor/ Srei Equipment Finance Limited shall not be responsible for the same.

7) Sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor. The Authorized Officer reserves the right, without assigning any reason whatsoever, to accept or reject any bidder and/or to postpone or discontinue auction or change terms before the conclusion of the auction process. The Authorized Officer also reserves the right, without assigning any reason whatsoever, to reject any successful bid at its own discretion. This is also a Notice of 15 days under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrowers and all Guarantors for settlement of their outstanding dues and/or attend the Public Auction on the respective venue on the above mentioned date of the sale.

Date : 29th November, 2019
Place : Hyderabad

E Venu Gopal, Authorised Officer
Srei Equipment Finance Ltd

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU / PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT				
BUILDING ORGANISATION, BLDGS (C & M) CIRCLE, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI - 5.				
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE No. 33 BCM / 2019-20 / DATED : 27.11.2019.				
FORM OF CONTRACT : LUMP SUM / TWO COVER SYSTEM.				
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Sealed tenders are invited from PWD eligible registered contractors by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Bldgs (C & M) Circle, Chepauk, Chennai-5 for the following work:-				
Sl. No.	Name of work and EMD	Approximate value of work	Period	EMD in favour of
1.	Two Cover System : Construction of Additional Godown building with loading points, Record Room, Borewell, Construction of toilets, Labour rest room, Compound Wall Painting, barbed wire fencing in TASMAC Godown at Kakkalur in Tiruvallur District. EMD Rs. 2,18,000/-	Rs. 415.52 Lakhs	10 Months	Executive Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C&M) Division, Tiruvallur.

Tender schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the Website "http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in (or) http://www.tenders.gov.in" and also available in the O/o the undersigned at a cost of Rs. 15000/- + Rs. 1800 (GST). Tender schedule will be made available from 29.11.2019 to 09.12.2019. Last date of receipt of tender is 10.12.2019 upto 03.00 P.M. and opened on the same day at 04.00 P.M. by the undersigned. Contractors Eligibility conditions and all other conditions are available in the above Website.

DIPR/4619/Tender/2019 Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C & M) Circle, Chepauk, Chennai - 5.

CITY UNION BANK LTD.	
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. Phone: 0435-2402322, 2401622 Fax: 0435-2431746	
PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE	
Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on 11-10-2019 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due and the same was returned by M/s. Sai Sravan Health Care, Mr. Ch. Srinivas, Mr. K. Jagadish Reddy, Mr. P. Mallikarjun, Mrs. P. Padmavathi. Hence this No.1) M/s. Sai Sravan Health Care Private Limited, 2-1-8/1, Nagole Cross Road, Nagole, Hyderabad - 500 068. Also at:- M/s. Sai Sravan Health Care Private Limited, Supraja Hospitals, 2-1-8/1, Nagole Cross Road, Nagole, Hyderabad - 500 068. No.2) Mr. Ch. Srinivas, S/o. Mr. Ch. Gurvaiah, B5-105, Indu Aranya Pallavi, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Hyderabad - 500 068. No.3) Mr. K. Jagadish Reddy, S/o. Mr. Ranga Reddy, H.No.4-1-12/1/254/A, VST Colony, Nacharam, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 076. Also at:- Mr. K. Jagadish Reddy, S/o. Mr. Ranga Reddy, C-3-4-133, Annappurna Colony, Mallapur, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 076. No.4) Mr. P. Mallikarjun, S/o. Mr. P. Ramulu, H.No.3-11-116/6, Sri Sai Garden, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad - 500 039. No.5) Mrs. K. Urmila Bai, H.No.1-7-8, Street No.6, Habisguda, Hyderabad - 500 007. Also at:- Mrs. K. Urmila Bai, C-3-4-133, Annappurna Colony, Mallapur, R.R. District, Hyderabad - 500 076. No.6) Mr. A.V. Santhosh Kumar, S/o. Mr. Srinivajulu, H.No.1-7-81, Street No.8, Habisguda, Hyderabad - 500 007. No.7) Mrs. P. Padmavathi, W/o. Mr. P. Mallikarjun, H.No.3-11-116/6, Sri Sai Garden, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad - 500 039. No.8) Mr. K. Pradeep, S/o. Mr. K. Odhi, Flat No.101, S.V. Arcade, Doctors Colony, Road No.1, Saroor Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 035.	
Dear Sir/Madam,	
Sub: Loan account / Overdraft with City Union Bank Limited, Hyderabad-Ameerpet Branch in the name of M/s. Sai Sravan Health Care Private Limited.	
The Bank issued Notice under the SARFAESI Act on 11-10-2019 calling upon (a) Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501812080013086 is Rs.82,07,396/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Six Only) (b) Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501812080020908 is Rs.43,41,804/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Four Only) (c) Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 512120020006274 is Rs.52,14,213/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Thirteen Only) as on 03-10-2019 with further interest for 501812080020908 (CUB OSL TERM EMI-BR) and 501812080013086 (CUB OSL TERM EMI-BR) at 13.50% plus 2.00% penal interest p.a. (not compounded) and 512120020006274 (SECURED OD WITHOUT DP) at 15.50% plus 2.00% penal interest p.a. (not compounded) and with monthly rests from 04-10-2019 till the date of repayment. The Notice sent to you by Registered Post have been received by Nos.5, 6 & 8 of you and returned by Nos.1, 2, 3, 4 & 7.	
Therefore, we hereby once again call upon (a) Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501812080013086 is Rs.82,07,396/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Six Only) (b) Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 501812080020908 is Rs.43,41,804/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Four Only) (c) Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 of you jointly and severally towards the loan account 512120020006274 is Rs.52,14,213/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Thirteen Only) with further interest for 501812080020908 (CUB OSL TERM EMI-BR) and 501812080013086 (CUB OSL TERM EMI-BR) at 13.50% plus 2.00% penal interest p.a. (not compounded) and 512120020006274 (SECURED OD WITHOUT DP) at 15.50% plus 2.00% penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from 04-10-2019 till the date of repayment within 60 days from the date of this Notice failing which Bank will be constrained	

