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## TS plans hike in power tariff

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

After the hike in RTC fares the Telangana state government will now hike power rates. These rates had been untouched for three years.

"In the present financial situation, it is inevitable," said a senior official of the Telangana Transmission Corporation (TSCCO). The overall hike to all categories will range from eight per cent to 10 per cent, officials said.

Tranco has to submit an annual revenue requirement (ARR) report along with the rate proposal to the Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Authority (TSERC) by each November-end for the next financial year that begins the following April. This time, Tranco officials have sought extra time to submit the ARR.

Following consultations with Chief Minister K. Chandrababbar Rao, Tranco will finalise power rates and made its submission to ERC. Officials estimate that in the next financial year, the subsidy will swell to ₹8,000 crore.

The power rate will depend on the quantum of subsidy. Even after the hike in RTC fares, the state government is in no position to give Tranco a full

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## Milan is not critical, but stays in hospital

CEO had crashed his car, killing a woman; cops to arrest him only after he is discharged

KANIZA GARARI | DC  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Kalvakuntla Krishna Rao, who drove off the biodiversity flier on November 29 and killed P.N. Satyaveni, 55, has still not been arrested as he remains in hospital, for complaints of severe pain and for incomplete physiotherapy.

Rao had fractured his collar bone but that was surgically repaired. He had worn a seat belt and airbags saved him. He now needs physiotherapy so that his functional movement will improve. But the therapy induces severe pain for which super-specialist doctors have to drop in from time to time.

His accident happened because he was speeding, and he was booked for rash and negligent driving and causing death by negligence.

"Mr Rao is still undergoing treatment in the hospital," said the investigating officer of the Raidurgam police station. "We are following up on a daily basis. We can arrest him only when he is discharged from the hospital."

The hospital officially stated that it cannot comment further. But sources state he is no longer in critical care or under observation, but in rehabilitation mode. Only therapy is required.

From time to time. Officials inquired about his medical condition a week ago. They wanted updates in treatment and the future course of treatment.

Rao is the founder and



A file photo of the speeding car (above) driven by K. Krishna Milan Rao (below) that skidded off the Biodiversity flier near Gachibowli and came crashing down on to the road, killing a woman.



Kalvakuntla Krishna Milan Rao

• The hospital officially stated that Milan Rao needs treatment and that it cannot comment further. But sources state he is no longer in critical care or under observation, but in rehabilitation mode. Only therapy is required.

chief executive officer of Empower Labs. He is allegedly close to the government.

There are whispers that the arrest is delayed for that reason.

## 63.36% vote in J'khand polls

Ranchi, Dec. 7: An estimated 63.36 per cent votes were cast on Saturday in the second phase of election for the Assembly in Jharkhand where one person killed was in firing by security personnel near a

polling booth. Polling in the 20 constituencies had begun at 7 am amid tight security.

It ended at 3 pm in 18 of them while in the rest two — Jamshedpur (East) and Jamshepur (West) — the

polling ended at 5 pm, Election Commission sources said. Chief Minister Raghubar Das was in the fray in Jamshepur (East).

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MLA Maganti Gopinath, deputy mayor Baba Fasiuddin distribute Shaadi Mubarak and Kalyana Laxmi cheques to beneficiaries in Borabanda

# Cyberabad's WhatsApp no. deactivated

Police suggest people in distress can reach out via phone calls; No dedicated number for SHE teams

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Cyberabad police's WhatsApp helpline number (98667444) stands deactivated after it received a flood of messages post the rape and murder of city-based veterinarian Disha under the Cyberabad commissionerate limits on November 27. No WhatsApp messages are getting delivered to this number.

F Ravindra Prasad, Inspector, IT Cell, Cyberabad confirmed: "After the (rape) incident, we received a lot of messages. They wanted to find out if the number worked or not. It seems WhatsApp saw the spike as something fishy and blocked it," he said. Interestingly, Cyberabad police are finding it difficult to contact WhatsApp in this regard.

"Since WhatsApp has no control point of office, all our conversations with them are through email. We expect the number will be up and running in a few days," inspector Prasad hoped. He, however, clarified that people can make contact through calls or the number in times of distress.

Incidentally, this WhatsApp number does not fall under business category. Business accounts are verified by WhatsApp before comprehensive information is given to users messaging to them. Though that a verified business account will give the number more credibility, Prasad feels that is almost "not seen worth the effort."

"The features of personal and business WhatsApp accounts are almost the same. Hence, currently, we are not looking at buying a business account," he remarked.

Meanwhile, an official from Cyberabad police, under a network of anonymity, said the number received too much traffic since it caters to all people seeking the jurisdiction. "The number is promoted by the general police network as well as Cyberabad SHE Teams. After the incident, most of the traffic was from those who wanted to contact SHE Teams. If there was a dedicated WhatsApp number for SHE Teams, we wouldn't have faced this problem," he maintained. However, Swati Lakra, inspector general (women safety), cautioned against having separate numbers. "Having distinct numbers for SHE Teams will only confuse the public," she felt.

It may be noted that people in Hyderabad are generally use WhatsAppApp number 9490616555 for making similar complaints. This is a general account available to all people in Hyderabad jurisdiction.



A team of National Human Rights Commission from Delhi inspect the spot where the four accused of rape and murderer of Disha were gunned down in an exchange of fire on the outskirts of Chattanpally on Saturday. — P. SURENDRA

## More cops needed in Cyberabad, R'konda

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The problem is grave in the Cyberabad and Rachakonda areas, whose jurisdictional sprawl is vast compared to police stations in Hyderabad city.

"Cyberabad and Rachakonda are expanding drastically and contain a lot of semi-urban areas. In Hyderabad we may need four patrol vehicles to keep an eye at a particular police station but in Cyberabad and Rachakonda, the jurisdiction of each police station is eight to 10 times bigger. So we may require about 15 or more vehicles and more manpower. As a result, policing in many areas is nil except when something happens," Swati Lakra says. She says strict enforcement in the unorganised sector could bring down the crime rate down to a great extent.

Shadrugar police station in Cyberabad, in whose area Disha's charred body was found, has 29 villages and 19 hamlets and a population of 1.20 lakh. Only 55 policemen serve this area. Keshampet police station, spread across 218.4 square km, has 19 villages and 35 hamlets and a population of close to 43,000 — has merely 25 policemen. The Shamshabad police station serves a population of 4 lakh (21 villages and 15 hamlets) but has 78 policemen.

