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IN BRIEF

Man gets 7 year jail under POCSO

Hyderabad: A 38-year-old man was sentenced to seven years of rigorous imprisonment for outraging the modesty of a five-year-old girl. The First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge Suneetha Kunchala pronounced the judgement on Wednesday. The accused, Harichand Singh, 38, lived in the same room. On July 10, 2017, Singh took the girl, who was playing outside the house, to his room and sexually assaulted her.

Chilkur priest's plea on V-Day

Hyderabad: Ahead of Valentine's Day, C.S. Rangarajan, Archaka of Chilkur Balaji Devasthanam, has asked the society to steer away from objectification of love by market forces exploiting the day to fund their own businesses. He announced that on Friday (Valentine's Day), a short film on "real message of love" between Lord Venkateswara and Padmavathi would be filmed at Chilkur. This divine love story is intended to convey two messages for the youth, the archaka said on Wednesday. The first one was that Lord Srinivasa performed a long penance for his love, signifying that his love was not objectified. The second was that the bridegroom spent a fortune for his own wedding, which is a message against dowry.

Greater Hyderabad residents are paying twice for garbage

GHMC mopped up ₹1K-cr for providing door-to-door garbage collection

MADHY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

Property tax payers under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) appear to be paying twice for the same service. The GHMC collects about ₹1,400 crore per year as property tax to fund services including the door-to-door collection of garbage. It has also been charging an additional ₹1,000 crore from property tax payers for providing the same door-to-door garbage collection service. Tax payers are not required to pay an additional amount for garbage

collection as its charge is already included in property tax. GHMC Act says collecting door-to-door user charge for any service is a violation of Section 199 (1) of the Act. Supporting this, Section 489 of the GHMC Act (conservancy tax) also clearly states that the Commissioner should not contemplate or levy any amount towards administrative charges for lifting, transporting and dumping garbage. Incidentally, the Corporation has been enhancing annual property tax collections by 20 per cent. This year, it has set a

target of collecting ₹1,800 crore through this tax. Despite the increase, GHMC is also set to collect its ₹1,000-odd crore from 14.5 lakh residential properties who on an average spend ₹50 each as the basic amount for the Swachh auto drivers that collect garbage from household. According to GHMC sources, the civic body has distributed 2,500 auto-tippers to beneficiaries under the owner-cum-driver scheme. The Corporation procured each auto-tipper at an estimated cost of ₹4.5 lakh and is paying ₹7,000 every month in installments on

behalf of beneficiaries. The Swachh auto trolleys, on an average, lift additional garbage of about 1,500 metric tonnes daily. Sources said the Corporation has fixed the responsibility on each Swachh tipper to collect garbage from at least 800 households and a base fee of ₹50 every month. The Corporation said that it was just a basic amount but auto drivers can collect up to ₹500 per household based on the locality. The GHMC has been also paying ₹1,341 per metric ton to Ramky Enviro Engineers to transport garbage from the city to

the dumpyard, as the civic body is running short of vehicles. The Corporation has paying ₹224 crore annually for its delay in purchasing vehicles. However, Corporation officials argued that Section 484 of the GHMC Act allows the Corporation to collect fees for door-to-door garbage collection. Section 484 of the Act says that the GHMC is responsible for removal of all excrement and polluted matter from public privies, urinals and cess pools, but not from households. Senior GHMC officials were unavailable for comment.

HC tells Twitter to apologise or pay ₹10L in Disha PIL

New Delhi, Feb. 12: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday warned Twitter that it can face costs of ₹10 lakh if it does not file its response to public interest litigation (PIL), which sought action against several media houses and social media platforms for revealing the identity of the Hyderabad rape victim.

"File an affidavit stating that you (Twitter) will not repeat it. What are you waiting for? If you are not filing the affidavit, we will impose costs," a bench comprising Chief Justice D.N. Patel and Justice C. Hari Shankar said to the social media platform. The bench said that the High Court had earlier, in a similar matter, imposed costs of ₹10 lakh on media houses for revealing the identity of a minor rape victim, and warned, "we do not want to repeat that order".

The court gave Twitter four weeks time to file its affidavit and listed the matter for further hearing on May 4. The court was hearing a PIL by lawyer Yashdeep Chahal seeking action against certain media houses and social media platforms, including Twitter, where some individuals had revealed the identity of the Hyderabad rape victim.

According to Section 228A of the Indian Penal Code, any disclosure of the identity of victims of

certain offences, including rape, is punishable with imprisonment of a term that may extend to two years, besides a fine. The petitioner has claimed that certain individuals, media houses and social media platforms had blatantly violated the law by publishing elaborate reports revealing the identity of the victim and the four accused in the Hyderabad rape case.

A 26-year-old doctor was allegedly gang-raped and killed in Shamshabad, Telangana, by four men on the night of November 27. According to the Cyberabad Police, the four accused punctured the rear wheel of her scooter, offered to help her, dragged her to a secluded spot close to a toll plaza and raped her. The victim died due to suffocation. The accused later burnt her body. The four accused were arrested and sent to judicial custody but were later killed in an encounter with the police a few days after their arrest.

The petitioner said that news reports elaborately disclosed the identity of the victim, including her name, picture, occupation, residence and call details.

The plea sought direction to authorities to prevent exposure of identity on online platforms, either directly or indirectly and blur pictures which are being published.

— PTI

Incomplete work



Works go on at the Sultan Bazaar Metro station which falls in the JBS-MGBS corridor which was inaugurated by Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu last week. — S. SURENDER REDDY

Panel to educate Dalits on impact of CAA, NRC & NPR

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

The Alliance against the CAA and the NRC, Hyderabad Chapter, has decided to hold 'Basti Sabhas' to educate people belonging to the BCs, SCs and the STs on the impact of the CAA, NPR and the NRC from Thursday. It will also convene a Dalit Convention on Feb. 23. Community Leaders of Muslim, Dalit, Bahujan, Christian and Sikh communities on Wednesday discussed the consequences of the CAA, NPR and the NRC are implemented. They observed that it will not affect only Muslims as propagated by the government and some section of the media, but will affect other communities too. It is not clear whether the advantage of the CAA to listed religious groups will be available to those who submitted their papers as Indians as the benefits under the CAA will be available to only those who introduce themselves as the citizen of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. They observed that there is a need to start a door-to-door

campaign and launch a campaign on social media. The community leaders felt that there is a need to involve students and women effectively in their campaign. The participants also complained that RSS volunteers are targeting the groups who are protesting. Convener of Alliance Sara Mathew said, "We have to mobilise people as the exercise of the NPR will start from April. She said there is a need to educate the people of downtrodden as they are most ignorant of the impact. Co-convener Dr Islamuddin Mujahid said the Alliance is coordinating with leaders of various minority communities to educate the people on the issues. "We are focusing on educating the people by holding group meetings," he said.

Social activist Jasveen Jaiarth said, "We have to negate this myth that only Muslims will be affected with the NPR and the NRC. It is a matter of rights of the people, but it was observed that common people of other communities are not serious about the impact."

HC dismisses 3 petitions filled by realty company

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

The High Court on Wednesday dismissed three petitions filed by three realty companies which sought directions to the revenue department of Ranga Reddy district to convert 150 acres agricultural land in Survey No. 613 at Nadergul village of Balapur Mandal, to non-agricultural land. They said the land was part of 373 acres which were earlier allotted for developing Hardware

Park to the AP Industrial Infrastructure Corporation. The court also dismissed the plea of that firms to delete their land from the prohibited property list under the Registration Act. Accepting the state's contention that the land is to be verified whether it has been cleared of all land ceiling issues, Justice P. Naveen Rao dismissed the petitions filed by Alpha holdings, United Landmarks and Omega Development Ventures challenging the orders passed on September 26.

Report sought on treasure hunt

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

Top forest department officials have sought a report from Amrabad Tiger Reserve on Monday night's treasure hunt inside the Shiva temple at a Chenchu tribal hamlet located within the forest.

