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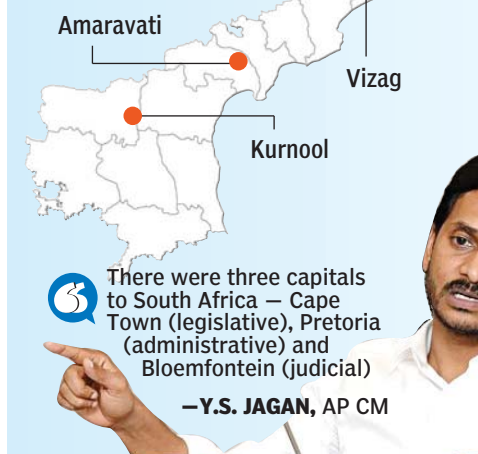
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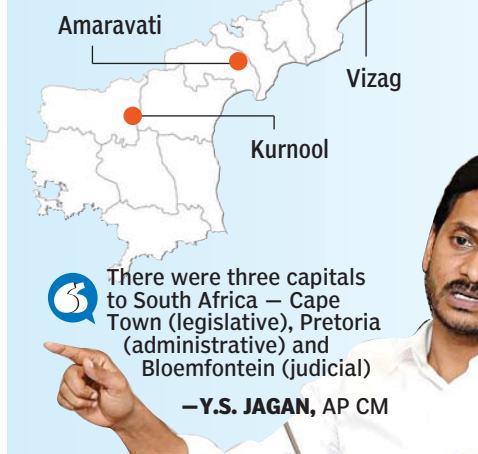
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Saving kids

Owaisi says bitter adults are poisoning the minds of little children, it is agonising to see children mimic hate



Kalvakuntla Sales Tax (KST) is in place. KST mafia is behind the hike in liquor prices.

— A. Revanth Reddy
Congress MP

IN BRIEF

Dog expert Nazeer Yar Jung dead

Hyderabad: Nawab Nazeer Yar Jung Bahadur, an internationally acclaimed authority on dogs, passed away on Tuesday, his family sources said. He was 90. He had written a book *Strolling through the Jungles*. He was a son of Nawab Waliud Dowla Bahadur (1877-1937), a scion of the Paigah family. Nazeer Yar Jung was a brother of the late Nawab Habeeb Jung Bahadur and Nawab Basheer Yar Jung Bahadur.

LOVE STRIKES AT TELANGANA JAGRUTHI

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Mr Swarnakar, the head of Telangana Jagruthi's Germany division, and Julia, a German national, are set to marry soon. The couple on Wednesday met Telangana Jagruthi chairperson and former Nizamabad MP K. Kavitha to invite her to their wedding.

Ms Kavitha, it is learnt, congratulated the couple. She said, "Love is not bound by caste, religion or region. This is clear from Swarnakar and Julia's relationship."

Mr Swarnakar had recently moved to Germany due to professional responsibilities. There, he worked on promoting Telangana festivals such as Bathukamma and Bonalu. He fell in love with his colleague at work, Ms Julia.

Their relationship is said to have both parents' blessings. They are set to wed in the Indian tradition on December 22 in Hyderabad.

CCMB TO HOLD PROGRAMME FOR KIDS

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A two-week Young Innovators Programme will be held out by CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) where students of Grades 8 to 10 are trained in scientific methodology. The programme is to encourage their curious nature and give them hands-on experience in research. The YIP will be conducted from December 31 to January 13, 2020.

The participants are selected on the basis of a test to be conducted on December 26 at the CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology auditorium. The screening test participants will also get to attend a popular science lecture by Dr V.M. Tiwari, Director, CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute. The talk will be based on water management strategies. This is the seventh consecutive year that the programme is being held.

Restrictions fail to deter protests

Manuu comes together to show solidarity with JIM, AMU students on CAA issue

ATHER MOIN I DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

Cyberabad police on Tuesday blocked roads by erecting barricades and prohibited movement towards Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Manuu) where students are agitating against the enactment of the Citizenship (Amended) Act and proposed implementation of the National Register of Citizens.

Police personnel were deployed to verify the identity of any visitors. They allowed only staff and students of the university and other establishments nearby to proceed.

Family members of the staff of the university who stay on campus were not allowed in since they do not possess identity cards. University authorities had to intervene to allow family members to pass through the barriers. Media persons were also not allowed to pass through.

International karate champion Sayeda Falak who was invited by the students union to address the agitating students was also not allowed.

Ms Falak expressed her anguish at the attitude of the police and asked why it was necessary to prevent people from demonstrating peacefully. "They stopped us today, but we will not keep quiet," she said.

MANUU Student's Union president Shaikh Umer Faruq Quadri said students may attend the semester examinations from Wednesday, but the democratic and peaceful protests will continue. Quadri said that students who don't have examinations will participate in the agitation.

He questioned the tactics adopted by the police even though it was a peaceful protest.

Teaching and non-teaching staff of the University have extended their support to the agitating students.

Joining the students were teachers of the university, who led a peaceful march to protest the brutal action of police on students of Jamia Millia Islamia in New Delhi and Aligarh Muslim University. The MANUU Employees Welfare Association (Mewa) and Manuu Administrative Officers' Association (MOA) joined in the march



Students of various organisations stage a demonstration at the Osmania University in protest against the Delhi police action and the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens on Tuesday. — P. SURENDRA

Will not submit required documents: OU students

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

Torchlights, banners and slogans against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) reverberated in Osmania University on Tuesday night as students gathered in large numbers near Arts College. Students from different universities and colleges participated in the march raising slogans against the government.

The students said that they will not succumb to the demands of the government and that no documents will be submitted by them. Students demanded that the central government must withdraw the

as well. Around 300 teaching and non-teaching staff led the procession to the main gate of the university holding up a variety of placards.

Students say that they will not give in to the demand of the central government. They refused to submit any documents that would prove their citizenship in accordance with the newly implemented law.

bill immediately. "Repeal the Act" was their demand. "We will not participate," was their important chorus when asked about the legislation.

The students are keenly examining the legislation. Naresh G., a student, explained, "There will be a cut-off date by the government and that can be a challenge for all. It is

merely a ploy to discriminate and create further division in society." Students stated that the Act was against the poor as many of them would not have papers. "Of late, they have been carrying their Aadhaar cards, the only valid document many have, with them. But the other documents are not available. What will they be called? Can they be termed illegal as they do not have proper documents," asked a student.

Protestors alleged that instead of aiming for the upliftment of the poor, the government was questioning their validity as citizens. They termed CAA unacceptable.

