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HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

A woman employee of Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) hit a government employee with her footwear on Wednesday. Following this, both of them filed complaints against each other at West Marredpally police station. The police have booked a case against the 43-year-old government employee for insulting the modesty of a woman.

According to police, the house of government employee Dasarathi Rami Reddy, a resident of Picket, West Marredpally, was in a dilapidated condition. As he wanted to construct a new one, he approached SCB seeking permission for the same. The permission was kept on hold citing lack of documents. Over this, Reddy went to a court, following which SCB filed a counter. The court then ordered status quo.

On Wednesday, cantonment board employee Saritha, who works as a surveyor, went to Reddy's residence to hand over the court's order copy. According to Saritha, Reddy instigated her saying she was demanding bribe and also scolded her.

Following this Saritha lost her temper and hit him with her footwear. Reddy too lodged a complaint saying Saritha had beaten him up with her footwear.

## GOVT BRACES FOR ANNUAL JATARA VISITORS

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

With a whopping 1.5 crore or more people expected to take part in the annual Sammakka-Sarakka Jatara or the Medaram Festival in Warangal district between February 5 and 8, the state government has made elaborate arrangements to ensure hygiene and good health of all those taking part in the festival, health minister Etala Rajender has said.

The minister told reporters here on Wednesday that the government has set up a 50-bed hospital at Medaram in addition to a 10-bed mini camp at English Medium School at Reddygudem, 14 peripheral health camps and 40 more camps on the different routes leading to Medaram.

A total of 150 doctors, including 30 women doctors including specialists along with 530 paramedical staff and 60 Class IV employees are being deputed to man all the healthcare facilities.

Also available for any emergency will be 10 RBCK vehicles, 15 ambulances, 10 two-wheeler ambulances and other vehicles. The entire healthcare activity will be overseen by six district medical health officers and 10 deputy DMHOs, Mr Rajender said.

In addition, he said, larger government hospitals at Mulugu, Warangal, Kamalapur and Bhupalapalli will also offer 24-hour services.

All medical supplies that might be needed, be it for attending to different healthcare needs as well as for any deliveries are in place, he added.

Mr Rajender appealed to the people to do their bit in ensuring hygiene at the jatara site and along the routes taken by the pilgrims. It is as important as keeping vows to the deities that everyone plays their part in ensuring hygiene and health, he said.

# Suspects' samples double checked

Experts suggest partition between each bed in isolation ward to prevent cross transmission

KANIZA GARARI | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

Two samples are being taken from people who are self-reporting to Fever Hospital for suspected coronavirus. One is for test at the ICMR-accredited laboratory in Hyderabad and another for examination by the National Institute of Virology in Pune.

The Central team, comprising epidemiologist Dr Anitha Varma, respiratory medicine Professor Ajay Chauhan and microbiologist Dr Shubha Garg of National Centre for Disease Control, visited the Gandhi Hospital on Wednesday morning. The team was there for half an hour and inspected the isolation ward, which had earlier been created for victims of swine flu.

The panel of experts recommended that a partition be formed between each bed in the isolation ward to prevent cross transmission. They wanted sanitary conditions to be improved. They checked usage of antiseptic solutions, which must be available to paramedical staff at all times. They enquired about protection gear for both nurses and doctors.

The Central team recommended that the state take pro-active preventive measures by creating awareness among people about the coronavirus. The number of cases reported so far has shown that awareness has helped people approach government hospitals.

There is need to orient doctors and paramedical staff too. The experience of China has shown that they are the first point of contact for infected patients. Thus, they too need safety equipment.

The Central government has decided to carry out video conferences on preventive measures that healthcare workers must take to protect themselves.

■ **DOCTORS AND paramedical need safety equipment staff too as they are the first point of contact for infected patients.**

■ **EXPERTS WANT sanitary conditions be improved in hospitals**



A Central team visits the special isolation ward that has been set up to provide treatment for Coronavirus infection at the Gandhi Hospital on Wednesday. — S. SURENDER REDDY

## Telangana wants to test samples in state labs

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The Union Ministry of Health has set up a 24-hour helpline (011-23978046) that people can call to get information about the district and state surveillance officers, and in case they have any clinical query, they get connected to an Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) officer.

Mr Rajender, who said samples from three more patients were sent to the National Institute of Virology in Pune for testing, said that with temperatures set to rise in coming weeks, it was very likely that coronavirus would not be able to survive in such conditions.

"Typically, the virus needs cold weather to last that could lead to infections. Compared to swine flu, which has a mortality rate of 10 per cent, the new virus is being said to cause four per cent mortality among those infected," the minister said.

## Indians rush to cancel their plans to visit China

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Mr Xi's call to the military came as the number of confirmed cases of the infection reported from 16 more countries.

The virus has already spread to 16 countries, which includes Thailand with 14 infected people, Singapore (10), Taiwan (8), Japan (8), Malaysia (7), Australia (7), US (5), South Korea (4), France (4), Germany (4), Canada (3), Vietnam (2), UAE (4),

"The state government has asked the Centre to allow it to use state-of-the-art diagnostic labs it runs in the city to be allowed to carry out testing for virus.

Cambodia (1) and two from South Asia — one each from Nepal and Sri Lanka.

The number of coronavirus infection has surpassed those witnessed during the SARS or severe acute respiratory syndrome outbreak, which had caused havoc in China in 2002-03. Over 800 people, mostly in China, died during the SARS epidemic.

According to travel agents, Indians are cancelling their trips to China after the outbreak of coronavirus epidemic.

This will eliminate need to rush samples to Pune. We have asked for diagnostic kits be given to the state so we can do the tests here," he said.

aviruses epidemic. "There is definitely a drop in interest from people wishing to go to mainland China and Hong Kong. Those, who have already booked their tickets for China, have cancelled their plans," said travel agent B. Sharan Kumar. Cathay Pacific said it would be reducing the number of flights to China and Hong Kong due to low demand, while Scoot would continue to operate flights to China, except the city of Wuhan.

The health minister called on people to practice simple hygiene such as not coughing or sneezing without covering the mouth with a handker-

chief and making sure they wash their hands often.

"If in any doubt, contact Fever Hospital or the helpline for guidance and assistance," he said. "There are some unfounded 'news' reports that are making rounds on social media. People should not blindly share or forward such messages."

A three-member team of officials from the Centre that visited the city to inspect airport screening procedures and facilities at hospitals, has made some suggestions which the government is implementing, Rajender said.

He allayed fears that adequate equipment and medicines for treating possible cases were not available at hospitals in Hyderabad. "Whatever is required to treat a patient, will be made available. Our doctors and staff are being trained again on handling patients and samples," Mr Rajender added.

## EFLU circular causes unrest among students

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

Students of the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) staged a major protest on Wednesday against a circular issued by university's Academic and Executive Council that changes several major rules.

Over 100 students boycotted their classes to stage the protest. They objected to changing of rules after the semester had begun; that too without consulting students. The protest continued throughout the day on the campus.

One of the major changes is fixing a maximum number for students to enrol in MA courses. The circular says no more than 30 students can join a course, which would be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Teachers of the same department can offer similar courses for students who cannot enrol.

Students maintain this is impractical and being unfair to them. In a letter to the administration, the EFLU Students Union pointed out, "First come first serve will put immense pressure on students to compete with each other for a seat. Students who cannot register immediately will be at a disadvantage." They also objected to the idea of "similar courses", as students would not be able to study the exact course they want.

Seeking anonymity, a student said, "This rule will lead to a hostile atmosphere among students."

■ **THE CIRCULAR states that candidates who qualify for UGC's NET Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) shall be exempt from appearing in the written part of EFLU's entrance test. They must, however, appear for the 30-marks interview, which would be "calculated to arrive at the score out of 100".**

■ **THE UNIVERSITY also announced that it would adopt a Bell Curve grading system. The student body criticised this move, saying it is a manifestation of an "ableist system".**

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The student body said there is no explanation on how the score will be converted. "Converting 30 out of 100 will put non-NET students in a precarious position. They will have to score reasonably high in entrance exams to make up for it. This provision was not mentioned in the prospectus at the time of admission," a union representative pointed out, asserting that rules not

mentioned in the prospectus at the time of admission cannot be brought in later during the academic year.

The university also announced that it would adopt a Bell Curve grading system. The student body criticised this move, saying it is a manifestation of an "ableist system". "The entire system is based on the assumption that all students have an equal footing when it comes to education [...] This (move) will lead to isolation, leading to some students breaking down mentally," the union said. A student from the university said the Academic Council, which recommended changes in rules, must have two student representatives on it. But no student was there on the council. It is also learnt that teachers' association too was not consulted about these changes. The teacher's body is yet to react in this regard.

