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Max: 32.2°C
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RH: 49%
Rain: Nil

Forecast: Cloudy sky.
 Showers likely.
 Max/Min temp. 32/219C

ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Dakshinayana
Titthi: Kartika Shudda Ekadasi till 12.22 pm
Star: Poorvabhadra till 12.10 pm
Variyam: 10.51 pm to 12.38 pm
Durmuhurtam: 8.36 am to 9.22 am and 12.22 pm to 1.07 pm
Rahukalam: 10.30 am to 12 pm
HJRI CALENDAR
Rabbi-ul-Awwal 10, 1441 AH
PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.16 am
Zohar: 12.10 pm
Asar: 4.06 pm
Maghrib: 5.48 pm
Isha: 6.57 pm
SUNSET TODAY 5.42 PM
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.18 AM
MOONRISE TOMORROW 3.18 PM
MOONSET TODAY 2.40 AM

Pak confused on Sikh passports

New Delhi: Pakistan Army and Pakistan Foreign Office gave conflicting messages on the requirement of passport for Indian pilgrims to use the Kartarpur corridor. While the Pakistan Army said passport is required, the Pakistan foreign office said the condition of passport has been waive for one year for Indian Sikhs visiting the gurdwara. India hoped that Pakistan would honour the agreement signed between the two countries on travel documents.

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India defends its Nepal border map

New Delhi: India on Thursday said the new map issued by it last week accurately depicts its sovereign territory and it has in no manner revised its boundary with Nepal, a day after the Himalayan nation objected to the Kalapani area — bordering the northeastern part of Uttarakhand — being reportedly shown as part of the Indian territory. — PTI

Reliance Health barred by IRDAI

Mumbai: The Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on Thursday barred Anil Ambani-owned Reliance Health Insurance Ltd from selling new policies due to its deteriorating financial position. It also instructed the health insurer to transfer its entire business, all investments to Reliance General Insurance Company.

COUNTER POINT



Our leaders are releasing laughing gas!

ROAD | RAGE

■ **Hyderabad Football Club bus driver, cops spar over sound pollution**

Cops beat driver for excessive honking

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC
 HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

In an incident of brazen high-handedness, the traffic police on Wednesday severely thrashed the driver of a bus carrying the Hyderabad Football Club (HFC) of the Indian Super League.

HFC was returning from an evening match against North East United at Gachibowli stadium. The trouble happened at the signal near the Gachibowli

traffic police station on DLF circle, where there was traffic congestion.

Police claim Raju, the driver, incessantly honked his air-horn, and this irritated the cops. They claimed that team officials on the bus did nothing to restrain the driver, and an argument ensued.

HFC tweeted its version: “The bus driver of the Hyderabad FC team was physically assaulted by the traffic police for reasons unknown. The driver was beaten by the cop in front of

■ **TRAFFIC** police rejected Hyderabad Football Club’s charges. They said a case was registered for causing noise pollution and stated that claims of manhandling were baseless.

the entire team and dragged by police.”

The team included players from the Indian national team as well as 10 foreign nations. “We strongly condemn this incident which has left the players in a state of shock and stress,

especially after a tough game,” HFC tweeted. HFC sought an immediate enquiry.

“We are inquiring into the allegations that the driver was manhandled,” a policeman said.

The Cyberabad traffic police went on a social media offensive. “The facts are that the bus was interposed by Gachibowli traffic police at 10.28 pm for excessive honring and using a prohibited air-horn,” it posted. “This was part of enforcement against heavy

vehicles at night in the IT corridor for road safety. The driver was asked for his driving license and other details. Instead, he kept arguing and caused traffic issues on the main road.”

Police said a case was registered for causing noise pollution, and stated that claims of manhandling were baseless.

“Hyderabad FC is advised to ask their transport agent to obey all the traffic rules and also remove the prohibited air-horn,” the Cyberabad traffic police said.



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India win second T20, level 3-match series

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Another Kumudben Joshi?

Plans to be active Governor despite having a popular government

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC
 HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

A series of eerie parallels between the Governorship of Kumudben Joshi, who led by strong political convictions took the then chief minister N.T. Rama Rao head-on, leading to a series of confrontations between the first citizen and head of government, and the early steps of current Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan has everyone analysing politics of the region asking themselves — is Ms Soundararajan walking on the footsteps of Kumudben Joshi?

E.S.L. Narasimhan, one of the longest serving governors in India, had extremely good terms with Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao. In fact, so friendly were the former governor and Mr Rao that it led Telangana BJP leaders to object to



Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan (right) and former TRS MP K. Kavitha at an event organised at a school on the occasion of Bharat Scouts and Guides Flag Day in Hyderabad on Thursday.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

Mr Narasimhan’s decisions and statements, and pushed them to demand

that the Centre replace him. Like Kumudben Joshi,

who was an active politician when she was appointed as governor of the united Andhra Pradesh, Tamilisai Soundararajan too was an active politician, serving as state president of Tamil Nadu BJP, when she was appointed as Governor of Telangana.

In fact, it was almost immediately after the appointment of Ms Soundararajan that political circles first recollected Ms Joshi in a long while, wondering if an encore would be witnessed in Hyderabad circa 2019.

N.T. Rama Rao, founder of the Telugu Desam, was chief minister in 1985 when the-then prime minister Rajiv Gandhi selected and appointed Joshi to create hurdles for NTR, hoping that would be enough to bring the Congress back to power in the state.

■ **Page 5: Relations between governor, CM may sour**

VIJAYA’S KILLER SURESH DIES IN HOSPITAL

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T.
 HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

Kura Suresh, the man who allegedly set Abdullapurmet tahsildar Ch. Vijaya Reddy afire and murdered her, has died. The only accused in the case, Suresh, who suffered over 60 per cent burns during his act of trying to kill Ms Reddy, succumbed to his injuries at the Osmania General Hospital (OGH) on Thursday.

The 38-year-old, a resident of Gowrelli village in the Ranga Reddy district, was initially shifted to a private hospital, but later admitted to the OGH for better treatment.

Though reports emerged Thursday morning that Suresh had succumbed, doctors said that he had been given ventilator support and remained critical. Later, at around 3.25 pm, the OGH doctors declared him dead.

■ **Page 8: Temple has ammunition stocked up**

■ **Page 6: We need answers, say Suresh’s kin**

After terrorists, Pak uses fake babas

PAWAN BALI | DC
 NEW DELHI, NOV. 7

Pakistan intelligence operatives are using the social media profiles of spiritual gurus and babas to trap Indian Army personnel for eliciting sensitive military information, said a dossier issued by the Indian Army in mid-October.

“Pakistani spies are posing as spiritual gurus or

babas on social media websites like YouTube and are targeting service personnel and their family members. Pakistan intelligence operatives are trying to gain the trust of the army personnel and their family members to extract sensitive military information from them through Skype or Whatsapp,” said the dossier.

The Indian army has

identified around 150 social media profiles of Pakistani spies, which are being used to trap its men.

The dossier also warned Indian army men about attempts to honey-trap them by the Pakistan spies through fake female profiles on social media sites like Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

On Wednesday, the Rajasthan Police arrested

two Indian army personnel — Lance Naik Ravi Verma and Sepoy Vichitra Behera — for sending sensitive information to Pakistan.

Both of them were honey-trapped by Pakistani spies posing as women on Facebook with the name of ‘Seerat’, said sources.

■ **Page 8: Pak spies called railway clerks for troop info**

Centre: AP’s RTC split incomplete

KCR’s privatisation plan hits a speed breaker

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
 HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

The Central government on Thursday gave striking Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) employees a huge relief, by categorically submitting before the High Court that the TSRTC was not a statutory entity. It further contended that the Centre’s share of 33 per cent in the erstwhile APSRTC would not automatically transfer to the TSRTC.

With these two strong statements, the Centre has given a huge morale booster to the RTC workers and pushed the K. Chandrasekhar Rao-led TRS government on the backfoot.

N. Rajeswara Rao, assistant solicitor-general of India (ASG), submitted that since the APSRTC has not been bifurcated, the Centre cannot be concerned about TSRTC, which has not even come into existence.

He further submitted that the Telangana government has never sought to establish a legal entity called TSRTC, under Section 47(A) of Transport Act, as was

■ **N. RAJESWARA** Rao, assistant solicitor-general of India, submitted that since the APSRTC has not been bifurcated, the Centre cannot be concerned about TSRTC, which has not even come into existence.

mandatory, nor has the Centre approved the bifurcation of APSRTC because there was no request from the residuary Telangana and Andhra Pradesh states.

The ASG made it unambiguous that no RTC could be established or an existing one bifurcated without the approval of the Union of India, as there was a specific law to deal with the issue. He said that the Centre’s share is 33 per cent, and not 31 per cent as claimed by the state government and some petitioners in the case.

The High Court Bench ruled out the contention of Ramakrishna Rao, principal secretary, state finance department, that Section 107 of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, envisages the setting up of an RTC by state government for

Telangana. The bench pointed out that the provision was applicable only when there was an inconsistency listed in Schedule 9 and 10 of the AP Reorganisation Act, but the case of RTC was distinct and concurrence of the Centre was necessary.

The Bench also refuted the submission of S.K. Joshi, chief secretary, who submitted that APSRTC was in schedule 9 of the AP Reorganisation Act and was bifurcated under Section 68(2) and 71 of the Act. In this background, the state government, which has been eager to privatise maximum number of routes, would not be able to move forward till the division of RTC assets between residuary states of AP and Telangana was completed.

Legal experts say that if the state government moved any further to privatise the RTC, such a move would not be able to withstand legal scrutiny, and would be found untenable after the Central government’s statement before the High Court.

Fadnavis likely to quit as CM

BHAGWAN PARAB and SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC
 MUMBAI, NOV. 7

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis is likely to submit his resignation to the Governor on Friday as his term ends on Saturday.

Reliable sources said the BJP will not stake claim to

form the government unless it has support of more than 145 MLAs, which is not possible if the Shiv Sena does not declare its support to the BJP-led government.

“Even if the governor invites the BJP to form the government, we will not accept it, if we are not sure about the clear majority,” the BJP leader said.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena moved its 56 legislators to a hotel in Bandra, close to party chief Uddhav Thackeray’s residence, to prevent poaching. However, senior party leader Sanjay Raut refuted the possibility of poaching.

■ **Page 8: Sena hopeful of Congress-NCP support**

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Good show

KTR praises tribal welfare department of minister Satyavati Rathod for grooming 200 young entrepreneurs



KCR should hang his head in shame over the statements by the High Court

— K. Krishna Saagar Rao
BJP spokesperson

BRIEF

NIRDPR to hold Foundation Day

Hyderabad: The National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (NIRDPR) has invited over 100 elected women representatives from all over the country for its 61st Foundation Day being held here on November 8 and 9. The theme of the day is 'Skillng for Development of Gram Panchayats'. A talk on the 'Role of Transparency and Accountability in Local Economic Development of Gram Panchayats will also be held on Friday.

AP MINISTER SEES NO COURT TROUBLE ON RTC

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 7

AP minister for transport, Perni Venkataramaiah, ruled out any trouble occurring with regard to the proposed merger of AP State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) with the state government given the revelations of the centre with regard to the corporation in the Telangana High Court on Thursday.

The minister said that the APSRTC board had a representative from the centre and it had accepted the merger of RTC employees into the government.

Referring to the ongoing tussle on this issue in Telangana state, where the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation is demanding it be merged into the government, the minister said this would have no impact in AP.