It may be recalled that the department's staff detained three persons on Tuesday when they were trying to leave the reserve forest after digging up and then plastering the temple

■ THE GANG had five members.

■ ACCORDING TO Chenchu tribals, a small stone pillar that they prayed to inside the temple has been missing since Monday night.

floor under the deity's idol at Bourapuram Chenchu Tanda.

It is learnt that the treasure-hunt gang had five members. However, two of them managed to make good their escape. According to Chenchu tribals, a small stone pillar that they prayed to

inside the temple has been missing since Monday night.

It is believed the gang took it away and hid it somewhere in the forest, before driving along the highway in their vehicle towards Hyderabad. The vehicle was stopped at the forest check post near

Mannanur village following a tip off from some tribals about the treasure hunt. One of the accused, Tirumalesh Naidu, claimed on Tuesday that a Forest Range Officer allowed his group into the forest at night. Anyone, other than Chenchu tribals who live in hamlets inside the reserve, is prohibited from entering the forest after 6 pm. Traffic between Mannanur village on the highway leading to Srisaillam is prohibited between 9 pm and 6 am

NEW | TROUBLE

Tourism dept had been constructing the platform in Amrabad Tiger Reserve

Glass-bottom platform runs afoul of SC guidelines

BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

To create a "unique ecotourism attraction", a glass bottomed cantilevered viewing platform is being constructed by the State Tourism Department deep inside the core area of the Amrabad Tiger Reserve. This attempt at ecotourism is said to run foul of the Supreme Court guidelines on tourist infrastructure inside tiger reserves.

The Tourism Department began construction of the cantilevered platform a few days ago. According to sources, it will cost the government between ₹1 crore and ₹1.5 crore. The U-shaped structure will extend eight metres over an escarpment at Farhabad View Point in the reserve. The glass bottomed walkway will be eight feet wide. The Civil Engineering Department of Osmania University designed the platform. The project is being executed by the Tourism Department which engaged a private contractor for the construction.

The Supreme Court has made it clear that "no new



Tourism Department began construction of the cantilevered platform at Farhabad Viewpoint a few days ago. — DC

infrastructure shall be set up within the core or critical tiger habitat of tiger reserves in violation of the provisions of the Wild

Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and the directives of the Honourable Supreme Court." The National Green

Tribunal too had in a judgement in 2015 declared that even temporary camps and 'eco-tourism' are non-forest activity. Asked if

the State Forest Department had sought the permission of the National Tiger Conservation Authority before permitting con-

struction of the new structure, a department official said that since it was for promoting 'ecotourism', no permissions were required! Amrabad Tiger Reserve is the largest forest area dedicated to tiger conservation in the state. It covers more than 1,700 sq km and has several villages and water bodies as enclosures.

It is currently home to about 20 tigers, more than 100 leopards and a wide variety of wildlife including Sloth Bear, different species of deer and the Indian Wild Dog.

The Farhabad Viewpoint provides vast vistas of forest below the escarpment and is the terminal point for a nearly 18 km round trip ride for tourists in the reserve. The Tourism Department had also sought permission for construction of rest rooms for visitors at the Farhabad View Point but was not allowed to build these at the location, it is learnt. A tourism department official said that it was only building the structure, and ferrying tourists to and from the location will be handled by the Forest Department.

IN BRIEF

GHMC, JMC tussle over property tax

Hyderabad: The tussle between Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and Jawaharnagar Municipal Corporation (JMC) over dumping yard's property tax lead to its closure for a few hours. Both the corporations during the tussle knocked on the doors of the State government, which asked JMC to allow vehicles in the Jawaharnagar dumpyard since it would create mess in the GHMC limits.

NANDINI BEGAN PROJECTS GROUP AT UOH

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At the university, she and her friends have started a community for software developers to come together, discuss and work on new projects. She wished to become a "proficient software developer". "Faculties, friends and family have supported me in each activity and that has directly and indirectly impacted on what I have achieved now," she added.

Rajeev Wankar, chairman of the Placement Guidance and Advisory Bureau (PGAB) at the university, said that more than 200 students from all departments had been placed this year so far.

"The PGAB team is doing a wonderful job and this is evident by the increase in the number of placements," the PGAB chairman said.



Petrol bunk situated within 50 feet of residential area on S.D. Road. — GANDHI

CPCB tightens rules for petrol pumps in city

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

If one were to go by the new rules set by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), there would be no new petrol pumps in the city, say petroleum dealers and petrol bunk owners. The new rules say petrol pumps must be placed in locations which do not have a school, hospital or residential complex within a 50 metre radius.

As petroleum dealers point out, the city has close to 650 petrol pumps, and schools, hospitals and residential complexes have come up around them over time. "It is very difficult to start a petrol pump in

the city because of two reasons. One, there is a paucity of land and secondly the officials need to look at the demographics of the state," Rajiv Amaram, joint secretary, Consortium of Indian Petroleum Dealers (CIPD), told Deccan Chronicle.

He added that in a state like Kerala, there are several petrol pumps on one main road, whereas in Telangana, the situation is that there are several schools or apartments on a single road. "Under these circumstances it will be difficult to set up a single petrol pump. We have seen several private players setting up petrol pumps along the Uppal Habsiguda road, but

many have shut shop because they found no takers," he said.

As per the new norms, 'Retail outlets shall not be located within a radial distance of 50 meters from schools, hospitals (10 beds and above) and residential areas designated as per local laws. In case of constraints in providing 50 meters distance, the retail outlet shall implement additional safety measures as prescribed by PESO (Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation). In no case, the distance between new retail outlets from schools, hospitals and residential areas shall be less than 30 metres. No high tension line shall pass over the retail outlet.'

TMDA files petition to HRC for mercy killing

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

The Telangana Muscular Dystrophy Association has filed a petition in the Human Rights Commission to allow all persons suffering from Muscular Dystrophy to kill themselves if they are not provided employment opportunities and social welfare benefits that would allow them to live a decent life. Muscular Dystrophy results in increasing weakening and breakdown of skeletal muscles over time. There are differences among patients regarding which muscles are pri-

marily affected, the degree of weakness, how fast the condition deteriorates, and when the symptoms begin.

There is no treatment for the disease and it is non-curable. In Telangana, there are 3,469 muscular dystrophy patients and most of them are unable to engage in daily activities such as walking. The Telangana Muscular Dystrophy Association (TMDA) has 12 demands. These include disability pension, caregiver allowance, allotment of housing, power wheelchairs, unemployment allowance, white ration cards and Aarogya cards. The petition before

the Human Rights Commission says, patients are severely disabled and require a great deal of support as laid out in the RPWD Act 2016. 'Either grant assistance for all above facilities within one month or allow mercy killing to muscular dystrophy persons' the petition said.

The chairperson of the Telangana State Human Rights Commission, G. Chandraiah, has called for a report from the principal secretary to the government, the Women's Development, Child Welfare and Disabled Welfare departments to be ready by March 19, 2020.

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11th edition of bird race starts on Feb. 23

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

The 11th edition of Hyderabad bird race will begin at Haritha Tourism Plaza, Begumpet, on February 23. The annual winter event is a time when bird lovers huddle into teams and be involved in a dawn-to-dusk frenzy to spot and record bird species in and around the

twin cities. The bird race culminates with a dinner where the participants recount their day's birding experiences. They can also interact with some experts in the field.

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Enumerators may face resistance

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Many of them also opined that in the current political environment, government enumerators would face resistance from general public. Some of them felt that before details were given out, we must ask the government as to why they require so many details.

During times of growing discontent with the government, it is very important for people to learn why the government was collecting all this information and what it would do with it.

Sarasani Satyam Reddy, senior counsel, Supreme Court said that the government has a right to collect required information under the Census Act, 1948, and there were no objectionable item mentioned in the current notification. He said that the current notification had nothing to do with the NPR or NRC. A senior government official, on condition of anonymity, described it as a routing exercise under the census.

