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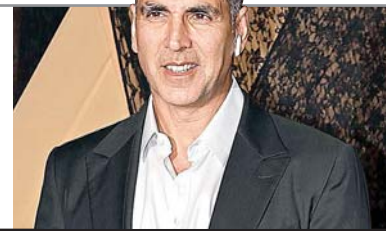


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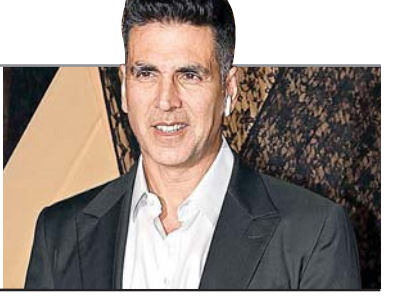


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### Global honour

Dr Prathap C. Reddy, chairman of Apollo Hospitals Group, was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the IMTJ Medical Travel Awards 2019 held in Berlin

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As vacation has begun, only research scholars were at HCU, but that did not deter seniors on campus who were sleepless after watching videos of police brutality. They gathered in the common area in the morning demanding action against the police.

Representatives from different organisations talked about the need to unite and resist anti-minority and anti-poorest Citizenship Amendment Act. Aakriti Suresh, history research scholar at HCU said, "HCU stands in solidarity with the students of JMI and Aligarh Muslim University. The fire of resistance will be kept burning and HCU is going to continue to fight against CAA."

Students marched at 5 pm from HCU to the Gachibowli stadium, demanding 'Roll back CAA, Reject all India NRC'. They gathered on the main road to protest for half an hour, which caused a minor traffic disruption. Osmania University students sat outside the Arts College, wanting to know how the police entered JMI without the permission of University officials.

"The courts must take this case as suo moto and investigate it," D Naresh of Osmania University said. "Students cannot be beaten like this. It is our right to discuss national developments and policies, and also to criticise the government. We will not be silenced."

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Cyberabad Police Commissionerate deployed a substantial force outside the University but refrained from entering the campus. Students' Union president Umer Faruq was under immense pressure to call off the agitation from university authorities who wished to restore academic activity.

Students agreed to continue examinations from Thursday. A letter went to the Controller of Examinations requesting him to resume examinations from Thursday. The revised timetable for examinations will be announced later.

"The agitation in our university will continue, but we have to attend to examinations as we do not want to disturb studies," Faruq told DC. "We are exploring an alternate kind of protest, considering a relay hunger strike but it is not finalised," the students' union president said.



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Rahukalam: 3 pm to 4.30 pm  
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Fajar: 5.34 am  
Zohar: 12.22 pm  
Asar: 4.09 pm  
Maghrib: 5.51 pm  
Isha: 7.05 pm  
SUNSET TODAY 5.45 PM  
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MOONRISE TOMORROW 10.53 PM  
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### COUNTER POINT



Good news, no protests in Kashmir. Bad news, they have spread all over the country!

### SHORT TAKES

#### SRIVARI TEMPLE SHUT ON DEC. 25-26

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The December 26 solar eclipse will directly impact darshan for almost 13 hours at the famed abode of Lord Venkateshwara in Tirumala. The solar eclipse will occur from 8.08 am to 11.16 am.

As per tradition, the Srivari temple will remain closed from 11 pm of December 25 till 12 noon of December 26. Darshan will commence at 2 pm, nearly three hours after the eclipse.

The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has also cancelled Tiruppavada, Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva, Arjitha Brahmotsavam and Vasanthotsavam. Annaprasadam will not be served in the complex and the queue lines or at food courts.

The TTD has also announced that they will provide Srivari special darshan to the elderly, challenged and parents with infants on December 17 and 18.

Towards this, they will issue 4,000 tokens to those above 65 years of age and challenged persons on December 17 in three slots-10 am (1000 tokens), 2 pm (2000 tokens) and 3 pm (1000 tokens).

Similarly, for parents with children who are under five years, tokens will be issued for darshan through Supadham from 9 am to 1.30 pm on December 18, as against the daily practice of allowing only one year infants with parents through the Supadham gate.

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With every sensational incident in the city, state, or country turning into a public event via social media forwards, anxiety and panic attacks are being experienced by some sections of the public such as senior citizens and high school students, who find it difficult to cope with these events and the emotions they evoke.

The parent of a high school student says, "I have asked my children not to respond to any social media post. During the time of the general election, a comment which was not in sync with popular opinion had led to arguments, confrontation and even being labelled as anti-national. It was very disturbing not only for them but also for the family."

There are similar reactions to the protests against the citizenship bills passed in Parliament last week. 'Why protest' and 'what is the problem if there are valid papers' and other such questions are being asked on the one



Students of University of Hyderabad and Osmania University protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act on Monday.

hand, while on the other there are those whose opinions disavow these legislations as unconstitutional. Psychiatrist Dr Naresh Vadlamani calls social media "the modern day nukkad with the exception that the reactions are instant." He says a story

"emerges every day and dies too every day only that it is too fast paced. People need to understand that their emotional behaviour has to be controlled as what is 'real' will definitely be known within a few hours. Those who suffer from panic, fear and anxiety do so

because they believe (whatever they read) and also react very quickly. Present times demand that their emotional application of the mind to verify the truth." There are those who have underlying fears which play on them in a situation. Dr Keshav Reddy, senior psychiatrist

says, "There is a need to build a coping mechanism to deal with social media. This is important for all as it has become a part and parcel of our life. The social media etiquette of verifying news before forwarding has not yet set in. Till then, the vulnerable group must be counselled

to not believe everything they see, and check with their family first before believing it." The importance of verifying fake news is not understood by all. The very idea of social media circulating fake news is slowly being understood only now.

