

First priority

Minister S. Niranjan Reddy says KCR allotted biggest share of state budget to the agricultural sector



Unlike KCR, all the previous governments treated BCs as a vote bank — Srinivas Gould Excise minister

SHORT TAKES

TS SEEKS BETI PADHAO, BETI BACHAO IN DISTRICTS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

The state government has requested the Centre to extend its 'Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao' Yojana to all districts within Telangana state. The programme is currently being implemented only in eight districts.

The extension of 'Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao' was sought when a delegation of TRS MPs led by women and child welfare Minister Satyavathi Rathod met Union minister for women and child welfare Smriti Irani at Delhi on Thursday and submitted a memorandum to her.

The delegation informed the Union minister that the scheme had been introduced in eight of the 10 districts after TS was formed. However, since then, the number of districts has increased to 30 for better administration. 'Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao' should hence be implemented now in all the districts of the state. The programme also requested the centre to sanction 15 hostels for working women.

RTC TELLS STAFF TO GIVE AN UNDERTAKING

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

The RTC management has asked workers to sign an undertaking that they will not press for Union elections for two years. They are also required to sign a clause that they will not participate in union activities.

The RTC management has also asked employees to affirm that they will not take leave except in emergency circumstances.

The management laid down the condition that if any employee takes leave for any purpose other than an emergency, he or she will be required to return to duty only when the depot manager is convinced of the reason for availing leave.

The clauses against trade union activity has sent leaders of the RTC's recognised trade unions into a tizz. However, despite the management reportedly pressurising the employees to sign the declaration, RTC workers said a majority of them were against signing it.

The RTC employees said the management wanted to forward the declarations to the Labour Commissioner. The management has pasted the declaration at all the depots for the employees to copy and sign.

GRABBERS LAND IN ROW

Hyderabad, Dec. 5

A set of claimants has allegedly fabricated a court decree before the High Court to obtain directions preventing government officials from interfering with their possession of a parcel of land.

The criminal complaint has been lodged by the revenue divisional officer, Hyderabad, 53 days ago against one Syed Mohammed Boghdadi, Syed Mahmood Boghdadi, Syed Ahmed Boghdadi and Shaik Altaf Mohiuddin who had claimed possession of a parcel of land in Humayunnagar known as Devununkunta. No action has been taken yet.

The Humayunnagar police has registered an FIR (No. 259/2019 dated 21-09-2019) against Syed Mohammed Abdul Hussain Boghdadi and two others on the complaint of RDO, Hyderabad, D. Srinivas Reddy, for misleading the High Court

Cops want to keep Hackers on cabs

Police chief Anjani Kumar wants aggregators to link all taxis to police app for safety of women

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar on Thursday met representatives of 15 cab companies and instructed them on safety measures which have to be implemented to ensure the safety of women passengers.

Addressing the meeting, Mr Kumar said, "Any crime which happens in a public place creates more panic. It affects the entire community. The role of cab drivers is important for public safety and security if any driver misbehaves, it will become news and will have an effect on the business apart from having grave consequences for him."

He laid out the following measures to be taken for the safety and security of women while travelling in cabs: * Provide SOS button which is connected to the police Command Control room. * Install Hawk Eye app and Dial100, fix it in a visible place in the car. * Fix a digital sticker with driver's name, registered number, Dial 100, 112, other SOS details.

* Cab companies must verify the antecedents of the drivers before employing them.

* Complaints and feedback given by the passengers should not be ignored but followed up meticulously.

* Database of the driver should be maintained with their backend office.

* Cab providers must have a mechanism to keep a check on where drivers go after parking their vehicles and what are they doing, to help with location in any case of emergency.

* All cab operators should install the provisions of vehicle location tracking device and emergency buttons in vehicles.

Additional commissioner of traffic, Anil Kumar sought the co-operation of cab operators to bring more sense of safety and security to girls, women, sexual minorities and senior citizens and requested each operator to extend their contribution as social responsibility.

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The Movie Artistes Association took out a candlelight rally — Justice for Disha — at the Film Nagar Culture Centre Club in the city on Thursday.

Guntur teen posts objectionable comments on Disha, arrested

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

An 18-year-old from Andhra Pradesh who posted derogatory comments on his page related to the victim, Amarnath, who was arrested by the Rachakonda cyber crime police on Thursday.

K. Amarnath who lives in the Kothapeta area in Guntur town in Andhra Pradesh dropped out of school and started working in a pharmacy. He created a Facebook profile about two years ago and became friends with one Simley Nani of Guntur. After the rape and murder of the veterinarian

known as Disha, in Shamshabad, Simley Nani posted derogatory comments on his page related to the victim, Amarnath, who was arrested by the Rachakonda cyber crime police on Thursday. He had also made objectionable comments about the incident. As these despicable posts were circulated on social media and he faced the heat from netizens, Amarnath deleted his Facebook page. But a city-resident had already lodged a complaint with the Rachakonda cyber crime police about the comments of Nani and Amarnath and cases were registered against them under relevant sections of the Indian

Penal Code and Information Technology Act. On Thursday, the cyber crime police apprehended Amarnath and brought him to the city. He was produced before a court for judicial remand. A day prior to his arrest, the Hyderabad cyber crime sleuths, who had registered a suo-motu case, had arrested Nani from Guntur and remanded him. Rachakonda police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat said that sharing the identity of the rape victim through any media platform may lead to legal action against the persons responsible.

State admin derailed, says BJP

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

BJP leader and former minister D.K. Aruna on Thursday alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu was neither contributing nor addressing the people's problems.

The state administration has derailed with the rampant attitude of M. Rao, she told the media at the BJP state office. She was critical of the

Chief Minister for not consulting the tragedy struck family of Disha. The Chief Minister had plenty of time to attend marriages and other functions, but he had no time to visit the grief stricken family, she said. The former minister expressed concern at the increase in the number of liquor shops and said that it was the easy availability of liquor that made drunkard commit crimes, particularly against women

and children. She said that to protest against the increase of liquor shops and the state government's failure in curbing illegal liquor and drug trade, the BJP will organise a two-day 'Mahila Sankalpa Deshka' (hunger strike) at Indira Park in the city on December 11 and 12. The former minister said that the government should appeal to all parties and women's groups to support and participate in the hunger strike.

Actor, pal held for trolling TikTokers

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

An MBA student who acts in short films, and his unemployed friend, who were getting a kick out of trolling and harassing users of the TikTok mobile application were arrested by the Hyderabad cyber crime police on Thursday.

The accused were targeting netizens to get fame and were enjoying it by discussing the same on WhatsApp groups. The probe revealed.

Nimesh Chowdhary, 30, is doing an MBA in Human Resources and acts in short films. He has friends in Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh.

Aravind Patel, 21, from Karimnagar district of Telangana state is unemployed.

They were arrested after Anantapur. He has friends in Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh. He has around 32,700 followers on TikTok and has

been trolling other users. A few months ago, Nimesh and Aravind Patel became friends through the mobile app. Both of them got together and created two WhatsApp groups, who support the acts of Nimesh.

The groups are named 'Lower Boy' and 'Nimesh Chowdhary Brothers'. Aravind is the administrator of both groups containing at least 100 members.

According to the police, Nimesh wanted to earn some fame for himself, and he thought he could do so by trolling other users and commenting vulgarly about them by making short films.

Those who liked his comments started following him and Aravind was one of them. The two would discuss every day who to target and Nimesh would make a video with vulgar comments and tag the targeted user.

His supporters on WhatsApp groups also trolled the targeted users' TikTok profile, and harassed them, the official said.

There are a few who suffered mental agony due to the harassment of Nimesh and his aides. He and the admin of the WhatsApp groups, Aravind, have been arrested and remanded, said a police official.

27-YEAR-OLD DISABLED IN AP MOLESTED

PATHRI RAJASEKHAR | DC NELLORE, DEC. 5

In a sickening incident, a 50-year-old drunk molested a 27-year-old deaf, mute and psychosocially disabled woman who is his cousin, in the SC Colony at Z. Uppalapadu, Vaitavaram mandal, Prakasam district, late on Wednesday night.

The accused has been identified as Endluri Prabhakar, 50. According to the victim, the victim stays with her brother after the recent death of her mother.

Her brother and the victim went to a fair price shop to collect ration by bike on Wednesday night. The brother asked her to wait at the shop and went home to keep the groceries.

She went missing when he returned to pick her up and was found in a search when she failed to return home. The girl was found in a tobacco farm without clothes. When the brother rushed to the spot, he found Prabhakar escaping from the fields.

