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## WEATHER

**Max:** 28.3°C  
**Min:** 20°C  
**RH:** 58%  
**Rainfall:** Nil

**Forecast:** Cloudy sky. Misty morning. Max/Min temp. 29/19°C

## ASTROGUIDE

**Vikari:** Uttarayana  
**Tithi:** Magha Bahula Chaviti 11.41 pm  
**Star:** Uttaraphalguni till 11.47 am  
**Variyam:** 7.22 pm to 8.48 pm  
**Durmuhurtam:** 12.08 pm to 12.08 pm  
**Rahukalam:** 12 noon to 1.30 pm

**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
**Jumada al-Sani** 17,1441 AH

**PRAYERS**  
**Fajar:** 5.43 am  
**Zohar:** 12.40 pm  
**Asar:** 4.40 pm  
**Maghrib:** 6.22 pm  
**Isha:** 7.30 pm

**SUNSET TODAY 6.16 PM**  
**SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.44 AM**  
**MOONRISE TODAY 9.32 PM**  
**MOONSET TODAY 9.10 AM**

## COUNTER POINT



What will happen to the country? The voters have turned anti-nationals!

## Trump to visit India on Feb. 24

**New Delhi:** US President Donald Trump would make a two-day visit India on February 24. According to two separate statements issued by New Delhi and Washington, Mr Trump and US First Lady Melania Trump would visit New Delhi and Ahmedabad during their visit. Speculation is rife that a trade deal may be inked during the visit.

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# Delhi to BJP: We ♥ AAP ka kaam

CM Kejriwal scores a hat-trick, Cong a duck, BJP falls short of double digits again

## BJP to rethink Bihar, WB

SANJAY BASAK AND SANJAY KAW | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 11

Delhi's vote is a statement against hate. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) tried to legitimise hate speech and tried to divide Hindus and Muslims, but was swept away on Wednesday by an Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) avalanche.

The BJP bagged eight of 70 Assembly seats, a gain of merely five from the last Assembly poll in 2015. Riding high on the education, health and conventional "bijli, sadak, paani" agenda, the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's AAP returned to power in style for the third time with 62 seats, a loss of only five.

The Congress's pathetic plight continued as it yet again failed to open its account. Sixty-seven of its candidates (including four allies) lost their deposits. A candidate must poll at least one-sixth of the total votes polled to reclaim their ₹10,000 deposit.

Repeated electoral routs put a question mark on the Gandhi clan's leadership, which shows no inclination of loosening its grip.

Taking a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's *mann ki baat*, former ally Shiv Sena chief and Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray described the AAP's victory as *jaan ki baat*.

For the BJP, this election was all about demoting the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) protests, especially at Delhi's Shaheen Bagh and Jamia Millia Islamia, and its high-decibel campaign was focused on attacking the Muslim community and equating the party's rivals with terrorists.

To peddle its jingoism and anti-minority rhetoric, the BJP unleashed an army of Union ministers, chief ministers, MPs and the entire RSS machinery, turning the election into a fight between India and Pakistan. Frenzied rants



Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal (centre), accompanied by his wife Sunita, deputy CM Manish Sisodia and other party leaders, offers prayers at the Hanuman Mandir at Connaught Place, after the party's thumping win in the state Assembly election in New Delhi on Tuesday. — PTI

## Kejriwal's connect with poor gives AAP a sweep

YOJNA GUSAI and SHASHI BHUSHAN NEW DELHI, FEB. 11

The BJP's toxic campaign and its unsuccessful attempt to consolidate the 'Hindu votebank,' extended its *vamvas* (exile) in Delhi, which voted again for the AAP, now hailed as the new socialist force.

After Jharkhand, Delhi is the second example where the BJP failed to gain electorally with its staunch support for the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the

of "Goli maro ga\*\*\*\*ro ko" dominated its campaign, drawing mild punitive action from the Election Commission of India.

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the face of hardline Hindutva, campaigned in Delhi's 15 constituencies and asked vot-

ers to install a BJP government in Delhi that would promote all religions, but added that where "boli (words) doesn't work, goli (bullet) does." He went on to describe biryani as the food of anti-nationals.

With economic slowdown, rapidly rising inflation and unemployment, the BJP has time and again fallen back on the politics of majoritarianism and polarising voters ahead of polls on religious lines.

Delhi has seen a major demographic change during the past two decades.

The lower and lower-middle classes dominate the city's class character instead of just the middle class. More than 50 per cent of voters favoured the AAP's liberal character whose campaign focused on its work and whose leaders refrained from responding to the acerbic language used by some BJP leaders. Subsidised water and electricity and free DTC bus rides for women helped the AAP.

Page 7: Kejriwal is Delhi's new socialist

National Register of Citizens (NRC), viewed as "anti-Muslim" by the opposition camp.

At a time when economic indicators show a downward spiral, the BJP's caustic remarks against the Shaheen Bagh protests also failed to give it a desired result. The BJP, which won all seven parliamentary seats in May 2019, had its hopes of coming to power in Delhi dashed by the AAP.

Page 6: Kejriwal blended development, soft Hindutva

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 11

After its humiliating defeat in the Delhi Assembly poll, the BJP leadership will be forced to tweak its poll strategy in Bihar and West Bengal where the next elections are scheduled. While Bihar will go to polls before the end of the year, West Bengal will do so next year. Both states have a significant number of Muslim voters. The BJP's plank in

favour of the CAA and NRC is perceived to be "anti-Muslim" and drew protests across the country.

BJP ally, JD(U) chief and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has declared that NRC will not be implemented, though his party supported the CAA in Parliament. However, after the Delhi poll results, the BJP's bargaining power seems to have decreased. The BJP had declared Mr Kumar as the NDA's face

only after realising that going solo may prove detrimental.

Though state politics is abuzz with rumours on whether or not Nitish will ditch the BJP, the saffron party's poll managers are confident that he will "not repeat the mistake" as it would only "tarnish his own image and credibility."

Page 6: BJP may focus on development in WB

## Whistleblower doc threatens suicide

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

A resident medical officer of Gandhi General Hospital, Dr. Vasanth Kumar, on Tuesday threatened to commit suicide by self-immolation. He attributed his recent transfer from the hospital after he highlighted its lack of security and sanitation during a meeting three days ago on the hospital's preparedness against the coronavirus infection.

At around 12.30 pm, Dr Kumar entered the hospital with three bottles of petrol inside his shirt and holding a lighter in his hand. He claimed he was forced out of the hospital for raising concerns about its state of affairs. When threatened to set himself on fire, a cop grabbed the doctor's hand. Fire services personnel arrived at the spot and sprayed fire retardant foam on Dr Kumar as a precaution.

He was posted in the casualty ward and claimed his transfer was reported by regional media news outlets as a case of suspension, with some claiming that he had confirmed positive coronavirus. "These sullied my reputation and standing," he reportedly said. "I want to kill myself."

At the recent coronavirus meeting, the discussion got heated when he raised security matters. He had an inquiry under the Right to Information Act, through which he learnt that only 30 security guards were deployed while funds were allotted for 100 security guards.

Following the meeting, the hospital superintendent wrote to higher authorities saying Dr Kumar created a disturbance at their meeting, following which he was transferred to DMHO.

RMO threatened to kill himself attributing his transfer to his stand on hospital's ability to handle coronavirus cases

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IN BRIEF

7 take admission in Gandhi Hospital

Hyderabad: Seven persons were admitted to Gandhi General Hospital for Coronavirus tests on Tuesday even as officials announced that a total of 74 persons tested till Monday were cleared as healthy and declared free of the disease. All the persons tested so far, have either checked in themselves or were referred to the hospital after initial screening at the Shamsabad airport after their arrival from China or other Coronavirus affected countries. As on Tuesday, 7,689 passengers have undergone preliminary health screening at the airport, the health department said.