The Pahadishareef police limits in Rachakonda, spread across 80 km and serving a population of 1.6 lakh, has about 95 personnel. The 60 Hyderabad police stations are each spread across a five to 12 km radius on an average, though policeman number less compared to the population. The day-to-day law and order duty and hand-points out another police official in Cyberabad.

One option is to break the existing 37 police stations in Cyberabad and over 50 in Rachakonda into more police stations. This would require more manpower. If the state government is serious about the safety of women, then this is the only solution, they say.

### Leaders of Backward Castes are being ignored in the Congress party

— V. Hanumantha Rao  
Congress leader

### Panel of Christians meet Mahmood Ali

Hyderabad: The Christian Rights Protection Committee met Home minister Mohammed Mahmood Ali on Saturday and submitted a letter to him requesting protection for women. General secretary of the committee, Rev Shanthi Kumar, said, "During Christmas, Christians are targeted in large numbers and will go for carol singing during late hours. Hence, safety and security of women has to be ensured during church services and several events related to Christians." There has been constant attacks on Christian preachers, so protection of preachers is also the responsibility of the state government, he said.

### 52 DEFUNCT URDU SCHOOLS TO BE REVIVED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Officials of the school education department, led by joint director Sreenivas Chary, assured the Minorities Commission about reopening all the 52 Urdu medium schools that have remained closed for several years. The commission, under the chairmanship of Mr Mohammed Qamaruddin, heard nine cases on Saturday.

In heard grievances that were submitted by Mr Nayemul Shareef, president, Telangana Educational Development Foundation, and Mr Mohammed Fareeduddin of the Madaris Federation Education and Welfare Society. The main reason for closure of 52 Urdu medium schools and running schools in the same premises under a shift system and lack of basic amenities. They also complained about abnormal amounts collected in the name of fees by private institutions.

Officials assured to sort out the issues at the earliest. Hyderabad district education officer B. Venkata Narasamma agreed to discontinue the practice of running more than one school in the same premises. She assured that students from the Asifnagar Urdu medium school would be shifted to a suitable premises in Vijayanagar colony, after shifting the revenue office that is functioning there.

The commission heard other grievances related to disputes of lands, payments and pending inquiries of stranded officials. They have been posted for further hearing.

### RTC DRIVERS, CONDUCTORS JOBS CONFIRMED

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) on Saturday regularised the services of contract drivers and conductors, who have completed 240 working days. It will come into effect from December 1, 2019. Regularisation of the employees was one of the major demands of the RTC workers during the strike. The decision was taken during the employees meeting with Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu, earlier this month. However, official orders from TSRTC were released on Saturday. The regularisation was limited to conductors and drivers. About 296 drivers and 63 conductors were regularised as per the roster seniority and would get regular time scale of pay. Commenting on the order, Thomas Reddy, RTC JAC co-convenor, said they welcome the decision of the regularisation. However, 77 work inspectors in the civil engineering wing, who have over 25 years of service were not regularised, he said.

## Congress tells Gov. to curb liquor sale, protect women

S.N.G.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Congress leader Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and a delegation of party leaders asked Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan to stop the "indiscriminate" sale of liquor and prevent atrocities on women in the state.

"The delegation, in a memorandum, listed various incidents in which women were the victims, and sought corrective and remedial measures. They asked her to suggest to the government to control the free flow and sale of liquor in belt shops, permit rooms, shops on highways, and a direction to the police to discharge their

## 'WITHDRAW GUNMEN FOR MLAs'

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Congress MLA Jagga Reddy asked the state government to remove gunmen to all MLAs and provide them for the security of women otherwise state government has to give weapons to them.

Speaking to media on Saturday, he asked the government if it will sanction weapons if women will apply.

## NHRC PANEL TO VISIT INJURED POLICEMEN

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On the team's instructions, DCP Reddy told the media: "The investigative committee has visited the mortuary at Chattanpally and examined the bodies and then inspected the scenes of crime. It would give a report to the NHRC at Delhi."

The committee also visited the crime scene where Disha was raped and murdered by the four accused on November 27 and inquired about details. Later in the night, the committee was expected to visit Care Hospital, where two policemen are being treated after they reportedly suffered injuries.

## INJURED COPS STABLE, TO REMAIN IN ICU

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

The two policemen hurt in Friday's encounter are still in the intensive care unit of Care Hospital in HITEC City but are stable.

While one has injuries on the forehead, the left hand of the other has some wound. It is said that the doctors have decided to keep Venkateswarulu and Arvind Goud under observation for one more day. Both are stated to be recovering.

## Death case registered after NHRC team's intervention

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Following orders by the National Human Rights Commission, Cyberabad police have registered a case into the alleged exchange of fire on outskirts of Chattanpally village in which the four accused in Disha rape and murder case were killed.

An additional SP of the Rachakonda police, who is the missioneriate has been appointed as the investigating officer. Following a complaint by ACP V. Surender, Cyberabad police registered the case on charges

of attempt to murder, custodial death and Arms Act into the exchange of fire under Shadrugar police station limits.

Cyberabad police commissioner V. C. Sajjanar said, "As per NHRC guidelines, Rachakonda Special Operations DCP J. Surender Reddy has been appointed as the investigation officer to probe the exchange of fire at Chattanpally."

Meanwhile, on Saturday, the clues teams, along with bomb disposal squads, searched the scene, where Mohammed alias Areef, J. Shiva, J.

Naveen, and C. Chennakeshavulu were found killed. The teams used deep search metal detectors to locate empty shells that fell at the crime scene.

It is stated that a few shells have been recovered. It is learnt that about 11 bullet injuries have been observed on bodies of the four deceased.

Around 20 rounds were fired during the alleged exchange of fire between the accused and the police party on Friday.

Sources said, "A total of 11 bullet injuries have been identified on the bodies of the deceased."

