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ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Dakshinayana
Tithi: Margasira Shuddha Panchami till 7.16 pm
Star: Uttarashada till 9.41 am
Variyam: 2.02 pm to 3.46 pm
Durmuhurtam: 4.08 pm to 4.52 pm
Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm
HJRI CALENDAR
Rabi-ul-Akher 3,1441 AH
PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.26 am
Zohar: 12.15 pm
Asar: 4.04 pm
Maghrib: 5.46 pm
Isha: 6.58 pm
SUNSET TODAY 5.40 PM
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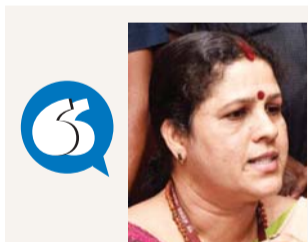
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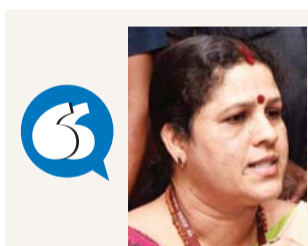
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Justice delivery

CJ R.S. Chauhan says in order to deliver justice, judiciary and executive must work in tandem, harmony and synchronisation

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10 am to 5 pm: Imperial Garden, Moghal agency Apts, More Super Market Area, Shanthi Nagar; Niloufer Hospital, Lakdika pool, A.C.Guards, Saleem function Hall, Nampally PS, Town Planning, Election Commissioner Office, Municipal Commissioner Office, Ganga Jamuna Hotel. 10 am to 2 pm: Saptagiri colony, Khader Bagh, Rock hills colony, Bahadur Jung Colony, Sardar Bagh, Jyothi Nagar; Padmanabha Nagar, Karol Bagh, Laxmi Nagar, Saptagiri Colony, Nanal 'X' Road, Raghava School, P&T Colony; Kakatiya Nagar, Salarjung Colony, Moghal Heights, Alkarim Colony, Virasat Nagar Colony, OYC Park; Avlon Apartment; N.S.F.Colony, Surya Nagar, Bal Reddy Nagar, Virasanath Colony, Oysi Colony, Akbarpua, Minar Colony, Alkareem Colony

Centralised system to monitor traffic

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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, in coordination with traffic police, has decided to float a single tender to install 155 new traffic signals, maintain the existing 221 units and repair the 104 pelican signals. The GHMC will spend Rs. 58.8 crore for the purpose.

Sources say, traffic police had asked the civic body to float a single tender for improving signalling systems in Hyderabad, Cybe-rabad and Rachakonda commissionerate limits, so that there could be uniformity. Police also asked the civic body to set up a centralised monitoring system for better coordination. The issue was even taken up with municipal administration principal secretary Arvind Kumar. He asked the civic body to shortlist an agency for maintaining the existing signals (₹20 crore), installing new traffic signals (₹30 crore), repairing the defunct pelican signals, apart from establishing 104 new pelican signals (₹8.8 crore).

A league of legends



Renowned playback singer K.S. Chitra looks on as veteran artiste K.J. Yesudas greet S.P. Balasubramanyam during a concert in Hyderabad on Saturday evening. — P. ANIL KUMAR

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Court worried over the way dengue outbreak was handled

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 30

With the mishandling of the dengue outbreak still fresh in memory, the High Court has begun taking stock of the state government's preparedness to tackle swine flu during the winter. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan was dealing with three PILs related to the inaction of the authorities in controlling the spread of diseases.

The court directed the Chief Secretary to file an affidavit indicating the steps, both preventive and curative, being taken by the government to tackle swine flu which usually strikes between December

and February. It directed the government to increase the number of diagnostic laboratories to 10 in cities across the state to detect the virus and appoint trained staff for them. The bench told the government to publicise precautionary and preventive measures to be taken with regard to swine flu, dengue and chikungunya through the media. Justice Chauhan asked the government to direct all private hospitals to deal with swine flu case as part of corporate social responsibility, particularly for the economically weaker sections.

The court took cognizance of the submissions of counsels Kovurturi Pavan Kumar and

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Concerned over the non-availability of vaccines, the Chief Justice sought details from the medical department officer, who was present in the court. "Like polio vaccination, the authorities should create awareness among the people to get vaccinated as a precautionary measure.