to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/issued without prejudice to any other right / remedy available to the Bank.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. A.V. Santhosh Kumar, S/o. Mr. Srinivajulu)

All that the Plot No.15 Western Part, in Survey No.58 admeasuring 150 Sq.yds. or 125.4 Sq.mtrs. situated at Block No.1, Annappurna Colony, Meerpet Village, Uppal Mandal, Kapra Municipality, Ranga Reddy District, within the Jurisdiction of Sub-Registrar, Uppal, R.R. District and Bounded by:- North - 30 Feet Wide Road, South - Plot No.21, East - Plot No.15 Eastern Part, West - Plot No.14 (In the above said plot area Building with Plinth Area of Ground 1,093.65 Sq.ft., First Floor - 1,093.65 Sq.ft., Second Floor - 1,093.65 Sq.ft., partly Third Floor 736.42 Sq.ft. exists).

Schedule - B: (Property Owned by Mrs. P. Padmavathi, W/o. Mr. P. Mallikarjun)
All that the Open Plot No.6, in Survey Nos.12/2 and 12/5, at Block No.4 Area 100 Sq.yds. or 83.6 Sq.mtrs. situated at Ramanthapur Khalsa, Uppal Kalan Municipality, Revenue Mandal Uppal, R.R. District under the preview of Sub-Registrar Uppal, R.R. District and bounded by:- North - Plot No.5, South - Plot No.7, East - Neigh Land, West - 20 feet Wide Road (As per valuation report Dated 20-06-2019. Ground Floor - 582.16 Sq.ft., First Floor - 777.24 Sq.ft., Second Floor 777.24 Sq.ft., Third Floor - 427.50 Sq.ft. exists) and boundaries are North - Vitthal Nivas, South - ACC Rooms on H.No.3-11-116/7, East - Neigh Apartment Vishal Mega Mart on Complex, West - 20 feet Wide Road.

Schedule - C: (Property Owned by Mrs. K. Urmila Bai)
All that the piece and parcel of the House bearing No.C-3-4-133, in Plot No.66 Part admeasuring 150 Sq.yds. forming Survey Nos.169, 171 and 172 situated at Mallapur Village, under Mallapur Gram Panchayath, Hyderabad East Taluk, Ranga Reddy District within the jurisdiction of Registration Sub-District, Uppal, North - Plot No.56, South 25 ft Wide Road, East - Plot No.65, West - Plot No.66 Part (As per valuation report in the above site are building with Ground Floor - 901 Sq.ft., First Floor - 918 Sq.ft., Second Floor - 918 Sq.ft. and boundary North - Neigh Open Plot, South - Road, East - Neigh Building, West - Neigh building on H.No.4-132 exists).

