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**WEATHER**

Max: 27.5°C  
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RH: 59%  
Rainfall: Nil

**Forecast:** Partly cloudy sky. Misty/haze likely. Max/Min temp. 28/18°C

**ASTROGUIDE**

Vikari: Dakshinayana  
Tithi: Margasira Shuddha  
Trayodashi till 10.40 am  
Star: Kritika till 5.56 am  
(Tuesday)

Variyam: 5.27 pm 7.07 pm  
Durmuhurtam: 12.30 pm to 1.14 pm  
pm: 10.51 pm to 11.43 pm  
Rahukalam: 3 pm to 4.30 pm  
HURRI CALENDAR  
Rabi-ul-Aker 12,14,41 AH  
PRAYERS  
Fajar: 5.31 am  
Zohar: 12.19 pm  
Asar: 4.06 pm  
Maghrib: 5.48 pm  
Isha: 7.02 pm  
SUNSET TODAY 5.41 PM  
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.35 AM  
MOONRISE TOMORROW 3.41 PM  
MOONSET TODAY 3.46 AM

**COUNTER POINT**

Too bad, now the voters have also defected to the BJP!

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Panipat screening stopped

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Liverpool vs Salzburg in Champions League

**TABLOID**  
Karan Johar, Puri Jagan join hands

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## BJP cements its grip on K'taka Lok Sabha clears CAB

311 MPs vote in favour, 80 votes against; Opposition calls Bill discriminatory

**DC CORRESPONDENTS BENGALURU, DEC. 9**

The ruling BJP on Monday swept the Assembly bypolls to 15 seats in Karnataka winning as many as 12 of them, ensuring a comfortable majority for Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in the state assembly with still two vacancies.

The Opposition Congress had to be content with just two seats while the JD(S) led by former PM H.D. Deve Gowda drew a blank though it had the consolation of seeing independent candidates in the Hosakote seat, Sharath Bachche Gowda, a BJP rebel, whom it had defeated BJP candidate M.T.B. Nagaraj.

The bypoll victory has come as a much needed breather for the BJP which had emerged as the single largest party after the 2018 assembly polls winning more than a hundred seats but still had to make way for a JD(S)-Congress coalition after it fell short of a majority.

After the coalition collapsed in July this year following the rebellion by a few members of Congress and JD(S) MLAs, the BJP

**VINEETA PANDEY | DC NEW DELHI, DEC. 9**

Amid intense debate over its legality and sparring between government and Opposition MPs over the Constitution's spirit of secularism, the Lok Sabha passed the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill (CAB) on Monday. During voting on the bill, 311 MPs voted in favour while 80 voted against it. The CAB seeks to provide citizenship to persecuted refugees or migrants of six communities — Hindus, Parsis, Sikhs, Jains, Christians and Buddhists — who live as minorities in India's three neighbouring countries, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The CAB, which has been criticised for granting citizenship only to non-Muslim refugees of three Islamic neighbouring countries, is expected to come up in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday for its nod.

While the Opposition termed CAB as regressive, discriminatory and divisive legislation that is against the basic character and spirit of the Constitution, and is a means to target Muslims by treating them as "second class citizens," there is no hidden political agenda. We had

**PROTESTS ACROSS NORTHEAST, 11-HR BANDH TODAY**

**MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, DEC. 9**

With the introduction of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill (CAB) in Parliament, the students of northeastern states have intensified their agitation, by calling for an 11-hour bandh in the Northeast on Tuesday. Sixteen Left-leaning organisations also called for a 12-hour Assam bandh on Tuesday to protest against the CAB.

The Assam State Jamiat Ulama Hind has also supported the bandh called by the student organisations. Bugged down by ongoing mass resignations, the Assam Gana Parishad has decided to postpone its general council meeting which was scheduled to take place on December 11 and Assamese artist Ravi Sarma resigned from BJP in protest. The Gauhati University has decided to postpone the examinations in order to avoid any untoward incidents.

returned to power in its southern citadel but was still short of the numbers for a clear majority in the House which it has now secured ensuring a hassle-free run for Mr Yediyurappa for the remaining three and a half years of his tenure.

For the party at the national level, it has come as a morale boosting win after the setback in Maharashtra where it had to give way to a Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress combine.

The big upsets in the bypolls were the loss suffered by BJP candidate A.H. Vishwanath in Hunsur in Mysuru and the defeat of another BJP candidate, M.T.B. Nagaraj, a former Congress minister in the Hosakote seat.

One of the big winners was Ramesh Jarkiholi of the BJP, the mastermind of the revolt which led to the unseating of the JD(S)-Congress government in Gokak, who defeated his brother Lakhan Jarkiholi. The other winner was Narayana Gowda, the BJP candidate for the K.R. Pete seat, considered a bastion of the JD(S) in the Old Mysuru region.

declared CAB in our election manifestos based on which 130 crore people have voted us to power. Those who are opposing this bill have an agenda on minorities. This bill has been a demand for years as several were persecuted in our neighbouring countries," Mr Shah said.

Rejecting claims that the bill is anti-Muslim, Mr Shah said, "We will have to differentiate between intruders and refugees. CAB does not discriminate against anyone and does not snatch anyone's rights. It will not do injustice to anyone... This bill is not even 0.01 cent against Muslims citizens of India. It is against infiltrators. If any member proves that this bill discriminates, I will take it back... Muslim citizens in India live with respect and will continue to do so."

Mr Shah asserted that India has given similar rights to people in the past.

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## HC asks state to submit evidence on encounter

**YUJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9**

The Telangana High Court on Monday directed the state government to furnish documentary evidence on whether it followed the Supreme Court guidelines and norms, which must be strictly followed in all deaths and grievous injuries in police encounters, while dealing with a bunch of public interest litigations (PILs) filed against the encounter killings of four accused persons of raping and brutal murder of a veterinarian in Telangana, an alleged encounter by the police.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S.A. Bobde took note of the submissions of lawyer G.S. Mani on Monday that the plea seeking independent investigation against the police officials concerned be listed for urgent hearing.

Another advocate M.L. Sharma has also filed a similar petition saying the SIT probe should be monitored by former apex court judges. The PIL, filed by Mani and lawyer Pradeep Kumar Yadav, claimed that the alleged encounter was "fake" and FIR should be lodged against cops. — PTI

Citing the judgment of the apex court in the Peoples Union of Civil Liberties (PUCL) versus the state of Maharashtra case, wherein one of the requirements to be followed was that an FIR ought to be registered

**SC TO HEAR PIL ON ENCOUNTER TOMORROW**

against police personnel who were part of the encounter and to have them surrender their weapons for forensic and ballistic analysis.

The HC bench repeatedly asked the AG whether an FIR was lodged or not. However, the AG submitted that while a case has been registered, it was not mandatory to register an FIR against cops, as per earlier directions of the full bench of the Telangana High Court.

Dismissing the AG's contention on filing of cases against the policemen being seized before the encounter, the High Court bench asked him to read out guidelines of the Supreme Court, and sought the documents supporting his point of view.

B.S. Prasad informed the court that the same issue was seized before the Supreme Court, which adjourned the cases to Wednesday. He requested the court to adjourn the till Thursday (December 12). The AG also submitted that Mukul Rohatgi, senior counsel in Supreme Court, would be representing the state government in the case.

Agreeing to adjourn the case till December 12, the High Court bench directed the state to preserve the bodies of the four accused till Friday, December 13.

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## BALTBGROUND JHARKHAND

**BJP MAY SEE REPEAT OF RAJASTHAN**

**YOJNA GUSAI | DC RANCHI, DEC. 9**

The Assembly elections in Jharkhand could possibly be going on the lines of Rajasthan though the ruling BJP is confident that it will retain power. The discontent is not against the BJP but Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das's "style of functioning. But those close to him claim "it's just a perception created by the Opposition."

In Rajasthan, Vasundhara Raje's lack of popularity among the voters had cost the BJP the seat in 2018.

Sensing that Prime Minister Narendra Modi continues to be a popular figure in the state, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) has refrained from targeting him in its campaign rallies. The main target of the JMM is the Chief Minister.

The BJP is asking people to vote for "double engine ki sarkaar" and a "stable government."

## TRs man supports child marriage

**RAJESHWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9**

An FIR has been filed in the Alair police station in Yadadri Bhongir district against Gogindi Mahender Reddy, husband of TRS MLA Sumitha Reddy, for threatening Ms K. Surya Kala, a lady officer working as supervisor with the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) unit, she was rescuing a 15-year-old girl from child marriage.

The officer had averted a

child marriage on Sunday, after information was received from a random person who called '100 helpline', which call was then forwarded to the ICDS. The lady officer, Ms Kala, had taken the child to a police station and filed a complaint under Section 10 and 11 of the Child Marriage Prevention Act. When he revealed he was not a relative, the officer told him not to interfere and leave. Soon after, Ms. Surya Kala received a call from an unknown number. The

called, stating that he was G. Mahender Reddy, husband of G. Sumitha Reddy, the TRS MLA, told her threateningly "not to interfere in my marriage issue."

The TRS leader also told the lady officer that he had "already settled the issue with the CL, the DSP and other higher officials". He "asked her to mind her own business" and leave the issue there.

**Page 2: Official blames cops for delayed FIR**

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TPCC chief Uttam Kumar Reddy says if it wasn't for Congress president Sonia Gandhi's determination, Telangana state wouldn't have been a reality



KCR should shed his plans to generate revenue from liquor sale

— Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka  
CLP leader

**KTR DISCUSSES METRO NEO**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

A team of officers headed by MahaMetro managing director Dr. Brijesh Disha, urban development minister K.T. Rama Rao in Hyderabad and gave a detailed presentation on the ongoing projects.

During the meeting, the minister and the officers extensively discussed Metro Neo, a project which is a combination of the metro and bus system, introduced by MahaMetro.

MahaMetro officials said that Metro Neo has dedicated an elevated corridor and is cost-effective and cheaper than the Metro. Metro Neo can carry up to 350 to 400 passengers at a time and run at a two-minute frequency. The officials also mentioned their resource mobilisation models and stated that Metro Neo can be easily modified to accommodate the increasing population and traffic.

The minister looked into their presentation and instructed the Hyderabad Metro officials to study the MahaMetro proposals and adapt and implement practices such as rainwater harvesting, sewage treatment and roof-top solar panels on Metro coaches.

The minister directed the Hyderabad Metro Rail officials to imbibe the best practices while preparing DPRs for the Elevated Bus Rapid Transit system in western Hyderabad.

Mayor Bonthu Rammoan, principal secretary Arvind Kumar and Hyderabad Metro Rail MD N.V.S. Reddy attended the meeting.

**SRI CHAITANYA SETS WORLD RECORDS**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions, Asia's longest chain of schools, has achieved two world records for most number of participants performing sports drills in seven minutes simultaneously at multiple venues.

Sri Chaitanya Schools joined hands with the India Movement for the record. On December 4, about 1.42 lakh students of 390 Sri Chaitanya schools in different states were part of the record. Over 1 lakh students from Grade 1 to Grade 3 from seven states performed sports drills in seven minutes without any break at 214 different venues. This is the first record in its category.

The second record was for most participants performing yogasanas. More than 76,000 students from Grade 3 to Grade 5 from seven states performed 45 asanas for more than 15 minutes at 214 venues. The previous record for this event was set by International Organisation for Art of Peaceful Living at 136 venues with 72,550 participants at 18 countries on June 21, 2018. These records have been provisionally certified by the Elite World Records (EWR), Asian Records Academy (UAE), and India Records Academy (India). Officials from six countries witnessed the making of the records. The records were dedicated to the founders of the group, Mr B.S. Rao and his wife.