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Asaduddin Owaisi, Member of Parliament is set to participate in the protest organized by United Muslim Action Committee against the Citizenship Amendment Act on December 21st at Darussalam in Old City.

The protest public meeting has been called where not only party legislators but also religious scholars are going to attend the meeting.

The call has been given to all the members within the party and also to those who are protesting to come forward as one. Mr Mushtaq Malik, president of Tehreek-E-Muslim Shaban explained, "We are going to participate in the protest as it is time to show that we are one. CAA and NRC are not acceptable to us and we

are not for it. Democratic protests are to show that the people are not going to accept it."

The meeting notice by Owaisi has already gone viral with large number of them sharing them on their social media groups. The community leaders and religious scholars are also maintaining contact on a daily basis with small groups of people about CAA and NRC to make them understand harm the bill will cause to the community.

Mr Abid Rasool Khan, senior leader said, "It is high time that everyone kept their differences aside. This is not only for Muslims. The act will not just harm Muslims. Others will also have to go through the pain of declaring themselves as citizens. If the cut off date is 1951, how many in India would have papers from that time?"

INTELLECTUALS WANT GOVT TO REPEAL CAA

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Twenty-five achievers from across various fields, including writers, academicians, journalists and intellectuals have strongly protested against the Citizenship Amendment Act stating that it alters the character of India and violates the spirit of the Constitution.

They demanded that the Act should be repealed immediately.

They appealed to fellow-intellectuals and achievers to join the nationwide protest in order to safeguard the secular and democratic ethos of the country.

They strongly condemned police highhandedness on students of Jamia Millia, Aligarh Muslim University and at some other places.

They called upon the protesting students to eschew violence and go about peaceful agitations.

In a statement issued on Tuesday they said, "The Act violated the secular and inclusive vision of the leaders of our freedom movement and founding fathers of our constitution. It violated its basic structure and granting of citizenship on the basis of religion, particularly excluding Muslims..." The intellectuals have termed the step taken by the government as divisive, discriminatory and unconstitutional.

The statement was signed by RV Rama Rao, President of Progressive Writers Association, Telangana K. Srinivas Reddy, President, Indian Journalists Union, K. Siva Reddy, Saraswati Samman awardee, Prof. Katyayani Vidmahe, literary critic, Prof. N. Gopi, poet and former Vice-Chancellor of Telugu University.

Other signatories include Devipriya, Sahitya Academy awardee, Prof. Majid Bedar, Vice-President, Progressive Writers Association, Anisetti Rajita, Mangari Rajendar, former district judge and poet, Penugonda Laxmi Narayana, Secretary, All India Progressive Writers Association and many others.

My aim is to win the 2020 World Cup: Manasi Joshi

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL I DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

Manasi Joshi, a para badminton athlete, World No. 2 in the SL3 singles category, was felicitated by the Hyderabad 10K Foundation on Tuesday.

The ceremony was chaired by national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand and Gemini Kiran and a few directors of the 10K Run. The foundation also gifted her ₹3 lakh in cash. She was six when she started playing badminton with her father, after completing her graduation in electronic engineering in 2010.

In 2011, she met with a road accident and lost her

left leg. At that time, her family and friends supported her. After the recovery, she took up badminton again. Despite the handicap, her commitment and hard work made her win a silver medal in the mixed doubles at the Para-badminton world championship held in Stoke Mandeville, England in September 2015.

In October 2018, she had won a bronze medal for India at the Asian Para Games 2018, held in Jakarta, Indonesia. Also, she had won a gold medal for India at the Para-badminton World Championship 2019 held in Basel, Switzerland.

Excerpts from a conversation with the athlete:

Q After your accident, when did you pick up the racquet again and what made you take up this sport seriously?

A In December 2011, I met with an accident. After recovery, I joined my job and started playing at office events. Over there, I used to get consolation prizes.

Then I made up my mind that I will do something big and focused on that. In 2014, I played the nationals.

Q Following the accident, what kind of support did you get?

A After the accident, I was shattered, but thanks to my family, my siblings and all my friends who were

there to support me every moment, I survived. Support from family and friends was vital.

Q What difference did Hyderabad bring into your life since you are getting trained here?

A I was constantly in touch with Gopi sir (Pullela Gopichand) over the phone. One day I made up my mind, packed my things and came to Hyderabad. And that helped me in achieving my dream.

Q As there are so many achievements under your hat already, what is your next target?

A My aim is to qualify for the 2020 World Cup, that will roll on to my winning that championship.



The Hyderabad 10K Run foundation felicitates Indian Para badminton athlete Manasi Joshi on Tuesday. — R. PAVAN

9 SCR STATIONS CERTIFIED ISO STANDARD

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

South Central Railway on Tuesday announced that nine of its stations — Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Kacheguda, Vijayawada, Nizamabad, Kurnoor city, Basar, Vikarabad and Parli Vajinath — have been awarded the Environmental Standard ISO 14001:2015 certification for implementing environmental management systems.

The certification is issued to stations which meet the standards in provision of services and amenities for transportation of passengers, maintenance of cleanliness and timely disposal of garbage. The standards are reportedly aimed at "minimising consumable resources and developing environment friendly atmosphere."

SCR general manager Gajanan Malhya was learnt to have asked officials to work towards getting the certification for more stations in the zone. It may be noted that the National Green Tribunal had recently directed the Railways to identify 36 stations to be developed as 'Eco-smart stations.' SCR identified three such stations — Secunderabad, Kachiguda and Vijayawada. The release said the three stations would be developed as Eco-smart stations since they comply with NGT's norms.

FISCAL MATTERS | Most states fare poorly, growth percentage goes negative; Delhi's I-T collection growth at -7.6

Advance tax collections dips, downturn continues

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC HYDERABAD DEC. 17

At a time when the country's attention has been diverted to the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the protests that are continuing, the country's economy appears to be going from bad to worse.

In what is being described as a worrisome development, the continuing economic slowdown has hugely impacted the overall Income-Tax collections up to December 15 — the third instalment for payment of advance tax. The total net

Advance tax is paid in four installments — On or before June 15 (15 per cent of advance tax), On or before September 15 (45 per cent of advance tax), on or before December 15 (75 per cent of advance tax) and on or before March 15 (100 per cent of advance tax).

■ As on September 15, the second installment date for payment of advance tax, the net collection was ₹4.46 lakh crore while the figure for the same period the previous financial year was ₹4.24 lakh crore.

