



Metro for runners

Metro Rail MD N.V.S. Reddy says services to Khairatabad will operate early for Hyderabad 10K runners tomorrow



Modi government has damaged business and trade beyond imagination

— V. Hanumanth Rao
AICC secretary

MANUU organises Azad Walk

Hyderabad: Maulana Azad National Urdu University, has organised 'Azad Walk' at the campus today as part of the ongoing Azad Day Celebrations in run up to National Education Day on 11th November. MANUU is celebrating the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, from November 4. The Walk started from the HK Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies at 4.30 pm. Hundreds of Students, teachers and employees of the University participated in the Walk which ended at Instructional Media Centre. Addressing the participants, Prof. Ayub Khan, Pro Vice-Chancellor advised the students to emulate the ideas of Maulana Azad and work with honesty, dedication & hard work. Prof. Mohammad Fariyad, Convener, Azad Walk also spoke on the occasion. Prof. Naushad Hussain, registrar in-charge was also present on the occasion. — INN

GHMC TO HOLD LRS MELA ON NOVEMBER 30

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation will hold an LRS mela on November 30 to process applications for the Land Regularisation Scheme in the city limits. Applications sent in on or before December 31, 2016, will be dealt with at the mela.

GHMC commissioner D.S. Lokesh Kumar said a total of 85,291 LRS applications have been received, of which 28,935 have already been processed and 2,516 rejected. The corporation will now look into the remaining 25,726 applications, which have missing documents.

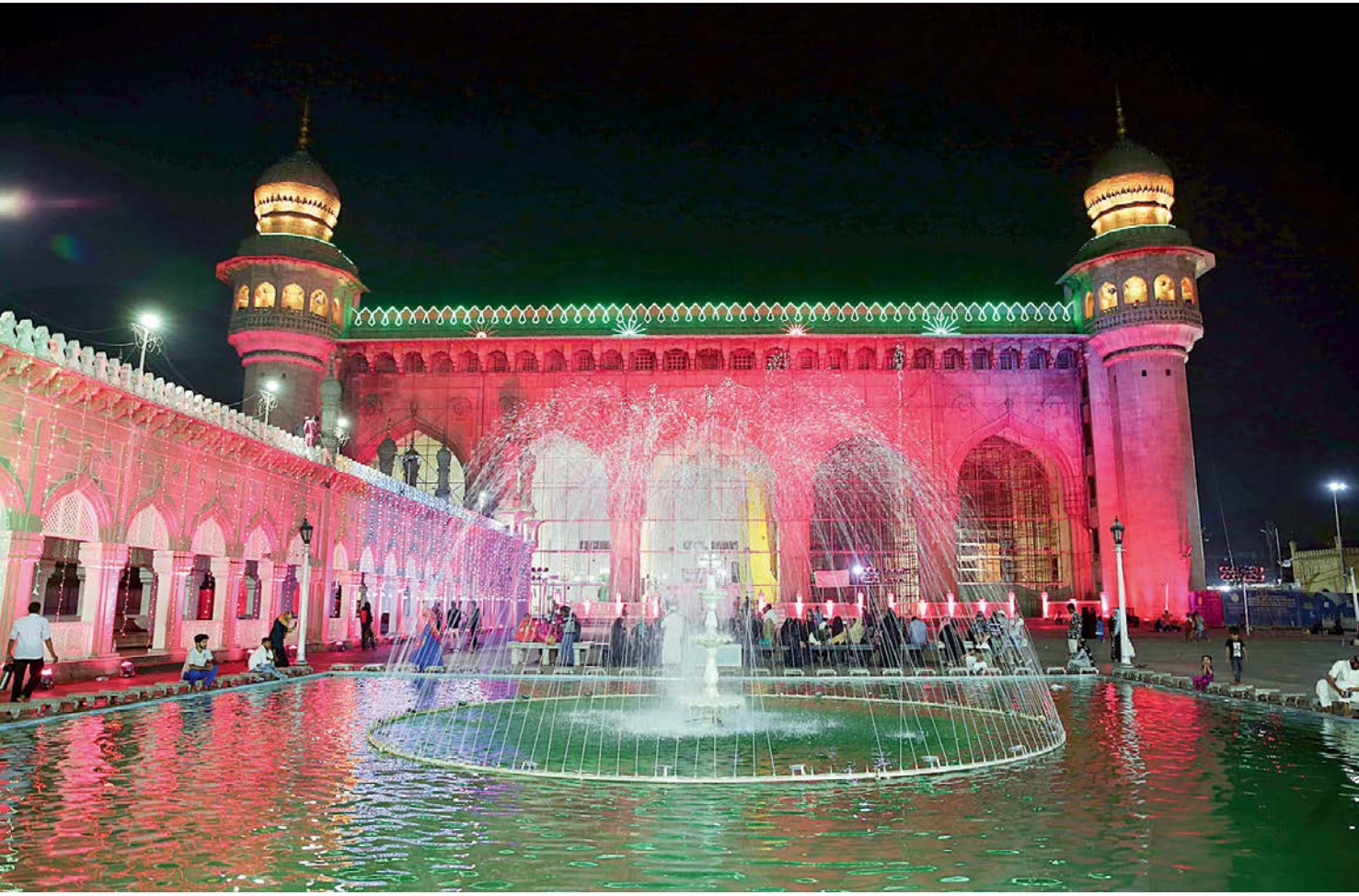
"GHMC is organising an LRS mela to enable applicants to submit short fall documents and also for payment of fee," he added.

The commissioner also reviewed the pending contempt of court cases, personal appearance, writ petitions, number of counters filed and counter affidavits that should be filed within 15 days on contempt cases.

He instructed town planning officials to take action on the orders with 15 days in writing of court orders, duly following procedures, failing which action will be initiated against the officials concerned.

Further, he said action should be initiated on the representations of illegal constructions, unauthorised constructions and encroachments, and applicants informed of the action taken within 15 days, and with this the number of court cases would be reduced.

Ready for Milad-un-Nabi



The Macca Masjid is illuminated ahead of the Milad-un-Nabi celebrations on Sunday. Masjids, homes and roads across the state have been illuminated for the festival and at many places, Mehfil-e-Naat and open kitchens are being organised. At the bigger masjids in Hyderabad, holy relics will be exhibited on the day of the festival.

— P. SURENDRA

Rainfed farms at climate risk

Experts say farmers will have to opt for less water-intensive crops

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

DRY SEASON AHEAD

CHANGES IN RAINFALL PATTERNS ARE IMMINENT ACROSS THE WORLD DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE, SAID EXPERTS.

63% of crops in Telangan are rain-fed.

84% of irrigation is fed by tubewells

60% Rice and cotton make for nearly of crops in the state

4 degree Celsius - projected rise in monthly average temperatures in TS by 2080

54% of cultivated area falls under 'dry-land' category

Farmers in the state will be deeply affected if they don't correction measures are not taken.

CROPPED AREA Growth in 2007-2015

Paddy	28.3%
Cotton	128.8%
Soybean	109%
Sorghum	-54%
Bajra	-77.1%
Ground nut	-69.7%
Castor	-62.7%
Sunflower	-86.6%
Sesamum	-82.6%
Green gram	-48.7%
Black gram by	-43.7%
Maize	-4%

same period, the area under paddy grew by 28.3 per cent and cotton by 128 per cent, while maize remained largely the same.

"The crops that are replacing traditional crops need more water, and their survival depends on it. Earlier millets could survive major gaps between rainfalls or shortages. These crops cannot," he said. He admitted that the cropping pattern was mainly dictated by market forces and it was indeed a challenge to dissuade farmers from growing a crop unsuitable to their land.

The solutions to these problems are many. Mr Venkateswarlu suggested that the state could go

for more micro-irrigation, something that Maharashtra has done well. He also wanted more coordination between researchers and farmers.

"Issues that are on the minds of both experts and farmers need to be addressed first," he said.

Another solution that was discussed was the study of climate change adaptation benefits for various welfare schemes that target farmers. Such a study would keep policymakers headed in the right direction, said the experts.

S. Naresh Kumar, principal scientist at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, said reaching the masses was indeed a challenge.

Climate change to hit north most

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

The consequences of climate change for the farming sector will be far-reaching, with rising temperatures affecting agriculture as well as allied industries of poultry, dairy and fisheries, said S Naresh Kumar, principal scientist at the Centre for Environment Science and Climate Resilient Agriculture of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.

"According to current models, the average monthly temperatures in Telangana will rise by nearly four degrees Celsius in the coming decades. The minimum temperatures will rise more than maximum temperatures. Also, temperatures in the Rabi season (October to February) will rise more than in Kharif," said Mr Kumar.

He added that temperature changes would be bigger in northern India than southern India.

Rainfall variability too would be high in the coming decades. "There will be more dry spells and drought events, along with extreme rainfall. We might see water scarcity," he said.

Mr Kumar and other experts noted that changes due to climate change were often very slow, and need to be tracked diligently.

Fisheries would see some positive change in the beginning due to increase in growth. Breeding cycles would change and increase fish output. "However, our understanding might be inadequate in this area. We believe algal

blooms would be affected in a major way by rising temperatures in oceans. This will affect marine fisheries adversely," he said.

The dairy industry will have to deal with changing Temperature Humidity Index (THI) values. "Increased THI values could affect cattle, leading to lower milk production. Heat stress can indeed affect animals," Mr Kumar said. The poultry industry will also see lower egg production due to the effects of heat stress on birds.

The data suggests climate change will affect the production of several crops. It may be noted that crop productivity in Telangana is lower than the national average. "In such a scenario, it is essential to develop climate resilient agriculture (CSA) techniques. We also need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions wherever possible and bat for technological interventions in policies," Mr Kumar advised.

Some of the solutions he suggested were developing suitable crops that are stress tolerant and can also be used as fodder, to avoid the problem of disposing off the waste.

"We also suggest measures such as rainfed cultivation, which protects the farm from high rainfall. Agro-forestry and integrated farming methods are also a great solution," he said. He also touched upon accessibility of technology to benefit farmers. "It is a challenge reaching the farmers. The public is generally wary of outsiders telling them what to do. But it is our job to gain their trust," he said.

