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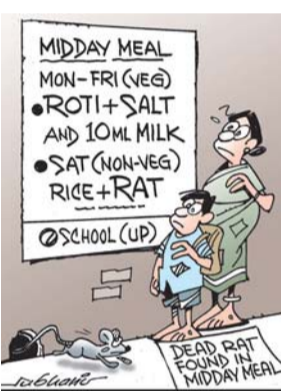
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Max: 27.5°C
Min: 20.6°C
RH: 61%
Rainfall: Nil
Forecast: Cloudy sky.
Misty morning.
Max/Min 29/19°C

ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Dakshinayana
Tithi: Margasira Shudda Navami
till 4.14 am (Friday)
Star: Poorvabhadra till 8.05 pm
Varjyam: Nil
Durmuhurtam: 10.16 am to
11 am and 2.41 pm to 3.35 pm
Rahukalam: 1 pm to 3 pm
HIJRI CALENDAR
Rabi-ul-Akher 7, 1441 AH
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Strict licensing laws ensure that not all get armed. "Law enforcement agencies should consider circumstances and issue licences to those who

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"Importantly, no licence holder in Hyderabad has misused the weapon. As for Nirbheek, not a single woman has purchased it yet. However, there could be about 50 to 100 women who have gun licenses in the city, which they may have obtained long ago."

Though the police is tight-lipped over the number of licenses in Hyderabad, rough estimates suggest it could be a few hundreds. The Indian Arms Act says threat perception and a police record are the key aspects based on which gun licenses are issued. "Many people apply, but

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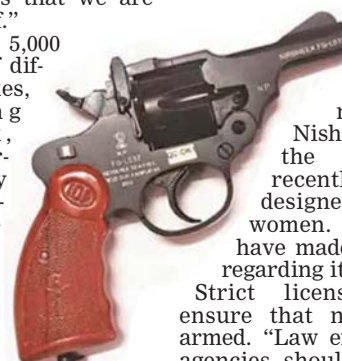
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What if the police is slow or ineffective? Officials had little to offer. But do guns assure safety for women? Numerous studies in the US suggest that the increasing guns bought by women for self protection have proved ineffective during an emergency.

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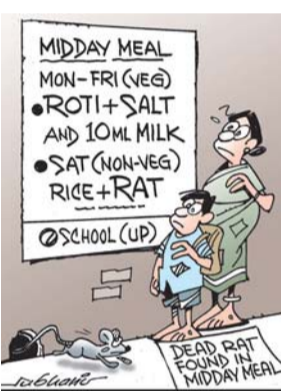
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"Even the trigger has been reduced for smooth operation," says another model.

Nishank, out in the market recently, is also designed for women. Several have made enquiries regarding it, he said.

Strict licensing laws ensure that not all get armed. "Law enforcement agencies should consider circumstances and issue licences to those who

require it," said M.S. shafiq of 'Gun Affairs' in Banjara Hills.

"Importantly, no licence holder in Hyderabad has misused the weapon. As for Nirbheek, not a single woman has purchased it yet. However, there could be about 50 to 100 women who have gun licenses in the city, which they may have obtained long ago."

Though the police is tight-lipped over the number of licenses in Hyderabad, rough estimates suggest it could be a few hundreds. The Indian Arms Act says threat perception and a police record are the key aspects based on which gun licenses are issued. "Many people apply, but

most are rejected," says Shafiq.

"People living in remote areas feel unsafe, as do those in farmhouses. The police should consider this and issue licences. If there is misuse, the agencies can always cancel the license."

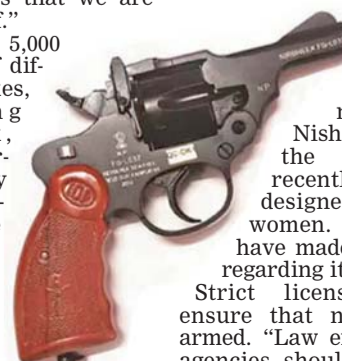
"We will examine each request for gun licenses," said Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar. "But I do not think issuing more licences will solve the problem."

Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar similarly said that licence can be granted to anyone who applies but fulfills the criteria. Other senior officials say that guns have been misused earlier. Also,

nothing indicates that guns prevent rape or other violent crime, barring exceptions. We have come across cases wherein licence holders have intimidated people just by showing the weapon," these officials say. "We do not want a gun culture like the USA's and therefore more rejections."

What if the police is slow or ineffective? Officials had little to offer. But do guns assure safety for women? Numerous studies in the US suggest that the increasing guns bought by women for self protection have proved ineffective during an emergency.

Page 2: Study shows guns have opposite effect





New appointment

Prof. I. Ramabrahmam, retired senior faculty, University of Hyderabad, has been appointed as the vice-chancellor of the Central University of Odisha

Zero FIR in crime against women: Govt

Telangana home minister meets police, women and child safety department officials

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Police must follow the zero FIR system in cases of missing women and crimes against women Home Minister Mohammed Mahmood Ali instructed in a meeting held in the city.

A meeting of police, education, and women and child safety departments was held by Mr Ali where the police were told to register complaints and not lost into jurisdiction. The instructions were that police stations and SHE teams must be alerted for immediate action. Surely this is stating the obvious?

The meeting involved all the departments as they have to disseminate the information what info is this? at all levels and reach out to wider number of people so that they are aware of what they must do.

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Reaching out to those elements will be through grass roots workers like anganwadis, self-help groups, rural and urban welfare associations, clubs etc.

The women and child safety department insisted that it is important to reach out to those who are not in the periphery areas, semi-rural and rural

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The helpline numbers apart from advertising will also require regular programmes at the society level in terms of residents associations, women's clubs and others so that their sensitization is complete.

A senior member of the women and child welfare department explained, "When vulnerable, a woman is bound to panic. Hence they will have to also understand that during this situation whom must they first reach out to for help and why?"

The meeting stressed the need to have a combined system and a unified effort to take stringent action in rape cases and other forms of violence against women. The crucial meeting was attended by education minister Sabitha Indira Reddy, women development and child welfare minister Satyavathi Rathod and Panchayat raj minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao.

Hang Disha's rapists: Chiranjeevi

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

This is mega star verses power star. Former union minister and megastar Chiranjeevi and his brother, Jana Sena president, and powerstar, Pawan Kalyan, express different but essentially the same opinions over the brutal incident of rape and murder of Disha, echoing the irresponsibility of Rajya Sabha MP Jaya Bachchan. While Chiranjeevi said that the accused in this



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should be caned till they lost their skin. After the Disha incident everyone in the country including the mothers of the two

accused and wife of one of the accused said they should be given capital punishment.

CASE LODGED AGAINST MLA RAJA SINGH

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Goshamahal MLA T. Raja Singh was booked in a case at Bahadurpura police station, for allegedly making comments hurting the religious sentiments of a community. The Bahadurpura police received a complaint from a person living at Kishanbagh on Tuesday, alleging that Mr Raja Singh's comments in connection with the rape and murder of a woman veterinary doctor at Shamshabad had hurt the sentiments of a community.

Following the complaint, the police registered a case against the Goshamahal MLA. Bahadurpura police further said that they would proceed further in the case after seeking legal opinion.



Members of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Women Wing, demand justice for rape and murder victim Disha, on Wednesday.

Women demand strict measures to check rapes

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

The women wing of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Hyderabad, on Wednesday demonstrated at Indira Gandhi statue, Necklace Road demanding immediate justice for Disha.

City president of the organisation, Ms Zaheer Fatima said there is a need to take concrete steps to check such heinous crimes against women.

"We demand total prohibition and removal of vulgar content from social media, films and advertise-

ments," she said. Ms Fatima said, "If our Chief Minister desires that girls should be educated, he has to ensure complete protection of girls and women so that they can feel secure and can move freely and lead their lives without fear."

TWO HELD FOR ABUSIVE POSTS ON DISHA

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Two persons who misbehaved with a woman artist at a pub in Madhapur were arrested by the police on Wednesday. Another accused is still at large, a team is working on the clues to nab him.

At Cyberabad, the cyber crime police had received a complaint from a woman stating that one Anil Kumar Amabala, 28, a resident of Gundrampally village in Chitaly mandal of Nalgonda district, who had posted abusive comment on a TRS party woman leader on Facebook in connection with the death of Disha.

Subsequently, a team swung into the action and nabbed Anil Kumar and produced him before a court for the judicial remand.

Meanwhile, the Hyderabad cyber crime police have also arrested one Simley Nani, 21, an engineering final year student from Guntur of Andhra Pradesh, for posting derogatory messages on the rape victim Disha, on social media platforms. Nani was arrested from Guntur and was produced before a court on Wednesday.

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There is a need to build a society with responsible citizens

— T. Harish Rao Finance minister

SHORT TAKES

STUDY SHOWS GUNS HAVE OPPOSITE EFFECT

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According to a study by the Violence Policy Centre, the message that firearms make women safer actually had the opposite effect.

In a majority of domestic violence cases, a gun at home ended up killing a woman by a relative. In only a few instances did a woman use a firearm for self-defence. "In America, guns are not used to save lives but to take them," sums up the report.

Another senior IPS officer feels, however, that in an emergency, a woman pulling out a weapon is enough to deter and repel her attackers. "They need not actually fire the weapon," he says.

"Once the attacker notices that the woman is armed, he realises it can be dangerous."

EYE-WITNESS TO RECOGNISE THE ACCUSED

From Page 1

The court heard arguments for two days and issued orders on Wednesday.

Police will take custody of the accused on Thursday to extract details on the sequence of events before and after the offence.

Police is also keen on recovering Disha's missing mobile phone, which went off minutes after she called her younger sister, for scene reconstruction.

The investigators will likely conduct an identification parade of the accused for the key eye-witnesses in the case.

The accused were seen purchasing petrol and liquor before the crime, so salesmen at the wine shop and petrol pump will likely testify.

DELHI RAPE CASE: LG BATS FOR NO MERCY

New Delhi, Dec. 4: The Home Ministry has received the recommendation of the Delhi government rejecting the mercy plea of one of the convicts in the 2012 Nirbhaya gang rape case, officials said on Wednesday.

The file rejecting the mercy plea was sent by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal to the home ministry.

The file will be examined by the home ministry and then it will be forwarded to President Ram Nath Kovind for consideration and final decision.

