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Max: 28.5°C
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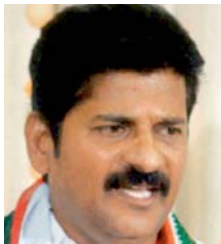


Politically illiterate voters are bound to make democracy imperfect

— Boora Narsiah Goud
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KCR's first year filled with disasters

Defeat of Kavitha, legal setbacks, intermediate student suicides and RTC strike marked year I of TRS II

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Though the K. Chandrababu Naidu-led TRS government, during its second term in power, in the first year successfully inaugurated Rao's dream project, the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation scheme and had a successful performance in the gram panchayat and zilla parishad polls, it has been facing severe criticism from the opposition parties for not fulfilling the election promises.

Opposition parties are mainly targeting the debt burden of the state, not extending the pension benefit to the people of upto 57 years of age, not providing a loan waiver to farmers besides many other poll promises.

The ruling party, in the first year of its second stint, also faced hardships from the judiciary, particularly with regard to the Chief Minister's plans to construct new buildings for the Secretariat and the Assembly.

The TRS also faced public uproar over the intermediate results fiasco. It also had a hard time during the RTC employees strike with the deaths of RTC workers and Rao's mulishness and refusal to dialogue with them.

After coming to power, Rao successfully neutralised his main opposition, the Congress party, by allowing the merger of 12 Congress MLAs into the TRS, but could not succeed in his aim of winning 16 MPs seats in

the Lok Sabha elections and leading the federal front to play a crucial role in national politics with support of his close friend and AP Chief Minister, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. The Congress and the BJP cornered Rao to settle with nine seats, losing two seats which TRS had won in 2014 polls.

The defeat of Rao's daughter, Kavitha, also was a big setback for him in his first year of the second term.

With the results of the Lok Sabha elections, Rao appears to be changed his mind on playing a crucial role in national politics and confined himself to state politics.

Rao also mooted joint irrigation projects for both Telugu-speaking states with Reddy's cooperation but those could not materialise with the change in mindset of the AP government and its decision of doing projects on its own.



KCR's first year utter flop show: Uttam

DC CORRESPONDENT
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Telangana Pradesh Congress committee president and MP, N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, coming down heavily on completion of one year of the rule of Chief Minister, K. Chandrababu Naidu, in his second stint, termed the performance dismal and an utter flop show.

While speaking exclusively to *Deccan Chronicle*, Reddy said that Rao has done nothing to improve the lives of Telangana people even after his coming into power for the second time, though a year has elapsed since he took charge as the Chief Minister for the second time on Dec. 13, 2018.

He said Rao's first year of rule in the second term is an indication that not much has been done in terms of living up to people's expectations and there is a huge spiral downwards.

Answering questions about the performance of one year of Rao's rule, he said, "In the entire 60 years of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, the debt burden on the people was ₹60,000 crores, but in six years of Rao's rule in the new state of Telangana, the debt burden on the people has reached ₹3 lakh crores.

He alleged that though Rao inherited

a revenue surplus state, he made Telangana a permanently debt-ridden state with his indiscriminate borrowings through Mission Bhagiratha Corporation and also setting up the corporations for the Kaleshwaram and Palamuru-Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation projects.

When this correspondent questioned Congress' plans to expose the alleged failures of the ruling party, the TPCC president said the Congress will take the promises of Rao to the people and will definitely question Rao on why he had not waived the ₹1 lakh loan of farmers, why he was not giving fee reimbursements, why he is not taking up recruitments to give job to the jobless, where are the double bedroom houses to the eligible families.

He said the Congress will certainly question Rao on why he is not giving three acres agricultural land to the landless SCs and STs.

He said, "It is unfortunate that Rao's administration is not in a position to conduct the examinations of Intermediate students properly. The fiasco took away lives of around 30 students and it is pathetic that it has also failed in handling the RTC strike and claimed the lives of another 30 RTC employees."

KCR's graph took a dip: Laxman

DC CORRESPONDENT
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BJP state president, Dr K. Laxman, said that the graph of Chief Minister, K. Chandrababu Naidu, has drastically dipped at the end of the first year of his rule in his second stint due to his misdeeds and arrogance.

While interacting with this correspondent on the completion of one year of Rao's rule on Dec. 13, he pointed out that the Chief Minister has miserably failed in fulfilling his promises made during the December 2018 elections.

Listing Rao's pending promises, the BJP president said that he could not extend the pension benefits to people of upto 57 years of age even after elapsing for one year and financial assistance under the Rythu Bandhu has not been given to all the eligible farmers and farmers are wandering for the ₹1 lakh loan waiver.

With Rao's indiscriminate borrowings, Telangana was reeling under a debt burden which has reached ₹3 lakh crores on the people of state and it would likely further escalate in the remaining four years of Rao's rule, he added.

He said people are waiting for the benefits of Kalyana Laxmi, Shadi Mubarak and fee reimbursement, as Rao failed to allocate required budgets for the schemes.

The adamant, arrogant, thoughtless and insensitive attitude of the Chief Minister during the RTC strike led to the loss of the lives of 30 employees, he hollered.

Slamming Rao for not visiting the Secretariat in his first or second term, he said Rao successfully ensured that there is no Secretariat for the state.

Laxman said that the people are in a dilemma about which minister sits where and where they could meet them. He made it clear that the BJP will expose the failures of Rao's rule and agitate against his anti-people policies.

City starved of green cover

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
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Not too long ago, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) had announced that it would construct 50 theme parks in the city. This plan, which would have provided the city with much needed green space, has not moved beyond the drawing board, confess officials.

In August this year, it was none other than city mayor, Bonthu Rammohan, who said that there were not many major parks, apart from a handful, in the city. Adding insult to injury, he said that they would be developed over the next four months.

While the powers-that-be continue to twiddle their thumbs even in December, the city continues to grapple with the lack of quality green spaces. As per the figures of the Census 2011, the city has a population of 68.1 lakh and spans over 650 square kilometres. However, the figures, according to the GHMC website, show that the city has only 694.4 acres allocated for parks and open spaces, which is just 2.81 square kilometres. This

means, on an average, there is only 2.7 square metres of open space per person in the city. As it turns out, the urban and regional development plans formulation and implementation (URDPFI) guidelines say that it is optimal to have at least 10-12 square metres per person. Even the national building code (NBC) prescribes that a person should be given at least three square metres of organised green space.

"It is common knowledge that there is a lack of green spaces in the city. The parks that the GHMC looks to build, or has built, is not proportional to the population of the city. We only have colony parks, which are used for cultural reasons. They are not spaces where anyone can walk in or exercise," Prof. B. Srinagesh, department of geography, Osmania University, told *Deccan Chronicle*.

All the criticism notwithstanding officials from the civic body say that apart from the parks, the city has a lot of open spaces. "There are large green spaces available in universities like Osmania or the University of Hyderabad. Not to forget the open parcels of land in

the areas controlled by the armed forces," said the official. Even a study titled *Evaluating the Urban Green Spaces: Benefits and Issues* says: 'As per the planning standards, 0.2 Ha/1000 population of land is required for green, open recreational spaces, which many cities have failed to maintain. The lack of these spaces is not due to lack of land as there are plenty of vacant lands. It is mainly because of the apathy and carelessness of government authorities that they are not used for recreational purposes.'

Incidentally, researchers from Janaagraha rue that barring a few developed countries, there is next-to-negligible open space in urban agglomerations like Hyderabad.

"We must look at the accessibility of open spaces, rather than just look at availability. Even if there are five square metres of space and 10 people can use it, it would mean space well-utilised," Vivek, a researcher from Janaagraha said. However, researchers note that universities and military installations are not accessible to the common person.

GREEN SPACE PROFILE OF HYDERABAD

Major Parks	49
Colony Parks	521
Tree Parks	288
Traffic Islands, Central Media	159

Existing parks:
Indira Park
Vengal Rao Park
Krishnakanth Park
Chacha Nehru Park
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Hosting/Uploading of Admit Cards of M.Sc. Courses / M.Sc. Biotechnology on AIIMS website	21.05.2020 (Tentative)
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Lake beautification

MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi discusses with GHMC officials the clean up, rejuvenation and beautification of Suram Cheruvu in Bandlaguda and Gurram Cheruvu in Babanagar

Disha pleas to remain pending 'sine die': HC

Court asks govt to seek SC advice on storing bodies

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

Let probe be impartial: CJI

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The Telangana state government had initially opposed the setting up of a commission of inquiry headed by a former judge of the top court saying that it would be a parallel inquiry. CJI Bobde said, "We are not concerned with the investigation. The result of the investigation will have to be evaluated by a committee. And that committee will evaluate and will submit a report. That's all."

The court today sought response from the Press Trust of India, Press Council of India and other media organisations on the question of media trial. "The four accused started attacking the policemen?" the CJI said and asked if they fired at the policemen with the pistol they had snatched. The court poser came as Mr Rohatgi said that the accused fired but the bullet did not hit the police. The accused are said to have snatched the guns from two policemen, fired at them and then were killed in retaliatory fire by the policemen. Mr Rohatgi said all records are intact to show this and the inquiry is on.

counsel Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the Telangana state government, said that an investigation by SIT was already going on.