No Ayodhya effect here: Chilkur priest

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

Chilkuri Balaji Temple head priest C.S. Rangarajan said spiritual heads should come forward to serve the needy without discriminating on the basis of religion.

Priests of all faiths are the servants of the Almighty and without serving the people their task is incomplete as we all are the creatures of God and places of worship are appropriate places to serve people.

The head priest was addressing a meeting at the clinic established in the premises of Masjid-e-Ishaq in Nawab Sahab Kunta in Hyderabad on the first anniversary of the health centre managed by Helping Hand Foundation, on Friday.

He said community help centres should be opened at places of worship. If spiritual heads do not come forward to mitigate the differences, then certain people will exploit religion to divide the people.

Mr Rangarajan said there is no need to panic over the Supreme Court verdict on the Ayodhya issue.

"Everyone should accept the judgment to be

delivered shortly by the Supreme Court. We, religious heads of different faiths, are also appealing to people to refrain from any reaction. We also appeal to the police department to maintain law and order. We are here to serve humanity for the sake of God," he said.

"We are in Telangana and Bhadrachalam is called south Ayodhya. Gopanna (Ramdas), a revenue officer, built the temple using a portion of the tax collected for the government and for that he spent 12 years in jail. He was asked to repay the tax amount within 12 years and on the last day, Rama and Laxman appeared in Golconda ruler Abul Hasan Tana Shah's dream and repaid the entire sum. When Tana Shah woke up, he released Gopanna and afterwards used to send clothes as gifts to the temple. This is South Ayodhya where people of different faiths live, loving each other," the chief priest said.

Moulana Mufti Mohammed Fayaz (Safa Bait-ul-Maal), Senior Pastor Sion Church and Dr Khalid Mubashir-uz-Zafar, General Secretary, Jamat e Islami Hind also spoke on the occasion.

Girl feeds MLA, video goes viral

DC CORRESPONDENT
WARANGAL, NOV. 8

Station Ghanpur MLA Thatikonda Rajaiah has faced severe criticism from netizens after a video went viral showing him being hand-fed by a tenth class girl while another boy is standing beside her holding a bottle of water.

The MLA was attending a function organised when the head master of Zilla Parishad High School in Chelpur area of Jangaon district retired on Friday.

The video showed various guests having their lunch. Rajaiah too is sitting on a chair but is being fed by a girl student from a plate. The MLA asks the girl to feed him an egg and she obliges. Netizens are asking why the MLA is being fed by a female student, when he is fit enough to eat by himself.

Rajaiah has condemned

postings on the social media including WhatsApp stating he considers the student as his daughter. It is upon her request that he agreed to be fed.

"The students of the school are close to me due to my frequent visits and motivational speeches. Every time, I spoke to the students and shared my school memories with them. The student in the video is a school topper. I appreciate her a lot and encourage her to aim high in life. After completion of the function, she herself came and requested that she be allowed to feed me. I obliged because she is like a daughter to me. It is sad that people on social media are distorting reality," he said.

When contacted, parents of the student said there is nothing wrong with the incident and refused to comment further. They requested media not to publicise details of their daughter.



Station Ghanpur MLA Thatikonda Rajaiah is being fed by a tenth class girl at a function organised at Zilla Parishad High School in Chelpur area of Jangaon district on Friday. The girl has been cut out of the picture to protect her identity.

— DC

Ex-sarpanch held for stealing gold

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

A former sarpanch was arrested by the Shankarpally police for stealing 2.5 tolas of gold from a woman after offering her a lift.

A police officer said P. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, 56, was sarpanch of Venkatapuram in Sangareddy district from 2000 to 2011. After losing the post, he did not take up any job. As he was running short of money, he took to robbery.

On October 3, Reddy, who was riding a motorcycle

(TS15 ER 4362) saw an elderly couple, Narsamma and Ananth Reddy, standing on the road at Mansanpalli Gate.

He offered them a lift till Shankarpally and made the woman sit first on his bike. After reaching Laxmareddiguda, he took the bike into agricultural fields and snatched Narsamma's gold chain and two ear tops.

Following a complaint, the Shankarpally police initiated investigations and arrested Reddy based on technical clues. He later confessed to committing the robbery by threatening Narsamma.

POOR VISION

■ At least two people visit eye clinics with botched quack cure, say doctors

Quacks' miracle cure may blind diabetics

KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

Quacks in the city are promising an effective treatment for diabetic retinopathy. Doctors practising modern medicine are dealing with patients who are reporting severe complications and also irreversible blindness as a consequence of this unscientific treatment.

Diabetic retinopathy affects those with diabetes and is cannot be detected easily. Those suffering from diabetes for a very long time must get their eyes checked annually.

Vision reduces from the sides and it is only when a person cannot see from the front that he or she realises there is a problem.

Most patients who suffer from this condition look to alternative medications to restore their vision. They often fall into the hands of quacks who make tall claims and assure miracle cures, but protect themselves by saying there is no guarantee that it will work for all.

Fake Ayurvedic and herbal clinics found in Ameerpet, Yousufguda, Abids and also near Secunderabad station may

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offer this treatment.

Dr P. Tandava Krishnan, senior consultant of vitreo retinal services at Maxivision Super Speciality Hospital, says that when patients are told that they will require laser treatment or surgery they do not come back.

"These patients then come after two to three

years after trying other treatments. They say they were given tablets and powder packets and were assured that the vision will be restored. But their vision is very low and that is why they come back to us. There is nothing that we can do with low vision as this condition is a slow but irreversible process."

Every month eye clinics see two to three patients with these complaints. But doctors are not willing to complain to the Medical Council. Dr Kulasekar Rao, retired ophthalmologist from Gandhi Hospital, explains why.

"The scope of complaint is limited as doctors are scared of being targeted by quacks. A complaint when registered even with the council leads to inquiry. The drug department is involved. Past experiences have shown that the complainant doctor is targeted by these quacks. Due to this, we

have stopped complaining," he said.

Dr Rao added that "Diabetes retinopathy is a recent and new field which quacks are venturing into. Earlier they claimed they could help people get rid of their spectacles and vision can be restored. Hence every time a new disease is experimented with and gullible people fooled."

The quacks advertise on local TV channels and, of late, upload videos on social media. Doctors say people don't accept they have the disease and they also lack understanding of how it can be treated.



Haj panel open

TS Haj Committee chairman Masiullah Khan says the panel's office will be open today for applicants



Centre must give priority to TS under PM Gram Sadak Yojana

— Errabelli Dayakar Rao
Panchayat raj minister

POWER | SHUTDOWN

10 am to 1 pm: Heeranagar, Sainagar, Pavan Garden, KRKM Garden, Shiv Bagh, Maheshnagar, Balajinagar, Satyanarayanagar, Gudimalkapur, Roof Garden, VBG Garden, Navodaya Colony, Sabernagar, Huda Colony, Alinagar, Priya Colony, Jayanagar, Ushodaya Colony, Priya Colony, Mandulaguda

10 am to 2 pm: Divya Constructions, Infotech, SQL, I Lab Constructions, Deva Bhumii, Airtel, Soft Pro, Infotech, Karnex, Infotech, Infosys, BSNL, VN Burg IT Park, Patrikanagar, Max Cure Hospital, Jubilee Hills Roads No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 of Madhapur; Parts of Gaffornagar, Gowra Apartments, petrol bunk area, Kummabasti.

2 pm to 5 pm: Santhoshnagar, SBI Colony, Amba Garden, Gudimalkapur, Kranthinagar, Jeevan Kalyan Nagar, Hill Colony, Vijay Apartments, Sai Apartments, Huda Colony, Sai Gardens, Devarathna Apartments, Vijay Susheela Apartments, Balajinagar, Satyanarayanagar, Crystal Garden, Heeranagar, Sainagar, Pavan Garden, KRKM Garden, Shiv Bagh, Maheshnagar, Arunodaya Colony, Hitech Theatre, Roof Garden, Sainagar, Arjunabasti, Ganesh Residency.

IN BRIEF

St Gregorios to mark 50 years

Hyderabad: St. Gregorios Orthodox cathedral in Gandhinagar, built by the Syrian Christian community, is celebrating its golden jubilee year. "To celebrate 50 glorious years of this church's existence, on Sunday this church will be declared as a pilgrim at the validity function, with minister of labour, women and child development, Malla Reddy, as chief guest," said H.G. Abraham Mar Seraphim, bishop of Bangalore diocese.

PRIVATE HOSPITAL CHARGES ₹200 FOR ICU VISITS

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

A private multi-speciality hospital at LB Nagar is charging ₹200 from those intending to meet patients admitted in the intensive care unit (ICU).

This issue came to light when a social activist posted this on his Twitter account followed by the patient's son who tagged the receipts of the payment he paid and the photographs of the notice board in front of the ICU clearly stating that ₹200 will be charged per visitor, that is apart from the attendant, and only five passes will be issued per day from 9 am to 5 pm which are the visiting hours.

The patient's son also stated in his Twitter post: "Hospital at LB Nagar is collecting money and playing with people's emotions, to visit a patient in ICU we have to pay 200 rupees for less than 10 minutes and questioned the authorities is this Legal? (sic)" and tagged Twitter accounts of the GHMC and municipal minister K.T. Rama Rao.

Asked about his post, Gopal told this newspaper: "These types of practices are prevalent in most multispeciality hospitals in this city. Regulatory authorities never take any action on such issues. Soon I am going to file a criminal case against these hospitals."

Dr K. Janardhan, medical administrator of the hospital, claimed: "This is for the safety of the patient because of too many visitors only add up to unnecessary infections. Our motto is to see that the patient is discharged as early as possible in good health. We issue free passes to the attendants after counselling every day regarding the patient's health. The charges collected from the visitors are added to the patient's bill."

For peace and harmony



Kumari Rani pulls a bus with her hair at an event to launch the project 'Hope Happiness Harmony' for women empowerment, at the Global Peace Auditorium of the Brahma Kumaris at Shanti Sarovar in Gachibowli, on Friday. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan and actress Gracy Singh were present.