FEARING HE HAS nCoV, FARMER KILLS HIMSELF

DC CORRESPONDENT TIRUPATI, FEB. 11

Suspecting that he was infected with the dreaded Coronavirus, a 50-year-old farmer allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself near his mother's tomb at Seshamanaidu Kandriga of Thottambu mandal in Chittoor district in AP. Though the incident occurred on Monday, it came to light on Tuesday after a team of doctors from the district medical and health department (DMH) rushed to the village to verify the incident. The deceased farmer has been identified as Bala Krishna (50), hailing from Seshamanaidu Kandriga village. The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

According to the reports reaching here, Balakrishna was admitted to the SVR Ruia government general hospital in Tirupati a few days ago, after he suffered with severe fever and cold. He was reported to be having hypertension and an increased pulse rate.

It was learnt that doctors discharged him after giving treatment for normal viral fever but Balakrishna was depressed and possibly suspected that he had been infected by the deadly Coronavirus. Doctors here had reportedly tried to educate Balakrishna that he was infected with another virus and prescribed some medication to treat it. After availing the treatment reportedly for two days, he returned to his native village.

Due to lack of awareness, and given apprehensions on the deadly Coronavirus, he started behaving strangely soon after reaching home on Sunday. He isolated himself from the family members, saying repeatedly that he had been infected by the dangerous Coronavirus and asked his family members to stay away from him.

When family members tried to approach him, he even pelted stones at them and went into a room where he locked himself for an entire day. The family members reportedly informed officials of the situation and sought help.

On Monday morning, Balakrishna went to his farmland, where his mother had been buried and hanged himself to a nearby tree. Farmers who work in the nearby fields observed Balakrishna hanging to a tree and informed his family members.

Responding on the incident, Dr M. Penchalaiah, DMHO, said, "When we came to know about the incident, we deputed a doctor's team to visit the house to find out what happened. Details are being gathered from family members and the doctors who treated him recently."

Meanwhile, the Thottambu police said that they didn't receive any complaint from the family members of deceased about the suicide. Police said that they would visit the village and launch an investigation.

India bore witness to extreme events

Climate scientists, meteorologist caught by surprise in new environment report

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

The State of India's Environment Report compiled by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has noted that there has been a series of extreme weather events in India in 2018-19 which has taken even climate scientists and meteorologists by surprise. Overall, the world witnessed 286 extreme weather events in 2018 and 228 in 2019. India recorded 23 in 2018 and nine in 2019.

In terms of deaths, 48 per cent of the deaths in Asia due to extreme weather events happened in India. And in 2019, there were more deaths in India even though the number of such events were fewer - 2,038 people died in 2019 due to extreme weather events compared to 1,396 in 2018.

"The country as a whole has been witnessing a dramatic change of its weather pattern. This needs to be taken into cognizance by the po-

wers-that-be and work towards it," Anumita Roy Chowdhury, executive director, Research and Advocacy, CSE, told *Deccan Chronicle*.

Extreme weather events include conditions such as drought, wildfire, flood, landslides, extreme temperatures, fog and storm.

"January saw the end of the north-east monsoon season with a 44 per cent deficit rain - the third highest deficit in the past 10 years. North India had one of the coldest and driest winters ever, as the extreme conditions spilled into February. In March, an unseasonal heat wave roasted Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. In April, thunderstorms with cloud-to-ground lightning strikes began affecting states in east, central and north-east India," reads the report.

It then goes on to add that the months of May and June were marked by a spate of heat waves. By the first week of June, the country had

undergone 73 spells of heat wave conditions, 11 of them extreme. They caused the maximum number of deaths in Bihar (over 200). The conditions were so harsh that district magistrates of five districts invoked section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code to restrict public activities during day-time.

There onset of the south-west monsoon was delayed and July started with weak rainfall. But once it started raining, it poured. Twelve states received over 60 per cent surplus rains in the second week of July.

In October and November, cyclones Hikaa, Kyarr and Maha in the Arabian Sea and cyclone Bulbul in the Bay of Bengal formed and intensified in quick succession. With cyclone Pawan in December 2019, the total number of cyclones in the northern Indian Ocean region reached eight. This is the highest number of cyclones in a single year since 1976.

Hyd Mint to release ₹20 coin

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

The India Government Mint at Charlapalli in the city, which dates back to the Nizam era, has announced it would begin minting the latest 2019 series of coins which special features for the visual challenged. It would also release ₹20 coins. The mint, a unit of the Security Printing and

Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCL), celebrated its foundation day on Tuesday.

In 1803, Nizam III Nawab Sikandar Jah gave orders to build a royal mint. It was established in the Royal Palace at Sultan Shahi, Hyderabad. After the First War of Independence in 1857, all mints except for a few privileged states like Hyderabad were abol-

ished. "The British had their own mints in Bombay and Calcutta. The British Indian mints issued machine minted coins but the princely states were manufacturing handmade coins," said an official.

In 1893, the Royal Mint of Hyderabad was moved from Sultan Shahi to a special building in Dar-us-Shafa, where coins were still handmade.

Rocky roads



A child takes help of his parent to cross the dug up roads around Raghavendranagar as vehicles cant reach their residence. The civic body has dug up the roads to lay drainage pipes. — Gandhi

Pvt run trains will fail: Experts

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

The South Central Railway (SCR) recently announced that it would run privately-operated trains on 11 routes in the zone. Interestingly, most of the private operators will operate from new terminals on the periphery of the city rather than from Secunderabad or Kacheguda stations.

There is some scepticism about the feasibility of this scheme. Travellers may not be ready to board trains from far-off stations, especially since they will have to buy tickets at comparatively higher prices.

Five of the 11 trains will run from Cherlapalli station in the east and two

from Lingampally in the west. Lingampally enjoys good train and bus connectivity due to its proximity to the IT hub in the city and therefore is easily accessible. Cherlapalli, on the other hand, is accessible mostly by TSRTC buses or private transport.

Sasidhar Uppuluri, a member of the Zonal Rail Users Consultative Committee, said, "Tickets in private trains are invariably going to be expensive. So, if someone is paying a premium, would he want to travel all the way to Cherlapalli which is not well connected by train or bus?"

Noor, another ZRUCC member and head of the Suburban Train and Bus Travellers Association, said the plan has another

flaw. He said before such trains could begin operations, Cherlapalli has to be developed into a terminal.

"SCR officials have been telling us Cherlapalli is a priority but this has turned out to be false. This year too, they have only sanctioned ₹5 crore for its development. How will this be enough? Unless the terminal is developed, nothing will happen," he said.

Ch Rakesh, SCR chief public relations officer told *Deccan Chronicle* that it was logical to run trains from new terminals.

"Secunderabad is handling a huge amount of rush right now. If there are new trains, they could be delayed. We think travellers will prefer services where there are likely to be

fewer delays," he said. Mr Rakesh admitted that Cherlapalli did not have ideal connectivity, but added that it was out of the purview of the Railways.

"We hope that in the long run, the development of Cherlapalli into a hub will increase activity there. Property rates would increase and more people would prefer living there. This will lead to better connectivity," he said.

The official also said that introducing the trains would take one-and-a-half years and it wasn't going to happen this fiscal. "We are still finalising the modalities," he said. Until then, he added, ongoing work to develop Cherlapalli would continue.

Electric wires pose threat to stray tiger

PILLALAMARRI SRINIVAS | DC ADILABAD, FEB. 11

The tiger from the Thippeshwar reserve in Maharashtra, which has strayed into the forests of Adilabad, is facing a threat to its life from the live electric wires strung by farmers to protect their chana (gram) and maize crops from wild boars.