The protests are likely to continue on Thursday as well. "The vice-chancellor is not in town. We will continue our protests until he comes back and takes notice of the issue," the student said.

However, there are reports that the university registrar has announced that the circular will be kept in abeyance until further notice. "As this does not clarify anything, students will discuss and announce their further plan of action," said the press release of the students union.



Old City comes to a near standstill after Bharat Mukti Mocha called for a bandh against the implementation of CAA, NRC and NPR. — DC

## UMAC to form anti-CAA human chain on Feb. 2

ATHER MOIN | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

A 'human chain' against the implementation of the CAA, NPR and the NRC scheduled for January 30 has been cancelled as the Police refused to accord permission. However, the 'human chain' agitation by women will be held on February 2 at Darul Uloom Hyderabad, Shivrampally, which is being organised by the United Muslim Action Committee.

The United Muslim Action Committee had planned the 'human chain' agitation from Mohammadi Lanes to

Bapu Ghat, Karman Ghat but the Police did not accord with its permission. Now the committee announced a protest meeting of women against the CAA-NPR-NRC. AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi, Dr Asma Zehra Convener Women's wing AIMPLB, Ms Aqeela Hashmi Vice President Women's wing of Tameer e Millat, Ms Sandhya President of Progressive Women Organisation, Ms Vemula Murtala Convener Alliance against CAA, Ms Rukmini Naika General Secretary All India Samajika Mahajana and others will address.



Women burn the effigy of BJP MP Parvesh Verma

## 58 SRI CITY SEZ STAFF STRANDED IN WUHAN

DC CORRESPONDENTS  
TIRUPATI/VISAKHAPATNAM, JAN. 29

The Andhra Pradesh Government has taken steps to bring back 58-odd employees of Sri City SEZ and TCL factory in Chittoor district, who are stranded in the Chinese city of Wuhan, which is in the grip of the deadly coronavirus outbreak.

The staff from different parts of AP and Telangana were sent to Wuhan for training at a panel manufacturing factory six months ago. They are staying in the company's hostel in Wuhan and have pleaded with the government to evacuate them from Wuhan. The company could not send them back as the Chinese government has sealed all the arrivals and departures from Wuhan.

The parents and family members of the employees have released videos messages pleading to save them, which went viral on the social media.

APIIC Chairperson and Nagari legislator R.K. Roja said they would be brought back as soon as flights resumed at Wuhan.

"The employees were trapped in Wuhan due to the cancellation of flights. I have taken up the matter with Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy and MP V. Vijayasai Reddy, who have directed the officials to make necessary arrangements," she said.

Meanwhile, the parents of the 58 trainee employees from Andhra Pradesh, who are stranded in Wuhan city since January 23, have moved from pillar to post to bring them back.

All of them are B. Tech graduates selected as trainee engineers for Panel Opto-Display Technology. They went for a training at China Star Opto-Electronics Technology in Wuhan in August 2019. Following the outbreak of novel coronavirus, they wanted to return home as soon as possible. Vizag MP M.V. Satyanarayana also wrote a letter to External Affairs minister Subrahmanyan Jaishankar to help them urgently.

## IOCD DIRECTOR VISITS UOH

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

Alan Krief, director of the International Organisation for Chemical Sciences in Development (IOCD) and emeritus professor at the University of Namur, Belgium, interacted with students in a session recently at the College for Integrated Studies, University of Hyderabad (UoH).

## ACB ARREST MV INSPECTOR FOR TAKING BRIBE

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

An Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector, working in Zaheerabad, and her driver were held by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) when she demanded ₹500 to allow the vehicle into the State.

ACB officials said that on Tuesday, L. Trivenibai, AMVI at RTA check post in Zaheerabad, was caught when she demanded ₹500, through her driver Syed Chand Pasha from one Keval Thanki, a transport businessman from Gujarat, to allow the entry of his lorry (GJ25 U9237), to Telangana state. An amount of ₹28,470 was seized from their possession. They were arrested and produced before the Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases at Hyderabad. Investigation is on, said the officials.





## Congrats CII

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan congratulates the CII for completion of 125 years of its existence and “service to the nation”

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### POWER | SHUTDOWN

**10 am to 3 pm:** Langer Houz X road, Pension Pura, Golla Basti, Baghdad Colony, Ahmed Colony, Company Bagh, Military Hospital, Indira Nagar, Flour Mill. Gulshan Colony, Shaikpet Nala, Narayana Engineering College, Laxman Nagar, Darga Complete Area, Vinayak Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Falcon Colony, Shaikpet Kallu Compound, Narayanamma College, Disper Valley, Radhe Nagar, Leather Factory, Humayunnagar, Vijanagar Colony, Owasi park.

**2 pm to 5 pm:** Hakeempet, All Hasnath Colony, Yousuf Takedi, Miraj Colony, Military area, Mandar Restaurant, 4-Seasons, Pista House. Paramount Colony, Paper Board, Hakimpet, Hanuman Temple, Bowli PT, Ambedkar Community Hall, Baba Hotel, Kabrasthan 1&2.

### SHORT TAKES

## Customs seizes 387gm gold at RGI

**Hyderabad:** Customs officials at Rajiv Gandhi airport apprehended a person carrying 387 gm of gold in his rectum. They also seized foreign currency valued at ₹16.5 lakh being smuggled to Dubai and held two persons, and also seized cigarettes worth ₹50 lakh that were illegally imported and held 10 persons. On Wednesday, the Customs officials intercepted two passengers who arrived at the Airport from Delhi and were bound to fly to Dubai. The duo were carrying foreign currency. A case was registered against them. In another instance, five passengers from Malaysia, four from Cambodia and one from Dubai were found in possession of foreign cigarettes worth ₹50 lakh.

## MANUU DEBATES DECCAN RULERS' ROLE IN GROWTH

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

Rulers of the Deccan symbolised composite culture and religious tolerance. However, this aspect has been ignored by most scholars, observed experts participating in a seminar at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU).

The two-day national seminar “Development of History, Science, Art, Culture and Civilisation during the Period of Kakatiya and Asafjahi Rulers” commenced on Wednesday.

Professor Mohd. Suleman Siddiqui, former vice-chancellor, Osmania University, who was the chief guest, pointed out that Ibrahim Qutub Shah was the first Muslim Telugu poet.

MANUU vice chancellor Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, in his presidential remarks, said history not only guides us, but also provides us courage. We should not forget our history, but strengthen our character to overcome bigotry, he suggested.

Professor M.N. Sayeed, director, Deccan Studies, Bengaluru, in his keynote address, said there is every need to spread the message of tolerance, which was the hallmark of Deccani rulers.

Raheemuddin Ansari, chairman, Telangana Urdu Academy, Oudesh Rani, eminent scholar and Zarina Parveen, director, Telangana State Archives, also spoke on the occasion.

## Risky ride



A motorist rides without a helmet taking three school-going children along with him in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

— GANDHI

# Greens seek HC intervention to protect Musi

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

The city's green brigade has urged Telangana High Court to intervene and stop systemic destruction of the Musi River.

In a prayer to the court, they have pointed out that there has been dereliction of duty on part of officials and public representatives in this regard. There are wilful omis-

sions in maps of the land along the Musi banks, which are being encroached upon by vested interests.

In a letter, authored by members of a civic group called Save Our Urban Lakes (SOUL), the greens said: “We urge your august office to take urgent cognisance of our representation and direct Government of Telangana to immediately stop the ongoing landfill @ 17°22'57.38"N

■ **MEMBERS OF SOUL** pointed out to the HC that there were wilful omissions in maps of the land along the Musi banks, which are being encroached upon by vested interests.

78°29'55.08"E. Please proceed against officials and public representatives of the area for dereliction of duty and wilful omissions and commissions

against their bounden duty of protecting the Musi River.”

The letter cited a Supreme Court order of 2001 that said: “The government, including revenue authorities (i.e. Respondents 11 to 13), having noticed that a pond is falling in disuse, should have bestowed their attention to developing the same. This would on one hand have prevented ecological disaster and, on the other, provided a

better environment for the benefit of public at large. Such vigil is the best protection against knavish attempts to seek allotment in non-abadi sites. Further, it will also help in maintaining ecological balance and protecting the environment in regard to which this court has repeatedly expressed its concern. Such measures must begin at the grass-root level if they are to become the nation's pride.”

## DEPRESSED TECHIE ENDS LIFE AT HOSTEL

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

Upset allegedly over love failure, a 22-year-old techie with TCS committed suicide by hanging at a hostel in Raidurgam on Tuesday night.

According to Raidurgam police, the deceased, Ragi Karthik, a software engineer with TCS at Gachibowli, was a native of Choulapally in Husnabad mandal of Karimnagar district. He was living at Sai Krishna Grand Men's hostel in Anjaiah Nagar.