— R. PAVAN

Traffic curbs in city for Million March today

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

The police has closed Tank Bund from 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday to prevent the 'Million March' called by the RTC JAC and political parties. The police has not given permission for the march.

The police has ordered the following restrictions:

Traffic from Secunderabad towards Tank Bund should use the road from Karbala Maidan via Kavadiguda crossroads to Mush-eerabad crossroads.

Traffic from RTC crossroads towards Indira Park should turn left or right at Ashoknagar crossroads.

Traffic from Telugu Talli statue should take the right towards Iqbal Minar and Ravindra Bharati.

Traffic from Iqbal Minar towards Secunderabad will be diverted to left turn at Telugu Talli statue, Necklace rotary and Necklace Road

SECURITY TIGHTENED FOR AYODHYA JUDGMENT

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

In view of the Supreme Court's verdict on the Ayodhya case on Saturday, the Telangana police are making elaborate arrangements across the state, particularly in Hyderabad to avert untoward incidents following the verdict.

Additional security forces have been roped in to ensure that no protests, processions, and agitations are carried out in Hyderabad.

Meanwhile, keeping in view *Millad Un Nabi* on November 10, for

which the preparations would start from Saturday, the police have to move in forces in sensitive places like Adilabad, Bhainsa, Karimnagar, Nalgonda, Bodhan, Kamareddy. Additional Director General (Law and Order) Jitender said, "All the necessary security arrangements are underway to ensure peace in the state. The public is appealed not to resort to any sort of incident that would disturb the law and order, which would lead to the legal action." Social media posts will be under scrutiny too.

Traffic from Himaynagar Y-Junction should take the left at Liberty junction towards Basheerbagh.

Traffic from Old MLA Quarters would be allowed to go straight from Basheerbagh to PCR Junction or take

left towards the BJR statue. Traffic from SBH Gunfoundry should go towards KLK Building from BJR statue. Traffic from Khairatabad flyover may take right at Necklace rotary towards Mint Compound lane.

GHMC spending ₹2,100 cr on roads

No surgical changes seen on ground

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has spent ₹2,100 crore on city roads and sanitation in a year, though both are in pathetic condition.

The civic body claimed it had spent ₹1,200 crore for maintenance of roads and ₹900 crore on sanitation. The figures come as a shock since no surgical changes are seen on the ground. Citizens have filed as many as 1,80,755 grievances pertaining to poor sanitation and road damage. GHMC officials were still in denial mode regarding the condition of the roads and drains, making the expenditure claims appear even more obscene.

According to highly placed sources in the corporation, GHMC has been paying ₹168 crore annually as tipping fee to Ramky Enviro Engineers Ltd for disposing of garbage transported from the city. Another ₹732 crore was spent on the maintenance of Swachh auto tipper, 227 garbage vehicles and 514 hired vehicles which transports trash from the city to the Jawaharnagar dump yard.

However, despite spending such large amounts,

SANITATION SERVICES MAY BE GIVEN TO PRIVATE PLAYERS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

After roads, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation is planning to hand over the sanitation services to private players to curb corruption. Officials claimed that privatisation would enhance transparency and accountability.

A corporation official said that despite spend-

ing ₹1,000 crore on sanitation, the civic body was unable to get the desired results. The civic body will float tenders and examine the previous experience of the companies that apply in handling solid waste management before selecting one. Officials said that plan was still in its early stages of discussion. If executed, it would be the first of its kind in India.

the sanitation scene in the city has gone from bad to worse in past three years.

Surprisingly, the garbage lifting has increased from 5,000 metric tonnes to 7,000 metric tonnes on a daily basis. Corporation officials claimed that they have been removing every bit of garbage produced in the city. Contradicting their statement, the civic body has been receiving over 500 complaints about sanitation every day.

This apart, the corporation has spent ₹1,200 crore on city roads. The corporation has spent ₹400 crore on the Strategic Road Development Plan (SRDP) and the remaining ₹800 crore was spent on road maintenance. Source-

es said there was a glaring disparity between the claims and the number of unresolved complaints received from citizens. The corporation has received over a lakh complaints pertaining to roads in a span of eight months this year, which was announced by the municipal administration and urban development minister, K.T. Rama Rao in all review meetings and various other forums.

GHMC officials, admitted to irregularities in the sanitation and engineering wing, said that though loot in sanitation was evident, the nexus between netas and officials was so strong that it could not be broken.

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Security politics

Uttam Kumar Reddy says arbitrary withdrawal of SPG cover to the Gandhi family reflects vendetta of the BJP

Crime

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DECCAN CHRONICLE

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Criminal cases will be booked on encroachers of temple lands

— **Indrakaran Reddy**
Endowments minister

IN BRIEF

Lorry cleaner electrocuted

Khammam: A lorry cleaner was electrocuted while he was getting down from the vehicle at Errupalem early on Friday. The lorry had started from Alluri Krishna district with subabul wood meant for a paper company located at Balarsha. On the way, the driver parked at a tea stall in Errupalem and got down from the vehicle. Ghansyam, the cleaner, accidentally came in contact with a power cable while getting down and was electrocuted. Police said Ghansyam was a resident of Balarsha in Maharashtra.

Man electrocuted by boar trap wires

Warangal: A cotton farmer died of electric shock after he accidentally came in contact with wires set up as a trap by hunters for wild hogs at Venkatapur in Mulugu. According to police, another farmer Mutyala Sammaiah, who owns a cotton field nearby, had set up the trap and connected it to electric wires. He has been catching wild hogs illegally for quite some time. Unaware of the trap, the victim, Kukkula Sarangam, 52, who was returning home from his field on Thursday evening came in contact with the trap and died on the spot. Sammaiah, who saw Sarangam's body, threw it in the nearby bushes after undressing it. Family members worried about Sammaiah not returning home till late at night searched for him but could not find him. The villagers later located him in the bushes on Friday morning.

HUNT ON TO NAB MINOR GIRL'S RAPIST

DC CORRESPONDENT
TIRUPATI, NOV. 8

The police in Ballikaruvu mandal of Prakasam district are looking for a man who allegedly raped a minor girl repeatedly for over a week. The police said that the crime came to light after the minor girl, missing for the past one week, returned to the village on Thursday and described what she had undergone to her parents.

According to sub inspector Padi Ankamma Rao, K. Yesobu, of Sanampudi village in Savayapuram mandal, Guntur district, made friends with the minor girl through social media and had frequent telephone conversations with her in the past one month.

“On November 1, the accused visited the native village of the minor girl and met her while she was on her way to school. Promising to show her different places, he took her away. It was learnt from the girl that they had travelled to different places, including Chirala, Narasaraopeta and Vinukonda in the past one week and he sexually assaulted her several times,” the SI said. The parents of the girl had searched for her at various places but in vain. On Thursday, Yesobu left the girl on the outskirts of the village and fled. The girl told her parents all that had happened and they approached the police and registered a case against Yesobu.

CAUTION NOTICE

The General Public are hereby cautioned on behalf of my clients, Dr. Syed Ali Mehdi and Mr. Syed Mohd Mehdi, both sons of Mr. Syed Naqi Mehdi that they are the absolute owners in possession of the House bearing No. 8-2-674/D, standing on the Plot bearing No. 131, situated at Road No. 13, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, by virtue of the Gift made by their father, Mr. Syed Naqi Mehdi. Apart from that they are the only heirs of their deceased father. My clients reliably came to know that Smt. Najam Unnisa Begum, who is the divorced wife of their father is claiming herself as owner of the said property and trying to sell the same to third parties. The General Public are therefore hereby cautioned not to deal with the said person in respect of the said property.

Sd/- **VELAGAPUDI SRINIVAS,**
Advocate

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Road No. 3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-34.

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Ragpicker injured in explosion at Meerpet

Nirmala used to sell trash to scrap traders

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T. | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

A woman ragpicker lost the fingers of her right hand and injured her leg in an explosion at Meerpet on Friday. The blast took place when N. Nirmala, 25, a lower caste menial worker, tried to forcibly open a plastic container collected from a garbage dump, said the police.

Nirmala, wife of N. Naresh, an auto driver, from Devarakonda village, lives in a hut at Singareni Colony in the Meerpet area. The woman collects trash and sells it to scrap traders. On Friday morning, Nirmala, along with two women, left the home to collect scrap. When they reached Vijayapuri Colony, Nirmala picked up a plastic container from the garbage dump.

After walking for a distance, she tried to break open the container by hitting it on a stone on the road and the container exploded. She suffered severe injuries to her right hand and left leg in the explosion. The two women who were accompanying her alerted the locals who informed the police. The injured woman was sent to a private hospital and then shifted to Osmania General Hospital. Police teams along with forensic experts and a dog squad inspected the blast site and collected clues.

The police said that, prima facie, they could find the traces of solvents in the remnants collected from the spot.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, Nirmala's husband, Naresh, said, “My wife said that she collected the plastic container from a dump on the roadside. She lost the fingers of her hand and there are holes on her leg. Though her condition is stated to be stable, I am worried. Why was the explosive material in the garbage dump?”

Meerpet inspector, K. Shiva Shankar, said that CCTV footage installed in the vicinity shows the sequence of incidents.



Ragpicker, R. Nirmala, 25, lost her fingers when she tried to break open a container which exploded at Jillelaguda in Meerpet on Friday. She has been admitted to Osmania General Hospital.

— P. SURENDRA

IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF CHEMICAL WASTES POSES GRAVE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

The improper way of disposing tins containing leftover organic solvents and chemicals in the garbage dumps is posing a danger to the public, especially trash collectors.

Since January this year, four incidents of bottles containing chemical solvents exploded, in which one person succumbed to burn injuries.

Forensic experts who collected the remnants from the spot where Nirmala was injured have identified that the

explosion was due to the organic solvents present in the container. A Clues team official from Hyderabad said, “If tins containing leftover organic solvents are unopened for a long time, the chemicals get evaporated and build pressure inside the tin. If they are exposed to pressure, they tend to explode resulting in a flash (fire).”