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POLICE CLAIM CLEAR EVIDENCE OF RAPE

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

In the case of Disha, investigating officers claim that crucial evidence proves that the four persons arrested and gunned down had sexually assaulted the victim.

The DNA samples collected from the victim are said to have matched with that of her parents' DNA, according to sources.

The samples were collected at the crime scene at Chattanpally. The upper body was sent for analysis at the Forensic Sciences Laboratory. "The DNA samples prove that the missing woman was the one who was killed and burnt under the bridge at Chattanpally under NH 44," said an official. The police claim sperm samples collected from the spot matched with the DNA of the four accused persons.

How many culpable homicide cases in accidents on ORR: HC

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"In this case, the accused might have had chances of death. At the time, he could not assume he would survive and he may have no intention to cause death to anybody," the court said.

Emphasising that rash driving should be punished, the High Court asked the counsel how many cases of culpable homicide had been booked in accidents which have occurred on the Outer Ring Road.

Justice Vinod Kumar also opined that there would not be enough evidence against the accused if a case of culpable homicide was registered.

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The petitioner-accused, Mr Rao, filed two interim applications before the court seeking to extend the relief granted to him by directing the police not to arrest further and challenging the alteration of sections of the Indian Penal Code, from

causing death by negligence, to culpable homicide.

Allowing his application on the arrest, the court extended its earlier order to not arrest the petitioner till January 3 and directed the police department to file its contention over alteration of the sections of the Indian Penal Code.

A. Prabhakar Rao, counsel for the petitioner, submitted that the police was focusing on the case with 'some other' intentions.

He submitted that if a case of culpable homicide is registered, then the victim has no chance to get compensation.



In six years, KCR turned the surplus Budget state into a debt-ridden state

— Revanth Reddy

Congress MP

ACB traps two Discom officials

Hyderabad: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) in separate raids trapped two Discom officials when they demanded bribes from contractors. In the first case, M. Venkata Ramana, divisional engineer (technical), TSSPDCL, is alleged to have demanded a bribe of ₹25,000 from complainant M. Shiva Kumar Reddy, an electrical contractor, to process a file related to an electrical estimate. The accused was caught red handed and sent to judicial custody. In the second case, an electrical contractor B. Bala Narasimha complained to the ACB that an officer had demanded a bribe of ₹5,000 from him for handing over estimates prepared by AE, TSSPDCL. This led to the ACB laying a trap and nabbing the accused officer.

Top cop meets patrolling officers

Hyderabad: Anjani Kumar, commissioner of police, Hyderabad city has interacted with 250 patrol car officers of south zone of Hyderabad City at Nizam College grounds and also inspected 34 patrol south zone vehicles. Addressing the patrolling staff, Kumar said, "One running patrol car is equal to moving the police station in the area and the brand ambassador of the Hyderabad city police is a patrol car officer. He further added that the performance of the city police is equal to the performance of the patrol officer. The commissioner also appreciated 53 officers for their performance in tracing missing girls, tracing cell phone calls, apprehension of accused, usage of technology and relations with citizens.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT HYDERABAD FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

E.P. No. 22 OF 2019

Between: **Malreddy Ranga Reddy** ..PETITIONER

AND

The Returning Officer ..RESPONDENTS

To: **K Ravindar Reddy**

S/o Late Janga Reddy Aged 53 years Occ Business R/o H No. 701382/PP/9 New Pawanpuri Colony Karmanghat Hyderabad

NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioner - Malreddy Ranga Reddy filed the above Election Petition to declare the election of Machireddy Kishan Reddy as null and void and further to declare the Petitioner as being duly elected Member of the Telangana Legislative Assembly from Ibrahimpatnam Assembly Constituency- 048 apart from seeking other reliefs. In the said election petition, you are arrayed as Respondent No. 18. You have hereby put on notice that the said matter stands posted on 23.12.2019 before the Hon'ble High Court at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana. It is hereby informed to you that either you, or your counsel may appear before the Hon'ble High Court, at Hyderabad by 10.30 a.m on 23.12.2019, failing which the matter will be decided on merits.

The attorney general (AG) responding to the

query of the Bench said that he had spoken to Mukul Rohatgi, counsel representing the state, before the Supreme Court, who had informed him that the Supreme Court has not given any clarification on the preservation of the four dead bodies. The AG added that the kith and kin of the deceased four persons are ready to take the bodies.

The Bench declined his arguments and said that the court wants that

CHEATS POSE AS UK CITIZENS, DUPE MAN OF ₹2L

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

A city-based businessman was duped of ₹2.14 lakh by two fraudsters posing as a UK citizen and a customs official. According to the complainant, he received a friend request from a profile named Alex Rose Anderson, from Manchester, UK, and exchanged phone numbers. On December 9, he received a call from a woman who claimed she was a customs official. "She told the complainant that his friend Alex Rose Anderson had been detained at Mumbai airport with foreign currency. In order to get her released, she asked him to deposit money in a bank account in various amounts, all of which added to ₹2.14 lakh," said a police official.

Phone use in hospitals, a big nuisance all over

KANIZA GARARI | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

The video of a nurse in Niloufer Hospital using a smartphone has gone viral where she fails to guide the relatives to the emergency section. The nurse is in the cabin of the ward and using her phone during duty hours. Government hospitals are facing the problem of misuse of smartphones not only by the staff but also by the relatives of patients. Oral warnings have been issued by HoDs to the staff yet the nuisance continues. A senior doctor of Telangana Government Doctors Association explained: "The use of phone in most of these cases by the staff is not for an emergency at home. Most of the time, staff is found to engage in

conversations not required during duty hours."

HoDs exhort nurses, paramedical staff, junior and senior doctors not to use their phones. Those who do not heed to the advice have their phones confiscated for the day. This deterrent is found to work for a few days. But some of them are hiding in empty cabins and continue with their habit complained senior doctors in government hospitals. One such act of a nurse was filmed and went viral. Another senior doctor at Niloufer Hospital said, "These days relatives are using smartphones to point out the nuisance factor. But they are also using it to blackmail the hospital. They are also recording videos in emergency rooms and that is not

right. Government hospitals must have a strict rule like the private sector that no phones will be allowed in emergency and during consultation."

Private hospitals have asked doctors to be careful during consultations as a senior doctor had to quit a corporate hospital as his advice was inappropriate. The doctor had tried to explain to the patient what was good for him but in turn maligned government schemes. The advice was taken as a negative attempt to convince the patient and the doctor was asked to leave. This incident occurred a year ago but has put many on alert. Government doctors are also asking for similar rules as it will help them curb the nuisance from 'activist relatives.'

GOLD WORTH 5.46 CRORES SEIZED AT HYD AIRPORT

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

Sleuths of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized gold bars weighing 14 kg, worth ₹5.46 crore from two persons at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Shamshabad.

While one is said to be a national of South Korea, the other is from China.

Following a tip-off, DRI officials searched the area around seat numbers 31A and 32A of the Air India flight AI 952, which arrived from Dubai in the early hours of Thursday.

Their search revealed seven long strips of gold tightly wrapped within a black adhesive tape and concealed inside hollow pipes under the seats.

It is stated that the DRI questioned the passengers occupying these seats.

The two confessed to have smuggled the gold bars from Dubai before concealing them beneath their seats in the aircraft.

In all, there were 112 metal bars of 24-carat gold having a purity of 99.5 per cent and weighing around 14 kg. The market value of the seized items is said to be around ₹5.46 crore.

The South Korean and Chinese nationals have been arrested under the Customs Act, 1962.

Investigation is underway.

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OBITUARY



ALBERT VOWLES
S/o Late George Vowles (Retd. Asst. Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad) DOB: 26-08-1928 DOD: 12-12-2019
Funeral Mass at 3 p.m. Today at St. Anthony's Church, Mudfort, Sec 6
Burial Mettuguda Cemetery, Mettuguda.
Inserted by: Family Members 8897101337

IN MEMORY - 6th ANNIVERSARY



Mrs. ALEYAMMA KURIAN
DOB: 12-12-1930 DOD: 13-12-2013
Love transcends all form, this is what I have learnt from your heavenly sojourn. Even today I feel you are watching me sitting at your favorite spot as I pass by in my morning walk. It motivates me to come to church without fail as that's the place you loved to be, & I feel you happily smiling, talking & laughing. Mom you have been my strength all through. I know you have been with me always then & today, I know you live with me, in me, for love transcends all form.
GEORGE KURIAN & FAMILY, MERCY & FAMILY (A/1920/D00083)

OBITUARY



INDIRA BALAKRISHNA
W/o. K.R. Balakrishna DOD: 10-12-2019
She will be deeply missed by everyone and remembered for her simplicity and loving nature.
Inserted by: NEAR & DEAR (CA-3098)

OBITUARY



MERCY PHILIP, 74 years
Passed away on 12th Dec 2019. Funeral Service on 14th December, 2 PM at St. Marys Basilica Church, SD Road, Secunderabad. Burial at Catholic Cemetery, Bhojguda. INSERTED BY: PVT Philip (Husband), Vijay & Aby (Sons) 999059854, 9818010856

GLORIOUS MAM



Mrs. KOTHAPALLY VAZRAMMA WILSON
President, PATMOS Education Society Born: 18-5-1925 To Glory: 13-12-2019
"What a Glory You Shed on our way; In the light of your words; While we do & while we think of you."
Inserted by: Management, Staff & Students of PATMOS Educational Institutions, Hyderabad.