Police rushed to the spot after he dialled 100 and rushed the girl to the government area hospital in Kandukur.

BURNT BODIES YET TO BE IDENTIFIED

DC CORRESPONDENT NELLORE, DEC. 5

The police is yet to establish the identity of the woman and her six-month-old daughter who were murdered by an unidentified person near Peranimati in Prakasam district on Tuesday night.

The cops formed 14 teams to track the accused and establish the identity on the victims. Ongole DSP P.V.V.N. Prasad said that the police teams are on the field, working round-the-clock and expressed confidence that they would be able to nab the accused and identify the victims.

Drunk who abused woman arrested

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

The Malkajgiri police arrested a man who allegedly misbehaved and threatened the woman at Indira Nagar on Thursday.

According to the police, accused Abdul Kalam, 43, on Wednesday night, the son, is a resident of Indiranagar.

Kareem, who was in an inebriated condition allegedly misbehaved with the woman, who had earlier objected him from con-

structing a place of worship in the residential area. The police said that the residents including the women had earlier approached the High Court objecting to the construction, and the court issued stay orders.

On Wednesday night, the accused reportedly restricted the locals and used filthy language and threatened with dire consequences. Following a complaint, he was arrested on Thursday, said the police.

Cops press hi-tech gadget into service at scene of crime

JAYENDRA CHAITANYA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

Super Lights, which create a high degree of illumination that can identify micro-particles from a crime scene have been used to collect evidence in the investigation into the rape and murder of Disha at Shamshabad. These lights have been used only twice before —

during the investigation of the human sacrifice at Uppal in Rachakonda, and the rape and murder of a six-year-old girl at Alwal in Cyberabad. With a court in Mahabubnagar granting police custody of the four persons used to collect evidence in the investigation into the rape and murder of Disha at Shamshabad. The police used the Super Lights at the jail premises on Thursday.

Seven special teams have been formed to collect evidence against Mohammed, J. Shiva, J. Naveen, and C. Chenkeshavulu, who were arrested by the Shadnagar police. The teams were given different tasks, such as collection of CCTV footage to map the movement of the accused before and after the offence, the route travelled by the victim, call data records, analysis of

scientific evidence and recording the statements of the witnesses at the scene of crime. A police team on Thursday went to Shamshabad to collect evidence from the lorry in which the body of the victim was moved to Chattanpally where it was set ablaze. The team used the Super Lights which emit infrared, ultraviolet and visible light of a high intensity

to identify particles and stains that are not visible to the naked eye. They were able to identify dark brown-coloured stains on the left side of the lorry cabin, stains on the floor mats in the cabin, and also hairs that are of a female. A police official said, "Samples of the stains were preserved for forensic analysis at the crime scene, help in finding whether it

was blood or human secretion or traces of fuel. The hair is found to be of a female, but this can only be confirmed after DNA analysis. Meanwhile, it is learned that the accused were questioned in the jail premises by another team, which led to the recovery of the mobile phone of the victim, that was buried in a crime scene. However, the police

remained tight-lipped and did not confirm media reports. After receiving damning criticism from all quarters and allegations from the parents of the victim that swift action could have saved their daughter, senior police officials in the state have instructed the teams that are investigating the case to maintain confidentiality about the probe.

Boghdadi brothers tell High Court that City Civil Court had passed orders their mother is the pattadar

Court order weakened to take over Devununkunta lake

Hyderabad, Dec. 5

by allegedly suppressing facts. The accused persons had obtained interim orders from the court decree awarding in OS No. 294 of 1992 on the file of IV Additional Judge City Civil Court. The issue surfaced in March when a few activists drew the attention of the Hyderabad collector about levelling of the lake, dismantling of the bund and laying of road within the full tank level (FTL) and plotting on the land of Devununkunta. The collector ordered the Asifnagar tahsildar to protect the lake from encroachments and he removed a few hutments. Later, in June, the Boghdadi brothers started filling the lake and draining out water from the bund. They once again stopped them from changing the status of the land. The Boghdadi brothers moved the High Court on

June 10 claiming that their mother Muneerunnisa Begum was the pattadar, owner and possessor of 11 acres and 22 guntas in Survey No. 22/Paiki of Asifnagar village. They requested the court to issue writ order or direction declaring the proceedings (No. B/C/389/2011 dated 24-05-2011) issued by the Asifnagar tahsildar and direct the officials not to interfere in any manner with the possession and enjoyment of the petitioners over the land measuring five acres and 22 guntas correlated to TS No. 1, 2 and 4, Ward No. 23, Block No. H, situated in Asifnagar. They pleaded that according to the court decree awarded in OS No. 104 of 1992 on the file of IV Additional Judge City Civil Court, Hyderabad, their mother was declared the pattadar over the land parcel. They contended that the judgment of the City Civil Court had attained finality

and the government authorities were claiming the property after a lapse of 25 years. Consequently, the High Court in interim orders directed the officials not to interfere with the possession of the land by the petitioners. The Asifnagar tahsildar developed doubts over the decree and obtained a certified copy in OS No. 104 of 1992 on file of IV Additional

Judge, City Civil Court. On perusal of the judgment copy with the judgment submitted in the High Court, officials noticed that there is a conflict in OS No. 104 of 1992. The tahsildar then addressed a letter to the High Court, City Civil Court, with a request to issue genuineness of the judgment passed in OS No. 104/1992 so as to protect the interest of the government.

On verifying the decree by the Chief Judge, officials found that writ petitioners (No. 1316 of 2019) had allegedly filed fabricated documents and claimed the land by virtue of the Asifnagar police. Subsequently, the RDO Hyderabad lodged a criminal complaint against the Boghdadi brothers alleging fabrication of documents and misleading the High Court and government officers. The Asifnagar police has registered a case on September 21 under IPC Sections 420 (cheating), 468 (forgery) and 471 (using as genuine a fabricated document). State general secretary, Socialist Party (India), Dr. Lubna Sarwath said as per the RDO statement, the Chief Judge City Civil Court issued writ dated September 6, which stated that the decree in OS 10 of 1992 by the IV Additional Judge is in the benefit of the money, the plaintiff and

defendants, date of judgment and even judge are different from the decree that was produced by Boghdadi and others to obtain a stay on their encroachments into Devununkunta. She said this indicated that the High Court judgments of Boghdadi brothers were issued without verifying the authenticity of decree in OS 104 of 1992. The High Court judgments which are not in favour of water bodies are in contempt of the Supreme Court judgment. She said in Hinch Lal Tiwari vs Kamala Devi and others, the apex court said the government, including the revenue authorities, having noticed that a pond is falling into disuse, should have developed it. This Court issued writ dated September 6, which stated that the decree in OS 10 of 1992 by the IV Additional Judge is in the benefit of the public. Such vigil is the best

protection against attempts to seek allotment in non-abadal sites. She asked the authorities to take stern action against the persons who misled the court and government officials. Mr Osman bin Mohammed Alhajiri who is also working to protect the lake said it is proved that the documents submitted before the High Court were fake and fabricated, but the land grabbers were still enjoying the possession and draining the lake. It is a crystal clear perjury case, he alleged, and asked officials to move the High Court seeking permission to take action against the persons who gave a false affidavit and submitted fake decrees. Humayunnagar police station house officer Korani Sunil had said "We are verifying the documents." He said, "as it is a civil matter, we have to verify the documents keenly. Certainly we will act in accordance with the law."



The Devununkunta lakebed

Industry support

Finance minister Harish Rao says Telangana government has been cooperating for setting up of industries in the last five years



1,800 cops will guard today's India Vs West Indies T20 match in Uppal stadium

Mahesh Bhagwat
Rachakonda commissioner

IN BRIEF

No clear count of wakf properties

ATHER MOIN I DC
HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

The All India Muslim Minority Organisation has criticised the state government for not completing the second survey of wakf institutions even though 19 years have elapsed since the first such exercise was held. No effort has been made in this regard despite the Wakf Act stipulating that a survey of various wakf bodies be held every 10 years. AIMMO chairman Syed Muqatar Hussain and former Minority Finance Corporation director M. A. Siddiqui recalled that the first survey was conducted from 1960 to 1974. The second survey started in 2001, but the Survey Commission of Wakf has not yet completed the task. Telangana has wakf lands spread over 77,630 acres. But more than 37,630 acres of this land has been encroached. Minister said in a recent survey of the Telangana government, the Wakf Board failed in getting wakf properties registered on revenue records. He alleged that neither the government nor the board are sincere in protecting wakf properties. This is mainly because the Wakf Board has insufficient staff. The office of Wakf Commissioner of Aqaf has been closed down. The AIMMO chairman said CM KCR had constituted a Task Force under former IAS officer S. K. Sinha three years ago to inquire into the irregularities in wakf management. But the Sinha committee is yet to submit its report.