**NHRC committee questions MPs in Disha case probe**

Panel collects information from cops who were on the spot; SIT holds first meet

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA  
T. IDC  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Monday collected information from the Cyberabad police who were present on the spot during the alleged exchange of fire with the four men accused in the Disha case. They also questioned officials of the revenue department who carried out the inquest of the four accused.

Four men accused of raping and killing the victim were killed by police at Chattanpally village, Shadnagar, when they were taken there to identify the place where they had set ablaze the body. The police claimed the men had pulled out firearms and fired at them.

The NHRC after taking suo motu cognizance of the alleged incident of exchange of fire between Cyberabad police and the four men — Mohammad Arif, J. Shiva, J. Naveen, and C. Chennakeshavaraj — arrived in the city a day after the incident. The seven-member investigation committee of the NHRC, including a forensic expert, visited the scene of the crime at Chattanpally, on the outskirts of the city and examined the bodies of the accused at the Mahabubnagar mortuary and visited the spot at Thondupally toll plaza where Disha was allegedly raped and smothered to death.

On Monday, the committee questioned the four officers (managerial revenue officer) of Ferooznagar, Kothur, Nandigama and Chandragiri in Ramoji Reddy district at the Telangana Police Academy in Narsingi, about the firing conducted after the firing incident at Chattanpally on December 6.

Later, the team visited Care Hospital at Gachibowli where Nandigama sub-inspector K. Venkateshwar Reddy are being treated for injuries allegedly sustained in the encounter. The team questioned the injured policemen for over an hour and recorded their statements.

The Cyberabad police



Students stage protest saying respect women and punish the culprits in rape cases.

**Shift bodies of the accused in AC vehicles: High Court**

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It also directed officials to move the bodies in air-conditioned ambulances to Gandhi Hospital to ensure they do not decompose further, given that the government hospital at Mahabubnagar does not have a facility to preserve them. The High Court was dealing with two PILs on the alleged encounter, one by suo motu cognizance based on representation

by social activists and women rights activists, and another by K. Raghavendra Prasad, advocate, at Hyderabad. The latter, apart from seeking a judicial probe into the alleged encounter by a sitting or retired judge of the High Court, also sought a direction to the state government to pay compensation of ₹50 lakh to the families of each of the four accused, and a further

payment of compensation to parents of Disha. Meanwhile, dramatic events unfolded at the High Court premises, as there were divided opinions among advocates regarding filing a case against the encounter. Some of the advocates expressed resentment against advocate M. Venkanna, who represents the PIL, sought a judicial probe into the alleged encounter.

**OFFICER BLAMES POLICE FOR DELAYED FIR**

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However, when contacted, officials of the Alair police station alleged that it was the lady officer who had delayed the process and that they have filed an FIR in both cases. While the lady officer said the FIR was filed only at the end of the day after lot of struggle and discussion with the police, she received an acknowledgement copy at 12.09 am on Monday.

But the delayed FIR was filed on both issues — the child marriage and complaint of threatening an officer on duty. Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, Ms Kala said, "While a complaint was filed regarding Zero FIR, police are not ready to take a complaint even from a government officer working in the women and child department. It was only after much struggle that the complaint was taken up. I am wondering about the situation of women who come from a normal household. How can safety be assured to women in such situations?"

No senior TRS leader responded to queries on the issue.

**FRINGE SPOT CAPTURED WITH 3D SCANNER**

The Chattanpally firing spot with a 3D image scanning tool, which is used to study shooting incidents, was earlier used in the case of the firing that took place at the residence of the minister's headquarters at Vikram Goud in Jubilee Hills in 2017. The Cyberabad police started the four cases, persons had snatched the weapons of the police personnel and opened fire at the spot, they were taken to recover the

belongings of Disha that were concealed near the place where her body was set ablaze. The Clues team on Monday scanned and captured the area where Disha was set ablaze and the spot where the alleged exchange of fire took place in the early hours of December 6. The scanning tool helps identify the spot from where the firing started and the distance travelled by the bullets and their impact, and generates an overall picture of the place and the sequence of events.

**COUNTDOWN FOR PSLV-C48 TO START TODAY**

DC CORRESPONDENT NELLORE, DEC. 9

The stage has been set for countdown to launch of PSLV-C48, which will carry RISAT-2BR1 and nine commercial satellites on December 11, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, SHAR, Sriharikota.

The 23-hour-long countdown is likely to commence from 4.25 pm on Tuesday, with the launch events scheduled at 3.25 pm on Wednesday. Launch rehearsals are in progress.

**India is strategic partner for Vision 2030: Saudi envoy**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

Saudi Al-Sati, ambassador of Saudi Arabia to India, on Monday said the last decade has been significant for ties between the two countries. "Saudi Arabia considers India a strategic partner for our Vision 2030. We want to be a part of India's march to becoming a \$5 trillion economy by 2025," he declared.

cal bonhomie." It also intends to strengthen relations between the Telangana state and Saudi Arabia. However, the ambassador did not refer to Telangana state at all in his speech.

Al-Sati said the Saudi Arabian government was keen on attracting investments from Indian businesses. In this regard, he pointed to the many business-friendly measures taken by his government. "There are so many things that attract Indians and others to Saudi Arabia. We have a great infrastructure in the form of ports and railways. We



Saudi Al-Sati, ambassador of Saudi Arabia, with T. Muralidharan, chairman, FICCI and Sonica Chatwani, chairperson, FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO), at an interactive session on Monday.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

get an operating license," he pointed out. The Saudi ambassador referred to relaxation of ownership restrictions on foreign businesses.

"We have created a residence scheme for qualified expats, so that global entrepreneurs, innovators and investors can live and work in our country. This will enable expats to gain a range of additional privileges alongside their residence," he said. He also noted that of the 267 new foreign investors who were issued licenses by the Saudi government in the first quarter of 2019, 30 were India-based companies. He said India was an

important market for Saudi Arabian tourism.

"We would like more Indians to visit us in the future. In fact, I personally check the daily data of tourist visas issued by the embassy," he stated. He disclosed that many of the 1.2 million annual tourists from the country visit Saudi for Haj and Umrah. "We are also working on making it easier for Indian tourists," he announced. "The Saudi Arabian ambassador will be on an arrival to attend to the Indian expat community in Saudi Arabia was more than 3 million, the largest in the country."

**Collision of MMTS with Hundry Express at Kacheguda categorised as one such incident**

**Seven SCR trains ran past red signal in 8 months**

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

The South Central Railway (SCR) has witnessed as many as seven cases of signal passing at danger (SPAD) in its region since April 1, 2019. SPAD incidents occur when train fails to stop at a stop signal, mostly due to human error on the part of locomotive pilots. According to an internal memo accessed by *Deccan Chronicle*, instances of SPAD within SCR are among the highest in all zones of the Indian Railways. The memo notes

and rang the bell signalling his go-ahead to the driver. SPAD cases are almost always the fault of inattentive train pilots. In certain instances, the memo found that pilots had not rested during the downtime due to personal reasons but still reported for duty. A senior official explained, "A train pilot is given around 16 hours of rest when he is in his hometown (known as headquarters in railway terms). If he needs to go to another town for a family function or has errands to run, he wouldn't get time

to get their leaves sanctioned. This forces them to deal with their personal tasks during rest hours whenever they are in their hometown. This is generally at the expense of what the memo refers to as a "right in bed." The official underlined that there is an urgent need to reverse the trend of rising SPAD instances. New rules are being put in place to ensure that train pilots do not travel out of headquarters without taking permission. Crew members reporting for duty are being asked to sign an "assurance" attesting to

their rest and readiness in taking the train safely. In case a crew member refuses to sign the document, the controlling authority has to find an alternative. Such stringent rules have usually been applicable only to senior officials since they have to be on call 24x7. After the Kacheguda incident, these rules are being applied to train pilots as well. SCR chief public relations officer, Ch. Rakesh, said the problem is being addressed by counselling train pilots as well as their families. "Once a train pilot goes home, we cannot

possibly know whether he is taking sufficient rest. Hence, we are counselling them. Also, families have a crucial role in ensuring pilots are stress-free when he reports for duty. For this reason, we are calling families for counselling sessions as well," he stated. He said officials have started conducting surprise inspections of train pilots as well. "During these inspections, the officer travels inside the cabin for considerable large distances (150-200 km). He observes the pilot's behaviour, alertness and other parameters," he added.

These cases, on most occasions occur due to inattentive train pilots. In certain instances, it was found that pilots had not rested during their downtime.

to sleep sufficiently. He would rest just for a couple of hours and report for duty immediately afterwards. Such a person would not be alert while on duty," the official said. It is learnt that train pilots often find it difficult

**Ranjith Reddy lets down CM**

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IDC  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

After the encounter of the four accused in the Disha gang rape and murder, the anger of the people against the police as well as Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Reddy dissipated; overnight they were feted by a majority of people for a bold decision in delivering instant justice, though those who opposed the police encounter have decided to brace for a long legal fight against the action.

The public memory, after an initial bout of fury and outrage against home minister Mohammed Ali, who instead of condemning the heinous act and showing sympathy for the family of the victim gave a lecture on how she erred in calling her sister instead of dialling 100, has become dormant.

But the one man who is still reeling from a huge backlash against him for a misplaced attempt on television regarding the Disha incident, Dr. Ranjith Reddy repaid his debt to his party and leader through tonnes of embarrassing moments, turning both party leaders as well as cadre against him.

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G. Ranjith Reddy

■ The MP's tongue-tied responses, his total lack of articulation and a disastrous performance has left everybody in the TRS, and his constituency, very upset.

statement on such an important topic. When the anchor specifically questioned Dr. Ranjith Reddy about "why Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Reddy has not made a statement on the ghastly incident?" the MP started at the screen in feeble silence, unable to give any reply.

In the nearly an hour-long debate on the television regarding the Disha incident, Dr. Ranjith Reddy repaid his debt to his party and leader through tonnes of embarrassing moments, turning both party leaders as well as cadre against him. His debating performance led to intense snuffing on social media where furious netizens pulled up the TRS and state government for their inaction to protect women. Now that it has silenced its critics, the debate in TRS circles is in his party are now paying for his blood.

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Tourism proposal

TRS MLA Balka Suman meets Union tourism minister Prahlad Patel, gives representation for the sanction of an eco-tourism circuit in Mancherial district



State government has never utilised more than 80 per cent of the Budget

— Dr K. Laxman BJP chief

POWER SHUTDOWN

9 am to 5 pm: Rehmathnagar, SCADA area, Bangaru Maisamma temple area, Amar Point Hotel area, Kallu compound area, Mosque area, Madhuranagar, Yousufguda main road, Devaryanagar, area behind Ganapathi Complex, Sara depot, Siddharthnagar, Siddharthnagar North, State Home Shishu Vihar, Sairamkrishna Community Hall area, Vengal Rao Nagar A, B, C, D blocks, Water Tank, e-Seva, Srinivasa Colony West, Jawaharnagar, Srinivasa Community Hall, Axon Hospital area, AG Colony, Unani Hospital area, TB Hospital area, Kalyanagar, Phase-I and II, Vikas Puri, Laxminagar, CTI area, CMD Quarters area; JJ Hospital area, Ayurveda Hospital area

10 am to 1 pm: Ghoush Roof Masjid, Himadiya Masjid, Ek Minar Masjid, area along Military Wall, New Hakeemsha, Walid PT, Kousar Bakery, Leading School; Al-Hasanah Colony, Yousuf Tekdi, Nizam Colony, Toli Chowki, Delux Colony, Dowry Gulshan Colony, Bade Janakinagar, KFC.