Venkataramaiah made it clear that the merger of APSRTC into the AP government was only a technical issue. Reacting to the centre's statement that there would be no bifurcation of the RTC between P and TS, the minister wondered how it could allocate funds for purchase of electric buses separately for both the states.

On other issues, the minister slammed former minister, J.C. Diwakar Reddy, for "lying" about the seizure of buses that belonged to him and said that the state government was going by the rules with regard to seizure of buses.

Referring to speculation that Mr Diwakar Reddy may join the YSRC, the minister asked who had invited him.

He said that as the veteran leader was in the last leg of his political life, there was no need for him in the party.

STUDENTS: WHY ONLY GUJARATI IN JEE MAINS?

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

City student bodies have criticised the decision to include only Gujarati as a regional language in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Mains and demanded that the test for entrance into elite engineering institutions be conducted in all regional languages.

Till last year, the examination was conducted in English and Hindi. Now, students, while filling the application can select Gujarati as an option for the question paper language, according to the latest notification. This, it was contended, would give Gujarati students a headstart over those studying in other regional languages.

A student leader from the Student Federation of India (SFI) stated, "This decision by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government is unconstitutional as it is giving undue importance to only one language when there are multiple regional languages in the country. All the languages should be given equal importance."

Students added that there is no any other reason behind this decision apart from gaining political leverage and exhibiting high-handedness of a single state and its language.

HC castigates bureaucracy over lies

Court amazed with the attitude of bureaucrats for filing illogical and callous affidavits: CJ

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA |
DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

It was not a good day in court for some of the top officials and bureaucrats of the Telangana state government on Thursday, with the two-Justice Bench showing the top bureaucrats of K. Chandrasekhar Rao's government their place.

The higher echelons of the TS bureaucracy, including the chief secretary, had to face the full flow of the majestic wrath of the Telangana High Court on Thursday for placing fudged figures and making contradictory statements about dues pending to the RTC by the state government and GHMC.

Chief secretary, S.K. Joshi, principal secretary of finance, K. Ramakrishna Rao, in-charge MD of TSRTC Sunil Sharma, besides the principal secretary of transport and commissioner of GHMC, and other concerned officers, were made to spend the entire forenoon session of around three-and-a-half hours in court, replying to a volley of questions posed by Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Ravindra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy, while dealing with PILs on the ongoing RTC strike.

Justice Chauhan observed that the court was amazed with the attitude of bureaucrats telling lies to court under oath, and filing illogical, callous affidavits, while pointing out to a series of contradictory financial figures given by principal secretary, finance, in two different affidavits about funds disbursed to RTC and statements of in-charge MD of RTC.

The CJ asked when these officers could easily mislead and cheat their own transport minister, even the Chief Minister, how could the court trust their statements or assume they were correct, in response to rationalisations offered by officers about their affidavits.

Justice Chauhan observed: "Even one month before the strike, you said the state owes money to the RTC. After the strike, you changed the stand and gave a tailored statement that the state had paid excess amount."

The CJ said, "You may show loyalty to the government, but do not tell lies to the High Court. The Judiciary only expects honesty from officers when litigation comes before it. Outside the court, you may do whatever you wish."

The bench said that though the court has immense power to deal with bureaucrats under perjury for filing false affidavits and misleading the court, they didn't chose to do so because they had sympathy and respect for the officers.

Maintaining that the court was not adversarial to the government, the Bench said, "we are also not satisfied with the attitude of RTC workers."

Reacting to submissions by B.S. Prasad, advocate



The indefinite strike by the employees of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation entered the 34th day on Thursday. The protesters took part in the 'Annadanam' programme at the Yadgirgutta Bus Depot on Wednesday. The depot has 450 employees. The Annadanam is being sponsored by some of the employees, retired employees, Left wing parties and NGOs. — P. SURENDRA

How will our dead ones rejoin duty? ask families

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

The bereaved families of the 22 RTC employees who breathed their last in the 34 days of the strike, gathered at Sundarayya Kala Vignana Kendram in the city on Thursday. Thousands of RTC employees were also present.

The families blame the Chief Minister's words during earlier press conferences for the loss of lives of their loved ones. "It was during the CM's speech, when he was talking about self-dismissal and privatisation, that the employees at home had panic and heart attacks. The CM should have kept the employees in mind

general, that workers had not responded to the Chief Minister's open offer to re-join duties, the Bench said, "the offer should be a promise, not a threat."

Recalling the state's response that it would not shell out a single penny to RTC, the bench said it had asked for the amount to create confidence on both sides for negotiations, as ₹47 crore would have met four out of 45 demands of workers.

The CJ said, "When the state government can withstand ₹30,000 crore debt to construct irrigation projects, why can't it shell out a mere ₹47 crore? It is just a drop in the ocean."

"We are not adversarial to the state government. Don't think so. We are also not happy with the work-

■ THE BEREAVED family members pointed out that Telangana state's sons and daughters are losing their lives while fighting for their rights even after the formation of Telangana state, which is pathetic. The families blame CM's words during conferences for the loss of life of their loved ones.

before speaking like that," said a family member of a RTC employee who died during the course of the strike. "Though he gave another chance for employees to re-join, we cannot get our loved ones back," said another family member.

As of now, about 22 RTC

ers' attitude. We had asked Prakash Reddy (counsel for trade unions) to bend them to join duties by using his good offices, it had not happened. Our endeavour to resolve the matter through reconciliation has unfortunately not materialised so far," the bench observed.

Applauding the government's welfare schemes, as they far exceeded the central government's, the Bench said it hoped the government would be generous to RTC workers and solve their problems.

Posting the case to November 11, the Bench instructed the CS to once again put forth the request of High Court to the state government to release ₹47 crore so that confidence was built between workers and RTC management.

employees have died, be it because of heart attacks or suicide. Leaders from various political parties were also present — Telugu Desam, Telangana Jana Samiti and others. Mr Ramana of the TD said, "It's the government that is responsible for the death of employees. If discussions were held at the right time, loss of life would not have happened."

Some political leaders gave financial contributions to the bereaved families. The bereaved family members pointed out that Telangana state's sons and daughters are losing their lives while fighting for their rights even after the formation of Telangana state, which is pathetic.

CONGRESS, BJP SAY THEY WILL JOIN MILLION MARCH

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) and the Telangana BJP unit have extended their support to the Million March planned for November 9, proposed by the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of the RTC striking employees.

TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy in a statement on Thursday called the party cadre to participate in huge numbers in the Million March. He said that Chief Minister, K. Chandrasekhar Rao, is behaving like a dictator in refusing to resolve the RTC strike, now in its 32nd day, despite the Telangana High Court directions that he dialogue with the protesting workers and solve the crisis immediately.

The TPCC chief said that the RTC JAC has requested Congress support and that he had asked the party cadre to participate in the Million March on November 9 and make it a success.

Elsewhere, Telangana state BJP president K. Laxman, said that their party will extend full support to the Million March. Speaking to the media, he accused the TRS government of adopting a recalcitrant attitude towards RTC employees in refusing to address their problems.

He alleged that the state government has totally failed to sort out the issues with the striking employees and is not showing any interest in resolving their problems. He said that Rao has given three deadlines to striking employees to join the duty and they defied all of them.



Families of the RTC employees who died during the ongoing strike gathered in the city at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram on Thursday. — S. SURENDER REDDY

WOMAN | POWER

Granddaughter says Moazzam Jah was deprived of rightful inheritance, mulls legal action

Nizam's great-granddaughter claims share

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

Princess Shafiya Sakina, great-granddaughter of last Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan, has urged the Government of India to provide her and her sister their legitimate share in the properties of the last Nizam.

She is the daughter of princess Fatima Fauzia who is the daughter of Prince Moazzam Jah Bahadur, the younger son of the Nizam VII, Mir Osman Ali Khan.

Addressing the media, the titular princess said she was contemplating filing a partition suit seeking her legitimate share in all the properties mentioned in the blue book. She urged the centre represented by the Union



Princess Shafia Sakina along with her family members addresses a press conference in city on Thursday.

finance secretary, who is ex-officio chairman of the H.E.H. the Nizam's Trust and other related trusts, to take action to protect her rights on the \$335 million fund, which belonged to the late Nizam in NatWest Bank London.

Princess Shafiya challenged the action of the last Nizam assigning the

the London Fund to President of India during pendency of the case and the action of princes Mukarram Jah Bahadur (Mir Barkat Ali Khan) and Muffakham Jah Bahadur (Mir Karamat Ali Khan), grandsons of Mir Osman Ali Khan claiming 50:50 share of Hillview and Shannon respectively. She

maintained that this action is illegal and void under rule *lis pendens* (pending suit).

The Nizam's great granddaughter claimed that the princes who are the sons of Prince Azam Jah, the eldest son of the last Nizam, had misled the Royal Court of London by concealing the name of Prince Moazzam Jah, the second son of Mir Osman Ali Khan and the father of princess Fatima. They also concealed the names of other named beneficiaries.

The princess said she as the eldest daughter of princess Fatima Fauzia, the eldest daughter of Prince Moazzam Jah, had rights on the amount.

She pointed out that under a Nizam Trust Deeds (Validation) Act 1950, 28 Trust Deeds have

been validated and they have the force of law. Under them, only the named beneficiaries in the deeds would get income though the corpus funds belonging to the issues of the named beneficiaries. She said earlier, the Nizam's jewellery was acquired by the Government of India for ₹218 crore.

In this, the shares of her grandfather, Prince Moazzam Jah, Princess Ahmedunnisa Begum, aka Shahzadi Pasha, the daughter of last Nizam, and Prince Basalath Jah (half-share holder), the step brother of last Nizam, were, cumulatively, ₹95 crore.

Princess Shafiya explained that after the death of Shahzadi Pasha in 1985, her share had gone to her

only blood brother Moazzam Jah, who was alive at that time, while Azam Jah Bahadur, another blood brother, had expired in 1970. Basalath Jah was issueless. Thus, the ₹95 crore corpus fund should have been divided among all his issues, including her. Instead, Mukarram Jah, Prince Moazzam Jah, Mufakkham Jah, Princess Esra (divorced wife of Mukarram Jah), Asif Pasha and various other beneficiaries, who are not issues of Moazzam Jah, distributed the fund among themselves by a compromise deed done on June 25, 2002, and she had been deprived of her genuine share. She claimed that she was also deprived of her share in two granddaughter's wedding gift trust deed on September 4,

1951, when she was a minor.

She alleged that while other legal heirs of Mir Osman Ali Khan were getting their shares of the properties of her great grandfather and funds deposited under various trusts, she has not got a single penny. Being one of the shareholders of all the palaces of her great grandfather and grandfather Moazzam Jah Bahadur, the second son of Mir Osman Ali Khan, she should reside in the palace. But Prince Mukarram Jah Bahadur, Prince Muffakham Jah Bahadur, Princess Esra, Asif Pasha and other trustees deprived her as well of her housing rights, the Princess stated, seeking the intervention of the government of India.



Peace meets

Hyderabad top cop Anjani Kumar holds meeting with central peace committee, organisers of Milad-un-Nabi processions

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FRIDAY | 8 NOVEMBER 2019 | HYDERABAD

CCMB scientist wins \$1L prize

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

The structure and synthesis of the bacterial cell wall is fundamental to the growth and division of cells of bacteria which help in understanding the role of antibiotics. A ground-breaking study that provides a unique insight into the process has won Dr Manjula Reddy, CCMB chief scientist the \$1,00,000 Infosys Prize for Life Sciences.