Schedule - D: (Property Owned by Mr. Ch. Srinivas, S/o. Mr. Ch. Gurvaiah)
All that the premises of House bearing No.7-85 Part, admeasuring 188 Sq.yds. (Plot Nos.14 and 17, in Sy.No.365 to 367), having its Plinth Area Ground Floor - 867 Sq.ft., First Floor Plinth Area - 922 Sq.ft. and Second Floor (Semi finished) Plinth Area - 792 Sq.ft., Total Plinth Area 2,571 Sq.ft., with RCC, situated at Ibrahimpatnam Proper Village, Ibrahimpatnam Revenue Mandal, under Ibrahimpatnam Nagara Panchayat, Ranga Reddy District, Registration Sub-District, Ibrahimpatnam Ranga Reddy District and bounded by:- North - House of Vendor (Sold to K. Jagadish Reddy), South - Plot No.11, East - 20 ft. Wide Road, West - 20 ft. Wide Road.

Schedule - E: (Property Owned by Mr. K. Jagadish Reddy, S/o. Mr. Ranga Reddy)
All that the premises of House bearing No.7-85 Part, admeasuring 188 Sq.yds. (Plot Nos.14 and 17, in Sy.No.365 to 367), having its Plinth Area Ground Floor - 867 Sq.ft., First Floor Plinth Area - 922 Sq.ft. and Second Floor (Semi finished) Plinth Area - 792 Sq.ft., Total Plinth Area 2,571 Sq.ft., with RCC, situated at Ibrahimpatnam Proper Village, Ibrahimpatnam Revenue Mandal, under Ibrahimpatnam Nagara Panchayat, Ranga Reddy District, Registration Sub-District, Ibrahimpatnam Ranga Reddy District and bounded by:- North - Plot No.19, South - House of Vendor (Sold to Ch. Srinivas), East - 20 ft. Wide Road, West - 20 ft. Wide Road.

Schedule - F: (Movables hypothecated to our Bank)
All Machineries at M/s. Sai Sravan Health Care Pvt. Ltd., 2-1-8/1, Nagole Cross Road, Nagole, Hyderabad.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 25-11-2019 Authorised Officer



Prime wishes

Prime Minister Modi congratulates Uddhav on taking oath as Maharashtra CM



Congratulations to @OfficeofUT for forming the government — Mamata Banerjee West Bengal Chief Minister

SHORT TAKES

UDDHAV QUILTS FROM SAAMANA

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, NOV. 28

After becoming the head of the state, Uddhav Thackeray has quit as the editor-in-chief of Shiv Sena mouthpiece, Saamana. The responsibility will now be held by party leader Sanjay Raut, who has been the executive editor of the newspaper for 30 years.

Hereon, Uddhav's name will not be mentioned in the credit line as editor-in-chief of the Sena daily.

Uddhav began his political journey as the editor of Saamana when he used to take potshots at the then Sena CM, Narayan Rane, in 1999. This led to a rift between the two and Rane was eventually expelled from the party.

Meanwhile, Sena MP Sanjay Raut has been extremely vocal in the editorials, many a time courting controversy due to the same. His recent editorials have targeted the BJP for allegedly breaking its pre-poll promise of 50:50 power-sharing and rotation of the CM's post.

In his last edition of Saamana as editor-in-chief, Uddhav on Thursday acknowledged NCP chief Sharad Pawar's efforts in taking the Sena-NCP-Congress alliance forward.

TRIBUTES PAID TO BALASAHEB

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, NOV. 28

Congress and NCP leaders paid rich tribute to Shiv Sena supremo, the late Balasaheb Thackeray, as both parties formed an alliance government with the Sena on Thursday.

NCP MP and party chief Sharad Pawar's daughter Supriya Sule remembered how "Balasaheb and Maasaheb (the late Meenatai Thackeray)" treated her like a daughter. "Maasaheb and Balasaheb — missing you so much today. Both of you should have been here today. They treated me with so much love and affection — more than a daughter! Their role in my life will always be special and memorable!" she tweeted.

Sharad Pawar also hailed the Shiv Sena founder, describing him as a man who kindled pride in the Marathi mannos and gave direction to society and politics through his courageous personality.

Congress's Balasaheb Thorat said that former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Balasaheb Thackeray had a cordial relationship and Balasaheb Thackeray supported her. "Whenever needed, they stood by each other," he said.

SHIV SENA LAUDS PAWAR

Mumbai, Nov. 28: As Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray took oath as Maharashtra's Chief Minister, the party on Thursday heaped praises on NCP chief Sharad Pawar and termed him margdarshak (guide) of the new government in the state.

Though the Shiv Sena espouses the Hindutva ideology, it formed the 'Maha Vikas Aghadi' alliance with the NCP and Congress when the Uddhav Thackeray-led party fell out with the BJP over the issue of sharing the Chief Minister's post after the last month's Assembly elections.