10.30 am to 11.30 pm: Kamalapur Colony, Satya Sai Kalyana Mandapam, M. Venkiah Naidu house area, Kamalapur Phase-II, Indiranagar, Bata showroom area

11.30 pm to 12.30 pm: Jubilee Hills check post area, Peddammagudi, Jubilee Hills Roads No. 18, 19, 36, Jubilee Hills Club, Chatterji house area, Police Station, Nandendla Bhaskar Rao's house area

2 pm to 5 pm: Hakeempet, Al Hasnat Colony, Yousuf Tekdi, Miraj Colony, Military area, Mandar Restaurant, BSNL Office, IAS Colony, Chota Janakinagar, Bakthavarguda, Janakinagar, Paramount Colony, Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad Colony.

2 pm to 3 pm: IOA Institute 3 pm to 3.45 pm: Padmalaya Studio area, Jubilee Hills Road No.78, Easwarawalli, Babu Jagjivan Ram Colony, Padmalaya slum area, Gopichand house area, Sania Mirza house area, Bharani Layout, Teacher Training Centre, Indian kabaddi team captain Nihita Nethu house area, Nyaya Vihar

4 pm to 4.45 pm: Jagga Rao house area, Sai Baba temple area, Water Works area, D. Rama Naidu Film Chamber, Apollo Hospital area, Murali Mohan PT, Satyam Computers area, N-TV area, Milan Tent House

4.45 pm to 5.30 pm: Area beside Lanco Hills, GHMC Transformer, Dhara Deco Building and the KBR Park area

5.15 pm to 5.45 pm: Area behind D. Srinivas' house, Mirdosa Line, Hakeem temple area, K.R. Suresh Reddy house area



Siddipet driver slapped fine for ramming a tree

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU HYDERABAD, DEC. 9 The man in-charge of Haritha Haram in Siddipet imposed a fine of ₹500 on the driver of a vehicle who damaged a tree. The sapling had reportedly been planted as part of the Telangana state government's prestigious Haritha Haram project. The driver of the vehicle rammed the tree which was planted near the medical college in Siddipet town. Mr. Iliah, of the forest department, who is in-charge of the Haritha Haram and who imposed the fine, told the media: "We are spending one lakh on the plants. Whoever destroys or cuts them will be slapped with a fine. With the clear instruction from (the minister) Hishab Rao, we are trying hard to maintain Siddipet, Haritha Siddipet." He said he appreciated help from the police and municipal officials in taking care of the plants. As many as 175 crore saplings have been planted, both within and outside forests, since the launch of the greening campaign in 2015-16.



Clockwise from top left: The Haritha Haram tree that was felled by a speeding van; the bill of the fine imposed on the driver and the impounded van.

Do not arrest Milan till Dec 12, says High Court

Expert finds fault with flyover, costs city dear

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

Kalvakuntla Krishna Milan Rao, the businessman whose car fell from the biodiversity flyover cannot be arrested till December 12 according to the directions of the High Court. Milan Rao's car flew from the flyover on November 23 and he suffered a fracture of the collar bone and underwent surgery. He was discharged from AIH Hospitals on December 8.

But the police cannot arrest him. He has moved a petition in the High Court and Justice Tadakamalla Vinod Kumar stating "unfortunate that the accident occurred and that he was not driving at a high speed or in a negligent manner". He further stated in the petition that the accident occurred due to "faulty design of the flyover".

The court stated that it will look into the petitioner's plea after receiving information from the police. The Raidurgam police station where the case was registered was earlier under section 304 A of the IPC which is negligence and rash driving and is a bailable offence. On December 3, the police altered the section 304 Part II which is culpable homicide not amounting to murder. A senior police officer investigating the case said, "The petition in the High Court has been strongly opposed. We have evidence."

Cost-benefit The project designed by JNTU expert K.M. Laxmana Rao to rid the city of flooding during the rain costs an estimated ₹4,993 crore.

If that seems excessive, Dr Rao provides a context to the cost.

Every day, commuters spend ₹6 to travel 1.5 km and pot-holed roads cost them ₹9 crore in terms of strain and value of time spent in travel.

For 300 working days in a year, this works to ₹2,700 crore.

The savings from good roads will pay for the cost of the project in two years.

dated roads caused a loss of about ₹3,000 crore, considering the shadow impacts in reference to physical strains and value of travel time. The cost of the project is a pittance compared to this.

However, the statement given by Dr Rao immediately after the Biodiversity flyover accident on November 23 has irked the projects wing engineers. Officials said that Dr Rao's statement finding

Petrol, diesel prices go up; have to bear it, say citizens

KANIZA GARARI DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

On top of onions which are inching towards the ₹300/kg mark, the price of petrol is within touching distance of ₹80 a litre. On Monday, petrol cost ₹78.81, after increasing 5 paise overnight due to the daily revision of prices.

Petrol had crossed the ₹80 mark last year before cooling down again. Diesel is pushing the ₹70 mark. The Hyderabad Petrol Dealers Association stated that the increase is felt more due to the fluctuating oil prices. The taxes of the central and state govern-

ments add to the burden. The price of petrol in Telangana state petrol price is among the highest in the country due to these taxes.

The petrol price in the state has peaked to ₹80 per litre. It has come down only marginally now. In New Delhi, petrol hit the ₹75 a litre mark for the first time in more than a year as oil firms raised rates to make up for rising cost of production. Diesel costs ₹66.04 per litre in the national capital.

The petrol rate has been increasing daily since November 9 except for one day. Cumulatively, petrol price increased by ₹2.30 per litre in the past month.

In mid-September, the petrol price had gone up due to drone attacks on some of Saudi Arabia's giant offshore fields. The petrol price is rising again on the back of the rupee-dollar exchange rate. Petrol and diesel prices are revised daily on the basis of changes in their benchmark international fuel prices and rupee-dollar exchange rate.

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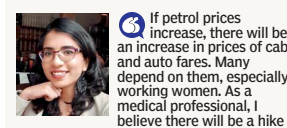
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Uma Maheshwari, doctor

If petrol prices increase, there will be an increase in prices of cab and auto fares. Many depend on them, especially working women. As a medical professional, I believe there will be a hike in medicine costs directly too.

Who cares! People who have enough money effort it, those who can't will use public transport. There are electric vehicles too in the market so why worry about petrol?

—Srinivas, Organic farmer

There's been constant rise in petrol price. If we increase the fare, our business will be affected. We are running the business on the edge, we cannot complain anywhere, but for us it's tough time.

—Machender Goud, Tours and Travels.

Prices of petroleum products were revised on 1st and 16th of every month. But now they are being revised daily.

Karthik Pawar, Mechanical Design Eng

We can't stop buying as we are dependent on these daily necessities. It was ₹82 litre back in 2013 as well, it came down and then it's now going up. It's all beyond the common man's reach."

— M. Sai Krishna, HCL employee



Service roads adjacent to the flyover at Nallagandla are full of ditches making it hard for road users.

Nallagandla roads are bone rattlers

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

Residents of Nallagandla are demanding service roads in their area. They say that though the flyover was constructed about two-and-a-half years ago, the authorities have still not laid the service roads.

"Local residents are facing much difficulty in commuting. We are not sure why there is so much in laying the roads even after the flyover opened long back. "Though several representations were made to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and Roads and Buildings department offices for three years, it fell on deaf ears," he says.

GHMC officials this paper tried to contact were unavailable for comment. However, an RBH official said the main problem with the road from Nallagandla flyover to Vainagulapudi is land acquisition as nowhere in this entire stretch has it been cleared.

The process began in January "We have surveyed each home, but are facing difficulty in getting consent, especially at Nallagandla. We started work on the available land on one side we laid only for 500 metres," he said.

2 UoH PROFS AMONG TOP 3 RESEARCHERS

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

The University of Hyderabad has added another feather to its cap by contributing two scholars to the top three in the country in the field of Humanities research, according to the report released by the Centre for Publication Ethics, of the Savitribai Phule Pune University.

The centre studied 5,429 journal publications listed in Web of Science for 1989-2018.

The top researcher in terms of publications across all Indian universities and UoH is Prof. K. Narayana Chandran of the Department of English, School of Humanities, UoH.

The ranking makes him the single most significant author-researcher in the field for the period. UoH was also ranked among the top three in Arts and Humanities publications.

The other academic to figure in the top three is Prof. Pramod K. Nayyar, also of UoH's Department of English. He had won the President's Award for Best Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities in 2018. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, he said, "For two UoH faculty to be in India's top three indicates that they as individual researchers are getting something right, but also that the institution is providing a good ecosystem for high performance researchers."

He further added that the quantum and consistency of UoH's research output comes show that mere numbers of publications is worthless. "What is required is the quality of publications. Work in the top journals will always count and only that for research on which we speak of India's contribution to the world. This is likely to encourage our students, willing to work hard, to see the Depa of English and UoH as a preferred destination for research."

HEALTH | AND YOU

Rising heart ailments in India worries medicine Nobel laureate

Fast food strikes your heart: Dr Murad

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

Nobel Laureate Dr Ferid Murad was in town for a joint collaboration with Apollo Hospitals for research on the causes for high prevalence of heart disease among Indians and to suggest early detection ways and accurate treatment.

With 5.45 crore heart disease cases in India, there is a need to explore newer paths for early detection and treatment of heart ailments, which Dr Murad was conferred the Nobel prize in medicine in 1998 for his discovery that nitric oxide causes blood vessels to relax and improves blood circulation. This remarkable discovery changed the field of cardiology and established novel ways to reduce the risk of heart disease. His discovery has also helped to increase the survival rate, including



Dr Ferid Murad, Nobel laureate

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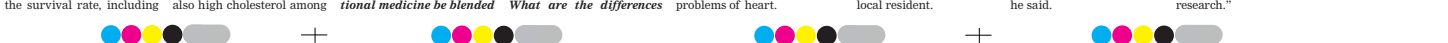
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with modern medication? Alternative medicine, the natural extracts, has been there for hundreds of years and we know they are safe. But, with new chemicals we have to conduct studies on the safety aspects for which the government has to grant permission. Now, we are learning that natural extracts contain important molecules, which can be used on patients. There are many drugs that have originated from biochemistry and chemistry.

What are the differences between the problems that exist in India and west? The food habits, sunshine, pollution, and air pollution. In some countries, industries emit coal smoke and some diesel smoke. Some countries don't use fertilisers while some do for cultivation. We are learning that these are the aspects that influence genes.

Can you tell us what food habit will make us ill? Fast food, which is very convenient, teenagers simply cannot resist the temptation. The problem is that people are getting hooked on to fast foods without realising the damage it causes to the body. They are eating more but their energy expenditure is less. There is too much of sitting now compared to earlier years. These changes in lifestyle are adding to the problems of heart.

Dr Ferid Murad, Nobel laureate





Health minister Etala Rajender lays foundation stone for a 100-bed hospital in Korutla



Low cultivation of onion in the state and import from other states is leading to price rise

Drunken bus driver held

Hyderabad: A driver of Sri Krishna Travels, Devidas Raju, who was driving an empty bus (AP 39 T 7755) to BHEL from Miyapur in an intoxicated condition, was intercepted near Allwyn Junction at around 6.38 pm

Engg student held with 40 LSD strips

Hyderabad: West Zone Task Force police arrested an engineering student with 40 LSD strips. The accused, K. Chanikya, 22, is a resident of Amberpet and said he is the son of a local politician.