# Tech detection of hate speech not fool-proof

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

Automatic hate speech detection systems developed by social media giants and even by academia are quite easy to fool, said researchers.

The field of applied hate speech detection is not more than three or four years. Facebook, for instance, started aggressively developing and deploying its detection algorithms only a few years ago.

Before that, it was entirely done by human content moderators who would go through flagged posts manually.

Present detection techniques focus mostly on abusive, offensive words and racial slurs and flag posts containing them. Hence, in theory, these systems are not difficult to fool. For instance, a statement "Kill all Indians" would most likely be flagged as hate speech. But removing the spaces between the words and adding the word "love" would give different results. "KillallIndians love" is likely to be missed by most algorithms in their current form. This vulnerability was discovered by researchers from Aalto University in Finland in 2018.

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## FB auto filter in just 4 Indian languages

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Between July and September 2019, Facebook removed as many as 7 million posts that contained "hate speech" across the world. More than 80 per cent of these posts were detected not by human users but by computer algorithms designed for this purpose. In the past couple of years, social media giants such as Facebook and Twitter have been relying on artificial intelligence to detect hate speech. However, for a country such as India, with all its diversity, the system is far from perfect.

Facebook, in an interview to Time magazine in November 2019, confirmed that it had automatic hate speech detection systems in place only for four Indian languages: Bengali, Urdu, Hindi and Tamil. Across the world, such systems are active in around 40 languages. Other Indian languages,

the users of which number in crores, are out of the systems' purview. For posts written in these languages, Facebook primarily depends on full-time content moderators. These moderators, however, do not scan all the posts but only review posts flagged by other users as offensive or hate speech. In theory, a closed Facebook group could indulge in propagating hate speech through posts written in Assamese, Telugu or Gujarati without trouble. As long as no one reports these posts, Facebook would take no action.

So why is hate speech moderation in Indian languages so difficult? The answer lies in the shortage of data, or rather the shortage of "annotated data". Hate speech detection models work through deep learning algorithms which learn to detect abusive content using historical data sets. An algorithm is let loose upon a data model of tweets or



Facebook posts that have already been labelled as hate speech. This gives the algorithm its definition of hate speech for reference. However, in Indian languages, there is far too little data that has been labelled as hate speech. Vandan Mujadia, a researcher in the Language Technologies Research Centre (LTRC) at IIIT Hyderabad, whose team has worked on the subject extensively, said, "One of our biggest chal-

lenges is to find the right data sets to work on. Lakhs of posts are made in languages like Telugu and Tamil everyday, so there is no dearth of raw content. However, this content needs to be sifted through and there aren't many people who can do this. Identifying hate speech is complex, and not everyone can do that. Once such posts are identified by people who are well versed in regional languages, they can anno-

tate it with their comments on what makes these posts offensive. After that, they can be fed into the algorithm to make it work." As of now, the research centre has been depending on volunteers who look through flagged hate speech content to annotate it. But the sheer amount of data being circulated everyday makes the job ever so difficult. The mobile data revolution post the launch of Reliance's Jio has only made things worse. Since the field is still in its nascent stages, there are not many in the country who are actively researching it. Another problem in India has been the multilingual nature of many internet posts. Many people often tweet using words of multiple languages. In such cases, the algorithm can struggle to understand the post's context. Another problem in India has been the multilingual nature of many internet posts.

net user base, Facebook and Twitter have often been weaponised by some

groups to propagate abuse and hate against certain communities. For

instance, during the National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise,

Facebook was criticised for not taking down posts that referred to Bengali

Muslims as "insects", "vermin" and "gang-rapists". Facebook has

been particularly criticised for Islamophobic content.

Equality Labs, a South Asian human rights group, found such content was "the biggest source of hate speech on Facebook in India, accounting for 37 percent of (hate speech)". The group also noted anti-Dalit posts on reservations on Facebook that were not taken down by Facebook either.

Across borders, the California company was accused of fanning the flames of anti-Rohingya sentiment during the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar. Twitter, too, has faced similar criticism. Activist Kavitha Krishnan, for instance, complained of Twitter's bias against marginalised groups such as Dalits, women and religious minorities.

Over the past couple of months, many Indian users of the micro-blogging website have opened accounts on open-source rival Mastodon for its purportedly robust "anti-abuse" features. Most abusive Facebook posts regularly go under the radar due to the company's reliance on users flagging hate speech themselves.

Unless these posts are reported by other users, and later reviewed by content moderators, they are unlikely to be taken down.

Crypto conference

Dr G. Satheesh Reddy, chairman, DRDO, inaugurated 20th International Conference on Cryptology at HICC Convention Centre

Aamir can play me best in a biopic: Vishy

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16



Former world chess champion Viswanathan Anand interacts with novelist-journalist Sriram Karri during the launch of his autobiography, Mind Master, in Hyderabad on Monday.