OBITUARY



Miss Golconda Ratna Balaiha
Retd. Stanley School Teacher DOB: 01-07-1933 Promoted to glory on 12-12-2019. Funeral: Subvel (Rajendranagar) Cemetery on 13-12-2019 at 11:30 am. Inserted by: G. B. Yesuratham & Family Members

4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



KANDIKATLA SAMUEL RAVI KUMAR
(NIC - DIO) DOB: 11-8-1964 DOD: 13-12-2015
For they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. Luke 20:36
Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS

10th Day Ceremony



C. RENUKA DEVI
(Retd. Hindi Pandit, ZPHS, Alibad) DOB: 3-6-1942 DOD: 4-12-2019
10th Day Ceremony will be held on 13-12-2019 @ Bollaram Ph: 7893931948
Your Presence is unforgettable in our Hearts & Minds
Inserted by: Radhika, Deepika, Vinod

6th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



K. JAYAPRABHARANJANI
(Govt. Teacher) (B.A., B.Ed.) D.O.B: 21.07.1958 D.O.D: 13.12.2013
W/o Manilala Alfred (Retd. J.V.O.)
Inserted by: M.S. Alfred (Husband) (S/1920/D01410)

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY



KATARAM BALAKRISHNA RAJU
D.O.B: 3.11.1977 D.O.D: 9.12.2017
ANNA, we all miss you and you are remembered every day and every moment
From R. Himabindu (S/1920/D01384)

6th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



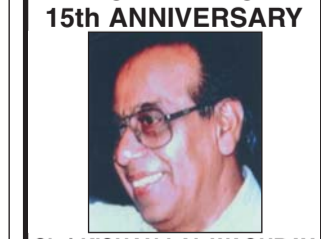
Late Smt. LALITHA KUMARI
W/o Late T. RANGA RAO (APSEB) DOB: 18.12.2013
"Your memories are always in our hearts for ever."
Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS
AT OUR RESIDENCE: PLOT 30, SAMARAT COLONY, WEST MARHEDRAVIL SECUNDERABAD, PH: 2773960.

6th ANNIVERSARY



Sri KASINATH SAMA
D.O.D: 13-12-2013
You are always in our hearts.
Inserted by: Sama Family Members (B/1920/D00152)

IN FOND MEMORY 15th ANNIVERSARY



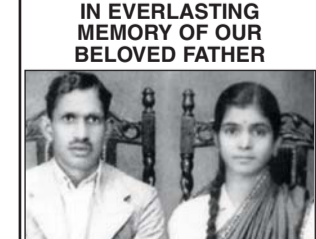
Shri KISHAN LAL WAGHRAY
(Retd. Manager Leaf, VST Industries) Your guiding hand will remain with us forever. We still miss you in everything we do.
Inserted by: Smt. Kusumalata Waghray, Urvasi, Gouri Shanker, Shloka and Veer. (B/1920/D00154)

A JOYFUL MOTHER



Mrs. KOTHAPALLY VAZRAMMA WILSON
W/o. (Late) WILSON JACOB GADEPAKA Hand-maiden of the Lord, Zion Prayer Hall, Sanathnagar. Born: 18-5-1925 To Glory: 13-12-2017
LORD! "In the Greatness & in thy Fulness Graciously given & truly Multiplied."
Inserted by: Beloved Sons, Daughters, Sons/Daughters-in-Law Grand & Great Grand Children. (B/1920/D00156)

35th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Sri SURAJ NARAYAN
DOD: 13-12-1984
Smt. SARASWATI DEVI DOB: 04-08-2001
Inserted by: Mr. Raj Narayan, Mr. Chandor Narayan, Srivastava (Sons) Children & Grand Children (B/1920/D00156)

NOTICE

To 1) M. Y. Maheshi, S/o. Parameshwar Rao, Aged about 66 years, Occ: Business, R/o. H.No. 7-1-307/11/G/6, Balkampet, Hyderabad, Telangana State.

2) M. Parameshwar Rao, S/o. M.Y. Maheshi Aged about 39 years, Occ: Business, R/o. H.No. 7-1-307/11/G/6, Balkampet, Hyderabad, Telangana State. Please take notice in WP No. 11719 of 2019 filed by Smt. N. Lalitha, W/o. Raghavender Rao against you along with the others before the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana, Hyderabad, Challenging the registered sale deed bearing Doc. No. 3431 of 2019 dated 20-04-2019 executed in your favour in respect of lands Ac.1-00 etc., in Sy. No. 7A/A, AC-2-00 etc., in Sy. No. 74/F of Gowlididdi, H/o. Gopanna Illi Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.

The Hon'ble Court by order dated 06-12-2019 pleased to adjourn the case to 26-12-2019, while permitting the undersigned to serve notice upon you through substitute service. You may appear either in person or through Advocate in the above WP No. 11719 of 2019 before the Hon'ble High Court, failing which the matter will be decided in your absence by making you ex-parte.

//(By order of the Court//

L. Prabhakar Reddy & L. Preethan Reddy

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KCR drops new revenue law plan for civic polls

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu is said to have put aside his much-hyped proposal of bringing in a new Revenue Act for the time being.

Mr Rao had announced that the state government intended to enact strict legislation to weed out corruption in the revenue department and to provide corruption free and transparent services to the people. He had also indicated that certain systems in the revenue department which

cause much worry to the revenue staff would be abolished. Sources close to the government disclosed that it appears that Mr Rao has changed his mind in view of the changed circumstances after the RTC employees' strike, and the forthcoming municipal elections.

Between the end of the RTC strike and December 11, the Cabinet has met twice. In the first meeting, though the ministers expected discussion on the Revenue Act, the discussion was confined to announcing measures to benefit the RTC staff and steps to rid

the transport corporation of its losses. At the next meeting, on December 11, the focus was on new irrigation projects and getting funds and tax devolution arrears from the Centre.

Sources said that pending of Pay Revision Commission benefits to state government employees is also a reason for keeping the new Revenue Act on hold.

Sources pointed out that though Mr Rao announced the sops bonanza for RTC workers after the strike ended, the way the state government had reacted to the RTC staff throughout

the strike had a negative impact on the state government. If the state government was now to crack down on revenue employees, the negativity would be aggravated which is not good for the party as it prepares to face municipal elections.

State government employees are also displeased with the delay in announcing the benefits of the Pay Revision Commission. Given this backdrop, Mr Rao deems it appropriate to keep the new Revenue Act in abeyance till the completion of the municipal elections.

Aruna wants alcohol ban, begins fast

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

Former minister and BJP leader, D.K. Aruna, on Thursday commenced her two-day hunger strike at Indira Park in Hyderabad, demanding that the state government ban the sale of liquor in the state.

While inaugurating the hunger strike camp, BJP state president Dr K. Lakshman appealed to the BJP workers and people to destroy the belt shops wherever they found them in the state as the belt shops are illegal.

He alleged that the state government instead of controlling liquor sales was encouraging illegal belt shops. While extending support to Aruna for her protest against the liquor sale in the state, he said liquor consumption was the cause for rising crimes against women.

Referring to tweets of IT minister, K.T. Rama Rao, the BJP president sarcastically said, "It is not Brand Hyderabad. It is Brandy



Former minister and BJP leader D.K. Aruna sits at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park, in Hyderabad on Thursday, demanding a ban on alcohol as BJP state president Dr K. Lakshman looks on.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

Hyderabad."

He said that the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, calls for Beti Bachao-Beti Padavo, but Chief Minister, K.C. Rao calls for Bar Bachao - Bar Badaavo.

D.K. Aruna said "it is time to ban the liquor sales in Telangana. If Rao commit-

ted to give better futures to the children and women of the state, he has to think seriously and take steps to impose prohibition."

Maintaining that liquor consumption has taken the lives of innocent and hapless women in the state including Disha, Samatha

and another girl in Warangal, she called upon the women to take the strong stand of not allowing their drunken husbands into the house.

Recalling that Rao had promised a liquor-free Telangana during the Telangana movement, she alleged that after coming into power, he has forgotten his promise.

BJP national general secretary, P. Muralidhar Rao, said that it is unfortunate that the chief minister had made Telangana depend and survive on revenue from alcohol and pointed out that every year, the state earns ₹80,000 crore through liquor sale alone.