On Tuesday, he did not go to office. When his roommates arrived at around 10 pm and he did not open the door forcing them to break it open.

They found Karthik hanging to the ceiling, said the police, who suspect a failed love-affair as the reason for the suicide.

The police added that a case has been registered and the body was handed over to his kin after autopsy at OGH mortuary.

## 36-yr-old rapes minor, arrested

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD JAN. 29

Panjugutta police arrested a 36-year-old person on Wednesday for allegedly raping a minor girl multiple times at his residence over a period of 10 days. The accused was reportedly luring the 13-year-old victim under the pretext of paying money for milk packets that he was buying the minor girl's family.

Police said the victim's family collected milk packets from nearby dairy farms and sold them to different households during the morning hours for their livelihood. They also supplied milk packets to accused Shaik Jahangir, a puncture shop owner, who used to live in the same locality. When the victim's mother sought payment for milk, the accused asked her to come in the afternoon. As she works as maid during the day time and her husband works as a watchman, she was forced to send her daughter to the resi-

dence of the accused for collecting money.

Speaking to media, west zone additional DCP Iqbal Siddiqui said, “Taking advantage, the accused sexually abused her and gave her additional ₹100 to ₹200 for not revealing anything to anyone. From the last 10 days, the accused was raping the victim.”

On Tuesday at 10pm, when the victim's mother returned home after completing her work, she found her daughter depressed. When questioned, the victim told her parents about what “Uncle Jahangir” was doing. Following this, the victim's mother lodged a complaint against the accused. Police have booked a case under relevant sections of POCSO Act 2012 and IPC. They have sent the victim for medical examination.

“We formed special teams and nabbed Jahangir on Wednesday evening within 24 hours of the registration of FIR,” said Panjugutta inspector M. Niranjan Reddy.

# GHMC wakes up to lake care

## Appoints guards to secure all 169 water bodies after HC reprimand

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), in a belated move, has resolved to protect all 169 lakes in the city by boosting the lake protection force. It will deploy security personnel to monitor all lakes. The civic body will pull out security personnel from zonal and circle offices and redeploy them at lakes.

This apart, the corporation is strengthening the lake protection rules, which have to be submitted by the zonal commissioners in a week's time.

Surprisingly, GHMC counsel, which informed the court that the Commissioner is not empowered to appoint guards near lakes, has decided to appoint one without passing any resolution or amending the law. According to highly placed sources in the corporation, the GHMC commissioner, Mr D.S. Lokesh Kumar, held a review meeting with zonal commissioners and instructed them to withdraw guards from sports complexes, deputy commissioner offices and mid-level officials working in zonal offices and redeploy them at

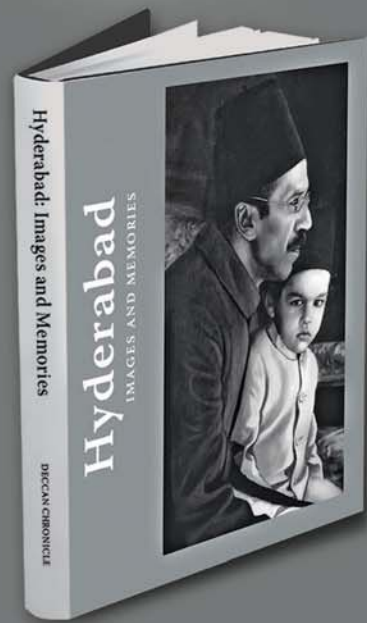
lakes to prevent illegal dumping and encroachments. The corporation would first rationalise the deployment on a war-footing, especially around those lakes that are nearing extinction. If the civic body falls short of guards, it will also redeploy the staff from headquarters near Tank Bund. However, sources said that the corporation by redeploying existing staff for protection of lakes, would put security of sports complexes at risk. In hindsight, this lacuna will give an opportunity to lower-rung staff to take away equipments at gyms and other expensive material in sports complexes.

The guards would add to lake protection cell, comprising joint collector, chief engineer (minor irrigation), HMDA director urban forestry, superintending engineer and executive engineer (lake protection cell). The committee has been headed by the HMDA commissioner. However, the lake protection cell did not have any individual to exclusively monitor it. The corporation, after HC directions, felt the need to deploy a guard at all lakes to prevent it from encroachments and illegal dumping.



# Hyderabad

## IMAGES AND MEMORIES



We wrapped up our celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of Deccan Chronicle on May 15, by bringing a special compilation of seventy-five stories filled with intrigue and delight from the final days of the Nizamshahi, titled Hyderabad: Images & Memories

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## Committed cops

Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar said police remains committed to public convenience; registered more than 36 Zero FIRs in a month

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## IN BRIEF

### Four arrested for smuggling ganja

**Hyderabad:** A gang of four which was smuggling ganja from Andhra Pradesh to Rajasthan was nabbed by the Rachakonda Special Operations Team on Tuesday. The team seized 108 kg ganja purchased from the Visakhapatnam agency area and a car used in the offence. Acting on a tip-off, the team along with the LB Nagar police intercepted a car (AP31AM 6622) at Chintalkunta main road on Tuesday. On checking, about 108 kg of ganja packed into several sachets was found concealed in the car. The four occupants of the car — Gadda Kalyan, 21, Kalu Balai, 25, (both from Araku), Adaktia Sharath Kumar, 23, of Santhabavali village in AP, and Bhakta Ram Khara, 24, of Dariput village in Odisha, were taken into custody by the police and placed under arrest.

## TOP COP GIVES TIPS ON ROAD SAFETY

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

“Bring the change in yourself first and the entire world will change,” said Hyderabad city police commissioner Anjani Kumar, echoing the words of Mahatma Gandhi. He was addressing students at AV College in Domalguda as part of the 31st Road Safety Awareness Week.

The commissioner emphasised that concern for others is the most important quality every human should have. Following rules and regulations is part such concern, which will help us create a safe and secure society.

Anjani Kumar said, “Human errors are believed to be the main reason for most road accidents, which have so far claimed lakhs of lives. Comparatively, mechanical errors are negligible.”

Reiterating that prevention is better than cure, he wanted people to take care of themselves by following traffic rules.

He pointed out that 60 per cent of all major road accidents are due to over speeding, which could be avoided by adhering to rules.

■ **REITERATING THAT** prevention is better than cure, he wanted people to take care of themselves by following traffic rules.

# HC jails SI for illegal arrest

## Cop found violating SC guidelines

VUJINI  
VAMSHIDHARA | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao of Telangana High Court has sentenced a police sub-inspector to four weeks' imprisonment for arresting a person without issuing any notice under Section 41-A of Criminal Procedure Code (Cr. PC), thereby violating guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court on arrests.

The court also directed the Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, and Principal Secretary (Home) Department to initiate disciplinary action against the sub-inspector.

Justice Ramachandra Rao was dealing with a contempt petition by Ramadugu Omkar Varma, a stationary shop owner of Borabanda. Varma alleged in his petition that Sanjeeva Reddy Nagar police sub-inspector Ashok Naik made him sit for a full one day in the police station without following rules framed under Section 41-A Cr.PC. He was then arrested for offences, none of them punishable up to seven years.

Mentioning the guidelines laid down by Supreme Court in

the case of Arnesht Kumar Vs State of Bihar when arresting a person, the petitioner sought that the court punish the SI for wilful disobedience of the apex court's orders.

Ramadugu Omkar Varma submitted that he was taken to the police station June 25, 2019 and remanded to judicial custody on June 27, 2019, at 11 a.m. by the III Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Hyderabad, after he was produced before the court. He submitted that he had also informed the magistrate about Section 41-A not being followed by the police.

The petitioner further alleged that the said magistrate returned the remand case diary and thereafter the S.I. antedated a notice and pasted it on his house.

However, the police submitted that a family had filed a cheating complaint against the petitioner saying he had taken money under the pretext of digging out hidden treasures from the complainant's house. The police also submitted that the petitioner was a habitual offender who deceived innocent people.

It was thus imminent

to arrest him, so that he does not deceive others. After going through the complaint against the petitioner, an FIR was registered against him.

The High Court observed that prima facie, the complaint against the petitioner was vague.

As there was no evidence of any amount being paid to the petitioner by the complainant, the court felt that it was not necessary to arrest the petitioner. Moreover, the court found that the SI had failed to follow the rules in arresting a person.

Under these circumstances, the court allowed the contempt case and sentenced the SI to undergo four weeks of imprisonment. However, it suspended the sentence for six weeks to provide time to the S.I. for filing an appeal.