■ From April 1 to November 23 this financial year, the total net collection of advance tax was a little over ₹5.44 lakh crores.

■ From November 23 to December 15, it has gone up to over Rs 6.75 lakh crores, an increase of about Rs 1.31 lakh crores.

collections so far this financial year stand at a little over ₹6.75 lakh crore (₹6,75,407.2 crore last year) while the figure for the same period in the last financial year was over

₹6.70 lakh crore (₹6,70,738.1 crore last year) registering an overall growth of a mere 0.7 per cent. For 2019-2020, the Central Board of Direct Taxes has set a target of ₹13.8

lakh crore for the income tax department. As per the latest figures available with Deccan Chronicle, the corporate tax collected (till December 15) is over ₹3.68 lakh crore and income-tax ₹2.98 lakh crore.

Most states have fared poorly and the growth percentage has dipped to minus.

The financial capital — Mumbai — registered a growth of just 4.6 per cent as the total net collection stood at over ₹1.82 lakh crore as against ₹1.74 lakh crore the previous financial year. Next in the list is the Delhi region whose growth rate dipped to minus 7.6 per cent with collections of a little over ₹89,317 crore (₹96,624 crore last year).

In the south, the Chennai I-T region's net collection was ₹43,197 crore (₹42,298 crore last year) and growth rate was 2.1 per cent. The

Hyderabad I-T region's (which includes Telangana state and AP) collections stood at ₹33,965 crores (₹32,960 crore last year) registering a growth of three per cent. Bengaluru fared poorly, its net collections standing at ₹66,408 crore (₹69,068 crore last year) and its growth rate went down to minus 3.9 per cent while in the Kochi I-T region, the net collection was ₹9,032 crore (₹8,821 crore last year) registering a growth rate of 2.4 per cent.

Officials say that not only are the net collections worrisome, they also have no clue how they would

achieve the overall target of ₹13.8 lakh crore, with a little over three months to go before the financial year comes to an end on March 31. "At this rate, it is impossible. Had the economy been doing well, by this period the figure would have crossed ₹8.5 lakh crore to ₹9 lakh crore," they said adding that the target last year was ₹11.5 lakh crore.

The Income-Tax regions which fared poorly are Delhi (-7.6 per cent growth), Bengaluru (-3.9), Guwahati (-19.9), Lucknow (-2.4), Jaipur (-19.6), Chandigarh (-1.0), Bhubaneswar (2.6) and Bhopal (0.9).



Job openings

KTR says 11,569 firms have got permission through TS-iPASS, which would generate employment opportunities for 6 lakh people



All the yagnas by KCR are to make his son KTR CM not for the people's welfare

— Dr K. Laxman
TS BJP president

POWER | SHUTDOWN

10 am to 1.30 pm: Kavuri Hills Phase-II, Amar Co-Operative Society, Kalyannagar, Anjaninagar, Jubilee Hills Road No. 44
10 am to 1 pm: Pro Agro Seeds, Adityanagar, Suryanagar, Chabra Enclave, Meraj Colony, Jhansi Laxmi Bai Colony, Mahbub Garden, Jhansinagar, 7 Tombs, Raghava Colony, Aravindnagar, Samatha Colony, Azizbagh, Rahul Colony, Rainbow Apartments, Suryanagar, Shaikpet Nala area, Jamali Kunta, MD Lines, Shatamnagar, Durganagar, Grammar Colony, Wally Colony, Nadeem Colony, NSF Colony, Bal Reddy Nagar, Owaisi Colony, Akbarpura, Minar Colony, Al-Kareem Colony.
10.30 am to 12.30 pm: Harishita Residency, Bholakpur, Mekala Mandi, Mallikarjuna temple.
10.30 am to 2 pm: Alinagar, Madhuranagar, Allahabad Bank area, Srinivas Colony A, B blocks, State Home, HDFC Bank ATM, area opposite Yellareddyguda sub-station, Krishnadevarayala Park, Susheel Orthopedic Centre, Engineers Colony, Gowri Shanker Colony, Jubilee Hills Roads No. 10, 11, Cargo Office area, Guffor Colony, Road No.8, Devender Goud PT area, Marutinagar, Pragathinagar, Kamalapuri Phase-II, Green Bawarchi area, SBH Colony, Saradhi Studio area, Srinivas Colony West, Madhuranagar Al Shafa Hotel area, Vora Towers area, Kalyannagar, Tulasi Apartment, Yousfuguda Basti, Mahbub Function Hall, Yousfuguda check post, Vishnu Homes, Savera Function Hall area, Rehmathnagar, Jayaprakashnagar
10.30 am to 12 noon: Karvy Office, Doctors' Colony, Durgam Cheruvu area, Kavuri Hills Phase-II, AP State Gallery
12.30 am to 2 pm: TR Apartments, Yellamma temple, Skandagiri area, Brooke Bond area, Patrikanagar
2 pm to 5 pm: Humayunnagar, Mehdiapatnam, MIGH, Sriramnagar, Muradnagar, Vijayanagar colony, Owaisi Park, Dilshadnagar, Ayodhyanagar, SBI Colony, Aravind Eye Hospital, Santhoshnagar, Milan Garden.
2.30 pm to 5 pm: Railway bridge, Bhoiguda Garden, Sunnam Batti, Railway quarters, Govt High School, Gandhinagar police station.

IN BRIEF

STATE GOVT GEARS UP FOR PREZ VISIT

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

Work is on full swing for the winter sojourn of President Ramnath Kovind which is scheduled from December 20 to 28. On Tuesday, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials held a review meeting to ensure that all arrangements are in place. The corporation was asked to coordinate with the Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB), under whose jurisdiction Rashtrapati Nilayam falls. GHMC commissioner Lokesh Kumar directed the entomology wing to deploy its workers for spraying, fogging and anti-larva operations in the area. Apart from providing 20 mobile toilets from Cantonment additional 30 mobile toilets to be provided and ensure water available 24 hours.

"Attach one contractor for cleaning toilets once on morning and evening daily and should continued up to December 28, 2019 and depute a person to monitor the above activities. Also to provide mobile toilets at Hakimpet Airport," he said.

Mr Kumar told officials to take up sanitation work and ensure the surroundings of Rastrapathi Nilayam were neat and clean and to control the use of plastics. The veterinary wing was asked to deploy trained squads to catch dogs and monkeys and ensure there are no stray animals around.

Fast food quality sets alarm bells ringing

High levels of salt, fat found in popular brands

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

If the saying, 'You are what you eat' is true, then according to a study conducted by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), Indians are no more than fat and sodium.