Vinay Sharma, one of the convicts facing the gallows for the gang rape and murder of a 23-year-old paramedic student, had filed the mercy petition before the President.

Nirbhaya was gang-raped on December 16, 2012. She later succumbed to her injuries. The brutality of the rape had rocked the nation leading to massive protests.

The Delhi government's rejection of the mercy plea comes at a time when there is nationwide outrage over the gang rape and murder of a 25-year-old veterinarian in Hyderabad.

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Demand to postpone exams



Osmania University students block the road in protest demanding postponement of the semester examinations, in Hyderabad on Wednesday. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

JUST | TOO MUCH Most sought-after vegetable sold at ₹80 to 100 in the retail market since last month

Consumers look for alternatives as onion prices go up

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

It may not be a gourmet ingredient, but the onion is the mainstay of most Indian cooking. It is thus with dismay that consumers have been tracking its ever-upward trajectory. Market gurus say this is because of the constant rains during the harvest period and lack of transport.

Another reason is that because of the shortage some farmers harvested

the crop before time, which led to onions rotting after they were harvested. December does usually see higher onion prices, but this time it is earth shaking, especially for the catering and restaurant business.

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ing with the taste," says Syed Samiulla Hussain of Al Hussain Catering.



"In every household onion is essential. In the cuisine I learnt from my mother, we use a lot of onions. My husband is from Kashmir and he wants salad with each and every meal," says Waseem Unnissa.

"Our sale is tagged to college students. We have reduced onions in our daily Chinese food, but spring onions are a must, and even that we have reduced. The onion samosa is stuffed with three-fourths onion but this has been replaced by carrots, mince and very little onion," bemoans Prabhu, manager at Malgudi Days Food Court. Onion retails for ₹100 to ₹150 per kilo. The government marketing department has decided to import 500 MT of onion

from Egypt, a top official said. Some 100 metric tons of onion will arrive in the city on December 7 and, reportedly, will be sold at the Raitthu Bazaar in Saroornagar and Mehdiptnam every day from 4 pm to 7 pm.

The retail price will be ₹60 per kg, and more could be imported if necessary. Excise duty has been exempted. Telangana is totally dependent on Maharashtra for the supply of onions, and the import will bring relief to the common man.



Best performance

Minister Etala Rajender says the team of Dr Nagamani, Dr Prathibha of GMC has been recognised for best performance for state reference laboratory by NACO



Telangana state stood first in the Ease of Doing Business index

— Ch Malla Reddy
Labour minister

IN BRIEF FOCUS ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT, SAYS OFFICIAL

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

The vice-chairman of the Telangana State Planning Board, B. Vinod Kumar, on Wednesday lamented that in the last four decades much focus has not been laid on industry-institute-university interaction and also the efforts of the government to promote the concept of 'skill development' have not been adequate.

Keeping in view the interest of the state government in training rural youth, the vice-chairman urged all the stakeholders to undertake a 'skill gap analysis' afresh, keeping in view emerging needs and requirements.

He was addressing at a meeting on 'skilling initiatives and programmes' in the Telangana state council of higher education (TSCH).

He also suggested that apart from the formal degree programmes, students should have an opportunity to pursue various skill development programmes which offer continuous and life-long employment opportunities.

In this context, he suggested that TSCH and other agencies may study the arrangements being entered by MP, Odisha, Delhi and Rajasthan with different skill development organisations for the benefit of the youths of Telangana State.

TWO MILITIA MEMBERS, COURIER HELD

DC CORRESPONDENT
KHAMMAM, DEC. 4

The police arrested two Maoist militia members and a courier near Taliperu dam in Charla mandal on Wednesday and seized 30 gelatine sticks and 12 detonators.

The accused Podium Idamaiah, resident of Errapadu in Charla mandal and Vanjam Masa, Chinabedipai village in Chattisgarh were asked by the Maoist to hand over the explosives to one Panda Krishnamurthy in a forest near Taliperu dam.

The three were caught while they were handing over the explosives.

From December 2 to 8 the CPI-Maoist is organising the People's Liberation Guerilla Army (PLGA) and acquired the explosives to target the police.

Pervious concrete can check global warming

Can also recharge groundwater, says IIT Tirupati team

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Pervious concrete could be this country's answer to many effects of global warming, including the urban heat island (UHI) phenomenon.

Compared to conventional concrete, which is impermeable, pervious concrete is porous in nature. This entails a host of advantages over conventional materials: if used correctly, pervious concrete can help reduce ambient temperatures around it and recharge groundwater.

A team of researchers from IIT Tirupati have been working on the subject for the past several years. Poonrachandra Vaddy, a Masters student and a part of this team, presented his technical paper at a conference on UHI in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

Vaddy said the biggest advantage of using pervious concrete was its heat absorption capacity.

"The characteristics of this material are very distinct. In conventional concrete, the heat is absorbed and reflected by the top layer. Here, the heat is conducted throughout the material," he said.

Explaining this further, B Krishna Prapoorna, assistant professor at IIT Tirupati, department of civil and environmental engineering, said, "The absorption of heat is a very important advantage. Due to this, the light is not reflected into the atmosphere. This means the ambient temperature can be reduced by nearly 10-15 degrees Celsius. Also, the surface of pervious concrete slabs are cool to touch. One can walk barefoot on them, something that is impossible on conventional concrete slabs."

Prapoorna explained that the porosity of the material also answers the problem of water run-off. "In the case of conventional concrete, the water is unable to seep through and is wasted in the form of run-off. But in pervious concrete, the water seeps through and goes on to recharge the groundwater table," he said.

Also, he added, this helps in cooling down the surroundings through evaporative cooling. This is a principle that is used in water or desert coolers. "Since the material absorbs water, on a hot day, the water will get evaporated. This will cool down the surroundings," he said.

Pervious concrete also does not use any sand, making it cheaper than conventional concrete. "The cost of pervious concrete is cheaper. Typically,

Cool roofs not the only solution for urban heat

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Most discussions of the urban heat island (UHI) phenomenon, wherein ambient temperatures in urban areas is significantly higher than nearby rural areas due to anthropogenic reasons, has generally revolved around 'cool roofs.'

However, experts attending a conference on UHI in Hyderabad on Wednesday said this solution could not be considered a comprehensive answer to UHI.

The concept refers to the coating or painting of roofs of buildings with a material that can reflect sunlight, thereby keeping interiors cool.

The roof could be covered in reflective paint, tiles or even plastic sheets.

It may be noted that

Telangana has a cool roof programme, which envisions covering 30,00,000 sqms of roofs over five years in Hyderabad.

The Telangana State government has actively promoted it to counter the effects of heatwaves.

Speaking in a panel discussion, Rajashree Kotharkar, head, department of architecture and planning at VNIT, Nagpur, said, "The concept of an urban heat island, or urban climate, is very complex. As an architect and urban planner, it is

not just the delta T (change in temperature) that is a concern to me. It is more important to understand which area of a city is getting warmer, at what time of the day, and what is required to improve the situation."

Kotharkar said plans of urban development, and development in general, need to "completely climate-sensitive."

She argued that there needs to be an overhaul in thinking of policy frameworks. She suggested that properties in areas where environmental damage is high should be taxed higher.

"A variable taxation plan would limit development in a sensitive area," she said, adding, "Not all people in a city are culprits. We have seen that the actions of a few people affect a majority," Kotharkar said.



Hot roof | cool roof

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Daredevils



Navy Day celebrations at Parade Grounds on Wednesday.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

4 women Hajis apply without mehram

ATHER MOIN | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

For the first time ever, four women pilgrims have applied for Haj 2020 pilgrimage with Telangana Haj Committee to travel without Mehram (male companion).

This provision is provided for women with no Mehram (male relative whom a woman cannot marry) to accompany her for the pilgrimage.

Earlier, Indian women were not allowed to travel without Mehram. Such requests were not received by the State Haj Committee in the previous two years.

The Chairman Haj Committee, Mr Mohammed Masihullah Khan said Thursday is the last date for filing online Haj Applications. So far 8, 369 applications have been filed online,

including 336 under the reserved 70+ age-group category.

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ISRO ALL SET FOR TWO MILESTONES

DC CORRESPONDENT
NELLORE, DEC. 4

Two weeks after successfully launching PSLV-C47/Cartosat-3, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is gearing up to launch PSLV-C48 with RISAT-2BR1 and 9 customer satellites from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, in Sriharikota on December 11.

PSLV-C48, which is the 50th mission of PSLV, will launch RISAT-2BR1 from the First Launch Pad (FLP) from India's Spaceport. It is tentatively scheduled for 3.25 pm, subject to weather conditions.

RISAT-2BR1, a radar-imaging earth observation satellite weighing about 628 kg, will be placed into an orbit of 576 km at an inclination of 37 degrees.

Road repairs to start from Dec. 10: GHMC

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation would begin the Comprehensive Road Maintenance (CRM) on December 10.

Civic body commissioner D.S. Lokesh Kumar on Wednesday said that field work was going on to identify the major roads to take up the CRM works in the city for 709 kms roads. He said simultaneously work was also going on at parallel and link roads to ease the traffic load on the main roads by removing bottlenecks if necessary through land acquisition.

Mr Lokesh said that the corporation currently sanctioned works worth ₹280 crore.

Regarding the Layout Regularisation Scheme

(LRS), Mr Kumar said that the civic body has been contacting around 28,000 applicants to come and get LRS clearance of their pending files at the earliest before December 31.

Efforts are being made to contact the LRS applicants by various means through phone, SMS, voice message etc. further instructed the officials concerned to be available at office between 3 pm to 5 pm to solve the problems in clearance of files.

"During the earlier drive around 26,000 LRS applications cleared. GHMC also identifying the open places to construct public toilets and also to take up tree plantation under greenery development programme and also restoration of parks which were neglected.

Repairs to central medians and footpaths", the civic body commissioner said

Commenting of various other developmental works, Mr Kumar said, proposals to construct one skywalk in each zone and also Foot over Bridges (FoBs) after getting necessary approvals.

Filling of pot holes are in progress, works is going on with specialized material for stretches 6 to 7 metres of road, latest machines is used for stretches ranging from 130 to 140 meters road length.

Within 2 to 3 months all damaged roads will be rectified. Waste to energy plant would be operational by January end, and it is proposed to use the total garbage self consumption for captive power generation.