So far, 1.30 lakh double bedroom houses have been built in the state — Vemula Prashanth Reddy minister of housing

POWER | SHUTDOWN

9 am to 5 pm: Police Lines, Yadagirinagar, Laxmi Narasimha Nagar, Srisaillam area, Jubilee Hills check post area, Jubilee Hills Roads No. 4 and 5, TV5, Krishnanagar, Kotla Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy Stadium area; MLA Colony, Islam Colony, Venkatagiri, Masjid, Water Works area, committee hall, Gayatri Hills, IOA Institute, IBS Quarters area, Damodar Reddy house line, LIC, Kavuri Hills Phase-II, Amar Co-Operative Society, Kalyannagar, Anjaninagar, Jubilee Hills Road No. 44 9 am to 1.30 pm: Padmalaya Studio area, Road No. 78, Eastwarwalli, Babu Jagjivan Ram Colony, Padmalaya slum area, area near the houses of Pullela Gopichand, Sania Mirza House, Nihita Nethu, Bharani Layout, Teacher Training Centre area, Nyaya Vihar total area; Road No.13.Line, Collector's Building 10 am to 1 pm: Mothi Darwaza, Shagri-La High School, Apsara Colony, Company Bagh, Ahmed Colony, Bagdad Colony; Ahmed Colony, MD Lines, Akbarpura, Durganagar, Shatam Tala, Rethi Galli, Government Golconda Hospital, Balancer, Bada Bazaar, Moulagunj, Risala Bazar, Katora House, Priyadarshini School, Golconda PS, Devdasguda, Dilwarsha Nagar. 2 pm to 5 pm: Muradnagar, Muradnagar kunta, Chota Masjid, Syed Ali Guda, Alapatnagar, Kalvin Hotel, Chilla PT, Post Office; Anjanum, Asifnagar, Humayunnagar, Zahra Mosque, Castle Hills, Crescent Hospital, NRI Colony, KGN Hotel; Sriramnagar, MIGH, Asifnagar main road, Rehnuma-e-Deccan, Milan Talkies, Zebabagh.

Five-time world chess champion Viswanathan Anand says Aamir Khan is the best suited amongst all actors to play him in a biopic if it happens in the future. "Aamir plays and understands chess. He is a great method actor... I can only hope he is interested," said Anand at a function in the city on Sunday that was organised to launch his autobiography, Mind Master.

Responding to a series of questions posed during a HydPark conversation moderated by novelist-journalist Sriram Karri, Anand regaled the gathering of over 400 people, including a huge number of children, unprecedented for a book launch, with anecdotes marking the significant milestones of his life, challenges and evolution as a chess player, and life lessons applicable to everyone learn over a lifetime as a champion sport star.

Bhagat e-auction day 3: Visitors dip

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

Day three of the Uppal Bhagat e-auction saw a lukewarm response from bidders. One bidder had purchased a single chunk of land in the second on Sunday, the second day. Of the 1,68,000 square yards of land to be auctioned, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority has sold only about 78,000 sq. yds. The HMDA sold 31,311.5 square yards for ₹155 crore on the first day of the e-auction, 28,909.8 sq. yds for ₹135 crore on the second day and 78,000 square yards for ₹74 crore on day 3.

price of commercial or multi-purpose lands. In the first two days we auctioned residential plots for ₹79,900 per sq. yd but the commercial and multi-purpose land was auctioned for ₹30,200 which is just ₹200 higher than the upset price," said a senior HMDA official requesting anonymity. He said on the third day of the bidding, the HMDA auctioned multi-purpose lands. A total of 88,675 sq. yds spread across 25 plots remained unsold. The HMDA official said that realtors have been hiking the price of residential plots and a thorough inquiry would be conducted into this before bringing it to the notice of the state government. "Despite selling huge chunks of land on the third day, the revenue dipped from 65.06 per cent on the first day to 37.1 per cent on Monday," the official added.

Pay more for alcohol in city from tomorrow!

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

Here is some bad news for all year-end and New Year revellers as also regular alcohol consumers. Drinking liquor will get costlier from Wednesday as prices are being revised. The government has increased prices of all varieties of liquor and beer significantly. With an average increase of about 15 per cent, the cost of liquor will be more by anything from ₹20 to ₹80, depending on the quantity and brand. The price of beer will be up by ₹10 to ₹20. Excise Commissioner and Special Chief Secretary (revenue) Somesh Kumar on Monday issued orders to this effect.

This revision is expected to fetch additional revenue of around ₹500 crore. Mr Kumar held a video conference with district excise officials and briefed them on the price hike and the procedure to follow. The TS Beverages Corporation will not issue any stocks to dealers on Tuesday. IML and beer will be issued only after certification by the concerned station house officer (SHO) that stocks of such brands have been exhausted in the shop/bar/club. He said that the SHOs should convey a strong message to all liquor dealers that they must sell old liquor only at old rates. He said that the SHOs shall be held responsible for any

WOMEN FROM KOLHAPUR CIVIC BODY VISITS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

A 10-member all-women delegation from Kolhapur Municipal Corporation led by deputy chairman Chaya Umesh Powar visited the city and learnt about developmental activities and welfare programmes for women. GHMC urban community development officials explained the welfare programmes, empowerment programmes and those to do with persons with disabilities, loan facilities to self help groups, activities of slum level federations and town level federations, interest free loans, employment through skill training and placements for the youth, urban street vendors programme, construction of night shelters for people coming for medical treatment from outside.

Take steps to add more monuments: HC to govt

As TS fails to issue fresh list of protected monuments

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

HERITAGE PROTECTION

● Stating that only eight monuments from TS have been recognised as protected monuments of national importance as against 3,600 from the states, the bench observed that Hyderabad had astonishing monuments and structures such as the Paigah tombs but they had not been recognised as protected monuments of national importance.

The Telangana High Court asked the Centre and state governments why they had taken no steps to add to the number of protected monuments of national importance in the state and particularly in Hyderabad. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy directed the two governments and the archaeology department to explain within four weeks. The court found fault with the state government for not issuing a fresh list of protected monuments of state importance and the monuments that need to be protected after the Telangana Heritage (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and

Maintenance) Act, 2017, came into force. The Act mandates that the government notify state-protected monuments based on the recommendations of the Heritage Conservation Committee. "There are so many monuments and structures in and around the Hyderabad and in the state which are so beautiful but they are neglected, Justice Chauhan said. Stating that only eight monuments from

Telangana state have been recognised as protected monuments of national importance as against 3,600 from the states, the bench observed that Hyderabad had astonishing monuments and structures such as the Paigah tombs but they had not been recognised as protected monuments of national importance. There were only two such monuments in the city the bench said. The bench asked that when the Ramappa temple

was being considered for the Unesco World Heritage List, why did the government not select monuments for inclusion in the national list.