On September 8, Shaik Ali, 40, a ragpicker died in an explosion at Attapur in Rajendranagar when he tried opening a container containing organic solvents. On January

29, Manik Rao, a ragpicker survived injuries in an explosion during his attempt to open a paintbox collected from the garbage at Yellareddyguda in Jubilee Hills.

The official said that in both the incidents, the tins had traces of organic solvents and similar traces of the solvents were found in the incident at Meerpet. Whereas in the explosion that took place at Nacharam in which a 15-month-old girl child suffered injuries, the box she stepped on while playing contained chemicals, he shared.

Woman held for extortion

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

A woman law graduate who extorted money from a private employee was arrested by the Abids police on Friday. The police said that the woman had lodged 23 false complaints against different persons with ill intent and the matter came to light after one of the victims attempted suicide.

The complainant, Syed Abdul Raheem, attempted to commit suicide in October near St. Joseph's Church, by consuming some pills. He was taken to Osmania General Hospital and the Abids police were alerted immediately.

In his statement, he spoke about the extortion bid by Shadan Sultana Nizami, 27, a law graduate from Amberpet. Shadan

Sultana and Raheem got friendly in 2015. She tried to extort ₹3 lakh from him by threatening to file false cases against him and his family if he didn't pay up.

Abids inspector, K. Ravi Kumar, said she also lodged 23 other complaints against different persons for harassing and misbehaving with her. These were found to be false. Recently, she started harassing Raheem to give her ₹5 lakh. This worried him enough for him to attempt to take his own life.

In some of the complaints she has given false details about her identity. In another case she made Raheem a witness. Further investigation showed that she is involved in four cases, in Malkapet, Uppal, Chilkalguda and Amberpet, said the inspector.

TIKTOK LOVE AFFAIR TURNS SOUR FOR GIRLS

NAGABHUSHANAM HOSKOTE AND PULI SHARAT KUMAR | DC
ANANTAPUR, KARIMNAGAR, NOV. 8

In a bizarre development, two Telangana state girls went from Hyderabad to a distant village 600 kms away on the Andhra Pradesh-Karnataka border to marry two boys whom they had interacted with on the messaging app TikTok.

The girls came from Mukhtamasanpalli in Gajwel mandal of Siddipet district but work in a sweetmeat shop in Hyderabad. They had become friends with B. Vamsi and D. Vannur Swamy, graduate students in Darga Honnur, Kanekal mandal, Anantapur district of AP about six months ago. Over time, they fell in love with the boys. A couple of days ago, the girls headed to AP to marry their boyfriends.

Taking a train to Guntakal, they reached Darga Honnur, an interior village located on the Karnataka border in Kanekal mandal on Thursday night. Police said their boyfriends were shocked to see the girls at their doorsteps.

The girls informed the villagers and the parents of the boys about their love affairs and demanded that they be married. Both Vamsi and Honnur Swamy denied that there was any affair and said they had never promised to marry the girls but were chatting casually on the app.

When the girls were insistent, the boys fled the village. The locals tried to dissuade the girls but to no avail. The matter came to light when the girls approached the Kanekal police to seek their help to marry the boys. The police tried to persuade the girls to return, shifted them to the Ujwala rescue home and informed their parents.

According to local sub-inspector Vijay, the girls, Chitayala Mamatha and Chitayala Soundarya, had discontinued their education after Class 10 and were working in a shop in Hyderabad.

1,427 TRAFFIC VIOLATORS FINED

Hyderabad: The city traffic police during a two-day drive booked 1,427 cases against motorists for using improper or irregular and fancy registration numbersplates. The drive was conducted on Thursday and Friday.

SHRADDANJALI

SRI. KURMA SAIBABA
Addl. Superintendent of Police (Rtd)
DoB: 16th April 1947 | DoD: 5th November 2019
Inserted by Family
Wife: Surekha Son: Surya Teja & Family Members
Mob: +91 63549 40046

SAD DEMISE

Sri SANJAY R. KADAKIA
Expired on 08.11.2019
Last Journey starts today at 10 AM from our residence: C.J. Residency, Babubagh Colony, P.G. Road, Sec-bad to Smashan Vatika, Kavadiyada, Behind Viceroy Hotel, Secunderabad.
Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS
PANAM SALES CORP-Ph: 9849015639
Mayur Kadakia : 9820291350
Dr.Smit Kadakia - Ph: 7768865444

MISS YOU DADDY

WILLIAM CLARENCE LAWRENCE
Born: 10 Aug 1927 Left: 9 Nov 1996
Daddy didn't tell us how to live. He lived, and let us watch him do it
Inserted by: Your Children

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY

KATAKAM RANGA RAO
DOB: 1-11-1950 DOD: 9-11-2016
May his soul rest in peace
Inserted by: Wife - K.Raja Laxmi
And Family Members
Contact: 9849537378

4th ANNIVERSARY

PRAVEEN KUMAR SURYA
(UMANG CERAMICS, Troop Bazaar, Hyd)
Left this World on 9th Nov 2015
"Who meant so much and loved by all, left behind a trail of precious memories we loved the sunshine in his smile and kindness in his Heart."
Inserted by: Pradeep Kumar Surya, Ganesh Surya, Uday & Geeta Doshi, Nalcy & Umang Doshi
Ph: 9393332323

Shradhanjali

SRI. MALVE RAJESHWAR RAO
PRAKASH BABU
PROPRIETOR OF SREE PAVAN STUDIO - LAB
DOB: 25-10-1946 DECEASED: 30-10-2019
Shradhanjali on Saturday, 9th Nov 2019
Haven: 10AM to 12PM. Followed by Lunch at #48, Sarvasukhi Colony, West Marredpally
Suresh Khirsagar (1st Son-in-law)
Archana Khirsagar (1st Daughter)
Gautham Khirsagar (Grand Son)
Pratyusha Khirsagar (Grand Daughter)

8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

GATTU GNANA PRAKASHAM
S/o. Late. Gattu David
DOB: 21.3.1932 DOD: 9.11.2011
We cherish your loving memories and live with hope to meet you at his feet
Children, Grand Children & Great Grandsons

OBITUARY

PETARASP. A. NALLADARU
DOB: 28, June, 1936 DOD: 8 Nov, 2019
Funeral on 9, Nov, 2019 at 9.30 a.m. at Parsi Zoroastrian Anjuman Bungli 125, M.G. Road, Secunderabad.
With Love
Perviz, P. Nalladaru (Wife)
Mehernaz, Dilnaz, Binaifer (Daughters)
Mob: 9490450559

(S/1920/D01207)

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAAS

MOHINDER SINGH GUPTA
Antim Ardaas for peace of the departed soul will be held on 9th Nov., 2019 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at Gurudwara Sahab, Secbad followed by Gurmukh Langar
Satpal Singh - Paramjit Kaur
Varinder Pal Singh - Jatinder Kaur
Satinder Pal Singh - Harinder Kaur
Grand & Great Grand Children
(S/1920/D01209)

11th Day Ceremony

MURALIDHAR TENNETI
11th Day Ceremony will be held on 9th November at 12.00 Noon at Hotel Dasappa, Jubilee Hills Road No. 37, Hyderabad.
Romavathi Tenneti (Wife)
Ashwin Tenneti (Son)
Medini Tenneti (Daughter-in-law)

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Kishore Brothers
Kishore Tandley & Family
Kiran Tandley & Family

40th DAY REMEMBRANCE

ROMY GEORGE (JIMMY)
Son of Rosamma George and Late K. George
Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS
(S/1920/D01191)

4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Late. Mr. HENRY DAVID
S/o. Late. Mr. & Mrs. S.V. David
DOB: 26.04.1943 DOD: 09.11.2015
Although our lives' journeys have bid us to be apart, you are with us, always in our hearts
Inserted by: Mr & Mrs. Roopson Henry & Family
Ph: 9949011103

15th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. KATTA DIVAKER
DOB: 23-10-1955 DOD: 09-11-2004
Inserted by: Wife: Katta Felicia Divaker Children & Grandson
(S/1920/D01206)

Remembrance Day

In everlasting memory of **Late Smt. Chamala Sharada**
DOB 10.1.1937 DOD 9.11.2016
Your Noble Deeds Continue to be a Source of Inspiration today and always
Mobile: 92465 48901
Dr. C.V. Narasimha Reddy (Husband), C. Rama Devi (Daughter) * B. Ashok Reddy (Son-in-Law) * C. Ramesh Kumar (Son) * C. Ravinder Reddy (Son) * C. Neeraja (Daughter-in-Law) * Grandchildren: C. Ritvik Reddy, B. Smitha, B. Sumanth
Every year, in her memory, Essay writing competition is held in Alair Mandal School and prizes are given

Shradhanjali

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Aravind Chinchure (2nd Son-in-law)
Sumathi Chinchure (2nd Daughter)
Aditya Chinchure (Grand Son)

Memorial Service

It Tim 4:7 "I have fought a good fight I have finished the race I have kept the faith"
Mr. John Dammala
H/o Helen Dammala
Memorial Service today 09-11-2019 at 6:00pm at C.S.I. Church, Ramkoti, Hyd.
Inserted by: Wife, Mrs & Mr. Nikhil Raj, Ramya, Mrs & Mr. Vishal, Jennifer and Grand Children

Shradhanjali

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Rajini Bhargade (3rd Daughter)
Eisha Bhargade (Grand Daughter)
Vasudha Bhargade (Grand Daughter)

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Ph: 9393332323

6th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

BUTATY SWAMY
Retd. Ordnance Officer (Admn) (AOO)
DOB: 10-08-1936 DOD: 09-11-2013
"We will be thankful and grateful, not even the last thing that is done for us shall be forgotten" - Buddha
Fondly remembered by: FAMILY MEMBERS
Ph: 940-2775340
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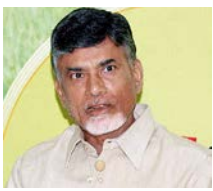
Power show

KTR inaugurates 33/11 KV substations at Narayanpur, Akkapally and Racharla Thimmapur in Sircilla district



L.V. Subramanyam's fight is purely ideological and historic

— N. Chandrababu Naidu
Former Chief Minister



BRIEF

MIM names 3 for Jharkhand polls

Hyderabad: The MIM has released its first list of candidates for the ensuing Assembly general elections in Jharkhand. The party's Jharkhand president Hubban Mallick announced that Arjun Toppo will be contesting from Lohardagga, Pradeep Ganju from Latehar and Ashrafi Chandrawanshi from Bishrampur. It is learnt that MIM is planning to contest 15 to 20 of the 81 seats in Jharkhand. There are chances of it forming a poll alliance with Jitin Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha.