MAN HELD FOR ABUSING TEACHER

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9 A 30-year-old man who was harassing a private school teacher and misbehaved with her in front of her parents was arrested by Malkajgiri police on Monday.

Cyber crime case against RGV for morphing photo

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9 The Hyderabad cyber crime police booked a case against filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma for apparently morphing former President Pranab Mukherjee out of a picture and morphing himself in to show that he was receiving the censor certificate from evangelist K.A. Paul for his political satire film.

Now, NIA books maddletti

In Oct, police arrested Vidyarthi Vedika chief for links with Maoists

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T.D.C HYDERABAD, DEC. 9 Taking cognisance of the revelations that the alleged frontal organisations have recruited two youngsters for the Maoists, the National Investigation Agency has registered a fresh case against Teangana

Vidyarthi Vedika president Bandari Maddletti. In October, the Gadwal police had arrested Maddletti and Nalamasi Krishna, state vice-president of the Telangana Praja Front, following a case that they have links with Maoists.

Puliga Nagaraju, state committee member Ynomoni Balam, Kanti Jagan, member of Revolutionary Writers Association and editor of Student March monthly magazine. The police had earlier said that its investigations revealed that the accused held meetings and encouraged the students to join the

Maoists and also to underground to fight against the state government. An in-depth probe revealed that the accused had sent two persons - Harjan Bhavani of Kurivarulacheruvu village and Uttini Anil Kumar of Makthal - to go underground and work for the Maoists in July and September 2018,

THREE HELD IN ATTEMPT TO MURDER CASE

Hyderabad: The Chandrayangutta police arrested three accused involved in an attempt to murder case on Saturday, that apparently was the result of financial disputes. The accused were identified

as Mohd. Rehman, Syed Sarwar and Mohd. Naser. Police said the trio had stabbed the victim on the busy Hashababad Road at Chandrayangutta and escaped. The victim was rushed to a hospital.

Anti-encroachment drive



GHMC workers demolish illegal shops and signboards in Dilusuknagar area on Monday. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

GRP arrests Pardhi gang leader

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU I DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9 Government Railway Police arrested a key member of the infamous Pardhi gang from Secunderabad station on Monday morning. The gang used a train-tracking app to track trains and tampered with signals to stop them. Gang members then robbed passengers at knifepoint.

They used this modus operandi to rob passengers of the Yeswantpur Express and Jabalpur Express trains at railway signals near Kankuntla and Divitipalli railway stations in Mahbubnagar district in September last year. RPS Mahbubnagar booked two cases of dacoity and arrested eight members of the pardhi gang, including

the one on Monday. A key accused, Dada Shinde, is still at large. Speaking about the modus operandi, GRP superintendent, Secunderabad, B. Anuradha said, "The gang traces the train using the 'Where is My Train' app. It tampers with the signal half an hour before the train reaches their location. When the driver halts the train, the gang form a human ladder, threaten

women passengers with a knife and collect their gold ornaments." A police official associated with the probe said, "On reliable information that the main accused Avinash Sriram Kale had come to the city to meet the imprisoned gang members, we kept an eye on the Secunderabad railway station. We nabbed him when he came to board a train," he added.

CR JEWELLERY ROBBED FROM BIZMAN'S HOUSE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9 Burglars fled away with ornaments worth ₹1 crore from a businessman's house on Road number 12 in Banjara Hills on Sunday night. According to police, the complainant, Kapil Gupta along with his family had gone to a marriage on Sunday night and returned on Monday morning. He found that his bedroom was ransacked, almirah opened and a diamond necklace worth ₹1 crore was missing. Mr Gupta lodged a complaint suspecting that Ram Nivas aka Karan from Bihar, who was an employee at his residence, committed the crime.

Girl's abduction case solved: Cops

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9 Chandrayangutta police cracked the kidnap case of a four-year-old girl belonging to the family of pavement dwellers. She had gone missing on Saturday. The police arrested a couple in connection with the kidnap. According to the police, the couple identified as Shaik Muskan and Mohd. Sohal Khan, are pavement-dwellers. The accused found the girl alone under the Mahbubnagar crossroads and kidnapped her. Chandrayangutta inspector Rudra Bhasker said, "They

revealed that if they started begging with the baby girl they can earn huge alms based on sympathy. Therefore they abducted the girl." On credible information, they were nabbed while they were begging by the Chandrayangutta police. The police have sent the accused to judicial custody. On Saturday, the mother of the child went to a nearby toy shop after her husband left for work, leaving her seven-year-old son and four-year-old girl below the flyover. When she came back after 15 minutes, she found her daughter missing.

MOVIE ARTISTE ARRESTED IN THEFT CASE

Hyderabad: The Kukhatpally police arrested a movie artiste for alleged burglary and recovered about 30 tolas of gold. Police said the accused, B. Vicky, 28, is a resident of Nagaram village in Medchal. On November 15, a case of burglary was registered when over 30 tolas of gold ornaments went missing from the house of one M. Lakshmi Priya at Bhayyanagar Colony. She had her husband M. Shankar Rao found about the burglary while they were returning from work. Based on the technical clues, Vicky, a habitual offender, was identified as the burglar.

CP lauds work of patrolling staff

Mr Kumar said that all patrol cars of the West Zone on an average covered a distance of 1,899.80 km a day. Mr Kumar emphasised the importance of community policing and patrolling to convey a better sense of security to all citizens. He said there are a total 122 patrol cars in the Hyderabad commissionerate area whose response time is between 8-10 minutes. Mr Kumar said all patrol cars of the West Zone on an average covered a distance of 1,899.80 km a day. He asked citizens to dial 100 or the Hyderabad police WhatsApp number 9490616555.

1st ANNIVERSARY



SATISH MOHAN MARAMREDDY Born: 4 January 1969 Died: 21 December 2018

You have gone from our sight, but never from our memories. Gone from our touch, but never from our hearts. You are part of lives and always will be. Your warmth, your kindness and sweet memories will forever linger in our mind. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend the 1st year anniversary lunch held on 10 December 2019 around noon at 743 Chateaux Drive, Coppell, TX 75019. Program will be held by family in the morning between 9-11 AM. Deeply missed and fondly remembered. Please accept this as our personal invitation. Since it is a weekday, I am sending it early. I missed anyone dear to Satish, please let them know. I will text few others who do not have WhatsApp. Inserted by: Hartha Maramreddy. Contact: 214-315-3464

COUPLE HELD FOR ROBBING TRAIN PASSENGERS

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU I DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9 Surveillance of previous offenders by Government Railway Police, Secunderabad, has helped crack seven thefts and arrest a couple on Monday morning. The GRP recovered 32 tolas of gold worth ₹13 lakh from the couple's possession. GRP received information on Monday at about 8 am that a couple was moving around the general booking counter of Platform Number 1 suspiciously. A team led by GRP inspector K. Adi Reddy reached the platform and questioned the two.

SAD DEMISE



S. VIJAYA KUMAR General Manager

Defunct Syndicate Bank (State Co. Suburban) Vivekanandapuram, Ammugudi. For further details: 900020566, 996405223. Inserted by: Sibi, Sri, Sureshbabu. Contact: Abhinash & Anurag

OBITUARY



A.S. THIAGARAJAN MUDLIAR DOB: 01.08.1929 DOD: 09.12.2019. Funeral will be held on 10.12.2019 at 10.00 am to Bansalipet, Secunderabad. Inserted by: Family Members. Contact: 924162861, 9849405837

10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



ABEL SYLVESTER DOB: 11-11-1986 DOD: 10-12-2009 (MASCULINE) (MARRIED) Inserted by: ALL FAMILY MEMBERS. Contact: 90008272. (91920101397)

ANTIM ARDAS



Antim Ardas of Sardar Harcharan Singh Jaggi at Gurudwara Sahib, Secunderabad, from 5:30 PM to 4:30 PM on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Deeply mourned by: Aman Jaggi (Wife), Manddeep & Manmeet Jaggi (Son & Daughter-in-Law), Pradeep & Shalini Jaggi (Son & Daughter-in-Law), Simrat Gaggi (Daughter), Sahar, Gurbani & Mehema (Grand Children). (A1920D00079)

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Late GANTI JAGANNADHA SARMA DOB: 12-12-1929 DOD: 22-12-2018. Your memories remain in our hearts forever. We will always miss you close and affectionate. Ganti Anusaya, Ganti Maheshwar Sharma, Ganti Family Members. Ganti Ramakrishna, Ganti Kameshwari, Dooka Ramakrishna, Dooka Jenani and All Family Members. Ph.No. 9849166515, 918272306. (91920D00079)

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HARCHARAN SINGH JAGGI DOB: 11-11-1964 DOD: 04-09-2013. Those we love don't go away they walk beside us everyday, unseen unheard but always near. So loved and missed to every day. Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Y. IMMANUEL DHANRAJ Superintendent, ZP High School, (Retd.) (M.A. B.C.S & M.C.S.) DOB: 10th Dec, 1948 DOD: 31st Dec, 2018. Inserted by: Wills + Mary Helen Hemabha, Children, Sonabha, & Grand daughter. Contact: 9441494906 & 9030844475.

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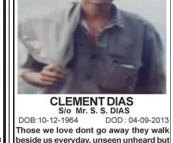
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BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Kum. Bulusu Balamani 10-12-2016. Asst. Inspector General (Retd.) (Ded. of stamps and Registration). Your Memories, Love and Blessings remind us your presence every moment we all miss you in following hands. B.Pallaya (Brother) and Sisters 9781001838 / 9849256838

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CLEMET DIAS DOB: 10-12-1964 DOD: 04-09-2013. Those we love don't go away they walk beside us everyday, unseen unheard but always near. So loved and missed to every day. Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS

2nd Anniversary



Mrs. DEEVANAMMA RADUVA DOB: 10-12-1964 DOD: 04-09-2013. Those we love don't go away they walk beside us everyday, unseen unheard but always near. So loved and missed to every day. Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Shri TK Nateshan South Central Railways DOB: 10th May 04 DOD: 10th December 2017. Son's and Daughters

OBITUARY



MRS. N. CHINTHAMANI Age: 75 (Retd. Principal, ZP High School, Lalabari) W/o. R. Muthukrishnan Expired on 5-12-2019. Family & Friends. Contact: 9441494906 & 9030844475



## Behind success

TRS leader B. Vinod Kumar attributes state government's success in electricity, irrigation sectors to KCR



I congratulate Jagan for taking a decision to bring about a law to protect women  
— Vijayashanti Congress leader

## BRIEF

### Mayor inspects rendering plant

Hyderabad Mayor Bonthu Rammoohan, along with MLC Mohammed Saleem, GHMC commissioner Lokesh Kumar and zonal commissioner Upender Reddy, inspected the rendering plant in the modern slaughter house at Chengicherla on Monday. The 79-crore plant, which has started working, converts animal waste from slaughter houses to by-products to be used as feed in aquaculture and poultry farms, soap manufacture and in lubricants.

### PROTESTING RTC WORKERS PICKED UP

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

Eighteen contract workers who work at the TSRTC civil engineering department gathered without permission at Pragathi Bhavan, the camp office cum official residence of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, and tried to enter the complex. They were immediately arrested by the Panjagutta police. According to the police the workers gathered suddenly at BB-1, Pragathi Bhavan, at about 9 am. They were demanding registration of their jobs. The police took them into preventive custody at the Goshamahal stadium and released them later on personal bond.