The Supreme Court has held that in all cases, where the arrest of a person is not required under Section 41(1) Cr.PC., the police officer is required to issue a notice directing the accused to appear before him at a specified place and time. The law obliges such an accused to appear before the police officer.

# Stolen ornaments worth ₹15 lakh seized, two held

DURGA PRASAD  
SUNKU | DC  
HYDERABAD JAN. 29

Two burglars were arrested by North zone task force team, which also recovered gold and silver ornaments worth ₹15 lakh on Wednesday.

The accused, Kale Mahesh and Ramaswami Srisailam Goud, have earlier served jail terms under Preventive Detention Act.

According to the police, Kale Mahesh is a habitual burglar with a criminal record that dates back to 008. He was lodged in prison under the PD Act from 2016-17. On coming out, he burgled houses in Alwal, Meerpet and Jeedimetla. Alwal PS

He was arrested and sent to judicial custody. After his releases in December, he committed two burglaries under Alwal and

Trimulgherry police station limits. Working on a tip-off near Pot Market, Second-erabad, the Commissioner's Task Force, North Zone team laid a trap and apprehended Kale Mahesh and his associate Ramaswamy Srisailam Goud.

They recovered Gold ornaments weighing 367 grams and silver ornaments weighing 1100 grams worth around ₹15 lakh from their possession.

## GOVT EMPLOYEE GETS 2-YR RI FOR TAKING BRIBE

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

A former section officer (SO) with the Minorities Welfare Department of the Telangana State government, who was caught accepting ₹6,000 bribe in 2010, was convicted by an Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) court and sentenced to two years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of ₹1,000.

R.K. Vijaya Lakshmi, who was with Indian Christian Minority (section-1) of Minorities Welfare Department was caught red-handed for demanding the bribe from one M. Prabhu Dasu to process a file to get a Government Order (GO) issued on his name for obtaining Christian marriage certificate.

After investigation and filing of the charge-sheet, the Principle Judge of the Court convicted Vijaya Lakshmi on Wednesday.

# Security guard held for killing 80-yr-old woman

JAYENDRA  
CHAITHANYA T. | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

A private security guard who killed a woman neighbour, an octogenarian, and stole her gold and silver articles was arrested by the Kandukur police. The accused made the woman to consume toddy and then killed her, said the police.

During early hours of Tuesday, Kandukur police of Rachakonda commissionerate received information about the murder of one S Balamani, 80, a resident of Nednuri village and that the body of the deceased was dragged till daughter's house in the same colony.

The police inspected the crime scene and found that the woman was throttled, and her gold and silver ornaments were forcible removed

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causing injuries to her hands and ears. The police said that during the probe, it was learnt that hours before her death, she was seen sitting in front of the house of her neighbour. With the information collected from the locals and other sources, K Bhavanjee, 36, a resident of the same village was taken into custody on suspicion. During interrogation, he pleaded guilty.

Bhavanjee, who works as a security guard with a private company in

Kandukur, was separated from his wife about seven years ago. On Tuesday, when he saw Balamani alone, he thought of killing her and take away her ornaments, which he wanted to sell and spend on purchasing alcohol.

“At around 8 pm, Bhavanjee took Balamani to his home and made her consume toddy. When he tried to rob her, the woman ran out of the house to save herself, but he throttled her to death. Then he took away the ornaments, dragged the body and threw it in front of her daughter's house,” said Rachakonda Police Commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat on Wednesday.

The stolen property was concealed in the basin of the toilet in the house of the accused. Police said that the case was solved within 12 hours after getting information.

# 3 members of chilli gang held

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD JAN. 29

Three offenders, who threw red chilli powder on a person and snatched his cash bag consisting of around ₹90,000 in cash, were arrested by South zone task force police on Wednesday.

Identifying the accused as Ameer Khan, Md. Touffiq and Asghar Ali, the police said that the accused were inspired by

crime films. Mohd Adil, working as an accountant in popular chicken centre, on Sunday collected the amount to deposit in SBI ATM on Raksapuram main road. When he was proceeding on his two-wheeler two unknown persons came on a motorcycle around 8 pm, threw the chilli powder on his eyes, due to which, he fell on the ground. In a spur of the moment, they snatched

his cash bag and sped away from the spot.

“The accused kept a tab on his movements and tried to commit an offence last Sunday but did not succeed. They did it again on Sunday and made good with the booty,” said Anjani Kumar Hyderabad City Police Commissioner.

M. Adil lodged a complaint with Santoshnagar police who booked a case of robbery.

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## OBITUARY

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints (Psalm 116:15)



**Mrs. LILY DAVID DANNEL**  
W/o Late David Dannel  
DOB: 18-01-1939 DOD: 29-01-2020  
Funeral Service will be held on 30-01-2020 at 11 am at Holy Trinity Church, Begumpet. Last rites will be performed at Bhoginda Cemetery.  
Rockline Warren and Angelina David Sons-in-law and Great Grand Children  
Mob: 965205086, 9985031918

## 11th DAY CEREMONY



**IN THE LOVING MEMORY OF V. JAGADAMBAL**  
(Retd. AO Central Excise)  
W/o Late G. Sreepathy  
D.O.D: 20.01.2020  
11th Day Ceremony on 30th Jan, 2020  
Time: 6.00 p.m. onwards at H.No. 7, Lalabazar, Trimulgherry.  
Inserted by: Sons: S. Bhakthavachalam, S. Niranjan Daughter-in-law: N. Padmini Grand Children: N. Ridhima, N. Siddharth  
Phone No: 9515731325, 6309117670

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## OBITUARY



**Smt. DASIKA VIDYULLATHA**  
D.O.B: 16-08-1935 D.O.D: 19-01-2020  
"We miss you forever"  
Inserted by: Husband: Dasika Nageswara Rao. Near and Dear

## OBITUARY



**Smt. Jetty Rajalaxmi**  
W/o. Late J.V. Satyanarayana (S C Rty)  
Died on 28th Jan 2020  
Funeral Service on 30-1-2020, 1pm onwards at Bansilalpet, Secunderabad.  
H.No.1-8-54/11, Bhavani Enclave, Road No.10, Venkateswara Nagar Colony, PG Road, Sec-bad. Ph:6303421106, 9908077242  
From Family Members

## OBITUARY



**Late Erra Balakrishna Goud**  
DOD: 21-01-2020  
(Inserted by)  
Wife: Erra Kalavathi Sons: Daughters-in-Law Erra Vamsi Goud - Vanaja Erra Nagaraju Goud - Saritha Daughter - Son-in-Law Laxmi Prasanna - Mahesh Goud Grand Sons, Brothers, Sisters, Brothers-in-Law  
10th Day Ceremony on 30-01-2020 by 11 am at Kutubullapur (V), Mayathnagar (M), R.R.Dist. Ph: 9440833027

## 1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints (Psalm 116:15)



**Late. PEESARI VEERA RAM REDDY**  
(Ex-APRTC)  
DOB: 17-06-1940 DOD: 30-01-2019  
PEESARI FAMILY MEMBERS & RELATIVES

## 11th day CEREMONY



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W/o Late G. Sreepathy  
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Time: 6.00 p.m. onwards at H.No. 7, Lalabazar, Trimulgherry.  
Inserted by: Daughters: V. Hemalatha, S. Jayashree V. Megharani, G.S. Shanthi Grand Son & Grand Daughters  
Phone No: 9515731325, 6309117670

(S/1920/D01752)

## OBITUARY



**SAROJINI DEVAPALANA**  
(Retd. Headmistress, Stanley Girls High School, Abids, Hyd)  
DOB: 16-12-1923 DOD: 27-01-2020  
Visitation: 01.02.2020 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. at our Residence, Plot 143, Kakatiya Nagar Mehdiapatnam, Hyderabad-500008.  
Tel: 040 23514575 / 9985117760  
The Cortage will leave from our Residence at 10.30 a.m. to Narayanaguda Cemetery.  
Memorial Service will be held on 02.02.2020 at 6 p.m. at our residence.  
Inserted by: Family Members

(B/1920/D00199)

## OBITUARY



**V D Sham Dayal**  
S/o Late V M Deena Dayalu  
We deeply regret to inform the sudden demise of my brother Sri Sham Dayal on 29-1-2020 Funeral on 31-1-2020, 12 noon at East Marredpalay, Crematorium - Bereaved Family  
Residence: Aparam Kanopy Jasmine Plot No 105, Gundlupachampally Hyderabad Ph: 8309427077, 8297118800

## SHRADDHANJALI



**SRI SANKEPPALLY RAJAJINDER REDDY**  
Ex -New India Assurance  
Regret to inform about the sad demise of our father in Virginia USA on 25th January 2020.  
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Yugandhar Sankeppally - Veda Chakradhar Sankeppally - Divya Grand Sons & Grand Daughter  
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## OBITUARY