Fathullaguda C&D plant left in lurch

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

The apathy of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation officials has left the Fathullaguda construction and demolition processing plant in the lurch for five years now.

Officials now claim that the legal hurdles have been cleared and it would commence in five months. Even though the civic body has been impressing other municipal corporations in country through power point presentations in various public for a, it has miserably failed to implement it at the ground level.

Interestingly, the civic body in order to benefit Ramky Enviro Engineers, has accorded permission for collection, transportation, processing and management of construction and demolition of waste on a public-private partnership (PPP) model. The corporation has been also paying a tipping fee of ₹342 per kg of debris to the private agency.

However, the corporation

officials claimed that the establishment of the construction and demolition plant has been completed in Jeedimetla which would open later this month.

During November 2016, a detailed project report prepared by the Centre for Fly Ash Research And Management (C-FARM), New Delhi, in association with the Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) under the ministry, pegged the quantum of construction debris generated per day in the city at a total of 750 metric tonnes.

This is dumped indiscriminately in nalas, tanks, and on the roads, the removal of which costs the corporation ₹10 crore per annum. However, five years have passed and the corporation is yet to finish the construction of the C&D plant and the current debris dumped on city rose to 1,200 metric tonnes.

According to highly placed sources, corporation officials have given several power point presentations on various solid waste man-

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agement programmes across the country and received awards for effective methods on paper.

The corporation for five years has only managed to identify the site at Fathullaguda and the claim is that the C&D plant at Jeedimetla is still in the final stages of completion.

The corporation's decision to finalise tenders and accord permission to transport building waste to the Jawahar Nagar dumpyard prior to the construction of the C&D plant was only to benefit them. As per the

agreement, Ramky Enviro Engineers was awarded the work pertaining to 'collection, transportation, processing and management of construction and demolition of waste in GHMC' on a PPP model at Fathullaguda and Jeedimetla. This will be for a period of 25 years at a tipping fee of ₹342 per metric tonne at an estimated cost of ₹3 crore as tipping fee a year for each plant.

Sources claim that the estimated cost to set up both the plants would cost the GHMC ₹30 crore, which would generate employment for at least 1000 people, save about ₹8 crore in annual tipping fees and sell the processed products. Construction waste contains soil, sand, gravel, bricks and masonry, concrete, metal and wood, of which 38 to 40 per cent is recyclable, which could be recycled, reproduced, re-used and sold. When queried, a senior GHMC official, on condition of anonymity, said that GHMC has no mechanism to operate the C&D plants.

Hyderabad

IMAGES AND MEMORIES

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

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— Mohammed Shakeel Bodhan MLA

19-YEAR-OLD STUDENT RUN OVER BY RTC BUS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

A 19-year-old degree student, who was on his way to attend an examination, died after coming under the rear wheels of an RTC bus at Uppal on Wednesday.

Uppal Sub-Inspector Sk Mybelly said that B Praveen, a resident of Gokhale Nagar in Ramanthapur, was pursuing graduation second year at a private college. He was heading to Dilsukhnagar to the examination centre on his bike, when the mishap took place.

Praveen, who was riding the bike, lost control over it and fell on the road. He came under the wheels of the RTC bus (AP 29 Z 3284) belonging to Falaknuma depot, which was heading to Boduppal and died on the spot. The rider was not wearing headgear, said the SI.

Following a complaint from his family, a case was registered against the RTC driver for investigation, he added.

CID/CTD WAR AFFECTING SCAM EXPOSE

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, NOV. 28

A cold war between the crime investigation department (CID) and the commercial tax department (CTD) in the investigation of Bodhan fake challan scam, in which ₹300 crore of tax money has been allegedly siphoned off by certain department officials and a private tax consultant, is preventing a full expose of the scam.

Traders who did not pay tax or paid only part of it were issued fake challans by brokers in connivance with some CTD officials to make it look like they had paid taxes in full. In return, brokers and officials allegedly collected large sums in bribes from traders. Eight CTD officials were arrested some time ago.

In 2017, the CID arrested key accused Shivaraj and his son Sunil, a deputy commissioner; two commercial tax officers, and three retired officers in the case.

Shivaraj had allegedly diverted the amounts collected through fake challans to his account. The CID has identified a loss of ₹300 crore to the CTD.

The CID has received the report from the treasury department, but it had been waiting for the past two years for the details of the officials who were worked in the Bodhan and Nizamabad circle for the period of 2005 to 2016.

Sources in the CID revealed that the CTD officials are not cooperating with the investigation unit and have not given the details required by the CID.

Sources disclosed that the CID suspects the involvement of 40 officials in the scam right from junior assistant to senior officers working at the CTD headquarters.

When this correspondent contacted officials in the CID and the CTD, neither was prepared to comment on the cold war between officials of both wings.

BETTING GANG OF 4 HELD IN VIJAYAWADA

Vijayawada, Dec. 4: Vijayawada police arrested four of a cricket betting gang and seized ₹16 lakh cash, 20 cellphones and other equipment. Vijayawada police commissioner Dwaraka Tirumala Rao said that four persons who were residing in a house at Marutnagar of Vijayawada city conducted online cricket betting. Hence, the police conducted raid and arrested four persons.

He said the four formed a team and has been conducting cricket betting to earn money easily.

Set up security panel by Dec. 27: HC to govt

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Censuring the 'turning a deaf ear' attitude of the state government in setting up institutions and appointing various constitutional posts, the Telangana High Court on Wednesday directed the government to constitute the state security commission at the state level and the police complaints authority at the district level in the Telangana state by December 27, 2019.

These were meant for the redressal of public grievances in respect of the abuse of police powers.

While giving these directions, the Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chauhan and A. Abhishek Reddy, cautioned the state, that the principal secretary of the home department

has to personally appear before the court on December 30, if these directions were overlooked by the state.

Coming across a flood of petitions before the court complaining about the abuse of power by police authorities and higher officials not responding to public grievances on the abuse of power, the Telangana High court took it as, suo motu, a contempt case.

Earlier, the single judge in 2017 and division bench on July 2, 2018, had directed the state to establish the authorities concerned. However, these directions have not been paid any heed by the government and the petitions were flowing in before the court against the police.

Dealing with the case CJ Chauhan said, "It's been more than one and half years ago that this court had directed the government to constitute

the state security commission and police complaints authority, but till today, the orders have not been complied with."

The CJ further observed that it was unfortunate to mention that the Telangana government was not taking the directions of the court seriously. "As this court is flooded with PILs seeking our intervention to direct the government to expedite the appointments of and to certain vital organisations in the state which have been headless for a long period such as Chairman and Members to the Human Rights Commission (HRC), Information Commissioners, Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta, to name a few."

"However, the state is turning deaf ears to implement the orders," the bench said. The court wondered why the state was not establishing the

'authorities,' even after 13 years of Supreme Court directions.

The state security commission and police complaint authority were to be established at the state and district levels following the judgment by the Supreme Court in Prakash Singh vs. Union of India in 2006, in response to the huge volume of complaints against the police and the endemic lack of accountability.

The division bench of Hyderabad High Court, comprising the then Acting Chief Justice, Ramesh Ranganathan, and Justice J. Uma Devi, on 2 July 2018 rejected the appeal by Telangana government challenging the order of a single judge to establish authorities, and it directed the state to constitute them within two months from the day of direction. One and a half years later, we are still waiting.

Woman ends life 13 days after marriage, husband booked

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Just 13 days after marrying against the wishes of her parents, a young woman software employee reportedly committed suicide at her in-law's house in Sanatnagar. Following a complaint from the parents of the deceased, police registered a case against the woman's husband for alleged dowry harassment and abetment to suicide.

The woman, identified as Poornima, a techie working with Tech Mahindra was in love with Dasari Karthik, a realtor from Ramarao Nagar in Sanatnagar. When they expressed interest in marriage, Poornima's par-

ents objected to it. However, they got married at Arya Samaj on November 23.

On Monday, the couple reportedly had a quarrel over some personal issues. The next day, when Karthik was in one room, Poornima was resting in another. After some time, when he went to see his wife, she was found hanging to the ceiling. He then called for an ambulance and alerted the police through Dial 100, and lodged a complaint.

Sanatnagar Inspector K. Chandra Sekhar Reddy said that prima facie, the incident appeared to be suicide. The woman had ligature marks around her neck but also had a head injury. Initially, a case under suspi-

cious death was registered and her body was sent for autopsy at Gandhi Hospital mortuary.

"A note purportedly written by the woman was recovered from her diary in the house. It states that she was going away from them. We are sending it to FSL for analysis," he said.

On Wednesday, the woman's parents lodged a complaint alleging that Karthik's harassment led their daughter to take the extreme step and sought action against him. The inspector said that the sections of the case are being altered and Karthik is being booked on charges of domestic harassment and abetment to suicide of his wife.

MAN FILMS WOMAN BATHING, CAUGHT IN FOUR MINUTES

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

A 23-year-old man who attempted to take a photograph of a woman bathing was arrested by the Banjara Hills police on Tuesday.

Yousuf Farooq, 23, working in a mobile shop, went to the terrace and saw a woman living in a neighbouring building, bathing. He took out his

mobile phone and tried to take a photo. Noticing the flash the woman understood that she was being filmed. She immediately called Dial 100. A police team rushed to the spot within four minutes and apprehended Farooq, said the police.

Detective Inspector S. Ravi Kumar booked Farooq, arrested him and produced him before a court.

CAB DRIVER ARRESTED FOR MINOR'S ABUSE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

A 32 year-old man working as a cab driver was arrested by the Saidabad police on charges of the sexual assault of a girl, 16, by luring her on the pretext of love and marrying her.

According to Saidabad police, accused Bharghav, 32, a cab driver is a resident of Harijan Basti in Saidabad. The family of an auto driver was living as tenants in the house of Bhargav, who is already married and his wife is pregnant.

About three months ago, his tenant, the auto driver got to know that Bharghav was moving around with his daughter, 16. The autodrivers warned him and also moved to another house. However, the accused did not change his attitude and lured the girl in the name of love.

Later, Bharghav also sent some private pictures of the girl to her father threatening him to get the girl married to him as a second wife. When the victim's father questioned him, the accused said that he had taken the girl to Yadagirigutta where he had sexual intercourse with her thrice, said the police.