# Both Madhav Reddys went to victim's house with petrol

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Subsequently after several hours, an FIR was lodged but no action was taken the whole of next day. On Friday evening, the police had not only refused to take cognisance of the case seriously, were arrested one in the police station also informed the two Madhav Reddys of the

efforts of the couple to register a case in vain. On Friday evening, Mr T. Madhav Reddy and Mr S. Madhav Reddy, who have reportedly made multiple crimes and cases recorded against them in the Bowenpally P.S. in the area, were arrested at a local wedding as VIP political guests and were getting drunk. When the topic

came up about how a case was filed to file a complaint against him, the duo reportedly flew into rage and left the venue of the wedding. After midnight, towards 1 am they went to the plot to teach the couple a lesson. They took petrol and knocked on their door; The watchman who came out was burnt by the two lead-

ers, and some of their menchayats (Extension to Panchayats) suffered 45 per cent burns to his body and is undergoing treatment in Gandhi Hospital. The culprits escaped after setting him afire.

The duo's next morning, a special team of police arrived and this time they registered an FIR. A delay

in registering an FIR in a case as serious as this assault on a woman leading to a second attempt by the same people, locally powerful and connected to the ruling party, and ending in near burning to death of her husband is hardly the sequel to an instant justice serving Telangana police.

Speaking exclusively to Deccan Chronicle, Bowenpally Circle Officer said, "There was not much delay in registering FIR. We felt it was a civil case related to property. We have formed a special team and we will try to apprehend the culprits."

Mr Anjaneyulu also refuted that there has been pressure on the police to not act from a senior TRS

leader connected to the two TRS leaders. "I don't even know if they are leaders... maybe just ruling party sympathisers. In any case, I was recently transferred here a few months ago and do not know much about their background. But we will take action," the cop said.

## FIGHT FOR RIGHTS 3,000 Adivasis leave for Delhi from Adilabad by special train; to stage protest at Ramlila

## Telangana adivasis head to Delhi in demand for rights

PILLALA AMARRI SRINIVAS | DC ADILABAD, DEC. 7

Thousands of Adivasis have started leaving for Delhi in trains, buses, private buses and even two-wheeled vehicles. Among them are many women and community elders. A total of four special trains have been arranged, one each from Adilabad, Asifabad, Warangal and Khammam. Some of the Adivasis booked private buses and vehicles, and a few youth have set out on motorbikes from Narvot mandal of Adilabad district.

Members of various communities — Gonds, Kolams, Parhans, Andh, Thoti, Naikpod, Mannewar, Koya and

Chenchus — will attend the meeting to demand that the TS government and the Centre remove the Lambadas from the STS list since they were included without following the due constitutional process.

The Adivasis are also demanding that the state government stop issuing agency certificates to the Lambadas. The Adivasis are demanding that the Centre issue pattas under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) (ROFR) Act to land that they have been cultivating for long, effective implementation of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) (PESA) Act, 1970 Act and Fifth and Sixth Schedules of the Constitution and to provide rights to the Adivasis on natural resources in their areas.

Each Adivasi is carrying nearly 20 jowar rotis with milk, some curries and some essential medicines. Thudum Deba Adilabad district vice-president Godam Ganesh said they have been taking precautionary measures to avoid untoward incidents during their trip.



Adivasis carrying Gussadis made of peacock feathers at the Adilabad railway station on Saturday.

**Compensation**  
Puvvada Ajay Kumar hands over appointment letters to the kin of two RTC employees who lost lives during the 52-day strike, in Khammam



Despite similar education, Nehru can't think like Ambedkar and vice versa

— Bora Narsaiah Goud  
TRS former MP

**POWER SHUTDOWN**

10 am to 5 pm: VBRI, Nice Hospital, ITI Malleshpally, A-Battery Line, Vijayanagar Colony, Laxminagar, Hussaini Masjid, Police Quarters, Imperial Garden, Moghal Agency Apartments, More Supermarket area, Shanthenagar, PS Nagar, Niloufer Hospital, Lakdikapul, AC Guards, Saleem Function Hall, Nampally police station, Town Planning Office, Election Commissioner's Office, Municipal Commissioner's Office, Ganga Jamma Hotel, 2 pm to 5 pm: Hockey Ground, Masab Tank, Universal Bakery, Andhra Bank, area behind INTU Shanthenagar, Castle Hills, NMDC, Vijayanagar Colony.

**IN BRIEF**

**Ikea's Navy Band concert today**

**Hyderabad:** The Swedish furniture company Ikea will host the Indian Navy's official Band concert on Sunday evening, as a part of the Navy Day celebrations. This is the first time that the Swedish furniture store is organising an Indian Navy concert and the event is open to the public. Navy Day is organised every year on December 4 to commemorate the attack on Karachi harbour by the Vidut class missile boats in Operation Trident during the Indo-Pak War of 1971. As a part of the Navy Day celebrations, events are organised across all naval stations and other locations in the country facilitating interaction with veteran service personnel and citizens.

**AB INBEV INKS AGREEMENT ON QUALITY WATER**

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7**

In a bid to ensure communities in the state have access to quality water, AB InBev on Saturday signed a memorandum of understanding with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) to develop watershed replenishment structures in villages around Charminar and Crown Breweries in Sangareddy district of Telangana state. Through this partnership, AB InBev is looking to impact 12 villages in Sangareddy district by establishing more than 100 watershed replenishment structures ranging from on-farm ponds to check dams, promoting conservation and management of water and soil for smart, sustainable agriculture. These villages are located around the company's Charminar and Crown Breweries in Sangareddy district.

Government officials from the state departments, the Pollution Control Board, District Rural Development Authority (DRDA), irrigation, Ground Water Board, agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry were present for the signing of the memorandum of understanding with ICRISAT.