KCR must step down: Shabbir Ali

Kamareddy: Former minister Mohammed Ali Shabbir said that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has no moral right to continue in the chair after High Court has indicted his government of furnishing false information on the RTC's finances. Mr Shabbir Ali, former opposition leader in the Council, was speaking to media persons on Friday at the 'Maha Dharma' at Kamareddy which was organised as part of the Congress' protest against the economic policies of the BJP government at the Centre. He pointed that in 1964, then Chief Minister Neelam Sanjiva Reddy had resigned following unfavourable observations made against the AP government by the Supreme Court in the bus routes nationalisation case. — *INN*

DETAILS OF PEGASUS SOUGHT

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

Over 20 persons from throughout India belonging to different fields, who were reportedly targeted by Pegasus spyware have written an open letter to the Centre seeking its response over alleged role of government agencies in spying.

In the letter, they asked whether the Centre was aware of any contract between Israel's NSO Group and any of the government's ministries, departments, agencies, or state governments, to deploy Pegasus or related malware for any operations within India. In case such a thing has happened, they asked for details of the operations carried out by them.

JAGAN GETS ONE-DAY EXEMPTION

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

After the CBI special court at Hyderabad rejected the plea of AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to exempt him from personal appearance in a trial related to the disproportionate assets case, he has filed a plea under Section 317 of the Criminal Procedure Code seeking exemption from personal appearance in the trial conducted by CBI court on Friday.

Earlier, the High Court had permitted Jagan to file exemption pleas on a week-to-week basis.

Court asks for papers on route privatisation

HC halts government from privatising 5,100 RTC routes

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA I
DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

The Telangana High Court on Friday directed the state government to place before it the documents of the Cabinet decision based on which the government decided to privatise 5,100 route permits of the TSRTC, on November 11.

The court also directed the state government not to take further steps based on the decision till the further hearing of the PIL.

The division bench comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy was dealing with a public interest petition filed by Prof. P.L. Vishweshwar Rao, challenging the Cabinet decision taken on November 2 to privatise the routes.

Mr Chikkudu Prabhakar, counsel for the petitioner, submitted that despite the turmoil caused by the ongoing strike of TSRTC employees, the Cabinet had taken a decision to privatise 5,100 permits out of the 10,400 permits, which is aggravating the ongoing severe situation in the state.

He submitted that document of the Cabinet decision was not available with him and the only source of information were newspaper reports.

Advocate General B.S. Prasad placed the government's response on the PIL by way of an affidavit and requested an adjournment. The court agreed to adjourn the hearing but issued interim directions to the government not to take further steps.

To that, Mr Prasad objected and said the PIL was not maintainable. He said a citizen cannot challenge the decision of the Cabinet, and that this view is supported by a Supreme Court judgment.

Reacting to the AG's contentions, the bench said that a PIL is an indi-



Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar, additional commissioner Shikha Goel and senior police officials on Saturday inspect Tank Bund, venue of the RTC JAC's Million March on Sunday, and surrounding areas. — P. SURENDRA

Leaders, OU students detained at home, hostel

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Police prevented RTC Joint Action Committee leaders E Ashwathama Reddy, Raji Reddy, Thomas Reddy and Congress leader V Hanumantha Rao, Telangana Jana Samiti president Prof M Kodandaram, CPI leader Chada Venkat Reddy and others from moving out

of their houses. Among the Osmania University students detained are Dudapaka Naresh, R.N. Shankar, G. Shyam, Srihari and Ch. Dayakar.

Mr Venkat Reddy, Mr Hanumantha Rao and Prof. Kodandaram alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao who had organised the Million March during

legal or not. Justice Chauhan said, "The court does have immense power to see even classified documents."

Mr Prasad said that if the court gives directions to produce the Cabinet decision, he would inform the government. Accordingly, the Chief Justice dictated a brief order directing the Chief Secretary to produce the Cabinet decision to the court by November 11. It directed the government not to take further steps

on that decision.

In the order, the bench said, "amidst this crisis, the Cabinet has taken a decision which has further agitated not only the minds of the trade unions but also the minds of the people at large. Therefore, to prevent any further deterioration of the situation, this court directs the Telangana state government not to take any such steps which would further precipitate the situation till the next date."

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ISIS USES DARK WEB, ENCRYPTS DATA: KISHAN

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 8

Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy on Friday disclosed that Indian investigations have revealed that Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) uses Dark Web and encrypted platforms for radicalising and recruiting terrorists as well as to guide them on mobilising funds, purchasing weapons and carrying out attacks.

Participating in a round table discussion on "Emerging Technologies and Terrorism Financing Risk" at Melbourne, Australia, the Union Minister said India's experience with regard to use of cyber world by terrorists has revealed the platforms used by ISIS for its activities.

Mr Reddy is in Australia to for the 'No Money for Terror' conference, which is being attended by representatives from 65 countries.

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AP High Court stops work on Polavaram

DC CORRESPONDENT
VIJAYAWADA, NOV. 8

A two-member division bench of the AP High Court on Friday issued an order to stop work on the Polavaram hydel power project until November 12.

The government had annulled the earlier contract awarded to Navayuga. Later, through reverse tendering, the government allotted the contract to

Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited for both the irrigation and hydel power projects.

A single judge bench of the AP High Court issued an order earlier vacating the stay on taking up the Polavaram hydel power project. Navayuga filed a petition before a two-member division bench of the court.

The division bench issued an order to stop work on the hydel power project.

TELANGANA UNIVERSITY
Dichpally, Nizamabad - 503 322
SHORT TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notification No.009/REG/TU/NZB/2019 Date: 08-11-2019
Sealed Tenders are invited from the Registered Security printer firms for supply of the Pre-printed Certificates and Memos with security features for Examination Branch, Telangana University, Nizamabad. The Tender application form with full details can be obtained from the University website www.telanganaworld.ac.in. The last date for submission of tenders is 22-11-2019 till 03.00 pm.
Sd/- REGISTRAR

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER-VII, T.T.D., TIRUPATI
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The scrap materials i.e., (1) Iron scrap (2) Furniture scrap (3) Civil scrap (4) Water works scrap accumulated at D.P.W Stores (Civil), TTD, Hare Rama Hare Krishna Road, Tirupati will be sold through e-auction to be conducted by M/s. APTS (Konugolu), Vijayawada (A Government of Andhra Pradesh). The e-auction will be held on 18.11.2019.
For further details of scrap materials including terms and conditions visit <https://kongolu.ap.gov.in/>
Doc No:PR4/13512/Adv.No.288/PRO/2019, Dt: 8-11-2019 Executive Officer

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single Bid System through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. Name of Work : Pway Zonal Contract for Maintenance of Track under the Jurisdiction of SSE/Mangalore. Tender Notice No.: KR-W-01-55-2019-13. Estimated Cost : ₹ 396.82 Lakhs (Excluding GST). Closing Date/Time : 29/11/2019 up to 15:00 hrs. for submission of online Offers/Bids. Completion Period : Twenty Four Months including monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit <https://ireps.gov.in> website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

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No: NGRI/23/01/2019-(Med) Dated: 06.11.2019
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Director, National Geophysical Research Institute (CSIR-NGRI), Hyderabad invites online bids from reputed pharmacies having minimum 50 outlets spread over two cities for supply of medicines to its Staff / Pensioners and their dependents. For details, see www.ngri.org.in or visit NGRI on all working days upto 19.11.2019 except Saturday, Sunday and 12th November, 2019.
Estimated Cost: Rs 1,67,00,000-00
Last Date for downloading of tender documents: 19-11-2019 upto 12.00 Noon.
Sd/- Administrative Officer

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Notification No. SCR/P-HQ/111/Act. App./2019 Dated: 09.11.2019
Indicative Advertisement for Act Apprentice Training
South Central Railway, Secunderabad has issued a notification on 09-11-2019 inviting ONLINE applications from candidates fulfilling the conditions prescribed in the notification for imparting training under Apprentice Act 1961 in various Railway Establishments/Units of South Central Railway. The notification with full details is placed on the official website <https://scr.indianrailways.gov.in/>. It can be viewed by clicking on **Act Apprentice Notification 2019** scrolling on main webpage of South Central Railway.
Dy. Chief Personnel Officer/Administration & Recruitment/SCR
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M.P. AGENCY FOR PROMOTION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (MAP_IT)
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E-TENDER NOTICE No. OPB-687, DATED: 09.11.2019
PCMM/COFMOW,s Office invites e-Bids for the following STORES Tenders:

Tender No.	Brief Description	Closing Date
OP-308870	Computerized Water Load Box	03.12.2019
OP-510960	Hydraulic Double Column Guillotine Shearing Machine	06.12.2019
OP-107550	Vertical Turret Lathe for Wheel Machining	09.12.2019

E-TENDER NOTICE No. G-436, DATED: 09.11.2019

Tender No.	Brief Description	Closing Date
G-709312	Hot Axle Box Hot Wheel Detector Machine	06.12.2019
G-607840	CNC Under Floor Wheel Lathe	23.12.2019

Bidders may visit the website www.ireps.gov.in to download the tender document and submit their e-Bids. No manual offers shall be accepted.
CORRIGENDUM, DATED: 09.11.2019
Following corrigenda have been issued to e-Tenders already uploaded on the website www.ireps.gov.in:

Tender No.	Corrigendum No.	Closing Date
OP-205610	Corrigendum No. 01	29-11-2019
G-607610	Corrigendum No. 02	18-11-2019
OP-405361	Corrigendum No. 02	11-11-2019
G-706821	Corrigendum No. 03	16-12-2019

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Serious charge

Senior NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal on Friday said Maharashtra is heading for President's rule



Don't know why Maha Governor not calling single largest party

— Sharad Pawar
NCP chief

IN BRIEF

TEACHERS SUSPENDED FOR ABUSE

RABINDRA NATH
CHOUDHURY | DC
BHOPAL, NOV. 8

Seven teachers including principal of a government school in Chhattisgarh's Baloda Bazar district were on Friday suspended in connection with sexual exploitation of girls.