The bench was dealing with a taken-up public interest litigation on laying pipelines in the moat of the Golconda Fort by the GHMC without getting approval from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). This work is said to be damaging the heritage monument.

Assistant Solicitor General N. Rajeshwara Rao said that GHMC officials had not responded to the showcause notice served by the ASI.

The bench directed the GHMC to stop the work and issued notices to the principal secretary of municipal administration, GHMC and HMDA commissioners and the Union archaeology department.

HC treats DC's Speak Out as PIL, issues notice to govt

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

The Telangana High Court on Monday suo motu treated Deccan Chronicle's Speak Out as a public interest petition and issued notices to various wings of the state government.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy directed the chief secretary, principal secretaries of home and municipal administration, urban development, DGP, police commissioners of Hyderabad and Cyberabad, commissioner of GHMC, and col-

lectors of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts to file their replies on letters carried on the Speak Out pages of Deccan Chronicle within four weeks.

The High Court was taking cognisance of the December 2 edition of Speak Out, which carried readers' letters regarding poor civic facilities under the headline 'City Infrastructure Crumbling'.

One of the letters described the problems caused at Manikonda by vegetable vendors, who occupy the road and cause massive traffic jams.

The garbage that they leave behind is also not cleaned up, leading to unhygienic conditions.

Advertisement for CAT 2020 coaching, featuring 'GET AHEAD. GET AN MBA. Join Long Term Classroom Coaching for CAT 2020' and '2551 T.I.M.E. students into the IIMs alone - a total of 13,436 final selections in CAT 2018'.

BRIEF

Swine flu case reported

Hyderabad: A 60-year-old man was admitted to Gandhi Hospital with symptoms of swine flu on Monday. A resident of Malakpet, he was suffering from very high fever. Doctors suspected that it was not the usual flu and got the required tests done, which confirmed swine flu. He is in the Gandhi Hospital swine flu ward. His travel history shows that he had returned from Umrah in Saudi Arabia and doctors suspect that he got the virus while travelling. He is in a stable condition now.

OU to hold global meet on water

Hyderabad: Osmania University (OU) will host the 24th international water conference, HYDRO 2019, from December 18. The three-day conference has been organised by the Department of Civil Engineering in association with Indian Society for Hydraulics (ISH), Pune. Several themes related to water quality and efficient water usage will be discussed. Last year, Hydro, 2018 was held at NIT, Patna.

KEEP KIDS AWAY FROM PROTESTS, SAYS PANEL

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

Children should not be taken to protests even if it is a peaceful protest, says the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights in the city, as they can be used as shields. Children must also be kept away from VIP parades. But when it comes to children who are used by adults for begging, there is no clarity. What about parents who use the children to beg? The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) conducted one day divisional level workshop on 'Children in Street Situation.'

Advertisement for 'Hyderabad Images and Memories' book, celebrating the 75th anniversary of Deccan Chronicle. The ad features a book cover and several historical photographs. Text includes: 'We wrapped up our celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of Deccan Chronicle on May 15, by bringing a special compilation of seventy-five stories filled with intrigue and delight from the final days of the Nizamshahi, titled Hyderabad: Images & Memories. From the palace mysteries and murder plots to the Nizam's 3,000 wives and how the ruler faced allegations of kidnapping his bride, all under the watchful eyes of the British, it is all there. We scoured the archives and collected anecdotal evidence from several actors of that era to discover delightful asides like how the motichur laddus got their name, how an aide saved the Nizam's legendary treasures for the royal family and how Indira Gandhi floored the Nizam. There are more than 75 pictures, a few of them rare and perhaps being published for the first time.'



### State celebration

Endowments minister A. Indrakaran Reddy says the Inavolu Mallanna Jatara will be held from January 13



No one has the right to carry out violent protests and create trouble for people — G. Kishan Reddy, Minister of state, home

### BRIEF

#### Driver, cleaner die in mishap

Hyderabad: Driver Mallela Venkata Shiva, 28, and cleaner Kuntala Mahesh, 19, from Anantapur were crushed to death when their van (AP 39 TB 9693) rammed into a stationary lorry on the Outer Ring Road at Peddamberpet.

#### Quarrelsome auto driver held

Hyderabad: Autorickshaw driver Bandi Anjaneyulu, 21, was arrested by the Malkajgiri police for assaulting two persons on December 14. He picked up a quarrel with a florist who asked him not to park in front of her shop, and attacked her brother Shakti Jai Kishan, 32. He later beat up his friend K. Sai, 21, who asked him about the quarrel.

#### TN, GUJARAT TOP DEATH OF SCAVENGERS

From Page 1 There was a need for the legislative intervention and ministry officials said they were trying to bring in amendments to do away with loopholes. About 882 manual scavengers lost their lives in manual scavenging during the past two decades, and families of only half were paid the court-mandated ₹10 lakh compensation.

MAN KILLS WIFE OF 15 YEARS FOR SUSPECTED LOVE AFFAIR DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16 A man killed his wife because he suspected she was having an affair, police said on Monday. Md Mazhar Khan slit the throat of his wife of 15 years, Sana Sutana. The couple had two daughters and two sons.

LABOURER HELD FOR THEFT DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16 Pahadi Shareef police and attempted to snatch the ornaments she was wearing. When she resisted, Dasharath beat her on the head and the face with a stone.