Cricket enthusiasts thronged the Gymkhana Grounds to buy tickets for Friday's cricket match while vendors cashed in on the cricket fever by selling India cricket team shirts and caps. **S. SURENDER REDDY**

Security beefed up around Uppal

Cops pad up for T20I match at stadium

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

As many as 1,800 police personnel, including teams from OCTOPUS (Organisation for Counter-Terrorist Operations) will be guarding the RGI stadium in Uppal during the T-20 International cricket match between India and West Indies on Friday. The Rachakonda police has put 255 personnel from the security wing, 350 personnel from traffic, 509 from law & order, four platoons of armed forces, teams from OCTOPUS, mounted police, special branch, and central crime station, to guard the stadium. Some 300 CCTV cameras have been installed at different places including vehicle checkpoints and parking lots, which will be monitored from a joint command and control room. Separate teams will also be deployed for checking the movements of antisocial elements. Rachakonda police commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat said that laptops, cameras, water bottles, cigarettes, lighters, and electronic items will not be allowed inside the stadium. SHE teams will be present at the stadium to ensure women's safety. Parking arrangements have been made for the spectators and traffic restrictions are being imposed for heavy vehicles moving along the stadium route during match time, he said. Heavy goods vehicles coming from ECIL, Kusbaiguda, Cherlapally towards Uppal crossroad would be diverted via Mallapur bridge, Chenchiperla cross roads (Warangal road) and LB Nagar junctions.

● The Twenty20 cricket between India and West Indies is scheduled on Friday, from 1900 hours till completion of the match

● The stadium has a seating capacity of approx. 40,000

POLICE SUSPECT OVERHEATING AS MISHAP CAUSE

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Some shot videos of the burning car which went viral. Uday and his children were rushed to the government hospital and given first aid. He called his brother from Hyderabad and they are waiting to collect Kalyani's body. Police suspect the car heater was on which led to the vehicle's overheating. The Manmakhehelli police registered a case and is investigating.

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PEDESTRIANS' SAFETY IS PRIORITY: KTR

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

Creating facilities for footpaths and better parking facilities is important for people to have confidence to walk on the roads stressed urban development minister K T Rama Rao. In a joint meeting with traffic and municipal officials the stress was on how to make people switch to public transport. Better facilities in terms of footpath, zebra crossing and disable friendly infrastructure is to be provided so that people can safely walk on the roads. Presently, people are scared to walk as the infrastructure does not encourage them to walk. With 85% of the people using private vehicles in Hyderabad there are only 34% who opt for public transport.

HG TAKES UP SUO MOTU PIL ON HOSTELS

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HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

The Telangana High Court has taken up a suo motu PIL case on the pathetic conditions in social welfare hostels run for students from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes communities. Based on news reports, the High Court took up the issue as public interest litigation (PIL). Concerned about the lack of basic amenities for students who are studying and staying in government hostels, Justice P Naveen Rao has addressed a letter to the High Court administration side to take the issue as a suo motu PIL. Many welfare hostels in the state do not have permanent buildings and the students are forced to sleep on broken floors. Some hostels are far away from bus and other transport services and students have to walk miles to reach their institutes.

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False allegation

M.V. Subhash, grandson of P.V. Narasimha Rao, condemns Manmohan Singh's statement on responsibility for the Sikh genocide of 1984



Government will not spare illegal activities in Kharif crop purchase

—Gangula Kamalakar Food & civil supplies minister

IN BRIEF

City man cheated, 2 arrested

Hyderabad: A Nigerian national and his female friend from Manipur, who deceived a city resident on the pretext of selling an SUV, by posting false advertisements on OLX, was arrested by Rachakonda cyber crime police, Nigerian national 'Emmanuel Ujunwa Korom' alias Ranky alias Ewmoa Okorom, 40, and Mercy Mawite, 39, of Chirachandpur district, Manipur, were apprehended from Victoria Memorial Metro Station when they came to meet their lawyer. They accused the accused in a cheating case registered against them based on a complaint of a person from Manipur.

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ACB seizes ₹16 cr assets with MS scam kingpin

Husband held; ACB tracking payment made to jeweller

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

In connection with the IMS (Insurance Medical Services) scam, the Anti Corruption Bureau has unearthed about ₹100 crore belonging to IMS director Ch. Devika Rani, the prime accused in the scam. The ACB arrested her husband P. Gurumurthi, a retired civil surgeon, who had also received bribes in the scam, on Thursday. According to the ACB, on receiving credible information, simultaneous searches were conducted at the houses of the accused and her relatives at Hyderabad, Tirupati, and Kadapa.



P. Gurumurthi, civil surgeon and husband of IMS scam prime accused Devika Rani during his arrest on Thursday.

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The ACB said it had found a villa at Shaikpet in Jubilee Hills, a flat at Sonajiguda, three flats in a building at Shaikpet with IMS prime accused Ch. Devika Rani. The family also owned a multi-storey building at Tirupati, and independent house at Rajendranagar, 11 open plots at different places in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

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unearthing huge assets that seemed disproportionate to Devika Rani's known sources of income. They were registered in her name and the names of members of her family. A villa at Shaikpet in Jubilee Hills, a flat at

at seven places in Telangana state, and 16 commercial shops in Hyderabad were identified. There was also one house at Vishakhapatnam, security deposits in a construction company, fixed deposits in a bank, ₹1.13 crore bank balance, high value household articles, gold and silver articles, electronic gadgets, a car, and a bike.

"The document value of the immovable properties is over ₹15 crore and the market value is above ₹100 crore. The investigation is underway also to find the recipient of ₹7.3 crore made to PMJ Jewellers in Hyderabad by Devika Rani," said an ACB official.

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DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

Three persons from Mumbai who smuggled 1.2 kg of gold in the form of a paste by concealing it in the rectum were arrested by the sleuths of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport on Thursday.

The accused trio had used morphed Aadhaar cards with false names and booked their air tickets to evade suspicion. The sleuths intercepted the three Mumbai based passengers - Navin Gopichand Matlani,

Govind Sharma and Chandani Ishwarlal Karara at RGI Airport during early hours on Thursday when they were about to board a flight to Mumbai from Shamsahabad.

The body examination of the passengers resulted in the discovery of four elliptical-shaped containers wrapped with black adhesive tape in their rectum. The balls were recovered checked by the sleuths who analysed the contents only to find that they contained gold paste with 99.5 per cent purity.

Around 1,235.44 gm of gold valued at ₹48,49,062 was extracted from the

gold paste which weighing 1.420 gm.

DRI sleuths said that the trio questioned that they had flown into Hyderabad and that they were to deliver the gold at Mumbai airport.

"The trio booked tickets on fake names and possessed morphed Aadhaar cards to hoodwink the authorities. They also admitted that the gold was smuggled into the country and they did not have any documents to prove the gold's provenance. The accused have been arrested and further investigation is on," said a DRI sleuth.

Baby stolen from Gandhi Hospital

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

An 18-month-old boy was allegedly kidnapped from the Gandhi Hospital during the early hours of Thursday. The boy along with his mother and three siblings were at the hospital accompanying a relative who was admitted for treatment of a kidney ailment.

Chilkaiguda inspector A.C. Balaganti Reddy said Radhika, a resident of Koushika Aali, along with her three children including the 18-month-old Deepak, was arrested by the police at the Gandhi Hospital. She was assisting her relative.

The woman's husband was arrested by the Saidabad police in a case of rape and is currently serving imprisonment at Chanchalguda jail.

The inspector said that Radhika along with her children was staying at the attendant waiting rooms for several days. At around 4 am, the woman noticed that her son Deepak was missing.

"The woman lodged a complaint and a case of the kidnap of the minor has been registered for the probe," the inspector said. Special teams were formed by the police to verify the footage of the CCTV cameras installed at the hospital and its premises to identify if the boy went missing or he was kidnapped.

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Visitor rapes married woman in Vijayawada

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 5

A married woman was raped at Papisettypalem village of Nekarikalli mandal in Guntur district late on Wednesday night.

According to reports, A. Balakrishna Naik visited a house in the village on Wednesday to meet a person. The person's wife informed him that her husband had gone out. Naik then forced himself into the house and

raped the woman before fleeing. The woman informed her husband when he returned later. They approached the Nekarikalli police and lodged a complaint on Thursday.