An editorial in Saamana acknowledged Sharad Pawar's efforts in taking the Sena-NCP-Congress alliance forward. The NCP chief has been credited for the u-turn by his nephew and is being described as the state political drama's 'man of the match'.



Aerial view of Shivaji Park during the Maharashtra ministry swearing-in ceremony in Mumbai on Thursday.

— PTI

Uddhav Raj begins on Maha note

Estranged cousin Raj Thackeray, NCP leader Ajit Pawar steal the show at swearing-in

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Mr Thackeray, 59, took oath as the 18th Chief Minister, paying tribute to 17 century Maratha emperor Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and remembering his parents. His wife Rashmi and sons Aaditya, who is an MLA, and Tejas were also present.

Thackeray became the third Sena leader after Manohar Joshi and Narayan Rane to occupy the top post.

It was a show of strength for all three parties comprising the MVA government with hordes of supporters flocking Shivaji Park since the afternoon.

The set for the event was a fort-like structure measuring 6,000 sq ft, designed by renowned artist Nitin Desai.

Among the dignitaries, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and DMK leader M.K. Stalin were the most prominent.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar — who was instrumental in bringing together the Sena, NCP and Congress to form the government — was also present along with his nephew, former Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, and daughter MP Supriya Sule.

Congress leaders Ahmed Patel and Mallikarjun Kharge were also present.

Former chief minister and BJP leader Devendra Fadnis, who resigned on Tuesday, three days after being sworn in as chief minister, was also present at the event as were three other former chief ministers — Joshi and Congress' Ashok Chavan and Prithviraj Chavan.

Interestingly, the biggest round of applause from the spectators was reserved for Thackeray's estranged cousin, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray, and Ajit Pawar, who had rebelled in his party to form a short-lived government with the BJP.

After the ceremony, Thackeray headed to the famous Siddhivinayak temple where he along with Rashmi and Aaditya offered prayers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to Twitter to congratulate Thackeray on taking oath as chief minister, saying

■ **THOSE PRESENT** at the ceremony included NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, senior Congress leaders Ahmed Patel and Mallikarjun Kharge, MNS chief Raj Thackeray and DMK leader M.K. Stalin.

■ **FORMER** Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, his cousin and MP Supriya Sule, Uddhav's wife Rashmi, his MLA-son Aaditya, industrialist Mukesh Ambani, his wife Nita and son Anant were also present at the ceremony.

■ **EKNATH SHINDE**, Subhash Desai (both Shiv Sena), Jayant Patil, Chhagan Bhujbal (both NCP), Balasaheb Thorat and Nitin Raut (both Congress) were sworn in as ministers.

he was confident that the Shiv Sena chief would work diligently for the bright future of the state. "Congratulations to Uddhav Thackeray Ji on taking oath as the CM of Maharashtra. I am confident he will work diligently for the bright future of Maharashtra," he tweeted.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi, who did not make it to the event, said in a congratulatory letter to Thackeray that the country was facing "unprecedented threats" from the BJP.

"The Shiv Sena, NCP and the Congress have come together under quite extraordinary circumstances at a time when the country faces unprecedented threats from the BJP," Gandhi's letter said. "I wish you all the very best as you embark on a new innings in your life," she added.

Uddhav Thackeray later said that his government will ensure concrete assistance to the state's farmers and will work towards creating an atmosphere in which none feels terrorised.

Thackeray chaired the first meeting of his cabinet at Sahyadri Guest House in south Mumbai.

He said the first decision of the cabinet was to approve ₹20 crore fund for conserving Raigad Fort, which was the capital of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Agadhi says 80% of jobs to go to Marathi manoos in state

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, NOV. 28

The Shiv Sena, Congress and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Thursday unveiled their Common Minimum Programme (CMP), which highlights their alliance's "commitment to upholding the secular values enshrined in the Constitution".

The preamble of CMP reads: "On contentious issue of national importance as well as of state importance especially having repercussions/consequences on the secular fabric of the nation, the Shiv Sena, the NCP and the Congress will take a joint view after holding consultations and arriving at a consensus."

The CMP promises to introduce a law that will

■ **THE COMMON** Minimum Programme also focuses on unemployment, women's issues, education, urban development, health, industry, social justice, tourism, arts and cultural issues.

reserve 80 per cent jobs in the state for the Marathi manoos as well as the provision of meals to the poor and needy at ₹10 — both of which were promised in the Shiv Sena's election manifesto.