## Man mistaken for a robber, lynched

### Victim, two others were hunting cats

PULI SHARAT KUMAR I DC JAGTIAL, DEC. 16

One person was killed and two others injured in a clash between two groups late on Sunday night at Prakashnagar in Korutla town of Jagtial district.

● A group started questioning questioning a trio in the area when tensions rose.

members of their community were being beaten up. They joined the quarrel which led to two groups attacking each other. In the meanwhile, the three cat-catchers were attacked. One of them died while two were seriously injured.

## Man jailed for molestation

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

A 38-year-old plumber who sexually abused two siblings aged 10 and 12 years was convicted and sentenced to three years of imprisonment by a city court on Monday.

According to the police, the complainant Nasima, 38, (name changed) was a resident of Pocharam village. She went to Saudi Arabia where her husband in March 2017 to work and left their three children, including the victims, at their paternal grandparents' house.

Rasool, a resident of Indiranagar in Boduppal, was arrested and remanded. After the investigation, police filed a chargesheet in the Ninth Additional District Judge Court at LB Nagar. The court conducted a trial and

### YOUTH WHO LURED, RAPED MINOR HELD

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

Chatrinaka police on Monday arrested the 20-year-old accused for the rape of a minor girl last Saturday.

A police official said the accused, M. Rakesh of Danaiahnagar, Uppuguda, told the 14-year-old victim that his sister is calling her to his residence. Chatrinaka inspector R. Vidya Sagar Reddy said, "Believing him, the girl went to his residence. The accused forcibly pulled her in, latched the door and sexually assaulted her."

The girl managed to escape and told her mother who filed a complaint. The police booked a case for wrongful confinement and under the POCSO Act and arrested the Rakesh.

convicted and sentenced Rasool, the police said.

## 3 HELD WITH DETONATORS, GELATINE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

Dundigal police arrested a civil contractor and his two aides for procuring explosives illegally for use at construction sites and seized 1,350 gelatin sticks and 1,200 detonators from them.

Acting on a tip-off, Dundigal police and the Balanagar Special Operations Team personnel intercepted a car in which the explosives were being transported and arrested civil contractor A. Swamy, 36, Y. Sathish, 33, and driver K. Venkatesh as they failed to produce documents for the explosives.

Balanagar DCP P.V. Padmaja said that Sathish along with one S. Raghupathy used to procure gelatin sticks and detonators illegally. Swamy used to carry out illegal blasting. Venkatesh works for Sathish.

## FRESH PLEA ON DISHA CASE ENCOUNTER

New Delhi, Dec. 16: A fresh plea on the alleged encounter killing of the four accused in the murder of veterinarian Disha was mentioned before the Supreme Court for urgent hearing on Monday. A bench headed by Chief Justice S.A. Bobde took note of the submission of lawyer Vrinda Grover, representing activist Sajaya K. who had moved the TS High Court in the matter, to approach the apex court's registrar to get the plea listed for urgent hearing. Ms Sajaya had sought a probe into the encounter deaths.

## Labourer held for theft

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

The Shahinayathgunj police arrested a man who took a woman to a lonely place, bludgeoned her and stole her gold ornaments worth ₹30,000. The accused was identified as Islavath Dasharath, 45, a labourer.

Dasharath took the victim N. Indiramma, to an isolated spot in the jurisdiction of the

Pahadi Shareef police and attempted to snatch the ornaments she was wearing. When she resisted, Dasharath beat her on the head and the face with a stone.

Leaving her bleeding there, Dasharath reportedly made away with her ornaments. Meanwhile, when Ms Indiramma did not return home, her family members lodged a missing complaint

with the Shahinayathgunj police. Additional inspector K. Maruthi who took up the investigation and searched the footage of 88 CCTV cameras to find the suspect. The police later zeroed in on Dasharath.

On Sunday, they received information that Dasharath was at the Begum Bazaar labour adda. Police rushed there and nabbed him.

## Two e-goods sellers held for making fakes

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

Two electronic goods sellers in Jeedimetla who were selling assembled TVs by using the names of leading brands were arrested by the Cyberabad Special Operations Team on Monday. The police seized about 154 TVs and programming pen drives

from the accused. The SOT raided Mahashakthi Electronics and NH Electronics at Shapur Nagar market in Jeedimetla and found that the owners, B. Subramanyam, 39 and Hasam Hasan Parmar, 55, were selling duplicate smart TVs. They were also distributing the duplicate TVs to other states.

## 11-member gang of cell thieves held

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 16

The Central zone Task Force team busted an 11-member gang which had been formed by merging two groups. The

used to snatch cell phones and steal automobiles. Police seized 27 two-wheelers, an autorickshaw and mobile phones, all worth ₹25 lakh, from them. Hyderabad police commis-

sioner Anjani Kumar said one Abdul Wahed, 35, an autorickshaw driver, had formed a gang with Mohd Althaf, Syed Jameel, Amer and a minor, among others. "Wahed knew how to start

a bike without the help of keys and the gang strated stealing two-wheelers. Another gang of Harshvardhan, Abhishek, Uday, Kiran, Abhilash and Mallesh colluded with them."

OBITUARY SRI MADANLALJI GULATI (24.01.1937 - 16.12.2019) In grief: Surinder-Sushma Khurana & Family

REMEMBRANCE M.P. JEEVARATHNAM (22.04.1946 - 17.12.2004) Dearest PAPA, 15 years ago you left us. Your love, Christ centered exemplary life and good deeds, still inspire us to live a God fearing life.

OBITUARY G.T. Surya Kantha Rao (18.11.1946 - 16.12.2019) Funeral Service at Mettuguda Cemetery on 17.12.2019 at 4.00 PM.