The victim's father lodged a complaint following which Bharghav has been arrested under the relevant sections of IPC and the POCSO Act, the police added.

2 HELD FOR MISBEHAVING WITH MODEL

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Two persons who misbehaved with a model at a pub in Madhapur were arrested by the police on Wednesday. Another accused is still at large.

On December 1, a model lodged a complaint with the Madhapur police alleging that when she was at Novotel, three persons including BJP youth leader, Ashish Goud, misbehaved with her while dancing and pushed her. A case was registered by the Madhapur police subsequently. The police arrested Gounda Sanketh Goud, 26, and Pooani Pavan Kumar Goud, 25, of Insnapur in Sangareddy while Ashish is absconding.

Unsafe ride



A pillion rider carries a heavy parcel and rushes past the police who approaches the dangerous two-wheeler at Habsiguda on Wednesday. — S. SURENDER REDDY

MAN SMUGGLES GOLD FROM AP, ARRESTED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

A city resident who was smuggling gold from AP was caught by the DRI at Charminar. The officials seized gold worth ₹66.64 lakh from the accused and arrested him on Wednesday.

According to DRI, special intelligence was received by the officers of the Hyderabad unit that a person was smuggling foreign-marked gold to Hyderabad and was travelling in a bus.

The accused had boarded a bus at Tadipatri and reached the city. He was carrying 1.7 kgs of gold in the form of biscuits. The gold was of a foreign mark and is valued at ₹66.64 lakh.

Husband brings his wife home after spat, kills her

DC CORRESPONDENT WARANGAL, DEC 4

An alcoholic husband Thota Ramesh killed his 25-year-old wife Subba Lakshmi and left her body on the outskirts of Venkatapuram in Mulugu district.

Police said the murder took place on Tuesday night but the body was discovered on Wednesday morning.

A pesticide bottle, knife, liquor bottle and some chicken curry in a bowl were found at the spot.

Though police did not confirm how she was murdered the scene of crime suggested that he might have poisoned her as there was froth at her nose and mouth.

Inspector K. Shiva Prasad and SI G.

Thirupathi inspected the area and collected evidence for forensic examination. The body was shifted to the Eturnagaram government hospital for post-mortem. Ramesh is absconding.

Villagers said Ramesh, who worked as a driver, used to harass his wife and they had frequent fights due to which she has been staying at her parents' house with her two children in Chokkala. Recently, during one such fights Ramesh even poured petrol on his house in a bid to burn the house in an inebriated state.

The villagers got hold of him and tied him to a tree.

On Tuesday, he went to her parents' house and convinced her to return

with him.

However, on the way he took her to a secluded area on the outskirts of the village and killed her. Villagers said he was going about the village telling people that he killed his wife and even showed the gold ornaments she had on her. But as he was drunk, the villagers did not believe him at first but grew suspicious and informed her parents.

The police, relatives and villagers started searching for her and found her body on Wednesday morning.

The women of the village protested and demanded that strict punishment be given to the accused.

The police has launched a manhunt to nab him.

14 police teams formed to trace murderer Woman, infant set on fire in AP

DC CORRESPONDENT NELLORE, DEC. 4

Unidentified persons set fire to a woman and her one-year-old child after pouring petrol on them in a secluded place between Pernamitta and Marellaguntapalem in Maddipadu mandal of Prakasam district late on Tuesday night.

The incident came to light when some locals alerted the police when they noticed the burning bodies.

According to the police, the woman is aged between 20 and 25 and the infant is between six months and a year.

The accused is suspected to have eliminated the woman by her hitting

hard on the head with a boulder before setting fire to the body. The impact of the hit was such that her skull was broken. The infant was killed by slitting her throat with a kitchen knife.

Based on the dress remaining on the unaffected part of the bodies, the woman was wearing a rose coloured Punjabi dress while the child was wearing an underwear and banian with a 'Naughty Girl' badge on it.

Police recovered the blood-stained boulder, blood-stained knife, burnt plastic bottle and a beer bottle smelling of petrol at the scene of the grisly crime.

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Police said that some persons in Ayyappa Deeksha have told them that they have seen the woman and a man travelling on a bike and also noticed heated exchanges between them close to the place where they were killed.

Prakasam, SP, Siddharth Kaushal, inspected the murder scene late on Tuesday night and formed as many as 14 teams to trace the accused.

The teams have been verifying video footage in toll-plazas and other

towns in Prakasam to establish the identity of the victims.

Sources in police said the woman is likely to be from a lower middle-class family going by her clothes.

They said that they have been looking at the beneficiaries' list of Pradhana Manthri Matritva Vandana Yojana scheme, where ₹6,000 is given to the pregnant women right from conception to delivery, to see if they might establish the identity of the victim.

"Asha workers and ANMs have been enrolling almost all pregnant women everywhere to avail the scheme," police said.

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The Most Rev. **Dr. B. PETER SUGANDHAR**
Former Moderator, CSI & Bishop
Medak Diocese
28-9-1943 - 5-12-2017
Inserted by:
Families of B.C. Vinaya Sagar & B.C. Daniel
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8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever Ps 23:6

Late **Mr. KADAMANDLA JOHNWESLEY**
D.O.B: 22-03-1929 D.O.D: 05-12-2011
We cherish your memories you will always be with us in spirit
Inserted by:
Wife: CHRISTUMANY JOHN WESLEY & FAMILY MEMBERS

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(Freedom Fighter)
DoB: 02-02-1929 DoD: 26-11-2019
"Your Memories always remain our hearts."
Inserted by: Wife: Maripally Laxmi Bai &
Family Members
Ceremony will be held on 5/12/2019,
1pm @Moksh Banquets, Nr. Necklace
Road, Rani guni, Secunderabad.
Lunch Follows. Ph: 999894656.

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REMEMBRANCE 2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

The Most Rev. **Dr. B. PETER SUGANDHAR**
28-09-1943 - 05-12-2017
Inserted by:
Mrs. & Mr. B.I. Krupadanam &
Mr. D. Paul Sanjay & Family

SECOND DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Sri Molala Gnaneshwar Rao Garu
DOB: 04.05.1940 - DOD: 05.12.2017
Not a single moment goes by without you in our thoughts life only gets livable knowing and believing you are watching over us always forever in our hearts.
Inserted by: Venkatesh & Vani
Rakesh & Swethambari
Manjula & Anil Kumar
Grand Children:
Deepank, Sanjana, Vinay, Gnapika,
Brijesh, Shrijesh and Molala Family.

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

"... what she has done will be spoken in memory of her." Mat 26:13

Late **Mrs. KAMALA KANAKA RAJU**
(Rtd. Nursing Superintendent,
CSI Hospital, Dugdaon)
DOB: 17-12-1944 DOD: 5-12-2016
She carved her name on our hearts with
her love, sacrifices and fear of God.
We remember her fondly today and ever.
Inserted by: Mr. Kanaka Raju - (Husband)
Mrs. & Rev. K. James Cecil Victor - 96491 03656
Mrs. & Mr. K. Noel Nicholes - 96493 46848
Grand Children: Shereen, Sherwin and Evelyn
(S/1920/D01361)

6th Death Anniversary

P. PRAJAPATHI BABU
DOB: 16-01-1952 - D.O.D: 5-12-2013
Your Presence We miss
Your Memory We Treasure
You are always in Our hearts
Inserted by: P. Nirmala
Sons: P.Kiran & P.Kishore
Daughter in Law: P.Anitha, Grand Son &
Grand Daughter: Piyush & Lokanksha
Mobile: 8179664969



Akbaruddin Owaisi reviews various development works in old city in a meeting with GHMC commissioner Lokesh Kumar

TRS tweaks Office of Profit rules

Exemption would allow government to appoint politicians as party leaders

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

The state government on Wednesday brought out an Ordinance to exempt the post of chairman of government owned corporations from the Office of Profit and also to pave the way to appoint MLAs and MLCs as the head of the corporations which are under its control.

an Ordinance appointing chairmen of 28 corporations including the Rythu Samanvaya Samithi. Following the recommendation of the Cabinet, the Governor on Wednesday issued The Telangana Payment of Salaries and Pension and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 (Ordinance 7 of 2019).

Sources close to the Chief Minister revealed that he had changed his mind about appointing senior leaders of the party as chairmen of government owned corporations and decided to accommodate party MLAs who have not got a berth in his Cabinet and also MLAs who had defected from the

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ers will be appointed to these posts.

But that is likely to change with this Ordinance and Mr Rao's change of mind.

Some 12 MLAs of the Congress joined the TRS soon after the Assembly elections of December 2018. One of them, Sabitha Indra Reddy, got a berth in the Cabinet but the rest are awaiting plum posts in the government and are not happy with the delay in getting them. To appease them, sources said, Mr Rao has decided to give them corporation chairmen posts.

Congress MLAs G. Venkataramana Reddy, Sudhir Reddy, Ch Lingaiah, Rohit Reddy, Hari Priya Nayak, V

Venkateswara Rao and Athram Sakku, were promised posts in the government.

Sources said that TRS MLAs Bajireddy Goverdhan, Padma Devender Reddy, Aroori Ramesh, K P Vivekananda Goud, Bigala Ganesh Gupta and Rekha Nayak would likely get the nominated posts.

Those who have been in the party since its inception are said to be unhappy with Mr Rao amending the law related to the nominated posts.

Meanwhile, some former chairmen of various corporations are also lobbying for re-nomination through minister K.T. Rama Rao.

MIM'S EYES TO REMAIN FIXATED ON WB POLITICS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

MIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi will be addressing a mega rally in Kolkata in January ahead of civic polls in West Bengal, with an eye on the 2021 Assembly elections.

Party leader Zameerul Hasan has sought permission for the meeting to be held at Brigade Parade Grounds.

A senior party member said "It is at the planning stage."

The two brothers Asad and Akbaruddin Owaisi are to tour different districts of the state to strengthen the party organisation decided.

TPCC members to attend Delhi protest

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) has decided to send 4,000 leaders for the proposed "Bharat Bachao" programme being conducted by AICC at Rameela Maidan in New Delhi on December 14 against the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre.

AICC General Secretary and Telangana Congress affairs in-charge R.C. Khuntia on Wednesday held a meeting with TPCC leaders here and discussed about the programme.