The award contains a gold medal, a citation and \$1,00,000 (₹70.95 lakh).

Bacteria can grow and divide once every 20 minutes in a resource-rich environment. To achieve this, they have to rapidly build their cell walls to make two cells from one.

For a long time, scientists believed that the cell wall needs to be broken in



Dr Manjula Reddy

a controlled manner to allow a new cell wall to be built. Knowledge of what makes this possible has remained elusive.

Dr Reddy's team became the first one to identify the enzymes that carry out controlled cleavage of the cell walls. Her work led to an understanding of the mechanisms that regulate this fundamental step.

Dr Reddy's work has opened up an avenue for targeting the initial steps of cell wall synthesis, the citation said.

In the name of the Guru



As part of the 550th birth anniversary celebrations (Prakash Utsav) of Guru Nanak Deviji, a Sikh youth performs the Gatka, a martial art form, during the colourful Nagar Keertan taken out from Gurudwara Sahib Secunderabad on Thursday. — P. SURENDRA

Dr Soma Raju shifts to AIG

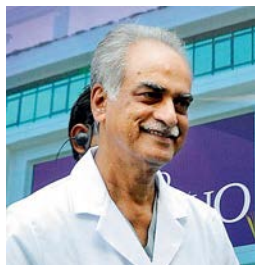
Care Hospitals shores up its strength

KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

The buzz in super speciality hospitals in the city is about the shifting of senior cardiologist Dr Soma Raju from Care Hospitals to the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology at Gachibowli and how this will affect Care which was seen very much as his baby. Dr Raju, a well-known cardiologist sees about 40 out-patients daily, apart from his surgical cases. He has built a tremendous reputation for himself and there are patients who only want to be treated by him. Should these patients move to the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology along with him, it will entail a revenue loss to Care Hospital estimated at ₹2 crore per month.

The 800-bed AIG is going to have a cardiology unit. Work is apace to make it a hospital with all the major super specialities.

The shift of Dr Raju will strengthen emergency cardiac care in the unit as there are no government hospitals



Dr Soma Raju

in the vicinity of AIG.

Dr Raju worked for a decade with the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences and was the head of its cardiology unit and dean. He moved to Medici Hospital and then started Care Hospital at Nampally in 1995.

During the last five years, Care Hospital has been expanding and different groups took stakes in the company. It is learnt that Dr Raju has given up his entire stake and is moving out. The final deal was for ₹1,800 crore. Dr Soma Raju worked till October 22 with Care Hospital.

Dr Raajiv Singhal, Care Hospital's chief executive officer, explained, "There are many seniors in the

cardiology team and only some have gone with Dr Raju. Eight cardiologists will join us. We are very frank with the patients and tell them that Dr Soma Raju is not working with us anymore. There has not been any incidence of the patient going away."

AIG Hospitals, Gachibowli has put out a list of 22 cardiologists who have joined the hospital along with Dr Raju. The team has been at the forefront of innovative and complex cardiac services having a total of over 1 lakh angiograms and 25,000 device implantations have been done by renowned electrophysiologist Dr C Narasimhan.

Dr D. Nageshwar Reddy, chairman, AIG Hospitals, said, "Apart from being a great clinician, Dr Soma Raju has an unwavering commitment to academics and research. We will utilise his experience and knowledge to undertake cutting-edge research to develop newer technologies in our crusade against heart disease."

Vegetable prices zoom under late rain impact

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

Residents of the city are paying through their nose for their daily dose of veggies, courtesy the heavy downpours that affected the supply of vegetables in the city.

Onions are being sold at anywhere between ₹80-90 per kilo at the open markets. Even the agriculture department's own rythu bazaar is selling it for ₹45 per kilo.

Experts like G.V. Ramanjaneyulu, centre for sustainable agriculture, say that the rain has hit areas which are major suppliers of vegetables to the city. "Most vegetables come from Bengaluru, Chittoor, Mulugu, Medchal, Ibrahimpatnam and Moinsabad. These areas have received a lot of unseasonal rains which destroyed the vegetable crop," he said.

The price rise has gone to such an extent that officials of the agricultural marketing department concur that it is happening due to the lack of supply of vegetables to the farmers' markets.

"There has been a marginal increase in the prices of vegetables when compared to last week. This is due to sudden heavy rain that hindered supply to the city's markets," said an

VEGETABLE PRICES HEAD NORTH AS MARKET REELS UNDER A SHORTAGE

	Price fixed on 6.11.19	Price fixed on 4.11.19
Tomato	28	24
Green chillies	20	18
Potato	25	22
Lady finger	38	25
Cucumber	10	12
Onion	45	40
Cabbage	15	12

■ THE PRICE has risen to such an extent that officials of the agricultural marketing department are having to agree that it is being caused by the lack of supply of vegetables to the farmers' markets.

■ Government says due to the torrential rains lashing various parts of the state, there has been a sudden hike in prices. Officers say they are taking steps to dampen the price rise.

official of the department, requesting anonymity.

While there has been a decreased supply of vegetables to Hyderabad, farmers are trying to make the best

of the situation and are selling vegetables at a higher price.

"Due to the torrential rains lashing various parts of the state, there has been a sudden hike in prices, but we are taking measures to ensure that the prices are brought under control," G. Lakshmi Bai, director of agricultural marketing told *Deccan Chronicle*. "Arrivals to the city's agrarian markets are increasing day by day and we are expecting sufficient arrivals in couple of days to meet the city's need," she added.

While that is the case, farmers allege that the middle-men are cashing in on the unprecedented rains, and are charging higher than usual prices.



Ahead of Medaram Jatara, roads are being repaired for devotees

— Errabelli Dayakar Rao
Panchayat raj minister

IN BRIEF

Farmer ends life over passbook

Vijayawada: A farmer allegedly committed suicide due to alleged negligence of revenue officials in changing his name in the pattadar passbook. Farmer Kodali Swami Dasu, 70, ended his life in his house at Komatigunta Laku of Kankipadu Mandal of Krishna district on Thursday. The family alleged that Dasu was making the rounds of the tahsildar office for change of name but in vain. He suicide by consuming pesticides.

VIJAYAWADA MARATHON ON NOV. 10

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 7

The fourth edition of the annual Vijayawada Marathon would be held on November 10. Organising committee chairman T. Mani Deepak on Thursday released a poster and T-shirts of the event.

Mr Deepak said that the run will be organised in three different categories — 5K Run, 10K Run and 21K Run. He said that they have been organising this run for the last three years and all the participants will be given T-shirt, breakfast timing certificate and finisher medal.

Participants can register on the website www.vijayawada-runners.com or call 9848986259 or 8555045920.

LENSMAN FALLS OFF BRIDGE, DIES

DC CORRESPONDENT
SIRCILLA, NOV. 7

A 20-year-old youth allegedly slipped from the Kodurupaka bridge and died on Thursday in Boinapalli mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district. Sub-inspector Laxman Reddy identified Rajashekar, 20, the resident of Ramanthapur of Hyderabad. The victim had gone to Karimnagar for a pre-wedding shoot.

After completing the shooting, they visited Vemulawada to have darshan of Lord Shiva at the famous temple, and decided to take photographs in the temple town. While they were shooting, Rajashekar who tried to find out better locations tried to cross the bridge, slipped from it and died on the spot. After registering a case, the body was sent for postmortem.

TEAM HAWKS U.S. VARSITY AT GITAM

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

A three-member team from the National University, San Diego, California, USA, headed by Mr Brandon Jouganas, vice-president, enrolment management and student success, visited GITAM, a deemed-to-be university, in Hyderabad on Thursday.

They interacted with higher officials of GITAM and discussed on academic and twinning programs, more particularly on cyber security, data science, management, psychology and joint research programmes etc. After deliberations they have came up with a conclusion to associate in the selected areas like cutting edge research, academic collaboration, students and faculty exchange programme in engineering and management streams etc.

Mr Jouganas briefed the academics about National University, recognition, accreditations, location, experience, programme on offer, career and job opportunities.



HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

District Commercial Complex, Administrative 'L' - Block, Tarnaka, Hyderabad - 500 007

Notification No. 4300/LPS/ HMDA/2019 **Date:05-11-2019**

Notification of Declaration of Intention as Per Rule 6(1) (A) and (B) of G.O. MS.No. 306 MA&U.D. Dt:07-12-2017 to Undertake Land Pooling Scheme in Prathapsingaram to an Extent of Ac-593-04 Gts. and Koremulla Village to an Extent of Ac-981-39 Gts. of Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

(1) The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) declares the intention to notify the area specified in Annexure 1 for land pooling scheme and calls for Consent Applications from willing land owners in **Form 2**, for the lands specified in **Annexure 1** expressing consent to participate in the land pooling scheme, in accordance with the provisions of the HMDA Act 2008, and the broad objectives, process of the scheme, role and responsibility of Authority/Government/land owners, other salient features and terms and conditions for the land pooling scheme at Annexure 2. The applications shall reach the HMDA within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notification from the willing owners. (2) Objections and suggestions from interested persons within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification; and Any objections or suggestions which are received after the due date or which do not clearly explain the nature of the senders interest in the proposed lands are liable to be summarily rejected. (3) A copy of the plan of the proposed area for the land pooling scheme is kept open for inspection of the land owners including the public at the office of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), Tarnaka, Hyderabad during office hours and also in the web site of the HMDA (www.hmda.gov.in). (4) The HMDA will conduct stakeholder consultations in the villages in order to explain the details of the scheme in due course.

ANNEXURE-1

SY. NUMBERS & EXTENT COVERED IN THE SCHEME/PROJECT


PRATHAPISINGARAM VILLAGE, GHATKESAR MANDAL, MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI DISTRICT

Sl. No.	Revenue Survey Number	Approx. Ext. (in Ac)
1.	1 to 50, 53 to 123, 125 to 146, 148 to 161, 176 to 179, 184 to 306, 329 to 374, 376, 381, 382, 385.	Acres 593-04 Guntas

KOREMULLA VILLAGE, GHATKESAR MANDAL, MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI DISTRICT

1.	2/1, 2/2, 3 to 12, 14 to 54, 136 to 149, 156, 157, 159, 162, 178, 179, 180, 181 to 196, 197 to 201, 204 to 207, 216 to 220, 222 to 240, 244 to 254, 284 to 276, 278 to 300, 301 to 316, 321, 325 to 327, 329 to 332, 369 to 373, 380 to 400, 401 to 477, 498 to 500, 502 to 569, 571 to 624, 626, 627, 628, 630 to 644, 662 to 667, 669 to 691, 693 to 702.	Acres 981-39 Guntas
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R.O. No. : 249-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2019-20, Date: 07-11-2019 **Sd/- Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA**



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Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority

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District Commercial Complex, Administrative 'L' - Block, Tarnaka, Hyderabad - 500 007

Notification No. 4300/LPS/ HMDA/2019 Date:05-11-2019

Notification of Declaration of Intention as Per Rule 6(1) (A) and (B) of G.O. MS.No. 306 MA & U.D. Dt:07-12-2017, to Undertake Land Pooling Scheme in Mokila Village, Shankerpally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, to an Extent of Acres 456-14 Guntas.