OBITUARY V. SHALEM CLINTON (18.08.1996 - 17.12.2018) Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. Missing you is heartache that never goes away.

OBITUARY SRI MADANLALJI GULATI (DOB: 24-01-1937 DOD: 16-12-2019) Funeral today 17th December, 2019 from our residence: LEGEND GULATI, Domalguda at 10:00 AM to Vaikunta Mahaprasthanam, near Whisper Valley, Shaikpet for last rites at 11:00 AM.

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29th DEATH ANNIVERSARY Late ADI. NARSINGRAO (Barkatpura Division) Ex-Corporator M.C.H. (Barkatpura Division) Your memories of strong leadership and hard work will continue to guide and inspire us.

MEMORIAL SERVICE K. JESSY ROBERTS (Singer and Musician) Memorial Service on Date: Wednesday (Tomorrow) December 18th at 6:30 p.m.

In fond remembrance on 2nd Death Anniversary Sri Punjari Badri Narayan (DoB: 10-12-1935 | DoD: 17-12-2017) Addl. Chief Town Planner, GHMC (Retd.)

32nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY SRI RAM PERSHAD DUBEY (Died on 17-12-1987) your memories are always with us. may your soul rest in peace.

OBITUARY SRI MADANLALJI GULATI (24.01.1937 - 16.12.2019) In grief: Jagdishlalji - Manju Chopra & Family

23rd ANNIVERSARY Sri Jangala Narayana Mudhiraj (DOD: 17-12-1996) Years has passed without you, Your place can never be filled, your memories are always with us.

MB NATESAN (Born: 15-10-1944 Passed Away: 15-12-2019 Manager (Retd.), Goodyear Tyres, Hyderabad Last rites and cremation 17 December at Chennai

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Smt.Sushilaben Mansukhlal Doshi (Heavenly Abode on 17-12-2013) "Your Memories are always in our hearts forever"

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY Mr. FRANCIS HARRY (S/o. Late L.Harry & Angelina Harry) Death Anniversary Remembrance on Tuesday 17th Dec.19, Holy mass at 6:30 am.

10th ANNIVERSARY UMESH SHUKLA (DOD: 26.06.1991 DOD: 17.12.2009) Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure

3rd Death Anniversary LATE SRI THAMMAREDDY RAGHURAMARAO (Rtd. GOVT. TEXT BOOK PRESS, HYD.) "May Your Soul Rest in Peace."

1st ANNIVERSARY SAI SUCHETH GOWNI (DOB: 06-10-1999 DOD: 17-12-2018) YOUR MEMORIES SHALL ALWAYS BE CHERISHED IN OUR HEARTS.

OBITUARY SRI MADANLALJI GULATI (24.01.1937 - 16.12.2019) In grief: Ramesh-Shashi Kwatra & Family

SAD DEMISE ADAVALLI RAMANUJA REDDY (DOD: 16-12-2019) In grief: Justice A. RAJASHEKER REDDY, SONS & FAMILY MEMBERS

SHRADDHANJALI Smt. Jogikall Math Umadevi (Wife of Late. Sri. Jogikall Math Shivannadatta) On Saturday, 14 Dec 2019 Funeral will be held



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- A government delivering on its promises, waived off agriculture loan
- Decrease in cost of irrigation, establishment of Food Processing Units
- Village empowerment through Narva, Garva, Ghurva, Bari

### Belief of Tribals

- New era of justice, returned land to villagers in Lohandiguda
- Tendupatta collectors getting Rs. 4000 per sac
- Acquiring 22 forest products at support price
- Starting various processing units
- Review of cancelled Vanadhikaar Patta, stress on Samudayik Patta
- People facing fabricated criminal charges released

### Belief of Women

- Campaign to eradicate malnutrition and anaemia
- New Opportunities for education and employment
- Empowering Women by reinforcing Folk Culture

### Belief of Youth

- Employment centric quality education
- Future in sports and other sectors
- Decline in unemployment rate, new opportunities in govt. sector
- Right to free education till class 12th

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**Official charge**

**Nagaland Governor R N Ravi, also the Centre's interlocutor for Naga talks, was given additional charge of Meghalaya**



**Repeal controversial Citizenship Amendment Act immediately**

— Amrinder Singh  
Punjab Chief Minister

**IN BRIEF**

**Solar eclipse on Dec. 26**

**Kolkata:** A partial solar eclipse will be visible in India along with several other countries on December 26. This will be an annular solar eclipse in some parts of India and elsewhere which happens when the Moon covers the sun's centre, leaving the sun's visible outer edges to form a "ring of fire" or annulus — around the moon. The maximum obstruction of the sun during the eclipse when seen from different cities of India will be 89.4 per cent in Bengaluru, 84.6 per cent in Chennai, 78.8 per cent in Mumbai, 74.3 per cent in Hyderabad, 66 per cent in Ahmedabad and 44.7 per cent in Delhi, the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum said.

**Copy of Rahul's speech sought**

**New Delhi:** The Election Commission has asked poll authorities in Jharkhand to submit a certified copy of the speech of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in which he had made the "rape in India" remark at an election rally in the state last week. The decision to seek the transcript came after BJP leaders approached the poll panel against Gandhi, accusing him of using the issue of rape as a tool to target political rivals. Official sources in the EC said further action would be contemplated after getting the report.

**NITISH WANTS MODI TO BAN PORN**

**NAYEAR AZAD | DC PATNA, DEC. 16**  
Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging him to impose a complete ban on porn sites in order to stop cases of sexual assault against women in the country. "Disturbing incidents of crime against women are being reported from various states. I, therefore, request you to kindly impose a complete ban on porn sites which are easily accessible on the internet," Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said in the letter he wrote to Prime Minister on Monday. Kumar and his government are facing sharp criticism from the Opposition parties over rising cases of rapes and sexual assault in the state. Concerned over such incidents, the state government has also directed the police officials and administration to ensure speedy trial of the accused. According to officials here, "Police have been directed to arrest the accused involved in rape cases and file charge-sheet against them in order to ensure speedy trial".