BJP MLA Raja Singh questioned whether the chief minister could guarantee not repeating incidents like the Disha gangrape and murder in the future. BJP MLC N. Ramachandra Rao, former AP MP, Jitender Reddy, BJP mahila morcha president A Vijaya, and some other leaders visited Aruna at the hunger strike site.

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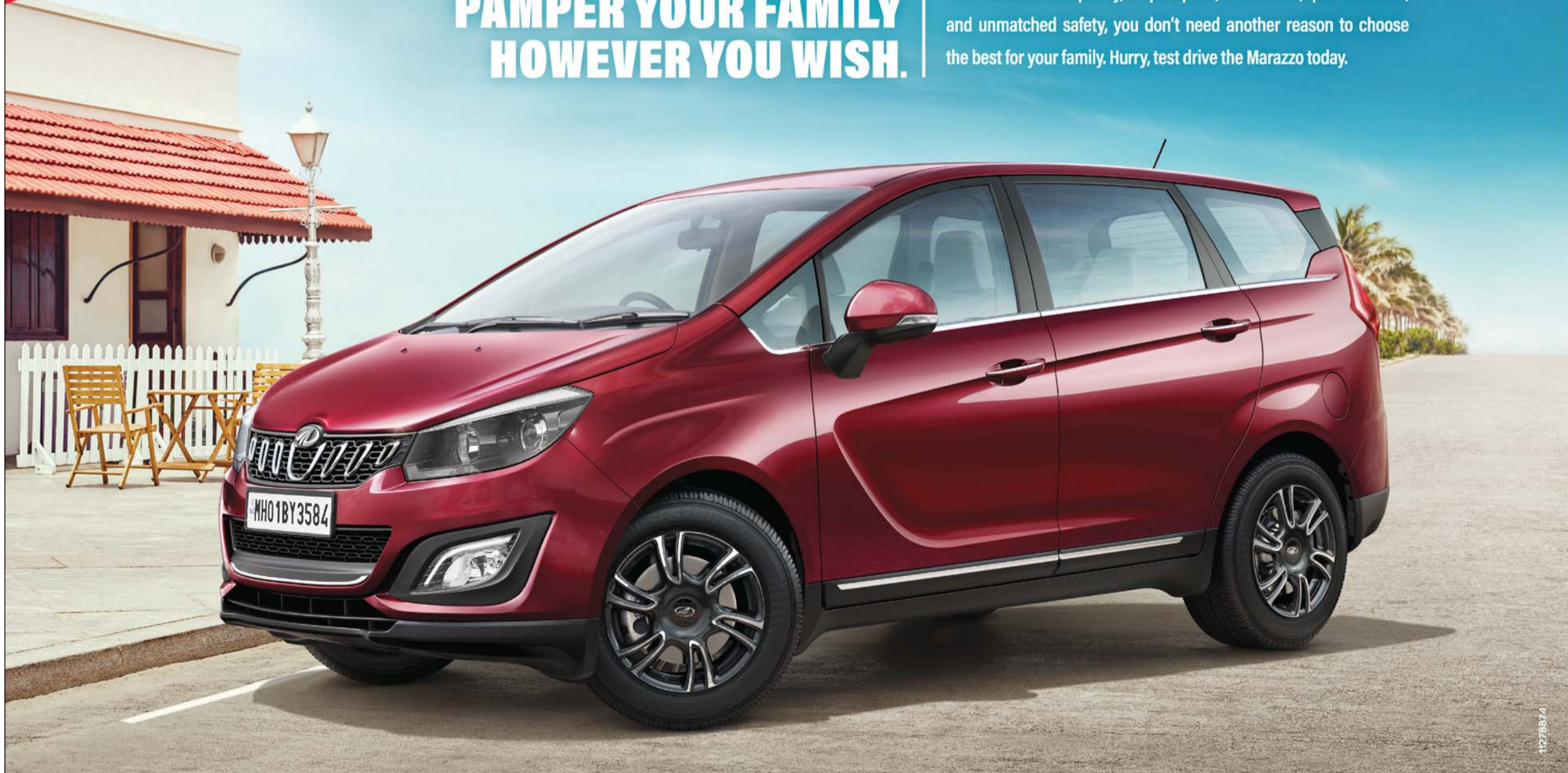
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New face

Neetu Kumari Prasad, IAS, has been appointed vice-chancellor of Telangana University



Permissions to film shootings will be given within seven days

— Talasani Srinivas Yadav
Cinematography minister

SHORT TAKES

64 MCEME grads receive degrees

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan on Thursday conferred engineering degrees to 64 Army officers passing out from the Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering (MCEME), Secunderabad. Addressing the newly graduated officers, the Governor said, "Your graduation today marks the beginning of a very challenging journey ahead. As you embark on this important mission as techno warriors, you must constantly remind yourself that you belong to an era, where old concepts are being cracked, established paradigms are being refined, and hierarchies are being restructured. Rapid advances in technology are relentlessly fuelling all these changes at a rate that is both awesome and exhilarating. Your challenge is to harness these technologies for the Army and ensure that maximum benefits are accrued". Officials said MCEME is affiliated to the JNU for conferment of B. Tech degrees. This empowers officers to confidently undertake the challenging task of providing effective combat engineering support to Indian Army during times of both peace and war.

PD act against drug peddler

Hyderabad: PD act was invoked against a drug peddler under Rachakonda police commissionerate. Mahesh M Bhagwat Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda has invoked PD Act against one of the Ganja peddling Gang members and detained him in Central prison, Cherlapally.

AP move on assigned lands in Amaravati to hit TD hard

S.N.C.N ACHARYULU | DC
AMARAVATI, DEC. 12

In a big blow to rich politicians, particularly of the Telugu Desam, the Andhra Pradesh cabinet has taken a crucial decision on assignment lands in the new capital city of Amaravati. The AP cabinet decided to allot residential plots and commercial plots to the original owners of assignment lands pooled by then AP Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA). After and before Amaravati was declared to be AP's capital city by the previous TD government, some rich people and TD leaders, including ministers and MLAs, had purchased assignment lands (lands assigned by the government to the poor) from the poor people who owned them, at cheap rates. Some of these lands were purchased in the names of benamis or proxies. According to CRDA records, out of 33,000 acres of land pooled by it for the purpose of creating Amaravati, 2028 acres are assigned lands. Thus a majority of the assigned lands pooled by CRDA have changed hands. Those who purchased the assigned lands and gave them to CRDA were to get developed residential and commercial plots in return. In addition to this, another 348 acres of assigned lands in the purview of Amaravati also changed the names. After Amaravati is developed as the state capital, the land value will increase vastly. Those who bought the lands from the mostly poor original owners threatened that if they did not sell the lands, the

ASSIGNED LANDS IN STATE

- Total assigned lands in the state: **28 lakh acres**
- The assigned lands encroached by others: **7 lakh acres**
- The assigned lands which have no records: **3 lakh acres**

IN CRDA LIMITS

- Total land pooled **33,000 acres**
- Assigned lands that changed hands: **348 acres**
- Tail end lands in CRDA: **2159.17 acres**
- Assigned lands in this: **574.93 acres**

According to Section 9 of the AP Assigned Lands of 1997 Act, the lands or house sites assigned by the government cannot be sold or purchased. This was disregarded by those who bought the assigned lands

government would take the land under land pooling. The TD government had announced that for every acre of land given for land pooling, 1000 sq yards of residential plots and 450 sq yards of commercial plots will be returned to the land owners. The Mangalagiri sub-registrar at that time was suspended for illegal registration of these assigned lands. There were also allegations that the sub-registrar had registered the assigned lands illegally in the name of others under pressure from the TD leaders. Across the state, there are 28 lakh acres of assigned lands and seven lakh acres of that is encroached upon by others, while there are no records for three lakh acres of assigned lands, a senior official said. It is well-

known that the encroachers and illegal purchasers of these lands are the rich and the politically powerful. In fact, the TD government had taken a decision to allow the sale of assigned lands and to legalise it by amending the Act. This would benefit the encroachers and illegal purchasers of assigned lands, particularly in CRDA limits, to the tune of hundreds of crores of rupees. But the amendment to the Act was not brought before the government was replaced. It was decided that the developed residential and commercial plots that would have been given to owners in return for pooling their land, should now be given to the original owners as they appear in government records and not to the encroachers or illegal purchasers.



Nawab Mir ali Khan (right), MD, MAK Projects presents a memento to His Excellency Yerlan Alimbayev, hon'ble ambassador of Kazakhstan at the Park Hotel in Hyderabad on Thursday.

Indians choose Kazakh as wedding destination

SANJAY SAMUEL
PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

Kazakhstan has become the new centre for destination weddings as many Indians are choosing it to ring their wedding bells. Indian tourists have grown at 40 per cent in the country explained Yerlan Alimbayev, ambassador of Kazakhstan to India, who was in the city.

In turn, Kazakhs look at India for medical facilities. There were 25,000 Kazakh nationals who opted for medical treatment in India this year. Hyderabad is also the most favoured destination for medical treatment.