Ruling TRS party leaders refrained from commenting on the notification publicly, but in private conversations revealed that the exercise had nothing to do with the NPR and was part of an exercise under Census 2021.

BJP state president Dr K. Laxman said that there was nothing wrong in collecting information from people and was being done in the larger interest of the country. It would be useful for taking decisions and making policies to improve living standards of people.

The MIM leaders said that they will react on the notification after discussing in the party. Congress Legislature Party leader Mallu Bharti Vikramarka asked why was the government seeking so many details. Reminding people that this much data was never collected in the past from people during past Censuses, he said that it was nothing but an effort to intimidate and threaten people, and use it against those who don't want to obey the ruling party. He said that the BJP was collecting data to intrude into the personal liberty of people and create a fear psychosis so they could rule the country for long.

Congress MP A. Revanth Reddy said that the notification was issued using a backdoor method by the BJP to take up NPR in future, and then initiate the NRC. "It is an open secret that Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu have a tacit understanding. Now it stands exposed after the notification of the TRS government, which will pave way for implementation of NPR and NRC in Telangana in future," Mr Reddy said.

CENSUS FORM

1. Building number (Municipal or local authority or census number).
2. Census house number.
3. Predominant material of floor, wall and roof of the census house.
4. Ascertain use of census house.
5. Condition of the census house.
6. Household number.
7. Total number of persons normally residing in the household.
8. Name of the head of the household.
9. Sex of the head of the household.
10. Whether the head of the household belongs to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other.
11. Ownership status of the census house.
12. Number of dwelling rooms exclusively in possession of the household.
13. Number of married couple (s) living in the household.
14. Main source of drinking water.
15. Availability of drinking water source.
16. Main source of lighting.
17. Access to latrine.
18. Type of latrine.
19. Waste water outlet.
20. Availability of bathing facility.
21. Availability of kitchen and LPG/PNG connection.
22. Main fuel used for cooking.
23. Radio/Transistor.
24. Television.
25. Access to internet.
26. Laptop/Computer.
27. Telephone/Mobile Phone/Smartphone.
28. Bicycle/Scooter/Motorcycle/Moped.
29. Car/Jeep/Van.
30. Main Cereal consumed in the household.
31. Mobile Number (for census related communications only).

Note: Items 1 to 5 relate to building particulars, items 6 and 7 relate to household particulars (for census house used wholly or partly as a residence), items 8 to 10 relate to head of the household, and items 9 to 31 relate only to normal household of which items 23,24,26,27,28 and 29 relate to the assets of the household.

PEOPLE'S REACTIONS

A routine census data collection is suggested at least once in a decade by the international community and is of utmost importance to the development process and finance allocation. The ability of an incumbent and incompetent government to use this sensitive data for divisive means cannot be ignored. While it is technically illegal to not provide the information or provide the wrong information, the threat rings hollow since the census act only prescribes a fine of Rs. 1000 for the offense, which is rarely if ever implemented, leaving the door open for mass manipulation.

— KHORDAD EDULJI, Music producer

The notified Gazette pertains to the house listing of the Census of India. The exercise is a routine decennial exercise and no one will object to the questions listed in the notification. The questions are mostly related to household information. It is different from the NPR in which questions related to domicile details of parents and other personal information is supposed to be sought. However, in the present circumstances, officials will face resistance from the general public.

— MOHAMMED MANSOOR ALI, Tolichowki, IT Professional and Social Activist

The state government has published the notification for the Census while people are opposing the NPR and NRC. Officials will face difficulties in carrying out the exercise of enumeration. In the old city, people of all communities do not disclose their personal information. It is very difficult for officials to convince people to disclose family details. Government should first clear doubts of the common people.

— ANNAMALA PARAMESH, Social Activist

Before the details are given out we must ask the government, why they require so many details? In this time and age of growing discontent with the government it is very important for us to learn why they are collecting all this information.

— ANANT TOPE, Managing partner at a Pharma company

People are worried about the NRC (National Register of Citizens) knowing the difficulties of the NRC exercise in Assam. Ministers and leaders of the ruling party have made statements which have created havoc among the common people. In the Gazette notification, the questions mentioned are similar to the previous Census. If government is seeking such information, we have no objection, but the Union government should take people into confidence before initiating the exercise and assuring that NPR (National People's Register) will not be happening in the future.

— MOULANA MOHAMMED HAMEED RAHMANI, Community leader

I think government is confused about what to do - Census, NPR or NRC. If the government wants to go with the previous pattern of the Census why has it created such havoc and speaks about NPR and NRC? I think it is a regular Census, but questions will be added to it in future. The government should clarify its stand over NPR and NRC.

— MOHAMMED ABDUL MUKARAM, Sultan Shahi, RTI Activist

I don't think there is any need for worry. This is only the Census, which is done every 10 years. Claims about this Census's relation to NPR are only rumours.

— GAUTAM, Software professional

When the government gives a call we have to go with it, I feel there is no harm in it. This is a state government that is asking for the data. why that panic.

— K. MURALI, Medical practitioner

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IN BRIEF

Bar waiter held for blackmailing

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Cop arrested for cheating woman

Hyderabad: Punjagutta police on Wednesday arrested a 30-year-old police constable for cheating a woman under the pretext of marrying her.

Child dies due to food poisoning

Hyderabad: Suspected food poisoning has left a two-year-old child dead and his other family members hospitalized in Begumpet.

₹1.5 cr worth gold recovered

Cops trace 4 gangsters to Bihar after 1 month probe in Khakee movie style

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC HYDERABAD FEB. 12

Like in the movie Khakee, a team of Banjara Hills camped in Bihar for a month to crack a sensational burglary in their area on December 8, 2019.



Kapil Gupta, the victim congratulates police commissioner Anjani Kumar for recovering the gold and diamonds.

Banjara Hills had gone out for a day. Forty-five days prior to it, kingpin of the gang Ramashish Mukhiya had joined the house as a cook. He was waiting for an opportunity to steal.

THREE HELD FOR IMPERSONATING DEAD MAN

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

Three persons who impersonated a dead person and attempted to register a piece of land at Bandlaguda Jagir were arrested by the Narsingi police on Tuesday.

25-yr-old techie hangs herself

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

A 25-year-old woman techie from Odisha committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling of her hostel in Madhapur.

DRI seizes ₹1 cr worth gold from 2 airports

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

Officials of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have seized ₹1 crore-worth gold weighing 2.512 kg, of which 1.581 kg was impounded at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport.

official from the DRI. The Hyderabad unit officials also realised another passenger arriving at Mumbai from Dubai would be handing over a suitcase to two passengers arriving at Mumbai from Jaipur.

VIHAN, son a techie Ravi Narayana from Bengaluru, died while undergoing treatment at a hospital

THE FAMILY alleged the child died due to food poisoning after having the food at the hotel. Police has booked a case of suspicious death

Trader mowed down by speeding truck

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

A speeding truck claimed the life of a trader who was riding a bike and going to his home at Kawadipally in Abdullapurmet on Tuesday night. The police found that

the negligence of truck driver resulted in the mishap and booked a case against him. According to Abdullapurmet police, the deceased, identified as Bodiga Mallesh, 45, was a resident of Kawadipally village. At around 8.30 pm, Mallesh

was going to his village from Abdullapurmet on a bike (TS 08 ES 6570) when the accident occurred. When Mallesh's bike was at old MRO office in Abdullapurmet, the speeding truck (TS30 T 1586), proceeding towards Abdullapurmet,

rammed into the bike after which the rider fell on the road and suffered severe injuries. Efforts to revive him were unsuccessful and he was declared dead when taken to a nearby hospital. The body was shifted to OGH mortuary for autopsy.

GHMC GARBAGE VAN MOWS DOWN 1-YEAR-OLD BOY

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

A one-year-old boy was mowed down by a garbage picking auto of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation at Khaitlapur in Kukatpally on Tuesday.