**62.54% VOTE IN J'KHAND FOURTH PHASE**

**Ranchi, Dec. 16:** An estimated 62.54 per cent of over 47 lakh electorate cast their votes in the fourth phase of Jharkhand Assembly elections to 15 seats on Monday. Election Commission (EC) officials said. Polling, which began at 7 am, was peaceful in the constituencies spread over Giridih, Deoghar, Dhanbad and Bokaro districts, state Chief Electoral Officer Vinay Kumar Choubey said. Voting ended at 3 pm in Jamua, Bagodar, Giridih, Dumri and Tundi seats while the exercise concluded at 5 pm in the remaining seats, Choubey said. He said 48 ballot units, 50 control units and 121 VVPAT machines had to be replaced but polling was not hampered because of it. There were a total of 9,902 ballot units, 7,628 control units and 7,931 VVPAT machines, Choubey said. The seats which went to polls in this round were Deoghar (SC), Jamua (SC), Chandankiyari (SC), Madhupur, Bagodar, Gandey, Giridih, Dumri, Bokaro, Sindri, Nirsia, Dhanbad, Jharia, Tundi and Baghmara. Prominent among the candidates in this phase were state labour minister Raj Paliwar from Madhupur seat and land and revenue minister Amar Kumar Bauri from Chandankiyari constituency. Out of total 6,101 polling stations, 1,133 were marked 'critical' and 3,070 'sensitive'. A total of 47,85,009 voters, including 22,44,134 female and 81 third gender voters, were eligible to decide the fate of 221 nominees, including 23 women. —PTI



Elderly voters being assisted after casting their votes during the fourth phase of Jharkhand Assembly polls in Dhanbad on Monday. —PTI

**Ram temple in 4 months: Shah**

**Pakur / Poreyahaat (Jharkhand), Dec. 16:** BJP president Amit Shah on Monday, said a sky-touching lord Ram temple would come up in Ayodhya within four months, which Indians from all over the world have been demanding for 100 years. Making a blistering attack on Congress, Shah asked its leader Kapil Sibal why he sought to drag the Ram Janmabhoomi case in the Supreme Court. "Congress leader and advocate Kapil Sibal sahab said, 'abhi mat chalay case, baad mein chalay. Keon bhai, aap ke pet mein kyon dar hai' (take up the case later; why do you have a stomach ache following the case)," Shah asked Sibal. The BJP president was addressing an election

**ADDRESSING a poll meeting at Kamli Bagicha, Union Home Minister Amit Sha said Indians all over the world have been demanding for the Ram temple for 100 years.** rally in Pakur in favour of the party candidate. Later, addressing another poll meeting at Kamli Baghicha maidan, Poreyahaat in the neighbouring Godda district, Shah iterated 'Ashman chhuma hua Bhagwan Ram Mandir' (sky-touching lord Rama temple) in Ayodhya within four months. On protests over amended Citizenship Act, he appealed to students to study the Citizenship

(Amendment) Act which has no provision to take away anybody's citizenship. "These Congress, AAP and Trinamul parties are misleading you and creating an atmosphere of violence inside the country," he told the agitating youths. Shah also asked the opposition parties to abjure violence as "nothing comes out of violence". "Not long ago, the Supreme Court gave its ruling on Ayodhya. There was a demand of Indians from all over the world for 100 years that a grand temple should be built at Ram Janmabhoomi," he said. "I want to tell you that the Supreme Court verdict has come, a grand Ram temple touching the sky is going to be built in Ayodhya within four

months," Shah added. Addressing an election rally at Poreyahaat in support of BJP candidate Gajadhar Singh, the Union home minister criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for opposing abrogation of Article 370, while hailing Narendra Modi government for not only doing away with Article 370 and 35 A, but also bringing the amended Citizenship Act. "Desh ka saath chhedkani bardast nahin karenge (we will not tolerate anybody meddling with the country)," Shah said without elaborating. Earlier, in the Pakur rally, Shah asked the people to be on guard against "traitors" like Mir Jafar, alleging the Congress could neither develop the country and secure its borders, nor honour people's sentiments. —PTI

**Naravane named Army chief**

**Seniority principle followed**

**PAWAN BALI | DC NEW DELHI, DEC. 16**



Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane

Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane will be the next Army Chief. Lt. Gen. Naravane is the most senior army commander and Modi government has followed the seniority principle by nominating him as next Army Chief. Gen. Rawat was appointed as Army chief in December 2016, by superseding two officers senior to him. Also, vice admiral Karambir Singh was appointed as Navy Chief superseding his senior vice-admiral Bimal Verma. Lt. Gen. Naravane is currently vice-chief of the Army Staff. The present Army chief Gen Bipin Rawat retires on December 31. Lt. Gen. Naravane and Lt. Gen. Ranbir Singh (senior most officer after Lt Gen Naravane) currently chief of Northern Command were contenders for the post of Army chief. Lt. Gen. Naravane is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and the Indian Military Academy. He was commissioned into the 7th Battalion, The Sikh Light Infantry Regiment in June 1980. He brings with him an enormous amount of experience in serving in the most challenging areas. In a distinguished military career spanning almost four decades, he has the distinction of

**ARMY CHIEF Gen Bipin Rawat is due to retire on December 31 after a three-year stint.**

**HE IS expected to be appointed as the country's first Chief of Defence Staff.**

**BEFORE taking charge as vice chief of the Army Staff, Lt Gen Naravane was heading the Eastern Command which takes care of India's nearly 4,000-km border with China.**

...serving key appointments in active counter insurgency environments, both in the North East and in Jammu and Kashmir and was a part of the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka during Operation pawan. He also has had the opportunity of serving as a Defence Attache at the Indian Embassy in Myanmar for three years.