Sub-inspector K. Udayakumar said a case has been registered and investigation is on. The victim has been admitted to Narasimha Reddy Government Hospital for medical examination. The accused has been taken into custody.

'Corner Shot' at IPS school

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

The 'special tactics' training for the Indian Police Service (IPS) probationers at the prestigious Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNA) has gone up a few notches.

CornerShot, which provides its operator the ability to observe and engage targets from behind cover is the latest addition to the state-of-the-art arsenal at the NPA. It is a system platform for top-tier semi-automatic pistols like Beretta and Glock.

Presently, CornerShot is used by military special operations forces, SWAT and counter-terror units across the world and is the most reliable accessory for the ground forces.

Sources told Deccan Chronicle that the CornerShot along with the latest simulators have been acquired by the NPA as part of upgrading its arsenal, which is done on a regular basis. The aim is to ensure that once the IPS probationers complete their training and step out of the academy, they are no less than the special forces across the world, in terms of training and use of state-of-the-art weapons and devices.

"CornerShot allows the user to see and shoot around the corners without exposing themselves to return fire by the terrorist, which otherwise can prove deadly for our personnel. The IPS probationers are being trained to use this device, keeping in view the huge challenges faced during anti-terror operations,"

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PULI SHARAT KUMAR DC PEDDAPALLI, DEC. 5

Allegedly fed up with the parents, a 14-year-old girl committed suicide by hanging in Peddapalli district.

Mr. S. Mallesh, a retired employee of the National Thermal Power Corporation and his wife Sandhya, adopted a girl, Jyothi, when she was nine years old from Shishu Vihar of Hyderabad in 2014 and took her to their residence in Peddapalli district.

The honorary president of the Balala Hukukla Sangham, Mr. Achyut Rao, alleged that because of the harassment by her adopted parents, especially the father, the girl took the extreme step of ending

visits to find out the condition of the child, which is a mandatory.

The Supreme Court has also issued a verdict in 2017 regarding post-adoptive follow up which must be held under the supervision of the district collector in the best interest of the child.

Mr. Achyut Rao demanded immediate action against the adoptive parents and against the officials concerned who failed in conducting post-adoptive follow up, ignoring the guideline issued by the Supreme Court.

DCPO (district child protection officer), Parwin, speaking to Deccan Chronicle condemned the allegations made that post-adoptive follow up was not done by the officials of concern

departments.

Parwin said that right from the time of Jyothi's adoption by Mr. Mallesh and Ms. Sandhya, the probationers complete their training and pass out of the academy, CornerShot will be used extensively in anti-terror operations," sources said.

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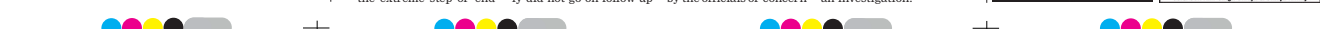
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Against substance

BJP leader D.K. Aruna will undertake a two-day fast on Dec. 12, 13 demanding ban on sale of liquor and curbing of drugs in the state



Pichai's appointment as Alphabet CEO is good news for global Indian leadership

—Boora Narsiah Goud TRS MP

Jagan to meet PM today

Vijayawada: AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, who reached New Delhi on Thursday, is expected to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president Amit Shah on Friday. The meetings assume significance at a time the Telugu Desam and the Jana Sena are making overtures towards the BJP.

KCR RELEASES BOOK ON KALESHWARAM

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu released a book, Kaleshwaram project: Telangana Pragathi Katham, at the Pragati Bhavan here. The book has been written by Chief Minister Naidu on special duty (irrigation) Sridhar Deshpande. Mr Rao congratulated Mr Deshpande for compiling the history and comprehensive information on Kaleshwaram project. The author writes that Mr Rao conducts more research on the project than an engineer could have done. He pointed out that the project was completed in a record three years of time for supplying water to farmers.

MLAs may get power thrones

Officers heading power utilities may lose after new rules come in place

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU I DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

Telangana power utilities are likely to have members of the Legislative Assembly or the Legislative Council as chairpersons for the first time since the Telangana Rashtra Samithi came to power in 2014. The state government has issued an ordinance exempting some posts from office of profit to accommodate public representatives as chairpersons of public corporations. In that list the state government has exempted the chairpersons' posts of the TS Transmission Corporation (TSTSCO), Telangana State Power Generation Corporation (TSGenco) and Telangana State Power Distribution Corporation (TSDiscos).

The list for exemption from office of profit, they point out. The three officials have been in place since the TRS came to power in 2014. They have been credited with playing a key role in rescuing the state from the power crisis.

TSTSCO and TSGenco, G. Raghunath Reddy and A. Gopal Rao are acting chairmen and managing directors of the southern and northern discoms respectively. On May 30 this year, the state government issued orders extending the term of these three chairmen and 20 directors "until further orders". TRS circles feel that the ordinance was issued to allow MLAs and MLCs to be appointed chairpersons of these corporations. If Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu wants to continue with the incumbent chairmen, there was no need to include these posts in the list for exemption from office of profit.

Cong. plans booze fight

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

The Congress decided to fight against the indiscriminate sale of liquor in the state, critics say, leading to increasing crime against women. Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee vice-president in a letter to Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu said that the atrocities

on women had become common in the state and the unhindered sale of liquor was the main cause. He said unless liquor sale was controlled, crimes against women will not reduce. Congress Legislature Party leader Mallu Bhatini Vikramarka after a meeting on Thursday, said liquor was the main reason for atrocities against women. He demanded that the government control the sale of liquor and remove permit rooms and belt shops. He said the CLP would hold a candlelight march on Friday from Tank Bund to Raj Bhavan and submit a memorandum to Governor T. Tamizhavel Soundararajan. He said statewide protests will be held against belt shops and permit rooms.

STATE TO BUILD HYDEL UNIT AT DUMMUGUDEM

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu on Thursday decided to construct a barrage at Dummugudem for hydel power generation and to store the Godavari waters. The CM was speaking at a review meeting on irrigation projects and water planning at Pragati Bhavan here. Mr Rao told the officials that there was adequate water in the Godavari at Dummugudem and water flows for 150 days in a year. He asked the officials to take steps to construct a barrage to store 37 tmc ft of water and set up a hydel power plant to generate 320 MW of power. The CM has instructed the officials to design the barrage in such way that it requires less land acquisition and can store water in the river itself.

The CM decided that from the next year the government will lift 3 tmc ft daily from Kaleswaram to Mid Manair project, and 2 tmc ft from there to Mallannasagar. The CM wanted tenders for both the works to be invited by the month end. It was estimated that to lift 3 tmc water to Dummugudem and Mid Manair, up to ₹14,000 crore would be required.

Harish Rao sees himself as CFO, feels the shoe pinch

S.A. ISHAQUI I DC HYDERABAD, DEC 5



Stressing the need for fiscal discipline, be it for development of a state or a business house, finance minister T. Harish Rao on Thursday said that his perception and role had changed after he took over his new job.

While addressing the second edition of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) Telangana's CFO Conclave, he described himself as the Chief Financial Officer of the state and said that plugging wastage is nothing but creating wealth to that extent. The theme of the conference was 'Evolve - The New Age CFOs'. Speaking on the subject that the CFO is the organisation builder, strategist and cultural trendsetter, Mr Harish Rao highlighted

the need for CFOs to work for the development of the firm rather than trying to appease the management. He said, "the onus of steering the company in the right direction is on the CFO. For this, one may have to take harsh decisions."

Recalling his earlier stint as irrigation minister, he said that he had urged to spend on construction of irrigation projects but his perception changed along with the portfolio since, as a finance minister and now he has to think twice before spending the state finances. "In the backdrop of the downturn in the economy and also the falling GDP growth rates, we as financial officers must find new resources and also optimize spending," Mr Rao said. Appreciating the steps initiated by the Centre to encourage investments, he expressed concern over the lack of demand for goods which was resulting in industrial distress. He felt that the prevailing conditions are discouraging new companies from investing in the country and purchasing power needs to be increased to spur demand.