Even in this court hall, most of them could not have been vaccinated," Justice Chauhan observed. On the dengue outbreak, the court expressed displeasure over the incomplete reports submitted by the Chief Secretary and the GHMC about the action taken based on the recommendations of the experts committee which the High Court had constituted.

The High Court had earlier directed the government to ensure that 60 vehicle-mounted fogging machines are made available to the GHMC immediately, and to increase the number of power sprayers from 50 to 1,000 and knapsack sprayers from 667 to 800.

TS police to get wireless system used by US cops

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 30

Post September 11, 2001, when passenger airlines crashed into the World Trade Centre in the United States, communications failure was identified as a critical element that undermined the response to the deadly attacks. The first responders — the police officials — struggled to communicate with each other as their radios operated on different frequencies, and so did the fire fighters.

Closer home, when terrorists carried out multiple attacks in Mumbai on November 26, 2008, police officials were once again faced with a situation where they were unable to communicate with each other, which hampered their response.

Seamless communication is a must for first responders and the Telangana police has finally woken up to the reality. The state police is revamping its communication system by replacing the wireless sets with APCO 25 — a digital trunked sophisticated radio system developed by the US-based Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International (APCO). The police across United States communicates over APCO 25. The TS police communication system

has been in use for the last 21 years.

Sources in the Telangana police told *Deccan Chronicle* that though the proposal to replace the wireless communications system has been in place for the last few years, it did not materialise due to various reasons. Last month, the technical evaluation of the systems was carried out and the deal is likely to be finalised in December. It is likely that by January the new system will be in place and put to use.

To begin with, the new system will be made available to the Hyderabad police. In different phases, it will be available for Cyberabad and Rachakonda Police commissionerates and subsequently deployed in the districts. The requirement for the state is being projected at 20,000 wireless sets and initially 2,000 will be procured. The new system will cost the government around ₹200 crore. For Hyderabad alone, the estimate is about ₹70 crore. Besides walkie talkie sets, repeaters and towers will have to be installed at various places.

Explaining the features of the new system, sources said that the APCO 25 allows seamless communication over multiple channels. "A key fea-

ture is that the operator can listen to two frequencies instead of the existing system of switching between single frequencies at a time. For instance, the user can listen to the updates from the West Zone of Hyderabad and another major event in Cyberabad. Both frequency channels will be divided by time slots depending on what information comes in first," a source said, adding that the new system is interoperable.

Also, the system allows a separate channel for communication between senior police officers. The protocols also include security options in which voice and data traffic can be cryptographically protected from eavesdropping. In the existing system, the user had to manually switch channels on the VHF sets. Moreover, there was lack of compatibility with other radio communication tools and the transmission of information was not seamless. "The new system is compatible and can be integrated with systems being used by all other agencies like the GHMC, fire, revenue department which will ensure that officers of multiple departments can talk to each other," the source said. The walkie talkie sets will be purchased from either Motorola or Kenwood.

REPORT FAILS TO SPECIFY STARTER SIGNAL PROBLEM

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The report, in its list of recommendations, did not specify if there was a problem with the starter signal's visibility. It simply prescribed for a visibility check and installation of indicator/repeater signals where there are problems are visibility. It

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uploaded on the commission's website. No annual or accident report has been uploaded on this website since 2015-16.

On a related note, the pilot of 57307 Kacheguda-Medchal Passenger — which was not involved in the accident — was given a defunct VHF communication set.