### STATE OF SC/ST HOSTELS IRKS HC

VUJINI YAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

The Telangana High Court on Monday sought the response of the government within four weeks over the pathetic conditions in government-run hostels for students from the SC, ST, BC communities. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy was dealing with a suo motu taken-up public interest litigation over negligence in the maintenance of the hostels. The PIL was taken up based on a letter addressed by Justice P. Naveen Rao to the Chief Justice enquiring reports on pathetic conditions of welfare hostels. In another case, the division bench issued notices to the government to respond on the rampant sex determination by the some scanning centre without any supervision. The bench sought information about the mechanism to curb scanning centres which reveal the gender of the foetus.

## Fight against corruption



Youths pose after taking part in a walk to mark the World Anti-Corruption Day, in Hyderabad on Monday. They also took an oath to eradicate corruption from society.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

# PSUs set to get heads

CM to make appointments after Dec. 11 Cabinet meet

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

### TOP POSTS

- **NIZAMABAD (RURAL) MLA** Bajireddy Govardhan may be made RTC Chairman.
- **FORMER DEPUTY SPEAKER** and Medak MLA Padma Devender Reddy will also get nominated post.
- **CM KCR** is planning to visit Delhi after December 11 Cabinet meeting.

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has undertaken the exercise of finalising the selection of MLCs and chairpersons of various public undertakings and the appointments will be made after the December 11 Cabinet meeting, possibly on December 15 or 16. According to TRS circles, Devender Reddy is likely to be appointed TRSRTC chairman. The TRS government had appointed Somarapu Satyanarayana as TSRTC chairman when he was

an M.L.A. but he recently joined the BJP. Former Deputy Speaker and Medak MLA Padma Devender Reddy is likely to get a nominated post. Her name is being considered for chairperson of the Irrigation

Corporation. Senior M.L.As and those who were not accommodated in the cabinet will be given preference in appointments to nominated posts. The state government issued an ordinance three days ago

exempting chairpersons' posts in some public sector corporations from being considered an office of profit. This cleared the way to the appointment of M.L.As or M.L.Cs as chairpersons of these corporations. About 15 to 20 M.L.As and M.L.Cs are likely to get these posts. Some party leaders who are close to Mr Rao will also get these posts.

The CM plans to visit Delhi after the cabinet meeting to discuss with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and important Union Ministers pending issues with regard to the state, particularly giving more funds to the state government.



Dr K. Laxman

## LAXMAN BLAMES KCR FOR STATE'S FISCAL CRISIS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

Condemning Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's remarks that the Centre was responsible for the state's financial crisis, TS BJP president Dr K. Laxman said he should have maintained fiscal discipline instead of criticising others.

At a meeting in the party office on Monday, Dr Laxman said Mr Rao had changed Telangana state from one with a surplus to one stuck in a financial crunch.

The BJP leader said the lack of objectives had forced Mr Rao into such a situation that the government does not fund for welfare schemes. He said Mr Rao was trying to cover up his faults by "rubbing mud on the Centre".

Dr Laxman accused Mr Chandrasekhar Rao of "playing cheap tricks" to divert attention from public issues and said the government had not cleared the dues of Rythu Bandhu nor paid for cotton purchase yet.

He pointed out that the Centre had stated in Parliament that ₹5,000 crore grants had been given to Telangana state.

"If there was an objection, why did the TRS MPs not raise the issue," Dr Laxman said.

**TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED**  
400kV / Construction / Warrangal  
400kV Quad Moose DC Line from 400/220kV Dichally SS to 400/220kV Nirmal SS of length 60.332KM (approx.)

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

TS TRANSCO has erected new 400kV Quad Moose DC line from 400/220kV Dichally SS to 400/220kV Nirmal Sub-Station - 60.332 KM. This 400kV EHT line is going to be changed on or after 10-12-2019.

The above line is passing through the following Mandals and Districts.

District	Mandals
Nizamabad	Dichally, Charapati, Bheemgal, Veljopur, Balkonda, Mupkal, Mendora
Nirmal	Sian

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**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

**REVIVAL OF LAPSED PLI / RPLI POLICIES**

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## Plan to boost onion output

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9



S. Niranjan Reddy

Agriculture minister S. Niranjan Reddy on Monday directed officials to take steps to increase production of vegetables and support farmers in the production of onions.

The government is also planning to provide subsidy for onion farming and would fix a price to make sure that the farmers do not incur losses.

He visited the cotton purchase centres at Narsyankhed in Sangareddy district and then held a review meeting with officials of the agriculture and horticulture departments.

During the meeting, the minister said that the government would encourage onion cultivation in the state and would also distribute onion seeds at subsidised rates. This comes in the backdrop of the sudden surge in onion prices and shortage due to adverse weather earlier this year.

- **THE STATE** government would encourage onion cultivation and provide seeds at subsidised rates.

The minister instructed the officials to visit the CCI (Cotton Corporation of India) centres regularly to check corrupt practices. Mr Niranjan Reddy urged the officials to create awareness among the public about kitchen gardens and about how the government is providing subsidy for those into cultivation of canopy vegetables.

## NATIONAL HIGHWAYS GET WAYSIDE MKTS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

The state government is planning to establish wayside markets' on National Highway 44 between Hyderabad and Kurunool soon. The markets would benefit commuters and villagers living nearby besides the farmers.

As a pilot project, the first wayside market is being set up at Beechupally in Joggulamba district by the agriculture and cooperation departments. It issued orders for the establishment of the market over a two-acre land.

The wayside markets will help the farmers sell their produce directly. The government has instructed the Gadwal collector to initiate steps to identify land for the market.

- **THE WAYSIDE** markets will help the farmers sell their produce directly.

## NO CHEER ■ BJP leader's family ran a distillery earlier, says TRS

# Aruna's anti-liquor stir raises doubts

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

### FEW TAKERS

■ **BJP LEADER** D.K. Aruna announced that she had decided to hold a hunger strike in protest against the increase in number of liquor shops, promoted by the government with a sole view to augment the state's income, oblivious to its biggest social consequence - a rise in crimes against women.

The two-day 'mahila sankalpa deekha' (hunger strike against liquor), proposed by senior BJP leader D.K. Aruna has raised eyebrows among both her own party and the TRS. Ms Aruna announced that she had decided to hold a hunger strike in protest against the increase in number of liquor shops, promoted by the government with a sole view to augment the state's income, oblivious to its biggest social consequence - a rise in crimes against women. The relay hunger strike is scheduled to be held on December 12 and 13 at Indira Park in the city.

TRS women M.L.As strongly reacted to the call, saying that it was Ms Aruna's habit

to seek publicity by giving a frivolous protest call when ever she changes parties. They asked why Ms Aruna could not convince the government when she was in power during the Congress era to impose prohibition. They alleged that instead, while they were agitating for imposing of prohibition in the state, Ms Aruna, as a minister, did not respond positively. The TRS women

M.L.As said that there was no need to respond to a call given by Ms Aruna now. Ms Satyavathi Rathod told *Deccan Chronicle* that she felt the women would not support Ms Aruna because she was the wife of a liquor contractor. Ms G. Sunitha, government whip, reminded that the family of Ms Aruna used to run a distillery earlier, and her family was involved in tax evasion cases. Ms Sunitha dared Ms Aruna to openly state whether or not she had met Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and requested him to bail out her family from tax evasion cases. Ms Sunitha said it was common for the Opposition to fight against the ruling party but people like Ms Aruna, whose family was involved in running liquor and belt shops, calling for prohibition would be dismissed as a 'silly play'.

Members of the BJP Mahila Morcha are in a dilemma on whether or not to support Ms Aruna. "We must be seen supporting any move against liquor; especially as women are worst victims of crime by drunken males. But we know it is just a game of one-upmanship," said a BJP woman leader.

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TRS MLA Chirumarthi Lingaiah says Kalyana Laxmi, Shadi Mubarak schemes have been introduced by KCR with a vision to benefit the poor



The Centre should bring Muslims under the Citizenship Amendment Bill's ambit — Nama Nageshwar Rao, TRS MP

**Vamsi sits in Oppn benches**

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 9

All eyes were on where TD rebel MLA from Gannavaram Valabhaneni Vamsi would sit during the Winter Session of the Assembly on Monday, amid speculation that he would join the "YSRC" camp. He sat in the Opposition benches in the last row. He had criticised the TD leadership and announced that he would join the YSRC after which he was suspended. He is yet to join YSRC. He has not yet received the rule set by YSRC chief and AP Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy.

**SKU V-C DIES OF CARDIAC ARREST IN A PRIVATE BUS**

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 9

Sri Krishnadevaraya University Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Jayaraj died of a cardiac arrest in a private bus while travelling to Vijayawada late Sunday night. Jayaraj was Economics Professor and appointed full additional charge (FAC) Vice-Chancellor on October 26. He had participated various programmes in the university on Sunday and was proceeding to attend an official programme at Vijayawada on Monday. When the bus reached Dhone in Kurnool district, he complained of chest pain and collapsed in the bus. Co-passengers immediately shifted him to the Dhone Government Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead. His body was shifted to his residence in Anaparthi. Collector Gandham Chandrudu, SKU officials and district officials, students and political leaders paid homage and consoled the family members. Prof. Jayaraj had 31 years of experience in teaching, research and administration. He joined the university in 1967 as a faculty in the economics department. He held various positions. He was awarded the state's best professor award in 2012.

**DOCTOR WANTS TO BE THE HANGMAN OF NIRBHAYA RAPISTS**

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 9

In keeping with the extreme reactions that are being touted as a solution to the rape and murder of the Hyderabad veterinarian last month, a doctor has offered to be the executioner of the convicts in the Nirbhaya case. He has offered himself as a candidate to Union home minister Amit Shah to hang them, when he came to know that there was no executioner at Thar jail to hang the convicts in the rape case that had horrified the country in 2012. Vijayawada YSRC Doctors cell leader Dr. Ambati Naga Radhakrishna tweeted that it was reported in the press that prison authorities were looking for executioners to execute the men convicted in the Nirbhaya case. He stated in his tweet that though he is a professional doctor, he is ready to become an executioner with the intention of bringing peace to Nirbhaya's soul, and would do so at his own expense. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Dr. Radhakrishna said that the execution must not be delayed because there was no executioner. To retain belief in the justice system, it is very important to implement the Supreme Court orders immediately as the President of India has rejected the clemency petition, the doctor said.

**Death for rape, cries Jagan**

Wants capital punishment for rapists, assures conviction in 3 weeks

SAMPAT & SAMANTAR I DC VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 9

Moved by the spate of incidents of sexual assault and murder of women, including the recent case of the veterinarian, Jagan Mohan Reddy evened up the trial to bring out a new legislation wherein any crime with conclusive evidence will be handled in such a way that its investigation, including obtaining DNA report, is to be completed in a week and the trial to be carried out in dedicated courts in the second week while justice is to be delivered in an expeditious manner in the third week. We have to ensure justice is delivered to the victims

in three weeks while taking part in a short discussion during the first day of the Winter Session of the Assembly here on Monday.

Mr Reddy said, "The recent incidents of atrocities against women and girls are playing a role in bringing out a new legislation wherein any crime with conclusive evidence will be handled in such a way that its investigation, including obtaining DNA report, is to be completed in a week and the trial to be carried out in dedicated courts in the second week while justice is to be delivered in an expeditious manner in the third week. We have to ensure justice is delivered to the victims

**WE HAVE TO ensure justice is delivered to the victims and to their family members in 21 working days from the day of commitment of the crime and award capital punishment to the culprits**

— Jagan Mohan Reddy, AP CM

and to their family members in 21 working days from the day of commitment of the crime and award capital punishment to the culprits. Mr Reddy said each district will have a dedicated court to deal only with atrocities against women and girls so that the case moves quickly. The Chief Minister also assured that the AP government will introduce the zero FIR provision that will allow people to file cases with the nearest police station irrespective of jurisdiction. He bemoaned the way social media was biased

and defamatory postings of women had become the order of the day, causing mental agony to the victims. He underlined the importance of regulating pornography. The young generation with smart phones in their hands and with internet access were vulnerable to such sites and lose their moral values and resort to crime. He said that though the Centre was blocking such sites, they were still accessible. Mr Reddy also called on parents to keep a check on their children so that they do not get exposure to porn sites.