Focus on rural problems: KTR

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

IT minister K.T. Rama Rao said India's mindboggling growth on multiple fronts is praiseworthy in its own right. At the same time, basic problems like access to electricity, potable water, toilets and road connectivity continue to haunt people, especially weaker sections of the society in rural areas. Mr Rama Rao called upon young civil servants to make these problems their number one priority towards finding enduring solutions for them. He was delivering the keynote address at a pre-valetictory function of trainee civil servants at the Dr MCR HRD Institute, organised by the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussorie, and the Union department of personnel and training. He said health and education sectors, which have so far neglected corners of poorer sections, should

play their role effectively to empower vulnerable sections of the society and help them rise above the shadows of poverty, ignorance, and ill health. He stressed on use of innovations in administration to ensure growth that is inclusive. He said, "With a sense of pride, we can say that India, with its young population is a hot destination for investors from across the globe." Mr A.P.V.N. Sharma, adviser to Governor, who was the guest of honour, underlined the need for mid-course training programmes covering officers from different services to ensure that they develop a broader vision and work as one organic whole. MCR HRD Institute Director General B.P. Acharya said top civil servants, who number 10,000 among two core employees, have the rare opportunity to bring qualitative change in the lives of people across the country.

Laxman peeved by KTR criticism

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 5

Bharatiya Janata Party state president Dr. K. Laxman on Thursday hit out at IT minister K.T. Rama Rao for saying that the Centre was not supporting Telangana state. Dr Laxman called it "double standards". Dr Laxman dared Mr Rama Rao to an open debate on funds released by the Centre to the state for development activities and welfare schemes. Speaking to the media at the BJP state headquarters, Dr Laxman alleged that Mr Rama Rao in his meeting with Union ministers in Delhi had taken them for their support. But, on his return to the state, he was leveling alle-

gations against the Centre. He accused the state government of not releasing its share of funds for the construction of railway projects including the Kothapalli-Manoharabad and Akkanna-Pet-Medak lines. He said as far as the bullet train project is concerned, the state government has to first complete the pending railway projects by releasing its share of funds and then request the Centre for the Bullet Train. He alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu and his son Rama Rao are trying to gain defence lands in the name of constructing the new buildings for the Secretariat and Assembly

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Pawan Kalyan says AP government should focus on farmer issues instead of introducing English medium in schools

Pawan Kalyan never consulted the Opposition when Naidu was CM

— Ambati Rambabu
YSRC leader

IN BRIEF

3 OFFICERS IN LINE TO BE CHIEF SECY

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Curiosity is running high in IAS circles with regard to the appointment of a successor to Chief Secretary S.K. Joshi retiring on December 31. It is possible that Mr Joshi could get an extension. If not, the Chief Minister will choose a new Chief Secretary from among the three senior IAS officers. Most of those in the know believe Mr Joshi is unlikely to get an extension, else the government would have written to the Union department of personnel and training (DoPT), which is under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to obtain permission for his extension of service.

As far as anyone knows, this has not been done. Special chief secretaries of income and revenue, Mr Ajay Misra and Mr Somesh Kumar respectively, and a 1980-batch IAS officer, Mr Binoy Kumar, who is currently on Central deputation, are the front runners for the post. If the Chief Minister wants a woman in the post, then either Ms Chitra Ramachandran or Ms Pushpa Subramanyam is likely to get the post. The names of Mr B.P. Acharya, Mr Suresh Chandra and special chief secretary, environments and forest, Rajeshwar Tiwari, are also being mentioned, but sources said they are unlikely to be considered for the top post.

KASHMIRI STUDENTS IN FEE TROUBLE

KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 4

Seven hundred and eighty four students from Jammu and Kashmir have not been able to pay their fees for distance education courses of Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Manuu) for the academic year 2019-20. University officials say some of the students are still not reachable due to problems of connectivity, while others have stated that they do not have money to pay their fees. Students have enrolled in Manuu from various parts of the country for courses in mass communication, science, social science and humanities. Manuu also offers post-graduate courses in the distance education mode. Manuu officers in Jammu and Kashmir have in the last one month tried to reach out to 1,048 students in Jammu. Following this, 856 of them have paid their fee. The remaining 192 are yet to be contacted.

With regard to Kashmir, 1,149 of 1,747 students have paid their fee, 598 are yet to do so. A senior officer explained, "We sent out an alert to students in the first week of November. At that time, some of them got back saying they do not have money for paying the fee. We then asked them to pay a part of the amount," he pointed out. Distance Education Director Professor Abul Kalam said, "We want the students to complete their fees according to this reason, we are trying to reach out and counsel them. Whenever there is a gap in the fee paid, we are trying to sort out the issue with help from others. It is the last semester for many of the B.A/B.Com students. Mr Kalam pointed out that the post-graduate course fee is ₹4,800 per month. The fee for under graduate courses varies from ₹2,500 to ₹5,000.

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Spirit of Christmas



With the Christmas spirit in the air, carol singing was organised at Ravindra Bharti, Hyderabad, on Thursdays. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

AP home for Lanka's 'no where people'

Dalits were persecuted by LTTE, Lankan Army

K.M.P. PATNAIK | DC R.V. NAGAR, HYDRABAD (VISAKHAPATNAM AGENCY), DEC. 5



A Lankan Tamil family in RV Nagar, close to Lammasinghi, near Chintapalle in the Visakhapatnam agency. — DC

While hardliner Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was assuring Indian media of the development of Tamils in north Sri Lanka, a group of Tamils from Jaffna was celebrating the forty-ninth birthday of V e r a s a w a m y Kairamithi on a foggy evening in RV Nagar close to Lammasinghi, which otherwise is known as the coldest place in Andhra Pradesh.

Karanamithi was a 10-year-old child when his parents, along with hundreds of others, were repatriated to Chintapalle in 1981. These Tamils, mostly Dalits from Salem district, were being persecuted by LTTE cadres and the armed forces of the Jayawardeni regime. Much before the official intervention in the LTTE strife for independence with the Lankan government, Indira Gandhi decided to repatriate the poor among them. All of them were brought on ships to Ramswaram camp in 1981 and from there dispersed to Odisha, Karnataka and several parts of Andhra Pradesh.

They were put in the temporary shacks with no electricity, water or sustenance. The illiterate and poverty-stricken families were shifted to new projects where they could find responsible employment. The camp ends met temporarily. Around 40 families were shifted to remote areas in RV Nagar and Erravaram camps close to Lammasinghi (popularly known as Lambasinghi), about 140

kilometres from Visakhapatnam. They were put in the AP Forest Development Corporation (APFDC) abandoned quarters and decided to approach the government to shift us back to Jaffna or Salem in Tamil Nadu. We got no response and presumed we were forgotten people," Karanamithi said.

They saw the first ray of hope when the former sub-collector at Paderu and present CEO of APFDC, S. Solomon Arokia Raj (a native of Tamil Nadu) put them in the category of Scheduled Castes by issuing Adi Dravida certificates to all the residents of the camp. "We got shelter in the APFDC quarters and it was followed by issuance of Aadhar cards, ration cards and voter identity cards. This gave us confidence to lead rest of our lives in this remote village," said Ms Rasamma, 70, who suffered at the hands of the Lankan Army.

She says all the families have been leading a comfortable life with their bare minimum needs being fulfilled without seeking financial aid either from government agencies or private lenders.

Most of the elders, who told this correspondent in 2004 that they were eager to move back to Jaffna or Salem, said they have come to terms with the situation and find Vizag agency as their new home and hope to continue to live till their children find employment in cities. They said there was no point in going back to Salem where their lands have been grabbed by people or to Attan in Jaffna, Sri Lanka, with which they have lost all contact over these four decades.

"Vizag is our home. Why should we go to Salem or Jaffna," asked Tabadhi Veerawamy, 33, younger sister of Karanamithi, now employed in the state health department as an auxiliary midwife nurse. She obtained her post graduate degree in anthropology from the GITAM University and is the first repatriate to get a government job.

The charming and hyperactive woman, married to an activist of the Araku Valley since their generation, born in the remote hills of Chintapalle, is not dreaming of becoming civil servants, doctors or engineers. They are pursuing diploma courses offered after intermediate and hope to join government services that would enhance their social stature and help them become part of the mainstream. "I'll then, we will rear sheep, cattle and fetch forest produce when there is no work in the coffee plantations," Karanamithi said.