It may be recalled that on February 10, an incident of a tiger being killed was reported in Gollaghat-Thamsi of Bheempur mandal in the Adilabad.

Tigers are straying into the Adilabad forests due to the high density of the tiger population in the Thippeshwar reserve.

The latest tiger to have migrated is moving in Tamsi, Bheempur and Bajharhathnoor mandals and villagers say that he went into the nearby forests after killing a cow.

The tiger is also moving in Tamsi, Bheempur and Bajharhathnoor mandals and villagers say that he went into the nearby forests after killing a cow.

An Adilabad forest officer said that the tiger had strayed recently into the forests of Bheempur mandal, crossing the river Penganga. It is said that the tiger has travelled some 70 km to reach the Bajharhathnoor forest area overnight.



Forest officials measure the pugmark of the tiger that has strayed into the forest of Adilabad

area overnight.

An RTC bus driver stopped his bus when he spotted the tiger crossing the road near Gollaghat-Tamsi village on February 10.

Local farmers who cultivate maize and chana in their fields have to deal with wild boars eating the crop and to prevent this put up live electric wire fencing around the standing crops. The live wire fence could well threaten the tiger if it accidentally came into contact with it.

Forest officers must create awareness among the villagers of the danger of live electric wires to tigers moving in the area.

3 caught for digging up in reserve

BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Three persons were caught by forest department staff on Tuesday morning for digging up the Shiva temple in the Amrabad tiger reserve. Reportedly, the three went deep into the reserve on Monday night, in a SUV and dug up the temple in Bourapuram Chenchupenta in search of hidden treasures.

The officials were tipped off by Chenchu tribals early on Tuesday. Nagarkurnool district forest officer M. Joji said, "The group is led by a man who

said his name is Tirumalesham. There wasn't much damage inside the temple. They removed a small stone. We are questioning them and we will get to know more about it."

The official said the gang was changing its stories all the time. "They are claiming they belong to a political party and have 'friends,'" Mr Joji said.

Incidentally, Bourapuram Chenchupenta is where the annual Chenchu festival - attended by thousands of Chenchus - is held to coincide with the Maha Shivaratri festival. Asked about how a private

vehicle was allowed to go into the tiger reserve at night, which is prohibited, a forest department official said it is easy to do so. "Anyone can easily get in by just offering a small bottle of liquor to the tribals," the official said, indicating that it was easy to buy off the tribals by anyone who wants to enter the tiger reserve illegally or indulge in other nefarious activities.

In a video that was making the rounds on social media, the leader of the group is seen to be claiming that the local forest range officer allowed them to enter the tiger reserve at night.

Oilseed farmers need incentives

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, director of the ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseed Research (IIOR) believes that the biggest problem with oilseed cultivation in India is its dependence on the rains rather than on irrigation. As director of IIOR, he oversees research into development of new technologies that could improve productivity of castor, sunflower, safflower, sesame, niger and linseed crops. In this interview he tells *Deccan Chronicle* what is ailing the sector and what can be done to help it.



A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy

Tell us about the oilseed cultivation scenario in India.

Foodgrain cultivation has grown by leaps and bounds in the country. From around 50 million tonnes a few decades ago, we produce 285 million tonnes today. However, unfortunately, this is not the case with oilseed. In total, we require 25 million tonnes, but we produce only 10 million tonnes. Importing the balance costs the country nearly ₹70,000 crore.

What is the problem with oilseed cultivation in the country?

Oilseeds are cultivated on around 25 million hectares in the country. They produce 32 million tonnes of seed. However, productivity is very low because 72 per cent of the land is rain-fed. This is a huge problem since one simply cannot predict yields which depend entirely on external factors. For instance, a few years ago in Anantapur, in the one million hectares that grew groundnut, productivity was only 190 kg one particular year. This was due to monsoon failure. The next year, however, with good rains, it went up to 1,000 kg. Dependence on rains is a major challenge for us.

Aren't governments ignoring oilseeds? Can expanded irrigation

Governments cannot force farmers to cultivate a particular crop. We have seen that when irrigation is made available to farmers, they go for rice, sugarcane or vegetables. There are economic factors which explain this behaviour. Compared to cereals, productivity of oilseeds is less. Farmers need to be incentivised to choose oilseeds over cereals.

What can the governments do to improve the situation?

Policy changes can be very useful. For instance, in the past couple of years, the Centre has increased the MSPs of many oilseed crops. At the same time, to reduce imports, import duties were increased to support oilseed farmers. Also, efforts are on to increase the land under cultivation. Many rice follows are being brought under oilseed. These efforts are bearing fruit. Results, of course, will take time to become evident.

Where does Telangana figure in the oilseed cultivation scene?

Telangana is one of the most important cultivators of oilseeds. The number one crop is castor, which is grown mostly in southern Telangana. Second is soybean, which is grown in almost 2 lakh hectares in northern TS. Sesamum is also an important crop in the summer season.

People condemn brutality on Jamia students

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

People and students demonstrated on Tuesday, angry at the excessive use of force by the police against the students of Jamia Millia Islamia in Delhi. Students of Nizamia College here in Hyderabad boycotted classes and staged protests, while students of the MANUU carried out a march on the campus. Police stopped women from protesting at Mehdiapatnam.

Unani students of UG and PG courses boycotted classes at the Nizamia Tibbi College in solidarity with the students of Jamia Millia Islamia who were beaten up by the Delhi police when they tried to march towards Parliament. The Nizamia students took out a protest march raising slogans against the Delhi police and condemned the police. Women students said that the Delhi police crossed all limits and brutally attacked even



People take out a rally condemning police brutality on Jamia students — DC

women, hitting them on their private parts and chests. We

dreamed of such an India where citizens are treated as if they are

enemies of the country by their own police, said many of the stu-

POWER SHUTDOWN

9 am to 2 pm: Jawaharnagar, Yousufguda, Yousufguda basti, check post, Madhuranagar, Saibaba temple, Siddartha Community Hall; Kalyanagar, Tulasi Apartment, Mehboob Function Hall area, Vishnu Homes, Saveria Function Hall area; Maruthinagar, Pragathinagar, SKD Nagar, Navodaya Colony, LN Nagar, Sri Krishna Nagar; Satya Sai Function Hall area, LS Colony, Ganapathi Complex, Smashana Vatika area.

10 am to 1 pm: Chintal Sunday market, AP Dairy area, Nagarjunanagar PT, Shirdi Sai Nagar, Srinivas Apartment.

Dominic Model High School, Pochamma temple, Sai Sadan Apartment, Narayana Junior College, Tarnaka Hospital.

11.30 am to 1.30 pm: Nallaguta Dham's Hospital, Masjid, MG Road, Raji Classic, Ramgopalpet Garden and area behind KFC.

1 pm to 5 pm: Kamalapur area, Green Bawarchi area, Pragathinagar area, LN Nagar area, Akbar Farm area; Kamalapur Colony, Kamalapur Phase-II, Satya Sai Kalyana Mandapam, area around M. Venkalah Naidu's house, Indiranagar, Bata showroom line AB switch.

2 pm to 5 pm: Vidya Niketan, St Ann's Junior College, St Jude's College, Bank of Baroda, TM Corp. Bank.

IN BRIEF

Metro footfall rises to 4.47 lakh

Hyderabad: The metro footfall has now increased to 4.47 lakh after the commencement of Green Line corridor. The JBS-MGBS corridor saw 34,000 footfall on Monday. Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) managing director said, "About 34,000 passenger trips were made on Corridor 2 (JBS-MGBS) on Monday. It's still too early and it will take a month or so for this Corridor to pick up. An interesting feature of metro passenger trends is the steady increase in QR code users. It used to be around 20,000 & has now gone up to 47,000."