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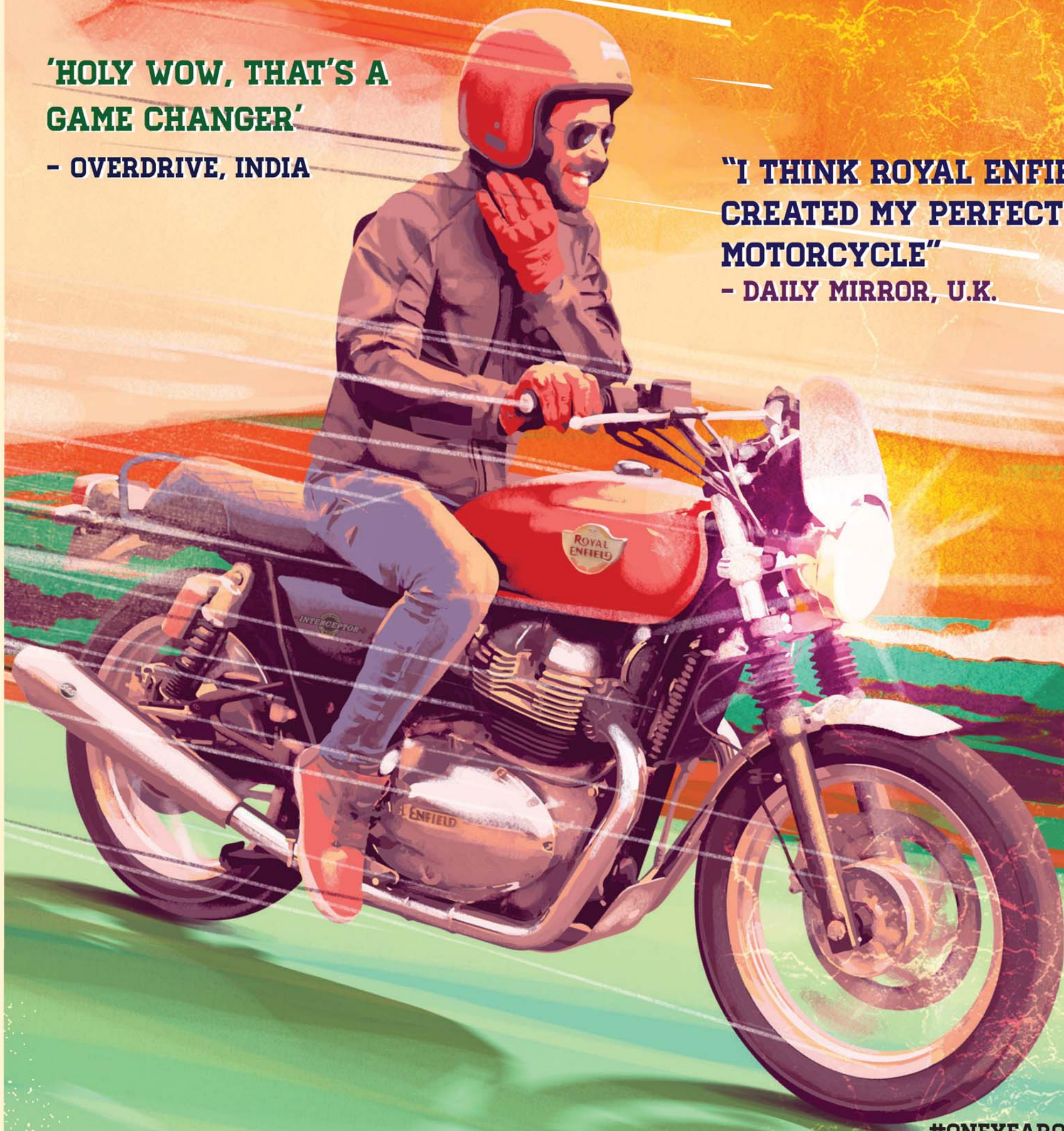


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SheTeams booked 50 cases, held 65 harrassers in the last three weeks - Mahesh Bhagwat Rachakonda police commissioner

College student commits suicide Kurnool: An intermediate second year boy has allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself in his hostel room at the BC Students Management Hostel in Yamniganur town in the early hours of Saturday.

WOMAN POISONS FOUR OF HER FAMILY

PULI SHARAT KUMAR | DC KARIMNAGAR, NOV. 30 A woman belonging to Burgupalli village in Gandadhar mandal of Karimnagar district allegedly tried to kill her two children, husband and father-in-law by feeding them sweet payasam laced with poison before eloping with her boyfriend.

Wedding revelry irks residents

Loud music during baraat annoying

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 30 The wedding season is in full swing this time of the year. While it is a joyous occasion for the couples and their families, residents claim to be having sleepless nights because of it.

Christian prayer on TTD website

AVINASH P. SURBRAMANYAM | DC TIRUMALA, NOV. 30 Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam has once again faced criticism after Christian prayers popped on a link of TTD's official website 'www.tirumala.org'.

Drive to check drunken driving

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 30 Friday night witnessed a special drive against drunken driving towards road safety for citizens. Hyderabad traffic police deployed 50 teams and checked 5,998 drivers with breath analysers.

NOISE POLLUTION Residents allege that the police is hand-in-glove with the revellers and turn a blind eye towards the sights and sounds.