Sujana's wife gets debt panel notice

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 5

Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Chennai issued a panel notice on Ms Y. Padma, wife of BJP MP Y. S. Sujana Chowdary and five others for recovery of ₹169.50 crore. It has directed them to appear before it either in person or through an advocate on Dec. 16 at 11.00 am. The notice, related to the case of IDBI Bank Limited, Chennai, versus Sujana Universal Industries Limited, asks the six defendants to appear as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. The other defendants in the case include: Dhanumukkal Srinivasa Raju, S.T. Prasad, S. Ghatnakshmi, Sujana Capital Service Limited and Explain Electricals (P) Limited of Hyderabad. Mr Sujana Chowdary has joined the BJP from the Telugu Desam after the debacle of the Lok Sabha elections.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB, Head Office, The Mall, Patna-147001
Corporate Identity No.: U40109PB2010GSC033813
(GST PROV ID: 03AAFCPS120Q1ZC) Website: www.pspcl.in
E-Tender Enquiry No. 04/SE/MHP/2019-20/P-400 dated: 29.11.2019
Short Description: Renewal and Restoration of Expansion Joints of Building & ducts of fore bays of Power House No. 41 Mukerian Hydel Project, PSPCL, Talwara.
Last Date for opening of tender documents: 07/01/2020 upto 11:00 Hrs
Date & time up to which tender shall be submitted: 08/01/2020 upto 11:00 Hrs
Date & time of opening of tender: 08/01/2020 upto 11:30 Hrs
Tender Specifications can be downloaded from PSPCL website <https://portal.pspcl.com> and no hard copy of the same will be issued by the office.
Note: 1) The prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office in writing by e-mail to enquiry@pspcpl.com or contact number +91-729-4001686640/3818/21 in case of any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender will in time. It is also requested to get their digital signature will in time to submit them through e-tendering only.
2) It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website www.pspcl.in
C-49119
RO - C-8077
S/O&M Circle, MHP, Talwara.

Chhattisgarh Rural Roads Development Agency
VIKASH BHAVAN, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.)
E-Procurement Tender Notice
NIT No. 4747C-TC/GRRDA/2019 Dated 03/12/2019
The Chief Engineer (Tender Cell), CGRDA on behalf of Government of Chhattisgarh invites online tenders from Agency for procurement of supply, delivery and installation of all equipment for RNMU at Durg, Bilaspur, Ambikapur & Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh.
Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in <https://proc.cgstate.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on our website <https://proc.cgstate.gov.in> date 04.12.2019 & onwards. In future any related corrigendum would be seen in the notice section of the website.
Sd/- Chief Engineer (Tender Cell)
Chhattisgarh Rural Road Development Agency
Civil Lines, Raipur (C.G.)
E-mail: prngyrc04@rao.co.in
S.2372/45

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Regd. Office: PSEB, Head Office, The Mall, Patna-147001
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010GSC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in
E-Tender Enquiry No. 253P-3-EMP-W 11658 dt. 29.11.19 & 45922
Scope of Work: Annual overhauling of boiler, airpreheaters and its auxiliaries of 1X210 MW unit -4 at GGSSTP, Roparagar.
Completion Period: As per NIT
VND: ₹8,00,000
Date & time up to which tender shall be received: 09.01.2020 & 11:00 AM
Date & time of opening of tender: 09.01.2020 & 11:30 AM
Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL website <https://portal.pspcl.com> & no hard copy of the same will be issued by this office.
Note: 1) In case any difficulty regarding uploading of the tender the prospective bidders are requested to get clarification from this office and or MIS e-procurement Technology Helpdesk No. +91-729-6813 6833/5448/49/50. It is also requested to get their digital signature will in time so as to submit tenders through e-tendering only.
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The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE
e-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.
1) 52231 - Procured Resolving of Nylon Bus Tyres.
Re-invited e-tenders
2) 44795 - Procurement of Services for Implementation and Support of ERP Project at BEST Undergoing along with the Cloud Hosting Services and Procurement of COTS Licenses, (3) 45485 - Epoxy/Polyurethane Based 11kV Termination, 1.1kV ST/TEE Joint Kits, (4) 44293 - Display of Advancements by Affixing Kiosks on Street Light Poles, (5) 44381 - Cable Fault Locating Van, (6) 51433 - request for proposal (RFP) for Specification of Stage Carriage for Public Transport of 140 Single Decker AC & 200 Mid AC Electric Buses in the city of Mumbai & Extended Suburbs on Gross Cost Contract (GCC) Model Under FAME Scheme Phase-II (Corrigendum).
Note : For more details, at (Sr. No. 1) log on to website www.bestetender.com & (Sr. No. 2) www/mahatenders.gov.in
PRD/AAM/11/3/2019. GENERAL MANAGER

ZONAL STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
1st Floor, 74, Theagaraya Road, Pondy Bazaar, N'agar, Chennai-600 017. Ph: 2915 2014

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

- Mr. P. Mallikarjuna Reddy - Director, M/s Vijaya Home Appliances Ltd. No. 123/171/7E, 15 Street, Near E-Saras, Ram Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500020.
- Mr. Raghavulu Prabhakar Sreenivas - Director, M/s Vijaya Home Appliances Ltd. No. 8-3-470, Flat No. 1, Sri Nagar Apartments, Yusuf Guda, Hyderabad-500073.

Re: Show Cause Notice for declaring M/s Vijaya Home Appliances Ltd. & its directors as Willful Defaulter and Opportunity for Representation there against.

We refer to your captioned account and write to inform you that due to non-payment of interest/instalment, account turned to Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Bank on 28-11-2018.

We further write to inform you that as per the directions of the Committee of Executives on Willful Defaulters of our Bank and on scrutiny of your account records for the specific purpose for which finance was availed of, nor are the funds available with the company in the form of assets.

In terms of Reserve Bank of India's advisory principles of sound justice, if you desire, you may send your submission for consideration by the Committee of Executives, headed by our Executive Director within -15 days from the date of receipt of this letter, as to why your account should not be classified by Bank as a Willful Defaulter. The Committee reserves the right to give or not to give the personal hearing to decide about classifying as willful defaulter in case your submission is received.

Please note that, in case your submission against the intention of Bank to declare you as a Willful Defaulter is not received within -15 days from the date of receipt of this letter, the Bank will proceed further to classify your account as willful defaulter. Bank reserves the Right to publish the name and photograph of all the names in News Paper and will initiate necessary recovery action as per external guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India.

This communication is issued as per the directions of the Committee of Executives on Willful Defaulters (COE). Assistant General Manager

Kid, 10, dubbed freedom fighter, gets railway sop

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC HYDERABAD, DEC-04

India seems to have a 10-year-old "freedom fighter" using its railway services for free. The youngster, who was recently tabbed in the Parliament, the Railways has a huge problem with people claiming tickets at concession prices.

In 2015 and 2018, nearly 1.5 lakh people travelled on concessional tickets given to freedom fighters and their companions, costing the exchequer more than ₹1,700 crore in total. The youngest of the recipients of this concession was aged

only 10, says the report. Freedom fighters and their widows are issued concessional railway passes on a life time basis for free travel in first class and 2AC coaches along with a companion. The CAG's report suggests a major misuse of the concessions. Nearly 21 per cent of all "freedom fighters" were found to be younger than 70 i.e. after 19 year. As many as 1,302 male passengers and 1,898 female passengers travelled using these concessions. Of these, 1,096 male and 580 females were not even 60 years old. The CAG report notes, "In this regard, it was initially not allowed, concessions were allowed subsequently," it says.

tion control to prevent the misuse of concessions benefits to ineligible persons. There are 15 instances wherein the numerical code of the freedom fighter pass was entered as '0'. The report also has data on the concessions in general. It observes that use of concessions has been more in AC coaches than in those without non-AC. The report notes that the Indian Railways did not take adequate steps to control concessions. It says the concessions could have been discontinued in new categories to control concessions. It says this too was not done. "In trains where it was initially not allowed, concessions were allowed subsequently," it says.

PARADIP PORT TRUST
HARBOUR WORKS DIVISION NO. II
E-TCN No. CE/HRW-W-2179/407,
Dt. 02.12.2019
Name of the work: "Connecting to the road from ATBK-I Level Crossing to Gate No.2 concrete road by providing four lang concrete road inside prohibited area", Estimated Cost: ₹1,47,23,546.42. Last date and time of submission of bid 23.12.2019 upto 17:15 Hrs. For details please refer the website: <https://procure.gov.in/procureapp>
Executive Engineer, HWD-II
PPT/PR/S24/19-20 Dt. 05/12/2019

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
CORRIDGUM
Under noted amendment in hereby made against tender agency No. 06 dt. 14-11-2019 (Item No.13)
Item No: 13, Tender No. and Due Date: 14/11/2019, 07.01.2020, Estimating Entry: Earnest Money: ₹ 19,45,00/- To be used as Earnest Money: ₹ 1,19,45,00/-
All other terms and condition will remain unchanged.
Note: Above information may be seen on N.E.Railway website www.nerail.in and indianrailways.gov.in & Govt. of India's website www.tenders.gov.in
Principal Chief Material Manager, CPRO/S-48 Gorakhpur
About any passenger agency complaint SRS on Mch. No. 2004520000
Do not travel with inflammable article in train.