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SY. NUMBERS & EXTENT COVERED IN THE SCHEME/PROJECT

MOKILA VILLAGE, SHANKERPALLY MANDAL, RANGA REDDY DISTRICT

Sl. No.	Revenue Survey Number	Approx. Extent (in Acres)
1.	2,3,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,26,27,28,29,31,32,34,35,47,53,245,246,247,248,249,250,251,252,253,254,255,256,257,258,259,261,262,263,264,265,266,267,268,269,270,271,272,273,274,275,276,277,278,279,280,281,282,283,284,285,288,289,290,292,293,310,311,312,313,314,315,316,317,318,319,320,329,330,331,332,333.	Acres 456-14 Guntas

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Accident warning

Nizamabad police commissioner Karthikeya appeals to farmers not to dry paddy on the roads as it is leading to fatal accidents

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Pass certificates are being printed, and will be issued after 10 days

— Sabitha Reddy
Education minister

BRIEF

2 MES staffers arrested for theft

Hyderabad: Two persons working on a contract basis at the Military Engineering Services quarters in the Indian Air Force Academy in Dundigal were arrested by the Medchal police for stealing gold and silver ornaments from the house of an MES employee on Thursday. The accused were identified as D. Manish, 23, clerk, and P. Veerender, 22, an office boy, at MES. They were alleged to have stolen 19 tolas of gold and 10 tolas of silver articles from the house of one Chinna Brahmaiah. They were arrested when they tried to sell the booty.

Man takes ₹5L from girl, escapes

Hyderabad: A record assistant working in a private school was arrested by the Saroornagar police on Thursday for professing love and persuading a Class X student to get ₹5 lakh from her house. Saroornagar inspector E. Srinivas Reddy said the Y. Sumanth Reddy, 21, of Korivenigudem, Nalgonda district, was working as a record assistant at a private school in Kothapet. He lured the girl by pretending to be in love with her. On his urging, she stole ₹5 lakh from her house and gave it to him. Her father had kept the money in the house for land registration. After taking the money, the accused absconded.

WOMAN'S KILLED, PAL IS SUSPECT

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

The decomposed body of a 36-year-old woman, Padma, was found in a house in Rambagh, Attapur, on Thursday.

The Rajendranagar police said her husband Chander Rao lives at a village near Bidar due to disputes. Her eight-year-old daughter used to stay with Padma, another daughter, 12, is studying in a residential school.

The locals alerted the police after they got a foul smell from the house. Police opened the house to find Padma's decomposed body. She had been hit with a blunt object on the head and strangled.

Police said on November 5, her daughter returned home from school and found the house locked. She went to a friend's house and was handed over to her aunt, a police officer said. Police suspects Padma's family friend Srikanth of the murder, he was seen at her house recently.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have intended and proposed to acquire by purchase from its lawful owners and possessors 1) Sri. MEDAMPUDI DATTU VARA PRASAD RAO S/o Sri. M.VENKATESHWARA RAO, Flat No.501, H.No.8-3-945, Sri Nilaya Estates, Ameerpet, Hyderabad, 4) Sri. M. PANDU S/o. Late Sri. RANGAIAH, R/o. Flat No. 405, Legend Apartments, Street No.14, Himayathnagar, Hyderabad, 5) Sri. ASIF ALLADIN S/o. Late NOOR MOHD. ALLADIN, and 6) Smt. NAFESA MASOOD ALI W/o. Late MASOOD ALI, both residents of No.65, P and T Colony, Staff Road, Secunderabad, relating to all that four properties each admeasuring 1196 sq.yds., (owned and possessed by Sl.Nos.1 to 4) and 1672.5 sq.yds (jointly owned and possessed by Sl.Nos.5 and 6) totally aggregating to 6456.5 sq.yds., along with existing structures therein bearing Municipal No. 7-2-1813/5/A/1 (Part), Sanathnagar (also known as Fathenagar), Hyderabad. If any person/s have any kind of right, title, claim or interest therein may inform the undersigned of their right, title, claim or interest therein with all the documentary evidence in support thereof within SEVEN DAYS of the publication of this notice. If no objections are received by the said date, my client will proceed with the sale transaction and any objection/s received thereafter will not be entertained.
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Realtor, gang nabbed for smuggling sanders

Junior artiste, 2 others held with wood valued at ₹1cr

JAYENDRA CHAITANYA
T.I DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

Inspired by a notorious red sanders smuggler from Andhra Pradesh, a realtor from Anantapur formed a gang and smuggled the wood to sell in Telangana state.

The Hyderabad police arrested the realtor and his three aides including a junior artiste on Thursday and seized 2.5 tonnes of red sanders worth ₹1 crore, and a car.

The police said that accused persons identified as N. Radha

Krishna, 40, a realtor from Anantapur, K. Chandra, 34, N. Chennai, 25, a junior artiste in the films hailing from Teegalapalli in Mahbubnagar and Ram Sevak Kumar M., 32, a watchman of a farmhouse at Pedda Shapur area. Another accused Shiva is still at large. Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar said Radha Krishna, who was doing real estate business, mining, coconut, and red gravel businesses incurred losses. Radha Krishna got inspired by notorious red sanders

smuggler Gangi Reddy of Kadapa and formed a gang by involving the others.

"Radha Krishna along with his aide Shiva purchased 2,500 kg of red sanders at ₹400 per kg from the Lankamalla reserved forest in Kadapa. They collected wood with the help of Chandra and shifted it to the city by concealing in a car. The red sanders were put at Ram Sevak Kumar's room at a farmhouse and agreed to pay ₹10,000 per month," Mr Anjani Kumar said.

On Thursday, the

accused persons were found moving under suspicious conditions in a car at Punjagutta, and a tip was received by the Task Force sleuths.

When the police teams checked the accused, it was found that the registration number plate of the car was fake and also red sanders were concealed in the car, the commissioner stated.

The accused have been placed under the arrest and the teams are working on the clues to apprehend another accused Shiva, Mr Anjani Kumar said.

Covering up



A student covers the registration number plate of a two-wheeler with his college bag to avoid being booked by the police at Banjara Hills, on Thursday. The students were triple-riding and the rider was not wearing his helmet.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

3 KGS OF GOLD, ₹5.5L STOLEN FROM JEWELLER

DC CORRESPONDENT
KURNOOL, NOV. 7

In a daring robbery, thieves broke into a jewellery shop in Nandyal and decamped with 3 kgs of gold and ₹5.5 lakh in cash in the early hours of Thursday. The robbers entered the jewellery shop by breaking the lock on the staircase and accessed the shop floor through the roof, said Nandyal One Town circle inspector Prabhakar Reddy.

Earlier reports suggested that the thieves drilled a hole into the wall from the rear portion of the building. The circle inspector vehemently denied reports that the wall was drilled and said it was only by breaking the lock on the staircase.

Two-month-old stolen from train

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, NOV. 7

An unidentified woman kidnapped a two-month-old-baby girl while she was sleeping along with her parents in Seshadri Express going to Bengaluru on Wednesday night.

According to sources, parents Gopi and Krishnaveni were travelling with their baby in the express train. After they slept, an unidentified woman kidnapped the baby.

They realised that their baby was missing when they got up at the Kavali station. The distraught parents then lodged

■ CCTV FOOTAGE showed a woman getting down at Kavali station and engaging an autorickshaw

a complaint with the Railway Police.

Verification of video from CCTV cameras at the Kavali station and other places showed an unidentified woman getting down with the baby, engaging an autorickshaw and travelling towards Kandukuru in Prakasam district by an RTC bus. Railway police has released pictures of the woman on social media in an effort to rescue the baby.

MAN KILLS WIFE FOR UPLOADING TIKTOK VIDEOS

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, NOV. 7

In a shocking incident, a man killed his wife at Thaluru in Kanigiri mandal of Prakasam district for repeatedly posting videos on TikTok despite his warnings against it.

According to sources, Fathima, who was in her late 30s, was married to one Pacchu, a tailor. The couple was living at a rented house in Thaluru. Fathima reportedly became an addict of TikTok and began uploading numerous videos.

Pacchu, who came across the videos, warned her against it several times but Fathima continued her uploads on TikTok, a police official said after beginning investigations.

The couple ended up arguing over the issue several times. As the issue went on, Pacchu also started doubting her fidelity.

On Thursday, he allegedly killed Fathima at their residence by hitting her head repeatedly with a wooden chapati roller. He later tried to make it appear as if Fathima had hanged herself with a rope.

On persistent interrogation by police, he confessed to killing his wife. Pacchu has since been arrested and remanded to custody, the police official said.

ACB ARRESTS PANCHAYAT OFFICER TAKING ₹1L

DC CORRESPONDENT
Hyderabad, Nov. 7

Medchal-Malkajgiri panchayat officer A. Ravi Kumar was arrested by Anti-Corruption Bureau officials at his office while taking a bribe of ₹1

lakh from the ex-sarpanch to do an official favour, on Thursday.

The ACB said Kumar was caught at about 12.55 pm, when he was accepting the money which was part of the ₹4 lakh bribe he demanded

from Gundla Pochampally ex-sarpanch Beri Eshwar.

ACB said Kumar had demanded the bribe to sort out the special audit ordered against Eshwar for his tenure as the sarpanch of the village.

Sad Demise

MURALIDHAR TENNETI
(Passed away on 30th October, 2019)
Dr. Indrani (Sister) & Family

"Many who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake to 'Everlasting Life' - Daniel 12:2

Shri Dr. DEVAPUTRA MATHANGI
DOB: 24 Nov. 1951 - DOD: 4 Nov. 2019
Memorial Service on Friday, 8 Nov. 2019 @ 5 p.m. Add: Barur Methodist Church, Barur Village, Dist-Bidar, Barur-585403
IN LOVE
WIFE, CHILDREN & GRAND CHILDREN
(A/1920/D00069)

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

B. PARTHASARATHY
DOB:16-05-1936 DOD:08-11-2016
"You remain with us every moment, guiding us in spirit & in action."
Inserted by: Family Members
Ph: 040-27700348 / 9989502589

1st ANNIVERSARY

AKKINEPALLY LAKSHMI
W/o. Akkinapally Hanumantha Rao
SAMVATSAREEKAM, PRADHAMABHDHAKAM & ASHIRVACHANAM on 9th Nov. 2019 Saturday
Venue: Palidur Bhawan, Behind Mahalakshmi Theatre, Kothapet, Hyderabad.
Inserted by: Dr. A. Ajay Kumar (Son)
Sree Lekha (Daughter in - law)
Adarsh, Akshitha (Grand sons)
Ph: 9866585850, 9866623266

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY
"I have a building of God. Eternal in the heavens." Ps 115:1
COR 5:1

M. TIRUMAL
DOD: 08-11-2018
The pain of losing you is immeasurable. Every day we remember you in our prayers, in our thoughts. Your memory can never be forgotten. We love you so much and miss you.
Inserted by: Beloved Wife - SIRISHA Children & Relatives
PH: 8919255471, 9392766669

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY
"I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Ps 23:6

BORUGADDA ANNIE GRACE
W/o K.S.K. Srinivasa Rao
DOB: 2-7-1934 DOD: 8-11-2018
Inserted by: Sydney Kalangi (Son)
K. Ratna Sree (Daughter) & Grand Children
Ph: 9889-447064

5th ANNIVERSARY
"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of HIS saints. Psalms 116:15

PREMA JANARDHAN RAO
St. Mary's High School, Hasmathpet.
The life you led and the legacy you left we still carry on everyday. Remembering you in silent tears.
-- Family Members
(S/1920/D01201)

Sad Demise

MURALIDHAR TENNETI
(Passed away on 30th October, 2019)
Vijay Tenneti (Brother) & Family