It is not just people in Banjara Hills, even those living in Srinagar Colony claim that they are disturbed by the light and sound show during weddings.

Christian prayer on TTD website

issue, TTD chief vigilance and security officer Gopinath Jetti said, "After the matter came to our notice, the link was suspended and refreshed by the evening. We have launched a probe into the incident and facts will be established soon."

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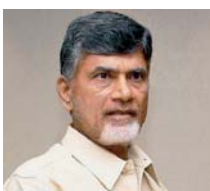
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BC review

Minister G. Kamalakar holds reviews status of land allocation, construction of buildings for various BC groups



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IN BRIEF

Awards for TSGenco

Hyderabad: TS Generation Corporation, TSGenco, will replace its in-house software application by implementing centralised enterprise resource planning (CERP) solutions across all its plants and corporate office. The initiative has been christened TSShakti. Meanwhile, TSGenco chairman and managing director (CMD) Devulapally Prabhakar Rao said that the corporation had two Skoch awards, one in the energy category and a merit certificate.

Khuntia on international body

Hyderabad: All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary and Telangana Congress affairs in-charge R.C. Khuntia has been elected as vice-chairman of Building and Wood Workers International Asia Pacific Federation, which was organised in Perth on November 24 to 26. On this occasion, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, MP A. Revanth Reddy and other TPCC leaders congratulated and felicitated Khuntia at Gandhi Bhavan here on Saturday for being elected to the international organisation post.

Cong readies for more protests

RTC fares, civic polls on agenda

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 30

A meeting of the state Congress core committee was held at Gandhi Bhavan to discuss the party's all-India Bharat Bachao programme in Delhi on December 14, forthcoming municipal elections in Telangana and the hike in RTC fares. The meeting decided to organise candlelight rallies in all districts on Sunday against the murder of Priyanka Reddy. This will be followed by rallies on Monday to protest against the hike in RTC fares.

Those who participated in the meeting include AICC general secretary and Telangana in-charge R.C. Khuntia, TPCC president and MP N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, CLP leader Mallu Bhatti

Party leaders also decided to organise candlelight rallies in all district on Sunday against the murder of Priyanka Reddy.

Vikramarka, MLC T. Jeevan Reddy, MLA T. Jayaprakash 'Jagga' Reddy, and former ministers Shabbir Ali and Ponnala Lakshmaiah. The TPCC president held the TRS government responsible for the murder of Priyanka Reddy. He said the state government must clarify how Dr Priyanka Reddy could be murdered in a high security zone.

He observed that such incidents are happening in the state due to the indiscriminate sale of liquor. He demanded a control on the sale of liquor in the state, while completely banning it

along highways. Mr Uttam Kumar Reddy said the TPCC core committee meeting condemned the state government for hiking the RTC fare by 20 paise per kilometre. He felt the government should bear the losses in this regard.

On municipal elections, the TPCC president said Congress leaders of respective municipalities will select party candidates to contest the polls expected to be held in January next. TPCC will intervene only if local leaders fail in selecting the candidates.

The core committee meeting asked municipal leaders to campaign vigorously on the issue of RTC fare hike in the forthcoming municipal polls, particularly in urban areas. This will be advantageous for Congress in the municipal elections.

Intuc chief slams CM on TU issue

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 30

G. Sanjeeva Reddy, president of the Indian National Trade Union Congress (Intuc), on Saturday condemned Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu for his stand on trade unions during the TSRTC employees' strike. Speaking to mediapersons, Reddy said that Mr Rao was acting against the Constitution by refusing to negotiate with employee unions. He said that he and other Intuc office-bearers would meet him to present their views within a week.

"KCR told openly that he won't allow employee unions. What does that mean? Does he want to ignore organisations that have been registered using legal provisions? Is it proper for a Chief Minister to talk about breaking the law," asked Reddy. Mr Reddy also criticised Mr Rao for saying that he would meet employees from each depot personally. "KCR has said he will meet



G. Sanjeeva Reddy
INTUC president

employees from each depot personally and enquire into their problems. How is this tenable? Can he meet all 57,000 employees and address their problems personally? He should instead meet the employees' representatives in the form of unions," he said. Mr Reddy said Mr Rao's attitude seemed to be that of a benevolent dictator and not that of a democratically elected representative. "Even the Nizam used to say there was no need for an Assembly or Parliament. 'Come to me, I will solve your problems,' he told people. This is exactly what KCR is doing today," he said.