Former Ministers K Jana Reddy, Mohd

Shabbir Ali, TPCC working President Kusuma Kumar, MLA Jagga Reddy and others attended the meeting.

Khuntia said 10 leaders from each Assembly segment apart from AICC and TPCC executive members, DCC presidents, secretaries, official spokespersons and members of frontal organizations will participate in the programme, totalling around 4,000 spread over 23 categories.

Khuntia said TPCC has nominated a three-man committee comprising Working Presidents Ponnampallabharathi and J. Kusuma Kumar.

KTR slams Centre for neglected south

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

IT and Industries Minister K T Rama Rao on Wednesday slammed the Union government for neglecting the southern states.

He said that the Union government has to rise above petty political considerations while choosing states for setting up defence and aerospace units in the country. He wants the government to consider the existing ecosystem rather than elections as a deciding factor for setting up strategic defence production units in private or government sectors.

Mr Rama Rao was addressing the third edition of the Defence Conclave titled 'Advantage Telangana: Examining Transformations and Exploring Opportunities' organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) here in the city.

While seeking the Centre's nod for starting a Defence Production Corridor between Hyderabad and Bangalore, he said, "I have met four defence ministers in the last five years and requested them to support Hyderabad and Telangana in our growth story as we have a good eco-system for the growth of defence and aerospace industry, industry ready workforce and a strategic location."

He pointed out that "unfortunately, it occurs to me that even in matters of strategic sectors like aerospace and defence, sometimes the regional compulsions are outweighing national strategies."

While recalling that one of the investors told him that they were asked by the government to consider Nagpur, Gujarat or Rajasthan, he felt that "it is a travesty that investments coming to India in important sectors like defence have to be based on political and geopolitical considerations."

He opined that "the Centre should have a relook at the strategy as it is spending millions of dollars on defence acquisitions". He expressed the hope that sense and wisdom will prevail and the centre starts taking sectors like defence seriously.



TS-IPASS CLEARED PROJECT WORTH ₹1.70L CRORE

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

IT, MAUD and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao (KTR) on Wednesday participated in the fifth anniversary celebrations of TS-iPASS (Telangana State Industrial Project Approval and Self Certification System) at Shilpakala Vedika in Hyderabad.

The TS-iPASS system has reportedly brought in an investment of ₹1.73 lakh crore to the State and in the process created 13.02 lakh employment opportunities.

Mr Rao highlighted the government's efforts to give a major boost to investments.

"We are developing sector-specific industrial parks, which focus on pharma, medical devices, aerospace, defence, MSME, textiles, food processing and other industries. These have paved the way for the entry of new industries in the State, which, has also helped generate innumerable jobs," he said.

The Minister said that the government was deeply committed to industrialisation.

"With the support of investors, we will continue to prosper and bring in new reforms, which will reduce corruption, improve cost-effective ease of doing business," he said.

Later, he and Labour Minister Ch Malla Reddy presented awards to collectors from districts that were in the forefront of TS-iPASS implementation in the last five years.

He also presented a cheque for Rs 305 crore (subsidy amount) to T-Pride (Telangana State Program for Rapid Incubation of Dalit Entrepreneurs).

Gov seeks Central medical sop in TS

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan will hold a high-level meeting with top officials of Medical & Health department at Raj Bhavan on Thursday.

The Governor, a doctor herself, wants the state to become "Arogya Telangana". Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Naidu discussed about the schemes in the Medical & Health department when he met her recently.

According to officials, the Governor is very particular over the health care of middle-class people. Although, the Arogyasri scheme is benefitting poor people, there is no such government scheme exclusively for the middle class.

The state government is not implementing the Union government's Ayushman Bharath, as it feels that Arogyasri is far better.

Meanwhile, the State government is not implementing the Union Government's Ayushman Bharath, as it feels Arogyasri is far better. But the Governor's opinion is that the State Government should utilize Ayushman Bharath scheme and its funds. A win-win solution according to her, is in merging Ayushman Bharath and Arogyasri schemes.

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A campaign is needed to eradicate the custom of 'ghoonghat' - Ashok Gehlot
Rajasthan Chief Minister

BRIEF

Avalanche along LoC kills 4 jawans

Srinagar: Four soldiers were killed in two separate incidents of snow avalanches near the Line of Control in north Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday. An Army post in Tangdhar area of Kupwara district was hit by an avalanche on Tuesday afternoon, trapping at least four soldiers. The officials said bodies of three soldiers were recovered on Wednesday, while one soldier was rescued alive. In another incident, a foot patrol of the Army was hit by an avalanche in Dawar area of Gurez sector of Bandipora district, trapping two soldiers. While one of them was rescued alive, the body of the other soldier was recovered during search operations.

Delhi to get free 15 GB internet

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday announced that Delhiites will get free 15 GB data per month through a hotspot network across the city. Work on setting up 11,000 hotspots across the city is going on, he said. On December 16, 100 hotspots will be inaugurated launching the Delhi government's free wifi scheme, he said. With this free 15 GB internet data usage being provided to people, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has fulfilled all the promises made in its manifesto for 2015 Assembly polls, Kejriwal said.

ED quizzes Hooda in land scam probe

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 4

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday questioned former Haryana chief minister and senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda as part of its money laundering probe pertaining to a land scam case. Sources said Hooda's statement was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). He was questioned by the ED sleuths in Chandigarh. The ED is probing Hooda's role in multiple criminal cases of money laundering, including the Manesar land case and the Associated Journal Limited (AJL) land case. Earlier, another Central investigative agency, the CBI, had filed a case against Hooda in connection with alleged irregularities in the acquisition of land in Haryana when he was the CM of the state. According to ED sources, Hooda allegedly misused his official position and allotted a plot in the guise of re-allotment at an under-valued price to the AJL, a group that runs the National Herald newspaper. Sources alleged that the value of the plot was ₹64.93 crore, but Mr Hooda gave it away for ₹59 lakh. The ED recently attached the plot under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). "Mr Hooda did not adhere to the legal opinion of legal remembrance, Haryana, and recommendations of HUDA officials and financial commissioner of the town and country planning. Thus, the then chief minister caused wrongful loss to HUDA and wrongful gain to AJL," sources alleged.

VHP set to up its cadre by 50L

NITIN MAHAJAN | DC NEW DELHI, DEC 4

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh-affiliate Vishwa Hindu Parishad is likely to increase its cadre base by a whopping 50 lakh members after the Supreme Court verdict on the Babri Masjid-Ram Janmabhoomi dispute. The VHP had launched a drive to garner new members, also known as Hindu Hit Chintaks. It was launched on November 24 and is scheduled to culminate on December 8. Sources stated that a target of around 30 lakh members was set earlier. However, a massive response from people to join the outfit made the VHP revise the target for

Truth finally prevailed: Cong

Karti says PC will attend Parliament today; happy to face trial

New Delhi, Dec. 4: The truth has finally prevailed, the Congress said on Wednesday after the Supreme Court granted bail to senior party leader P. Chidambaram in the INX-Media money laundering case. Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said Chidambaram's over 100 days of incarceration was "vengeful and vindictive", while expressing confidence that he will be able to prove his innocence in a fair trial. Mr Chidambaram's son Karti heaved a sigh of relief, tweeting, "Phew! At last after 106 days." Later, talking to reporters, he said, "I am very happy that my father is coming home. It has been a long wait, it has been an unwanted incarceration."

HC findings not justified: SC

It noted that after the rejection of anticipatory bail on September 5, Mr Chidambaram was available for custodial interrogation for more than 45 days. Justice Bopanna pronouncing the judgment said that they were not inclined to look into the material given to them in a sealed cover by the ED, but since the single judge of the Delhi High Court had perused it and arrived at certain conclusions, "we had to look into it to satisfy ourselves". The apex court said that single judge of the High Court was "not justified" in arriving at the findings which it did "based on the material" made available to him. "Hence in our opinion, the findings recorded by the learned judge of the High Court based on the material in sealed cover is not justified."

Happy that he got the bail. He (Chidambaram) will start attending Rajya Sabha proceedings after taking care of his health

NALINI Chidambaram's wife

Chidambaram was directed to be available for interrogation as and when required by the ED, and should not leave the country without the nod of the Special ED court. Chidambaram will be in Parliament on Thursday at 11 am. Rajasthan Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Ashok Gehlot echoed the party to say truth had prevailed. Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury also welcomed the Supreme Court decision, while deputy leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha Anand Sharma said quest for truth has been vindicated and justice has finally prevailed. "Clearly, he (Chidambaram) is a victim of vendetta politics which remains a threat to our Constitutional democracy," Mr Sharma said.

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor was more circumspect and said "justice delayed is justice denied," adding the bail should have been granted much earlier.

A three-judge bench, headed by Justice R. Banumathi, granted bail to the 74-year-old former Union finance minister, who has been in custody since August 21 when he was arrested by the CBI in the INX-Media corruption case. The Enforcement Directorate had arrested him on October 16 in the money laundering case. Mr Singhvi termed the order "balanced", "nuanced" and "comprehensive" and a great order in favour of human rights and balanced jurisprudence. The BJP took a dig at the Congress's reaction following the Supreme Court

ITBP jawan shoots dead 5 colleagues, kills self

They were injured, and were airlifted to Raipur for treatment. "It appears that the jawan who opened fire on his colleagues was under stress. The Narayanpur district superintendent of police has been asked for a report," Bastar inspector general of police P. Sunderraj said. The ITBP's 45th battalion camp was set up at Kednar, falling under Abujmahad — loosely translated as "unknown area", as a counterinsurgency measure. Abujmahad is considered a Maoist stronghold. The slain jawans were identified as head constables Mahendra Singh and Daljit Singh, and constables Surjit Sarkar, Biswaroop Mahatoo and Bijesh. The jawan who shot the killer was identified as constable Masudul Rahman. Those injured were identified as S.B. Ullas and Sitaram Doon.

girl thrashes youth for eve-teasing

Koraput, Odisha: A video of a girl thrashing an eve-teaser in broad daylight in Koraput's Jeyapore is garnering appreciation and accolades for her bravery. The girl in the video is seen thrashing a bike-borne youth who was trying to snatch his bike keys near a park for allegedly harassing and passing lewd comments at her. It is believed she was returning home from tuition when the incident happened.