Sad Demise

MURALIDHAR TENNETI
(Passed away on 30th October, 2019)
Ravindra Prasad Tenneti (Brother) & Family

SRI DODLA MALLA REDDY GARU
DOB: 12.05.1936 DOD: 08.11.2018

UTHAVANA

SRI SUMERMALJI SINGHI (LADNU)
(S/o : Late Sri Tarachandji Rai Kanwar Devi Singhi)
EXPIRED : 6 November, 2019
UTHAVANA : Today to be held 8 Nov. 19 @ 10.15 am at Terapanthi Bhawan, D.V. Colony, Sec'bad.
Inserted by: Vimlesh Singh (Wife) Sailesh, Sanjeev (Son's) & Singhi Family
Ph : 9000924789, 9347395209, 9246347365

Sad Demise

MURALIDHAR TENNETI
"The Song has ended but your melody shall linger forever"
We invite all Friends for the 11th day Ceremony on 9th November at 12 Noon in Hotel Dasappa, Jubilee Hills.
T Krishna Prasad IPS
DGP and Chairman Road Safety Authority, Telangana (Brother & Tenneti Family)

SHRADHANJALI

SRI SUMERMALJI SINGHI
President
Telangana Hire Purchase Association
Served the association for 47 years
MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE !
Fondly remembered by Board & Members

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints Ps: 116:15

LATE MRS. BALUSU MARGARETTE PADMA RAO
(Retd. Nursing Supdt., CSI Hospital, Medak)
Thanksgiving & Memorial Service will be held Today (08-11-2019) at 11.30 am at our residence, Mission Compound, Medak. Kindly treat this as personal invitation and attend the service.
Inserted by: Sister : Mrs. Sumathi Joy Kumar Sons : Mr. Salen Chitharanjan, Mr. Vivek Daughters-in-Law & Grand Children
Contact details : 9390122499

9th ANNIVERSARY

SMT. KAMAL MAHURKAR
W/o Late Shri Ambadas Mahurkar
DOB-07-04-1941 DOD-08-11-2010
Inserted by: FAMILY & FRIENDS

12th ANNIVERSARY

Late.Sri. C.KRISHNAMACHARYA
(Advocate)
Its been 12 years that you disappeared from our sight but not from our memories, left from our touch but not from our hearts.
Fondly Remembered By: Family Members
Ph: 27808393, 9848012870

IN LOVING MEMORY
We remember you with pride & gratitude. Your presence remains with us like a blessing. We miss your love, affection & guidance. We cherish your virtues of high principles, hard work, honesty & generosity. Your path of righteousness will continue to inspire us.
From: Son, Daughters, Sons-in-Law, Grand Daughters & Grand Sons.

7th ANNIVERSARY

Smt. M. KUSUMA MASTAN RAO
DOB: 30.10.1938 DOD: 08.11.2012
We miss your smile, your Cheerful ways, With you we spent our Happiest Days. A Beautiful Memory Dearer than Gold, of one Whose Worth can never be Told. Diving Soul who showed us the path of Excellence.
May you Soul rest in Eternal Bliss, In profound Grief with Silent Tears
Veera Swamy Meka (Son) - 9849023832/7207214444
Prakash S. Meka (Son) - 9868012324
Vijayalakshmi M. (Daughter) - 9848791043 & FAMILY MEMBERS
H.No. 384, Kusumastan Nilayam, Near Vengal Rao Park Car parking, Rd. No.5, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-34.

REMEMBRANCE

P. ANAND KUMAR
IYC Jt. Sec-tar, APCC Sec-tary
Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. But missing you is a heartache that doesn't go away
Inserted by: S. Anil Kumar, M.A. Saleem S. Vijay, Kiran, Sanjeev, Vinod Pawle, G. Sudhakar, kodur. Nageshwar Rao

Sad Demise

MURALIDHAR TENNETI
(Passed away on 30th October, 2019)
Chandra Shekhar Tenneti (Brother) & Family

9th DEATH ANNIVERSARY
The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Isaiah 57:1

REV. JOHN VICTOR VITHAL
DOB: 12-07-1945 DOD: 08-11-2010
Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day unseen, unheard - so loved so missed.
Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS

Sad Demise

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(Passed away on 30th October, 2019)
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Sad Demise

MURALIDHAR TENNETI
(Passed away on 30th October, 2019)
Prabhakar Tenneti (Brother) & Family



New horizons

Sadhineni Yamini resigns as AP TD women's wing president and from the party, cites internal differences



People of neighbouring states yearn to have a CM like Jagan

— R.K. Roja
APIC chief

IN BRIEF



SANTOSH REDDY APPOINTED LAW SECRETARY

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

District judge, A. Santosh Reddy, was on Thursday appointed law secretary of the Telangana state government. Reddy is currently the member secretary of the Telangana Legal Services Authority.

The law secretary's post fell vacant when the incumbent, Mr V. Niranjan Rao, took voluntary retirement from judicial services a few days ago.

2K ACRES TO GO UNDER HMDA LAND POOLING

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has decided to acquire 2,051 acres in Pratapsingaram and Korremula in Ghatkesar mandal of Medchal-Malkajgiri district, and in Mokila in Ranga Reddy district, under the land pooling scheme (LPS) in Phase-1.

HMDA commissioner, Arvind Kumar, said the government had approved of the HMDA land pooling rules, 2017 to promote and facilitate planned development in the capital's metropolitan region.

In a press communique, he said that in order to promote efficient, sustainable and equitable development in urban areas, the LPS is an efficient mechanism for planned development, in accordance with the master plan.

He said that the LPS gives an option to farmers to become partners in the development process and they are not deprived of their land.

Explaining the salient features of the scheme, he said that under the LPS, farmers will get the brand 'Developed by HMDA,' increased market value compared to other lands, well-serviced housing plots with world class facilities like water, electricity, sewerage disposal, parks, sewerage treatment plants (STPs) and they can sell or build in accordance with their requirements. He said that the landowners will get reconstituted land from the HMDA which enhances value and saleability and proportionate well-developed land with proper access in lieu of irregular land without access.

Officer who complained against Prakash to LVS gets transferred

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 7

Soon after the shocking transfer of senior IAS officer, L.V. Subrahmanyam, as chief secretary, the Jagan Mohan Reddy government on Thursday moved out additional secretary, K. Gurumurthy, from the General Administration Department (GAD).

It was Gurumurthy who had lodged a complaint with Subrahmanyam against GAD principal secretary (political), Praveen Prakash, a few days ago. The shunting out of the additional secretary strengthens the opinion that Prakash is now emerging as a power centre.

Subrahmanyam had essentially been removed from the chief secretary's post by the Jagan government after he issued a show cause notice to Prakash. In his complaint, Gurumurthy had alleged that Prakash had been abusing him in front of others and requested the chief secretary that he (Gurumurthy) be transferred to another department.

After receiving the complaint, Subrahmanyam is learnt to have summoned both Prakash and Gurumurthy and resolved the issue between them. It appeared that the matter had been settled. However, in a surprise

development, Gurumurthy was transferred on Thursday as additional secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department.

In his complaint to the then chief secretary, Gurumurthy had said, "Praveen Prakash, (Principal Secretary (political)) is not communicative, and he is of postponing and delaying nature. He always throws blame on others and on me without any fault from my side and abuses me in front of others and thus insulted me plenty of times.

I have cleared civil services like him in 1993 civil service examination, rendered so far 24 years of service and taking abuses

from him at this age is unbearable. It will be difficult for me to work under him. Kindly post me to some other department (sic)," Gurumurthy had written. Sources in the Chief Minister's office said Gurumurthy had the support of Subrahmanyam. However, after the latter was removed from the chief secretary's post, Gurumurthy's transfer was on the cards.

Subrahmanyam, meanwhile, has proceeded on leave without taking charge of his new posting as the director general of Andhra Pradesh Human Resources Development Institute at Bapatla.

Assault on Bandi Sanjay attracts NHRC notice

Karimnagar MP files complaint with Lok Sabha Speaker

PULI SHARAT KUMAR I
DC
KARIMNAGAR, NOV. 7

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Thursday registered a case against the Telangana state government chief secretary, home secretary, director general of police, and the commissioner of Ramagundam police for the alleged attack on Bharatiya Janata Party Karimnagar MP, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, and issued notices to them.

Mr Kumar moved a privilege motion regarding the alleged attack after meeting with Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, in New Delhi. He was accompanied by BJP parliamentary secretary, Kamarasu Balasubramnyam.

Kumar had alleged that he had been assaulted by police officials when he was taking part in the funeral procession of RTC



BJP MP, Bandi Sanjay, lodges a complaint with Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, on Thursday.

driver, N. Babu, of Karimnagar bus depot-II on November 1. The driver died of cardiac arrest the previous day, apparently

under stress due to unpaid bills and financial security against the backdrop of the RTC strike. The police tried to stop

them and an argument ensued. At that time, Mr Kumar alleged, some police officials held him by his shirt collar, man-handled and assaulted him.

Kumar also briefed Speaker, Om Birla, about the attack on him and BHP activists and submitted some photographs, videos and paper clippings of the incident.

He also informed the Speaker that a case was registered by NHRC on the issue.

Birla, after examining the evidence, ordered the chairman of the privileges committee, Sushil Kumar Singh, to institute an inquiry.

Birla also ordered the committee to give a report at the earliest after completing the inquiry and assured the MP that action would be taken against the police officials who allegedly attacked him.

KTR seeks plans for urban growth

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

Municipal administration and urban development minister, K.T. Rama Rao, on Thursday said cities will play a major role in the growth story of the state in the future.

While holding a review with chairpersons and senior officials of urban development authorities (UDAs) in the state, Mr Rama Rao said that 43 per cent of the state's population lives in cities and the number would increase to

■ The minister said that in future, 50% of the state's population would live in cities, calling for master plans keeping this in mind.

50 per cent in the future.

He instructed the officials to prepare detailed master plans for each of the UDAs keeping future development and increasing populations in mind and that the UDAs should ensure revenue is mobilised from available

sources to fund the various development activities being planned.

The minister asked officials to prepare a detailed report on the land banks within UDA limits in the state. He said that the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority had been implementing innovative schemes and asked the officials to emulate HMDA's best practices. He asked them to focus on green and industrial zones, water bodies and the development of suburban areas in the

master plans.

Reminding those present that the government had recently announced the layouts regularization programme for all the new municipalities in the state, he asked the officials to get tough on illegal layouts. MA&UD principal secretary, Arvind Kumar, UDA chairpersons, Marri Yadava Reddy (Warangal), G.V. Rama Krishna Rao (Karimnagar), Ravinder Reddy (Siddipet) and Prabhakar Reddy (Nizamabad) attended the meeting.

Tension grows between TRS MLAs, ministers, governance hit

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY
| DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

The war between ministers and members of the Legislative Assembly seems to be heating up, with senior MLAs believing they have been ignored and those junior to them where newcomers to the party have been given ministerial posts.

Senior MLAs are keeping a distance from ministers touring their constituencies and ministers are confining themselves to their home constituencies instead of touring the entire district.

Sources in the Telangana Rashtra Samiti said that most ministers

■ Upset over the induction of lower ranked MLAs into the Cabinet, senior MLAs are keeping a distance from ministers touring their constituencies.

are facing this problem and are therefore not monitoring the implementation of schemes and development programmes announced by the state government in their constituencies.