According to Kukatpally police, the incident took place near the garbage dumping yard at Khaitlapur at around 10 am. The victim identified as E. Sai, was the son of E. Srikanth and Sri Kanya. The family hailing from Bidar had moved to Narsapur in Medak district for livelihood.

CAR HAD RAMMED INTO MEDIAN AT HIGH SPEED

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A police team in search of the suspects managed to locate their car and began trailing them. Realising that cops were closing in on them, the suspects attempted to escape by over-speeding, when their car met with an accident at Sirur village.

A police official, who was part of the probe, said, "two of the accused, who were speeding in a car to escape from the police party, met with an accident. The car rrammed into a median at high speed and turned turtle. One of the occupants died on the spot, while the other received mild injuries. He was provided treatment and is being questioned."

OBITUARY K.T. MARY KUTTY (78 Yrs) D.O.D: 12-2-2020 We regret to inform you the sad demise of MARY KUTTY W/o Late P.K. Vargheese. Funeral will be held on 13th Feb. 2020 at 11 a.m. at Mount Carmel Church, Bowdipally.

OBITUARY I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. II Tim 4:7 Beesa Bhagwan Das (Ex-Service Man) Called to Heavenly Abode on 12-2-2020 Funeral at Doodigaon, Dist. Nizamabad, at 11 am on 13-2-2020 (Today) Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS Cell : 9989032404

In memory of AKULA VENU GOPAL DOB: 03.08.1966 - DOD: 09.02.2020 Inserted by FAMILY MEMBERS Ph: 98490 93541

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalms 116:15 B.S. GEORGE DOB: 15.03.1935 DOD: 14.02.2019 Please join us for the 1st Death Anniversary Service on Friday, 14th February at 11.00 a.m. at our residence, Sai Ram Homes, Gautam Nagar, Malkajgiri. Inserted by: Mrs. J. Johanna (Wife) Son, Daughters, Sons-in-law and Grand Children. Ph: 9347292749

1st ANNIVERSARY "A gracious woman gets honour" Proverbs 11:16 IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY SUGUNA RAPAKA August 18, 1945 - February 13, 2019 MEMORIAL SERVICE Thursday, 13 February 2020 AT 6 O' CLOCK IN THE EVENING LUTHERAN CHURCH VANASTHALIPURAM, HYDERABAD "Please treat this as personal invitation" Fondly Remembered by: Ratna Kumar Rapaaka Children & Grand Children Ph: 9985200290

IN LOVING MEMORY OF our father and our family's foundation Shri DEVIDAS MALVE You lived your life loving and nurturing those around you. Your smile will warm our hearts forever, and your ideals will keep guiding our family through the dark, like shining stars. Rajesh Malve Rajendra Malve Rajeev Malve

OBITUARY I have fought a good fight, I have finished my race, I have kept the faith-7Tim 4:7 MANCHIKALAPUDI REUBEN Retd. Nursing Superintendent DOB: 24-04-1931 Called to Glory on 13-02-2020. Mortal remains will be kept for viewing at M.B. Bethel Church, Golconda 'x' Roads from 12 noon on 13-02-2020. Thereafter burial at Narayanaquada Baptist cemetery at 4pm. Inserted by: Sons-in-Law, Daughters-in-Law, Children and Grand Children Ph: 9440069269, 9885122291

10th DAY CEREMONY Smt C.DAMODARAM RUKMANI MUDALIAR W/o Late A.N. Sivalingam Mudaliar DOB: 05-08-1938 DOD: 05-02-2020 Nadapu 14-02-2020, Time: 6 PM & Karandaram 15-02-2020 Time: 1.00 pm Lunch Follows Venue: Bhavya's Tulasiavanam, B-308, Kukatpally, Navodaya Colony, Ph No. 9908211918, 9849812821 Inserted by: Family & Friends.

1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY As the father has loved me, so I loved you. Now remain in my love." John 15:9 In Fond Memory of Mrs. MARY PHILOMENA CROSS DOD: 13-02-2017 A mother to all so full of GOD's grace we long once again see your charming face. We miss you love, we miss your words, as we promise to keep up to your true christian dignity. Rest in peace with Jesus in eternity. Memorial mass at 6:00PM at St.Mary's Church, Secunderabad Love From: Children, Grand Children and All Family Members

The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. Psalms 112:6 Mr. JAKKULA E. JOHN SUMACHAR DOB: 01.09.1932 DOD: 09.02.2020 You left us with memories to cherish forever. You are always in our hearts. Memorial Service Today i.e. 13.02.2020 at CSI Wesley Church, Ramkote at 6.30 p.m. Inserted by: Son, Daughters, Sons-in-law and Grand Children. Ph: 9840669158

17th DEATH ANNIVERSARY I will dwell in the home of Lord forever. Ps 23:6 Late POTHARAJU SANJEEVA RAO DOB: 6.3.1926 DOD: 13.2.2003 Inserted by: Wife, Sons, Daughters, Sons-in-law, Daughters-in-law Grand Children, Great Grand Children.

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY IN LOVING MEMORY OF Late DONALD HAYWARD DOB: 02.08.1955 DOD: 13.02.2017 Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measures. Inserted by: Hayward Family Mass at 6.00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Arul Colony. Ph: 9866749413 / 9848285984

13th ANNIVERSARY FOND MEMORIES K.V. REDDY Dep-Collector (Retd.) Inserted by: All Family Members Cell: 8885555677

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY M. K. ANUPAMA D/o. Late. M. B. Kumar DOD: 13-02-2005 Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS Ph: 8790714681

9th ANNIVERSARY KALLEM RAM REDDY D.O.D.: 23/02/2011 S.P. Retd. Inserted by: Son: K.R.Venkateshwar Reddy & Family Members Flat No.104, Sai Ganga Residency, Spring Field Colony Lane, Beside Old Dewan Dhaba, Jeedimetta Village, R.R.Dist.,

4th REMEMBRANCE Blessed are those who die in the Lord... For they will rest from their hard work... For their good deeds follow them. Rev. 14:13 EVELYN SUSHEELA MACGILL Retd. Nursing Supdt. (Acting) Fever Hospital Nallakunta Slept in the Lord : 13.02.2016 W/o, Mr. Raja Joseph Jyothi (Late) Freelance Writer Inserted by: FAMILY MEMBERS Ph: 9866749413 / 9848285984

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TRAFFIC INITIATIVE Registration centre opened at Begumpet

City cops start 'My Cab is Safe'

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD FEB. 12

After Cyberabad and Rachakonda, Hyderabad has started the 'My Cab is safe' initiative with Hyderabad traffic police opening a registration centre at Traffic Training

Institute in Begumpet. Motor cabs plying in the limits of Rachakonda, Cyberabad and Hyderabad Commissionerates have to register their vehicles at any one of registration centres, Kukatpally, LB Nagar or Begumpet. "Such registrations help

us to track cabs in case of any emergency. The sticker pasted on the cab gives some sense of security and confidence to the commuters. Under the 'My Auto is Safe' project, 85,000 autos have been registered with Hyderabad traffic police," said

city police commissioner Anjani Kumar. A notification was also released in this regard. The registration process will start on Friday. Owners and drivers have been urged to contact 040-27853722 or Traffic Helpline 90102-03626 for further details.

IN BRIEF

Power sector staff seek tariff hike

Hyderabad: Power sector employees' unions have urged the TS Electricity Regulatory Commission (TSERC) to consider hike in power tariffs in Telangana. They also wanted the commission to intervene and ensure that the government clears its dues to the two power distribution companies in the state. These requests were made at the ERC's State Advisory Committee meeting on January 29. The unions' recommendation was recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Both the Telangana State Electricity Employees' Unions have maintained that the increased tariffs would help reduce the burden on distribution companies and protect their interests. Telangana's two power distribution companies, TSNPDCL and TSSPDCL, are provided subsidies by the state government to make up for the losses they incur for providing free power to farmers and other sectors of consumers. The unions also called on TSERC to ensure that government departments pay their power bill dues to the distribution companies. Henceforth, they wanted the TSERC to ensure advance payments towards power bills. Power tariffs in Telangana have not been hiked for more than three years. It is widely expected that the ERC would approve certain hikes this year in case of some sections of consumers for making up the losses faced by distribution companies. The power hikes, if they happen, are also expected to ease the subsidy burden faced by the government.