**RULES FLOUTED**

**Appointment of 9,335 junior panchayat secretaries under lens HC pulls up officials for recruitment gaffes**

**VUJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 7**

Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao of the Telangana High Court on Friday lambasted state authorities for the gaffes while issuing writs of certiorari for recruitment. He said that because of this, most recruitment notifications issued in the last five years had been challenged. Dealing with the contempt case over appointment of 9,335 junior panchayat secretaries, the judge said the commission



Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan felicitates Dr Dharma Reddy, 92, first gold medalist of Osmania Medical College and Dr Gopal Krishna, 82, former superintendent of Osmania General Hospital (white shirt, centre), at the 4th global meet of Osmania Medical College Alumni Association on Saturday. — S. SURENDER REDDY

**Alumni can help regain OMC's glory, says Gov**  
4,300 members in touch with college: Tamilisai

**KANIZA GARARI | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 7**  
The lost glory of Osmania Medical College (OMC) as well as the Osmania General Hospital must be restored, said Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan. Addressing the fourth Global Meet of Osmania Medical College, she pointed out that 4,300 alumni are in touch with OMC in this regard. "The college must contact all the doctors who have passed out from Osmania Medical College for the purpose," she advised. Osmania Medical College Alumni Association president Dr R.S. Tapadia said, "The hospital infrastructure is crumbling. It is a heritage structure and there is a strong need to restore it. OMC alumni members have already contributed towards development of the college. They have established a digital library and contributed to its various infrastructure projects. The alumni also contribute ₹40 lakh every year, which are utilised towards extending scholarships to poor students. The Governor, who is herself a doctor, assured all support in restoring the lost glory of OMC and OGH. She recalled that a hall in Madras Medical College, where autopsies were done, was to be demolished. But as it was a heritage building, the college alumni got together and restored the building. Similarly OGH too can be restored by contacting as many of the alumni as possible. They can work together to restore the heritage structure and bring back the lost glory, Dr Tamilisai added.

**Missing girl speaks to parents after 15 years**

**K. KALYAN KRISHNA KUMAR | DC VIJAYAWADA, DEC. 7**

A girl who went missing from her home 15 years ago when she was four years old spoke to her parents on Saturday, thanks to help from a Good Samaritan. They will be meeting on Sunday. Ms Kodipetla Bhavani is a native of Srikakulam district. She only remembers that she was going to school and suddenly found herself in Hyderabad. She cannot recall how she reached Hyderabad. When she went missing, her family members searched for her and slowly gave up hope of ever meeting her again. In Hyderabad, a woman named Jayamma adopted Ms Bhavani brought her up along with her daughters. She helped Ms Bhavani complete her intermediate, while her own daughters did not pursue their education. Ms Bhavani later landed in Vijayawada and is working as a domestic help. When her employer Mohan Vamsidhar enquired about her background she told her story. She said she remembered her parents as Madhava Rao, and Jayalakshmi and that she had two brothers, Santosh and Gopi. Mr Vamsi searched for those names on social media platforms and noticed her brother on Facebook. He called them over the phone, and Ms Bhavani spoke to her family for the first time in a decade and a half. Ms Bhavani said she was very happy to speak to her family members. They will be meeting later. She said her foster mother had been good to her, but she would like to go back to her own family, who are agricultural labourers. The family has left from Srikakulam and will reunite on Sunday.

**I-T raids on stock brokers**

**New Delhi, Dec. 7:** The income tax department has carried out search operations on certain share-brokers and traders for allegedly executing fraudulent trades in illiquid stock options. Over 39 locations spread across Mumbai, Kolkata, Kanpur, Delhi, Noida, Gurugram, Hyderabad and Ghaziabad were covered under the operation, the department said in a statement. These brokers were involved in facilitating accommodation of profits/loss through reversal trades in illiquid stock options in equity derivative segment and also currency derivative on the BSE, it said. The search has unravelled the modus operandi of the and traders to trade into the illiquid stock options. —PTI

**4 held for robbery attempt at Deputy Speaker house**

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7**

An attempt was made by four people to break into the house of Deputy Speaker T. Padmarao Goud on Friday night. A complaint was filed by his son Rameshwar Goud with the Market police in Secunderabad. At 3.15 in the night, the family heard some noise on the terrace and went to check, he found that a person was hiding between two buildings by holding the grills. Mr Goud told the police that they were trying to enter the house. Three more people emerged and the family panicked and dialled 100. The police rushed to the spot and arrested four persons. The arrested were identified as B. Suresh, Gangavishan, Habesh, Suresh Chowdhary and Khan Singh. They claimed they were living in the neighbouring house and were looking inside the Gouds' house. Mr Goud has asked the police to carry out proper investigation and only then lodge an FIR against them.

**Varsities take up green challenge**

**RAJESHWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, DEC. 7**

The registrars of Osmania University, Palamuru University and Mahatma Gandhi University drawn in the "green challenge" to highlight the need to reduce global warming, which can be tackled by planting more trees. He said, "a statewide campaign should be held to sensitise all educational institutions about the need for 'environmental consciousness' so that the youth may take up such green activities." TSCHIE undertook the task as a part of the green challenge which was initiated by TRS MP J. Santosh Kumar. As part of the green challenge, Mr Limbadri planted saplings at the TSCHIE office along with senior officials at Masab Tank. During the programme, TSCHIE vice-chairman-II Prof. V. Venkata Raman highlighted the need to reduce global warming, which can be tackled by planting more trees. He said, "a statewide campaign should be held to sensitise all educational institutions about the need for 'environmental consciousness' so that the youth may take up such green activities." TSCHIE undertook the task as a part of the green challenge which was initiated by TRS MP J. Santosh Kumar.

**HIGH COURT DISPOSES OF 33 PETITIONS**

**Hyderabad, Dec. 7:** A total number of seven criminal petitions and 26 miscellaneous petitions were disposed of by the single bench on Saturday, according to a press release issued by Registrar General of High Court. A single judge bench had been constituted by the Telangana High Court to take up the oldest cases. The bench, comprising Justice Gadikota Sri Devi was constituted after the release issued with criminal petitions, criminal appeals, criminal revisions and writ petitions, according to the press release.

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Birthday gift

Mayor Bonthu Rammohan accepts green challenge and plants a sapling to mark the birthday of TRS MP Santosh Kumar



Representation of specially abled persons in legislative bodies is a necessity

— Harish Rao Finance Minister

IN BRIEF

8 try to end life over demolition

Vijayawada: Eight persons attempted suicide in protest against the removal of their huts on the encroached land at Obulanadupalem of Guntur rural mandal in Guntur district. Revenue department officials, with the help of police, asked the encroachers to remove the huts on the land that belongs to the APIIDC. The encroachers refused to move. When the officials started to remove huts, the encroachers tried to commit suicide by consuming pesticides. The police immediately shifted them to GGH at Guntur for treatment. Their condition is out of concern. According to Nallapadu police, revenue formed six teams to remove the huts at Paripatogi Srinivasa Rao Navyandhra Charamakurula Colony of Obulanadupalem. The officials reached the spot under the supervision of the Collector and removed the huts, which were on a land belonging to the APIIDC.