**SC forms panel on speedy disposal of rape cases**

**New Delhi, Dec. 16:** The Supreme Court has set up a 2-judge committee to look into the issue of expeditious disposal of rape cases across the country, a source said on Monday. In an administrative decision, Chief Justice S.A. Bobde has set up the two-member committee of Justices Subhash Reddy and M.R. Shah, the source said. The decision comes in the wake of rise in rape cases across the country and the recent incident of encounter killing of four accused in the gang rape and murder of a veterinarian in Telangana. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court will on Tuesday hear a plea filed by one of the four convicts in the Nirbhaya gangrape-cum-murder case seeking a review of the 2017 apex court judgment upholding his death penalty in the matter. A bench of Chief Justice S.A. Bobde and Justices R. Banumathi and Ashok Bhushan would hear the review plea filed by Akshay Kumar Singh whose lawyer has sought clemency arguing life in

**CBI DIDN'T FOLLOW PROBE MANUAL, SAYS JUDGE IN UNNAO CASE**

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It said the CBI itself was not following the manual on investigation and prosecution. "The woman was allegedly kidnapped and raped by Sengar in 2017 when she was a minor." The court had also framed charges against co-accused Shashi Singh in the case. Sengar, a four-time BJP MLA from UP's Bangermau, was expelled from the BJP in

August 2019. The court had on August 9 framed charges against the MLA and Singh under Sections 120b (criminal conspiracy), 366 (kidnapping or inducing a woman to compel for marriage), 376 (rape) and other sections of the PoSoc Act. The trial in the high-profile case was held in-camera after the Supreme Court transferred the matter from Unnao to a Delhi court.

Delhi is anyway becoming short due to rising air and water pollution. The bench would also hear the counsel appearing for the victim's mother who has moved the top court opposing the plea. On July 9 last year, the apex court had dismissed the review pleas filed by the other three 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. The 23-year-old paramedic student was gangraped and brutally assaulted on the intervening night of December 16-17, 2012 inside a moving bus in south Delhi by six persons before being thrown out on the road. She died on December 29, 2012 at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore. One of the accused in the case, Ram Singh, allegedly committed suicide in the Tihar Jail here. —PTI

**8 CHARGESHEETED FOR HONEY-TRAP SCANDAL IN M.P.**

**RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, DEC. 16**  
The police on Monday, filed chargesheet in the honey-trap scandal of Madhya Pradesh in a local court in Indore, naming eight people, including six women as accused. The 390-page chargesheet, along with around 3,000 documents in support of the charges made against the accused, was filed in the Indore district court, police said. While five accused in the scandal, Shweta Vijay Jain, Shweta Swapnil Jain, Barkha Soni, Arti Dayal, Monica Yadav and their driver were currently in police custody following their arrests a month ago, the two other accused, Rupa and Abhishek were still absconding. The accused have been charged with indulging in human trafficking, extortion, blackmailing and making public, material containing sexually explicit acts, violating privacy of some people, the investigating officer in the case said.

**FAMILY | DRAMA Daughter-in-law says she was pulled by her hair, beaten up**

**Rabri Devi accused of domestic violence**

**NAYEAR AZAD | DC PATNA, DEC. 16**  
Trouble mounts for former Chief Minister Rabri Devi, as her daughter-in-law Aishwarya Rai has accused her of physical assault and domestic violence. The incident occurred on late Sunday evening, when she approached Rabri Devi to complain about her husband Tej Pratap Yadav's supporters putting up posters near Patna University to defame her family. Talking to reporters outside Rabri Devi's official residence, she said "I just wanted my mother-in-law

**SOURCES say that Rabri Devi's daughter-in-law Aishwarya Rai filed a written complaint against her accusing her of "harassment and physical torture"**

to intervene and ask her son Tej Pratap to remove posters which were pasted across the university campus to defame me and my father. Immediately after I approached her, she abused me and started pulling my hair: I was also beaten up and driven out of the house," Lalu Yadav and

Rabri Devi's son Tej Pratap Yadav's wife Aishwarya Rai said. Sources said that Aishwarya Rai later filed a written complaint against Rabri Devi accusing her of "harassment and physical torture". "The incident occurred in front of the staff and security guards. My mobile phone was also snatched, as it had plenty of evidence against all of them," Aishwarya Rai said. Police officials, however, said that they were waiting for a report from the team which had visited Rabri Devi's residence on Sunday to investigate the case.

The posters which Aishwarya spoke about were also not found anywhere near Patna university. Sources said that the posters were removed immediately after the issue surfaced on Sunday. This is not the first time when she has accused her mother-in-law Rabri Devi of harassment. In September, she was seen weeping outside the official residence of Rabri Devi. Tej Pratap, who is Lalu Yadav's eldest son, had filed for divorce within six months of his marriage with Aishwarya Rai. Sources close to Lalu Yadav's family claim that

he had cited compatibility issue as a reason for his divorce. Aishwarya Rai, the granddaughter of former Bihar Chief Minister Daroga Rai and daughter of a veteran political leader and RJD MLA Chandrika Rai, had married Lalu Yadav's elder son Tej Pratap Yadav on May 12 last year. Yadav's decision to divorce his wife had created a flutter not only within his family but also in the political circles. Reacting to the issue Tejaswini Yadav said that his political rivals were using the incident to divert public attention from other core issues.

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