The shocking incident came to light at the meeting of teachers and parents in the government higher secondary school at Marda in the district on Thursday.

"Parents of an alleged victim narrated ordeal of their daughter at the meeting. Later, parents of other girl students joined them in describing how their children too were subjected to sexual abuse by some teachers who sought sexual favours from the girls to pass them in the examinations," investigating officer said.

According to the police, a group of teachers allegedly used to sexually exploit some girl students threatening them to fail in the examination if they did not heed to their demands. Teachers including the in-charge principal of the school were taken into custody for interrogation.

PAPERS LOST IN FLOOD RESTORED

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov. 8: The Kerala IT Mission, in an adalat held at Malappuram, has restored over 1,000 documents of those who have lost them during the floods this year. The documents include ration cards, marklists, birth and marriage certificates and property documents. They have been downloaded and kept in the digilocker accounts opened for the beneficiaries.

A total of 1,797 documents were restored during the adalat from the 2,012 applications, a press release from the Kerala IT Mission said.

"In all, 859 digilocker accounts were opened to keep the documents as part of the drive, which concluded in Malappuram earlier this week," the release said.

The digitisation was done by the certificates retrieval adalats, conducted jointly by the district administration and Kerala IT Mission in different parts of the state.

TRUMP SAYS WILL VISIT INDIA SOON

Washington, Nov. 8: The US has a "very good" relationship with India and a lot of things are happening between the two countries, US President Donald Trump said on Friday. Trump, who has accepted an invitation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to travel to India, said that he would be going there at some point of time.

"We have a lot of things happening with India. We have a very good relationship with India," Trump told reporters on the South Lawns of the White House when asked about the progress in his trade deal with India.

Trump, during his meeting with Modi in New York in September, said the two countries are working on a trade deal. Officials from both India and the US have said that the work is in progress and are hoping to ink it before the end of the year.

"We are dealing with India on a lot of different things," Trump said in response to questions. However, he did not elaborate. Prime Minister Modi "is a very good friend of mine," Trump said as he referred to the historic 'Howdy Modi' event in Houston in September.

Fadnavis quits, blames Sena

BJP still hopeful of a government led by it in Maha, says Shiv Sena closed doors

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC
MUMBAI NOV. 8

In a major shift in its strategy, the Bharatiya Janata Party on Friday said that "whichever" government comes to power in Maharashtra, it will be formed under the leadership of the BJP. The party had so far maintained that it would be a BJP-Sena government.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who submitted his resignation to governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari on Friday, said that he called Uddhav Thackeray, but the Sena leader neither received nor returned his calls.

"Shiv Sena has closed all doors for talks from the day of results. But the BJP is still open for talks. However, any future discussion will involve the "derogatory" statements made by Sena leaders against the BJP leaders. All remarks must be stopped, if the two parties have to remain together in the government," he said.

Koshiyari had asked him to continue as "acting Chief Minister", he told reporters.

Addressing a press conference after tendering his resignation, Fadnavis said he and his party were surprised by Uddhav Thackeray's declaration on the day of the result that all the options are open for Sena. "The mandate given by the people was for the alliance," he said, adding that BJP was wondering why Thackeray made such a statement.

He said that they (BJP-Shiv Sena) have resolved many issues in last five years but this time the Uddhav Thackeray-led party shut all doors for any talks with the BJP. "I personally called Thackeray but he did not receive my calls. Therefore, we have not stalled the discussion, Sena has. BJP's doors are open for discussion," he added.

Addressing Sena's claim about the sharing of the Chief Minister's post he said that no such promise was made. "Let me again make it very clear that no decision was taken on the Chief Minister's post in my presence. In fact, we had broken off the talks on this issue. I was present at all the deliberations. Subsequently, the talks resumed but we never discussed sharing of the Chief Minister's post for



Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis flanked by senior BJP leader Sudhir Mungantiwar (L) and Maharashtra BJP president Chandrakant Patil (R) in Mumbai on Friday. — PTI

2.5 years," Fadnavis added. He said that he asked BJP president Amit Shah and senior BJP leader Nitin Gadkari and they, too, said that no such decision was taken.

Speaking on the senior BJP leader Sanjay Raut's meeting with Congress leader Sharad Pawar, he said, "The Sena did not hold a discussion with us, but went to hold a discussion with the Congress and NCP, against whom? Mahayuti had fought the election."

"The Sena didn't have time for us but they can hold a talk with the NCP and Congress thrice in a day. The Sena had decided to go with NCP-Congress from the day when the Sena chief had said that they have other options," the BJP leader added.

He also raised the issue of the alleged criticism of their leaders by the Shiv Sena leaders and its mouthpiece *Saamana*. "Despite being in the power at the Centre and the state, our top leaders are being criticised. We are not going to tolerate this practice," he added.

"We have been told that they (Sena) are speaking on the policy not on any individual. But instead criticising the policy, we have seen the criticism on the individual. The world has recognised the leadership of Modi, but unfortunately, they (Sena) has been criticising Modi. Our opponents, including the Congress, have not made such remarks against Modi. This has pained us," he said.

Gloves off: Uddhav hits out at Amit Shah and company

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC
MUMBAI, NOV. 8

In a clear indication that the Shiv Sena is almost on the verge of breaking its ties with the Bharatiya Janata Party, party chief Uddhav Thackeray on Friday launched a scathing attack on the alliance partner and accused its top leaders of lying and betraying with him. "They tried to portray me as a liar, which I will not tolerate," he said.

Thackeray claimed that the BJP is not honouring their president Amit Shah's promise that the two parties will work on a 50-50 power-sharing formula, including the Chief Minister's post. Talks will happen only after the BJP admits that such a promise was made, he added.

Soon after Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis reiterated that there had been no agreement on sharing the Chief Minister's post for two-and-a-half years, a visibly agitated Sena chief slammed both Fadnavis and Shah saying they have not kept their word.

"This is the first time anyone has accused me and the Thackeray family of cheating," said Thackeray.

"I will not have any



Uddhav Thackeray

truck with those who call me a liar. I stopped the government formation talks the day Fadnavis said sharing of Chief Minister's post was never decided," he said. The "Amit Shah and company" was lying, he said.

He also narrated the series of events, which allegedly happened during the talks between the Sena and BJP before the Lok Sabha polls.

"When the talks started, Shah said that the Sena will get the post of deputy CM after the Assembly polls. But I squarely turned it down saying that I want to fulfil the promise made to my father Balasaheb Thackeray to install a Sena CM in the state. Shah later proposed that one who gets the highest number of seats would get the top post. But I insisted on equal distribution of seats and the CM's

post for 2.5 years each. Both the leaders agreed to it, but Fadnavis said that it would create problems in his party if any announcement about CM's post was made at that time. Hence, he announced that equal distribution of posts and responsibilities will be made between both the parties. But now he is saying that no such promise was made, which has hurt me extremely," said Thackeray.

He even condemned the BJP for allegedly reneging on other promises. "The BJP had agreed to contest on an equal number of seats during the Assembly polls. But they gave us only 124 seats. Even during the Lok Sabha polls, they had agreed to offer us an important portfolio, but later again gave an insignificant heavy industries department," he said. "I did not hold talks with the BJP after the Assembly poll results came in on October 24, as I could not tolerate being called a liar," he added.

Senior BJP leader Sudhir Mungantiwar, however, refuted the allegations made by Thackeray calling them "unreasonable." During the Lok Sabha polls talks, no such things were discussed, he stated.

MAHA LEADERS FLOCK TO PAWAR'S HOUSE

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC
MUMBAI NOV. 8

NCP chief Sharad Pawar's residence has become a hotbed of political activity, with leaders of various parties making a beeline for it. RPI leader Ramdas Athawale and Sena leader Sanjay Raut were among those who met Pawar.

While what transpired in the meeting with Raut is unclear, Athawale, who is an alliance partner of the BJP, said that he met Pawar to seek his advice on how to resolve the current political crisis in the state.

Athawale said that despite their political differences, he shares a close relationship with Pawar for many years.

"I came to take Pawar's advice to resolve the current political problems. Pawar's opinion is that the Shiv Sena and the BJP should form the government. Pawar asked me to advise the two parties to form the government," Athawale said.

Pawar said he did not know why governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari wasn't inviting the BJP, which had emerged as the single largest party, to stake claim to form the government. Following the meeting with Athawale, the NCP chief suggested that the BJP and Sena, via Athawale, respect the mandate given to them by the people.

Pawar said, "Such a situation should not prevail in a state like Maharashtra. He (Athawale) asked for advice. We have consensus that the people have given the BJP and Sena a clear-cut mandate." For how long can the President or governor wait, he asked. The BJP and Sena will have to take some decision soon, he said.

Late Thursday evening, a delegation of Congress leaders including Sushil Kumar Shinde and Ashok Chavan headed by state Congress president Balasaheb Thorat, too, met Pawar. In the Assembly elections, the BJP won 105 seats, the Sena 56, the NCP 54, and the Congress 44 in the 288-member House.



Rahul Bhairu Sulagekar

SOLDIER KILLED IN ENCOUNTER IN POONCH

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, NOV. 8

An Indian Army soldier was killed on Friday during infiltration bid by terrorists at Krishna Ghati sector of Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir.

A news agency report said that the terrorists could be part of BAT team which had infiltrated into this side of LoC.

On the intervening night of November 7 and 8, Indian Army noticed "suspicious movement of terrorists" in the area along with ceasefire violation by the Pakistan army.