MAN GETS 6-YR RI FOR ABUSE OF DAUGHTER

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Special judge for POCOS cases G. Premalatha has convicted and sentenced a 45-year-old man to six years imprisonment for sexually abusing his 15-year-old daughter. According to Mangalhat inspector G. Ranaveer Reddy, the man was separated from his wife and the children used to stay with him. When the 15-year-old victim was alone, the man touched her inappropriately in 2017. When the victim met her mother, she narrated her ordeal. The mother decided to lodge a police complaint and took the child to the Mangalhat police who started investigations. Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar said, "We ensured another big conviction in POCOS case". He said, "we will be giving rewards to the investigating and court duty officers and felicitate the prosecution officer."

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**TRS tried to take political advantage of the killing of accused in Disha's case**

— Krishna Saagar Rao  
BJP spokesperson

### IN BRIEF

## END QUOTA FOR ANGLO-INDIANS, SAYS REVANTH

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Congress MP A. Revanth Reddy has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to nominate members from the third gender to Parliament and state assemblies in place of the quota provided for the Anglo-Indian community.

The member of Parliament said it was important to provide political representation to the marginalised community. India needed to become a torchbearer of social justice and send the message to the world.

As against the large number of people belonging to the third gender, there were only a few thousand Anglo-Indians, he said and added that the community is very much Indian and is generally well-to-do.

He said the third gender needed political reservation. The letter comes in the backdrop of Parliament considering the extension of reservations for Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes in the Lok Sabha and the state assemblies for another 10 years.

"It is important that at we do away with Article 334 (b) of the Constitution which allows a member of the Anglo Indian Community to be nominated in Parliament and state Assemblies."

# Amid slowdown, KCR tells Centre to pay up

## GST share unpaid; CM says Centre's claims wrong

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 7



It is like a person losing his clothes when he is asking for a morsel of food."

— K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO  
TS Chief Minister

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Saturday wrote to Union Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman seeking the release of ₹4,531 crore of GST arrears, as the state government is suffering a shortfall in tax devolution.

Mr Rao said that according to the Union Budget, the tax devolution to Telangana state was ₹19,719 crore. The state government had received ₹10,304 crore till November, which is less by ₹224 crore when compared with the same period last year.

Mr Rao said that with the further slowdown of the economy during the

second quarter, it is likely that the tax devolution to the will fall even more. Mr Rao said that because of the slowdown there was a shortfall in GST collections compared to the benchmark growth of 14 per cent and an amount of ₹1,719 crore was due as compensation as mandated under the GST Act.

He said, "we have received compensation for the first four months and the balance is due. The IGST settlement was done during 2017-18

based on the tax devolution of the Finance Commission instead of the formula adopted for IGST settlement. This has resulted in a shortfall of ₹612 crore and the same was pointed out by the CAG in his report (Report No 11 of 2019)".

Prior to writing to the Union finance minister, the Chief Minister held a review meeting on the state's financial position, funds to be received from the Centre and other issues.

After the review, Mr

Rao said, "The Union government is making tall claims on a daily basis both in Parliament and outside that there is no effect of the economic slowdown but the facts are quite different. In this review meeting, the actual financial situation and hard-hitting facts have emerged."

A press statement from the Chief Minister's Office quoted Mr Rao as saying, "There is no match between what the Union ministers are proclaiming in Parliament and the ground realities. This is very surprising. If this situation continues, the state's financial position may turn into grave. It is like a person losing his clothes when he is asking for a morsel of food."

# Situation dire, KCR cuts all departmental funds

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Keeping in view the deteriorating financial situation, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Saturday directed the finance department to reduce allocations to all departments in tune with the decrease in Central funds flowing to the state.

Mr Rao was speaking at a review meeting with the senior officers on the state's financial position.

He told officials that he was planning to visit

Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman to apprise them of the difficulties of the Centre not releasing funds.

The chief minister said he intended to go to Delhi in the next five to six days along with officials.

During the meeting, Mr Rao said that the faulty policies of the Central government had led to the difficult situation.

The meeting was of the firm opinion that the state government had no option but to exercise

self-control. In the backdrop of the economic crisis, Mr Rao suggested that all departments should cut their expenditure and observe fiscal discipline. He wanted ministers and officials to follow fiscal discipline in tune with the economic situation in the state.

The Chief Minister has instructed officials from the finance department to prepare a detailed note on the financial situation and the funds which are due from the Centre to be placed before the Cabinet on December 11.

## CM TO OPEN FOREST COLLEGE AT MULUGU

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

After a gap of three months, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao will visit his native constituency Gajwel on Wednesday and inaugurate the Forest College and Horticulture University building at Mulugu. The government had set up the research institute in Mulugu in 2016, inspired by a similar facility at Mettupalayam in Tamil Nadu from where 120 students are selected to the Indian Forest Service every year.

# Cabinet meets on Dec. 11, civic polls, revenue Act on agenda

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, DEC. 7

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has called a Cabinet meeting at 5 pm on Wednesday at Pragathi Bhavan. It is likely to discuss the municipal elections, the new Revenue Act and state finances. According to sources, Mr Rao

intends to hold the municipal polls on a single day in the last week of January. The municipal administration department on Wednesday issued the schedule to invite objections in 131 urban local bodies including nine municipal corporations (except Hyderabad, Warangal and Khammam). The govern-

ment has to notify the wards and reservations, and the entire process will be completed by the month-end. The State Election Commission will need 14 days to conduct the elections. Sources said the Cabinet will also take a decision on the Pay Revision Commission recommendations and 25 per cent fitment to government employees.

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Cost of justice
President Ram Nath Kovind says that the judicial process has become expensive and is beyond the reach of common man

ED GETS HONEY-TRAP CASE FILES

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, DEC. 7
In a new twist to the infamous honey-trapping and black-mailing scandal that rocked Madhya Pradesh, Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday initiated a move to book victims of the scam under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

The ED has earlier sought files relating to financial transactions by victims of honey-trap to find out if there was violation of PMLA Act by them. We handed over the relevant files to them on Saturday, sources in Special Task Force (STF), constituted by MP government to investigate the matter, told this newspaper.