KISHAN REDDY ASSURES HELP TO AP FARMERS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, NOV. 30

Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy assured farmers of Amaravati that he will speak to the state government on development of the capital region.

He gave this assurance to a delegation of farmers, who had given their lands for the construction of the capital city, when they met him here on Saturday.

In a memorandum submitted to the minister, the farmers stated that they had agreed for the land pooling in the hope that their lands would also be developed, concurrently.

Minorities Commission seeks inclusion of Jains

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, NOV. 30

Telangana Minorities Commission resolved to send a proposal to the government calling for certain amendments to the Minorities Commissions Act. The Commission has also decided to celebrate Minorities Day on December 5. A monthly meeting of the Commission was held

under the chairmanship of Mr Mohammed Qamarud-din. The members discussed provisions of Telangana State Minorities Commission and proposed amendment suggestions like inclusion of Jains under the purview of the Commission on par with the provisions laid down in the Karnataka State Minorities Commission Act. Vice-Chairman, Mr Shanker Luke and other

members raised the issue of not marking the GOs issued by the Department of Minorities Welfare to them, as a which they were unaware of several government schemes and policies. It was resolved to convene a meeting with Secretary Minority Welfare, Director Minorities Welfare and other heads of the Minority Institutions on January 11.

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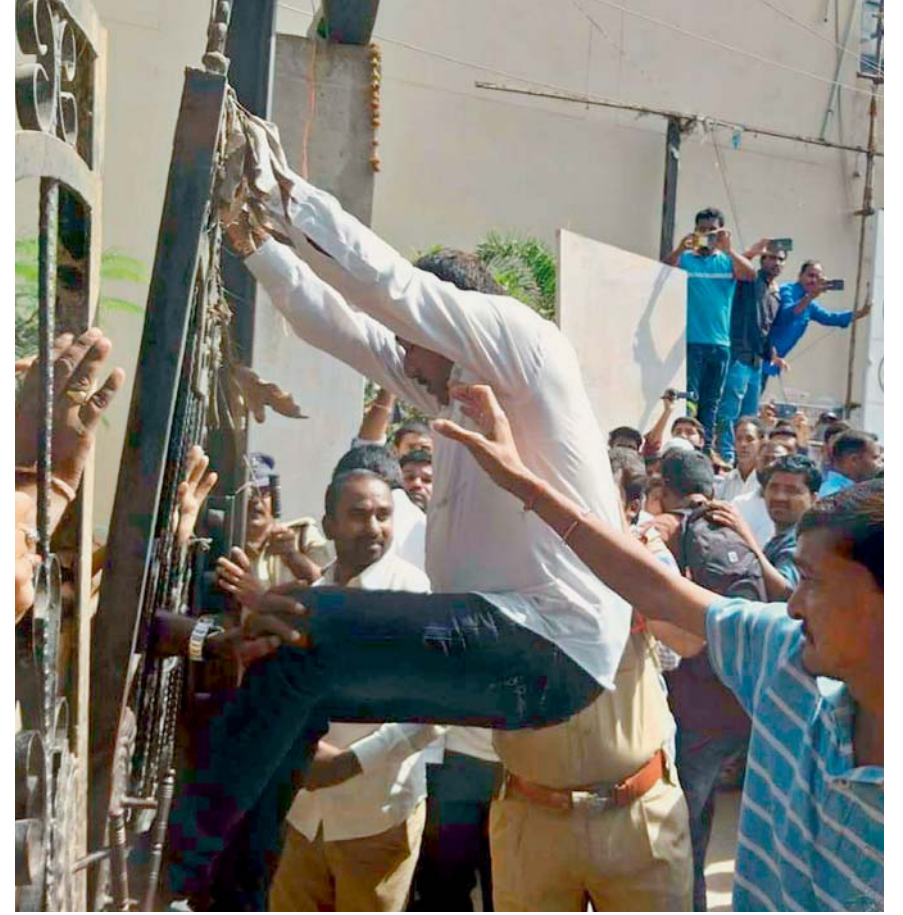


Punish cops

Congress leader Dasoju Sravan says irresponsible cops who didn't file an FIR in Priyanka Reddy case must be punished