Non-locals being encouraged: Tribals

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Important demands include cancellation of voter ID card, ration card, trade licenses and appointment of non-tribals in government posts. Mr Dora said that the government has been encouraging non-tribals by announcing ZTPCs and MPTCs seats for local elections, which was against the Constitution. Demanding a ban on tourism, he said sex trade was being organised in a big way in the name of tourism. "If the government fails to respond, we should be prepared for a showdown," he told the gathering. Representatives from various organisations, including teachers from Andhra University, exhorted up the activists to fight for their rights. Chanda Elish, one such vocal supporter of protests, said that activists had to vote for YSRCP as they had no alternative. He suggested that the movement should be apolitical and against the government only because it was encouraging settlers. E.A.S. Sarma, retired civil servant, stressed on the importance of gram sabhas, which were incorporated in the PESA and Fifth Schedule. He said that the activists should vote for those political parties whose manifesto matched their charter of demands.
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HC orders status quo on TS Secretariat

State government told not to disturb existing buildings at the seat of power until further orders

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

Questioning the haste with which the state government wants to demolish the Secretariat building at Saifabad, the Telangana High Court on Wednesday directed the state government not to disturb the existing structure until the court issues further orders. Expressing its doubts about the architectural plan of the new construction for the

Secretariat complex not being available yet and yet making arrangements to raze the existing building by shifting the offices to other places, the court said that it seems the government is in a mighty hurry to demolish the buildings. While dealing with petitions challenging the impending demolition of the Secretariat buildings, the division bench of Chief Justice Raghendra Singh Chauhan and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy on Wednesday observed:

"Why the state government is in a hurry to demolish the existing Secretariat buildings when it has not taken final decision on structural plans, designs of the proposed new Secretariat complex?" The bench was dealing with a batch of PILs filed separately in 2016 by Congress MLA T. Jeevan Reddy, advocate Tera Rajinikanth Reddy and the Forum for Good Governance, an NGO represented by its secretary M. Padmanabha Reddy.

They sought grant of a stay on shifting the offices of the Telangana Secretariat to other buildings and demolition of existing structures to construct new buildings in its place. Congress MP A. Revanth Reddy and Prof. P.L. Vishweshwar Rao, vice-president of Telangana Jana Samithi, also filed PILs challenging the impending demolition of the Secretariat buildings. Following earlier directions of the court, the state government had filed an

additional counter-affidavit in the case and urged the court to permit it to proceed with construction of an integrated secretariat building after analysing different architectural plans which would be submitted by the architectural consultants. The Additional Advocate General submitted that the area to be allotted to various departments will be finalised only after the cabinet approves the designs and final plans of the proposed new complex

to be furnished by the architects. After perusing the contents of the additional affidavit, the bench wanted to know why the state government has shown such hurry in wanting to demolish the existing structures and laying the foundation stone for the new secretariat when no final decision has been made on the plan and design of the proposed complex. Therefore, the stay granted earlier not to demolish it will continue, the bench noted.

The bench said that today, with computers, it does not take much time to design a building. "Without having architectural designs, plans, cost estimate, area to be allotted for each department and so on, the cabinet took the decision to demolish the existing structure, which is not reasonable. A decision has to be based on relevant facts," the bench observed, and made it clear that the court stay will continue until further orders.

Cong to fight Centre's anti-Dalit, BC stand

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee has decided to take up massive protests against anti-Dalit and backward classes attitude of the BJP government at the centre. A decision in this regard was taken after senior leaders of the TPCC met at Gandhi Bhawan on Wednesday under the chairmanship of state party chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy in the background of Supreme Court's verdict on reservations for SCs and STs. Addressing media after the meeting, Uttam Kumar Reddy recalled Supreme Court saying that reservation in promotions was not a fundamental right. However, the BJP-led government at the centre did not utter a single word against the SC verdict. The TPCC chief charged that BJP is trying to deprive SCs, STs and BCs of reservations in the name of Supreme Court's



TPCC chief N. Uttam Kumar Reddy addresses party leaders at Gandhi Bhawan in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

verdict. He announced that a dharna would be held on February 16 at Indira Park against the attitude of

centre towards reservations. He assured that Congress would fight to protect SC, ST and other backward class reserva-

tions at the national level, alleging that the central and state governments are suppressing the rights of SCs and STs.

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At the meeting, CLP leader Bhatti Vikramarka recalled that the Congress had introduced a number of laws to ensure that Dalits, BCs and minorities lived a dignified life. But the present BJP government has hatched a conspiracy to remove reservations. The CLP leader charged that when former MP V. Hanumantha Rao attempted to install a statue of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar at Punjagutta Circle, the TRS government blocked the move and even destroyed the statue. He asserted that if the state government fails to install Ambedkar's statue at Punjagutta, the Congress would do so.

CM must fulfil his promises: Revanth

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

Congress MP A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday demanded that Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu fulfil his promises made to farmers during the assembly elections in 2018. In an open letter to Chief Minister on suicides by farmers of the state, the MP pointed out that the CM gave a lecture for 12 hours at the collectors meeting on Tuesday. However, he could not even spare five minutes to discuss the problems being faced by farmers. He pointed out that the National Crime Records Bureau lists Telangana as standing third in the country for the highest number of suicides by farmers. He underlined that Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bhima schemes have failed in controlling suicides by farmers in the

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state. Mr Reddy said, "In the past six years, 5,912 farmers in Telangana have committed suicide, which means three suicides a day. One can clearly understand what the situation in the state is". He demanded that the state government allot sufficient budget to fulfil all the promises made by the CM to farmers, wondering why the Chief Minister has not yet implemented the promised waiver of loans up to ₹1 lakh taken by farmers. The MP said appointing a businessman as president of Rythu Samanvaya Samithi itself shows the commitment of Chandrababhan Naidu to farmers' welfare.

Global majors eyeing TS investments: KTR

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao on Wednesday said many global companies were keen on making major investments in the State. He was speaking at a review meeting with heads of Information Technology and Industries departments at MCRHRD here. Officials told Mr Rama Rao that Hatsun Agro Product Ltd would be setting up India's largest ice

cream manufacturing facility in Sangareddy district. It is expected to commence commercial operations in October. Hatsun will be setting up its unit with a capital investment of ₹207 crore and create more than 250 direct and 250 indirect employment opportunities. The unit will also benefit more than 4,000 dairy farmers in the region, said a statement from the Ministry. Mr Rama Rao said that many major food processing companies

were keen on investing in Telangana and announcements would be made soon. He said the government would provide assistance to such companies as well. The Minister also asked officials to plan towards decentralising the IT sector to ensure its growth across the city. He said efforts to boost IT sector in tier-2 cities were yielding good results. He is likely to inaugurate the Karimnagar IT Tower on February 18.

KCR to name barrage after Sammakka

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Naidu has decided to name Toopakulagudem Barrage being constructed on river Godavari as Sammakka Barrage in the name of the great Adivasi warrior and Goddess of the forest. Mr Rao instructed the engineer-in-chief Muralidhar Rao to issue a GO naming the Toopakulagudem Barrage as Sammakka

THE CM had decided to visit the Kaleswaram Project on Thursday and in this connection he held a review Barrage. The Chief Minister had decided to visit the Kaleswaram Project on Thursday and in this connection he held a review with concerned officials at Pragathi Bhavan on Wednesday. During the meeting he said that the development in Telangana state is becoming a possibility and happening as planned with the blessings of the three crore goddesses. He reminded that with the completion of irrigation projects certain baron lands are getting Kaleswaram waters and many barrages and reservoirs have been named after different goddesses. With the completion of the Kaleswaram he said that from the forthcoming rainy season water inflow will increase.