ARMY MAN STOLE INSAS RIFLES: COPS

Bhopal, Dec. 7: One of the two men who stole loaded INSAS rifles from the Army cantonment in Pachmarhi in Madhya Pradesh on Friday is a serving Army officer, a police officer said on Saturday night, adding that the duo have sneaked into neighbouring Maharashtra.

Earlier, it was believed that the duo posed as Army officers to commit the crime at the Army camp in Hoshangabad district.

In a major security breach, the two men had decamped with the rifles of sentries and ammunition in early hours of December 6, prompting police to issue a high alert. As per preliminary investigation, they spent nearly two hours at the cantonment where they misled the sentries of the Winter Session of the Assembly, the allocation of portfolios, as well as the expansion of the Maharashtra Cabinet, is likely to be carried out on Monday.

The Winter Session of the state legislature will begin from December 16 in Nagpur. Meanwhile, contrary to earlier reports, the home department is likely to go to the Shiv Sena instead of the NCP. According to sources, the Chief

Minister has demanded the home department and is willing to part ways with the urban development department, which the Sena had sought earlier. This would be the first time that Shiv Sena will control the home department. The sources further said that senior NCP leader Ajit Pawar, who had earlier joined hands with the BJP to form a short-lived government in Maharashtra, will also be inducted into the Cabinet.

The dispute between the NCP and the Congress on important portfolios has resulted in the delay in its allocation, said a Sena insider.

friendly ally. However, Shiv Sena having cut off ties with the ruling party, it was learnt to be seriously thinking of nominating somebody from the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), which has made friendly overtures towards the safe Naveen Patnaik-led NDA dispensation came back to power at the Centre in May.

However, the BJD has refused to take the bait, as doing so would make the Naveen Patnaik-led party carry the burden of obligation of the BJP. efforts by some senior BJD leaders to lobby for the coveted post, the shrewd NDA, the then party supremo, Patnaik has vetoed all such moves. At the same time, though, the BJD has clearly indicated its support for the government by supporting all the Bills that have been passed in the



People wait in queues to cast votes at a polling station during the second phase of Jharkhand Assembly elections at Bundu, 45 kms from Ranchi, on Saturday.

63.36% cast votes in Jharkhand 2nd phase

One killed in firing by securitymen near a booth

Ranchi, Dec. 7: An estimated 63.36 per cent votes were cast on Saturday in the second phase of election for the Assembly in Jharkhand where one person killed while in the rest two — Jamshepur (East) and Jamshepur (West) — were injured in the incident.

A police officer also suffered injuries when angry villagers resorted to stone pelting after the incident. In West Singhbhum district, Naxals torched an empty bus near Jojo Hatu village in Chaibasa constituency.

Jharkhand Chief Electoral Officer Vinay Kumar Choubey said the incident is being probed and polling in the booth had been suspended. A police officer also suffered injuries when angry villagers resorted to stone pelting after the incident, police sources said.

West Singhbhum district, Naxals torched an empty bus near Jojo Hatu village in Chaibasa constituency. Jharkhand Chief Electoral Officer Vinay Kumar Choubey said the incident is being probed and polling in the booth had been suspended.

Falling in the 20 constituencies had begun at 7 am amid tight security. It ended at 3 pm in 16 of them while in the rest two — Jamshepur (East) and Jamshepur (West) — were injured in the incident.

A police officer also suffered injuries when angry villagers resorted to stone pelting after the incident, police sources said. Jharkhand additional director general of police Murari Lal Meena said the man was killed when persons in the Rapid Action Force (RAF) fired on the assassins near booth number 38 in Sisai constituency for trying to snatch their arms.

Two persons who were injured in the incident were admitted to hospital, said Meena, who is also the nodal officer for Assembly election-related security measures.

Shiv Sena likely to retain Home

Mumbai Correspondent DC BHOPAL, DEC. 7

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Bhagwan Paraj DC Mumbai, Dec. 7

Hindi will eventually become the national language without any formal imposition, said Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari. Home minister Arun Jaitley said the southern states are getting familiar with the language, he said. The reach of Hindi is far greater. Even in surrounding countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal, Hindi is widely spoken, said Koshyari.

The southern states had categorically rejected the idea, saying it is a plan to impose Hindi over regional languages. However, Koshyari has a different take on this. "There are no plans to impose Hindi. But, it's only a matter of time before Hindi becomes the national language in the natural course

even without its imposition. The language is penetrating all spheres of life. Even in the southern states are getting familiar with the language," he said. The reach of Hindi is far greater. Even in surrounding countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal, Hindi is widely spoken, said Koshyari.

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BJP contested in all the 20 constituencies in the second phase, while the opposition alliance of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Congress contested in 14 and six seats, respectively. Counting will take place on December 23. — PTT

Now, Nirbhaya convict seeks withdrawal of mercy plea

New Delhi, Dec. 7: Vinay Sharma, one of the four convicts in the 2012 Nirbhaya gangrape and murder case, on Saturday sought immediate withdrawal of his mercy plea from President Ram Nath Kovind, saying it was sent without his consent.

The convict wrote to the President, alleging his mercy plea, which was forwarded to him from the ministry of home affairs, had been sent by the Bihar authorities with a "malafide intention" and in "criminal conspiracy" with the Delhi government.

NIRBHAYA is the changed name of the December 2012 gang rape-murder victim, a 23-year-old physiotherapy intern, who was gang-raped and brutalised in moving bus in South Delhi by six persons, including the bus driver, conductors and helpers.

THE WOMAN had boarded the newly vacant bus in Munirka in South Delhi along with her male friend on her way back home on December 16 that year. After raping and brutalising the woman and beating her friend, the assailants had thrown them out of the bus.

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It is therefore prayed to honour that until the exhaustion of the judicial remedies, including those yet to be filed and/or pending in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court by me as well as my co-accused, you may allow me to withdraw this mercy petition which has been filed without my consent and without my knowledge. In his letter to the President, Sharma also said he was "fraudulently" without annexing to it any document

detailing the mitigating circumstances of his case and by concealing various important facts so that the same is rejected. A Delhi court had recently directed Bihar Jail authorities to produce the four convicts before it on December 13 so that they can apprise the court about the status of their petitions. The court was hearing a plea by the victim's parents who have sought to be boarded to the jail authorities to expedite the execution of the convicts. The victim's parents had approached the court saying the convicts have exhausted all legal remedies.