Locals stage a dharna at Shadnagar police station demanding capital punishment to the accused in rape and murder of doctor. — P. SURENDRA



A man climbs the gate of the police station while the police try to stop him. — DC

Women techies fear going home after work

IT companies look to cut costs, shut bus services; employees feel insecure travelling in cabs also

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 30

Dr P. Priyanka Reddy might not have been an IT employee, but her story has resonated with many women IT professionals. For them, too, getting home after a long day at work is quite unnerving. That some IT companies have discontinued their bus services, forcing their women employees to find their own way home, has only exacerbated these fears. As a cost cutting measure, many IT companies, including MNCs such as Cognizant and Deloitte, discontinued two-way bus services for their employees. The employees, especially women, working in such companies have since struggled to commute long distances.

No streetlights in IT corridor

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, NOV. 30

Even before the gang rape and murder of Dr Priyanka Reddy, women professionals working in the IT corridor have been wary of commuting through the region's various isolated and dark spots. For these women, moving in packs is the ideal solution. Aadhya (name changed), an employee of JDA, situated near Meenakshi Towers, said she dreads walking from her office towards Raheja Mindspace after 9 pm. "There are no street lights on this road, though the office buildings are gleaming in the distance. After 9 pm, vehicles are sparse on the road and it is scary walking towards Mindspace. I

have been cat-called several times," she said. There are several such areas in the IT corridor where civic infrastructure has not kept up with the rapid growth in office space. A woman living in Ayyappa Society, said, "Though we are located very close to Cyber Towers, the amenities are very bad. When I walk home from the main road, I am always scared as there are few people around. I often ask a male friend from work to walk me home. If he is busy or unavailable, I call any family member on the phone and talk to them. I have been cat-called once in the past two months. Thankfully, it has not been more than that," she said.

asked, "It is too late. If I finish work at 7:30 pm, should I wait till 9 pm for a free ride?" An employee of Cognizant said, "Car-pooling is generally safe. But cab rides can be quite scary, especially at night. I usually talk to my husband on the phone just to alert the driver that I am being tracked." Hexagon, another MNC with an office in Madhapur, has also announced it will discontinue its bus service from January. "We have been told this is because the Hyderabad Metro has

begun operations. I am now worried. I don't know how I will commute home every day," said a woman from Nacharam. Several other IT professionals from the Raheja Mindspace area said their companies were considering discontinuing bus services. "My family is letting me work because my company offers me transport due to my night-shift. If I move to a day-shift and I don't get transport facilities, my family will force me to resign," said a 22-year-old employee of Cognizant.

City prays for justice for vet

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 30

Several sections of the shell-shocked city paid homage to veterinary Dr P. Priyanka Reddy, who was brutally gang-raped and killed three days ago. Apart from demanding justice, Saturday saw a series of prayer meetings by students, junior doctors and activists while National Institute of Fashion Technology students took out a candle-light march.



Vidyarthi Seva Dal holds a candle light programme, as a tribute to Priyanka at Charminar on Saturday.

In the morning, 150 students and staff of Sindhu Women's College at Mehdiapattanam participated in a meeting organised by the ABVP. Members of the Students Islamic Organization offered condolences to the family and called upon the society to change their mindset with regard to women. Floral tributes were offered to photographs of Dr Reddy across educational institutions. Students spoke about the inadequate safety measures for women and SOS initiatives when their lives are in danger. While on the one hand, a lot of them came together to

note that a lone girl was struggling near the toll plaza and no one came responded to her distress calls. "Why could not even one person get out of his car and inquire whether she needed any help?" Priests stated that the temple was closed like when it is during eclipses, darshan and pradakshinas were stopped. A huge crowd gathered as the priests came outside the temple.

offer prayers, there were many others who were angry. Protests were held in parts of Old City, Nizam College and also by student wings demanding that the government must take strict action against the accused. Chilkur Balaji temple suspended darshan and pradakshinas for 20 minutes to condemn the heinous act and the dismal response of society. The temple priests said that it was very sad to



The Shadnagar police station was locked down due to stop barging protestors.