Call for working towards \$5 trillion economy

Guv urges to boost exports

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

Governor Tamilisai Sundararajan has called upon manufacturers and exporters to aim at increasing India's share in global trade. She was speaking at an event organised by the southern region chapter of Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) in the city on Wednesday. "India, at present, accounts for only two per cent of the global trade. We all need to work towards

SHE WAS speaking at an event organised by the southern region chapter of Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) in the city on Wednesday. SHE ALSO presented awards to the best performing companies government of India's target of having five per cent share within the next few years to become a USD \$5 trillion economy," Sundararajan emphasised.

On the occasion, she also presented awards to best performing companies in the southern region. The Governor expressed her happiness over the fact that companies from the south are performing well on the exports' front. She said the central government has implemented many schemes to improve exports. She underscored the importance of taking pride in one's work and ensuring quality in the product. "As manufacturers and engineers, I appreciate

your efforts for bringing value to the country. What you export today is something we used to import in the past," Sundararajan pointed out. EEPC India vice-chairman Mahesh K Desai, while welcoming the recent Union Budget, appealed to the central government to help reduce costs for exporters. He said manufacturing costs were comparatively lower for companies in China than in India because of differences in the taxation system.

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IN BRIEF WOMAN DIES IN MONKEY ATTACK

DC CORRESPONDENT
ADILABAD, FEB. 12

An elderly woman, Raisidam Jangu Bai, 65, died on the spot in an attack by a troop of monkeys in Boath mandal headquarters on Wednesday afternoon.

The simians attacked Jangu Bai when she tried to chase them away when they were creating ruckus and causing panic among the locals.

A cousin of Jangu Bai said they had brought the issue of monkey menace to the notice of the forest department several times but in vain and added that the woman would have been alive if the forest department had taken up measures to control the menace in Boath mandal.

AAP win to bolster welfare plans in states

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC
HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

Welfare schemes are playing a key role in the elections. This was proved in the recent Delhi assembly elections and the Telangana assembly elections held in 2018.

In "vote bank politics" state governments, particularly the regional parties that are in power, are giving top priority to welfare schemes.

In Telangana, Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu has introduced several schemes in the last six years. AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is also implementing several welfare schemes since the last eight months.

These schemes however are eating into nearly half the annual budget. Late Y.S.

Rajasekhara Reddy, when he was Chief Minister of the united state of AP, launched several welfare schemes and became known as the "father" of welfare schemes. Arogyasri, free treatment to poor people in corporate hospitals, fee reimbursement, free power to the farm sector, and loan waiver for farmers are some of the important schemes introduced by YSR.

These schemes continue in both Telugu states. They helped Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy retain power in the 2009 assembly polls. During the YSR regime every family in the state benefited from government schemes.

The popularity of these schemes impelled state governments to announce welfare schemes even when the financial posi-

IN TELANGANA STATE

Scheme	Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs in cr)
Pensions, Old age pensions	12,75,444	3,086
Handicapped	4,97,819	1802
Widows	14,49,512	3,507
Other pensions	6,91,419	1,495
KCR kits	5,89,818	620.41
Kalyan Lakshmi -Shaadi Mubarak	5,78,345	1,165
Rythu Bandhu	58,00,000	15,050

tion of the state was poor. In the 2018 Telangana assembly elections, pensions and the Rythu Bandhu scheme played an important role in the TRS retaining power.

In the name of

Navaratnalu, AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is implementing several schemes.

Not all welfare schemes have an impact on people. For the schemes to have a lasting impact, they must

IN ANDHRA PRADESH

Scheme	Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs in cr)
Rythu Bharosa	46,50,846	6,299.25
Vahana Mitra	2,36,340	236.34
Fishermen	6,16,677	170.09
Agrigo victims	3,34,160	236.53
Ammaodi	42,01,621	6,302.43
Pensions	54,65,564	1,320.14
Arogyasri	46,725	33.14
Handloom weavers	81,783	196.28

be free of the usual corruption. For example, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal introduced some welfare schemes just five months before the elections and they helped him return to power this week

as they were effective schemes from which people actually benefited.

Before the assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh, the then Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu introduced welfare schemes

such as Pasupu-Kumkuma, and investment subsidy to farmers on the lines of Rythu Bandhu, but the people did not believe him and he was defeated in the election.

According to official records, in the last eight months, the Andhra Pradesh government has spent ₹14,795 crore on several welfare schemes benefiting approximately 1.5 crore people. Telangana State Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu had introduced around 450 welfare schemes for various sections of society during his previous tenure between 2014 and 2018.

Among them there are some individual benefit schemes such as Rythu Bandhu, Aasara pensions, Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak and KCR kits.

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HC RAPS GOVT FOR SHIFTING OFFICE

SAMPAT G. SAMRITAN | DC VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 12

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Wednesday pulled up the state government for shifting the office of vigilance commissioner and others to Kurnool from the secretariat at Velagapudi, located with the capital city Amaravati, by issuing GO number 13, citing want of space and for administrative convenience.

A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice Jitendra Kumar Maheswari, Justice M. Satyanarayana and Justice A.V. Sessa Sai, who heard the case here on Wednesday, wondered how the commissioner could keep vigil on employees working at secretariat when his office gets relocated to a far-off place.

When advocate-general Sriram Subrahmanyam informed the court that the offices of vigilance commissioner, chairman of commissionerate of inquiries and members of commissioner of inquiries, were not connected to the secretariat and function in an independent manner, the CJ asked him as to how such offices could be separate and not be part of the secretariat.

Chief Justice Maheswari also asked the how the general administration department could be separate from the office of vigilance commissioner. The CJ observed that if the head of vigilance department was not located and functioning from the secretariat, how would employees working there behave since there would be no vigil on their functioning. The CJ asked the AG details about currently available space of these three offices and the required space, besides details of employees working in these offices.

Jagan to Modi: Help in scrapping of Council

CM reiterates Special Category Status demand

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 12

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to direct the Union law ministry to initiate the next course of action on the two core issues of abolishing the AP state legislative council and shifting the principal seat of the Andhra Pradesh High Court to Kurnool.

Besides the two crucial demands, the Chief Minister also reiterated the demand for the grant of Special Category Status (SCS) to Andhra Pradesh, administrative sanctions for Polavaram's revised estimate of ₹55,549 crore and an immediate release of the revenue deficit of ₹18,969 crore.

Chief Minister Reddy had a detailed discussion on various other issues in his meeting with Prime Minister Modi at the latter's residence in New Delhi, that reportedly lasted for one-and-a-half hour.

Prime Minister Modi is reported to have had a word with home minister Amit Shah during the meeting and asked Mr Reddy to meet Mr Shah on Friday evening.

Sources said that Mr Reddy narrated in detail his objective behind the three capitals proposal in detail, besides detailing the insider trading that had taken place

Jagan invites Modi to AP for Ugadi

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 12

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to be the chief guest at a massive programme of distribution of house sites to poor on Ugadi day, the first day of the Telugu new year, which falls on March 25. The Chief Minister extended the invitation during his interaction with the Prime Minister at the latter's residence in New Delhi.

Amaravati, agitations by Telugu Desam and the Andhra Pradesh High Court constituting a special bench to deal with the issues relating to the shifting of the capital.

He urged Prime Minister Modi to ensure that Parliament approved the state assembly's recommendation to abolish the bicameral house before the end of the ongoing budget session itself.

According to an official press release from the Chief Minister's Office, Mr Reddy explained to Mr Modi his three capitals idea and the objec-

greater safety for women and children, Mr Reddy urged Mr Modi to instruct the ministry of home affairs to approve the Disha Bill, passed by the Andhra Pradesh assembly.

The MHA had already sent back the Bill, raising queries. A central approval is a must for the Disha Act to come into force.