After receiving initial treatment in New Delhi for a few days, she was transferred to the Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore, where she succumbed to her injuries on Dec 29, 2012. — PTT

C'GARH WOMAN ATTACKED BY JILTED LOVER

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, DEC. 7

A jilted lover brutally attacked a woman with a sharp weapon in a Ghatighatig town for not being his girlfriend, police alleged circulation of her nude pictures on social media by him, leaving her grievously wounded, police said on Saturday.

The 40-year-old victim was taken for treatment at a local hospital, the investigating officer said. According to the police, the victim, aged 40, was arrested on charges of taking pictures of her lover when she was taking bath and then circulating them on the social media.

He, however, had made advances at her earlier. But, the woman had warned him several times not to harass her, police said. The arrest came following a complaint in this regard by the victim. The accused was later remanded to judicial custody after being produced in a local court.

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POLITICAL GAMES

ANIMESH SINGH | DC NEW DELHI, DEC. 7

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BJP-led NDA earlier wanted to nominate a Sena candidate as Deputy Speaker's post may go to BJD

Despite more than six months having gone by since the 17th Lok Sabha came into existence, the likelihood of the government finalising who will hold the post of Deputy Speaker in the Lower House continues to look remote. And now, with just a week left for the Winter session to end, sources in the know pointed out that the BJP-led NDA government was looking to nominate a candidate from a

friendly ally. However, Shiv Sena having cut off ties with the ruling party, it was learnt to be seriously thinking of nominating somebody from the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), which has made friendly overtures towards the safe Naveen Patnaik-led NDA dispensation came back to power at the Centre in May. However, the BJD has refused to take the bait, as doing so would make the Naveen Patnaik-led party carry the burden of obligation of the BJP. efforts by some senior BJD leaders to lobby for the coveted post, the shrewd NDA, the then party supremo, Patnaik has vetoed all such moves. At the same time, though, the BJD has clearly indicated its support for the government by supporting all the Bills that have been passed in the

Lok Sabha ever since the NDA returned to power. During the previous 16th Lok Sabha, the BJP-led NDA government had wanted to fall into the trap and therefore Patnaik has been studiously refusing to bite the bait of the Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha. The southern states had categorically rejected the idea, saying it is a plan to impose Hindi over regional languages. However, Koshyari has a different take on this. "There are no plans to impose Hindi. But, it's only a matter of time before Hindi becomes the national language in the natural course

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### National security

Defence minister Rajnath Singh says the armed forces need to be alert against Pakistan, which pursues terrorism as a matter of "state policy"



Unnao rape victim's death shameful, hope U.P government hangs culprits

— Arvind Kejriwal  
Delhi Chief Minister

### SHORT TAKES

## WOMAN TRIES TO TORCH DAUGHTER

New Delhi, Dec. 7: A woman poured suspected inflammable liquid on her minor daughter outside Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital on Saturday afternoon while demanding justice for the Unnao victim, police said.

The incident occurred nearly an hour after the Unnao gang rape-and-murder victim's body was taken to her village in Uttar Pradesh from Safdarjung after a post-mortem.

When media persons were speaking to the nearby people, the woman came there shouting "we want justice" and immediately poured what is suspected to be an inflammable substance on her minor daughter, sources said.

However, the police saved the girl and took the woman along with them.

The woman said she was traumatised by the recent Unnao rape-and-murder case and came to the Safdarjung Hospital after hearing about her death, a senior officer said, adding that they had sent the liquid to check its nature.

Meanwhile, following the death of the Unnao rape victim, DCW chief Sagri Malviya on Saturday accused the government of being "dead" and "insensitive" and not hearing the "screams" of rape victims.

The Delhi Commission for Women (DCW) chief, who is on an indefinite strike to press her demand that rapists be hanged within six months of their conviction, told reporters that she is "ashamed" of her country's government.

## PROTESTERS HECKLE BJP MINISTERS

Unnao, Dec. 7: Protests were held on Saturday evening as UP ministers Swami Prasad Maurya and Kamal Kanti Varun along with local BJP MP Sakshi Maharaj reached the village of the Unnao gangrape victim to meet her family.

A number of protesters including some local Congress leaders sustained injuries as police used force to disperse the crowd which gathered outside the residence of the victim and shouted *Vande Mataram*, *Vapas Jao* (Go Back) and raised slogans against the state government and Sakshi Maharaj.

The sloganeering continued for 15 minutes. Police used force against the protesters after which the two ministers and the MP could be taken to the victim's home, villagers said.

## 74-YEAR-OLD LURES MINOR, RAPES HER

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC  
JAGATISINGHPUR, DEC. 7

Even as the nationwide rage continues over sexual violence against women, a 14-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a 74-year-old man in Baramela block of Jagatsingpur district in Odisha on Friday evening.

According to reports, the minor girl was shopping near the grocery shop-cum-house owned by the accused. He approached her on the pretext of giving her chocolates and took her to his house, where he allegedly raped her.

"I was returning from the market when a woman told me that the accused has taken the girl inside his shop sometime back. As we approached the shop, the accused freed the girl," said a relative of the minor girl.

Family members of the victim lodged a complaint at the Abhayachandapur Police Station, which registered a case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

# Not them dead, says father

Angry father of the Unnao victim says he wants the accused to be killed like those in Hyd

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"I want to see the accused persons being chased and shot dead," the victim's father said. "I do not want money or any other kind of help. I want to see that the accused are chased and shot dead like the Hyderabad encounter or hanged to death."

When asked if anyone had come forward to ensure them justice, he said neither any MLA nor officials has tried to help them. "The accused persons had used money power to deny justice to us. My case was not lodged and it was only after the court's directive that it was registered," he said.

The Unnao rape victim was set ablaze by five men, including her two alleged rapists, on Thursday morning when she was going to Rae Bareilly to attend a court hearing in the case filed by her.

She reportedly ran for a kilometre screaming for help before someone reached and reached out to help her. In her statement to the magistrate, the Unnao rape survivor alleged that Shivam and Shubham Trivedi had abducted and raped her in December 2018. She had filed a case against the two in March this year. Shubham, who was in jail in connection with the rape case, was released on bail on November 30.