Paradip Port Trust

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Justice served

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi says that the 'incarceration' of former finance minister P Chidambaram is vindictive



Incidents of rape against women across Uttar Pradesh is heart wrenching

— Akhilesh Yadav Samajwadi party president

SHORT TAKES

J&K: 261 JAILED IN UP, HARYANA

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 4

Following the revocation of Article 370 in J&K, security agencies had shifted a large number of prisoners from the state to other parts of the country as part of a preventive measure. Majority of these are part of the 261 prisoners from J&K who are currently lodged in prisons across Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. Out of these, 234 are in jails in UP while 27 inmates are in different prisons in Haryana, minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy informed Parliament. Most of the prisoners from J&K are either political activists or over ground workers of suspected outfits who have been involved in stone pelting or trying to trigger trouble in the Valley.

CRPF JAWAN, 3 OTHERS RAPE GIRL

Mirzapur, Dec. 4: A 15-year-old girl was allegedly abducted and gang-raped by four men, including a CRPF jawan in Uttar Pradesh's Mirzapur district, police said on Wednesday. The incident took place on Monday night when the high school student was allegedly called by one of the accused, who along with three others took her to a forest and gang-raped her, they said.

An FIR was registered by the victim's father on Tuesday at Haliya police station under various sections including Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, inspector Davidar Shukla said. He said the accused had called the girl's mother on Monday but when the girl came out of her house, they forced her in their vehicle and drove towards Halia forest.

STRIKE FOR JUSTICE TO GO ON: DCW CHIEF

New Delhi, Dec. 4: Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) chief Swati Maliwal, who is sitting on an indefinite hunger strike at Samta Sthal here, on Wednesday said she will end her fast only after her demand for rapists to be hanged within six months of their conviction is met.

Maliwal began her hunger strike at Jantar Mantar on Tuesday night, but later she and her supporters were shifted to Samta Sthal, the memorial of former Deputy Prime Minister Babu Jagjivan Ram.

Several women reached Samta Sthal, near Rajghat, to express solidarity with the DCW chief. "My hunger strike is continuing. We will continue the fight from Rajghat. I will only end my fast after my demands are met," Maliwal tweeted.

SECURITY SCALED DOWN FOR RAMAN

Raipur, Dec. 4: The Congress government in Chhattisgarh has scaled down the security cover of senior BJP leader and former Chief Minister Raman Singh, and his family members, according to an official order. The move by the Bhopesh Baghel government follows the recommendations of the 'Protection Review Group' that had met last month and reviewed the security cover of protectees.

It has been decided to reduce the 'Z plus' security cover given to Raman Singh to the 'Z' category, the order issued by the state home department said.

His wife Veena Singh's security cover has been reduced from 'Z' to 'X' category.

CAB protests rock Assam

Student leaders say they are left with no option but to protest

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, DEC. 4

With the BJP-led Central government deciding to move the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament, several organisations and the powerful All Assam Students Union on Wednesday threatened to start a fresh Assam Andolan to protect the rights and existence of the indigenous people of the state.

The Aasu leadership, which had a long meeting with Union home minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Tuesday night, said they were left with no option but to launch another agitation.

Asserting that the people of Assam had faith in this (BJP) government that they would protect indigenous people facing a threat from the influx on all fronts, the Aasu leaders said that the Bill violated the provisions of the Assam Accord, and so it was not acceptable to the people of Assam in any form.

Former Chief Minister Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, regretting the stand of his party on the CAB, told reporters he was with the Aasu leadership which had rightly decided to fight against the CAB.

"I don't know what the AGP leaders holding office have decided, but one thing is sure that the CAB is a threat to the existence of the indigenous people of Assam," said Mr Mahanta, who reiterated he would continue to oppose CAB even if his party doesn't take any clear stand.

The Assam Sangkyalaghu Sangram Parishad, on Wednesday, also staged protests against the Bill and burnt effigies of Home minister Amit Shah and Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

The minority organisation's activists shouted slogans against the Bill and the government in Assam's Biswanath district.

The protesters also demanded that the Bill be scrapped immediately.

One of its leaders said: "We held this protest across the state. Assam can't take the additional burden of illegal foreigners. We have opposed the government's policy as they are giving us the additional burden of illegal foreigners. We will not accept it. Our protests and agitations will continue in the coming days. We will take action if the government passes the Bill in Parliament."

Former CM Tarun Gogoi alleged that the BJP was diverting the attention from other issues by talking solely about CAB and NRC.

Swami sought Oz passport

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Clearly looking for a way out, Nithyananda, whose Indian passport had expired in 2018 was trying to get Australian citizenship. But Australian authorities reportedly sought clearance from local police in Bidadi, where his ashram is located. The local Ramnagara police are said to have responded in detail about the allegations, charges and the cases pending against him in court and asked them not to consider his request. Then, local officials had not renewed his passport for various reasons, sources said.

Officials pointed to the spotlight on the ashram in Bidadi, where the controversial godman's first scandal broke in 2010. A video of him in a compromising position with an actress had gone viral and he went into hibernation for almost eight years. It was only a year ago that he emerged in a new avatar. Dressed in maroon and sporting a tiger pelt, he had grown a moustache, a beard and matted locks. He

carried a trident and wore beaded necklaces. Last month, a controversy broke when an FIR was registered against Nithyananda after two girls went missing from Yogi Sarvagya-peetham, his ashram in Ahmedabad. He was charged with kidnapping and wrongful confinement of children to make them collect donations from followers to run his ashram.



Members of Aasu protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, in Guwahati on Wednesday.

Cong to move SC over CAB

From Page 1

In terms of Section 2 of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulations 1873, the Inner Line Permit system is in force in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland. Citizens of other states require an ILP to visit these states.

Under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, autonomous councils and districts were created in the tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura. The autonomous councils and districts enjoy certain executive and legislative powers.

The Congress, Trinamul, CPM and a few other political parties have been steadfastly opposing the bill, claiming that citizenship cannot be granted on the basis of religion.

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Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill violates the basic idea of India, that religion can never be a reason for citizenship.

Veteran Congress leader and three-time former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi said that the Congress will move the SC because it believes that CAB is unconstitutional and against the spirit of secularism.

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"Believing that religion should determine nationhood was the idea of Pakistan. We have always argued that our idea of the nation was what Mahatma Gandhi, Nehruji, Maulana Azad, Dr Ambedkar have said, that religion cannot determine nationhood,"

Mr Tharoor told reporters at Parliament House.

Veteran Congress leader and three-time Assam CM Tarun Gogoi said that the Congress Party will move the Supreme Court against the CAB, which he said was "unconstitutional" and "divisive."

Mr Gogoi said in a tweet: "The Congress will move the SC because we believe that CAB is unconstitutional and against the spirit of secularism. It is divisive, and violates the constitutional provision — equality for all. There cannot be division on the basis of religion, caste or creed."

The All India United Democratic Front has written a letter to Mr Shah requesting him not to introduce the CAB in Parliament as it is "against the interests of the people of Assam and the country."

BJP DEVICES STRATEGY TO CONVINC OPPN

NITIN MAHAJAN | DC NEW DELHI, DEC. 4

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is hopeful that the CAB, cleared by the union Cabinet on Wednesday, will be passed by Parliament without much trouble next week.

As part of the strategy, the party has deployed senior leaders and ministers to reach out to opposition and NDA allies for passage of the bill, which is scheduled to be presented before the two Houses next week.

Party sources stated that several Cabinet ministers in the Narendra Modi government and senior leaders of BJP are in talks with NDA allies and other parties to secure adequate numbers for the passage of Bill in Parliament.

Owaisi slams 'communal' CAB

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi has slammed the Citizenship Amendment Bill and called it communal.

Reacting to the Cabinet's nod to the Bill, which is expected to be tabled in the Parliament, he said the Bill is a grave violation of the Constitution and is an effort to turn India into a religion-based state. He wanted to know why Muslims were being excluded.

Speaking to media in Delhi, he said, "India, as a

country, has accepted the doctrine of Non-Refoulement, though we have not signed it, but customised International law is part of it. So many judgments of the International Court of Justice and European courts are there. We enjoyed the high moral ground when we went to ICJ for Kulbhushan. There will be global embarrassment. The largest democratic country is making laws on citizenship based on religion. This is a grave violation. This is nothing but an attempt to turn India into a religious

country. Why are you excluding Muslims and on what basis? Are you not violating the Constitution," he asked, claiming that this Bill is against Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution. He asked why two laws are needed on citizenship.

"You are trying to divide the country and revive two-nation theory. We, the Muslims of the nation, rejected the theory of Jinnah and now you are providing citizenship based on religion," he said wondering why the government excluded Tamilians, who are living in Tamil Nadu for last 30

years and had lost everything in Sri Lanka.

"You are sending across a message to the Muslims that they are second-class citizens," he said. He refused excuses given by the government that amendments are being carried out considering the religious persecution in neighbouring countries. When Christians opined that only Christians from Syria should be accepted in US, Mr Obama had rejected the idea, saying that it would be contrary to the US constitution and said he would allow everyone," he pointed out.

Cabinet approves SC/ST quota in LS

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, DEC. 4

The union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a proposal to extend the reservation for Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies for 10 years.

Though it is a statutory exercise, which needs to be repeated after every 10 years, there were speculations that the government is rethinking its plan to continue with the quota for the Anglo-Indian community.

In Lok Sabha, two seats are reserved for the members of the Anglo Indian community, who are nominated for the Lower House.

Sources aware of the development told this newspaper that the issue was discussed at length during the Cabinet meeting and a Cabinet note from the Social Justice Ministry, too, is learnt to have been deliberated upon.

There is, however, no clarity whether the government has reached any conclusion. The picture is likely to become clear once the text of the Bill comes out.

Interestingly, in the current Lok Sabha, which was convened after the general elections in May this year, nobody has been nominated from the community and the column for nominated members in Lok Sabha's website has been left blank while sitting members from all the 37 parties add up to 543, which is the total strength of Lok Sabha.

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members from the Anglo-Indian community in the present 17th Lok Sabha where sitting members from all the 37 parties add up to 543, which is the total strength of the Lower House.