WAKF BOARD TO PROTECT PROPERTIES

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Wakf Board chairman Mohammed Saleem expressed concern over the increasing encroachments of Wakf lands in Pahadishareef and Mamidipally. He inspected the ongoing construction of ramps when he visited the Wakf properties of Ashoorkhana Ali Saad and Dargah Hazrat Saif Nawaz Jung in Mamidipally.

As per the records, the Wakf land with Dargah Baba Sharfuddin was 58.3 acres, that of Pahadishareef 2,131.4 acres, Ashoorkhana Ali Saad 490 acres and that of Dargah Saif Nawaz Jung 228 acres.

Most of the land parcels have been encroached. Mr Saleem instructed the Board officials to prepare a detailed report on the encroachments on wakf properties. "We had filed cases in the High Court and the Wakf Tribunal to protect the properties attached to these institutions. The board has engaged the senior lawyers to protect the Wakf properties," he said.

The state government has sanctioned ₹19.6 crore for the construction of a ramp at Dargah Baba Sharfuddin. The Wakf Board had already released ₹1 crore for the purpose. Mr Saleem instructed officials to expedite the works and complete the project within the given time.

The TS Educational Welfare Infrastructure Development Corporation is executing the project.

Civic body to set up 300 basti dawakhanas soon

GHMC to establish 2 primary health clinics each in 150 wards

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

The state government will expand the number of basti dawakhanas, urban primary health centres, before the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections.

The civic body has identified locations for the new clinics from the existing 140 to 300 for now. This will ensure two primary health clinics in each division in 150 wards in the city. There are 123 basti dawakhanas operational in the city while 17 are still under construction.

EACH BASTI dawakhana will have a doctor, ASHA workers and an auxiliary nurse midwife (ANM) and will have referral power to any city hospital, a source said. The clinic will occupy minimum 350 sq ft and a maximum of 500 sq ft

The AAP's landslide victory in the Delhi elections, in which the mohalla clinics had a major role to play, has prompted the civic body to set up more such clinics here.

According to GHMC sources, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has observed the overwhelming response to basti dawakhanas and hence instructed that at least 350 are needed for the city and

they should be put up in places where there is a substantial population of Scheduled Castes and Tribes, minorities and other poor and the work should be completed in a month.

A senior GHMC official said that the corporation will build new basti dawakhanas if it does not find a civic property to set up one. He said that the corporation has already identified suitable locations in each ward and also renovated existing offices, community halls and libraries for the health clinics.

Each basti dawakhana will have a doctor, ASHA workers and an auxiliary nurse midwife (ANM) and will have referral power to any city hospital, a source said. The clinic will occupy minimum

350 sq ft and a maximum of 500 sq ft. The salaries and maintenance of the staff will be taken care of by the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM). The source was confident the city would have 300 such clinics in a month.

The basti dawakhana initiative is a joint collaboration by the GHMC and the Centre, which has allocated ₹1,200 crore for Health and Wellness Centres under the Ayushman Bharat programme. The intent of the project is to establish a health centre in areas that lack Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHC) and also to reduce the burden on tertiary hospitals such as Osmania General Hospital, Niloufer and Gandhi Hospital, and UPHCs.

GHMC asks for votes in Centre's LI survey

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

GHMC commissioner D.S. Lokesh Kumar has appealed to citizens to participate in the 'My City My Pride' survey conducted by the Centre and give positive feedback so that the city will attain the top slot in the Ease of Living Index rankings. Hyderabad came third last year. The survey

will continue till February 29.

The Centre has announced the data collection exercise for the Ease of Living Index and Municipal Performance Index 2019, in 100 smart cities, 14 Amrut cities having more than 10 lakh population. The survey considers living standards, basic amenities, health care, education, technology, environ-

ment, transport, employment, house rent, sanitation, drinking water, security, emergency services, women's safety, recreation, banking and ATM facility and electricity supply etc. Citizens can log on to <https://eol2019.org/citizenfeedback> and select the state, Hyderabad and Greater Hyderabad ULB and vote.

Public discussion



Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan is greeted by the organisers of the Forum of Women in Public Sector who celebrated their 30th national meet in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The topic of discussion was 'power to transform - decision to action'.

- S. SURENDER REDDY

TECHIE ARRESTED FOR USING FAKE AADHAAR CARD

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

An engineering graduate from Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh, who bought six mobile phones using a fake Aadhaar card and failed to pay the monthly installments, was arrested by the Miyapur police on Tuesday.

According to the Miyapur police, K. Ramnaiah, 26, a native of Atmakur mandal in Kurnool district of AP, completed an engineering and came to the city looking for a job. He joined a private finance company as a sales in-charge.

He worked with the company for about nine months then quit the job without notice. The company learned that the EMIs for six mobile phones worth ₹90,000 taken during his tenure were not paid. When police visited the addresses provided when purchasing the mobiles, the details were found fake.

The Miyapur police traced Ramanaiah who confessed to uploading copies of fake Aadhaar cards. He would morphed the numbers of the original cards.

OU students burn KTR in effigy

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Students of Osmania University burned an effigy of minister K.T. Rama Rao on Tuesday in front of Arts College alleging that his "followers" have been harassing girls at Sircilla government welfare hostels.

According to an official note from the Rajanna Sircilla Scheduled Castes welfare officer E. Rajeswari, on Tuesday cases were booked on catering contractor T. Devayya and cook Vijayamma at the Government SC Welfare Hostel for sexually harassing girls through social media and posting videos. The catering contract was suspended and the report regarding the same was submitted to the collector.

Following this, OU students alleged that Devayya and others



Osmania University students burn an effigy of minister K.T. Rama Rao.

involved in similar cases were followers and demanded that the minister should take action in this regard. Madiga Student Federation (MSF) president Rudravram Lingaswamy said, "Several girls from government hostels are being sexually assaulted and some are even being trapped into prostitution, and a proper enquiry should be done in this regard. It's KTR followers who have been harassing girls."

Give Aadhaar to orphans: Petition

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

A petition has been filed with the Telangana State Human Rights Commission (TSHRC) to implement the process of giving recognition to orphans living in orphanages either through issuing an Aadhaar card or a birth certificate. The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) requires every orphan to have valid identification. The petition was filed by Balala Hakkula Sangham, a child rights organisation, on Monday.

There are thousands of childcare centres in the state. Very few are state-owned and most are maintained by private individuals. These orphans do not have any valid recognition as citizens of this country, violating the CARA

guidelines, according to Balala Hakkula Sangham (BHS).

"Government officials are not making any effort to give recognition to these orphans and most child care institutions are collecting money from philanthropists and the government by showing more number of children in their care than the actual figure," alleged Mr Achyuta Rao of Balala Hakkula Sangham, the petitioner.

He added that the commission has been asked to give the children a valid identity and his organisation has demanded that the government should speed up the adoption system so that orphans can live in a family atmosphere, and that all private orphanages should be taken over by the government.

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GHMC backs down, issue notice before fine

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

The GHMC has decided to give another opportunity to those who deface the city. Following outrage from public representatives, the civic body has decided to issue notices prior to penalising the violators, and give them an opportunity to appeal the fines.

Officials admitted that the current penalisation scheme of the GHMC's Enforcement, Vigilance and Disaster Management (EV&DM) wing violated

natural law by slapping hefty fines on petty hawkers and vendors without recourse for appeal.

The EV&DM penalisation scheme had caused an uproar at the recent GHMC general body meeting. Cutting across party lines, elected representatives alleged that the corporation had violated the GHMC Act in penalising vendors.