The study, published on Tuesday, was conducted on popular processed foods and has set alarm bells ringing about the dangers of packaged and fast food sold in markets across the country.

High levels of salt and fat were found in 14 samples of popular brands of chips, namkeen, instant noodles and instant soup and in 19 samples of burgers, fries, fried chicken, pizza, sandwich and wraps.

The study results show that most popular brands have very high content of fat and sodium which is also the root cause of

Food item	Salt Content (gm/100 gm)	Total Fat Content (gm/100 gm)
Chips	3.23	36.7
Namkeen	4.99	44.79
Instant Noodles	4.25	22.06
Burger	1.54	19.47
Fries	0.85	14.9
Sandwiches and Wraps	1.88	18.27

heart diseases. The tests were conducted by CSE's Environment Monitoring Laboratory (EML). The samples of the above-mentioned foods were collected from grocery stores and fast food outlets popular across the country.

CSE director-general Sunita Narain said: "We have found dangerously high levels of salt and fat in all the packaged food and fast food samples that we tested. We consumers have the right to know what is contained in the package. But our food regulator, the

FSSAI, is dragging its feet and has not notified its own draft labelling regulation. This is clearly because of pressure from the powerful food industry. This is not acceptable. This is compromising our right to know and our right to health."

In the chips and namkeen category, among all the brands tested, a brand endorsed by Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli as a smart snack had the maximum salt content - 1 g in 30 g of chips.

In other words, 30 g of

this product gives double the day's allowance of salt from a snack!

Namkeens like bhujia, mixture have very high salt levels as do samples of burgers, pizzas, and sandwiches.

There are more traditional snacks low in fats and salt, such as corn on the cob or just plain boiled corn. As it turns out, most of the contemporary snacks sold in the markets, are easy on the pocket and that is what makes them so widely consumed.

"Since the most widely consumed snacks are economical, people gravitate towards it. Most widely consumed snacks like, punugulu, samosas and others are available for ₹10 or less, whereas a snack like boiled corn is not widely available," said Dr Latha Sashi, who is a consultant nutritionist at the Fernandez Hospital.

Kids fed stale food in mid-day meal

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

Chilukanagar primary school at Uppal served stale food, leftovers from Sunday night's Ayyappa maha padi puja, to children during their mid-day meal on Monday afternoon.

The school has about 250 children of which 182 students attended that day.

Some students, who sensed something wrong with the food, refused to eat during their meal time and later in the day, they complained about it at home.

When parents questioned the school authorities, teachers in turn questioned the cooks, only to learn that the food was from the previous night's puja. It was served after re-heating, with the other food.

Speaking to the Deccan Chronicle, Madana Chari, mandal education officer (MEO), Uppal, said, "When we questioned the agency people directly, they accepted that the food was the previous night's and have apologised. However, we have now passed a resolution to cancel the mid-day meal contract with the agency. The inspection report was sent to the district education office as well on Tuesday."

Following a complaint from several parents, man-

HC SEEKS REPLY ON INTER PAPER NAME CHANGE

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

The Telangana High Court has sought a reply from the state government, the Board of Intermediate Education (BIE) and the TS Council for Higher Education on changing the name of the Civics paper to Political Science and revising the syllabus.

The court was dealing a petition by the Public Administration Scholars Association, which challenged a circular issued on July 3 for change of subject that was issued by the BIE secretary.

The petitioners said the decision was taken unilaterally without constituting an experts committee or seeking objections from experts in the subject of public administration.

Mr Burra Ramesh, counsel representing the petitioner, said that the 'Civics' subject is the combination of 'Public Administration' and 'Political Science'.

Fitness drive



Apollo Foundation vice-chairperson Upasana Kamineni performs yoga as police commissioner Anjani Kumar and Additional DGP, Crimes, Shikha Goel watch at a yoga and health camp for police personnel at the Nizam College Grounds in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

— S.SURENDER REDDY

Price variation in RTM and UC flats decreases

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

For people looking to buy an apartment, it is conventional wisdom to book one when it is under-construction rather than when it is ready to move in to. Under-construction (UC) homes have always been cheaper than ready-to-move-in (RTM) counterparts. However, according to a recent study by property consultancy group Anarock, the price difference between the two categories has fallen hugely.

According to the study, the average price difference between RTM and UC homes in 2019 was ₹4,015 per sq ft, while those of RTM homes was ₹4,250 per sq ft.

The research mentions that RTM homes sold after completion do not attract GST, whereas UC houses attract a 5 per cent GST rate. It says this is one of the factors behind the low price differential.

The data reveals that the price gap in the country's top seven markets (Delhi, NCR, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Pune)

ranges between three and seven per cent. The price disparity has, in fact, registered a year-on-year decline.

In 2018, the difference was 5 to 9 per cent; in 2017, it was 8 to 12 per cent in these cities. Delhi-NCR region saw the biggest fall from 10 per cent in 2017 to just three per cent in 2019. In Mumbai, the gap narrowed from 11 per cent in 2017 to just four per cent in 2019.

The study said the reason for the reducing gap is that developers are reluctant to hike prices of ready properties due to the prevailing economic slowdown in the country. This broadly corresponds with data of overall residential sales. According to Anarock, sales in the seven markets rose by a marginal four per cent in 2019.

Anuj Puri, chairman of Anarock, in an email conversation, said that for residential real estate to do well, macro-economic factors such as job stability and consumption play significant roles. "In the wake of sluggish economic growth, developers are keeping property prices at their lowest best so as to not irk buyer sentiments," he said. Puri said that the trend

would create tremendous pressure on smaller players who depend on advance payments from customers to develop their ventures.

"A handful of developers with sound financial capabilities are launching projects only after they are ready to move in. If this trend picks up momentum, it will put a dent in smaller players or may result in a complete wipe out of many developers. As it is, many developers are already cash-starved and with hardly any advance sales for their under-construction projects, it will get very difficult for them to carry on development," he said.

Meanwhile, prospective home buyers in the city said they have noticed a similar trend. Most of them have bitten the bullet and bought a home immediately. Meghana and her husband, for instance, have been looking to buy an apartment in Pragathinagar. "We were planning to book an under-construction apartment and wait for a year. But there doesn't seem to be a big difference in price in currently available apartments and under-construction apartments. We chose to buy a ready one."

Pay dues or no water supply

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

The Metro Water Board has formed special teams to surveil those who have failed clear their dues and will stop their water supply. Speaking at a review meeting on Tuesday, board managing director M. Dana Kishore instructed officials to

work towards ensuring 100 per cent billing and bill collection. He asked officials to form special teams to minimise the dues and collect bills for unpaid connections.