E-Tender Notice
The Divisional Railway Manager (Engg/E.C. Railway/Samastipur for on behalf of the President of India invites Open Tender from experienced and financially capable bidders for the following works: E-tendering mode of IREPS web portal of Indian Railways: S.No. 1. Tender Notice No. 225-2019-SP-1. Name of work: Manufacture and Supply of 50mm size cumm crushed stone ballast (77,000 cum) as per Rly. Specification for Track ballast to Purnia Court Station and loading the same into any type of railway wagon. 2. Tender Notice No. 225-2019-SP-1. Name of work: Manufacture and Supply of 50mm size cumm crushed stone ballast (77,000 cum) as per Rly. Specification for Track ballast to Purnia Court Station and loading the same into any type of railway wagon. 3. Tender Notice No. 225-2019-SP-1. Name of work: Manufacture and Supply of 50mm size cumm crushed stone ballast (77,000 cum) as per Rly. Specification for Track ballast to Purnia Court Station and loading the same into any type of railway wagon. 4. Tender Notice No. 225-2019-SP-1. Name of work: Manufacture and Supply of 50mm size cumm crushed stone ballast (77,000 cum) as per Rly. Specification for Track ballast to Purnia Court Station and loading the same into any type of railway wagon.
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Completion period of the work: 15 Months. 1. PRE-BID CONFERENCES: 08/12/2019 upto 12:30 Hrs. 2. Last Date & time for receiving of Tender in E-Tender mode on IREPS web portal: 08/12/2019 upto 15:00 hours. 3. Opening Date & time for E-Tender: 08/12/2019 after 15:00 hours. 4. Website: www.ireps.gov.in Where complete details of tender & tender document can be seen on website: www.ireps.gov.in. Amendments/modifications if any shall not be published in the newspapers but the same shall be uploaded in the website: www.ireps.gov.in.
Sd/- Divisional Engineer/Co-ord. E.C. Ry./Samastipur
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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT OFFICE OF WELFARE COMMISSIONER - LABOUR WELFARE ORGANISATION KENNERA, SADAN, SULTAN BAZAR, KOTI, HYDERABAD - 500 095.
E-mail: wwfo@yp.gov.in Ph: 002 26502020 Date: 05/12/2019

EXPANSION OF DATE FOR INVITING QUOTATIONS
Submission of sealed quotations from the registered firms for Data Entry Work of Identity Cards registers of this Organisation in Office of the Welfare Commissioner, LWO, Hyderabad has been extended upto 16-12-2019 16:00 hrs. The scope of work and other details are same as mentioned in the earlier Advertisement and the same can be had from the above mentioned office address and over Office Tel. No: 049-24658026 WELFARE COMMISSIONER

PROFESSOR AJAYASHANKAR TELANGANA STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
Administrative Office, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-50
E-Procurement Tender Notice
NIT No. 11/P.T.SA/UG/2019-20, Dt. 06.12.2019
No. of works: ECV of Rs. 1073.95 Lakhs

Bid Submission start Date & Time	06-12-2019 5.00 PM
Bid Submission Closing Date & Time	20-12-2019 5.00 PM
Date of opening of Price Bid (for S.I. No. 01 to 09)	21-12-2019 11.30 A.M
Date of Opening of Technical Bid (for S.I. No. 10)	21-12-2019 11.30 A.M
Date of Closing of Price Bid (for S.I. No. 10)	23-12-2019 11.30 A.M

Contacting Office : Estate Officer
Contact Details: 040-24015315 & 040-24015011 Extn: 347
For further details please visit <https://tender.telangana.gov.in> Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER



Govt healthcare institutions can consider developing training courses for caregivers: Ram Nath Kovind



I have raised demonetisation and GST issues in peoples Interest
— Shatrughan Sinha, Congress leader

SHORT TAKES
TMC RAISES ONION PRICES ISSUE IN LS

New Delhi, Dec. 5: Trinamul Congress Bandopadhyay on Thursday said the Centre should ask states to ensure that there was no hoarding of onions.

Raising the issue during the Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, Bandopadhyay said the price of onion had risen to an extreme height and it was a serious issue.

The Trinamul leader said hoarding was the cause of price rise of onion and added that enforcement department should check on hoarding of onions.

Bandopadhyay termed it a failure of the government, saying rising prices had gone out of limit and "we all condemn it".

Prices of onion in many places have crossed ₹10 per kg because of less production. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had on Wednesday said in the Lok Sabha that the government had taken several steps to check rising prices of onion and also initiated steps to improve technology for better storage of the kitchen staple.

Attributing shortage to low production, the minister had said there were severe "structural problems" related to onions.

JNU STUDENTS TO BOYCOTT EXAMS

New Delhi, Dec. 5 The Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union has decided to boycott semester examinations, scheduled to begin from December 12, until it goes for complete suspension of academic activities in protest over the hostel fee hike, according to a resolution adopted by it on Thursday.

The JNU administration, however, said the examinations will be conducted according to schedule and that academic careers of thousands of students are saved.

Members of JNUSU and JNU Teachers' Association met NCP MP Supriya Sule on Thursday and urged her to raise issues concerning the university in Parliament.

Sule later tweeted a picture of her with the representatives of the JNUSU and JNUTA.

The union has decided to go on a Shiksha Bachao Padayatra from JNU to Rashtrapati Bhawan to submit a deposition to the President and also a letter to the Prime Minister. Sule is also a visitor to the university.

IEWS SOUGHT FOR CRIMINAL LAW OVERHAUL

New Delhi, Dec. 5: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has asked all state governments to send their suggestions for a major overhaul and reworking of the Indian Penal Code and the CrPc, officials said on Thursday.

The new structure and content of criminal laws will reflect the aspirations of a modern democracy and meet the need for speedy justice, especially to the weaker sections of society, an official said.

The Bureau of Police Research and Development may undertake review of the laws such as the IPC, CrPc, Indian Evidence Act and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

The BPRD will constitute a suitable working or consultative group and submit a report.

The laws should reflect the modern reality and the revised laws should be in accordance with democratic aspirations of the people and provide speedy justice to women, children and weaker sections of the people, another official said.

Onion price to cross ₹20 across nation

Traders expect prices to drop only in mid-January despite importing from Turkmenistan and Egypt

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI
TDC
MUMBAI, DEC. 5

Onion prices are about to hit a double century soon. Supply of onions has reduced by almost 80 per cent, resulting in their prices skyrocketing across the country.

Asia's largest onion market — Lasalgaon — received a mere 5,200 quintals of onion on Thursday against its daily average supply of 12,000 to 15,000 quintals. One quintal is equal to 100 kg.

The price at the Lasalgaon market was ₹10,000 per quintal while at the Vashi market near Mumbai, onions were sold at between ₹80 and ₹120 per kg. In the retail market, onion was being sold at ₹140 to ₹160 per kg.

"The untimely rainfall and hailstorm is a major reason behind rising onion prices. The rainfall has not only damaged the old buffer onion stock but also the new arrivals," said Nanasahab Patil, former chairman of Lasalgaon Agriculture Producers Market Committee (APMC).

Lasalgaon is 200 km from Mumbai and is known for supplying onions across the country.

"The prices of onion will cool down by mid-January 2020 while it will stabilise in February-end of the first week of March 2020. The Centre may import onions but the demand is so high that it will not be easy to bring down onion prices soon," Mr Patil added.

Mr Ashok Walunjie, onion wholesaler trader at Vashi APMC, said onions from Turkmenistan and Egypt are in the market but there are hardly any takers for these imported varieties.

"The taste of the imported onions do not match our onions, particularly the Nashik onion. Our onions can be used in gravies, curries and salads," Mr Walunjie said.

Mr Patil blamed untimely rains and bad weather for the disruption in the onion supply cycle. "From October to December, Lasalgaon onions are high in demand. Then in January, it is taken over by those grown in Solapur and Pune," he said.

Mr Narendra Warankar, a wholesaler onion trader, said so far onions are being procured from Rajasthan and Gujarat, but supply from both the states has been low. "There is no rabi supply while that of the kharif season has also not been satisfactory. The mismatch in demand and supply has resulted in the rise of onion prices," Mr Warankar said.

■ **Untimely rains and bad weather are said to be reasons for disruption in the onion supply cycle**



Congress leaders P. Chidambaram and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury stage a protest against hike in onion prices at Parliament, in New Delhi on Thursday.