After EV&DM director Viswajit Kampati came under personal attack, the council meeting passed a resolution to form a special committee to decide the

OFFICIALS admitted that the current penalisation scheme of the GHMC's EV&DM wing violated natural law by slapping fines without recourse for appeal

penal amounts. The committee after considering the pro and cons will not only decide on the penal amounts but also the process followed in levying the fines.

A senior GHMC official said that the civic body would recommend to the

special committee to include the provision of issuing prior notice before penalisation and for appeal post-penalisation. The official said that this issue has been also discussed with the state government in the presence of the municipal administration and urban development principal secretary prior to the uproar by the corporators, MLCs and MLAs.

"Even murderers and hardcore criminals were given chance to appeal, why not violators be given a chance? The corporation

would look into the appeal then decide on the penalty," the official said. He added that the corporation would decrease the penalty to bring it in line with the GHMC Act.

This apart, the official said that the GHMC would send a proposal to the government to decentralise the EV&DM wing since public representatives were indulging in personal attacks on a single individual. He said post decentralisation the EV&DM would function under zonal commissioners.

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## IN BRIEF

## Yafai, acquitted in Owaisi case, dead

**Hyderabad:** Mohammed bin Omer Yafai alias Mohammed Pahelwan died of a heart attack at a private hospital on Tuesday. Omer Yafai hit the headlines when his name surfaced as a conspirator behind the attack on Chandrayangutta legislator Akbaruddin Owaisi in 2011. He was later acquitted by the court. In the attack Mr Owaisi received bullet injuries and in the retaliation Pahelwan's nephew Ibrahim Yafai lost his life. Omer Yafai was 60 and is survived by three sons and two daughters.

## PDS RICE SEIZED, HUNT FOR SMUGGLER

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

About ₹4 lakh worth of rice meant for the Public Distribution Scheme (PDS), which was being transported illegally to Karnataka and Maharashtra, was seized on Tuesday. One person was arrested by the KPHB police, which is on a hunt to nab the prime accused who is believed to live at Khairatabad.

Acting on a tip-off, sleuths of Special Operations Team of Madhapur and the Kukatpally police intercepted a lorry (MH46 BB 2508) near KPHB bus stop in the morning. The lorry was found to be carrying 26,190 of PDS rice in sacks.

Khalid Miyan, 21, of Dubergundi in Karnataka, the driver, was taken into custody. He said he was acting at the behest of one Khairuddin alias Ilyaz, of Khairatabad, who collected the PDS rice from ration cardholders. KPHB inspector K. Laxmi Narayana said the accused bought the PDS rice cheap and sold it in neighbouring states at higher prices.

## REALTOR FILMS VIDEO, TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Allegedly upset with problems with his partners in business, a realtor from the city reportedly committed suicide by hanging at his office in Chaitanyapuri on Tuesday.

According to Chaitanyapuri inspector S. Janaki Reddy, the victim, Eddu Yadagiri, was one of the partners of Shanmuka Ventures, a real estate firm. On Tuesday morning, he went to the office and committed suicide.

After some time, the staff noticed his body and informed his family members who alerted the police. Before taking his life, Yadagiri recorded a video in which he reportedly said, "To my partners and family members, please forgive me. For the last two and half years, I have struggled to take my business forward and I felt I am fighting alone. Many people used me and I am vexed with life."

The inspector said that Sai Nikkitha, daughter of the deceased complained that due to the disputes with business partners, her father committed suicide. A case has been registered for the investigation, he added.

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## Wedding late, techie ends life

Parents had asked him to wait till they performed sister's marriage

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

A young techie who wanted to get married for the past one year committed suicide at his home on Tuesday by hanging himself from the ceiling with a saree that belonged to his mother.

According to Uppal police, Panjala Nikhil Goud, 24, of Sharadanagar in Ramanthapur had been asking his parents to get him married. He was reportedly advised by his parents to wait till his younger sister wed first. Nikhil's sister got married 10 days ago.

On Monday evening, Nikhil's parents went out on some work and returned home at around 8.30 pm. When their son did not open the door even after repeated calls,

## Techie ends life after break-up

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11.

A 26-year-old software engineer, whose love affair reportedly failed, allegedly hanged himself in his house on Monday night in Gachibowli. Mallireddy Subramanyam Reddy, from Guduvada in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh, was

living in a flat at APHB Colony in Gachibowli. On Monday night, Subramanyam's cousin N. Mahesh Reddy, who is also a techie, went to meet him at his flat.

The door was locked from inside and his cousin did not open the door. Sensing danger, Mahesh called the police. When the door was

they broke open the door only to find him hanging from the ceiling with his mother's saree. Their efforts to revive him by rushing him to a hospital were not successful.

Mr Ram Mohan Goud, Nikhil's father, lodged a complaint with Uppal police stating that his son was depressed at not get-

ting married. This appears to be the reason for him taking the extreme step. Police has registered a case and is investigating.

Psychologists opine that there is a pressure among youngsters to fit in socially and achieve everything as planned for being successful.

forced open, Subramanyam was found hanging from the ceiling by a rope.

The police on searching the room found a note in which Subramanyam purportedly mentioned that he was taking his life due to failure in a love affair and did not want to blame anyone for his death.

Many times, young people are highly enthusiastic about finding the right jobs, right partners and doing everything at the right time. Not achieving things on time or as planned can create a sense of failure and loss, leading to low patience.

There is increased frus-

tration and anger, which turns into self-criticism and tagging self as worthless. This makes a person with low tolerance levels reach the threshold point of breaking down emotionally, Ms Priyanka Padhi, a city-based psychologist, observed.

She added: "There is also enormous pressure on young people about entering into a fulfilling relationship. This perceived demand of first finding a partner and then making the relationship work can sometimes lead to breakups and heartbreak."

"This pressure also affects the professional life of such persons. It can result in psychological distress that includes anxiety, panic attacks, depression and mood swings, which often lead to suicidal thoughts," Ms Padhi said.

## High drama at Gandhi Hospital



Dr Vasanth Kumar (top) is surrounded by police officers at Gandhi Hospital in Secunderabad, after he threatened to set himself ablaze on the hospital premises on Tuesday. He had packed three bottles of petrol in his vest and held a lighter, and said he would immolate himself. After a standoff, police and firemen (left) grabbed him, doused him in water and took him into police custody.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

## Transport officer nabbed 2nd time for taking bribe

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

An administrative officer working in the office of the Telangana State Transport Commissioner was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau for taking a bribe of Rs 36,000. The officer had demanded money to process the file for manufacturing a tanker and a trailer.

J. Narendar, who works in the transport commissioner's office in

Khairatabad, demanded ₹36,000 from Ch Sandeep, a resident of Sangareddy, to give permission.

On January 13, Narendar took ₹30,000 for providing copies of designs of the tanker and trailer.

On Tuesday, when Narendar was accepting the remainder of the bribe, the ACB caught him red-handed. He was arrested after chemical analysis showed that he had accepted the currency notes.

The ACB said Narendar had been caught accepting a bribe of ₹8,000 on January 4, 2016. A case of disproportionate assets was also booked against him on March 3, 2016, following the arrest.

The disproportionate assets case is pending trial in the ACB special court and the bribery case is pending final hearings.

The accused officer was arrested and produced before the Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases for remand.

## Man arrested for raping conductor

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Alleging rape and cheating by her friend, a 30-year-old woman conductor lodged a complaint with the Meerpote police. The police arrested the accused and remanded him to judicial custody.

According to Meerpote police, the woman works as a conductor with the RTC and is the mother of three children. A few days ago, she lodged a complaint against Dilip Yadav, 28, a resident of Mamidipally in Pahadishareef area, with whom she became friendly two years ago.