I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me even though they die will live



**Mrs. Mariamma Thomas**  
W/o Late Mr. P.C.Thomas (Puthenpampall)  
Funeral Service on 31-01-2020 at 2.30 PM : Emmanuel CSI Malayalam Church, Wesley Compound, Paradise, 4 PM : Burial at St. Johns Cemetery, Behind Parade Grounds, Secunderabad  
Inserted By: Binu, Beji, Joji, Neesha, Nathan, Shaji, Reeni, Austin  
Ph: 8919752120; 9490410108

## IN FOND MEMORY OF



**SURNILLA YASHODAMMA**  
DOD: 30 JAN 2014  
Inserted By: Husband: S. Narsing Rao Son: S.Vikram Chandra Daughter-in-law: S. Sushma Grand Children: S.Nandini, S.Nipun Chandra

## 1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints (Psalm 116:15)



**BATTU LAXMAIAH**  
DOB: 10-11-1940 DOD: 30-01-2019  
Your fond memories are still green in our hearts with fragrances of roses your blessings are with us.  
Inserted by: B. BALAKUMAR

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## 6th ANNIVERSARY

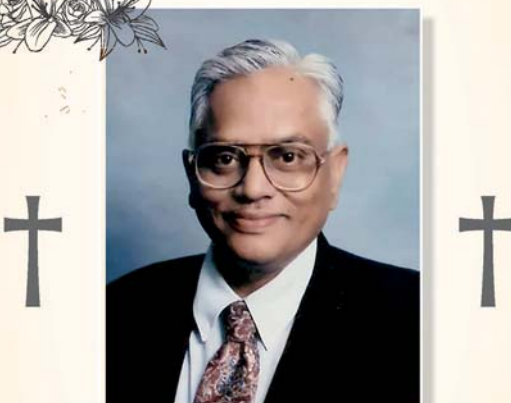


**SRI SHYAM SUNDER AGARWAL**  
1946 - 2014  
Your sweet memories will live with us forever We miss you  
Inserted By: Smt. Santosh Agarwal (Wife) Rakesh-Rekha (Son & Daughter-in-law) Adarsh, Ashish (Grandsons)  
Cell : 9848030312, 9848517575

## FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

My sheep bear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me, and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish. John 10:27, 28

In loving memory of



**Prof. B.E. Vijayam**  
(Son of late Rt. Rev. Bunyan Joseph)  
20 November 1933 – 30 January 2019  
Remembering you always  
Mrs. Chintamani Vijayam (wife)  
Dr. M. Udaia Kumar, Dr. Vidya Sravanthi and Family

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A celebration of life service will be held at Carmel Campus, Kondapur, Near Ghatkesar, RR District  
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Contact for directions: Rev John Samuel - 9246871577

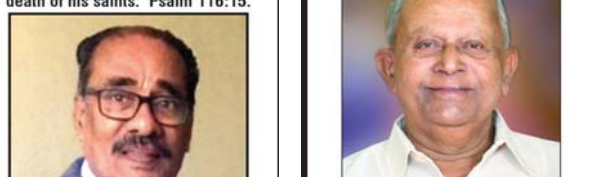
## Vaikuntha Samaradhana (13th Day Ceremony)



**Late Shri Keshav Murthy Diddigi**  
Retd. Development Officer, LIC  
DOB : 28-4-1933 DOD : 20-01-2020

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15.



**Mr. WILLIAM JOHN**  
DOB: 04-05-1940. DOD: 26-01-2020  
We would like to honour the life of our beloved on 30th January 2020 at 6pm @ Centenary Methodist Small Church, Chapel Road, Abids, HYD.  
Inserted by: Manoranjani William John (wive) & family.  
Ph : 9703309309, 9640877711.

## LEST WE FORGET



**Late Rev. Dr. T. Ephraim**  
Senior Pastor  
God saw him getting tired, and a cure was not to be. He wrapped him in his loving arms and whispered Come with me.  
We Miss you Pastor  
Inserted by: Team United  
Centenary BAPTIST CHURCH SECUNDERABAD

## 11th Day Ceremony



**SHRI DULALA DHANARAJ**  
Retd. DGM, ONGC  
The Ceremony will be held on 30th January 2020  
Lunch Follows 12 Noon Onwards at: Blue Fox Restaurant Lounge, The Cedar Banquets, R.K. Cineplex (PVR) Banjara Hills, Road No.2, Opp: LV Prasad Eye Hospital, Hyderabad.  
Deeply Mourned by: Wife: ALIMELU DHANARAJ Brother: DULALA GIRIRAJ DULALA FAMILY & SUJATHA LAKSHMI, Dr.SUDHA and Dr.RENUKA  
Ph: 9686910619 / 9704814442

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## 14th ANNIVERSARY



**Thodupunuri Krishna Goud (Paradise)**  
Expired on: 30-01-2006  
Inserted by: Wife: T.SAVITHRI & FAMILY MEMBERS

(S/1920/D01721)





## KCR criticised

TPCC treasurer G. Narayana Reddy said KCR must learn from *Baahubali* movie where Bhallaladeva can't retain power for long; calls KCR is today's Bhallaladeva

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THURSDAY | 30 JANUARY 2020 | HYDERABAD

### IN BRIEF

## KCR gears up for PAC, DDCB polls

**Hyderabad:** With elections to the Urban Local Bodies completed on Wednesday across the state, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has decided to hold elections to the Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies and District Cooperative Central Banks in the state.

Mr Rao on Wednesday directed officials to make arrangements to hold the elections and issue notification in next four to five days and complete the entire election process within 15 days.

After the term of the elected bodies of the PACs and the DCCBs ended almost a year ago, special officers were appointed to run the affairs. With the term of the special officers coming to an end, Mr Rao instructed the authorities to ensure issuing the notification for the elections as early as possible.

## 3 held for issuing fake weigh bills

**Hyderabad:** Three persons, who were issuing fake bills after weighing lorries, were held by the Vanasthalipuram police on Tuesday.

According to the police, the accused B Niranjan Rao (33), J Sudhakar (32) and E Nagendra Babu, (35), all residents of Kothapeta, created fake bills of various weigh-bridges and were giving the same to the lorry drivers by taking money.

In a similar way, they cheated a city-based man by giving a bill for the lorry carrying sand by increasing the weight. Following the complaint, the accused were arrested and ₹46,200 cash, three phones, one laptop, a printer and several empty weighbridges seized from them, said the police.

# TS ministers relieved after civic polls victory

### Look forward for rewards in form of nominated posts

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29



Ministers in Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's Cabinet are heaving a sigh of relief following the landslide victory of TRS in the municipal polls. The victory means their ministerial berths are safe. Prior to the municipal elections, KCR had warned that ministers who fail in ensuring victory of the party candidates would be sacked.

TRS has won an overwhelming majority of the 120 municipalities and 10 municipal corporations.

While ministers are happy, a former minister is said to be in trouble. He is quite likely to face action for encouraging rebels to contest from Kollapur municipality.

MLAs are also in a jubilant mood, as the party boss had announced that they would be rewarded with nominated posts

based on their performance in the municipal polls.

The TRS chief, during the party's extensive executive meeting on January 4 to prepare party cadres and leaders for elections to urban local bodies, warned ministers that they would lose their berths in the cabinet if any of the municipalities or corporations in their respective districts were lost by the TRS.

Ministers were quite worried in the beginning as many of the ticket aspirants jumped into fray as

rebels after they were denied tickets. They are now a relieved lot with the results being heavily in favour of the ruling party.

Initially, there was talk within the party that TRS would face a tough fight from Congress or BJP in Karimnagar, Medchal, Ranga Reddy, Nizamabad, Adilabad, Yadadri-Bhongir, Mahabubnagar and Suryapet districts. However, results went in favour of TRS in these districts too. Though initial trends during counting at Dharmapuri municipality showed that TRS could lose, the ruling party emerged victorious with a one-vote margin. The ex-officio vote enabled social welfare minister K. Eswar to breathe easier.

In Kollapur municipality, former minister Jupally Krishna Rao allegedly encouraged rebels to contest on tickets of All India Forward Bloc due to his dispute with sit-

ting MLA B. Harshvardhan Reddy. Reddy had won the 2018 December assembly elections as a Congress candidate but later switched over the TRS. Since then, Jupally Krishna Rao's group has been staying away from active politics in Kollapur constituency.

Sources in TRS disclosed that when party tickets were being issued, the sitting MLA denied tickets to members of the Jupally group, following which the ex-MLA encouraged rebels to contest from certain wards in the municipality. Following this,

TRS won nine wards while the rebels won 11 seats. The TRS still manage to grab the council on the strength of ex-officio votes.