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The reservation for these categories in the Lok Sabha and assemblies was to expire on January 25, 2020, and therefore it was decided in the Union Cabinet to extend it to a further 10 years. The government will bring a bill to extend the reservation till January 25, 2030, in the ongoing winter session. When asked whether reservation for the Anglo-Indian community has also been extended, Union minister Prakash Javadekar told reporters that once the Bill is introduced, the details will be known.

The minister said there are 84 members from the Scheduled Caste and 47 from the Scheduled Tribe communities in Parliament.

In state assemblies across India, there are 614 SC members and 554 ST members.

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4	Pharmacology	0	1	0	0	0	0
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6	Microbiology	0	1	0	0	0	0
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14	Surgery	0	2	0	0	0	5
15	Orthopaedic	1	0	1	0	0	4
16	ENT	0	0	0	0	0	1
17	Ophthalmology	1	0	0	0	0	1
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NOTICE

1. Approval under regulation-86 of CEREC (Conduct of Business) Regulations/1999 and CEREC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations/2019 for i) Revision of Transmission Tariff for 2001-04 tariff block, 2004-09 tariff block, 2009-14 tariff block, ii) Truing up of Transmission tariff for 2014-19 tariff block and iii) Determination of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff block for **Petition-1:** a) 40% fixed series compensation on Gooty - Neelamangla line-I at Gooty and b) 40% fixed series compensation on Gooty - Neelamangla line-I at Gooty, Kadapa Nagarjunasagar Circuit-I and Circuit-II at Kadapa under Fixed Series Comp. on 400 KV lines Southern Region
2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (a) KPTEL (b) APTRANSCO (c) KSEB (d) TNEB (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEPDL (h) APSPLCL (i) APNPPDL (j) APNPPDL (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) Chamundeswari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd. (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (q) TANGEDCO (r)TNTC
3. Tariff details:
a) 2004-09, 2009-14 and 2014-19 block

Revised Transmission Tariff for 2004-09	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Petition No. - 1 (A-I)	280.14	635.50	636.26	619.57	696.45
Petition - 2 (A-II)	209.27	232.65	228.27	233.17	

Revised Transmission Tariff for 2009-14

Petition No.	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Petition - 1	1039.51	1038.90	1025.60	1014.78	1008.04

True up Transmission Tariff for 2014-19

Petition No.	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Petition - 1	964.43	949.13	932.55	915.72	718.44

b) 2019-24 Block

Petition No. DOCO	Tariff for 2019-24 block				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
Petition - 1	01.05.2005	540.08	535.94	531.97	528.14
4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at www.powergridindia.com.
5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application to be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3 & 4th floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office 'Saudamini', Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurugram, Haryana-122 001 within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: GURGAON Sd/
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A MAHARATNA PSU

Old age and treachery will always beat youth and exuberance

On a good day, when you have a clear plan, you are able to execute whatever you want

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Madrid CoP 2019: Can India save the world?

Oil prices are high, even though in Hyderabad the Telangana government has controlled prices at ₹100 per kilo. It is a result of climate change: heavy rain in October and a cyclone off Maharashtra meant severe damage to the crop. Similarly, in Andhra Pradesh, construction has slowed down to a standstill because of climate change. There is no sand to construct; heavy rain through October put the Krishna river, for instance, in spate and the barrages had to be opened not just once but four times this season. There is thus no river-bank, and no sand. One could go on and on about the effects of climate change, but this newspaper has only 16 pages.

It is currently being discussed at the 25th Conference of the Parties (CoP) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), on for two weeks in Madrid. Yet if UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres himself says that the world is "at the point of no return", then one cannot but be gloomy that even incremental steps will be taken to ensure that humanity can at least keep pace with climate change and adapt to it.

The World Meteorological Organisation has said that global temperatures were 1.1 degrees (Celsius) above the pre-industrial average, and that 2019 was one of the three hottest years ever recorded. Oceans, which are supposed to absorb the excess heat have themselves become too acidic, threatening the marine ecosystem on which most humans significantly rely. Each decade produces a rise of 0.1 to 0.2 degrees, which means that before long we will hit the danger mark of a global average of 1.5 degrees above the pre-industrial mark.

Mr Guterres pointed out that though humans had the technology and the money to arrest this trend, we lacked the will to do so. This is most obvious when it comes to the US, whose President pulled out of the 2015 Paris Agreement and who is so beholden to his fossil fuel industry that he poo-poo's the overwhelmingly scientifically supported theory of climate change. India has done well to push forward on cutting emissions to help slow down the temperature rise, though the greenhouse effect is a legacy bequeathed to us by the developed West. Also heartening is the determination of youngsters like Greta Thunberg who have emerged as a rallying point to push climate change higher on the globe's political agenda.

The CoP this year is a preparation to strike a deal at the CoP to be held next year in Glasgow. It will take much preparation — the Paris agreement took six years to conclude. And the US is openly a disruptor. It means that it is up to India, among others, to take the lead in the negotiations. A lot of political capital has been lost of late in various matters on the government's ideological agenda; purposeful action and leadership to ensure an agreement by next year is a way for India to recoup (and more) that political capital.

Uddhav makes a good start

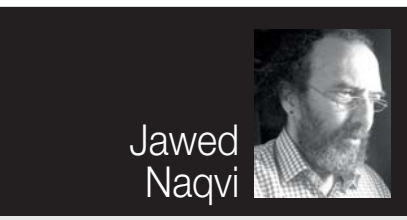
Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray's first act, to scrap the Metro shed project at Mumbai's Aarey, for which his predecessor Devendra Fadnis had 3,000 trees cut in the face of intense protests, should be lauded. Also praiseworthy is the government's move to withdraw cases against social and environmental activists who were thrown into jail by its predecessor for seeking to block the building of the Metro shed, arguing that the facility be moved to a place where tree-felling won't be required. The Thackeray government has also withdrawn cases against activists who opposed the setting up of the Nanar oil refinery on the Ratnagiri coast.

The CM's outlook offers a refreshing contrast to that of his predecessor who, in line with the BJP-RSS's thinking, appeared harsh in tackling social activists unless affiliated to NGOs of the religio-political kind of the majority community. It's to be seen if the new CM offers a liberal face in relation to all sections of society.

Congress and NCP leaders in Maharashtra have urged the chief minister to withdraw criminal cases against dalits in the Bhima Koregaon fracas of January 1 last year in the Pune area. We hope he will. We hope that he will further withdraw the so-called Elgar Parishad cases of the previous year against some of the country's leading intellectuals.

The earlier government had shamefully declared professors, lawyers, and public-minded citizens, who have taken up the cause of the poorest Indians in a sustained fashion over the years, as "urban Naxals", and put them behind bars under the draconian Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. A retired Supreme Court judge from Maharashtra was associated with the Elgar Parishad, and there was nothing unlawful about it.

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Jawed Naqvi

SC's Ayodhya verdict fails to shore up BJP's political clout

Mat ranja kar kasu ko ki apney to etiqaad/ Dil dhaae ke jo kaaba banaaya to kya hua" ("A house of worship on the ruins of a broken heart? My faith and yours are so far apart"). The heart-tugging advice against inflicting one's religion on another's came from 18th-century Muslim poet Mir Taqi Mir. He lived roughly halfway in time between emperor Babar's brief rule and the demolition 27 years ago of a mosque that one of his generals built in Ayodhya in 1528.

Had Mir Baqi, the general, constructed the mosque by destroying a Hindu temple, as some Hindus claim? Mir the poet would admonish him though India's supreme court found no such evidence in its verdict last month. Were the zealots who razed the mosque on Dec 6, 1992, right in delivering what they claimed to be historical retribution? Mir would frown, though he was prone to departing from his faith to crave seclusion in Hindu temples, their bells and fragrances.

The five-member bench of the supreme court missed the delicate point last month when it gave away the land, where the mosque once

stood, to the side that destroyed the monument to subvert the court's orders.

Mir was not alone in sinking his spirit in India's multicultural milieu. Nazir Akbarabadi and Ghalib, among others, followed him faithfully though the habit possibly precedes the earlier Urdu poet Wali Dakhani approximating to Aurangzeb's period. They both died in 1707 after leading entirely opposite lives.

Wali wooed and applauded the diverse people of India. Aurangzeb alienated them, a departure from his forbears, led by the eclectic Akbar. "Koocha-i-yaar ain Kaasi hai/ Jogiya dil wahin ka baasi hai." The Mughal era poet who wrote the lines was also known as Wali of Gujarat, which is where Narendra Modi's hooligans destroyed his grave in 2002 and built a metal road over it. Some admirers still leave flowers at the spot to register their love and pain. What was the verse about? "My beloved lives in the sacred town of Varanasi/ And my ascetic heart belongs there."

As this Friday marks the anniversary of the Ayodhya sacrilege, from the rubble of the mosque is emerging a tiny but discernible strain of unsettling remorse. Aggrieved Indians

should rejoice that those who had supported the destruction of the mosque, or were followers of a dubious historiography that justified the violent assault are seeing their folly. For this reason and more, the widely-held fear of a majoritarian state emerging in India seems misplaced. Let's go with Amartya Sen's headcount of 200 million Muslims, about an equal number of Dalits with large number for Adivasis. Add Hindus who have been shot or jailed to the mix of a billion plus, Lalu Yadav, P. Chidambaram, Govind Pansare, Dhabolkar and Gauri Lankesh among them. Where's the majority, leave alone majoritarianism?

An early encouragement to a strong hunch in this regard came in the 1960s, when shabbily painted Ayodhya-related slogans in saffron appeared on Lucknow University's walls and across the road on Colvin Taluqedar College. A little ahead was the IT College, hugging the road to Ayodhya, via Barabanki and Faizabad. In the other direction, the graffiti extended right up to the British-built Monkey Bridge that linked the two banks of the Gomti. "Garv se kaho hum Hindu hain" ("Say with pride we are Hindus").

One hadn't noticed any neighbour looking worried about their Hinduism. So who was being cajoled? The perplexing quest goes slightly back in time, actually, around the 1920s. Adopt the Hindu way of life or become a second-class citizen in future India, thundered M.S. Golwalkar to India's Muslims and Christians. Would Ghalib or Mir pass the test? See the treatment Wali got in Gujarat under Modi's watch. What about Iqbal who described Lord Ram as 'Imam-i-Hind' in a long ode to the mythical hero?