The friendship ended recently over a petty issue. The woman alleged that Dilip raped her and also that he had taken private pictures of her and used these to threaten and cheat her. A case was registered against Dilip.

## NURSE SAYS CHEATED BY HER LOVER

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

A nurse complained of cheating by her boyfriend, alleging that she was sexually exploited by him on promise of marriage.

The victim, 20, had met a Varun (name changed), an anaesthesia technician, when she was working at a private hospital in Abdullapurmet. They developed a friendship her family agreed to arrange their marriage.

They had physical relations. He later informed her that he would not marry her as he is expecting a handsome dowry, said the police, quoting the complainant.

Varun is absconding, police said.

## 3-year RI for man who raped minor

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

A 24-year-old man arrested for kidnap and rape of a minor girl at Balanagar was convicted by court on Tuesday and sentenced to undergo three years' rigorous imprisonment.

Balanagar police arrested Neeruti Raju, 24, a resident of Sai Nagar and native of

Sangareddy, in 2017 for kidnapping and sexually assaulting a minor girl. The accused had lured the victim on the pretext of marriage and took her away for two days.

After investigation, the police filed a charge sheet before the Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court at LB Nagar, which conducted a trial and convicted Raju.

## Ex-staffer uses govt data to harass women

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

A 35-year-old man from Jangaon who worked on contract with the state government and some NGOs collected the phone numbers and photographs of women and

sexually harassed them. He was arrested by the Hyderabad cyber crime police on Tuesday.

In September last year, a woman from the city lodged a complaint with the cyber crime police stating that a stranger was making video calls

on her phone number through WhatsApp and was misbehaving. The stranger used to show his private parts and send porn videos and harassed her sexually. He asked her to show herself naked failing which he would upload her mor-

phed pictures online.

The police who probed the case identified the sender as Kandhatla Bhaskar, 35, a resident of Jangaon. Bhaskar during his tenure with the government had obtained the details of those who apply for loans and jobs

online. The accused had also harassed other women similarly, the police said. Bhaskar was also involved in a similar case at Hyderabad and was convicted in a case at Jangaon, and served two years of imprisonment in 2007, the police added.

## Duo was arrested when it went to Mumbai to sell treasure

## Nizam Museum thieves get 2 yrs jail

DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

A city court on Tuesday convicted two persons for the sensational heist at the Nizam's Museum in the city on September 2, 2018. They were sentenced to undergo two years of imprisonment and pay ₹400 each towards penalty.

Mohammad Ghouse Pasha, 23, a centring worker, and Mohammad Mubeen, 24, a welder, both residents of Rajendranagar were arrested by the Mirchowk police for

stealing a gold tiffin box inlaid with diamonds, a cup studded with rubies, diamonds and emeralds, a saucer and a spoon, belonging to the seventh Nizam from the Nizam Museum at Purani Haveli.

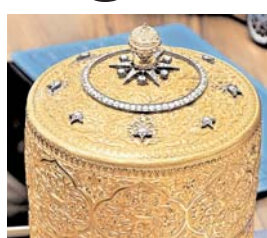
The police had cracked the case after they received a report that Mubeen had gone missing.

Mubeen and Ghouse had gone to Mumbai to sell the artifacts but was not successful. They had even confessed to having food in the golden tiffin box and fulfilled their



The duo had stolen a diamond-encrusted gold tiffin carrier, a gold cup and saucer studded with gems

fantasy. After the investigation,



Nampally court, which conducted the trial and gave judgment on Tuesday. Following the judgment, Hyderabad police commissioner Anjali Kumar said in a post on Twitter, "2 years of imprisonment awarded to both the offenders in the sensational Nizam museum theft case. The case was detected by Hyd police in a record time and we prove the charge in the court of law and secured conviction. Public support was a major contribution in this detection (sic)."

## Disha app helps get Prof. nabbed

DC CORRESPONDENT  
KAKINADA, FEB. 11

A professor of Andhra University, A. Basavaiah, has been arrested under the Disha Act at Eluru in West Godavari District. He was produced before a magistrate within seven hours of registering the case under the Disha Act on Tuesday.

According to West Godavari superintendent of police Rahul Singh Grewal, a woman was coming from Visakhapatnam to Vijayawada by bus. She felt insulted and humiliated with the obscene acts of the professor, who was sitting behind her seat. She immediately used the SOS Disha App, pressed the button, and shook her cell phone

five times. At the same time, she dialled 100, which immediately went to the notice of SP, who alerted Eluru DSP O. Dilip Kiran.

Disha personnel identified the location of the bus through GPRS and stopped the bus at Kalaparru toll plaza. The woman narrated to the police her bitter experience with the passenger, who passed on details to the SP and Disha Special Officer Deepika Patil. Eluru Three Town police registered a "Zero" FIR and sent the accused to Pedapadu police station, who registered a case under sections 354 (a) and 354. The accused was produced before the Magistrate on Tuesday evening along with the remand report.

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IN BRIEF

Jagan to meet Modi and Shah

Hyderabad: AP Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is going to Delhi on Wednesday and will meet the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the evening. He is also likely to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah and will return to Vijayawada in the night.

KESAVA VOTE: HC POSER TO EC

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday sought to know from the State Election Commission (SEC) whether or not an election tribunal had been constituted to deal the issues arising from the voting by TRS Rajya Sabha member K. Kesava Rao in the Thukuguda municipal elections as ex-officio members.

Justice Potlappalli Kesava Rao was dealing with a petition filed by Mr Rajumoniraju, municipal councillor, Thukuguda, along with eight others seeking a direction to nullify or set aside the vote cast by Dr Kesava Rao.

Dr Kesava Rao, who was allotted to Andhra Pradesh during the state bifurcation, had cast his vote in the elections to the posts of chairperson and vice-chairperson of Thukuguda municipality.

Mr Surender, counsel appearing for the petitioners, informed the court that as per the communication sent by the Rajya Sabha Secretary General, the name of Dr Kesava Rao does not appear in the list of MPs who come under Telangana state. He read out the list of MPs sent by the Rajya Sabha Secretary General.

Justice Kesava Rao said such issues are well adjudicated by the election tribunal.

The case is adjourned to February 13.

Focus should be on people's welfare: KCR

CM asked district collectors to hold Panchayat Sammelan

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Tuesday made it clear to district collectors that they should not fix their own priorities.

Addressing the district collectors' meeting, he said that the priority for the district administration should be implementation of government policies aimed at the people's welfare and development.

The meeting was attended by ministers and senior officers of all departments along with the district collectors and additional collectors.

Mr Rao asserted that in a democratic country like India, bureaucrats are required to implement the decisions taken by an elected government of the people.

The state government's priorities, Mr Rao said, was bringing new reforms and laws with a realistic approach after consulting subject experts and holding brainstorming sessions with state legislators.

"Implementation of the laws, policies and schemes introduced by the government should be given utmost priority. The district administration, especially the collectors, should ensure that the fruits of welfare and development reach the people," he added.

"After the formation of Telangana State, within a short span of time, we have achieved wonderful progress in several sectors. Telangana State stood first in the country in the welfare sector.



Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, chief secretary Somesh Kumar, home minister Mohammed Mahmood Ali and IT minister K.T. Rama Rao at the collectors' meeting on Tuesday.

People's welfare programmes are being implemented in the state at a cost of ₹40,000 crore," Mr Rao said.

He reminded his audience that there was a severe power crisis in the initial days of the formation of the state but "we got over the power crisis within a short time. It is a proud moment for us that Telangana is the only state in the country which is supplying 24x7, quality power to all sectors in the state. The drinking water problem of the people is totally solved with the Mission Bhagiratha programme."