K. KALYANA KRISHNA KUMAR I DC VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 9

A senior citizen collapsed at the Rythu Bazaar in Guduvada after standing in the long queue for two hours. He died while he was being taken to the hospital. The long queues were caused due to the sale of onions at a subsidised price. The retired APSRTC employee, Numa Sambu Reddy, 62, was a resident of Eluru road in Guduvada, Krishna district. He had queued up together with thousands of people who had come to the Rythu Bazaar with their Aadhaar cards from 6 am to buy onions at a subsidised rate since the market price is unaffordable.

His brother-in-law M.V. Narayana Reddy told Deccan Chronicle that Sambu Reddy did not stand in queue as he was suffering from paralysis for the past few months. Nor did he have to buy subsidised onions as he had the ability to buy onions in the retail market. The wrong version of what happened appeared on social media and also on other media, and Opposition politicians projected that he died when he was in the queue to buy subsidised onions.

**Hats off to KCR for swift action: AP CM**

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 9

AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy congratulated his TS counterpart K. Chandrasekhar Rao for the handling of the Disha rape and murder case. He said in the Assembly that the rape and murder was "an act of shame on society."

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy listed out the number of cases of rape, murder, dowry harassment, bigamy and those booked under the POCSO Act, 2012, registered in the last five years in AP.

The CM said that 5,062 cases of rape, 21,510 cases of 'outraging the modesty of a woman' and 1,177 cases of bigamy were registered from 2014 to 2018 while 3,128 cases under the POCSO Act were registered between 2016-18.

He claimed it to be wrong. In the case of Nirbhaya, justice was not delivered to her family even seven years after the crime. We need to change the existing laws to help get justice expeditiously. We are going to introduce the bill on women's safety on Wednesday.

Mr Reddy said that he has two daughters, a sister and a wife and asked how else he could react to such heinous crimes. In an oblique reference to Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan, he said some people were seeking two or three or even four wives.

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8	54541	MTC (Meerut city)	UMB-Ambala Cantt	4	FI	Daily	5040	10000	1180	SLR-FI-54541-Dec-19	1180
9	54541	MTC (Meerut city)	UMB-Ambala Cantt	4	FI	Daily	5040	10000	1180	SLR-FI-54541-Dec-19	1180
10	54541	MTC (Meerut city)	UMB-Ambala Cantt	4	RI	Daily	5040	10000	1180	SLR-FI-54541-Dec-19	1180
11	54539	HNZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	UMB-Ambala Cantt	4	FI	Daily	6189	10000	1180	SLR-FI-54539-Dec-19	1180
12	54539	HNZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	UMB-Ambala Cantt	4	FI	Daily	6189	10000	1180	SLR-FI-54539-Dec-19	1180
13	54539	HNZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	UMB-Ambala Cantt	4	RI	Daily	6189	10000	1180	SLR-FI-54539-Dec-19	1180
14	54536	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	MB-Moradabad	4	FI	Daily	4538	10000	1180	SLR-FI-54536-Dec-19	1180
15	54536	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	MB-Moradabad	4	FI	Daily	4538	10000	1180	SLR-FI-54536-Dec-19	1180
16	54536	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	MB-Moradabad	4	RI	Daily	4538	10000	1180	SLR-FI-54536-Dec-19	1180
17	51902	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	AGC-Agra Cantt	4	FI	Daily	5040	10000	1180	SLR-FI-51902-Dec-19	1180
18	51902	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	AGC-Agra Cantt	4	FI	Daily	5040	10000	1180	SLR-FI-51902-Dec-19	1180
19	15300	MTC (Meerut city)	MOS-Meerut city	4	FI	Daily	13852	10000	1180	SLR-FI-15300-Dec-19	1180
20	22906	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	BBS-Shubrawar	3.9	FI	Monday	26554	10000	1180	SLR-FI-22906-Dec-19	1180
21	22424	MTC (Meerut city)	LJN-Lucknow NE	4	FI	Daily	8555	10000	1180	SLR-FI-22424-Dec-19	1180
22	22424	MTC (Meerut city)	LJN-Lucknow NE	4	FI	Daily	8555	10000	1180	SLR-FI-22424-Dec-19	1180
23	22454	MTC (Meerut city)	LJN-Lucknow NE	4	RI	Daily	8555	10000	1180	SLR-FI-22454-Dec-19	1180
24	22404	NDLs (New Delhi)	PDV-Puducherry	4	FI	Sunday	32180	10000	1180	SLR-FI-22404-Dec-19	1180
25	22404	NDLs (New Delhi)	PDV-Puducherry	4	FI	Sunday	32180	10000	1180	SLR-FI-22404-Dec-19	1180
26	15300	MTC (Meerut city)	SHC-Saharan Jn.	3.9	FI	Monday	19835	10000	1180	SLR-FI-15300-Dec-19	1180
27	15060	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	LKU-Lal Kuan	4	FI	Tuesday, Thursday	4032	10000	1180	SLR-FI-15060-Dec-19	1180
28	15060	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	LKU-Lal Kuan	4	FI	Tuesday, Thursday	4032	10000	1180	SLR-FI-15060-Dec-19	1180
29	15060	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	LKU-Lal Kuan	4	RI	Tuesday, Thursday	4032	10000	1180	SLR-FI-15060-Dec-19	1180
30	15058	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	GKP-Gorakhpur Jn.	4	FI	Wednesday	12716	10000	1180	SLR-FI-15058-Dec-19	1180
31	15058	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	GKP-Gorakhpur Jn.	4	FI	Wednesday	12716	10000	1180	SLR-FI-15058-Dec-19	1180
32	15058	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	GKP-Gorakhpur Jn.	4	RI	Wednesday	12716	10000	1180	SLR-FI-15058-Dec-19	1180
33	14812	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	SIKR-Sikar Jn.	4	M1	Wednesday	2161	10000	1180	SLR-M1-14812-Dec-19	1180
34	14812	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	SIKR-Sikar Jn.	4	M2	Wednesday	2161	10000	1180	SLR-M2-14812-Dec-19	1180
35	14812	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	SIKR-Sikar Jn.	4	M3	Wednesday	2161	10000	1180	SLR-M3-14812-Dec-19	1180
36	14812	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	SIKR-Sikar Jn.	4	M4	Wednesday	2161	10000	1180	SLR-M4-14812-Dec-19	1180
37	14812	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	SIKR-Sikar Jn.	4	RI	Wednesday	2161	10000	1180	SLR-RI-14812-Dec-19	1180
38	14645	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	JAT-Jammu Tawi	4	FI	Daily	11052	10000	1180	SLR-FI-14645-Dec-19	1180
39	14645	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	JAT-Jammu Tawi	4	FI	Daily	11052	10000	1180	SLR-FI-14645-Dec-19	1180
40	14645	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	JAT-Jammu Tawi	4	M1	Daily	11052	10000	1180	SLR-M1-14645-Dec-19	1180
41	14645	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	JAT-Jammu Tawi	4	M2	Daily	11052	10000	1180	SLR-M2-14645-Dec-19	1180
42	14645	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	JAT-Jammu Tawi	4	M3	Daily	11052	10000	1180	SLR-M3-14645-Dec-19	1180
43	14645	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	JAT-Jammu Tawi	4	M4	Daily	11052	10000	1180	SLR-M4-14645-Dec-19	1180
44	14625	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	FZR-Firozpur cantt	4	FI	Daily	5094	10000	1180	SLR-FI-14625-Dec-19	1180
45	14625	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	FZR-Firozpur cantt	4	FI	Daily	5094	10000	1180	SLR-FI-14625-Dec-19	1180
46	14624	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	CWA-Chhindwara Jn.	4	RI	Daily	17134	10000	1180	SLR-RI-14624-Dec-19	1180
47	14295	NDLs (New Delhi)	BSB-Banaras Jn.	4	FI	Daily	13630	10000	1180	SLR-FI-14295-Dec-19	1180
48	14212	NDLs (New Delhi)	AGC-Agra Cantt	3.9	FI	Daily	4914	10000	1180	SLR-FI-14212-Dec-19	1180
49	14152	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	CNB-Canpur	3.9	FI	Sunday	8953	10000	1180	SLR-FI-14152-Dec-19	1180
50	22429	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	PTK-Patanekr	4	FI	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun	8644	10000	1180	SLR-FI-22429-Dec-19	1180
51	14033	DLI (Delhi Jn.)	SVOK-Shmata Vaishno Devi Katra	4	FI	Daily	11368	10000	1180	SLR-FI-14033-Dec-19	1180
52	14014	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	SLN-Sultapura	4	FI	Monday	11052	10000	1180	SLR-FI-14014-Dec-19	1180
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58	14006	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	SMK-Sitamar	4	RI	Daily	19231	10000	1180	SLR-RI-14006-Dec-19	1180
59	14004	NDLs (New Delhi)	MLDT-Malda Town	4	FI	Thursday	22325	10000	1180	SLR-FI-14004-Dec-19	1180
60	13430	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	MLDT-Malda Town	4	FI	Thursday	22325	10000	1180	SLR-FI-13430-Dec-19	1180
61	13430	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	MLDT-Malda Town	4	RI	Saturday	22325	10000	1180	SLR-RI-13430-Dec-19	1180
62	13120	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	SDAH-Sealdah	4	FI	Tuesday, Saturday	24774	10000	1180	SLR-FI-13120-Dec-19	1180
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64	12986	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	JBP-Jabalpur	3.9	FI	Daily	8445	10000	1180	SLR-FI-12986-Dec-19	1180
65	12986	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	JBP-Jabalpur	3.9	FI	Daily	8445	10000	1180	SLR-FI-12986-Dec-19	1180
66	12982	NDLs (New Delhi)	MCMC-Mumbai Central	3.9	FI	Daily	28800	10000	1180	SLR-FI-12982-Dec-19	1180
67	12958	HNZM (Hazrat Nizamuddin)	BOTS-Bandra Terminus	3.9	FI	Monday, Thursday	21139	10000	1180	SLR-FI-12958-Dec-19	1180
68	12876	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	PURI-Puri	3.9	FI	Tue, Friday, Sunday	26554	10000	1180	SLR-FI-12876-Dec-19	1180
69	12874	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	HTE-Hatla	4	FI	Tue, Wed, Friday	21364	10000	1180	SLR-FI-12874-Dec-19	1180
70	12874	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	HTE-Hatla	4	FI	Tuesday, Wed, Friday	21364	10000	1180	SLR-FI-12874-Dec-19	1180
71	12826	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	RNC-Ranchi	3.9	FI	Monday, Tuesday, Saturday	20145	10000	1180	SLR-FI-12826-Dec-19	1180
72	12818	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	HTE-Hatla	4	FI	Mon, Thu, Saturday	21060	10000	1180	SLR-FI-12818-Dec-19	1180
73	12818	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	HTE-Hatla	4	FI	Mon, Thu, Saturday	21060	10000	1180	SLR-FI-12818-Dec-19	1180
74	12818	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	HTE-Hatla	4	RI	Mon, Thu, Saturday	21060	10000	1180	SLR	

Bombay HC has upheld the life imprisonment awarded to gangster Arun Gawli in the 2008 murder of Sena corporator



Jal, jungle, jameen will be returned to people of Jharkhand if Cong wins

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

SHORT TAKES

MP MULLS 'QUALIFIED' PRIESTS

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, DEC. 9

Kamal Nath government has set in motion a move to appoint 'qualified' priests in temples in Madhya Pradesh...