"The divisional officials will set up camps in their respective divisions to regulate illegal connections. Using VDS-2019 we have learnt that there are 2,300 connec-

tions which have applied for regularisation of their connections," said an official of the board.

A total of 73,841 connections were surveyed in six divisions, of which 3,727 were commercial connections, 1,288 MSB connections and 1,410 illegal. Officials have been advised to take measures to ensure that there are no overflow.

LAST DATE TO APPLY FOR HAJ EXTENDED

Hyderabad: The Haj Committee has extended the last date for filing online applications for Haj-2020 till December 23. From TS, 1,040 persons have applied, including 232 under the reserved category. Eight women without mehram (male companion) have applied. TS Haj Committee chairman Mohammedi Masihullah said online application centres had been set up at Haj House.

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Fight in TRS for civic poll tickets

MLAs, former MLAs, leaders slug it out to get tickets for their henchmen

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY
DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

There is much infighting in the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) as old and new faces in the party battle to get tickets for their henchmen for the ensuing municipal elections.

With the Telangana High Court clearing the way for the municipal elections to be held, the ruling party has been busy gearing up its lead-

ers and cadres for the contest, and ministers and MLAs have been told to work together in their respective districts and constituencies.

But old-timers who were defeated in their segments in the Assembly elections are said to be demanding that party working president K.T. Rama Rao select candidates of their choice in the urban local bodies within their constituencies.

At the same time, the 12

MLAs who joined the TRS after abandoning the Congress are also pressuring Mr Rama Rao to select the candidates they want, stating that they are ardent workers of the party.

In Kollapur constituency of the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district, there was a clash between former minister Juppally Krishna Rao and present MLA B. Harshvardhan Reddy during the MPTC elections and both of them are now lobbying

with the party high command to get tickets for their followers, sources in the TRS disclosed.

Sources said that Mr M.D. Jani, a Congress member who recently joined the TRS, is a strong contender for the post of chairman of Kodad municipality, but the district's minister as well as senior MLAs do not approve of this.

In Tandur constituency, Vikarabad district, MLC Patnam Mahender Reddy and MLA Pilot Rohit

Reddy are fighting for tickets for their followers, and sources revealed that Mr Rohit Reddy has complained to Mr Rama Rao that Mr Mahender Reddy is creating problems for him.

In view of the rift between the new and old faces, party chief K. Chandrasekhar Rao is said to have instructed ministers to reconcile the two factions and solve the problem before a notification for the elections is issued.

RTC JAC for intel report on duties

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

The RTC-JAC on Tuesday has demanded that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao have an intelligence report on the satisfaction levels of the employees after they have rejoined their duties post the strike period. They demanded that a secret ballot be held to decide whether or not there should be unions, instead of forcible signatures for a welfare council.

JAC leader E. Ashwathama Reddy said: "How can anyone decide whether or not there should be unions? Free choice should be given to the employees."

Problems faced by women during morning shifts was also discussed. "For some women, the day starts at 3 am and because of traffic, the morning shift which is supposed to finish at 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm is stretching till 4 pm to 5 pm. They should be given flexibility in timings," he said.



There is no need to hurry the work (on Yadadri temple). Watch the quality.

— K. Chandrasekhar Rao
Chief Minister

SHORT TAKES

KCR, JAGAN VIE FOR A MEETING WITH MODI

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

Telugu Chief Ministers K. Chandrasekhar Rao and Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy are vying to get an appointment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In the first week of this month, both CMs were to Delhi to meet the Prime Minister but neither succeeded in doing so.

Mr Rao was in Delhi on December 3 to attend the marriage reception of Power Finance Corporation chairman Rajeev Sharma's son and decided to stay on for another three days in the hope of getting an appointment with the PM. The Prime Minister's Office said that Mr Modi was busy with Cabinet meetings. Mr Rao was besieged with questions by the national media on the Disha issue which upset him and he returned to Hyderabad on the same day.

Two days later, Mr Reddy flew to Delhi to meet Mr Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah.

He wanted to discuss the special status issue and some financial matters, but he returned suddenly due to the death of his personal assistant.

In the last eight months since Mr Modi won a mandate for the second time, Mr Reddy has met him thrice and Mr Rao once. In the previous term of the NDA government, Mr Rao met the Mr Modi more often than his AP counterpart N. Chandrababu Naidu, even though the Telugu Desam was a partner in the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance government.

At one stage, Mr Naidu had to wait for one year to get an appointment with Mr Modi, after his party broke away from the NDA.

REVANTH SAYS 6% KST IMPOSED IN STATE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

Congress MP A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday wrote an open letter to the people of the state alleging that 'six per cent of Kalvakuntla sales tax (KST)' is in force in the state.

He alleged that there is a 'KST mafia' behind the increasing of the liquor rates and one TRS MP camped at Chennai and another in Delhi finalised the deal for increasing of liquor rates.

He said out that Uttar Pradesh had 20 crore population and is not getting the kind of revenue from liquor sales that Telangana state is.

He said Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's lucky number was six, which is why KST was also fixed at 6 per cent.



Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao inspects the temple works at Yadadri on Tuesday. He also offered prayers at the temple.

Follow Shastras and build Yadadri temple, says CM

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has said there is no need to hasten the Yadadri temple works as the renovation must be of high quality and as per the Shastras.

He said this at a review meeting with officials of the Yadadri Temple Development Authority (YTDA) after touring the temple town for around six hours on Tuesday along with officials from various departments, and performing a special puja to Sri Laxmi Narasimha Swamy and taking blessings from Vedic scholars.

Mr Rao suggested that all the work should be done in accordance with the Agama Shastra rules and be absolutely perfect.

During his visit, Mr Rao keenly examined the work being done at the gopuram, dwaja sthambham, Shivalayam, sanctum sanctorum, mada streets, queue lines, kitchen where the prasadam is being made, gate towers, Pushkarini and the Yagashala.

Expressing satisfaction that works are being done reflecting spirituality and traditions, he said, "Work on the temple cannot be done as per deadlines.

SAMPATH SAYS CM TEMPLE VISIT WAS TO WASH HIS SINS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

AICC secretary S.A. Sampath Kumar on Tuesday alleged that ministers K.T. Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao have been targeting him personally and harassing him and his family members.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, he said at one point, he had called Mr Rama Rao and Mr Harish Rao, Chintu and Pintu. One of Rama Rao's friends had informed him that both are

annoyed. He said that after that both ministers have been targeting him, have withdrawn his gunmen, cancelled his younger brother's municipal contract and removed his elder brother from the post of public prosecutor. He criticised Union home minister Amit Shah for reacting on Ayodhya rather than on important national issues and added that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, has gone to Yadadri to clear his sins.