The landscape of Kazakhstan also has the movie industry scouting their countryside for exotic locations. The common thread between India and Kazakhstan is Urdu. There are five thousand common words between Urdu and the Kazak language. There are also similarities in the cuisines like pulao, biryani, kebabs, and samosas, all of which Kazaks also eat.

Looking back in history, relations between

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India and Kazakhstan are ancient and dates back to more than 2500 years. There has been a constant and regular flow of trade in goods and, more importantly, exchange of ideas and cultural influences. The flow of Buddhism from India to Central Asia and Sufi ideas from Central Asia to India are two such examples. These deep-rooted linkages are evident even today.

When it comes to the diplomatic relationship, in 1992, India was the first country to extend its hand for bilateral relations when Kazakhstan got its independence.

Alimbayev and his delegation announced the establishment of an honorary consulate in Hyderabad.

This is to foster stronger relations with

Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

The ambassador said "Kazakhstan has a very huge tourism potential and economic and investment opportunities. For the last two years, we have been opening up our economy and, politically, Kazakhstan is very stable. Our relations with India are excellent and we share similar positions on many issues in international relations. We have a huge trade turnover between both countries which has touched \$1.2 billion and is expected to reach \$1.5 bn by the end of this year.

We want Indian investors to invest in mining, oil refinery, infrastructure, agriculture and food processing and machinery production. Indian products being manufactured in Kazakhstan will be the best option, so we invite all investors from Telangana and AP. We are ready to support them. We met the business community in Hyderabad and found the main three sectors to be the industrial sector, Infrastructure and environment sectors."

Gollapudi demise a big loss to Telugu industry

I lost a good friend and guru, says Megastar Chiranjeevi

DC CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPNAM/HYDERABAD,
DEC. 12

The sudden demise of multi-talented and versatile actor Gollapudi Maruthi Rao has shocked the people of the port city, with intellectuals, academics and senior citizens recollecting their experiences with him.

Gollapudi Maruthi Rao enjoyed a good rapport with several people in Visakhapatnam. Though he lived in Chennai, he visited the city very frequently to participate in various cultural and environmental programmes. Whenever he came to the city, he usually participated in morning walks on the beachfront.

Though felicitated with national and international awards, it was GITAM University that accorded



Gollapudi Maruthi Rao

Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) to him for his distinguished contributions. D. Litt. was conferred on him during GITAM's 8th Convocation in the year 2017.

The GITAM University also held a condolence meeting on Thursday. Recollecting his association with Gollapudi Maruthi Rao, university vice-chancellor K. Sivaramakrishna said Gollapudi was well-known

I met Gollapudi Maruthi Rao garu recently at an awards function he organised in his late son's memory. He looked healthy and jovial. I couldn't believe the news of his passing away and I am shocked

— CHIRANJEEVI
Senior Telugu actor

for his contribution to Telugu cinema, theatre and literature. Most of his writings conveyed an inherent message and were a true reflection of the society. The vice-chancellor conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved members of Gollapudi's family. PMV recalls contribution to Vizag. Gollapudi Maruthi Rao is known to film industry as a

dialogue, screenplay and story writer from 1960s. But Later, Gollapudi acted in many films with Chiranjeevi. "I met Gollapudi Maruthi Rao garu recently at an awards function he organised in his late son's memory. He looked healthy and jovial. I couldn't believe the news of his passing away and I am shocked," said Chiranjeevi. The actor said Maruthi Rao's knowledge was great. "He told me many things about literature and great poets of Telugu. He used to share his theatre experience and also discussed various plays with me. He is a multi-talented novelist, film and story writer, playwright, actor and also worked as journalist. His sudden demise is a big loss to the film industry and literary world," he added.

SURGE IN IIT-H STUDENTS PLACED ABROAD

RAJESWARI PARASA I
DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

There has been a surge in students of Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT-H) finding placements abroad with 38 international offers being received in Phase I of campus placements during 2019-20 academic year.

In all, IIT-H students secured 271 offers from 96 companies when Phase I of placements was carried out from December 1 to Thursday, December 12. This figure includes 37 Pre-Placement Offers (PPOs) in the wake of internships by students with various companies. Phase II of the placements will be in January 2020.

Dr. Pradeep Yemula, faculty in-charge (placements), said, "There is a significant increase in international offers this year compared to last year. During the current 2019-20 year, we have received 38 international offers from 15 companies across the world."

PROFESSOR JAYASHANKAR TELANGANA STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
Administrative Office, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-50
AMENDMENT No.01, Dated: 11.12.2019 to NIT No. 11/PJT/TAU/EO/TA/2019-20, Dt.05-12-2019
The tender for the work "Construction of Academic Block (B2) in Agricultural College, Jagtial (Phase-II)" at St. No. 10 of the NIT, 11/PJT/TAU/EO/TA/2019-20, Dated: 5.12.2019 is cancelled on administrative grounds.
All other conditions remain unaltered.
Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER

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The Divisional Railway Manager, E. C. Railway Danapur invites online (E-Tendering) open tender from the reputed firms/contractors on behalf of the President of India for the following work:
01. Name of its work with its location : One time modification and retro - fitment of Bio toilets in 106 no. MEMU coaches at MEMU car shed, Jhajha. 02. Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 2,54,43,402.60/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Four Lakh Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Two and Paise Sixty Only). Cost of tender document - ₹ 10,000/-. 3. Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹ 2,77,200/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Only). 04. Date & time for submission of tender and opening of tender : 19.12.2019 to 02.01.2020 at 12:00 Hrs. and 02.01.2020 at 12:30 Hrs., 05. Website particulars, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from here the tender form can be purchased etc. : Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS's website: <http://www.treps.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on notice board of Sr. DEE(OP)/E.C. Railway / Danapur. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website if required.
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer(OP), Danapur
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The Medical Superintendent, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital & ABVIMS, New Delhi invites applications from Indian National in the prescribed form (Annexure-I) available on website rmlh.nic.in for the posts of Junior Residents (Non Academic) and Junior Resident (Dental) on regular basis for 01 year.

The detailed advertisement, No. of Posts, eligibility conditions, Pay structure, age criteria, application form and other details can be seen in the full advertisement on the website rmlh.nic.in. Any corrigendum / modified order regarding this advertisement will be issued on the website only. Candidates are advised to remain in touch with the website for this purpose. Last date for submission of application is 31.12.2019 till 04.00 PM.
Sd/- Chief Medical Officer (Academic)
ABVIMS & Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi
davp 17147/11/0020/1920

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The last date of receipt of application is 31st December 2019.
Sd/- GENERAL MANAGER
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WAKF BOARD MEETING PUT OFF FOR A WEEK

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 12

A meeting of the Wakf Board was abruptly postponed for a week because of the difference of opinion among the Board members over leasing wakf properties on long-term basis to the Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institution Society (TMREIS) to establish residential schools. A meeting of the Board was held under the chairmanship of Mohammed Saleem on Thursday. Members of the Board were divided on the issue of leasing the wakf properties to TMREIS.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES & DR. RAM MANOHAR LOHIA HOSPITAL, NEW DELHI-110001

Advertisement of Walk-in-Interview for the post of Junior Resident (Non-Academic) and Junior Resident (Dental) for PWD Candidates

A Walk-in-Interview for appointment of Junior Resident (Non-Academic) and Junior Resident (Dental) for PWD candidates on regular basis for 01 year, for Indian National in ABVIMS & Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi will be held on 27th December 2019.

The detailed advertisement, No. of Posts, eligibility conditions, Pay structure, age criteria, application form and other details can be seen in the full advertisement on the website rmlh.nic.in. Any corrigendum / modified order regarding this advertisement will be issued on the website only. Candidates are advised to remain in touch with the website for this purpose.

Eligible candidates will present themselves for registration at Academic Section, Academic Block, PGIMER Building at 9.30 A.M. on 27.12.2019 for the interview of the Junior Residents along with all relevant documents in original together with self attested copies of all documents in support of their candidature for the post and two recent Passport size photographs. No application will be accepted after 10.30 A.M.

Sd/- CMO (Academic)
For Medical Superintendent
davp 17147/11/0022/1920

Government of India Department of Atomic Energy Directorate of Construction, Services & Estate Management Centralized Quantity Division

PRE-QUALIFICATION CUM NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Chief Engineer (C2), Directorate of Construction Services & Estate Management, DAE, 3rd Floor, V.S. Bhavan, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai - 94, on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tender (in two bid) through e-tendering mode from reputed, qualified, experienced, technically and financially sound engineering construction agencies for the work :-

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Detailed tender notice alongwith other documents are available on website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE. Tender documents are available for view / download from 13.12.2019 (11:00 hrs.) to 26.12.2019 (17:00 hrs.). Uploading of Pre-bid Queries upto 17:00 hrs on 27.12.2019. Closing of online submission of tenders upto 17:00 hrs on 08.01.2020. Receipt of EMD etc. upto 15:00 hrs. on 10.01.2020. Opening of online tender (Technical bids) on 13.01.2020 at 15:30 hrs. Financial bids of qualified bidders shall be opened at a later date to be notified separately. Detailed NIT is also available on website www.dcsem.gov.in for view only. For further clarification, please contact on 022- 25487324, 25487314, 7313 Fax: 022-25565362.