A priest needs to be strictly a vegetarian, well-versed with Hindu religious institutions and should have a minimum educational qualification of class eight pass...

BHARAT HINDU MAHASABHA MOVES SC

New Delhi, Dec. 9: Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha, a litigant in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute case, moved the Supreme Court...

A 3-judge bench of the apex court, headed by then Chief Justice Dipak Mishra...

WOMAN RESISTS RAPE, SET ON FIRE

Muzaffarpur, Dec. 9: A young woman was allegedly set on fire by a neighbour after she resisted his attempt to rape her...

The 23-year-old victim, who suffered 50 per cent burns in the incident, was currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in the Muzaffarpur town, he said.

Based on a complaint filed by her mother with Ahiyapur police station, the accused has been arrested. Station House Officer (SHO) Vikas Rai said.

Her mother — who works at a primary health centre — rushed home and took her to a hospital after a local informed her about the incident...

Congress starwarts quit after K'taka bypoll loss

Sidda, Gundurao take responsibility for defeat, step down

DC CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU, DEC. 9

Stung by the devastating loss in the bypolls in which the party could win only 2 of the 15 seats, Congress legislators...

Both leaders tendered their resignation to Congress president Sonia Gandhi — owing moral responsibility for not being able to give 'satisfactory results'.

In his letter to Sonia Gandhi, Siddaramaiah, a former Chief Minister, said, 'I deem it necessary to step down as a decision of CLP by taking moral responsibility. As CLP leadership there is a need to uphold democratic principles. In the interests of the party, I tender my resignation as CLP leader.'

Also, jubilant after the BJP's stellar performance in the bypolls, the Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Monday said he would give a stable and pro-development government...

On ministerial berths for the disqualified MLAs most of whom have won the bypolls, he said, 'We had given an assurance to all the disqualified MLAs that they will be given ministerial posts...'



Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa blesses B.V. Vijayendra after BJP won in 12 of 15 Assembly constituencies of Karnataka securing the position of Yediyurappa-led BJP government in the state, in Bengaluru on Monday.

JD(S) loses Vokkaliga bastion; BJP makes inroads

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With Gowda's victory, the BJP has finally made an entry into the Vokkaliga community — heartland, which was always considered its Achilles heel in a state where it is largely considered a party with a pro-Lingayat community slant.

For the Congress, the big winner was Ezwam Arshad in the minority dominated Shivajinagar constituency in the heart of Bengaluru who finally made it after a string of poll losses. A heartbreak for the party was the loss of former Assembly Speaker K.B. Kolivar in Ranebennur where he lost

to Arun Kumar Guttur of the BJP. The JD(S) on its part is fast losing the tag of being invincible in the Vokkaliga dominated Old Mysuru region as it could not bag a single seat though almost half of the bypoll constituencies are in this region.

Of the 15 seats which went to the bypolls, the JD(S) had won three in the 2018 Assembly polls and the Congress, 12. All the disqualified MLAs except two — A.H. Vishwanath in Hunsur and M.T.B. Nagaraj in Hosakote — won their seats by handsome margins and are likely to be inducted into the state

cabinet soon as per a promise made by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa during the course of the bypoll campaign. Their victory has also proved that the electorate was hardly concerned about them jumping ship to join the BJP just a year after being elected to the Assembly in 2018 as most of the disqualified MLAs are political heavyweights in their constituencies whom the Congress and JD(S) found it difficult to beat.

With the BJP win, the prospects of the opposition Congress and JD(S) coming together to topple the Yediyurappa government have faded for now.

AJSU chief likely to be kingmaker

SREEPARNA CHAKRABARTY | DC SILLI (JHARKHAND), DEC. 9

If one person can be branded as the potential kingmaker in these elections, it is All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU) chief Sudesh Mahato.

By refusing a pre-poll alliance with the BJP, the former deputy chief minister has kept the game wide open as far as the Jharkhand Assembly polls are concerned. But the guessing game is on whether he will bargain hard or pull a Shiv Sena on the BJP.

Mahato keeps his cards close to his chest as far as his post-poll plans are concerned. 'All I know is that this time there is going to be 'Gaanv ki Sarkar', he tells this newspaper. This in effect indicates Mahato's chief ministerial ambitions as Ab ki baar Gaanv ki Sarkar is the slogan of the current government of the village' is the war cry of

BATTLEGROUND JHARKHAND

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His campaign. The AJSU is contesting 53 out of 81 Assembly seats in the state. 'We are a regional party. Our priorities are based on that. We have to take care of that,' he said not get into a pre-poll alliance with the BJP. Probed further as to whether the reason was

the unpopularity of the Raghibar Das-led BJP government, he said: 'Whether Raghubar Das is unpopular, that the BJP has to decide'. Mahato remains tight-lipped on his post-poll preferences.

'We will form the government,' he said adding that it is too early to say whether he will support the BJP or the Congress-JMM alliance. However, the regional strongman avoids directly attacking the BJP in his campaign rallies, instead making indirect references to the state government policies like land issues and farmers' woes.

His attacks on the JMM though are more direct, chiefly because his primary opponent in this constituency is Seema Mahato of the JMM. The AJSU chief has been defeated twice in Silli. Once in the 2014 Assembly polls by JMM's Amit Mahato and then again in

2017 bypolls when Amit Mahato was jailed in a murder case and was banned from contesting. The JMM candidate was the present candidate and sitting MLA, Seema Mahato, Amit Mahato's wife.

Local leaders say that though Sudesh Mahato's chances seem bright this time, it all depends on who the Mahatos — who have a population of nearly 30-35 per cent in this constituency — decide to back. 'As both candidates are from the same Mahato caste, it is a matter of the deciding factor,' a local leader said.

The AJSU's pitch therefore seems to be that a vote for Sudesh Mahato means a vote for the future of CM of the state. This is left far behind, the JMM campaign is also promising a CM — Hemat Soren, a potential chief ministerial candidate if the Congress-JMM-RJD alliance gets the numbers.

Bihar jail asked to make 10 ropes for execution

Patna, Dec. 9: A jail in Bihar district of Bihar, known for its expertise in manufacturing execution ropes, has been directed to make 10 pieces ready by the end of this week, triggering speculations that these might be meant for the 2012 Nirbhaya case convicts.

The Buxar jail, the only prison in the state having the required knowhow, received an instruction to make 10 ropes ready by December 14. We do not know where these will be used. But the Buxar jail has a long tradition of manufacturing execution ropes. 'Buxar jail superintendent Vijay Kumar Arora said, 'It takes about three days to prepare one rope and mainly involves manual labour with a little use of motorised machinery, he said.

As from this jail a rope was sent for executing Parliament attack case-accused Afzal Guru. In 2016-17, we had also received orders from Patiala jail, though we do not know the purpose,' he said. The last time when a rope was supplied from here, it was priced at ₹1,725, he said. 'The rate varies from time to time mainly on account of fluctuations in prices of iron and brass. These metals are used to make bushes that are fastened around the rope to ensure that the rope remains firm around the neck and the knot does not come undone when a JD(S) inmate is suspended from it,' the jail superintendent explained.

Asked about the manpower required for the job, he said, 'Normally five to six persons are engaged in making one human body is suspended from it, the jail superintendent explained. Asked about the dimensions, he said, 'Each rope uses up close to 7,000 such strands,' he said. Meeting the deadline is

Village head rapes 6-yr-old, detained

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, DEC. 9

A village head allegedly raped a six-year-old girl in Patapur area of Odisha's Ganjam district. The accused, Mrutyunjaya Das, was taken into custody for questioning on Monday following a complaint by the mother of the victim. Area police, quoting the mother, said Das raped the girl on December 3. When the mother started for the police station to lodge a complaint, she was prevented from doing so by aides of the accused. Finally, she managed to lodge the complaint on Sunday.

In another development, police on Monday arrested a couple for the alleged involvement in the Puri gangrape case. The accused have been identified as Ranjit Parida and Soumya Shefalika Parida. Puri superintendent of police Uma Sankar Das told a presser that the couple is suspected to have brought the victim from Bhubaneswar to Puri.

Also, A COUPLE has been arrested in the Puri case. The victim, a 17-year-old, was on December 2 allegedly gangraped inside a police quarter in Puri town.

Cops earlier had arrested four persons — Bulu Barik, a CRPF jawan, Jeetendra Sethy, a dis-sentenced police constable, and Rajesh Sethy and Rama Chandra Pradhan, in connection with the case.

The victim, a 17-year-old minor, was on December 2 allegedly gangraped inside a police quarter near Jhadeswari Club in Puri town. Recounting her ordeal, the girl had told media persons, 'I was returning to Kakatpur in a bus from school. I alighted at Nimarpur bus terminal to have food and missed the bus. While waiting for another bus, a person introduced himself as a policeman. The victim said she was taken to a Puri, where she was raped.'

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raped and brutalised inside a moving bus in Delhi, could be hanged later this month. The sexual assault and murder of a veterinarian in Hyderabad and the subsequent killing of the accused in a police encounter have evoked a fresh clamour — including appeals by family members of the Delhi victim — for the execution of the convicts whose death sentence was upheld by the Supreme Court more than a year ago.

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Cong latches on to JMM in J'khand

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As for the Congress, yet again the party, which lacks any major influence in the state, is latching on to JMM, whose core vote bank is the tribal population. The same is the strategy of the other ally of the Opposition's grand alliance — RJD.

The BJP is hoping that the All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU) and former chief minister Babul Marandi's Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajantrik) JVM(P) could cut into the JMM votes, as tribals are the core vote bank of the three parties. Around 27 per cent of the population in the state is tribal. Sudesh Mahato-led AJSU is contesting separately for AJSU and the BJP failed to agree on the seat sharing formula. The BJP has not fielded any

candidate against Mahto on Silli Assembly seat and AJSU did not field its candidate on Jamshepur (East), Das's seat.

Speculation is rife that the BJP leadership is holding talks with the AJSU and the JVM(P), in case it fails to achieve a simple majority on its own.

However, both the AJSU and the JVM(P) have rejected suggestions that they are in touch with the BJP for a post-poll scenario. 'It is not JVM(P) but the people of Jharkhand who are contesting this election. People are feeling cheated by the Raghubar Das government, it did nothing for the people except signing MoUs. There is so much of joblessness and exodus because there are no jobs here,' said JVM(P) supremo Babul Marandi.

27.1 CR LIFTED OUT OF POVERTY IN INDIA: UN

New Delhi, Dec. 9: India climbed one spot to 129 among 189 countries in the 2019 human development index, according to a report released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Monday. In 2018, India's human development index (HDI) value of 0.647 had put it at 130 rank.

In India, 27.1 crore people were lifted out of poverty from 2005-06 to 2015-16, UNDP India resident representative Shoko Noda said while releasing the UNDP's 'Beyond income, beyond averages, beyond today: India's progress in human development in the 21st century'.

India's development initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (for financial inclusion) and Ayushman Bharat (for universal health care) were crucial in ensuring that 'we meet our promise to leave no one behind and fulfil PM's vision of development for all,' she said.