Indian Army ambushed the infiltrating terrorists.

"However, in the ensuing exchange of fire, sepoy Rahul Bhairu Sulagekar sustained gunshot wounds and was evacuated to nearest Medical Aid Centre wherein he was provided medical aid and resuscitation," said Army spokesperson.

However, Sulagekar succumbed to the injuries. Sulagekar, 21, belonged to Uchagaon village of Belgavi district in Karnataka. He is survived by his mother.

'BULBUL' HEADS TOWARDS WEST BENGAL

AKSHAYA KUMAR
SAHOO | DC
BHUBANESWAR, NOV. 8

Severe cyclonic storm 'Bulbul' formed over west-central and adjoining east-central Bay of Bengal has intensified into a very severe cyclonic storm and is heading towards West Bengal.

As per a latest bulletin issued by the India Meteorological Department, 'Bulbul' intensified into a very severe cyclonic storm at 5.30 am and was about 390 km from south-south-east of Paradip.

It is likely to intensify further on Saturday morning. Thereafter, it is very likely to re-curve north-eastwards and cross West Bengal-Bangladesh coasts between Sagar Islands (West Bengal) and Kheupurara (Bangladesh) during early hours of November 10 as a severe cyclonic storm with maximum sustained wind speed of 110-120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph.

Though 'Bulbul' will not hit Odisha coast, it triggered moderate rainfall at most places in coastal districts on Friday. Heavy to very heavy rainfall also occurred in some districts. The IMD has predicted light to moderate rainfall at most places in coastal districts of Odisha with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall over Puri.

SC: Sometimes silence is good

New Delhi, Nov. 8: The Supreme Court said on Friday that there were problems from both sides and the strike by lawyers to protest against the clash at a Delhi court last week was not the solution to deal with such instances.

"Sometimes our silence is good enough. It is better if we don't say anything," the court said.

"There were problems from both sides. Nobody can clap with one hand. We should not speak much on the issue."

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and K.M. Joseph made the remark came after Bar

Council of India chairman M.K. Mishra said the situation at the Tis Hazari court aggravated after the police's "brutality" on lawyers.

The court was critical of the lawyers' strikes that is affecting judicial work in the high courts and trial courts, saying there were even weird reasons like temperature touching 45 degrees Celsius when advocates abstain from work. A parking dispute between an on-duty policeman and a lawyer triggered the clash between the two sides at the Tis Hazari court complex last Saturday.

— PTI

SC to hear fresh plea of disqualified K'taka MLAs

New Delhi, Nov. 8: The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear on November 13 a fresh plea moved by the disqualified Karnataka MLAs seeking a direction to the Election Commission to again postpone the Assembly bypolls for 15 seats scheduled on December 5.

A bench headed by Justice N.V. Ramana on October 25 had reserved its verdict on a batch of petitions filed by the 17 MLAs, challenging their disqualification as lawmakers ahead of the trust vote by the then H.D. Kumaraswamy government.

The disqualified MLAs

said since the judgement on their fate is still awaited, the poll panel be directed to defer the bypolls till the pronouncement of verdict.

"Upon oral mentioning made by the senior counsel appearing for the petitioners seeking urgent listing of the Interlocutory Application for directions, the registry is directed to list the said application on Wednesday, the November 13, 2019, subject to curing of defects by the petitioner. We direct the learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner to serve a copy of the interlocutory application to the senior

counsels appearing for the respondents immediately" the bench, comprising Justice V. Rama-subramanian, said. Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the disqualified MLAs, mentioned the matter and said the bypolls for the assembly seats are scheduled on December 5 and candidates are required to file their nomination papers between November 11 and November 18.

He said the disqualified MLAs will not be able to file their nomination and moreover the apex court verdict has not been delivered on the particular issue.

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■ For last 28 yrs, Gandhis had SPG security; now only PM has elite cover

Gandhis lose SPG cover, get Z+ security

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In a move that is set to snowball into a major political controversy, the Special Protection Group security cover of Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her two children, Rahul and Priyanka, has been withdrawn by the Centre, replacing it with "Z-plus" security, to be provided by the CRPF.

Sources said the SPG cover for the Gandhi family was withdrawn after a detailed review meeting on their threat perception carried out by multiple

Intelligence and security agencies.

While the move triggered protests by Congress workers outside the residence of home minister Amit Shah, senior party leader Ahmed Patel said the BJP had "descended to the ultimate personal vendetta mechanism".

In a tweet, Patel said, "The BJP has descended to the ultimate personal vendetta mechanism, compromising the lives of family members of 2 former Prime Ministers to acts of terror and violence."

This means the SPG will now protect only Prime

■ THE GANDHIS were provided the SPG cover after the assassination of former PM Rajiv Gandhi in May 1991. The SPG Act was amended for this to cover former PMs and their families.

Minister Narendra Modi, as the SPG security cover of former PM Manmohan Singh had also been withdrawn a few months ago.

Sonia Gandhi and her two children were provided the SPG cover after the assassination of former PM Rajiv Gandhi in May 1991. The SPG Act was

amended for this to cover former PMs and their families. Thus, after a long spell of 28 years, the Gandhis will no longer be SPG protectees, but their Z-plus security cover will remain.

Top security officials said it had been decided to provide the Gandhi family with CRPF commandos along with pilot and escort vehicles. If required, sources added, their convoys would also be provided with jammer vehicles depending on the threat perception and security review, which is done on a regular basis. Apart from

providing close proximity security to the Gandhis, the CRPF commandos will also be deployed at their residence.

The SPG, a highly specialised security unit, was raised through an Act of Parliament after the assassination of former PM Indira Gandhi in 1984. Initially, the SPG was meant only for the PM and his family but the SPG was later amended in 1991 following Rajiv Gandhi's assassination to cover former PMs and their families as well.

Security sources claimed Sonia Gandhi along with

Rahul and Priyanka did not use bullet-resistant vehicles on several occasions in the last many years, and did not even take SPG commandos on several foreign trips. Rahul, the sources added, had between 2005 and 2014 travelled in non-BR vehicles on 18 visits to different parts of the country, while from 2015 till May 2019 he had travelled in a non-BR vehicle in Delhi.

Even Priyanka in last five years did not use SPG bullet-resistant vehicles on 339 occasions in Delhi and 64 occasions at other places in the country.



DeMo charge

Rahul Gandhi terms DeMo as ‘terror attack’, says those responsible yet to be brought to justice

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On D-day, lens on social media

Mumbai, Nov. 8: Police are on alert in Mumbai and rest of Maharashtra in view of the Ayodhya verdict which is scheduled to be pronounced on Saturday, an official said here.

Besides heavy deployment of personnel, police are also keeping a tab on social media to prevent spread of inflammatory posts or messages.

“We have issued an alert and deployed additional police force,” a senior police official said.

Strict action would be taken against anybody who tries to disturb communal peace by posting or circulating provocative content on social media, the official said.

Police have already issued notices to admins of WhatsApp groups in sensitive areas to guard against posting or forwarding of objectionable posts by their members.

Police also took to their official Twitter and Facebook accounts to issue appeals for peace on the day of verdict.

Meetings of peace committees and Mohalla committees were called in the run-up to the verdict to ensure that communal harmony was maintained, the official said.

In Mumbai, police have issued prohibitory orders against gathering of five or more persons till November 18.

Personnel of the crime branch, special branch, Quick Response Teams, Bomb Detection and Disposal Squads (BDDS) are on alert, the official said. Even drones would be used for monitoring in sensitive locations, he added.

Earlier this week, Mumbai police commissioner Sanjay Barve appealed citizens of the megapolis — which had witnessed terrible riots after the demolition of Babri masjid in December 1992 — to maintain peace and harmony. Barve held a meeting with some prominent members of the Muslim community, including journalists and spiritual leaders, and appealed them to accept the apex court’s verdict, whichever way it may go.

Man held for FB post

A 56-year-old man was arrested on Friday in Maharashtra’s Dhule district for writing an objectionable post on the eve of Supreme Court’s verdict on the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid issue, police said.

Sanjay Rameshwar Sharma, a resident of Old Agra Road in Dhule, had posted a message in a regional language on his Facebook wall claiming he would celebrate Diwali after getting “justice” for Shri Ram Janmabhoomi,

■ Multi-layered security arrangements have been put in place in Ayodhya with drones being used to monitor the situation ahead of the apex court judgment in the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case.

■ **UTTAR PRADESH** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has said two helicopters will be on standby in Lucknow and Ayodhya as part of the security arrangements in the run up to the Supreme Court verdict on the Ram Temple issue.

■ **THE HELICOPTERS** will be used in case of an emergency.

■ **IT WAS** also decided that a state-level control room will be set up in Lucknow. Every district will also have a separate control room.

and stressed it would remove a “dark spot of history”.

After police teams monitoring social media posts came upon Sharma’s Facebook post, he was arrested under sections 153 (1) (B), 188 of IPC (commits any act which is prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities), an official said. He will be produced in court on Saturday, he added.

Sharma reportedly has been arrested in two cases in the past three months, for allegedly beating up a man for befriending a girl from another community, and for assaulting two others.

Appeal for peace

The spiritual head of Ajmer shrine on Friday night appealed to the people to maintain peace and harmony and respect the supreme court verdict on the Ayodhya case.

“I would like to appeal to Muslims and Hindus and every Indian citizen to maintain peace and law and order and to respect and welcome the decision of the court. This is the time to show our unity and brotherhood,” said the Dargah Deewan, Zainul Abedin Ali Khan. “We need to focus on the development and growth of our nation and the future of our youth. The entire world is looking at us and we all should show a united face and must respectfully welcome the decision,” he said.

Khan said it was the birth month of prophet Muhammad, who was the symbol of peace, sacrifice and love, and the community should imbibe these values.

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Police personnel conduct searches near the site of disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site, in Ayodhya on Friday.

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WRITES RALLY AROUND AATISH

New Delhi, Nov. 8: Arundhati Roy and Jeet Thayil were among the host of writers and academics who came forward on Friday to back their British-born colleague Aatish Ali Taseer after the Indian government’s decision to revoke his Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) status.