On Polavaram irrigation project, the Chief Minister brought Mr Modi to speed on the progress of works and government's resolve to finish the project by 2021. Rehabilitation would cost ₹33,000 crore out of the revised cost of ₹55,549 crore, for which the administrative sanction was pending with the centre. The state government was yet to get a reimbursement from the centre for the ₹3,300 crore expenditure already incurred by the state towards the project, Mr Reddy told the Prime Minister.

Maintaining that only ₹10,000 crore grant was received from the centre, Mr Reddy said this was the least amount the state got in recent past in form of grants.

The Andhra Pradesh chief minister reiterated his appeal for central government's support in establishing the Kadapa steel plant, Ramayapatnam port and development of inland waterways.

Referring to the recent initiative to provide

of achieving balanced development. He informed Mr Modi that the state assembly had passed a resolution, fixing Visakhapatnam as the executive capital, Amaravati as legislative capital and Kurnool as judicial capital.

Mr Reddy also brought to the Prime Minister's notice how the opposition was using the legislative council as a tool to obstruct initiatives of a democratically elected government, instead of extending valuable advice.

Referring to the recent initiative to provide

DA CASE: HC TO HEAR JAGAN'S 11 PLEAS ON APRIL 9

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 12

Refusing to issue any interim directions in favour of AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy in exempting his personal appearance before the CBI court on every trial day in connection with the disproportionate assets case, the Telangana High Court on Wednesday said the 11 petitions filed by Mr Reddy seeking exemption will be heard on April 9. The court also made it clear that it will be the final hearing and it would hear the contention of both the petitioner and respondent for only one day.

However, the HC gave Mr Reddy the liberty to request the CBI court for exemption of his personal appearance by mentioning the status of his petitions in the High Court. Justice Gandikota Sridevi told the counsel representing Jagan "You can ask for exemption before the trial court by mentioning the status of the petitions before the High Court". When Mr S. Niranjan Reddy, Counsel for Jagan, urged the court to issue some note about the liberty given to the petitioner so that they could produce it before the CBI court, the Judge said the CBI Counsel will explain to that court about the liberty given.

Nurse's kin thrash abusive doctor

PATHRI RAJASEKHAR | DC NELLORE, FEB. 12

The relatives of a nurse thrashed a medical officer at the Community Health Centre at Udayagiri after they came to know that he attempted to rape her late on Tuesday night.

Incidentally, the medical officer, identified as Dr Ravindranath Tagore, was booked for misbehaving with a patient when he was working in Podalukur in the past, Udayagiri circle inspector U. Sathyanarayana said.

He said that a case under Section 376 read with 511 of the IPC would be booked against the medical officer and he would be produced in court on Thursday. According to the circle inspector, the accused called the nurse and asked her to bring him an omelette from her home around 8.30 pm on Tuesday night. He allegedly insisted that she herself come to the health centre when the nurse asked him to send a ward boy to collect the dish.

He allegedly bolted the door when she went into his room and made advances to her. Even

■ ACCORDING TO the circle inspector, the accused medical officer, Dr Ravindranath Tagore, called the nurse and asked her to bring him an omelette from her home around 8.30 pm on Tuesday night. He allegedly insisted that she herself come to the health centre when the nurse asked him to send a ward boy to collect the dish.

when she protested saying that he was a father figure to her and resisted his attempts, he kept on insisting that she yield to him. She managed to leave the room when she got a phone call from her husband to whom she narrated the doctor's attempt.

Her husband and relatives came to the hospital on Wednesday and gave a dressing down to the doctor after she denied his overtures. Based on a complaint from the woman, Police have booked a case and picked up Dr Ravindranath for questioning.

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DESIGNER WENDELL RODRICKS DIES

Panaji, Feb. 12: Renowned fashion designer Wendell Rodricks died at his residence in Colvale village in Goa on Wednesday, a police official said. Deputy superintendent of police, Mapusa, Gajanan Prabhudesai confirmed the death of Rodricks, who was 59.

Prabhudesai said Rodricks died after collapsing at his residence in North Goa. A Padma Shri awardee, Rodricks was also an author, environmentalist and gay rights activist.

Goa health minister Vishwajit Rane tweeted, "Deeply saddened to hear about the sudden demise of my very good friend and designer, Wendell Rodricks. His excellency in his work and skills are irreplaceable and shall always be cherished."

"We will truly miss him. My heartfelt condolences to his family and dear ones," Rane added in the tweet.

Born in Mumbai, Rodricks studied fashion designing in the US and France from 1986 to 1988. He is often credited for pioneering the concept of 'resort wear' when it was not a popular idea in India.

NIRBHAYA CONVICT GETS LAWYER

New Delhi, Feb. 12: A Delhi court on Wednesday offered a counsel to Pawan Gupta, one of the four death row convicts in the Nirbhaya gang rape and murder case, saying a condemned convict is entitled to legal aid till his last breath.

Additional session judge Dharmender Rana expressed displeasure over delay from Pawan's side who said he has removed his earlier lawyer and will need time to engage a new one.

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) provided Pawan's father with a list of its empanelled advocates to choose from.

Pawan has not yet filed a curative petition — the last and final legal remedy available to a person which is decided in-chamber. He also has the option of filing a mercy plea.

Nirbhaya's parents and the Delhi government had moved the court on Tuesday seeking fresh death warrants for the four convicts after the Supreme Court granted liberty to the authorities to approach the trial court for issuance of fresh date for the execution of these convicts.

Meanwhile, Nirbhaya's mother Asha Devi on Wednesday protested outside a trial court premises here over the delay in hanging of the four convicts in the gang rape and murder of her daughter.

10 ARRESTED IN GARGI CASE

New Delhi, Feb. 12: Ten people were arrested on Wednesday in connection with the alleged molestation of students during a cultural festival at the all-women Gargi College here last week, police said.

Over 11 police teams were looking at the technical details available and also visiting various sites in NCR to identify the suspects and investigate the case, they said.

Many people are being questioned and multiple suspects have been identified, the police said. The Delhi Police on February 10 registered a case in connection with the incident. A group of men had broken into the institute during the 'Riviera' fest on February 6 and allegedly groped, harassed and molested the attendees.



AAP leader Manish Sisodia during the Dhanywad Yatra in Patparganj after winning the Delhi Assembly Elections in New Delhi on Wednesday. — PTI

Chacko blames Sheila, faces flak

Sharmishtha questions PC for praising AAP

ASHHAR KHAN | DC
NEW DELHI, FEB. 12

Major infighting has erupted in the Congress after the debacle in the Delhi elections, with Delhi Congress leader Sharmishtha Mukherjee taking on senior leader P. Chidambaram, the former finance minister, who had welcomed the AAP's victory as the "defeat of bluff and bluster", and asked her party colleague if state Congress units should shut shop in case the party has decided that others will take on the BJP across the states.

She tweeted: "With due respect, sir, just want to know — has Congress outsourced the task of defeating BJP to state parties? If not, then why are we gloating over AAP victory rather than being concerned at our drubbing? And if 'yes', then we (PCCs) might as well close shop!"

Chidambaram had tweeted: "AAP won, bluff and bluster lost. The people of Delhi, who are from all parts of India, have defeated the polarising, divisive and dangerous agenda of the BJP. I salute the people of Delhi who have set an example to other states that will hold their elections in 2021 and 2022."

In a bid to deflect accountability for the loss, AICC's Delhi in-charge PC. Chacko tried to put the blame on late chief minister Sheila Dikshit, saying the party started losing ground when she was at the helm in 2013.

"The party's downfall started since 2013 when Sheila Dikshit was chief minister and the new outfit AAP took away the Congress vote-bank," he said. Chacko has been under attack from state leaders since the loss in the 2015 polls where the party had failed to open its account.

In the last two Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, the Congress has failed to win any seat in Delhi. In the municipal elections too, the Congress could not come to power. Interestingly, in all five elections, Chacko was the AICC in-charge for Delhi.