As a result, former minister Jupally may find himself on the crossroads. His close associates disclose that he will quit the party soon.

## PCC chief hopes to revive Cong chances in 4 districts

IREDDY SRINIVAS  
REDDY | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

Congress cadre is caught in a quagmire because of the dismal showing in North Telangana districts in the recent Municipal elections.

It is a worrying factor for the party that ever since the Assembly elections, the graph is showing a declining trend in the erstwhile districts of Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam, and Adilabad. The four districts had 45 segments in the 2018 Assembly elections 2018, of which Congress pocketed 10 constituencies.

Interestingly, in Khammam district, of the 10 Assembly seats that were up for grabs, TRS won only one, while Congress took six seats, Telugu Desam two and one independent.

■ **FOR THE** first time in the history of the Congress party, it did not open its account in Karimnagar Municipal Corporation

However, after the results five Congress MLAs joined the ruling party. Soon after their switch-over, the party's lower rung cadre also went along, pushing the Congress to the third position in Karimnagar and Adilabad Lok Sabha seats. Even the Zilla and Mandal Parishad elections saw Congress perform disastrously.

For the first time in the history of the Congress party, it did not open its account in Karimnagar Municipal Corporation. The district had 321 wards and divisions in 12 Municipalities but the party won in just 31

wards. In erstwhile Adilabad district, Congress won 51 of the 309 wards. It was almost washed out in Chennur and Bhainsa Municipalities.

Similarly, in erstwhile Warangal district, the Congress won 36 seats in the 200 wards and was blanked out in Bhupalapally and Maripeda municipalities.

In Khammam district, Congress had to stay content with seven wards out of the 125 wards besides losing its presence in Sathupalli and Yellandu municipalities.

Deeply concerned with the party's sorry situation in north Telangana, TPCC chief N Uttam Kumar Reddy has decided to take stock of the situation, retrospect and make plans for scripting a Congress revival in the four districts.

## BJP to petition Governor against TRS 'poll fraud'

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

Telangana BJP president Dr K Laxman on Wednesday announced that the party would fight politically and judicially against the ruling TRS party's "unholy practice" in snatching away two coveted posts at Thukkuguda Municipality.

Addressing a gathering at Srinagar village in Thukkuguda, Dr Laxman said that the TRS had violated democratic norms in grabbing chairman and vice-chairman posts of this municipality in spite of the fact that BJP won nine of the 15 seats for a clear majority in the municipality

■ **DR LAXMAN**, at a gathering in Srinagar village in Thukkuguda, said that the TRS had violated democratic norms in grabbing chairman and vice-chairman posts of this municipality in spite of the fact that BJP won nine of the 15 seats for a clear majority in the municipality

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He said that the party would meet Governor Dr Tamilsai Soundarajan on Thursday and appraise her about the ruling

party's illegal practices and irregularities during municipal elections.

He alleged that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) was unable to digest the victory of BJP in municipal elections and had adopted backdoor tactics to usurp control on municipalities.

Stating that BJP had won the moral battle, Dr Laxman said people of the state are looking towards Thukkuguda municipality after the development where ruling party indulged in undemocratic and unconstitutional practices.

### AMMA VODI

## AP seeks ₹1,000 scheme refund

K. KALYAN KRISHNA  
KUMAR | DC  
VIJAYAWADA, JAN. 29



The YSRC government led by Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy wants to take back with one hand a part of what it gave with another. The AP government on Wednesday issued orders to teachers to take an initiative to collect donations from beneficiaries of the Amma Vodi scheme to clean toilets in schools. The orders were issued by Vadrevu Chinna Veerabhadru, commissioner, school education department.

This follows a recent appeal by Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy to Amma Vodi beneficiaries, who had received ₹15,000 from the state, to donate back ₹1000 from their accounts to school parents committees. If all beneficiaries were to heed the call and pay back ₹1,000 as donation, the state could hope to collect ₹400 crore from the over 41 lakh beneficiaries.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, Mr Veerabhadru said, "As the Chief Minister has given a call to mothers who benefited under Amma Vodi scheme to contribute ₹1,000 per annum out of ₹15,000 given to them, we are appealing to all beneficiaries to contribute for maintaining sanitation of toilets in government schools. The sole objective in seeking contribution from mothers is to ensure their involvement in maintenance of sanitation in schools."

Mainly mothers were not happy with this move by the government. Despite having benefited by ₹15,000 per annum under Amma Vodi scheme, they are expressing their opposition against this 'give back' scheme.

The notice stated that beneficiaries have to pay to school parent committees, which will then transfer the collected amount to the DEO's account. The DEO will use these donations pay ₹4,000 honorari-

um to each sweeper.

Ms Raji, a mother from APT agharam of Guntur, said that one of her children was studying in elementary school and another in high school. The government deposited only ₹15,000 despite her having applied for both children. Now both school teachers are asking for a donation of ₹1,000. She said that she offered both schools ₹500 each.

The teachers too are facing severe troubles with the latest circular issued as parents are not accepting their appeals.

S Rama Krishna, president, Municipal Teachers Federation, said that parents are not interested in giving any donations. He said that teachers have been going around asking for donations for past four days and parents doubt them. The government has put teachers in trouble.

Student unions too have taken this scheme seriously, coming out with strong condemnations and threatening to go on protest if it was not withdrawn.

Nadendla Brahman Chaudhary, state president, TNSF, alleged that CM Jagan Mohan Reddy had promised to help students while in opposition but was behaving irrationally after coming to power. He demanded that the government take back the donation proposal.

According to some unconfirmed reports, a few private schools have also started collecting ₹1,000 as donation. Mohan Reddy, vice president, private school management association, clarified that private school children need not pay any donation.

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## Poll matters

Congress leader P Chidambaram says that people want to hear facts about the economy in Delhi poll campaigns and not abuse and rhetoric

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## NO JUDICIAL REVIEW FOR SWIFT ORDER

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Speaking for the bench, Justice Banumathi said, “merely because there was quick consideration and rejection of the petitioner’s mercy petition, it cannot be assumed that the matter was preceded with pre-determined mind.”

The court further said that the “quick consideration of mercy petition and swift rejection of the same cannot be a ground for judicial review. Nor does it suggest that there was pre-determined mind and non-application of mind.”

Holding that the swift rejection of the mercy petition could not be a ground for judicial reconsideration of the Presidential order, the court noted solicitor-general Tushar Mehta’s submission that delay in disposal of mercy petition may be a ground calling for judicial review of the order passed under Article 72/161 of the Constitution.

Referring to Mukesh’s contention that he was subjected to indignities in prison, including being beaten up in prison and being sexually harassed, the Supreme Court said, “alleged sufferings in prison cannot be a ground for judicial review of executive order passed, rejecting the petitioner’s mercy petition.”

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court will on Thursday consider the curative petition by Akshay Kumar Singh, one of four death row convicts in Nirbhaya case.

The curative petition, last of legal remedies available to a litigant in court of law, would be considered by the judges in their chambers. Akshay Singh has contended that capital punishment is being awarded in courts as a panacea for public pressure and public opinion on violence against women.

## MORE AIRLINES BAN COMEDIAN KUNAL KAMRA

New Delhi, Jan. 29: Two more airlines on Wednesday suspended stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra from flying with them “till further notice” for allegedly heckling journalist Arnab Goswami aboard an IndiGo plane with aviation regulator DGCA saying the action by the four carriers is in complete consonance with its regulations.

On Tuesday, IndiGo suspended Kamra from flying with it for six months while Air India banned him until further notice.

On the other hand, AirAsia India spokesperson said that the airline’s internal committee is reviewing the matter and will take action according to due process.

## Vande Mataram makes way for ‘Abide with Me’



The Raisina Hills illuminated in Tricolours of the Indian Flag during the Beating Retreat ceremony at Vijay Chowk, in New Delhi, on Wednesday. In the backdrop of reports that the hymn ‘Abide With Me’ will be replaced with Vande Mataram as the last tune during the ceremony, the tradition of playing the hymn as the final tune has been continued. The national song was, however, not played during the ceremony although it was mentioned in the list shared with media last week.

— PTI

## Flights to China put off over nCoV

### Airlines waive cancellation charges

DC CORRESPONDENTS  
with agency inputs  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 29

The Union health ministry on Wednesday asked Indians to refrain from travelling to China where the novel coronavirus (nCoV) has claimed over 130 lives. A number of airlines are seeing heavy cancellations over the outbreak of nCoV in China, and on Wednesday, Air India and IndiGo announced cancellations of some of their flights to China.