PAPPU YADAV SELLS ONIONS AT SUSHIL'S HOUSE

NAVAYAR AZAD I DC
PATNA, DEC. 5

Jan Adhikar Party (JAP) convenor Pappu Yadav stood outside Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi's private residence in Patna on Thursday and sold onion for ₹30 per kg.

In many districts, Gaya and Bhagalpur, onions are being sold in the market for about ₹110 to ₹120 per kg. Sources said that officials who have been tracking the rising price trend are recording lower figures in their files for official purposes.

While talking to reporters in Patna, Mr Yadav termed the onion crisis as "artificial" and "sponsored by black marketers". He claimed had sold over 4 tonnes of onions within two days in Patna.

"I will continue to sell onion at a low rate until the price comes down. I have also decided to sell onion to students and poor people at ₹25 per kg. The government has completely failed in controlling the rising onion price. In my view, the crisis is artificial and black marketers are earning heavy profit from this," the former MP said.

Record ₹168 price in MP's Satna

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY I DC
BHOPAL, DEC 5

In what must be some kind of a record, onion is selling at ₹168 in Satna, a city in north Madhya Pradesh.

"The price of onion has broken previous state record. The highest price before this was in 1996 when it was sold at ₹100 per kg," Manoj Mishra, a trader in the Lalita Chowk vegetable market, told this newspaper on Thursday.

The freshly harvested onion procured from Nasik in Maharashtra is sold at ₹120 per kilo in the city. The MP stock is older, and his preferred to the fresh harvest.

MP is second largest onion producing state after Maharashtra in the country. The state has produced 37,21,610 metric tonnes of onion in the last Kharif season, or 17 per cent of the country's total onion output.

In district headquarters of Indore, the financial capital of Madhya Pradesh, carrot has replaced onion in 'poha', the quintessential breakfast of people of the city. A plate of poha, made of flattened rice, sells at ₹10-15 per plate. "No dish on earth can replace poha," a local said. In the MP

Good quality onion costs ₹170 in Hyderabad market

KURNOOL FARMERS MAKE FORTUNES

D. SIVA RAMI REDDY I DC
KURNOOL, DEC. 5

Good quality onions are selling for ₹170 in the retail market in the city, which is something of a record. No one can remember the bulb getting so expensive, and traders expect it to go further up.

Good quality onions are those that have rested for about 120 days. To cash in on the shortage, traders are rushing in freshly-harvested onions that are more damp and therefore of low quality was sold at ₹6,000. There is a huge demand in December due to the festive season and parties. Market sources said there is a crunching shortage of onions. "We used to get 50 to 70 truckloads of onion, it has fallen to 20 now," said a source. "The best market predictions say that onion will become cheaper only in January."

In AP, many wholesalers and supermarkets have stopped purchasing onions, which now cost ₹150 per kg in retail. And this is a state which has the second largest onion market in Kurnool. Onion costs ₹135 in the wholesale market here. Vijayawada's five Rythu

While people in the rest of the country are complaining, onion farmers never had it so good. Call it climate change or late sowing, farmers and commission agents in Kurnool are harvesting record returns. The Kurnool market yard, the leading market in south India for onions, recorded the highest rate of ₹15,010 per quintal, the highest in its history on Thursday said market yard secretary R. Jayalaxmi.

This is nearly nine times the highest price that onion fetched last year. Price depended on quality. The minimum bid in the market was ₹3,000 per quintal. The mean price realised was ₹9,500.

Ms Jayalaxmi said there was a 30 per cent increase in arrivals at the market, from 100 tonnes on Wednesday to 130 tonnes on Thursday. "The demand from West Bengal is more. Orders are pouring in. I expect the heightened activity from the next 10 more days," she said.

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CLIMBING A PEAK

Month/Year	Highest
July 14-15	₹2,300
Aug. 15-16	₹5,800
July 16-17	₹1,240
Nov. 17-18	₹4,700
Oct. 18-19	₹1,500
Dec. 19-29	₹13,010

PC on Nirmala's remark: Does she eat avocado?

New Delhi, Dec. 5: "Does she eat avocado?" quipped former finance minister P. Chidambaram, who arrived in Parliament on Thursday after spending 400 days in jail, when asked to comment on finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's remark that she didn't eat onion much.

Speaking at a press conference later, Chidambaram said his comments on the finance minister was not "sarcastic". "I was not sarcastic. I was quoting her. They should have planned in advance what is the point of importing (onion) now, when will they arrive. I don't eat onion," he said.

On Wednesday when asked by an MP if she ate onions, Sitharaman had said, "I belong to a family which does not eat onion and garlic."

The government had on Wednesday said that the state-run trading firm MMT had advanced another onion import order of 4,000 tonnes from Turkey for a few slices of export to reach by mid-January.

"This is in addition to the 100 tonnes of onions already contracted, which includes 6,090 tonnes from Egypt and 11,000 tonnes from Turkey," it said in a statement.

— PTI

Why is Modi silent, asks PC

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"I believe that the some of our some parties are better equipped to pull the economy out of the slowdown and create jobs and growth, but we have to wait for better times," he added.

He also questioned PM Narendra Modi's "unusual silence" on the issue adding that Mr. Modi's silence left his ministers to indulge in "bluff and bluster".

On a question about industrialist Rahul Bajaj's remarks that people were scared to criticise the government, Chidambaram said: "There is fear everywhere. Media is also gripped by fear." The senior Congress leader is also a former home minister and said he would like to visit Kashmir if the government allowed.

He said his first thoughts upon his release were with the Kashmiri people who "have been denied their basic freedoms since August 4, 2019".

Asked if parallels can be drawn between the govt. and the assurances on Kashmir and on the economy, Chidambaram said no, as far as economy is concerned "the reason is incompetence while in Kashmir it is the government's arrogance".

On the withdrawal of SPG cover for the Gandhis, Chidambaram said if the government believed that the Gandhis family did not require SPG protection, "then that is a cross the government has to bear".

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Thousands of users disappear from WhatsApp in Kashmir

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SRINAGAR, DEC. 5

On Wednesday, tens of thousands of WhatsApp users in Kashmir abruptly began disappearing from the freeware, leaving behind only phone number "left" message.

Soon rumour spread across the Valley and beyond purporting that only those users of WhatsApp whose internet connections have been restored by the authorities after their furnishing bonds that they will not access any social media are leaving it.

"Seems many people are able to access Internet from Kashmir, has it something to do with the internet bond?" wrote one of the participants of 'Kashmir Observer', the WhatsApp group created by a Srinagar English daily.

No one actually knew why and how people in the restive Valley where internet services are not available since August 5 when the Centre stripped Jammu and Kashmir of its special status and split it up into two Union Territories are leaving WhatsApp abruptly and expiring.

Interestingly, even several people incarcerated by the authorities and lodged in jails in and outside the Valley too were shown on WhatsApp as those exiting it.

Facebook, which owns its special status and split it up into two Union Territories are leaving WhatsApp abruptly and expiring.

Its spokesman also said that people will need to be re-added to groups upon regaining access to the Internet and joining WhatsApp again.

A Kashmiri journalist author Gowhar Geelani while reacting to the development tweeted "Tens of thousands of Kashmiris disappear from WhatsApp due to the absence of Internet and lack of access to the application for 120 days-four months. The WhatsApp map is now minus Kashmir!"

Oppn. focuses on narrative in RS

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The matter was discussed at a meeting of Opposition parties on Thursday afternoon in which many opined that while the Shiv Sena may vote however it wanted, the Opposition focus should be on building the correct narrative for the Bill. The meeting was held in Rajya Sabha's Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad's office in Parliament, and was attended by almost all Opposition parties: TMC, DMK, SP, NCP and the Left, Assam Congress leader Hupam Bora was asked to brief the leaders on the Bill to give a correct perspective. A senior leader said it was understood that the Shiv Sena would later take a decision. Rather than decide which way a party should vote, a strong narrative needed to be built on problems with the Bill and how it was against the Constitution.

"BPJ is trying to cloud the whole conversation," Derek O'Brien of the Trinamool Congress said. "We must have a clear communication strategy till Sunday to get across to the people of the country." He added that the Opposition will appoint a leader each to set the right narrative.

According to O'Brien, his party's opposition to the Bill was that it was anti-trial. "It is a cheap political stunt," he said.

"How can you have multiple standards of citizenship for the same country?" For us, NRC and CAB are not separate issues," he added.