Sources pointed out that Ch. Malla Reddy, despite being a minister, has confined himself to his home constituency and agriculture minister, S. Niranjan Reddy and

excise minister, V. Srinivas Goud, are also either visiting their home constituencies or staying in Hyderabad.

It is also rumoured that Gadwal MLA, Krishna Mohan Reddy, and minister, Niranjan Reddy, are not on good terms.

Minister, Talasani Srinivas Yadav, is also rumoured to be not on good terms with MLAs as his son's defeat in the Lok Sabha elections has been attributed to the MLAs.

The same situation is said to be prevailing in Adilabad district.

It is rumoured that minister, A. Indrakaran Reddy, is not on good terms with the MLAs.

Gov-CM relation may sour

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Not far from current scenario, when, at a time when BJP is making a serious bid to unseat the TRS in Telangana by the next Assembly elections, Ms Soundararajan was appointed the Governor. Interestingly, Ms Joshi succeeded in her task assigned by her Congress party high command.

Akin to Joshi, who would hold review meetings, summoning IAS and other officers, and would have direct interactions with them, Governor Soundararajan too has started along the path, and recently held review meetings with education and tribal welfare departments.

During the Kumudben Joshi era, several Congress leaders would call on her at the Raj Bhavan on a regular basis. There were allegations that the Raj Bhavan had become a Congress party

office. As parallels go, the Telangana BJP leaders have increased their visits to the Raj Bhavan, in contrast to their rendezvous at the Raj Bhavan during Governor Narasimhan's tenure.

During her gubernatorial tenure that ran from November 26, 1985 to February 7, 1990, Ms Joshi created many problems for Rama Rao. Governor Joshi travelled to all 23 districts in Andhra Pradesh state on a record 108 occasions, without informing the Chief Minister's office.

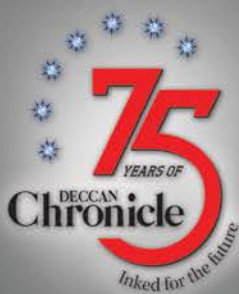
Now, making a Kane and Abel saga of similarities between them, Governor Tamilisel Soundararajan has recently announced that she would soon visit all districts in Telangana state, and perhaps, might do so without sharing the details with Chief Minister (KCR) Rao's office.

The differences between NTR and Ms Joshi

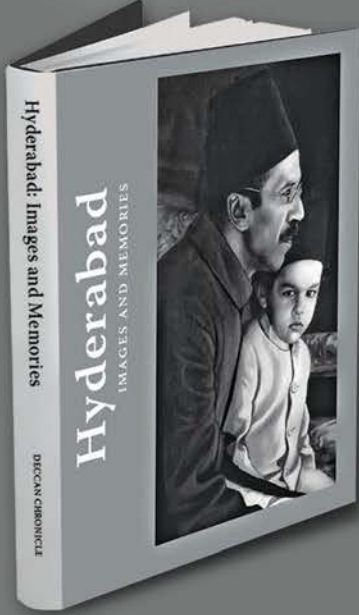
reached to such heights and came out so openly, that once when she decided to visit Srikakulam district, NTR asked his party leaders, ministers and officials to stay away from all her functions there.

Ms Joshi almost ran a parallel government from the Raj Bhavan. Like TD leaders in the past, now TRS leaders are not happy with the outreach and ambitious initiatives of the Governor. This came out beyond inner party discussions into the open, even though no one is yet ready to speak openly, after the Governor spoke with the transport minister and has various officials, including the commissioner and principal secretary of transport, and roads and building departments, to Raj Bhavan to discuss the ongoing RTC strike.

In the coming days, the Governor is expected to become more accessible to BJP leaders.



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BJP leaders are misleading farmers in the state and are manipulating them

— Koppula Eshwar
Minorities welfare minister

IN BRIEF

TSSPDCL bags ICC awards

Hyderabad: Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company on Thursday bagged several awards of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) award including one for innovation. Former Union energy secretary Subhash Chandra Garg presented the award to TSSPDCL chairman and managing director G. Raghuma Reddy at a function held during the 13th India Energy Summit at Delhi.

Chilli prices touch all-time record

Khammam: Chilli prices in the Khammam agricultural market yard touched a record price on Thursday. Traders purchased chilli at ₹19,200 per quintal from businessmen who brought the produce from cold storage. The price of chilli was about ₹180 per kg in the super markets a week ago and is increasing steadily. The sales began at ₹18,000 per quintal and climbed to ₹18,600 on Nov. 6.

Bond with the best

Each wrinkle will tell you a story: Ruskin

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL
| DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

Ruskin Bond, the unassuming 85-year-old author of dozens of books that have delighted children and adults alike for decades, was in Hyderabad to attend an event with school children and teachers on Thursday.

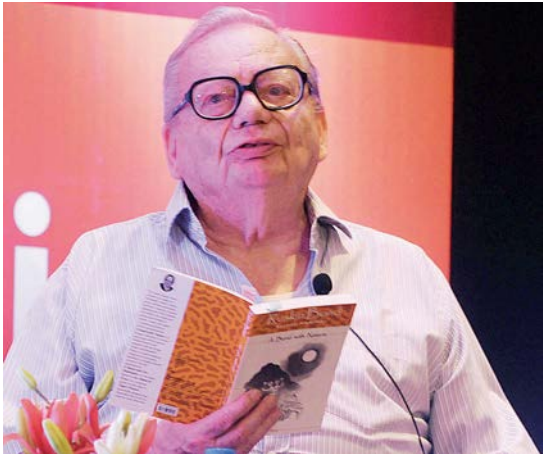
The Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Sahitya Akademi Award, and John Llewellyn Rhys Prize winner (among many more), listened to his youngest fan at the event, six-year-old Moksha, recite a few lines of his poem *Lone Fox Dancing*.

Ruskin Bond has written ghost stories but they are not horrifying. Teachers were asked to narrate any experiences they have had with ghosts. Bond confessed that he never had confronted any ghost in his life.

Someone in the audience told him, “You don’t look like you are 85 years old; what is the secret of your fitness?”

“I don’t see myself in a mirror,” he smiled, and said his wrinkles will tell you his age but each wrinkle will tell you a story or a poem.

His story *Suzanna’s Seven Husbands* was made into a Hindi film *Saat Khoon Maaf*, with Priyanka Chopra in the lead. He also revealed that in the early days of his career he used to write for *Deccan Chronicle*.



Ruskin Bond at an interaction with children in Hyderabad on Thursday.

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RUSKIN BOND,
Author

Q: What made you write more for children, and what fascinates you most about writing?
I have been writing since childhood. I always keep young readers in mind, and what fascinates me is Nature. If you see many of my writings, it’s mostly about Nature.

Q: Do you see a threat from digital books?
It’s never a threat; it is another platform for readers. I have been writing for so many

years that people used to know me by name but they never knew my physical appearance. After the digital media boom, people started recognising me.

Q: Apart from writing what do you like doing the most?
Spending time with Nature, and when you are living alone you can have the best time with Nature. Owls, bats, they can be so interesting (smiles).

Q: What do you like writing the most?
I love writing fiction, sometimes real stories, poems... basically I just love writing.

Q: What sort of childhood did you have?
I used to have a big gramophone at home. I used to listen to music rather than writing.

V&E RAIDS ON ONION TRADERS IN VIJAYAWADA

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 7

The high price of onions in the market compelled the Vigilance & Enforcement (V&E) officers to conduct surprise inspections at random of 70 onion traders throughout the state.

Forty-seven of the 70 traders were guilty of illegal hoarding of onions or evasion of Agricultural Market Fee (AMF). Ten traders were illegally hoarding 603.50 quintals of onions worth ₹27,06,200 and they were seized and handed over to the concerned marketing department officials to take action.

Marketing officials filed cases against the 10 traders under Section 17 C of the AP Agricultural Produce & Live Stock Markets Act, 1966 for illegal hoarding of onions and for not having a valid licence.

The assessing authority is the Assistant Director, Marketing, who has the power to seize any notified agricultural produce or products taken or proposed to be taken out of the notified market area and to file a case against the erring trader before a Magistrate having jurisdiction and try the offences under this Act.

The Government of India has now imposed a limit on the stock a wholesaler can keep, which is 50 million tonnes (MT).

We want answers: Suresh’s kin

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Afterwards, when doctors informed Latha, Suresh’s wife, the news of his death, she collapsed in the hospital corridor. She was immediately taken to outpatient ward and provided first-aid, before being allowed to leave the hospital.

“Latha collapsed on the floor after learning of her husband’s death. Her blood pressure suddenly came down. She was given treatment and sent off to her native village,” said M Venkatesh, cousin of the deceased Suresh.

On November 4, Suresh had gone into the chambers of Abdullapurmet tahsildar Ch Vijaya Reddy and set her ablaze. Three others — B. Narayana (visitor), Chandraiah (attender) and K. Gurunatham (her private driver) — also suffered burns.

Vijaya Reddy died on the spot. Gurunatham succumbed the next day. Chandraiah and Narayana are still undergoing treatment but stated to be out of danger.

Suresh, elder of three children of K Krishna and K Padma, is survived by wife Latha and two children, aged eight and two. Suresh was in real estate business, while his wife is a homemaker.

Hoping for his recovery, Suresh’s family members were waiting at the OGH for last three days. His death not only came as a devastating blow, but has also left them perplexed as to the motive of his action.

Mr Krishna, his father, said, “I saw my son alive last on November 4. At around 9 am, he left the house on a bike. Now I saw his body. My son had no idea about our land issue. My elder brother and I take care of land disputes. He was friendly with everyone.”

When asked why Suresh might have taken such an extreme step, a sobbing Krishna said, “We do not know. We do not have a clue. We also want answers for it. He never visited the tahsildar’s office prior to this incident.”

After a post-mortem examination at the OGH mortuary, the body was handed over to family members.

Krishna informed that the final rites of his son would be performed at Gowrelli village on Thursday night. Meanwhile, police have deployed forces in Gowrelli to ensure that no untoward



Latha, the wife of Suresh, accused in the attack of a tahsildar, is crestfallen after the doctors informed her about the demise of her husband at the Osmania General Hospital on Thursday.

— P. Surendra

INVESTIGATORS TO RELY ON DYING DECLARATION OF THE ACCUSED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

With the death of Kura Suresh, the alleged killer of Abdullapurmet tahsildar Ch. Vijaya Reddy, the investigators face a tough time to crack the reasons and the conspiracy behind the killing.

The only option left for the investigators is to rely on the dying declaration of the accused recorded at the Osmania General Hospital on November 4, the day of the attack.

The police officials are tight-lipped about the content of the dying declaration.

A senior official said the

dying was recorded by a magistrate but they do not have any clue about its content and what he said about the incident or whether he had named anyone.

Since the murder of Vijaya Reddy, there are rumours that a land-related dispute is the reason that instigated Suresh. The police have so far found no evidence to support the rumours spreading that Suresh was provoked to kill the tahsildar.

The Rachakonda police has said that it would formally request the court to provide a copy of Suresh’s dying declaration to further proceed in the case.

incident occurs during and after the final rituals.

S. Jayaram, ACP, Vanasthalipuram, said that after discussing with senior officials about the developments, they would take a decision on the case as the only accused has suc-

cumbed.

“We have to find if the accused was instigated by anyone or it was just his sole plan to kill the tahsildar. So far, we have not found any clues suggesting any involvement of others,” the ACP said.