There is no need to hurry the work. Follow caution and quality. Construction should be strong and everything should be done in tune with the Agama shastra rules. This is an ancient temple. Performing puja here is a tradition."

Mr Rao complimented the sculptors who have created wonderful sculptures from the hard rocks.

He suggested that gardens and green cover should be created to impart a pleasant atmosphere and directed offi-

cial concerned to ensure that wall paintings depicting the greatness of the temple.

Later, he examined the ring road work going on at Yadadri and also visited 15 VVIP cottages being constructed as part of the Presidential Suite. He said the suite should ensure a comfortable stay for the President or the Prime Minister.

He instructed that the Mylargudem Tank near the Presidential Suite should also be developed as a tourist spot.

QUEER | PITCH | No Oppn leaders to select ombudsmen, HRC chief Lokayukta selection, a suspense

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

In the absence of a Leader of the Opposition in both the State Assembly and the Legislative Council, it is a matter of great interest to see who will be invited for the meeting proposed by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao to select the Lokayukta, Upa Lokayukta and Chairman of the State Human Rights Commission.

The selection committee to choose people for these posts consists of the Chief Minister, Assembly Speaker, Legislative Council Chairman, and Leaders of the Opposition in the Assembly and Council. To be considered the main

opposition party, the party must have 12 members in the Assembly and four members in the Legislative Council. But, currently, no opposition party has 12 members in the Assembly and four members in the Council.

The Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM) has seven members in the Assembly, the Congress has six and the BJP, one member. In the Council, the MIM has two members, while the Congress and the BJP have one member each.

Usually, the post of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairman in the Assembly is given to a member of the main opposition party. In the absence of a main oppo-

sition in the Assembly, this post was given to the MIM which has the most number of members. After the Congress' strength was reduced to six from 19 due to the defections of its members, the MIM asked the Assembly Speaker to recognise it as the main opposition party and the leader of the party in the Assembly as the Leader of the Opposition.

Meanwhile, for the meeting proposed by Mr Rao to select the Lokayukta and State Human Rights Commission Chairman, it is interesting to see who will be invited from the Opposition. Whether no one will be invited as there is no leader of the opposition, or whether an MIM

member will be invited, as it is the second largest party in the Assembly is not yet clear.

CLP leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said that the government should invite the Congress as a member of the committee that will make the two appointments. Speaking to this newspaper, he said if the government invites MIM, the Congress will approach the courts. The MIM is not an opposition party in the Assembly but is a 'friendly' party of the ruling TRS, Mr Bhatti said, and Mr Rao has said so openly several times. He said if an MIM member is invited to the meeting, the purpose of constituting the committee will be defeated.

Striving hard to create jobs: KTR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

To generate employment, the industries department is striving hard to get investments to Telangana state, said industries minister K.T. Rama Rao.

At a review meeting with officials of the IT and industries department at Pragathi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Tuesday, he instructed officials to set targets for investments.

He said that the TS state government's industrial policy succeeded in attracting investors from across the world. TS-IPASS has already granted approvals to 11,569 industries, and 80 per cent of them have already started functioning and have generated six lakh jobs.

Mr Rama Rao said that the government wants more textiles, electronics, and food processing industries to set up shop in TS as these sectors have abundant scope to create jobs for unemployed youth.

The state government has created favourable conditions for the textile industry and TS houses the country's largest textile park — Kakatiya Mega Textile Park in Warangal — and has signed the final agreement with the Korean company Youngone Corporation, the minister said.

To bring in more investments to the state, he will soon hold sector-wise meetings with industry heads and he instructed officials to provide complete information related to land banks and industrial parks. Firms such as One Plus and Sky Worth have set up their facilities in Hyderabad, Mr Rama Rao said, and he hopes to rope in EV and battery industries.

He said that the state government has been giving top priority to agriculture and irrigation and this has led to an increase in crop production, which will help the food processing industry and food processing units will create jobs in rural areas.

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MLAs' suspension

Jagan asks AP Assembly Speaker T. Sitharam to suspend nine TD MLAs from the session as they are disruptive



POINT AND COUNTERPOINT

We may have three different capitals. They are required



— Y.S. JAGAN MOHAN REDDY, Chief Minister



Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy termed TD legislators as 'Buffoons' and now he turned 'Buffoon' due to Tughlaq decision.

— N. CHANDRABABU NAIDU, Former chief minister

Capital city does not mean shifting of office from one place to another. It is forcibly shifting thousands of people from one location to another



— PAWAN KALYAN, Jana Sena chief



A stone in the hands of madman and a capital in the hands of Jagan Mohan Reddy - there seems no difference between the two.

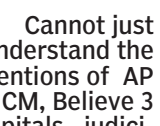
— KESINENI NANI, Vijayawada MP

AP CM Shri YS Jagan has made a statement today in the state assembly about his plans for the state capital. On 28th August, I had predicted in a Press Conference that the state government has plans for a new capital city



— GVL NARASIMHA RAO, BJP MP

Cannot just understand the intentions of AP CM, Believe 3 capitals, judiciary, executive and legislative. How can they function?



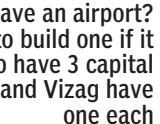
— GEETHA KOTHAPALLI, Ex-MP

3 Capitals means 3X the cost and 1/3rd the efficiency...



— GALLA JAYADEV, Telugu Desam MP

Does Kurnool have an airport? The govt needs to build one if it seriously intends to have 3 capital cities. Amaravati and Vizag have one each



— P.V.S. SARMA, Vice-President BJP, Surat



@IYRao, Retd IAS is functionally divided capital a better alternative. May not be. small administrative capital focus on #vizag as financial centre like #mumbai greater decentralisation regional development covering all regions may be a better idea. #amaravathi

Capitals impact on parties

- Jagan follows Sivaramakrishnan report with some changes
- Huge setback for those who invested in Amaravati lands

Committee recommendations

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's announcement that the state is going to have three capitals in order to decentralise administration, will have political and financial impact on political parties.