After coming under fire, Chacko sent his resignation to Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Kejriwal likely to retain old cabinet

New Delhi, Feb. 12: Arvind Kejriwal's new cabinet is unlikely to have fresh faces as he is expected to retain all six incumbent ministers, top sources in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) said on Wednesday.

Speculation was rife over inclusion of Oxford-educated Atishi and Rajiv Chadha, a prominent young face of the party, in the new cabinet. However, sources told PTI that the AAP chief is unlikely to tinker with the existing combination and is set to retain all the incumbent ministers. Kejriwal will take oath as chief minister of Delhi for a second straight five-year term at the Ramlila Ground on February 16.

At a press conference, senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia said all the cabinet ministers of the new government will take oath along with Kejriwal. "The Aam Aadmi Party chief feels that retaining ministers in the outgoing dispensation, whose works have won the party a second term, is the best thing to do," a source said.

Apart from Kejriwal and Sisodia, the other members in the outgoing cabinet are Satyendar Jain, Gopal Rai, Rajendra Pal Gautam, Imran Hussain and Kailash Gahlot. While outgoing deputy chief minister Sisodia had the education, finance, tourism, women and child development portfolios, Jain was looking after the functioning of the PWD, health and industries departments.

In the outgoing cabinet, Gopal Rai was the labour minister, Rajendra Pal Gautam the social welfare minister, Hussain food and civil supplies minister and Gahlot the transport minister. Chadha and Atishi will have a bigger role in the party and they might also be given charges of some government-run bodies, an AAP functionary said.

"They have played an important role in strengthening the party. Both of them were contributing to the Delhi government in different capacities as advisors before being removed by the lieutenant governor, citing their illegal appointment," he said. — PTI

Sheila Dikshit's former aide Pawan Khera attacked Chacko, saying: "Just a data point. In 2013, when we lost, Congress voteshare in Delhi was 24.55 per cent. Sheila was not involved in 2015, when the voteshare slipped to 9.7 per cent. In 2019, when she was back in charge, the voteshare came up to 22.46 per cent."

The attack on Sheila Dikshit from Chacko comes at a time when most of the posters put by the Congress had her picture displayed prominently. However, her son and two-time former East Delhi MP Sandeep Dikshit was not roped in to campaign for the party.

Taking on Chacko, former Union minister Milind Deora tweeted: "Sheila Dikshitji was a remarkable politician and administrator. During her tenure as chief minister, Delhi was transformed and the Congress was stronger than ever. Unfortunately to see her being blamed after her death. She dedicated her life to the Congress and the people of Delhi."

The infighting in the Delhi unit was such that when in mid-2019 Sheila Dikshit passed away, Chacko did not visit her residence fearing a backlash by her supporters. The two consecutive losses for the Congress in Delhi have demoralised the party cadre.

If the party wants to remain relevant in Delhi and not go the Uttar Pradesh, Bihar or West Bengal way, it will soon have to revamp the state unit and quell the prevalent infighting.

₹45L hidden in peanuts, seized

New Delhi, Feb. 12: The CISF has seized ₹45 lakh worth of foreign currency hidden in cooked meat pieces, peanuts and sealed biscuit packets from a passenger at the Delhi airport, officials said on Wednesday.

Five hundred and eight crisp currency notes were recovered from the eatables.

The unique modus operandi of currency smuggling came to light on Tuesday evening when security personnel intercepted Murad Ali, 25, on the basis of

his "suspicious" behaviour when he reached Terminal-3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport to board an Air India flight to Dubai.

"On physical checking of the passenger's baggage, a high volume of foreign currency was found concealed in cooked mutton pieces, peanuts, biscuit packets and other eatables," CISF spokesperson Assistant Inspector General Hemendra Singh said.

"This is a unique and peculiar

way of concealing foreign currency for smuggling," Singh said. A video of the interception provided by the force showed the security personnel cracking peanuts, unzipping sealed biscuit packets and digging into oily meat pieces to extract an assortment of Saudi Riyal, Qatari Riyal, Kuwaiti Dinar, Omani Riyal and Euro rolled and wrapped neatly inside.

The passenger has been handed over to Customs authorities. — PTI

Puducherry too adopts resolution against CAA

Puducherry, Feb 12: The Congress-ruled Puducherry on Wednesday became the first Union Territory in the country to adopt an Assembly resolution against the controversial CAA, saying the law was "totally opposed to the principles of secularism" and demanding its withdrawal.

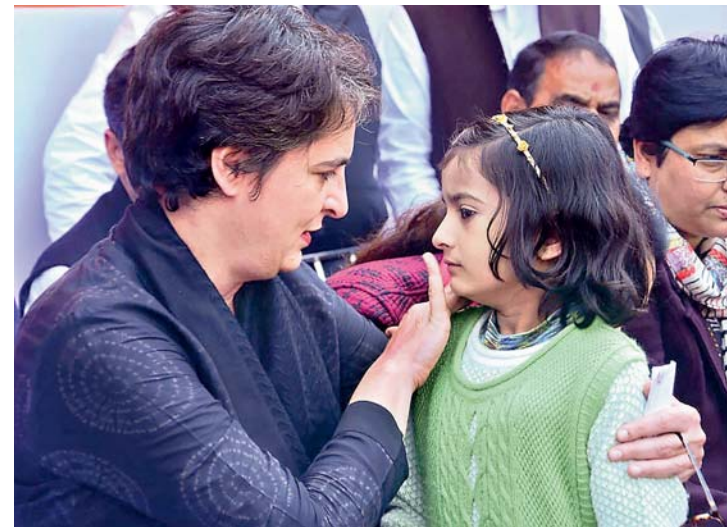
Similar Assembly resolutions had been adopted by Congress-ruled Rajasthan, Punjab and Chhattisgarh, as also Kerala and West Bengal, whose Chief Ministers Pinarayi Vijayan and Mamata Banerjee respectively are in the forefront of the movements against the Citizenship Amendment Act.

Amidst an Opposition boycott, the one-day special session of the Union Territory Assembly adopted the resolution tabled by Chief Minister V. Narayanasamy, who

chose to ignore Lt Governor Kiran Bedi's missive against the move. Bedi in a letter on Monday had said the Act passed by Parliament is applicable to the Union territory and "cannot be questioned or deliberated in any manner."

Later making an intervention when two ministers accused Bedi of 'hampering' implementation of government decisions, Narayanasamy said he opened her letter only now and it only contained what she had already shared with media, asking him not to table the anti-Citizenship Amendment Act resolution.

Wondering how a letter marked 'confidential' was circulated to media, he asserted the legislation was an independent authority and none can intrude into its rights and privileges. — PTI



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra interacts with a girl while meeting Muslim women who have been agitating against the CAA and NRC, at Bilariyanjan in Azamgarh on Wednesday. — PTI

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7 Godhra riot convicts arrive in MP for community service

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC
BHOPAL, FEB. 12

Seven people convicted in 2002 post-Godhra riots in Gujarat late on Tuesday night arrived in Jabalpur and Indore to do community service, a condition on which they were granted bail by the Supreme Court recently.

While one of them arrived in Jabalpur, other six convicts reached Indore, officials said on Wednesday.

"The seven convicts will work as volunteers in the Narmada Kumbh, scheduled to be held

from February 24 to March 3 this year on the banks of Narmada at Gwarighat on the outskirts of Jabalpur," MP state legal services authority member Giribala Singh told reporters here.

According to her, they are scheduled to do community services, meditation drill and spiritual programmes during the Kumbh, held on the banks of Narmada every five years, as per the directive by the apex court.

The Supreme Court last month granted bail to 15 people who have been sentenced to life imprisonment after convicting them in gruesome killing of 23

people who were burnt to death in Ode in Gujarat's Anand district, on the condition that they do community services.

Seven of them arrived in MP to do community service. The seven convicts would also work as volunteers in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, at old age homes and would take care of patients who have no one to look after them in the hospitals, she said.

They may also be engaged in the works of the Smart City project being undertaken in some cities in MP to enable them to earn money, Ms Singh said.

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