Bad engineering

Nitin Gadkari says that besides drivers and vehicles, road engineering is also responsible for the large number of accidents in the country

SC finds no merit in review pleas

From page 1

The top court rejected them all after finding no merit in any of them. The court had, in its November 9 Ayodhya dispute order, also said that the government should give five acres of land at an alternative spot in Ayodhya to the Sunni Wakf Board for a mosque in lieu of the demolished Babri Masjid.

THURSDAY'S ORDER by the five-judge bench, led by Chief Justice S.A. Bobde, paves the way for implementation of the unanimous November 9 Ayodhya judgment.

The petitioner Maulana Syed Ashhad Rashidi, backed by the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, had sought reconsideration of the November 9 verdict on 14 counts while contending that the direction that a temple be built at the disputed land virtually amounted to a mandamus (or a judicial writ) to destroy, because had the Babri Masjid not been illegally demolished on December 6, 1992, execution of the top court's November 9 order would have required its destruction to make space for the temple.

It said that "complete justice" could only be done by directing the reconstruction of Babri Masjid. He also sought an interim stay on operation of the verdict that had directed the Centre that a trust be formed within three months for construction of the temple at the site.

Former Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, who was part of the bench that had pronounced the November 9 verdict, was replaced by Justice Sanjiv Khanna at Thursday's in-chamber proceedings. The other three judges on the bench were Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Justice Ashok Bhushan and Justice S. Abdul Nazeer.

In-chamber hearing means that the five judges heard the 18 petitions by circulation.

The petitioners backed by All India Muslim Personnel Law Board had contended that the Ayodhya verdict giving the entire disputed site to idol of Ram Lalla for the constructions of Lord Rama's temple was "failure rather than a fulfillment of complete justice" as the judgment was contrary to law and self-contradictory.

Survivor threatened to withdraw case

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 12

A local court here has pulled up Delhi Police for failing to register an FIR on a rape survivor's complaint that she had allegedly received threat from some persons to withdraw her case of sexual assault.

Additional sessions judge Satish Kumar sought a reply from the Station House Officer (SHO) of Jahangirpuri police station explaining why no action be taken against him for failing to act on the woman's complaint made in August.

The court directed the SHO to file the written explanation by December 17. "SHO PS Jahangirpuri is directed to file the written explanation as to why action

THE WOMAN was allegedly raped and videos of her were made by the accused.

should not be taken against you in accordance with law for non registration of the FIR particularly when the complainant has lodged the serious allegations against Parag Garg in her written complaint August 26, 2019," said the order.

The woman had claimed in her complaint that some persons had visited her house and threatened her to withdraw the case. The woman was allegedly raped and obscene videos of her were made by the accused. The court has framed charges against the accused, who pleaded not guilty and has claimed trial.



Activists holding the Tricolour raise slogans in solidarity with rape victims and to highlight the issue of violence against women in the country at ITO in New Delhi on Thursday. — PTI

Tihar Jail asks for hangmen

Four Nirbhaya rape convicts likely to be executed soon

Lucknow, Dec. 12: The Tihar Jail in Delhi has asked Uttar Pradesh to provide two hangmen on short notice, amid reports that four men convicted in the Nirbhaya rape-and-murder case may be executed soon.

Uttar Pradesh's additional director general (prisons) Anand Kumar told reporters on Thursday that the department is ready to provide the hangmen.

"There are no hangmen with the Tihar Jail administration for those who were awarded capital punishment and are not left with any constitutional and legal remedy," Kumar said.

"As they were aware that we have two hangmen in Uttar Pradesh, they asked us to provide them whenever needed on short notice," the ADG (Prisons) added.

The prisons department had received a request in this regard from the Tihar administration through fax on December 9.

The letter, however, makes no mention of the convicts to be hanged but states there may be requirements.

The letter, according to sources, mentioned that some convicts in the jail were awarded capital punishment and their legal and constitutional remedies had been exhausted.

The four convicts in the Nirbhaya case — Pawan Gupta, Akshay Thakur, Mukesh Singh and Vinay Sharma — are on death row for two years.

The UP prison administration has two hangmen on its rolls, one in Lucknow and another in Meerut.

Six people were convicted for brutally raping and murdering a 23-year-old paramedical student in a moving bus while she was on her way back home on December 16, 2012.

She died from her injuries but the brutal gang rape sparked a nationwide fury that led to a new legislation to deal with such heinous crimes.

Top court to hear review plea of convict on Dec. 17

New Delhi, Dec. 12: The Supreme Court will hear on December 17 the plea filed by one of the four death-row convicts in the Nirbhaya gang rape-and-murder case seeking review of its 2017 judgement awarding him death penalty.

A three-judge bench would hear next week the plea filed by convict Akshay Kumar Singh, whose lawyer has questioned the capital punishment at a time life is getting "short" due to rising pollution.

"Take notice that the following matter (Akshay's review plea) will be listed for hearing on Tuesday the December 17, 2019 at 2pm before a three judges bench," said a notice which was uploaded on the apex court's website.

The apex court had on July 9 last year dismissed the review pleas filed by the three other convicts — Mukesh (30), Pawan Gupta (23) and Vinay Sharma (24) — in the case saying no grounds have been made out by them for review of the 2017 verdict.

A 23-year-old paramedical student, who came to be known as Nirbhaya, was gang-raped on the intervening night of December 16-17, 2012 inside a running bus in south Delhi by six persons and severely assaulted before being thrown out on the road.

She succumbed to injuries on December 29 at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore. One of the

Of the six people convicted in the case, one was a minor, who was sent to a rehabilitation centre, and another, Ram Singh, committed suicide in the Tihar Jail. Meanwhile, Nirbhaya's

Akshay, lodged in a jail here, has said in his review plea that death penalty entails "cold blooded killing" and it does not provide convicts the chance to reform.

The plea referred to the moral reasons for abolition of the death penalty and said there was no evidence to show that such a punishment has got a deterrent value.

It also referred to the observations of former Chief Justice of India P.N. Bhagwati that the convicts, hailing from poor background, are more likely to be sent to the gal-

"If our criminal justice system cannot guarantee the consistent application of legal standards and the rule of law, then, how can we allow judiciary to decide as to who should live or die," it said.

The plea also talked about the life span of human beings in present age and said that there was no reason to continue with the death penalty. "Why death penalty? When age is reducing, it is mentioned in our 'Ved', 'Purans' and 'Upanishads' that in the age of 'Satyug' people lived the life of thousand years.

In the age of 'Dvapara' they used to live for hundred years. But now it is 'Kalyug', in this era, age of human beings have reduced much. It has now come to 50-60 years, and rarely we listen of a person who is in the age of 100 years," it said. — PTI

SEER RAPES 3 MINOR GIRLS, ARRESTED

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, DEC. 12

Three sisters, all minors, were allegedly raped by a seer in a Madhya Pradesh village under the pretext of performing some rituals for them to save them from *kalsarpadosh* or attack by snakes, police said on Thursday.

The accused, Baba Narayan Swarup Tripathy (56) of Nandan village under Dehat police station in Satna district, allegedly outraged modesty of three sisters on November nine this year under the pretext of performing the rituals, the investigating officer said.

The matter came to light on Thursday when the victims' father reported it in the local police.

"The youngest victim first gathered courage to inform her father about the incident. Later, her two sisters joined her narrating their ordeals", police said.

The seer was arrested on Thursday.

WOMAN GIVEN TALAQ, RAPED BY TANTRIK

Bhopal, Dec. 12: A 21-year-old woman was allegedly given triple talaq, and subsequently raped by a 'tantrik' citing the custom of 'Nikah Halala' when her husband wished to remarry her, the police said here on Thursday.

The woman's husband and the tantrik (witch-doctor) who allegedly raped her were arrested on Wednesday, Bhopal police said. — PTI

SHORT TAKES

LOTUS PRINTED ON NEW PASSPORTS

New Delhi, Dec. 12: A day after Opposition members in Lok Sabha raised the issue of lotus being printed on new passports, the ministry of external affairs on Thursday said it was part of the enhanced security features to identify fake passports and involves using other national symbols as well on rotation.

Raising this issue of lotus being printed on new passports brought for distribution in Kozhikode in Kerala during the Zero Hour, M.K. Raghavan of the Congress said the matter has been highlighted by one of the newspapers and alleged that this was "further saffronisation" of the government establishment with the lotus being the election symbol of the BJP.

Asked about the issue, ministry of external affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said, "This symbol is our national flower and is part of the enhanced security features to identify fake passports."

These security features have been introduced as part of the International Civil Aviation Organisation guidelines, he said.

BJP MP LINKS SANSKRIT TO DIABETES CURE

New Delhi, Dec. 12: BJP MP Ganesh Singh on Thursday claimed that as per a research done by a US-based academic institution, speaking Sanskrit language on a daily basis boosts the nervous system and keeps diabetes and cholesterol at bay.