Noda said the steady progress of India was due to nearly three decades of rapid development, which had seen a dramatic reduction in absolute poverty, along with gains in life expectancy, education, and access to health care. As per the HDI, no other region has experienced such rapid human development progress, she said. South Asia was the fastest growing region witnessing 46 per cent growth during 1990-2016, followed by East Asia and the Pacific at 43 per cent. — PTI

SECURITY | MATTERS It can prove to be gamechanger as Pak does not have such ammunition

Army tests Excalibur precision artillery shells

PAWAN BALI | DC NEW DELHI, DEC. 9

Indian artillery will now be able to hit Pakistan hard for any ceasefire violation, the Army Chief of Staff, General Bipin Rawat, said. The Army has bought these GPS guided ammunition from the United States under emergency financial powers after the Pulwama attack in February on a CRPF convoy.

These ground-launched precision-guided artillery shells gives Indian guns extended range and the ability to hit targets with very high accuracy. Its makers claim that it can hit targets without collateral damage to accomplish what one Excalibur shell can do. 'The shell will also give the Indian Army the capability to hit enemy positions close to populated areas without causing collateral damage. These shells will be used in M-77 Ultra Light Howitzers (ULHs), which are the first modern artillery guns acquired by India in November last

year from the US. 'The Indian Army conducted test-firing of the newly-acquired US Excalibur precision-guided munitions at Pokhran, a new capability that will integrate with the US-origin M777 UltraLight Howitzer,' the US embassy said on Monday. Excalibur has a range of approximately 40 to 57 km. Raytheon, which manufactures the Excalibur, claims that projectile is a true precision weapon, impacting at 'a radial miss distance of less than two meters from the target. This means that the

shell can fall within two metres of its intended target, only using the Excalibur's level of precision, there is a dramatic reduction in the time, cost and logistical burden associated with other artillery munitions,' claims Raytheon.

The new ammunition could prove to be a game changer. Currently Pakistan does not have such ammunition, said sources. There has been an increase in ceasefire violation by Pakistan at the LoC after the Centre revoked Article 370.

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### CAB issue

Manipur CM N. Biren Singh said he was assured by Amit Shah that Inner Line Permit would be introduced in the state



Citizenship Bill is not only for Assam but for the entire country

— Sarbananda Sonowal  
Chief Minister

### SHORT TAKES

## PANIPAT SCREENING STOPPED

Jaipur, Dec. 9: Several theatres stopped the screening of Ashutosh Gowariker's Panipat on Monday amid criticism by Jat groups over the film's portrayal of Bharatpur's Maharaja Surajmal.

According to the management at some cinemas, the shows were cancelled following instructions from the administration. The screenings will resume only after further orders, they said. Shows were cancelled at Raj Mandir, Cinepolis and Inox theatres.

All shows of the film have been cancelled till further orders. The 12 noon show had to be cancelled due to a protest. No untoward incident was reported due to the police presence," Raj Mandir manager Ashok Tarwar said.

An Inox official said in a statement, "As per the instructions of the authorities, we have suspended the screening of the movie at our multiple theatres in Jaipur. The show will remain suspended till further notice."

## JAT BODY SEEKS BAN ON PANIPAT

Chandigarh, Dec. 9: A prominent Jat body on Monday demanded a ban on the screening of Ashutosh Gowariker's Panipat, alleging that it depicted Jat ruler Maharaja Surajmal in an unseemly light.

All-India Jat Aarakshan Sangarsh Samiti's national president Yashraj Singh also alleged that historical facts had been distorted in the film. At its core committee meeting in Rohtak's Jassia, the organisation demanded legal action against the film producer besides a ban on it in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and other places.

"We are giving the government two to three days to ban the film, failing which we would launch country-wide protests," Malik said.

He alleged that the movie, featuring Arjun Kapoor, Kriti Sanon, Kartavya Sagar, Bharatpur's Maharaja Surajmal in an unseemly manner. "Legendary Maharaja Surajmal has been depicted in an unseemly light and historical facts have been distorted in the film," he alleged.

## DELHI FIRE: DUO IN POLICE CUSTODY

New Delhi, Dec. 9: A Delhi court on Monday sent to 14-day police custody, the property owner and the manager of the four-storey building in north Delhi's congested Anaj Mandi area, where 43 people were killed in a massive fire.

Metro-politan Magistrate Manoj Kumar sent Rehan and Furkan to custody after police said their remand was required to ascertain the role of other accused in the case.

The court said, considering the enormity of the incident, it is of the opinion that the case required multi-pronged investigation and hence the police custody of the accused was necessary.

# NDA failed to protect minorities: Shah

Union minister says even Manmohan Singh, L.K. Advani were refugees when they came from Pak

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Mr Shah added that even former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and BJP leader Lal Krishna Advani were refugees when they came from Pakistan.

"All refugees were accepted due to which they (Dr Singh and Mr Advani) could become Prime Minister and deputy Prime Minister of this country," Shah said.

He had earlier noted that while India looked after its minorities well, Pakistan had failed to protect its minorities under the Nehru-Liaquat Pact.

While addressing apprehensions of the people of North East, who are strongly resisting CAB, Shah said the Modi government is committed to protect the customs and culture of people of the region.

Elaborating on this, he said provisions of CAB will not be applicable to the tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura as included in the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution, and in the areas covered under the Inner Line (ILP), notified under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873.

Citizenship ILP is applicable in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram. He added that Manipur will also be brought under Inner Line Permit regime.

"I just want to tell the people that all the objections posed by north-eastern states have been already in this Bill. There is no reason to get excited, there is no need to protest, enough has happened already, now the country just wants to go ahead peacefully," Shah said.

Earlier, Opposition leaders Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Saugata Roy, N.K. Premchandran, Gautav Gogoi, Debjit Tharoor and Assaduddin Owaisi opposed the introduction of the Bill, saying it was violative of various provisions of the Constitution, including granting citizenship on the basis of religion.

The CAB was introduced after a division of votes for which 283 MPs voted in favour and 282 against it.

Opposing the Bill, Congress MP Manish Tewari said CAB is unconstitutional and contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, which is secular.

"Citizenship is a sensitive issue. This Bill violates Article 14, 15, 21, 25 and 26 of the Constitution. Equals cannot be treated as unequal. When a person comes to India, he is a refugee. You cannot discriminate against him on the basis of religion. The Bill has to be equitable, but not discriminatory," said Tewari.

He also mentioned Maldives, saying that even though it is an Islamic nation, the government has not mentioned its name in the list of countries.

Opposing Shah's statement that the Congress was responsible for India's Partition in 1947, Tewari said the foundation of the two-nation theory was laid at the Ahmedabad session of the Hindu Mahasabha in 1935 that was presided over by V.D. Savarkar, and not the Congress.



Protesters burn tyres during Assam Bandh called by All Assam Chhutta Students Union and All Moran Students Union against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in Guwahati on Monday. — PTT

## Didi suggests deemed citizenship

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, DEC. 9

Equating the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill (CAB) with the National Register of Citizens (NRC), West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said not a single citizen of the country will be allowed to turn a refugee.

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee gave a clarion call to oppose the NRC and Citizenship (Amendment) Bill and said not a single citizen of the country will be allowed to turn a refugee.

"All of us are equal. Come, let us stay united. Not a single person would be allowed to be thrown out. No NRC, No CAB, No division. No divide and rule. Nothing can be greater than the country irrespective of political slogans of any party. Be the CAB or the NRC, they are the two sides of the same coin," she said.

Sending a text message to the Centre, Banerjee elaborated, "All of us are citizens because we cast our votes. Everyone has ration cards or school certificates or something else. So where does the question of the citizenship arise again?"

She noted, "If the question of citizenship is a continuous process, the district magistrate earlier used to be given the task. If someone new has come whom you have to give citizenship, deemed citizenship can be given. You can give them Green Card or deemed citizenship, which exists abroad for those who stay somewhere for five years."

Lashing out at the BJP, the Trinamul chief further said, "But we have been living here for over the past 70 years since the Independence. So, who are you to decide who will get what or not who will stay here or not? Do not be afraid of the CAB and the NRC. We are with you. As long as we are here, no one has the power to enforce anything on you."

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It may be noted that according to the proposed legislation, members of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian communities, who have come from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, till December 31, 2014 and facing religious persecution there will not be treated as illegal immigrants and will be given Indian citizenship.

## Exams postponed, 12-hr bandh today

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, DEC. 9

With the introduction of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in Lok Sabha, students of the northeastern states have intensified their agitation further with 16 Left leaning organisations also calling for a 12-hour Assam bandh on Tuesday.

The North East Students Organisation (NESO) has already called for a 11-hour North East bandh from 5am on the same day.

Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS) and its sister organisations have also extended their support to the bandh, called by these organisations.

However, a bandh called by various tribal students' bodies such as Sootea, Moran and Koch-Rajongshing failed to make any major impact on Monday, though it was supported by KMSS.

In a joint statement, 16 Left leaning organisations of the Bill and called for "the 12-hour Assam bandh" from 5am on Tuesday.

The Assam State Jamiat Ulama Hind has also supported the North East bandh, called by NESO.

However, Nagaland has been exempted from the purview of the bandh in the view of the ongoing Hornbill Festival.

Bogged down by the mass resignations and protests at various places, Assom Gana Parishad (AGP) on Monday decided to postpone its December General Council meeting.

In a related development, Assamese artist Ravi Sarma on Monday resigned from the BJP to protest against the controversial Bill.

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## Owaisi rips copy of proposed law in LS

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 9

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## RJD too opposes CAB, says bid to divide society

NAYEAR AZAD | DC PATNA, DEC. 9

The RJD and other Opposition parties expressed strong criticism to the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill (CAB), which was tabled in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

The issue was raised during the RJD's national executive meeting and is also likely to come up for discussion on Tuesday.

RJD insiders said that the party is working on a strategy to approach other like-minded political parties in order to build a consensus and oppose the issue.

"Our stand on the issue has been clear but we are surprised to see those who were earlier opposing the move have now gone silent. They should understand the design of the Bill," RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav said.

While addressing RJD leaders during the party's national executive meet-

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Other top leaders who attended the RJD meet in Patna also hinted that the party would oppose the Bill "inside and outside the Parliament."

Speaking on the issue, former Union minister and senior RJD leader Jai Prakash Narayan Yadav

## CRPF JAWAN SHOOT HIMSELF TO DEATH

DC CORRESPONDENT BHOPAL, DEC. 9

A CRPF jawan on Monday reportedly shot himself dead with his service weapon in Dantewada.

The deceased, Vinset Naravara, shot himself with his service SLR in the local market in Dantewada district while his colleagues were having snacks there.

A group of 22 CRPF jawans were on their way to their posting in south Bastar district. The deceased was part of the group, the Bastar police said.

### SWEET CHANGE

## 'Gajak' to help Chambal change its image

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, DEC. 9

Madhya Pradesh's Chambal region, known for terror of dreaded bandits who ruled its ravines till late 1980s, is poised to shed its bad name, thanks to a native dessert, called "Morena Gajak."



Gajak is prepared from a confection of sesame seeds, jaggery and water. "Morena Gajak manufacturers association is going to apply for GI tag for the dessert in a couple of days. We have been preparing a case for GI tag to the

desert, covering the aspects like its uniqueness, nutritional aspects, and method of preparation, among others."

The district administration, through its food and drug officer, sponsored a two-day Gajak festival in district headquarters of Morena.

Shivhare who claimed that his father late Sitaram had first discovered the sweet 75 years ago, saw a potential to generate massive employment in the Gajak making industry in Morena, if it got GI tag.

"The Geographical Indian tag for Gajak would give a new identity, not only to Morena but to whole region of Chambal," local social