While IndiGo said it has decided to suspend its flights on the Bengaluru-Hong Kong route from February 1 and on the Delhi-Chengdu route from February 1 to 20 due to the coronavirus outbreak, Air India said it will suspend flights on the Delhi-Shanghai route from January 31 to February 14.

Air India has six flights a week on the Delhi-Shanghai route and IndiGo has three daily flights to China. Both these airlines, along with SpiceJet, have waived ticket cancellation/rebooking charges till February 24.

“In view of the #CoronavirusOutbreak,

## Permission sought to fly back Indians

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 29

India has requested China for permission to operate two evacuation flights from the Hubei province to fly back Indian nationals from Wuhan City and other parts of the province in view of the Coronavirus outbreak there.

The MEA said permission had been sought from China, adding that the Indian Embassy in Beijing was working on the logistics with Chinese authorities.

India had on Tuesday began the process of evacuation of its nationals stranded in Wuhan City and other parts of

SpiceJet is offering waiver of cancellation/change fee (fare difference if any will be applicable) for all flights to/from Hong Kong between 24 January and 24 February,” Spicejet tweeted.

In India, several people

Hubei province of China following the outbreak of the dreaded Coronavirus there.

India said it was working out the logistics with the Chinese government. “We have begun the process to prepare for evacuation of Indian nationals affected by the situation arising out of the nCorona-2019 virus outbreak in Hubei province, China. Our @EOIBeijing (Embassy of India in Beijing) is working out the logistics and is in touch with the Chinese govt. authorities and our nationals on this matter. We will continue to share updates,” MEA Spokesperson Raveesh Kumar had tweeted.

are under observation in hospitals for suspected infections, including in Maharashtra, Goa, Odisha and the national capital.

People returning from China are being screened for the virus at airports across the country.

## Guj riots case: Kin of victims disappointed

### GOVT MULLS ON SC’S ‘SOCIAL SERVICE’ ORDER

Ahmedabad, Jan. 29: Family members of victims who were massacred in Ode in Gujarat during the 2002 post-Godhra riots are disappointed by the Supreme Court’s order granting bail to the 15 convicts in the case.

Anwar Akbar Miyan Malik, who lost seven members of his family in the incident, said he wanted to appeal against the bail in the apex court, as the convicts are “influential people who could affect the outcome of their appeal while out on bail.”

The apex court on Tuesday granted bail to 15 life term convicts in the Godhra riots case pending their appeal against their conviction on the condition they stay outside Gujarat and do community service in Madhya Pradesh.

The 15 men are serving life term in connection with the massacre in Ode town in Anand district in which 23 Muslims were burnt alive.

“The Supreme Court order is entirely wrong, as the people who have come out on bail have money and it hardly

— PTI

matter to them whether they remain here or out of Gujarat, they can still influence eye witnesses. I want to approach the Supreme Court against the bail,” Malik explained.

— PTI

## CISF’s manpower crunch hits J&K airports’ security

VIKRAM SHARMA | DC  
HYDERABAD, JAN. 29

Excessive deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel for law and order duties in Jammu and Kashmir, post-abrogation of Article 370, and for the ongoing Delhi election process — has ended up in the CISF headquarters in New Delhi struggling to gather 800-odd personnel to be posted in the ‘hyper-sensitive’ Srinagar airport, which has always been on top of the radar of terrorists.

Following the arrest of ‘terrorist’ DSP Davinder Singh, who was posted in the anti-hijacking squad of Srinagar airport, while he was ferrying top Hizbul Mujahideen commander Naveed Ahmed Shah alias Babu, the J&K administration wrote to the ministry of home affairs requesting the CISF to take over security of both Jammu and Srinagar airports by January 31.

Presently, the security of the airports is jointly handled by the J&K police and the CRPF.

Sources in J&K administration, who are constantly following the CISF

■ SINCE SRINAGAR is categorised as a mid-level airport, 800-odd personnel will be deployed there. The number is far less when compared to airports in Delhi, which has 5,500 personnel, Mumbai airport (4,700) and Hyderabad airport (around 2,000) personnel.

takeover of both airports, told *Deccan Chronicle* that though the Centre has sanctioned 800-odd men and women to be posted at the Srinagar airport, it is turning out to be a herculean task for the CISF bosses in Delhi to draw them from various places and deploy them in Srinagar.

It is learnt that though Union home minister Amit Shah wanted the CISF to take over both airports by Feb. 1, sources said that it was unlikely to happen by then.

Due to the manpower crunch, the CISF is looking to first taking over the Srinagar airport and subsequently Jammu.

“Although both are hyper-sensitive, Srinagar airport is the top priority. For the J&K administration, disgraced Davinder

Singh’s arrest made it top priority for the central para-military force to take over immediately,” sources said.

Without giving out the numbers, sources said that several companies of CISF personnel are posted across J&K, assisting the local police and CRPF in law and order duties. A large number of personnel have also been drafted for the Delhi elections, the campaigning for which is in full swing.

“Due to excessive deployments, it is difficult to gather 800-odd personnel from the already depleted units. Moreover, all the personnel have to first give their willingness to work in Srinagar (airport) and this process is also time-consuming,” sources said adding that since it is a difficult posting, willingness of personnel is sought before issuing orders.

With the deadline nearing and the target (February 1) most likely to be missed, a few hundred personnel, who have already gave their willingness, have been drawn from various duties and are undergoing rigorous training in anti-terror operations.

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## Wrong exercise

**Bureaucrat-turned-activist Kannan Gopinathan says the CAA, NPR and NRC are exercises of hatred and corruption**

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### SHORT TAKES

## ‘NO BAR ON WOMEN IN MOSQUES’

DC CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 29

The All-India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIM-PLB) on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that there was no prohibition on the entry of women in the mosques for offering namaz but it is not “obligatory” for them to join weekly Friday congregation at the mosque.

The “entry of women in the Mosque for offering prayer/Namaz, inside the mosque, is permitted. Thus, a Muslim woman is free to enter masjid for prayers. It is her option to exercise her right to avail such facilities as available for prayers in Masjid”, the AIMPLB have stated in its reply to PIL petitioner Yasmeen Zuber Ahmed Peerzada seeking the quashing of a fatwa prohibiting the entry of women in mosques.

The reply by the AIMPLB is rooted in a hearing by the nine-judge bench of the top court on the larger issue of legality and essentially of religious belief and practices discriminatory to women.

## SC: NO TIME FRAME FOR PRE-ARREST

PARMOD KUMAR | DC  
NEW DELHI, JAN. 30

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said that grant of pre-arrest or anticipatory bail to an accused apprehending arrest should not “invariable” be saddled with any time frame as it refused to interfere with the scheme under the Code Criminal Procedure as framed by the parliament.

“This court holds that the protection granted to a person under Section 438 CrPC should not invariably be limited to a fixed period. It should inure in favour of the accused without any restriction on time,” said a five-judge Constitution Bench of the top court. Having held that no time limit could be attached to the grant of anticipatory bail, the Bench in its conclusion said, “Normal conditions under Section 437 (3) read with Section 438 (2) should be imposed. If there are specific facts or features in regard to any offence, it is open for the court to impose any appropriate condition (including fixed nature of relief, or its being tied to a event.”

“The specter of arbitrary and heavy-handed arrests: too often, to harass and humiliate citizens, and oftentimes, at the interest of powerful individuals (and not to further any meaningful investigation into offences) led to the enactment of Section 438”, Justice Bhat said in his separate but concurring judgment.

## PFI, REHAB MEET ED OFFICIALS

**New Delhi, Jan. 29:** Officials of the PFI and a linked NGO on Wednesday met ED officials to seek more time for its office-bearers to appear before the federal probe agency, officials said. A group of four officials, including a legal representative of the Kerala-based Popular Front of India and Rehab India Foundation, arrived at the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office here around 10.30 am.

“No one is appearing. We are going to meet ED officials to seek more time,” a PFI official said. The ED had issued summons to seven office-bearers of the PFI and Rehab India on Tuesday in connection with a money laundering probe against them. They were asked to depose on Wednesday.

The development came in the backdrop of the ED finding that the recent violent protests in Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country against the CAA had an alleged “financial link” with the PFI and the organisation terming it as “baseless.”

“The PFI has stated multiple times that we fully comply with the law of the land and the allegation of ₹120 crore transferred from the Popular Front’s accounts just before the CAA protests is totally baseless and the people who are levelling these allegations should prove these claims,” the organisation had said in a statement issued on Monday.



Security personnel help Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan as he is being blocked by protesting opposition legislators on his arrival into the house for Governor’s address in Thiruvananthapuram on Wednesday.