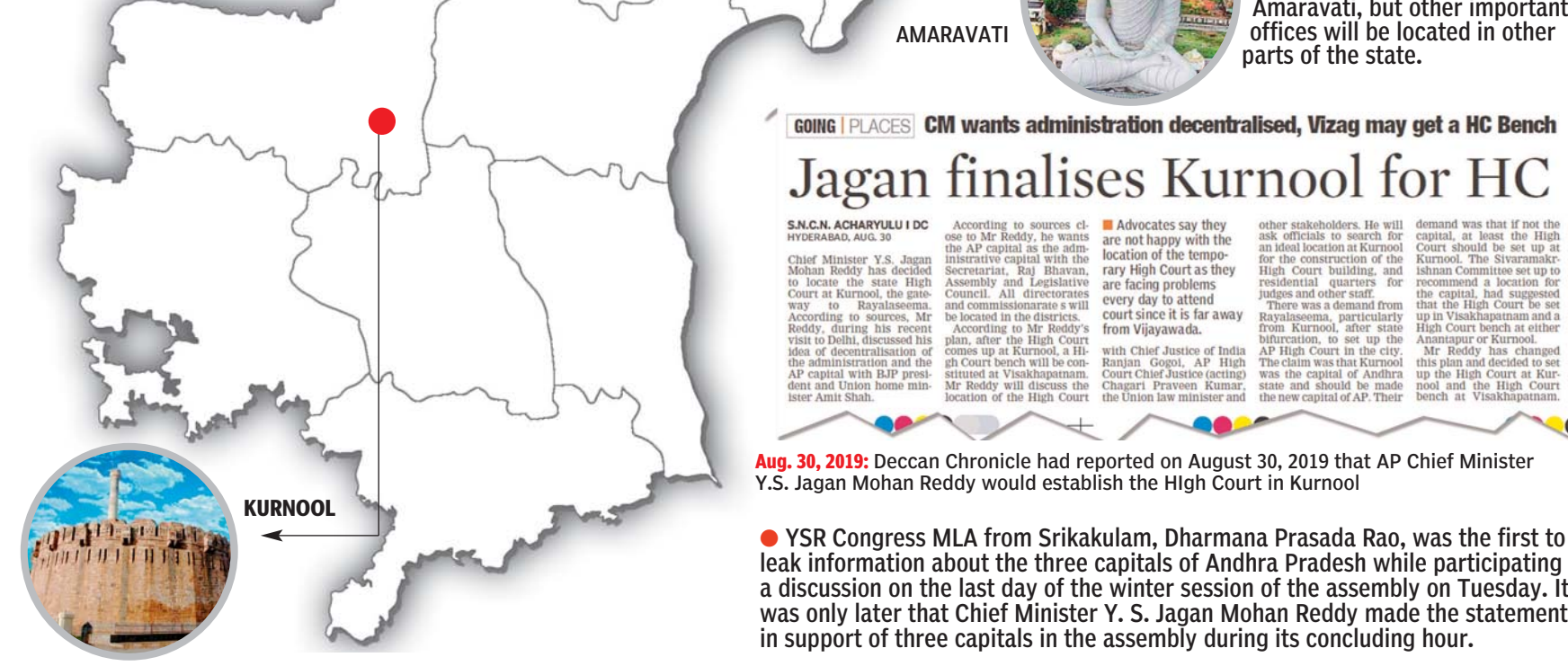
Mr Reddy is following the Sivaramakrishnan committee report with some changes. The previous government of Mr Chandrababu Naidu had thrown the report into the dustbin and decided to construct the capital at Amaravati, going against the advice of the report.

Mr Reddy's announcement is a setback to rich politicians and realtors who have bought huge chunks of land in and around Amaravati expecting huge financial benefits. Several political leaders and others of the Kamma community, which supports the Telugu Desam in a big way, have invested huge amounts of money in lands in and around Amaravati. Some of them bought assignment lands also. They are likely to face huge losses. If the Kammas are to be weakened financially, this will help the YSRC in the stronghold of the Kamma community.

Decentralising, by locating some important offices in other parts of the state, will also help the YSRC politically. In fact, when Mr Naidu had announced the Amaravati plan, several people and organisations opposed it, citing the example of Hyderabad.

They suggested that all investments should not be centred in one place and will lead to another agitation by some other regions of the state. The Sivaramakrishnan committee favoured decentralisation of administration, had suggested locating the High Court at Visakhapatnam and setting up a High Court bench in Kurnool or Anantapur. The High Court will be located in Kurnool now and the HC bench will be set up at Visakhapatnam. The previous TD government had pooled about 33,000 acres of land from farmers. Mr Reddy has said several times that 10,000 acres is enough for a capital city and the remaining land should be returned to the owners. The Secretariat, Assembly and Legislative Council buildings and Raj Bhavan will be in Amaravati, but other important offices will be located in other parts of the state.

During the 2014 Assembly elections, there was speculation that if the YSRC comes to power the capital city will be located at Donakonda in Prakasam district, stronghold of the Reddy community and if the TD comes to power, the capital will be located in Krishna or Guntur districts.



Jagan finalises Kurnool for HC

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, AUG. 30
According to sources close to Mr Reddy, he wants the AP capital as the administrative capital with the Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Assembly and Legislative Council. All directorates and commissionerates will be located in the district. According to Mr Reddy's plan, after the High Court comes up at Kurnool, a High Court bench will be set up at Visakhapatnam. Mr Reddy will discuss the location of the High Court with Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, AP High Court Chief Justice (retiring) Chagari Praveen Kumar, the Union law minister and other stakeholders. He will ask officials to search for an ideal location in Kurnool for the construction of the High Court building, and residential quarters for judges and other staff. There was a demand from Rayalaseema, particularly from Kurnool, after state bifurcation, to set up the AP High Court in the city. Mr Reddy has changed this plan and decided to set up the High Court at Kurnool and the High Court bench at Visakhapatnam.

Aug. 30, 2019: Deccan Chronicle had reported on August 30, 2019 that AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy would establish the High Court in Kurnool

● YSR Congress MLA from Srikakulam, Dharmana Prasada Rao, was the first to leak information about the three capitals of Andhra Pradesh while participating in a discussion on the last day of the winter session of the assembly on Tuesday. It was only later that Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy made the statement in support of three capitals in the assembly during its concluding hour.

Further decentralisation on cards Centre, SC support must to realise Jagan's dream

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 17

Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy will further decentralise administration and this would go beyond setting up of legislative, executive and judiciary capitals.

Sources close to the CM told Deccan Chronicle exclusive that heads of department offices and commissionerates would not be located in the new capital but spread across. The executive capital in Visakhapatnam, where the Secretariat seat of administration would be located, will have necessary wings at the secretary and principal secretary level, while the HoDs would be located elsewhere depending on the subject they deal with, sources said.