All the five accused — Harishankar Trivedi, Ram Kishore Trivedi, Umesh Bajpai, Shivam and Shubham Trivedi — involved in the attack on the Unnao rape case victim, were arrested hours after the incident. The prime accused has been identified as Shubham Trivedi.

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Activists during a candlelight march in solidarity with rape victims and to highlight the issue of violence against women in the country in New Delhi on Saturday.



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We will continue to fight for the honour of the daughters. Despite efforts, the victim could not be saved. A daughter who is demanding justice, is unable to get it. This is a Black Day for us

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## Two PILs filed in SC against killings

New Delhi, Dec. 7: Two petitions were filed on Saturday in the Supreme Court seeking an SIT probe into the killing of four persons, arrested on charge of gangrape and murder of a veterinarian in Telangana, by police in an alleged encounter and compensation for their families.

While the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by advocate M L Sharma said that the SIT probe should be monitored by former apex court judges, a separate petition filed by lawyers G S Mani and Pradeep Kumar Yadav said that independent investigation against concerned police officials should be conducted.

Sharma alleged that it was a case of "extra-judicial killings" and sought prosecution of persons involved in the incident. The PIL filed by Mani and Yadav claimed that the alleged encounter was "fake" and FIR should be lodged against police officers who were involved.

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## Up in arms



Police use batons on Congress workers who were staging a protest in front of UP BJP headquarters over Unnao rape victims death in Lucknow.

## FIGURE | THIS | 1,165 rape cases have been lodged in Bihar till October 2019

# Driver kidnaps, rapes 5-year-old

NAYAN AZAD | DC  
PATNA, DEC. 7

Amid rising public outrage over increasing crimes against women in the country, a five-year-old child was kidnapped and allegedly raped by an auto-rickshaw driver in Darbhanga of Bihar.

Police said the auto driver lured the girl away while she was playing outside her house on Friday. He took her to an orchard, raped her and vanished. The child was later taken to the Darbhanga Medical College Hospital for treatment.

"The accused has been arrested. The process of charge-sheeting him under relevant sections of the IPC and POCSO Act will be completed within the next 24 hours," police said.

As per the available statistics, 1,165 rape cases have been lodged in Bihar between January and October 2019.

Of these, 85 cases have been reported from capital city Patna, which is the highest in the state. As many as 79 cases were recorded in Katihar during the period, followed by 74 in Patna, 61 in Araria,

88 in Muzaffarpur, 66 in Gaya and 42 in Darbhanga.

Earlier this week, police recovered charred bodies of two women from Buxar and Samastipur districts. They have not been able to

identify the victims in both these cases.

Concerned over the rising crime against women, the state government asked the police and administration to ensure speedy trial of accused.

ADG (headquarters) Jitendra Kumar said "Police officials have been directed to file charge-sheets against the accused immediately in order to ensure speedy trial."

Opposition parties, especially BJP leader Tejashwi Yadav and former chief minister Rabri Devi have accused the

## Walayar accused thrashed by mob

DC CORRESPONDENT  
PALAKKAD, DEC. 7

'Kutti' Madhu, the acquitted fourth accused in the rape and suicide case of two minor sisters at Attappalam in Walayar in Palakkad district was thrashed by a mob here on Saturday night.

Madhu suffered injuries on his lip. There are a few abrasions on his body. Police sources said Madhu had been showing great deal of arrogance while interacting with public after he was acquitted in the case in October.

A group of more than 10 men made fun of him as he was passing through Attappalam junction with a friend on a bike on Saturday at around 12 pm.

There were references to the Telangana encounter killings of the four men involved in the rape and murder of a veterinary doctor. Soon, a verbal duel broke out and the men started

thrashing Madhu while the friend who was accompanying him ran to safety. On being informed, Walayar police reached the spot and took Madhu who was lying on the ground by the road, to the district hospital in Palakkad town.

"Cases have been registered against 10 persons over the incident," Walayar sub-inspector Manoj K. Gopi said.

Three persons Manu, Vinu and Krishnaprasad of Attappalam who were arrested and produced before the magistrate on Saturday evening were granted bail, Walayar Police said.

## Rape accused thrashed in court

DC CORRESPONDENT  
MHOW, DEC. 7

An accused in the rape and murder of a four-year-old girl was on Saturday thrashed by some people while being produced in a local court in Mhow, Indore district.

A group of people chased and thrashed Ankit Supriya Shrinatemandemand strict action against the accused in the case. On the father of the Unnao victim demanding that the guilty either to be chased and shot dead like the Hyderabad police encounter or hanged within 24 hours, Shrinatema said that she understands the "pain, agony, anger and grief" of the father, but law and order needs to be strengthened.

He took away the victim when she was sleeping along with her parents in a makeshift house in Indore in the midnight of December 2 last year. Police later recovered the body on the pavement near a building nearby. Meanwhile, the Mhow Bar Association has unanimously decided that no lawyer will defend Vijayvargiya, accused of abducting, raping and then strangulating a four-year-old girl to death in Indore district.

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## MP girl ends life after molestation

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC  
BHOPAL, DEC. 7

A minor girl in a Madhya Pradesh town committed suicide by jumping into a water body in her locality after she was allegedly molested by a group of youths, police said on Saturday.

The tragic incident took place in district headquarters of Damoh on Thursday, police said. "The girl had constantly been subjected to sexual harassment by some men in her locality. On the fatal day she accused threatened to abduct her. This

had driven her to commit suicide by jumping into a lake in the locality," police quoted a victim's parents said.

The kin of the victim blamed alleged police inaction in the matter for the tragic incident. "The victim's family had earlier reported the matter to police for action. But, the police failed to take action against the accused, leading to the tragedy," they alleged.

Damoh district superintendent of police Vivek Singh, however, told the mediapersons that police could have saved her if the matter was reported to police earlier.

state government of failure in dealing with the situation. Minister Nitish Kumar in the state against women in the state.

In a tweet on Saturday after the Darbhanga incident, Tejashwi slammed the Minister Nitish Kumar and his deputy Sushil Kumar Modi for avoiding questions on rising incidents of crime against women in the state.

Tejashwi said, "It seems rapists are moving around freely due to the state government's failure in adequately dealing with the Muzaffarpur shelter home case, where it even tried to save the accused."

Opposition parties, especially BJP leader Tejashwi Yadav and former chief minister Rabri Devi have accused the