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# Kerala Guv faces Oppn ire

**Khan says he is not affected by the Cong-led UDF protest against him**

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Amid a high voltage protest and boycott by the opposition Congress-led UDF, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Wednesday presented his policy address in the assembly and read out references to anti-Citizenship Amendment Act resolution passed by the house, despite disagreeing with it. Governor Arif Mohammad Khan said that he was not affected by the opposition Congress-

led UDF protest against him in Assembly. The Governor told reporters that he had seen even bigger protests while he was a member of Legislative Assembly.

The next big political attack against him is coming up in the form of opposition Congress resolution to seek Khan’s recall.

The notice given to Speaker for moving the resolution will come up before Assembly Business Advisory Committee meeting on Friday.

Though the Speaker had pointed out on Tuesday that the notice was admis-

sible, the final decision on resolution will depend on the stand to be taken by the Chief Minister who is also the leader of the House.

Meanwhile, parliamentary affairs minister A K Balan criticised the opposition legislators for attempting to block Governor in House.

“Such actions were being done by the opposition out of desperation. The UDF will lose its mass support if it continues with such antics,” he said.

The Governor expressing his disagreement before reading out the

paragraph on CAA issue was just a formality. It will not go on record of the House, he added.

Reading out the anti-CAA stand of the state government, the Governor said, “Our citizenship can never be on the basis of religion as this goes against the grain of secularism which is part of the basic structure of our constitution.”

Referring to the unanimous anti-CAA resolution passed by the assembly, Khan, who has been at loggerheads with the state government for moving the Supreme court against

the law and the resolution against it, said the government believes the Act “goes against the cardinal principles” underlying the Constitution.

“Strong states and strong centre are pillars of our federalism. The voices of genuine apprehension of the states need to be considered by the central government in the right spirit keeping broad national interest in mind, particularly when constitutional values are involved and there are widespread anxieties and apprehensions among a large number of our citizenry,” he said.

## MOTION AGAINST PLACED IN EU PARLIAMENT

**London, Jan. 29:** A joint motion, combining five different resolutions tabled by Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) against CAA, has been placed on the final agenda for debate at the Plenary session in Brussels.

The motion takes note of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights statement last month, which described the CAA as “fundamentally discriminatory in nature”, and also of other UN as well as the European Union (EU) guidelines on human rights as it calls on the Indian government to “repeal the discriminatory amendments”. The debate on the CAA will follow the Parliament’s historic ratification of the Brexit bill, under which the UK is set to formally leave the economic bloc on Friday.

“While the CAA’s stated goal of protecting persecuted groups is welcome, an effective national asylum and refugee policy should be just and holistic,” notes the motion.

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# Clashes reported in Maha, Gujarat Shaheen Bagh protesters move to Jantar Mantar

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It also added the recent arrest of Jawaharlal Nehru University PhD student Sharjeel Imam by the Delhi Police, among the issues.

At around 7 am, the bandh supporters launched their protests blocking the road near Saheb nagar Market, a local Nurul Islam Sheikh said. A local teacher Abdul Jabbar was leading the agitation. Soon after three vehicles carrying Trinamul workers rushed to the spot.

Jabbar claimed that the agitation was peaceful. The group, led by Trinamul Jalangi (North) block president Tahiruddin Mondal and a Trinamul-ruled gram panchayat head, allegedly attacked bandh supporters with sticks and rods to lift their road blockade forcibly. They even hurled bombs, torched a motorcycle and ransacked many houses.

The group, which attacked the bandh supporters first, allegedly opened fire killing Anwarul at the spot. Salauddin, who was also shot at, succumbed to his injuries at Domkal Sub Division Hospital later.

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Thousands of people, including many who have been part of a sit-in protest at Shaheen Bagh, and student groups of various universities on Wednesday held a protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi against the CAA.

Hundreds of protesters from Shaheen Bagh, where on a dharna against the CAA has been on for over a month now, also joined the demonstration. The elderly women who have come to be known as the ‘dadis of Shaheen Bagh’ for leading the anti-CAA agitation also came to take part in the protest but could not reach the

Local TMC MP Abu Taher denied the party’s involvement in the clash and alleged that the violence was by Congress and CPI(M) supporters.

Senior Congress leader and MLA Manoj



Protesters raise slogans against the amended CAA and NRC during Bharat Bandh in Bhopal on Wednesday.

venue due to traffic restrictions.

“We want the government to roll back the alliance of CAA, NRC and NPR,” said Nadeem Khan, an activist of NGO ‘United Against Hate’.

Student groups from

Jamia Millia Islamia, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi University, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Maulana Azad National Urdu University and HCU were among those who took part in the protest.

Chakraborty said that the party was not involved in the incident and demanded a judicial inquiry into it. Meanwhile, clashes between two groups were reported in Maharashtra’s Dhule, besides incidents

of stone-pelting in a few districts and a train blockade in Mumbai.

Incidents of road blockade and stone-pelting were reported during the ‘Bharat Bandh’ in Gujarat on Wednesday, police said.

# Hate speeches set to rise in Delhi polls

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The blatant use of hate speeches and inflammatory rants is a well thought out electoral strategy unleashed by the BJP to win the Delhi Assembly elections. For the saffron pundits, the incessant verbal attacks against the minority community, particularly those protesting at New Delhi’s Shaheen Bagh, have begun “showing results.” The BJP’s strategists claimed the party’s tactical move to polarise vote banks was “rapidly consolidating the Hindu vote in its favour.”

As the EC on Wednesday ordered the removal of BJP MPs Anurag Thakur and Parvesh Verma from the party’s list of star campaigners, on Wednesday evening, Mr Verma, West Delhi Lok Sabha MP, attended a public meeting addressed by Union home minister Amit Shah in Nazafgarh Assembly constituency. On the EC’s order, the BJP said the party has “not yet received copies of the EC order.”

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# Prashant, Pavan expelled from JD(U)

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■ **THANK YOU, NITISH KUMAR** My best wishes to you to retain the chair of Chief Minister of Bihar, Prashant Kishor says in a tweet

alliance with the BJP in Delhi.

“I fail to understand how the party has formed an alliance for the Delhi elections given his (Nitish Kumar) own views on the BJP and the massive national outrage against the divisive CAA-NPR-NRC scheme”, Mr Varma said in a letter to the Bihar CM.

JD(U) leaders in Patna told this newspaper that a series of tweets and statements by both leaders were causing a dent in the NDA, which was preparing for the Bihar Assembly elections to be held later this year.

Mr Kishor, who was widely credited for Nitish Kumar’s return as chief minister for a third term, had joined the JD(U) in September 2018.

“Thank you, Nitish Kumar. My best wishes to you to retain the chair of Chief Minister of Bihar”, Mr Kishor said in a tweet soon after being expelled.

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## Extension to help victims of rape, minors and others

# Cabinet nod to 24 weeks abortion limit

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In a significant move, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved extending the upper limit for permitting abortions from the present 20 weeks to 24 weeks for “special categories of women” which would include rape survivors, victims of incest, differently-abled and minors.

The Cabinet gave its nod to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 to amend the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 and it would be introduced in the Budget session of Parliament beginning January 31, official sources said.

While addressing the media after the Cabinet

meeting, Union minister Prakash Javadekar said the upper limit for permitting abortions has been extended from the present 20 weeks to 24 weeks.

He also said that this will ensure safe termination of pregnancies and also give women reproductive rights over their bodies.

The extension will help victims of rape, girls with disabilities as well as minors, who may not realise they are pregnant until later, he said. An official statement later said one of the salient features of the proposed amendments is “enhancing the upper gestation limit from 20 to 24 weeks for special categories of women which will be defined in the amendments to the MTP Rules and would include ‘vulnerable wo-



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— PRAKASH JAVADEKAR  
Union minister

men like survivors of rape, victims of incest and other vulnerable women (like differently-abled

women, minors).”

If the pregnancy has to be terminated in 20 weeks, the opinion of one doctor is required. But beyond that, opinion of two doctors would be needed and one of them has to be a government physician, Javadekar said.

Name and other particulars of a woman whose pregnancy is terminated shall not be revealed except to a person authorised in any law which is in force, the statement said.

“In a progressive reform and giving reproductive rights to women, the limit of 20 weeks of medical termination of pregnancy has been increased to 24 weeks.

This is important because in first five months, there are cases where the

girl concerned doesn’t realise and has to go to court. This was discussed with various stakeholders,” Javadekar said.

“This will reduce maternal mortality,” he added. The statement said the “upper gestation limit” for medical termination of pregnancy will not apply in cases of “substantial foetal abnormalities” diagnosed by the medical board.

The composition, functions and other details of the medical board will be prescribed subsequently in rules to be framed under the Act. The amendments are aimed at expanding access of women to safe and legal abortion services on therapeutic, eugenic, humanitarian or social grounds, the statement said.