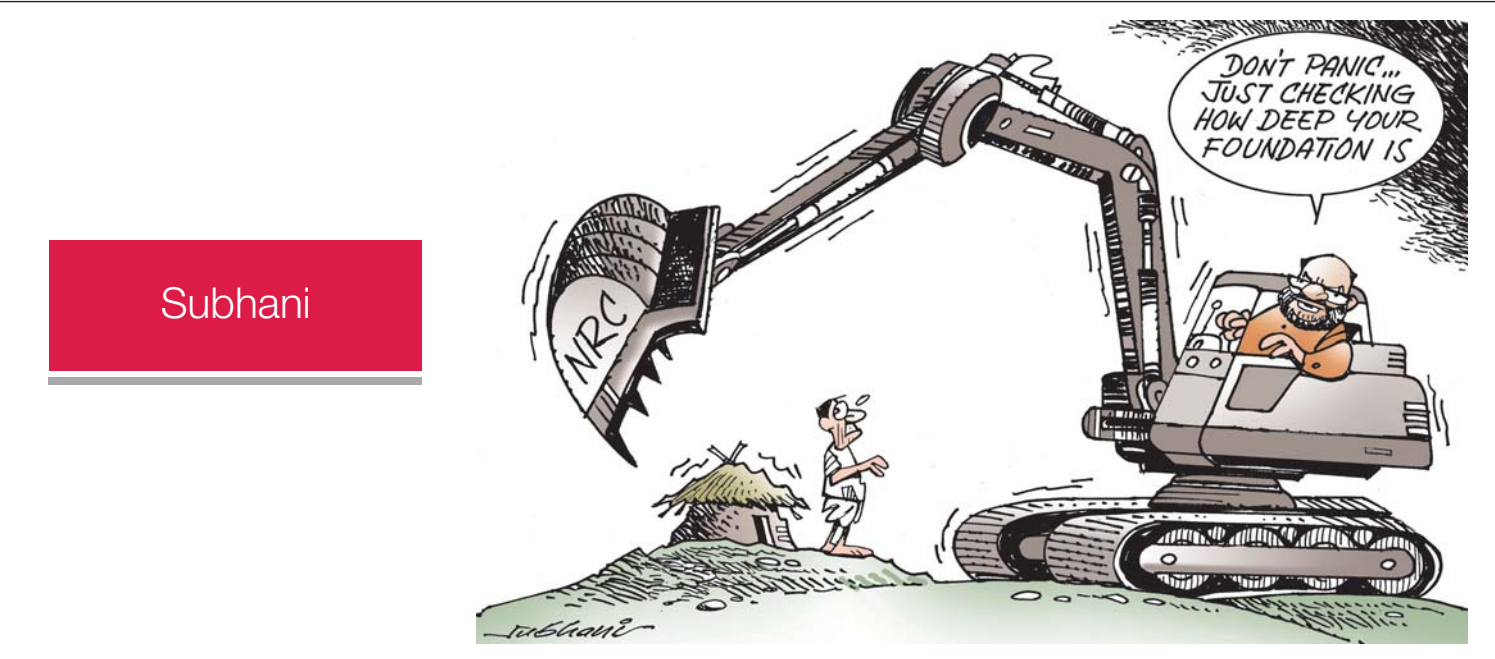
A clear stance is emerging against an alien narrow-mindedness being pushed by the Hindutva coterie. Resentment connects Bengal to Maharashtra, Kashmir to Kerala. It is significant that the most dogged critics of Modi belong to the evolving Hindu right. They are matched only by a nondescript response from the left and centrist ideologues who will be tested again in the Delhi polls in February. It was their poor judgement that brought India to its current pass in May this year.

Among the leading voices slamming Modi are those of former BJP minister and journalist Arun Shourie and his colleague Yashwant

Sinha. Shourie pronounced the Modi government as 'Congress plus cow'. You would have expected the left at the barricades against the wilful subversion in Kashmir. However, it is Yashwant Sinha, formerly from the Hindutva stable who is leading the charge for Kashmiri rights. Industrialists who had supported the prime minister are publicly slamming his damaging sectarian policies. Journalists who never tired of cheering Modi are admitting their mistake.

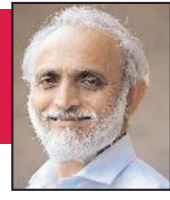
And now the Maharashtra bombshell. The Babri Masjid verdict should have brought succour to the government's cheerleaders, but it hasn't. Horse-trading of elected deputies cannot be seen as a win for Hindutva as was dubiously claimed in Haryana and earlier in Karnataka and Goa. It is bizarre that the world's largest democracy should be shored up by elected representatives hidden away in safe houses for fear of being poached by the ruling party. The once silenced rubble in Ayodhya is conversing with Mir Taqi Mir, and more and more Indians are beginning to listen.

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Subhani

Aggressive BJP shows symptoms of weakness



Parsa Venkateshwar Rao Jr

Union home minister and BJP president Amit Shah is the only man in the government and the party who stays calm in the face of all-round criticism and parries the Opposition's barbs with a certain dexterity. But others in the government and the party, including Cabinet ministers, display dogged aggression at the slightest provocation. When industrialist Rahul Bajaj spoke candidly about the "atmosphere of fear" prevailing under BJP rule, Mr Shah responded quite firmly but without dismissing Mr Bajaj's opinion. Soon after minister of state for urban affairs Hardeep Singh Puri without naming Mr Bajaj characterized the industrialist's remarks in a tweet as a "fake narrative" and as a sign of "indiscipline". It is gratuitous aggression on the part of Mr Puri, a junior minister, which only confirmed the fears articulated by Mr Bajaj.

Earlier in the week, during a short duration discussion in the Rajya Sabha on the economic situation, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman dug into the statistics of economic growth of the UPA-2 government (2009-14) to counter the criticism of the Opposition about the falling growth figures of the last six quarters.

Ms Sitharaman, of course, resorted to a legitimate political counter-attack but in doing so she showed that she was not confident of explaining the present economic situation, and explained in detail the post-Budget measures that she had announced to cope with what she called a slowdown, which was not a recession. She forgot that in politics you cannot go back to the record of a

What other BJP members can learn from the example of Mr Shah is not to get rattled by criticism and show the poise that comes from commanding a majority in both Houses of Parliament

though changes have been made based on assessment of threat perception. And he countered the emotional outburst of Congress members that the move was a political vendetta against the Congress' first family. Mr Shah said that he and his party were not opposed to the "parivar" (family) but opposed to "parivarvaad" (dynastic principle). And when a BJP member said in the course of his speech about the reason why Indira Gandhi was assassinated, and there was uproar of protest from Congress benches, Mr Shah got up to say that though his party member was not in any way justifying the assassination of Indira Gandhi, he wanted that part to be expunged. Taking in criticism and extending small gestures of sensitivity and politeness would go a long way in strengthening the credentials of the ruling party.

But there is a form of aggression that goes beyond the speeches in Parliament and on the social media. It is the ingrained aggression of the right-wing party in its policy orientation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr Shah are guilty of this Donald Trump-like aggression in policy and governance. Their stance on Jammu and Kashmir is an example of this inherent element aggression in matters of policy. Neither the Prime Minister nor the home minister are willing to accept that the situation in the newly-formed Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir is far from normal, and

admit to the fact that the drastic decisions, and it is debatable whether they were necessary or not, have impacted the lives of the people negatively in the short term, instead of doggedly holding on to the claim that things were normal. It is a known fact that even before the removal of the special status and the demotion of Jammu and Kashmir from a state into a Union territory there was trouble in the state as there had been since 1989.

The BJP's inability to look trouble in the eye, whether it be in Jammu and Kashmir or in the economy, reveals the brittle sensibility of a party that is not surefooted in its acts of governance. An aggressive attitude is not a sign of confidence, rather it is a compensatory act of hiding uneasiness. What is expected of Mr Modi and Mr Shah is that Jammu and Kashmir is a troubled spot and it will take time to restore normality instead of indulging in confidence talk that all is well, especially when all is clearly not well.

Mr Modi and Ms Sitharaman are unable to bring themselves to accept that there is a problem with the economy, and that it cannot be blamed on the acts of omission and commission of the past Congress governments. Mr Modi was sanguine that he would forge an economic miracle with his well-intentioned plans, which unfortunately were not well thought out. But he is not bold enough to accept that things did not go according to plan and that planning itself was inadequate, and that steps will be taken to set things right to the extent that it possible to do so. The admission that there is trouble and that trouble will be handled will send out a positive message than the attempt, a cowardly one, to deny that there is any trouble at all.

The writer is a Delhi-based commentator and analyst

LETTERS
WORKSHOP NEEDED
 Your editorial 'Homilies, impotent rage hide the sickness within', (DC, Dec.4) is highly appreciated. You hit the nail on its head by boldly revealing the truth that we are a "sick society". As you have honestly said, "It's a fundamental change we have to bring to our collective thinking". I wish that a workshop with intellectuals, educationists and NGOs is organised by Deccan Chronicle in order to arrive at a practical action plan to address this menace.
 M.D. Vincent
 Hyderabad

CHANGE MINDSETS
 People all over India are talking about the recent Disha rape-murder case, where some are reacting publicly while others are safeguarding their daughters. Rapes in India are happening from a very long time and yet very few victims get justice. Parents are protecting their daughters telling them to be safe and to guard themselves with pepper spray, stopping them from working late nights and what not. But what difference has it made? From her childhood, a girl is always told to be safe, to dress properly. The girls who were raped and murdered in the past years dressed properly, never crossed their curfew time and maintained a low profile but yet they went through these circumstances, so telling a girl to be safe is not enough. What should change is the people's mindsets, the way they look at a woman and the way they treat her because unless and until this change doesn't happen, no girl is safe.
 Maria Crystal Nathan
 Secunderabad

Ajoy ends fast, asks people to fight violence
 CALCUTTA, DEC. 4.
 WEST Bengal Chief Minister Ajoy Mukherjee broke his three-day fast this morning, reaffirming his resolve to fight violence and lawlessness with the "mighty weapon" of non-violence.
 In a referendum 50 YEARS AGO IN DECCAN Chronicle
 Mr. Mukherjee said these volunteers were moving about donning helmets and carrying lathis. They had become so bold that they were ordering not only the police but even the District Magistrates. "Why are they armed? Is it their duty to maintain peace? If so, why do we have Magistrates and a police force?"