Participating in a debate on the Sanskrit universities bill, he also claimed that according to a research by US space research organisation NASA, if computer programming is done in Sanskrit, it will be flawless.

More than 97 per cent of the languages in the world, including few Islamic languages, are based on Sanskrit, Singh said.

Union Minister Pratap Chandra Sarangi, who spoke in Sanskrit on the bill, said the language is very flexible and a single sentence can be spoken in many ways.

He also said various English words such as brother and cow are derived from Sanskrit. Sarangi said the promotion of this ancient language will not impact any other language.

PANKAJA DARES BJP TO REMOVE HER

Mumbai, Dec. 12: Maharashtra BJP leader Pankaja Munde on Thursday rubbished rumours of her leaving the party, but made her disappointment clear by announcing that she will no longer be a part of the state core team.

Addressing a rally in Beed district on the occasion of the birth anniversary of her father Gopinath Munde, Pankaja said BJP was free to decide on her continuance in the party.

She has been organising this annual event for last five years but this rally had generated a lot of interest amid speculation that she was leaving the BJP after her shock defeat in the October 21 Assembly poll.

Pankaja recently wrote on Facebook stating that in the changed political scenario there was the need for her to see how she could chalk her path ahead and serve her people.

She skipped the state BJP core committee meeting in Mumbai on Tuesday. On Thursday, she said there was no point in being a member of the core team in absence of 'democracy'.

Shiv Sena retains home ministry

BHAGWAN PARAB | DC MUMBAI, DEC. 12

With just three days left for the start of the winter session of the state legislature, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government finally announced the allocation of portfolios among its six Cabinet ministers on Thursday.

In a major coup, the Shiv Sena has managed to 'convince' the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) to let it keep the all-important home ministry with itself. Thackeray, along with

six ministers — two each from the Shiv Sena, the NCP and the Congress — had taken the oath of office on November 28.

According to earlier reports, the home department was likely to go to the NCP.

But the Shiv Sena succeeded in bagging the important portfolio, which has been given to Eknath Shinde.

Among the other significant departments, the finance berth has been given to NCP's Jayant Patil, whereas revenue has been allotted to Balasaheb Thorat of the Congress.

JHARKHAND | POLLS

Fate of 309 candidates, including 32 women, sealed in EVMs

62.6% voter turnout in third phase

Ranchi, Dec. 12: Over 62.6 per cent voter turnout was recorded on Thursday at the end of third-phase elections, in which 17 Assembly seats of Jharkhand went to polls, officials said.

Amid tight security, 61.19 per cent of 56,18,267 voters exercised their franchise in the 17 seats across eight districts, they said.

Police said the polling, which began at 7 am, passed off peacefully. The seats where polling was held are Koderma, Barkatha, Barhi, Barkagaon, Ramgarh, Mandu, Hazaribag, Simaria (SC), Dhanwar, Gomia, Bermo, Ichagarh,

Silli, Khijri (ST), Ranchi, Hatia and Kanke (SC). Former chief minister Babulal Marandi, urban development minister C.P. Singh and education minister Neera Yadav were among those in the fray.

While polling at Ranchi, Hatia, Kanke, Barkatha and Ramgarh seats ended at 5 pm, voting in rest of the constituencies ended at 3 pm, Election Commission officials said.

The voters comprised 26,80,205 women and 86 third gender persons.

The fate of 309 candidates, including 32 women nominees, was sealed in the EVMs at the polling. The five-phase assembly

elections to the 81-member House began on November 30 and will end on December 20.

Jharkhand Chief Electoral Officer Vinay Kumar Choubey said about 40,000 polling personnel conducted the election.

Of the 7,016 polling stations set up for the third phase, 1,008 were identified as 'critical' and 543 'sensitive' in Naxal-affected areas.

A total of 1,119 polling stations were 'critical' and 2,672 polling stations were 'sensitive' in other areas. There were 13,504 ballot units, 8,772 controlling units and 9,123 used, with



Indian cricketer M.S. Dhoni and his wife Sakshi leave after casting votes during the third phase of Jharkhand elections in Ranchi on Thursday. — PTI

double ballot units set up in nine constituencies where there were sixteen or more candidates in the fray. — PTI



No issues

NCP leader Nawab Malik says Shiv Sena's stand on CAB will not have a bearing on the longevity of the Maha government

Assam Speaker speaks up against CAB

Old man burnt alive in a shop; RSS office set on fire in Dibrugarh; Stones pelted at Sonowal's house

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GUWAHATI, DEC. 12

The ongoing anti-CAB agitation took a violent turn in Upper Assam's Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts. A police officer sustained bullet injury in his leg in Dibrugarh while more than five shops belonging to a particular community were set on fire at Tinsukia by protesters on Thursday.

An old man from tea tribe community who was sleeping in the shop was also burnt alive in the shop. Security sources said that ongoing protest in Upper Assam was backed by outlawed organisation as suspected Ulfa-I rebels unfurled flags of the organisation at various places during the protest.

With very thin presence of security personnel, the protesters defied the curfew and pelted stones at the house of Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal besides setting the office of RSS on fire in Dibrugarh.

Dibrugarh deputy commissioner Pallav Gopal Jha said that stones were thrown at the house of the Chief Minister in the Lakhinagar area. Some windowpanes were damaged in the stone pelting, a caretaker of the house said, adding that superintendent of police Gautam Borah also visited the house.

About 20 students and a TV journalist sustained injuries when police lathi-charged the protesting crowds in Bokel, after protesters blocked NH 37, and pelted stone on security forces.

A Quick Response Team, led by superintendent of police Gautam Bora, fired rubber bullets, lobbed tear gas shells and lathicharged to disperse the protesters.

Most of the injured are students from Dibrugarh Polytechnic, Lahoal. The injured were rushed to the Assam Medical College and Hospital, while the TV journalist was moved to a private nursing home.

The protesters burnt tyres on the roads, raised anti-BJP slogans, condemned Chief Minister and minister Himanta Biswa Sharma for their approval of the contentious Bill. The district remains paralysed with protests all over.

Meanwhile, the district administration has called for

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday said that the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, passed by Parliament, will not be implemented in the state, as hundreds of students of a local college in north Kerala took out a march and burnt the effigy of home minister Amit Shah.

an urgent meeting of all the leaders of protesting organisations, including AASU, AJYCP, ethnic bodies, senior citizens, traders and media persons and appealed for peaceful and democratic protest. The administration called upon the leaders and newsmen to ensure that essential services like movement of ambulance, transporting oxygen to hospitals and other allied services are not obstructed.

Meanwhile, Assam Assembly Speaker Hitendra Nath Goswami on Thursday said doubts expressed over the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill are not baseless, and there is a strong possibility of it creating division if implemented.

In a statement, Goswami appealed to the Central government to take necessary steps to redress the anger and grievances of the people of Assam.

"After the passage of the Bill by the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill has become an Act. Though I should not comment on the Act as I am discharging Constitutional duties as Speaker, as a person working for the nation and community through the Assam agitation, I feel that the doubt created by this Act is not baseless," he said.

"There is a strong possibility of creating division among different castes, communities and languages if this Act is implemented," he said.

"I appeal to the Central government to take necessary steps to redress the anger and grievances of the people of Assam and particularly the younger generation of the state," said Goswami, who is a BJP MLA.

"I have learnt a lot during the last 30 years of my active participation in politics and I respect the thoughts and ideas of the younger generation," the Speaker added.

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Demonstrators stand next to a burning barricade during a protest against the Citizenship Amendment Bill in Guwahati on Thursday. — AFP

TEZPUR



Protesters burn a vehicle to block a road during an agitation against the Citizenship Amendment Bill in Tezpur. — PTI

BUS TERMINUS SET ON FIRE IN DIBRUGARH

Dibrugarh, Dec. 12: A bus terminus of the Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC) in Dibrugarh was set ablaze by protesters on Thursday, officials said.

A large number of people reached the ASTC terminus at the Chowkidingi area of the city and vandalised the complex and set it on fire, they said.

Army and fire tenders were rushed and they doused the flames without much damage, a senior district official said.

Senior officials of the district administration, including an additional deputy commissioner, are at the spot and monitoring the situation.

Meanwhile, Assam handloom minister Ranjit Dutta's house at Behali in Sonitpur was attacked on Thursday by protesters opposing the CAB and indefinite curfew was imposed in Tezpur and Dhekiajuli towns of the district, officials said.