Taseer, the son of Indian journalist Tavleen Singh and the late Pakistani politician Salman Taseer, has become ineligible for an OCI card as it is not issued to any person whose parents or grandparents are Pakistanis and he hid this fact, a Union home ministry spokesperson has said.



Tourists visit Ramjanmabhoomi Nyas kaaryashala in Ayodhya on Friday.

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People in Ayodhya fear Kashmir-like lockdown

Marriages postponed; ration, medicines stocked up

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC AYODHYA, NOV. 8

Till a week ago, celebrations in this two-bedroom house in Rikabgunj were going on in full swing. The marriage of a daughter of bank employee Kailash Chandra Gupta was scheduled for November 14. Invitation cards had been distributed, and all arrangements were in place even though the fall-out of the Ayodhya title suit verdict was something that was bothering everyone in the family.

After many discussions with relatives over the last two days — which were based on the massive troop build-up and the tense situation prevailing Kailash Gupta called up the father of his would-be son-in-law and the two men decided to postpone the marriage indefinitely.

In the house adjacent to Gupta’s, the family of Muhammad Ashfaq, a trader, has stocked up on enough rations, gas cylinders, medicines and other essentials to last three months. What if there is a lockdown like in Kashmir, wonders Ashfaq.

With tension building up in the town ahead of the Supreme Court verdict, a sense of fear prevails among residents of the twin towns of Faizabad and Ayodhya. Talk to anyone on the streets and they are quick to point out the unprecedented lockdown in the Kashmir Valley since August 5, when Article 370 was scrapped. They anticipate that the same could happen here as well.

Marriages - in hundreds, say locals - have been postponed while many people have temporarily left Ayodhya and are choosing to stay away till the situation normalises.

Those staying back are stocking up on essentials to keep them going in the event of a total shutdown once the verdict is out.

Though on record, police officials insist that all is well, they admit privately that a complete lockdown

First Ayodhya case was filed in 1950

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The Hindu litigants — represented by lawyers K. Parasaran and C.S. Vaidyanathan — have contended that the “Janmasthan” was itself a swayambhu — a manifestation of god-like holy temples Kedarnath and Badrinath.

However, the Muslim side pointed to the varying stand of the Hindu litigants who earlier has asserted that Ram Chabutra — located in the outer courtyard of the disputed site — was Lord Ram’s Janmasthan.

Initially, as many as five lawsuits were filed in the lower court. The first one was filed by Gopal Singh Visharad, a devotee of “Ram Lalla”, in 1950 to seek enforcement of the right to worship of Hindus at the disputed site. Later, the Nirmohi Akahara also moved the trial court in 1959 seeking management and *shebaiti* (devotee) rights over the 2.77 acre disputed land.

Then came the lawsuit of the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Wakf Board which moved the court in 1961, claiming title right over the disputed property.

Besides the question of limitation in challenging the appointment of

receiver of the disputed site in 1950, the hearing has witnessed divergence between deity of Lord Ram and Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas on one hand and the Nirmohi Akhara — Shebait of the temple over the title of the disputed site.

The Muslim litigant, mainly represented by senior counsel Rajeev Dhavan and Jafaryab Jilani, has contended that the mosque was in existence since 1528 and they were offering prayers till 1949 when idols were planted right under the central dome, (now demolished) of Babri Mosque on the intervening night of December 23-24, 1949.

The Muslim side too relied on the oral and documented evidence to buttress their claim over the title of the disputed site.

However, the Muslim side admitted that worship was being offered at Ram Chabutra and has conceded that if its claim to the title of the disputed site is upheld it would have no objection to devotees offering prayers at Ram Chabutra.

The apex court had on August 6 commenced day-to-day proceedings in the case as the mediation proceedings initiated to find the amicable resolution had failed.

Muhammad Ashfaq.

Making matters worse are the soaring prices of vegetables in Faizabad and Ayodhya due to the frantic buying by the locals.

“Most people are buying items like rice, dal and flour in bulk. The demand is such that we have been asking our dealers to rush additional stocks. This is not normal,” says Kailash Agrawal, who runs a grocery store at Faizabad



Devotees offers prayer at Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan on Friday.

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Gurdwara Darbar Sahib. Modi will inaugurate passenger terminal building, also known as integrated checkpost, where

pilgrims will get clearance to travel through the newly-built 4.5 km-long corridor. The Indian delegation

PM APPEALS FOR PEACE AHEAD OF VERDICT

New Delhi, Nov. 8: The Supreme Court’s judgment in the Ayodhya land dispute case should not be viewed as a matter of victory or loss for any community, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday.

In a series of tweets, the Prime Minister appealed to the people to maintain peace after the Supreme Court pronounces the verdict in the communally-sensitive case on Saturday.

“The Supreme Court would not be a matter of victory or loss. My appeal to countrymen is that it should be our priority that the verdict should strengthen India’s great tradition of peace, unity and amity,” he said.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray on Friday said the BJP-led Union government cannot take “credit” for the Supreme Court’s much-awaited Ayodhya verdict.

“We had requested the government to make a law on construction of Ram Temple (in Ayodhya) but the government did not do that. Now, when the SC is going to pronounce the verdict, the government can’t take credit for it (even if the verdict favours the pro-temple side),” Thackeray told reporters.

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ANXIETY GRIPS AYODHYA ON VERDICT DAY

Ayodhya, Nov. 8: A sudden anxiety gripped the temple town on Friday night as the news that the Supreme Court will deliver its verdict in the communally sensitive Ayodhya land dispute case on Saturday began to trickle in.

Policemen near the Hanumangarhi temple and Shriiaram Chikitsalaya, a government hospital, intensified checking of vehicles.

PAC jawans too stepped up vigil around the temple area.

Residents were seen engrossed in animated discussions on the possible verdict Saturday morning. Some said the situation was almost similar to the Diwali rush but filled with anxiety.

By late evening, most of the shops in the vicinity of Hanumangarhi temple had already been closed. Ram Kumar, who was about to close his grocery shop, decided instead to keep it open for some more time, so that his customers could make last-minute purchase.

Kishan Kumar who runs a prasad shop said that he is likely to keep his shop open.

Some people who had planned trips over the weekend were rescheduling their journey.

Rita Banerjee, who had plans of visiting Lucknow, said she was now not sure about the trip. People prayed at the Hanumangarhi temple, hoping for peace and calm.

All leaves of police personnel in the town have been cancelled.

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FAITH | MATTERS

■ **PM to flag off first batch of pilgrims that will travel to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib**

Pilgrims await Kartarpur corridor’s opening

VINEETA PANDEY | DC LAHORE, NOV. 8

Hundreds of Sikh pilgrims from India, Canada, United Kingdom and other parts of the world are gathering in Pakistan to visit sites related to Guru Nanak Devji.

Since the Kartarpur Corridor will be open to public only after November 9, Sikh pilgrims are travelling through the Attari-Wagah border to go to Nankana Sahib, Guru Nanak Devji’s birth place, and Kartarpur Sahib — his final resting place.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan will lead the inauguration function of

the Kartarpur Corridor at around 12 pm on Saturday. He will receive the Indian jatha comprising former Indian PM Manmohan Singh, Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh, Union ministers, several MPs and MLAs.

As per schedule, the leader of Indian delegation Giani Harmeet Singh — jathedar of Akal Takht Sahib — will give a statement followed by Khan’s speech. This will be followed by langar lunch at the gurdwara.

Narendra Modi will on Saturday flag off the first batch of over 500 Indian pilgrims that will travel to



Note ban was futile exercise, knew it would ruin lives

— **Mamata Banerjee**
West Bengal Chief Minister

AI FLIGHT CATCHES FIRE MID-AIR

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, NOV. 8

Panic gripped on Friday passengers of Bhubaneswar-Mumbai Air India flight (AI 670) as the aircraft developed technical snag mid-air.

As per Bhubaneswar Airport sources, failure of one of the engines of the aircraft, which departed from the Biju Patnaik International Airport here at 5.07 pm, was detected following which it made an emergency landing at Swami Vivekananda Airport in Chhattisgarh’s Raipur at 5.57 pm. All the 89 passengers onboard the aircraft were reportedly safe.

“We saw fire emerging from the left side engine of the aircraft. All of us were scared. However, prompt action taken by the Air India authorities ensured safe landing of the aircraft,” Debasis Patra, a passenger said.

Reports said a passenger named Biswajit Behera first noticed the fire while going to the washroom in the plane and informed an airhostess.

JUSTICE AKIL KURESHI ELEVATED

New Delhi, Nov. 8: Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi was on Friday elevated as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court, the law ministry said.

Also, Justice Mohammad Rafiq, a judge of the Rajasthan High Court, was elevated as the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court, the ministry said in a separate notification.

The Supreme Court collegium had earlier recommended Justice Kureshi’s name to head the Madhya Pradesh High Court. But following reservations expressed by the government, it modified its recommendation and proposed his name as head of the Tripura HC.

The Gujarat High Court Advocates Association had moved the top court a few months ago, alleging that the Centre was delaying the appointment of Justice Kureshi, the senior-most judge of the state’s high court. Appointment of Justice Kureshi as chief justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court was recommended by the collegium on May 10 this year.

BID TO PAINT ME SAFFRON, SAYS RAJINI

D. SEKAR | DC CHENNAI, NOV 8

Superstar Rajinikanth has stirred the political cauldron once again, this time alleging attempts to saffronise him just as some people tried to saffronise Tamil savant Thiruvalluvar. “But neither Thiruvalluvar nor I would get into any saffron trap,” the actor told reporters outside his Poes Garden bungalow on Friday.

Rajini’s averment is being seen as a clear move to distance himself from the BJP even as his earlier statements and actions on various issues appeared to be pro-saffron; for instance, his statement sometime back that Modi is the strongest leader in the country because many have ganged up to fight him.

On his political stand in the light of persistent speculation that he’s all set to start a political party and align it with the BJP during the next Assembly polls (2021) — even if not joining the BJP — Rajinikanth now made it clear he would indeed launch into politics but “will not get into any saffron trap”.