He told the collectors to organise a 'Panchayat Sammelan' at the district level in the next 15 days to acquaint elected representatives and Panchayat secretaries with how development must be done in the villages and also inform them about the duties and responsibilities of each person.

He said collectors are given ₹1 crore so that they can undertake works that come to their attention. Mr Rao acknowledged that the state's literacy levels were disappointingly low. "Take a pledge to make the state totally literate. Sarpanches should take the responsibility of turning illiterate to literate in the village," he said. Collectors too should take responsibility to make their districts totally literate and enter literacy rates in the Population Register and give top priority to improving literacy

among Scheduled Castes and Tribes. He advised collectors to help increase the green cover across the state and cities by planting saplings and also told them to take measures to decrease diesel vehicles and increase use of electric vehicles.

He also gave directions to the collectors on issues pertaining to effective implementation of government schemes, timely redressing of public grievances, greater accessibility of the authorities to people and responsible governance and effective implementation of the new Municipal Act and Panchayat Raj Act, besides the proposed new Revenue Act aimed at ending land disputes.

TRS, YSRC expect more support from Centre now

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Ruling party circles in both Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh are happy with the Delhi Assembly results for a simple reason.

Leaders of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) in TS and the YSR Congress (YSRC) in AP feel with defeats in one state after another, the Bharatiya Janata Party will have to depend on regional parties in the coming days. Such an eventuality will be much more in the south, where, except in Karnataka, the BJP is in a very weak position to win seats on its own. It will be very difficult for the saffron party to occupy even the second place in most constituencies of the Telugu states, because the TRS and YSRC are in a very strong position.

The main Opposition in Telangana state is the Congress, while in AP it is the Telugu Desam. Both the parties are facing difficulties. The BJP will thus have to depend, directly or indirectly, on TRS in

Telangana and on YSRC in Andhra Pradesh. AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is maintaining good relations with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah. Comparatively, however, TS Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has certain differences with the BJP after he became the CM for the second time.

The common point with TRS and YSRC is that both are against Congress. While the BJP is strong in northern India, it is not the case when it comes to south. Even in the north, BJP has lost power in some states and has been unable to defeat ruling parties in other states. In the next eight months, West Bengal, Bihar and Tamil Nadu are scheduled to go for assembly elections. BJP has no chance of coming to power on its own in these three states. By the next Lok Sabha elections, BJP will complete its 10 years in power at the centre and it will face the anti-incumbency factor. In both Telugu states, there are 42 Lok

Sabha seats. As per the prevailing political situation, TRS and YSRC are likely to win majority of the LS seats. Thus, if BJP or NDA do not get majority on their own to form the government, TRS and YSRC will play a crucial role. In Telangana, if TRS gets defeated, the beneficiary will be Congress. In AP, if YSRC is defeated, the beneficiary is Telugu Desam.

The Congress will not support BJP and it has no confidence in TD chief N. Chandrababu Naidu going by past history. When BJP has no chances of winning majority in the two Telugu states, naturally, it would want to ally with TRS in Telangana and YSRC in AP. TRS and YSRC leaders hope that keeping all these issues in mind, the central government headed by BJP may change its attitude towards the two states. Both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are thus expecting to benefit from central largesse, including resolving of several pending issues, apart from financial assistance.

HC ASKS FOR PETITION UPDATE

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Tuesday asked the State Election Commission (SEC), the returning officer of the Adibatla municipality election, and Ms Kotha Haritha, chairperson of Adibatla municipality to file their submissions on a petition filed by Congress leaders alleging that she had violated the party whip. —DC



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KCR seeks report on vacant posts

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao advised officials not to remove taxi stands, street vendors, pavement dwellers, pavement markets, forcibly without showing them an alternative. He wanted the collectors to evolve a policy for street vendors and told to be humane in their approach.

Mr Rao told the collectors to construct at least vegetable and meat markets in corporations and at least one in the smaller towns. He was addressing the collectors conference at Pragathi Bhavan.

On other issues, Mr Rao asked the municipal administration department to submit a report on the vacant posts in its ranks. Mr Rao said, "the government is ready to fill up vacancies in the municipalities as it did for the panchayat raj department. The municipal administration department should submit a report to the government on the vacant posts."

MR RAO wanted the collectors to evolve a policy for street vendors and told to be humane in their approach. He told the collectors to construct at least vegetable and meat markets in corporations and at least one in the smaller towns in a conference at Pragathi Bhavan

Stating that collectors had been empowered through the municipal and panchayat raj Acts, Mr Rao said that the state government was of the firm opinion that administration can be streamlined by strengthening the institution of collectors.

It was said that the government had decided to provide a wireless network to the top district administration to be in regular touch with the collectors and other officials.

During the post-lunch session, the Chief Minister held the collectors responsible to rectify the revenue records, some of which are not in proper shape. There was no dispute with regard to 95 per cent of the land parcels, he said.

TSPC VC ASKS OPPN LEADERS NOT TO SPREAD FALSE NEWS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 11

TS Planning Commission vice chairman B. Vinod Kumar advised Opposition leaders, particularly those of the BJP, not to spread falsehoods on financial situation of the state.

In a statement, he said that Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had placed the true picture of the financial situation of the state in Parliament.

Mr Kumar found fault with BJP leaders creating false propaganda on the state finances even after Ms Sitharaman's statement in Parliament that Telangana has surplus revenue and is making borrowings within the limits of the Financial Responsibility and Budget Management Act.

He said the Congress and BJP leaders must open their eyes at least after the statement of Ms Sitharaman and stop their Goebbels propaganda.

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**SHORT TAKES**

## MAMATA HAILS AAP VICTORY

Howrah (WB), Feb. 11: Congratulating AAP over its stupendous victory in the Delhi Assembly polls, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Tuesday that people have rejected the "politics of hatred and division" and have given a "mandate against CAA and NRC".

The TMC supremo said that the Delhi Assembly poll result is a reflection of the good work done by the Arvind Kejriwal government in the last five years and the saffron party has got a "befitting reply for torturing students and women" in the national capital.

She was referring to the attacks on Jamia Millia Islamia and JNU students and incidents of molestation of Gargi College students in Delhi.

BJP will face similar results in the 2021 assembly polls in Bengal, Banerjee said. "BJP is losing one election after another - this has been an ongoing trend. It began in Maharashtra, then in Jharkhand and now in Delhi. Everywhere the trend is very clear - the people are rejecting BJP and its politics of hatred," Banerjee told reporters in Howrah.

Claiming that the people had voted against CAA and NRC in the Delhi polls, Banerjee said there are important issues like unemployment, economy, industry, price hike and development but the Centre is focussing only on the politics of hatred.

"Arrogance and the politics of vendetta have crossed all limits since BJP returned to power at the Centre for the second consecutive time. The country is burning," the West Bengal chief minister said.

—PTI

## Celebrations



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Raghav Chadha displays victory sign following party's win in the Delhi Assembly elections, at party office in New Delhi on Tuesday.

—PTI

# Kejriwal blended soft Hindutva and devpt

From Page 1

It was perhaps for the first time that Delhi witnessed such an ugly campaign replete with hate and brazen attempts to turn one community against the other.

The BJP unleashed its bigwigs in a way it hasn't before. Party president J.P. Nadda addressed the maximum number of rallies and roadshows in Delhi — 62 — followed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah's 52.

PM Modi addressed two big rallies as part of the BJP blitzkrieg of 6,577 poll events, including rallies, roadshows and

meetings. As his opponents spewed venom, Delhi CM Kejriwal deftly blended development with soft Hindutva and crossed the finishing line, leaving the BJP far behind and gasping for breath.