RDO gets threat call over passbook

DC CORRESPONDENT
KAMAREDDY, NOV. 7

Kamareddy revenue divisional officer Rajendra Kumar has received a threatening call over a land issue, and the caller turned out to be a policeman.

Armed Reserve police constable Srinivas Reddy allegedly threatened the RDO over phone on late Wednesday night that if he did not issue the pattadar passbook immediately, he would face the fate of Abdullapurmet tahsildar.

Abdullapurmet tahsildar T. Vijaya Reddy was allegedly burnt to death by one Kura Suresh two days ago. This has led to unrest among revenue officials who have demanded increased security and have begun taking safety measures themselves.

RDO Rajendra Kumar

ARMED Reserve police constable Srinivas Reddy allegedly threatened the RDO saying he would meet the fate of Abdullapurmet tahsildar if he did not issue the pattadar passbook

immediately alerted the police and lodged a complaint. Constable Srinivas Reddy, who is with the intelligence wing, is reportedly facing problems with his land in Tadwai mandal. He threatened the revenue divisional officer and tahsildar of Tadwai over the land dispute. Kamareddy deputy superintendent of police T. Laxminarayana said that the local police had begun investigating the complaint filed by Mr Rajendra Kumar.

Revenue JAC to organise protests

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 7

Following the murder of Abdullapurmet tahsildar Ch Vijaya Reddy, the revenue employees Joint Action Committee (JAC) is planning agitations against the defective laws and introducing better software to deal with the revenue land records.

The revenue JAC on Thursday said that the employees were facing insults and allegations from society.

During the hunger strike held in front of the Medchal-Malkajgiri collectorate, Revenue JAC leaders expressed concern over the uneasy situation faced by the employees for a long time.

Earlier, the employees alleged that the department and its employees never faced such a humiliating situation. The revenue department is providing necessary funds to the state government in the

DURING THE HUNGER STRIKE held in front of the Medchal-Malkajgiri collectorate, Revenue JAC leaders expressed concern over the uneasy situation faced by the employees for a long time

form of taxes. The revenue employees are the ones who know about the farmers’ problems and the lands they own.

A cordial relationship between the farmers and employees has now become worse due to the defective laws of the state government and the issues emerging due to the software. “The farmers are now treating the revenue employees as enemies. We demand exclusion of the department from dealing with the land administration issues,” said the JAC.

The JAC said that they would hold a roundtable conference at Hyderabad on Monday and discuss the future action plan to resolve their issues.

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For mode of submitting EMD and cost of tender document please go through "Section 1" of the Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) available in the website: www.barc.gov.in/tenders.
1. The tender documents will be issued to bidders at Reception Counter, North Gate, BARC Trombay, Mumbai-400 085 on any working day from 11th Nov 2019 to 25th Nov 2019 between 10.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs, on payment of amount mentioned above by Demand Draft or Pay Order drawn on a Scheduled Bank payable to Pay & Accounts Officer, BARC, payable at Mumbai. Tender documents may be collected in person and will not be sent by Post / Courier.
2. The prospective bidders may contact in advance over Phone No. 25592052 / 25592800 before coming to BARC premises for purchase of tender. Call can also be made from North Gate Reception area through House phones/BARC extensions at following Nos. a) 22052 b) 22800
3. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 2nd Dec 2019 at 14.00 hrs. Tender is required to be submitted in two parts viz. Part-A (Technical Bid) and Part-B (Financial Bid). Tender duly filled may be submitted by Speed Post in a sealed cover superscribing Tender No. and Scope of work to Dy. Establishment Officer (R-III), PD, 4th Floor, Central Complex, BARC, Trombay – 400 085 or may be dropped in the Tender box at the Reception Counter, North Gate, BARC, Trombay, Mumbai-400 085. The last date for receipt / submission of tender document is 9th Dec 2019 (upto 16.00 hrs).
4. Part-A (Technical Bid) will be opened on 10th Dec 2019 at 14.00 hrs in the presence of attending bidders. Part-B (Financial Bid) of the tender will be opened at a later date to be specified and communicated to successful bidders.
5. Please note that to enter Anushaktinagar Colony, photo-identity (Passport, Driving License, Voter's card) is a must.
6. Clarifications, if any, can be obtained from the office of DEO(R-III) by e-mail: rect3@barc.gov.in.
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Online item rate tenders in two parts are invited through e-tendering mode by the Chief Engineer, CEG on behalf of President of India in two bid, from eligible contractors for the following works.

Sl. No	Tender No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money Deposit	Tender processing Fees	Time Allowed
1	CEG/IGC/1577/2019	Construction of SASTRA building and SED storage shed at IGCAR, Kalpakkam.	Rs. 1219.21 Lakhs	Rs. 22,19,300/-	Rs. 5900/-	24 [Twenty Four] Months

Tender documents are available for sale / downloading from 13-11-2019 (10:00 Hrs) to 26-11-2019 (15:00 Hrs). Last date of closing of online submission of tenders: 11-12-2019 (14:30Hrs).
Last date for submission of original DD/BC/PO : Up to 15:00 hours on 11-12-2019 etc., towards EMD either at IGCAR liaison office, Shastri Bhavan, Chennai (or) at office of Chief Engineer, CEG, IGCAR, Kalpakkam.
Time of opening of Technical bid at Office of : 15:00 hours on 17-12-2019 Chief Engineer, CEG, IGCAR, Kalpakkam.
Financial Bids of qualified bidders will be opened at a later date to be notified separately. Detailed NIT & tender documents are available on website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE for free view / download. Registered contractors only can download & submit / upload tenders. Interested agencies may visit this website for registration.
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CBI probe

National Commission for SCs says decision on CBI probe into the deaths of sisters in Walayar will be taken after hearing the chief secretary and state police chief

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The lapses that still can be rectified

P.N. UNNIRAJA

An appeal can be filed in the High Court against the acquittal of the accused in the Walayar rape and suicide case of minor sisters by admitting the lapses on the part of the investigation and the prosecution. The points which the trial court has not appreciated as in the case of prosecution witness 8, who was a member of the SIT and witnessed the production of C.D. containing the videographs prepared at the time of inquest of the victim, can be brought to the notice of high court. If the case is remanded for retrial, the lapses can be rectified.



A new investigation must revisit the possibility of murder. The investigation team needs to do further consultations with the surgeon before ruling out the possibility of homicide as he had suggested in his post mortem report of the younger sister.

It is evident from the available records that the investigation team has not followed up on the recommendation of the surgeon. She can stretch up to a maximum of 151 cm, and need to reach up to the rafter of the shed on which the ligature/lungi was fixed at a height of 247 cm, to commit suicide. The judge has noted that "the failure on the part of the investigating officer to clarify this point is not a ground to disbelieve the other evidences regarding the death of the girl..." One needs to check the mahazar and find out the position and measurements of the cot and the chair which is said to have been placed on the cot by which the special investigation team claims that the girl may have managed to fix the ligature for hanging.

The possibility of a retrial is more if the higher court can be convinced about the possibility of murder in the case.

The contention of the defense lawyers that the statements against the accused implicating them in the case were recorded from the witness by the SIT head M.J. Sojan soon after he took charge and no such statements were collected by the CI and SI who conducted the investigation before can be countered. The CI had investigated the case only for a few days and the SI of the Walayar Police Station P C Chacko is an officer who was suspended for the lapses in the investigation. The PR minutes file which shows department-level action was taken against him and the punishment awarded to Chacko, the then SI should be brought into evidence to discredit him.

In my view, there was no need for the SI to be made a prosecution witness. The lapses on his part can be pointed out for the reason for the delay in recording the statements of the witnesses which say that the minor sisters were subjected to unnatural sex by the accused persons. The new special public prosecutor (SPP) needs to present such aspects convincingly.

The High Court can give the nod for a retrial if finds it necessary; and as per Article 142, the Supreme Court has the powers to order a reinvestigation if it finds merit in the plea seeking the same.

As told to Nidhin T.R

(Mr Unniraja retired as Superintendent of Police (Crime Branch))

WHAT THE POSTMORTEM REPORT SAID

● In view of the age of the child (nine years) and from the length from sole of heel to the tip of right middle finger with right upper limb fully extended upwards (151 cm) the possibility of homicidal hanging needs to be ruled out by correlating with measurements at scene of crime and through investigation.

WHAT THE COURT SAID

● From the scene mahazar, it can be gathered that a partly broken chair was also found near the place of occurrence. Wooden cot was also found at the place of occurrence. The girl might have used any of these items to access the rafter for fixing the ligature. The failure on the part of the investigating officer to clarify this point is not a ground to disbelieve the other evidences regarding the death of the girl, tendered by the prosecution witnesses.

How we failed our daughters

The whole state erupted in protest when the Special POCSO Court in Palakkad last month acquitted all the four accused charged with raping and abetting the suicide of two Dalit girls, aged 13 and nine.

DC talked to people who have been associated with criminal investigation, prosecution and judiciary to understand what went wrong in the case.

How prosecution messed it up

DC CORRESPONDENT

There was no proper vetting of chargesheet. If done, it would have resulted in seeking further investigation as there was not enough evidence to convince the court on the guilt of the accused. It could have intervened at the stages of hearing on charges and framing of charges.

It did not insist on the police investigating the possibility of homicidal hanging, especially since there was a suggestion in the postmortem report. It could have done till the judge pronounced the verdict.

It did not insist on a time-bound trial. Instead, it kept mum when the accused applied for bail. It may have

helped the accused influence many of the crucial witnesses in the case.

It showed no seriousness warranted in a case in which two minor children were found hanging. There are no signs of having done the proper homework.

It did not homework, involving the investigation officer and the available witnesses on how to effectively present the case in the court.

It did not visit the crime scene and verified if the description tallied with the scene mahazar.

It gave no total idea of the case to the witnesses and failed to present a comprehensive case in the court. Each witness has a role in the whole episode, and should be aware of it.

Many witnesses did not meet the

prosecutor before their deposition in court. Many admitted they had not read their statements under CrPC 161 before being cross-examined.

No effort was made to convince the court about the educational and social backwardness of the witnesses so that it would have come to a better understanding of their depositions.

There was no effort to connect the links in a case in where there was no eye-witness. It seems many potential witnesses were omitted.

The prosecution did not ensure the presence of the investigating officer during the trial. On the other hand, he was kept off the proceedings.

(Prepared in consultation with lawyers)

WHO WILL PAY THE COST OF SILENCE IN COURT?

The post-mortem report of the elder girl had said the "anal orifice appeared stretched with multiple mucosal erosions at margins with pustular areas at places."

The defence lawyer elicited a statement from the forensic surgeon who conducted the post-mortem that the injuries in the victim's anus can be due to piles.

The judge should have clarified if it was relevant in the instant case. When the postmortem certificate is proved by the doctor, any contradiction elicited in the cross-examination

should have been clarified in the re-examination by the Public prosecutor and if he failed to do so, then by the judge himself by asking court questions. But it seems to have not been done.

And the court chose to rely on the alternate suggestion and ordered so: "she gave an alternative opinion to the effect that it could be the result of an infection in the region. The opinion given by the doctor after postmortem examination is not the conclusive proof to say that the girl was subjected to anal penetration."

The police surgeon who heard her body speak

NIDHIN T.R. | DC THRISSUR, NOV. 7

The only one person who seems to have had some serious doubts about the reasons of the mysterious death of the younger child was Palakkad police surgeon Dr P.B. Gujral, who conducted the post-mortem on her body. The post-mortem report, which graphically and pictorially described the possible vio-



lation the young child was subjected to before her death, remains the starting point for a new team, legal sources say.