MOTHERS OF ACCUSED SAY PUNISH OUR SONS

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T. | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 30

After learning that their sons were accused of the gang-rape and murder of a veterinary doctor, the mothers of the four men said they felt no mercy for them. They would accept it if their sons were punished. Moula Bi, the mother of prime accused Mohammed Areef, told the media: "My son came home at about 1 am on Friday. He said he had an accident and a girl had died. He took a bath and went to sleep. Within two hours, the police came and took him away in a car. I accept that my son has done a mistake." Mohammed, a resident of Jakkuluru village, has been working as a driver for five years.

The mother of J. Naveen said, "He left on Wednesday to work and did not return. I do not take my son's side. If such a thing happens to my daughter, I would react in the same way. He has done a mistake. Punish my son as you do the others. Whatever the punishment is, it should be equal to him."

Jayamma, the mother of C. Chennakeshavulu and resident of Gudigandla, said, "My son was sleeping at home when Areef called him to unload a lorry. On Friday, the police came to my home and took him. My son will not do this, he is innocent. If he had done anything wrong, punish him. A mother has lost her daughter and it is not right for me to say that I want to save my son."

Chennakeshavulu's sister said her brother was not working due to a kidney ailment. "Areef took my brother with him. He does not even have a drinking habit."

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Protestors want accused 'encountered'

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They raised slogans against the TS government and the police, alleging that both had failed to protect the victim.

While political leaders headed to her house, hundreds of angry people mobbed the Shadnagar police station where the accused were kept in custody. Students, members of civil society and women's rights organisations participated in candlelight rallies

in Hyderabad, Warangal, Karimnagar and other places from Telangana state and Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh. In Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada, people took out processions with the effi-

gies of the accused and burnt them after thrashing and sticks. People held dharnas and rasta rokos on the highways adjacent to the villages of the accused. Some protesters wanted the accused to be killed, stoned to death or hanged and even 'encountered.'

It continued to trend on social media platforms, with thousands of users commenting and condemning the heinous incident.

FABRICATION AND SUPPLY FOR REPLACEMENT OF RH PLATE E-TENDER NOTICE NO. DCBL/13/2019/MLG, dated: 27-11-2019. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No. DCBL/272019MLG. Name of works: Fabrication and supply for Replacement of RH plate Girder of Br. No. 200 (4X18.3M) Km. 115/2-3 and 201 (4X18.3M) Km. 117/3-4 by 25T RH steel plate Girder on the between Mujjal-Madarhat under the jurisdiction of SSE/BR/Siliguri Jn. Tender Value: ₹7,56,98,338.19; Earnest Money: ₹5,28,500.00. E-tenders will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 31-12-2019 and will be opened at office of the Deputy Chief Engineer/Bridge-Line, Maligaon at 15:30 hrs. on 31-12-2019. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in Dy. CE/Bridge-Line, Maligaon NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY "Serving Customers with a smile"

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-Tender Notice No. CE/2019/14, Date 29.11.2019 E-Open Tender No-02/19/6449SP to be closed on 23.12.2019, 11.30 Hrs. S.N. (01) Name of the work with its location: Manufacture & Supply of Comb. Metal Liner for use with ERC MK-V on concrete sleeper (RT-8527) suitable to 60 Kg (UIC) rails to RDSO Drg. No. T-8616 & T-8617 Alt. (Qty. - 7,83,553 Sets.) Location-Office of Principal Chief Engineer, East Central Railway Hajipur. (02) Approx. cost of the work : Rs. 6,96,03,013.00/- (03) Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 13,92,060.00/- (04) Date & Time for closing of tender : 23.12.2019, 11.30 Hrs. (05) Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen: Related tender documents can be seen or downloaded from Websites: http://www.ireps.gov.in. Dy. CE/TS/HPJ/P PR/1777/HQ/Engg./T/19-20/28

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT South Western Railway, Bangalore Division e-Tender Notice Number: SBC-MECH-CW-ACCA-10-2019 Dt:23.11.2019 The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed tenders for the following works: Description of works 1. Provision of AC Coach Attendant (ACCA) with Linen distribution in all nominated primary trains of SBC Division for a period of four years (Type of bid: Two Packets) Last date and time to upload offers of Tender Document: 23.12.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs. For full details of tender notice including downloading of the tender documents, tenderer may logon to the website: ireps.gov.in portal Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer Bangalore Division, South Western Railway, Bangalore City-560023 For and on behalf of the President of India No.PUB/46/AA/PRB/SBC/19-20