For instance, the director, seeds, would be located in Kurnool where the activity is high, while the fisheries head might be located in Kakinada given the large-scale presence of aqua culture in the two Godavari districts. The mines and geology directorate could be located in either Kadapa or Anantapur, marked by a predominant presence of mines, sources said.

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Though the Centre has not released what all the state asked for, it gave ₹1,500 crore and has agreed to give another ₹1,000 crore. "We are estimating that it would cost ₹4,000 crore for the executive capital and the remaining assistance from the Centre could be diverted to Vizag," an official said, adding that the government would continue to spend on development in Amaravati.

Chief Minister Reddy is said to be of the view that genuine farmers, who sacrificed their lands for Amaravati, should not suffer. But, to make the city liveable, the government has to spend at least another ₹10,000 crore, according to the CRDA estimates, which means the state should be able to augment ₹15 to ₹20 thousand crore to realise Mr Reddy's dreams.

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 17

The support of Centre and Supreme Court is a must for Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to realise his dream of having three capitals.

As per the AP Reorganisation Act 2014, Hyderabad will remain joint capital for 10 years and notification of new capital requires amendment to the Act for legal sustainability of the decision, according to a senior central official who was actively involved in the drafting of the Reorganisation Act.

Sources said the Centre so far hasn't notified new capital for Andhra Pradesh and the recent exclusion of Amaravati as state capital in the revised India map is part of the procedure followed by the Central authorities as per the Reorganisation Act.

While Pretoria is the administrative capital, Cape Town is the legislative capital and Bloemfontein, the judicial capital. Pretoria, which is in the northeast part of South Africa and close to Johannesburg, houses the executive branch of the South African government. It has the President of the Cabinet and many departments of government and foreign embassies. Pretoria is in Gauteng province.

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Bloemfontein, which is located in the centre of South Africa, is considered the judicial capital. It has Supreme Court of Appeal, the second highest court in South Africa.

Though Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy tweeted a rectified map following the TD members representing the matter, official sources said no official gazette notifying Amaravati has come from the Centre so far.

A senior official involved in law making process told Deccan Chronicle that notification was held back due to technical and legal issues. The Reorganisation Act is bit vague on the process to be followed by Andhra Pradesh to have a new capital within 10 year period. But, as per the Act, it is the Centre's responsibility to initiate process of setting up new capital for the residuary state besides extending financial support for developing core buildings like secretariat and assembly besides civic infrastructure.

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CM says Amaravati needs ₹1 lakh crore

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He further said, "An amount of ₹1,00,000 crore is needed for construction of Amaravati as the capital. From where would we get this huge amount?"

He claimed, "Another ₹1 lakh crore was needed for development of lands in a radius of 20 km of Amaravati. Hence, the need of the hour is to think twice on the financial condition of the state before proceeding further on Amaravati."

Mr Reddy said, "We should take every step with a right thinking on Amaravati. We should change to decentralise development."

He further said, "there

were three capitals to South Africa - Cape town (legislative capital), Pretoria (administrative) and Bloemfontein (judicial). We can also establish legislature in Amaravati, an executive in Visakhapatnam and a High Court can be established in Kurnool."

He clarified, "We have to think on these lines. There is a chance of three capitals to AP State."

He said, "it seems three capitals would come to our state as legislative capital, executive capital and a judiciary capital."

The committee would explain the future course of the plan on Amaravati," he added.

Tughlaq move, ridicules: Naidu

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Opposition leader N. Chandrababu Naidu compared Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy with Mohammad bin Tughluq for the latter's decision of having three capitals for the state of Andhra Pradesh. "One need not wonder if CM Jagan establishes offices (capitals) in every district in the coming days," the former CM remarked.

"CM Jagan termed TD legislators as 'buffoons'. But now, he has turned a 'buffoon' with his Tughluq decision of having three capital cities," he commented.

Naidu wondered if any

leader would establish the capital in three different cities. "The decision to establish three capitals is one-sided," he maintained. "Where would Jagan sit as the Chief Minister? In Amaravati or Visakhapatnam or Kurnool," he asked. He also wondered if Jagan Mohan Reddy would construct three separate houses in Amaravati, Kurnool and Visakhapatnam.

"What is the use of building another Secretariat at Visakhapatnam," he asked pointing out that the YSRC had cancelled the establishment of data centres and LuLu convention hall in Visakhapatnam.

DESTINY | CHANGE It takes 3 hours to reach Kurnool from Hyderabad

HC at Kurnool to benefit TS lawyers

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 17

The proposal of AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to shift the AP High Court from Guntur to Kurnool would certainly benefit lawyers based in Hyderabad.

Though there is mixed response from the lawyer fraternity, they are by and large happy with the move.

Mr N. Ranga Reddy, a practicing advocate in the AP and Telangana High Courts, said there was an agreement under the Sri Bagh pact to have the High Court at Kurnool. People from Rayalaseema have been demanding a High Court at Kurnool for decades. He said that Rayalaseema

was the most backward region and a High Court at Kurnool would pave the way for the development of the region.

Mr M.V. Raja Ram, a senior advocate and president of the AP Lawyers Association, pointed out that Guntur is a centrally located place for the state's regions and having the principal bench at Guntur and setting up two circuit benches at Kurnool and Vizag would help litigants.

He felt that if the High Court is located at Kurnool, litigants from Vizianagaram, Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts would face difficulties because Kurnool is more than 1,000 away. He said, "If the government

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doesn't want to continue the principal bench at Guntur, it should at least set up a bench at Visakhapatnam."

A senior lawyer said, "Having a High Court at Kurnool will certainly have advantages for senior counsels. It takes four to five hours to reach Amaravati from Hyderabad. If it is in Kurnool, we will reach in two hours." He said senior counsels and TS advocates who had more

clients from AP will certainly welcome the decision as they could practice at both courts due to the proximity of Kurnool and Hyderabad.

Mr Bhaskar Pouluri, another advocate, said "We have invested huge amounts in setting up our offices in Amaravati. If the government shifts the court to Kurnool, we will have to again mobilise resources to set up the office in Kurnool."

He felt the government has to look into the option of having a circuit bench at Kurnool instead shifting the principal bench. The advocates of the coastal districts, particularly from Krishna, Guntur and West Godavari, said they would agitate against the move.

CM talks about SA's model of 3 capitals

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JAGAN KEEN TO COMPLETE 2 CAPITALS BEFORE NEXT POLLS

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