Crowds of protesters gathered before his house in large numbers and threw stones. However, the damage to the house was minimal as the police reached the spot on time and dispersed them, the officials said. — PTI

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Protesters gather to defy the curfew and protest against Citizenship Amendment Bill at Latsil Ground in Guwahati on Thursday. — PTI



I want to assure my brothers and sisters of Assam that they have nothing to worry after the passing of #CAB. No one can take away your rights, unique identity and beautiful culture. It will continue to flourish and grow. The Central government is "totally committed to constitutionally safeguard the political, linguistic, cultural and land rights of the Assamese people as per the spirit of Clause 6." (sic) — NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

Dhaka feels atmosphere not right for ministers' visit

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Sources in Dhaka said that the Sheikh Hasina government is unhappy with the mention of Bangladesh, along with Pakistan and Afghanistan, by home minister Amit Shah in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday while saying that CAB was necessary because of the atrocities committed on minorities, especially Hindus, in the three Islamic states. Sources in Bangladesh government told this newspaper that Dhaka will protest against this officially through diplomatic channels in the coming days.

Hinduism is the second largest religious affiliation in Bangladesh, with around 14 million people identifying themselves as Hindus. After India and Nepal, Bangladesh has the third-largest Hindu community in the world. However, data also suggests that Bangladesh's Hindu population has fallen from around 22 or 23 per cent in 1951 to around 8 per cent in 2011. Momen was to reach New Delhi on Thursday evening at 5.20 pm and meet his Indian counterpart, S. Jaishankar, on Saturday at 9 am at the Hyderabad House over breakfast before leaving the same evening.

"The foreign minister said he had to cancel the trip due to some sudden pressing national events at home. He said he has to participate in two important national events — the observance of Martyred Intellectuals Day on December 14 and the Victory Day on December 16. The events coincide with his planned visit to India," the Bangladesh high commission said in a statement.

However, sources said that the Bangladesh government feels the atmosphere is not right for its ministers to travel to India. It is learnt that

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the decision to cancel the visits was taken by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina herself. She is facing tremendous pressure and criticism domestically on this issue.

Downplaying the cancellation of the visit, India's external affairs ministry on Thursday said there was no need to over-read the matter.

"The Bangladesh side have conveyed that the minister has changed his programme on account of domestic issues pertaining to the commemoration of the 'Victory Day' in Bangladesh on December 16. Any speculation that this development is connected with legislation adopted by Parliament regarding the Citizenship Amendment Bill is unwarranted," MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said.

While Dhaka has been cautious in its reaction to CAB, Bangladesh's foreign minister on Wednesday rubbished allegations made by Shah in Parliament that minority communities were being tortured in Bangladesh. Momen told media persons in Dhaka that CAB could affect India's historic character as a secular nation.

"It's not true that torture of minorities is taking place in Bangladesh. Whoever gave them the information, it is not correct... India is historically a tolerant country which believes in secularism... their historic position will be weakened if they deviated

from that," Momen said.

He added that Bangladesh and India currently enjoyed close friendly relations, terming it as a "golden chapter" in bilateral ties, and "so, naturally, our people expect that India won't do anything that could create anxiety".

The Bangladesh foreign minister had on Wednesday also met envoys from Japan and United States to apprise them of the situation arising out of CAB and express Dhaka's concerns and unhappiness. "They (USA) are being critical about that... they believe India weakened its position by doing it (passing the bill)," Momen said.

On Thursday, Bangladesh government officials told this paper that all this could have been avoided in December as it is of special significance to both India and Bangladesh. Bangladesh celebrates "Victory Day" on December 16 when, in 1971, Indian military forced Pakistan Army to surrender after 13 days of war, thus liberating Bangladesh from Pakistan. India celebrates this day as "Vijay Diwas".

"Bangladeshis are hurt from this mentioning of its name in CAB and bracketing it with Pakistan. All this could have been avoided in this month of December which is of great importance to both Bangladesh and India. There is a deep people-to-people connect between India and Bangladesh as we have families on both sides. You cannot compare us with Pakistan and what happened during Khalida Zia's days is history. The term 'religious persecution' is a very wide one. Today Bangladeshis Hindus are doing so well. Worst is that all this has been put in the CAB, which is India's legislation, reflecting Bangladesh in poor light," an official in Bangladesh government said.



ACTION AGAINST PRASHANT KISHOR LIKELY

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PATNA, DEC. 12

The JD(U) leadership may initiate strong action against two of its prominent leaders for going against the party's official stand on the issue of Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. Sources said that top leadership of the JD(U) may issue show-cause notices to its vice-president Prashant Kishor and senior leader Pavan Varma for giving statements against the party after CAB was passed in the Parliament.

Both the leaders had urged JD(U) chief and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar to reconsider the decision to support the CAB in the Parliament.

In a tweet, on late Monday night after the CAB was passed in the Lok Sabha Prashant Kishor had said that he was, "disappointed to see JD(U) supporting CAB that discriminates the right to citizenship on the basis of religion. It's incongruous with the party's constitution that carries the word secular thrice on the very first page".

Expressing unhappiness over the development, JD(U) leadership had urged its leaders to exercise restraint while giving statements over the issue.

Cops transferred, curfew in many places, net suspended

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Security sources said that police resorted to firing on protesters in at least seven places in late evening. Though the exact number of injured was not known immediately, several have been shifted to hospitals with grievous injuries.

Many towns and cities were placed under indefinite curfew, including Guwahati, the epicentre of protests, besides Dibrugarh, Tezpur and Dhekiajuli. Night curfew was imposed in Jorhat, Golaghat, Tinsukia and Charaideo districts, officials said.

Internet services in 10 districts were suspended for another 48 hours beginning 12 pm to prevent "misuse" of social media to disturb peace and tranquility and to maintain law and order, officials said.

Mobile internet and messaging services were also suspended in neighbouring Meghalaya for 48 hours since 5 pm on Thursday after incidents of vandalism of vehicles.

The unprecedented anger against the CAB has caught the state administration and Intelligence agencies off guard. State police force too seems unequipped as protesters have gone all out to target government properties and laid a siege to most of the highways in at least 12 districts of Brahmaputra valley.

Bogged down by complete lawlessness and failure of police in enforcing the curfew, Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, who is also the home minister, on Thursday transferred the

LOCAL TRAIN services in Tripura and Assam have been suspended, leaving many people stranded in these two states that anyway have limited connectivity with the rest of the country. Several airlines have also cancelled their flights to Assam.

additional director general of police Mukesh Agarwal and posted NIA IGP G.P. Singh as the new ADGP, law and order. Mr Singh, who arrived here on Thursday in a special aircraft from New Delhi with a senior IB officer, has taken charge. Guwahati police commissioner Deepak Kumar has also been transferred and Munna Prasad Gupta has been posted as the new Guwahati police chief. Three ACPs of Guwahati police have also been transferred.

Police said that one Abdul Ali, from Assam's Bapeta district, died in police firing in Lalung Gaon area where protesters tried to attack a convoy escorting a delegation of foreigners. Police said that protesters resorted to stone pelting despite repeated warnings, and so, in order to protect the foreigners, their escort team opened fire.

To enforce curfew and disperse protesters resorting to arson, police opened fire at several places in the capital city after sunset. Security sources said that a protestor, Dipankar Das, sustained bullet injury in Lachit Nagar area of the city. He was rushed to Guwahati Medical College Hospital where he was declared brought dead. Diapankar, from

Chaygaon area, was working in a canteen. He was the part of a crowd resorting to arson and stone pelting on police vehicles.

Informing that ministry of home affairs was keeping a close watch on the state, security sources said there's an urgent need to mobilise paramilitary forces from neighbouring states as Army soldiers are not trained to control crowds and such protests.

Security sources also suspect the involvement of some "external as well as political forces" who they say may be financing and provoking the protestors to violence.

Defying curfew, protestors gathered at Latsil playground where all the anti-CAB leaders, led by Aasu chief adviser Samujjal Bhattacharya and noted singer Zubeen Garg, addressed the huge crowd and reiterated that they will continue their democratic movement against the CAB.

The Aasu and Shilpi Samaj (Artists Association) have called for another 11-hour long sit-in protest in Guwahati's Chandmari area on Friday.

Asserting that it was because of peoples' power that the state administration had failed to stop them from holding meetings despite curfew, Bhattacharya warned the government to refrain from trying to suppress their movement with security forces. He also regretted that even after such massive protests, Chief Minister Sonowal continued to propagate that CAB was not going to harm the interests of Assamese people.

IUML CHALLENGES CAB IN SUPREME COURT

PARMOD KUMAR | DC
NEW DELHI, DEC. 12

The day after Parliament passed the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill paving the way for the grant of citizenship to religious minorities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, the Indian Union Muslim League on Thursday moved the Supreme Court challenging its constitutional validity.

Seeking a declaration that the Citizenship (Amendment) Act was violative of Article 14 guaranteeing right to equality before the law, the IUML also challenged the 2015 amendment to the Passport Rules and the Foreigners Order that allowed the staying back of people of minority communities who illegally entered India to escape persecution in Pakistan and Bangladesh on or before December 31, 2014.

Besides the IUML, the other petitioners are its MPs P.K. Kunhalikutty, E.T. Mohammed Basheer, K. Navas Kani and Abdul Wahab.

Saying the Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 was unconstitutional, the IUML contended that the bill passed by Parliament was violative of Article 14 (right to equality), Article 15 (prohibiting discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth) and Article 21 (protection of life and personal liberty).