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE The Chief Administrative Officer/Const/Northern Railway, Kashmir Gate, Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work:- 1. Full Name of work "Construction of two lane Road Over Bridge in lieu of existing Level crossing No. 43A at Km 99/1-1 with composite girder and Level crossing No. 41 at Km 93/3-4 & Level crossing No. 46 at Km 104/6-7 with Bow string girder/Bow Shaped Truss along with construction of LHS by pushing method and replacement of railway portion of ROB No. 54 at Km. 123/0-1 with Bow string girder/Bow Shaped Truss along with other allied works on Ghaziabad-Saharanpur section" 2. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 3193.78 Lakhs 3. Completion period of the work 14 Months 4. Earnest Money to be deposited Rs. 17,46,900/- (Seventeen lakhs forty six thousand nine hundred only). 5. Sale/availability of tender documents on Rly. Website Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 11.12.2019 to 31.12.2019 upto 11:30 hrs. 6. Last date/Time of upload of tenders 31.12.2019 upto 11:30 hrs. Tender document can be uploaded by the tender on IREPS website w.e.f. 17.12.2019 to 31.12.2019. 7. Date and time of opening of tender 31.12.2019 at 11:30 hrs. (immediately after close of uploading of tender. (D2). In case of two packet system, Financial bids of the eligible tenders would be opened subsequently on the date and time to be notified later on. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office. Tender Notice No. 74-W-1-2-370-WA-CSB-II Dated : 28.11.2019 3855/2019 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

SOUTHERN RAILWAY Chennai - 600 023 MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT e-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES NO.E-23/2019 The following e-Tenders are published in the IREPS website. Firms are requested to login to http://www.ireps.gov.in to login to e-Tender->Goods & Services (New) and quote against these tenders. Manual quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for all tenders 14:30 hours. Sl. No. Tender No. Item Description Due Date 1. 04191023A Minor Elastomer Pad 10-DEC-19 2. 21190454B Semi Permanent Coupler 10-DEC-19 3. 29192862B Composition Brake Blocks 11-DEC-19 4. 29193445A Kapton Polyimide Film 12-DEC-19 5. 11190081 Tensioning Device Assembly 16-DEC-19 6. 11190082 Dynamically Balanced 6V Deep Grooved 16-DEC-19 7. 11190571A Brushless Alternator 4.5KW, 110V DC 16-DEC-19 8. 15190258 Base C.I. Machined 16-DEC-19 9. 15190467 Drive Lug, Sleeve & Square 16-DEC-19 10. 26180897D 240 Sq.MM/1500 V Single Core Elastomeric Cable 16-DEC-19 11. 26195055 Fabricated Bolster for Electric Locos (WAP-4) 16-DEC-19 12. 15190265 Detector Rod in Set 17-DEC-19 13. 26195018B Triplate Panel for Conventional Electric Locomotive 17-DEC-19 14. 04191006 Secondary Spring for Generator Car Side-1 (Outer) 18-DEC-19 15. 12190378A Solid Core Porcelain Bracket Insulator 20-DEC-19 16. 15190088 Sheet Orn Cable Termination Box 20-DEC-19 17. 26191116 Pinion Shaft for WAP7 Loco 20 Teeth 20-DEC-19 18. 15190228 Lock Rod in Sets 23-DEC-19 19. 15190272 Terminal Block 23-DEC-19 20. 15190480 Crank Handle Assembly 23-DEC-19 21. 26190591 Blower Complete with Motor (MVSL) 24-DEC-19 22. 15190215 Contractor Unit/Assembly 26-DEC-19 23. 15190240 Needle Indicator Assembly 26-DEC-19 24. 04191054A Dump Valve with Bracket 27-DEC-19 25. 15190189 Pure Iron Flats 44.85mm. 27-DEC-19 26. 40195005 Supply and apply of Set of PU Paint System Materials for LHB Rajdhani colour Scheme 27-DEC-19 27. 72195988 Microprocessor Based Electronic Speed indicating recording and energy monitoring system 5-DEC-19 28. 72195990 Cable Head Termination system for 25 KV Electric Locomotives. 5-DEC-19 29. 72195991A Single Bottle Vacuum circuit Breaker for Electric Locos 12-DEC-19 Attention: Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs). The benefits provided to MSEs under Public Procurement Policy for goods and services are as per details provided in the link http://www.ireps.gov.in-ireps public documents-> southern railways. Principal Chief Materials Manager