Dr Gujral also had suggested that the investigation team rule out the possibility of a murder by ascertaining if the girl of 151 cm height could tie a ligature at a rafter at a height of 247 cm and hang herself.

It is learnt from sources associated with the case that during the trial the surgeon had ruled out any other possibility of anal infection through any means other than that the

minor girl had been subjected to repeated episodes of unnatural sexual abuse. This is different from the position the forensic surgeon who conducted post-mortem of the elder child had taken during the trial. She had left possibilities for infection other than sexual abuse which came in handy for the defense lawyers.

The court, however, refused to take cognizance

of the observation of sexual abuse on the basis of lack of corroborative evidence, and dismissed the failure of the investigation team to follow up on the suggestion to measure the crime scene and see if the child could indeed hang herself as of no consequence. The court relied on the deposition of her parents to come to the conclusion that the child committed suicide.

The court also found no witness to corroborate the charges against the accused.

Legal experts say a new investigation, if it is allowed, should start with ruling out the possibility of homicide, as suggested by the police surgeon. And should it come to a conclusion that the measurements did not match those in the crime scene, then the case can take another turn.

THE STORY SO FAR

13 January, 2017: A girl, 13-years old, from a Dalit family at hamlet Attappalam near Walayar in Palakkad district on the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border, was found hanging on the rafter of the single room shed where her family stays. The police registered a case of unnatural death but later ended the investigation saying it was a suicide.

4 March, 2017: Her sister, 9 years old, was found hanging on the same rafter. Her post mortem report found "evidence suggestive of unnatural sexual offence on the girl in the form of multiple episodes of anal penetrations in the past."

10 March, 2017: A special investigation team arrests five persons, including a boy who is in conflict with the law. They were charged with rape, and various sections under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and the Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

From the Facebook post of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on March 8, 2017:

The government views with utmost seriousness incidents of sexual abuses even on minor girls. The police will take very strong action.... Those who are responsible for the death of the sisters in Walayar, whoever they are, will not be spared. They will be brought to justice and accorded the highest punishment.

October 25, 2019: After 30 months of investigation and prosecution, the court has come to the conclusion: (from one of the judgements that acquitted an accused in the death of the younger girl): "Therefore, from the available evidences it can be concluded that the victim in this case, who is aged only nine years, committed suicide by hanging herself by making use of a lungi as the ligature, in the one room shed wherein she was residing with her family."

● "Though prosecution witness 15, the doctor, who conducted post-mortem examination, opined that there was evidence suggestive of unnatural sexual offence on the girl in the form of multiple episodes of anal penetrations in the past, (the) said opinion given by the expert is not a conclusive proof to say that the girl was subjected to anal penetration."

● "Therefore, I have no hesitation to hold that prosecution has miserably failed to prove the alleged offences against the accused beyond reasonable doubt."

From a judgment acquitting an accused in the death of the elder girl:

● During investigation, no other reason was found by the investigating officer to say that the girl died other than by way of suicide. Neither the prosecution nor the defence has a case during evidence that the girl died not by committing suicide. Therefore, from the available evidence it can be concluded that the victim in this case, who is aged only thirteen years, committed suicide by hanging herself by making use of a churidar shawl as the ligature, in the one room shed wherein she was residing with her family.

When court remained a mute spectator

I have gone through the judgments and the basic facts of the case. I feel that there have been lapses on the part of the investigation, the prosecution and the court which heard the case.

The police produces the chargesheet directly in the court in POCSO cases as per Section 173 of the CrPC. The court is called upon to examine the chargesheet for shortcom-

ings, if any. It must satisfy itself that there are sufficient evidence in the form of documents and depositions before summoning the accused for trial. This process is called "taking cognisance of the case". That the investigating team had nothing apart from unsubstantiated statements is clear from the judgment. If the judge had indeed done a proper job of 'taking cognisance of the case' by applying his judicial mind, he would have returned the chargesheet to the police and asked it to produce scientific evidence that are warranted in trying rape and POCSO

cases. The court's failure on this count is apparent.

A judge is not just a spectator or a referee during a criminal trial. He is an active participant in criminal trial to ensure that justice is done.

The judge is empowered by section S. 165 of the Indian Evidence Act to ask questions and to seek documents to ensure justice is done to both the parties. The judge had cited some contradictions in the in the oral evidence of witnesses in the judgment; he could have clarified them at the trial stage by asking questions if the prosecution had failed to conduct re-examina-

tion to clarify the contradictions in the cross-examination of the witnesses

It is easy to acquit the accused in a criminal case. There will be no criminal case where there are no shortcomings and no conflicting testimonies. A judge should be mindful of that he should not reject the prosecution case if there is 'a ring of truth in the main.'

"Let hundred guilty be acquitted but one innocent should not be convicted is an old dictum. It has given way to the new one: no innocent should be punished, no guilty should escape.

Whose burden, your honour?

From the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012:

Sec. 29, Presumption as to certain offences: "Where a person is prosecuted for committing or abetting or attempting to commit any offence under sections 3, 5, 7 and section 9 of this Act, the Special Court shall presume that such person has committed or abetted or attempted to commit the offence, as the case may be unless the contrary is proved."

The intention of the legislation as per Sec 29 of POCSO Act is clear that though the prosecution is not absolved of

its responsibility to prove the case, the burden of proving the innocence is with the defence. Instead, in this case, the court repeated the same observation in all the judgements that the prosecution has "miserably failed to prove the case beyond reasonable doubt."

Proof beyond reasonable doubt is something which is not applicable in the literal sense in POCSO cases. On reading Sec.29, it is evident that the court is bound to presume that the accused have committed the offence unless the accused prove that he is innocent. The court

unfortunately treated this in the same manner as in IPC cases and depended on the prosecution depositions to find out that they are contradictory and unreliable. In fact, it is the accused who has to prove beyond reasonable doubt that he has not committed any offence as alleged. There is not even a whisper, through out any of the judgements, that any attempt was made by the accused to prove that they have not committed the crime. Nor the court has mentioning about arguments of accused regarding their proof of innocence.





People's woes

Attacking the govt over the state of the economy, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra says those ruling the country are busy in themselves while people are suffering on every front

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People should not indulge in any provocation ahead of Ayodhya verdict

— Ashok Gehlot
Rajasthan CM

IN BRIEF

BJP-JDS 2.0 IN K'TAKA MAY BE A REALITY SOON

SHYAM SUNDAR VATTAM | DC
BENGALURU, NOV. 8

After being ousted from power earlier this year in July in a coup engineered by the BJP, the Janata Dal (Secular) is reportedly preparing the ground for a turnaround of sorts by exploring the possibility of tying up with the same party, soon after the results of the bypolls to 15 assembly constituencies are over in December.

What has created ripples in political circles is the statement of JDS supremo H.D. Deve Gowda that his party will return to power in the state within a few months.

Strengthening the rumours are reports of recent telephone conversations between Deve Gowda and Chief Minister, B.S. Yediyurappa, which has given credence to the possibility of another coalition government if the BJP fails to win a majority of the 15 seats going to polls in December and finds itself in a vulnerable situation vis-a-vis the opposition Congress and JDS.

Highly placed sources told *Deccan Chronicle* that Mr Deve Gowda is now holding consultations with his party MLAs on whether they should extend support to the BJP government from outside or be a part of it.

NEPAL PROTESTS OVER BOUNDARY IN NEW MAP

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, NOV. 7

A day after Nepal protested against the new map of India that depicted Kalapani within Indian boundaries, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that the map in no manner revised the boundary with Nepal and India remains committed to resolve any such outstanding issues through dialogue. India has also asked Nepal to guard against vested interests trying to create differences between the two countries.

“Our map accurately depicts the sovereign territory of India. The new map has in no manner revised our boundary with Nepal.

The boundary delineation exercise with Nepal is ongoing under the existing mechanism. We reiterate our commitment to find a solution through dialogue in the spirit of our close and friendly bilateral relations. At the same time, both countries should guard against vested interests trying to create differences between our two countries,” MEA spokesperson Mr Raveesh Kumar said on Thursday.

Pak spies called rly clerks for troop info

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The dossier said that the Pakistani spies could also call jawans or their family members posing as army officers, mission commanders, journalists, nurses from military service, welfare officers and insurance agents.

“They can call posing as Commander Vikram from Army Headquarters or Major A.K. Singh to jawans or unsuspecting officers try to get contact number of senior army commanders, troops movement, troops position and outcome of war games,” said the sources.

The dossier even talks about the Pakistani spies calling unsuspecting Indian railway clerks to know about the troop

movement. “The Pakistani spies can also try to contact men saying that they have won lottery and then deposit money in their bank accounts. Thereafter they can blackmail them to give information,” said sources.

The Army has asked its personnel not to post pictures in uniform on social media and avoid accepting friend requests from unknown people on Facebook. It has advised its men to change the privacy settings on Facebook and other apps to “only friends” so that unknown people are not able to check their profile and pictures.

It also asked them to avoid visiting suspicious websites or taking calls from or chatting with unidentified people.

VINEETA PANDEY AND SHAFAQT ALI | DC
NEW DELHI/ISLAMABAD, NOV. 7

As India and Pakistan prepare to inaugurate the Kartarpur Corridor on Saturday, November 9, the neighbouring countries are also engaged in a war of words. On Thursday, India accused Pakistan of creating confusion by making contradictory statements on the modalities and documents to be carried by Indian pilgrims, while Pakistan in turn accused India of refusing to avail of the facilities offered by it to the pilgrims.

Amid all this, the Indian government gave political

clearance to Punjab MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu to travel through the Kartarpur Corridor on November 9 to take part in the inaugural function in Pakistan.

The cricketer-turned-politician sought political clearance after receiving a personal invitation from Pakistan PM Imran Khan. Mr Sidhu sought permission to travel to Pakistan through the Attari-Wagah crossing. Interestingly, Mr Sidhu was given a visa by Pakistan much before he got the political clearance from the Indian government.

Pakistan PM Imran Khan will inaugurate the historic Kartarpur Corridor — the first visa-

after getting the signature of the child's parents on a bond paper, had come to the government hospital here for treatment of the baby, they said. The doctors found out that the couple were not the biological parents as the woman said she could not breast-feed the baby. Upon enquiry, the doctors learnt the couple had purchased the baby as their attempts to adopt one failed, and informed the police.

COUPLE BUYS NEWBORN BABY FOR ₹1.5 LAKH FROM GOVT HOSPITAL

Tiruchirappalli, Nov. 7: A case was registered on Thursday against three people, including a couple, for buying a newborn baby for ₹1.5 lakh through a broker, police said. The couple, in their early 50s, had bought the baby boy with primary complex from the government hospital at Mannapparai after its biological parents said they were so poor that they could not bring it up, the police said. The couple,

suitable persons belonging to any caste/creed/religion or region. “It has been confirmed by the contractor to the IRCTC that the HR manager responsible for the advertisement has since been removed from the job,” a senior railway official said.

The vendor also wrote to the IRCTC apologising for the advertisement and said that it was a “clerical mistake”. “Two different advertisements were supposed to be placed — one for recruitment of staff in trains and restaurant and another for our social welfare program. Due to clerical mistake this advertisement has been placed publicly..Our objective was not to hurt anyone and to offer jobs to any specific community,” it said.

Netizens lashed out at the ad and said that caste cannot be a yardstick by which a candidate should be judged for a job. — PTI

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