Beating the BJP at its own game, he recited the Hanuman Chalisa on a TV show, tweeted a video of himself as a "Hanuman bhakt" and promised a curriculum of "desh bhakti" in his party manifesto. He kept away from Shaheen Bagh, making it difficult for the BJP to link him with the anti CAA-NRC protests. A frustrated

BJP continued to accuse him of supplying biryani to protesters and I&B minister, Prakash Javadekar, virtually called him a terrorist.

Kejriwal did not go out of his way to woo Muslims. He knew they had no alternative but to vote for him. And they moved en masse towards him.

While earlier saffron hawks found talking about Shaheen Bagh and spewing anti-minority venom masterstrokes, after the rout in Delhi leaders began questioning the "masters" behind closed doors. A BJP leader felt that the top

leadership "failed to judge the cosmopolitan nature of Delhi and tried to sell hate."

Some felt the BJP's move to bank on PM Modi and the failure to come up with a CM face also contributed to its rout. In fact, the party remained divided over a CM face. While some pushed for Manoj Tiwari, others wanted Dr Harsh Vardhan.

The results could now have an impact on forthcoming polls in Bihar and Bengal. AAP leaders told volunteers: "What happened in Delhi can expand to the whole country."

## BJP MAY FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT IN WEST BENGAL

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In 2015, the BJP had contested with LJP and HAM while the JD(U) was part of the 'mahagathbandhan' along with the RJD and the Congress.

The JD(U) had quit the NDA fold in 2013, ahead of the 2014 Lok Sabha polls over Narendra Modi's elevation as the NDA's prime ministerial candidate, though it rejoined the NDA in 2017.

In West Bengal, the BJP has desperately tried to increase its strength but the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) could damage its poll prospects as a section of the party feels the leadership should focus more on development than polarisation.

A leadership crisis in the BJP's state unit is also an issue that is worrying the party top brass as TMC supremo and West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee is considered a "massive vote-catcher."

The state assembly had passed a resolution urging the central government to repeal the CAA and Mamata Banerjee made it clear that NRC will not be implemented in the state.

## AAP MLAs to meet at Kejri's residence

New Delhi, Feb. 11: AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal has called a meeting of the party's newly-elected MLAs at his residence here on Wednesday, senior party leader Gopal Rai said.

At the meeting scheduled at 11.30 am, the MLAs will choose the AAP's Legislature Party leader, Rai told PTI on Tuesday.

Another AAP leader said the party was considering two dates for the chief minister's oath-taking ceremony — February 14 and 16. The Ramlila Maidan was being considered as the probable venue for the ceremony, he said, adding that a grand event was being planned. However, the final call regarding the venue was yet to be taken, the AAP leader said.

After the selection of the Legislature Party leader, Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal will be apprised of it. Thereafter, a notification will be issued.

The AAP stormed back to power in the national capital on Tuesday, winning 62 seats in the 70-member Assembly.

Meanwhile, AAP workers went into a celebratory mode in Bhiwani's Siwani, the native place of Arvind Kejriwal—after the party registered a landslide victory in the high-stakes Delhi assembly polls.

A similar atmosphere prevailed at Aam Aadmi Party's Haryana headquarters in Rohtak, where workers could be seen applying "gulaal" on each other. 'Ladoos' and other sweets were distributed by the party workers among people not just in Rohtak but at several places in Haryana.

At many places in the state, AAP workers could be seen dancing to the beats of 'dhol' and taking out victory marches. At Kejriwal's native place, many people remained glued to television sets since morning and by afternoon when it became clear that AAP was headed towards a landslide win, they started celebrating. "Arvind has once again made us proud today. He has shown that with hard work nothing is impossible to achieve," said an elderly man from Siwani. —PTI

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**IN BRIEF**

**Learn lesson from Delhi polls: Bose**

**Kolkata:** Rubbing salt into the BJP's wounds over its poor show in the Delhi elections, West Bengal Bharatiya Janata Party vice president Chandra Kumar Bose on Tuesday advised the party to "learn lessons" from the outcome of politics of "hatred, division and polarisation." He also called for retrospection in a series of tweets. Mr Bose, grandnephew of freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, tweeted, "Lessons to learn from Delhi polls - stop hate politics, stop divisive politics, stop polarization, encourage - good governance, inclusive ideology & focus on development." His views are bound to cause embarrassment to the BJP although this was not the first time that he has spoken out against the party. —PTI

## 67 Congress men lose poll deposits

**SUNIL THAPLIYAL | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 11**

The Congress again faced a humiliating defeat in the local polls as the party failed for the second time to even win a single seat in the 70-member Assembly. Except for the three seats, the party and its allies lost security deposits in all the remaining 67 constituencies. Senior Delhi Congress leader and national spokesperson Sharmishtha Mukherjee alleged delay in decision-making and lack of strategy and unity at the state level for the party's humiliating performance. The grand old party

accepted defeat in the Delhi Assembly polls and vowed to rebuild and revive itself at the grassroots level in the national capital. The party, which ruled Delhi for 15 years, suffered loss in third consecutive assembly election since 2013 as they don't have a credible face which can replace three-time chief minister Sheila Dikshit who died last year in July. The AAP capturing the space once occupied by the Congress earlier has made the Congress irrelevant in national capital. In what ended up being a bipolar contest between the AAP and the BJP, the Congress was trailing at a distant third

on almost all the city's 70 seats with many candidates facing the ignominy of losing their deposits. The Congress' nostalgia-steeped campaign, centred around the development done by Dikshit in her 15-year tenure as chief minister, failed to enthuse voters with several asking questions of the party on leadership and its future strategy for Delhi. As the results came in, criticism of the Congress' Delhi unit started gaining traction and many leaders called for "action" rather than introspection. "We are again decimated in Delhi. Enough of introspection, time for action now," Mukherjee said.

## Kejriwal is Delhi's new socialist

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While the BJP's voteshare increased from the last assembly poll, its tally remained single digit, though some top leaders claimed it would easily cross 40. After the BJP's second humiliating poll debacle after Jharkhand, the party office was abuzz with rumours that the leadership was "actually trying to enthrone" its cadre through "feedback" and "internal surveys" but were aware of the "real position." The general view within the BJP is that its aggressive campaign led by BJP president JP Nadda and Union home minister Amit Shah galvanised the cadre. "Kejriwal has emerged as a socialist force when it comes to Delhi politics,"



said a senior BJP leader. "He managed to woo the lower class and the lower middle class which dominate Delhi's demography. Kejriwal and AAP have grown closer to the massive in Delhi than any other political leader or party. Instead of a vision for Delhi, our party focused on polarising issues that got rejected." While the BJP top brass was engaged in campaign-

ing, Kejriwal's connect with the lower and lower middle class, and BJP's failure to reconnect with the middle class, considered its support base, plus the leadership crisis in the BJP's Delhi unit, only added to its woes. BJP's manifesto also failed to impress voters, who went along with AAP. The BJP's personal attacks against Kejriwal also went hurt to its image as well as its party's socio-economic vision proved more powerful than the BJP's leadership and its communal and polarising strategy. Speculation is now rife that the BJP will overhaul its Delhi unit, which failed to make any impact since the party last ruled the national capital. Factionalism and the state leadership's failure to enthuse cadre also proved

devastating. "BJP accepts the people's mandate and will fulfill the role of a constructive opposition. We will raise all issues related to the development of Delhi. With the belief that the Aam Aadmi Party government will work for Delhi's development, I congratulate Arvind Kejriwal and his party," tweeted BJP national president JP Nadda. BJP's Delhi unit chief, Manoj Tiwari, who earlier predicted a huge victory for his party, tweeted: "Thanks to all the voters of Delhi. Thank you to all the party workers for their hard work... We respect the mandate of people. @ArvindKejriwal congratulations to you...I hope the Delhi government will live up to the expectations of the people."

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