Farmers' issues also feature prominently in the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government's CMP, which states that an immediate loan waiver will be provided to farmers and that the crop

insurance scheme will be revised to ensure immediate compensation.

"In Maharashtra, farmers are facing problems. This government will do its best for them," Sena minister Eknath Shinde said while releasing the CMP.

The CMP also focuses on unemployment, women's issues, education, urban development, health, industry, social justice, tourism, arts and cultural issues.

The document states that a process should be initiated on an immediate basis to fill up all vacant posts in various state government departments.

It also proposes free education for girls from weaker section, an increase in the honorarium of anganwadi sevikas and the

strengthening of women's self-help groups.

The CMP also seeks to improve the standard of education in the state as well as the quality of education for the children of weaker sections of society.

It also emphasises on the construction of new roads and maintaining the quality of existing ones while a mention has been made of providing 500 square-feet homes under the slum rehabilitation scheme instead of 300 square-foot ones. New policies will also be made to attract investors to boost the industrial sector, according to the document.

The programme also highlights the importance of delivering social justice to members of the backward caste community as well as minorities.



Ashok Chavan

SENA CLAIMS ED REOPENS PROBE AGAINST CHAVAN

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, NOV. 28

The Shiv Sena on Friday said that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigation against Congress leader Ashok Chavan in connection with the Adarsh scam was yet another example of misuse of government machinery by the BJP government.

According to sources, Chavan was not sworn in Friday because of the Adarsh case.

Sena's Sanjay Raut asked why the case had suddenly been opened.

"As soon as they came to know that we are forming the government, they started using the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and ED against us. Let them do it," he said.

However, the ED Thursday clarified that it had not initiated any fresh probe into the Adarsh Society scam. It issued a press note after media reports surfaced, showing its officers visiting the society premises on Thursday for some measurements and related activities.

"This is to clarify that no fresh investigation has been taken up by the ED in the Adarsh Society scam. The recent reports published in the media are therefore speculative and without any merit," it said.

The Adarsh case pertains to alleged irregularities in the allocation of flats in the 31-storeyed Adarsh Apartments in Colaba to the 1999 Kargil war heroes and war widows. It was constructed in Colaba. Many rules were allegedly flouted to construct the said building.

The CBI registered an FIR against the then Chief Minister Ashok Chavan and other top officers of the state government.

Farmers' woes, meals for ₹10 are Uddhav challenges

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC MUMBAI, NOV. 28

Mr Uddhav Thackeray, as Chief Minister of Maharashtra, faces the massive task of delivering on the promises made by his party earlier. Among the major hurdles before him is the severe debt of ₹4,00,00,000 or under which the state is reeling.

A complete loan waiver to farmers and a full meal for a measly ₹10 were two of the important promises made by the Sena in its manifesto before the polls. Now that Thackeray is at the helm of affairs, he will have to make good on these promises.

Due to the unseasonal rainfall last month, crops covering an area of 94.02 lakh hectares suffered extensive damage, resulting in losses to the tune of ₹8,000 crore. More than one crore farmers have been affected by this.

According to sources, if the government decides to provide a minimum aid of ₹10,000 per hectare to the farmers, it will have to make a provision of ₹9,400 crore per year. If the aid is increased to ₹25,000 per

■ **AMONG** the major hurdles is the debt that the state is reeling under

■ **THACKERAY** will now face many challenges, including the ideological differences between the three parties

hectare, the provision will have to increase to a whopping ₹23,500 crore per year. Even when the Fadnis government was in power, the government at the Centre had offered aid of only ₹6,000 crore.

With the Sena in the Opposition camp now, it will be interesting to see how much the Union government will respond to the state government's pleas in future.

In addition to this, Thackeray will have to make his stand clear on big-ticket projects like the bullet train and the metro car shed, as party leaders have time and again expressed reservations against them.

Thackeray will also have to raise funds for the

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar memorial projects that will require a lot of moolah. So far, the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi, led by the Sena, has not commented on the measures it will take to solve the economic crisis.

However, more than the financial challenges, it will be the emotional and religious issues that Thackeray will have to handle with a great deal of tact, given the ideological differences between the Sena, NCP and Congress.

The BJP has already started targeting the Sena for ostensibly giving up its Hindutva agenda. The criticism is likely to reach a crescendo in the near future. While the Sena was in power the last time, it changed the names of the Aurangabad and Osmanabad districts as Sambhajinagar and Dharashiv, respectively. The Congress-NCP government later reinstated these names. It will be interesting to see whether the Uddhav Thackeray-led government will change these names again.