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WEATHER



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ASTROGUIDE

Vikari; Uttarayana Tithi: Magha Bahula Astami till 3.18 pm **Star:** Anuradha till 4.53 am (Monday) Varjyam: 9.06 am to 10.41 am Durmuhurtam: 4.42 pm to Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm Jumada al-Sani 21,1441 AH

> Fajar: 5.42 am **Zohar:** 12.40 pm Asar: 4.41 pm Maghrib: 6.23 pm Isha: 7.31 pm

SUNSET TODAY 6.17 PM **SUNRISE** TOMORROW 6.42 AM MOONRISE TODAY 12.29 AM MOONSET TODAY 12.03 AM



Beggars are getting a facelift for Trump's visit...

Vodafone Idea to pay AGR dues

New Delhi: Telecom operator Vodafone Idea on Saturday said it is assessing the amount that can be paid towards AGR dues. The company said it is in the process to pay adjusted gross revenue dues as per the Supreme Court order. However, the continuation of business in India will depend on favourable order on its modification plea filed before the apex court, it

India will settle

J&K issue: MEA **Munich:** External affairs

minister S. Jaishankar told a senior US Senator that India will "settle" the Kashmir issue on its own when the American lawmaker brought up the issue. Referring to the Kashmir issue, Senator Lindsev Graham said the best way to sell democracy will be to settle the issue in a democratic

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Many angered by

Assam fund cuts

Guwahati: Many people were angry with Assam government's policy decision not to spend public money on religious education and shut down nearly 614 government aided madrassas and 101 Sanskrit tols (institutes) and convert them in to high and higher sec-

ondary schools.

■ More on Page 8 **Faesal booked**

under PSA

Srinagar: The J&K administration booked former IAS officer-turned-politician Shah Faesal under the controversial Public Safety Act, sources said on Saturday. Faesal, who was under detention after scrapping of J&K's special status, was booked under the PSA on

Friday night.

CITY.. PG3 **Early Metro exit**

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TRS continues its winning spree in coop elections

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

The Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) continued its winning spree, this time in the cooperative elections on Sunday. The party won 90 per cent of the seats of directors of Primary Agriculture Cooperative Credit Societies

(PACS).
The TRS is now in a position to win all the District Cooperative Central Banks, District Cooperative Months of the Control of the Con erative Market Societies and Cooperative Marketing Federations in the

Even though the elections were held on nonpolitical parties fought for the victory of their sup-porters. The state has a total 909 PACS, of which elections were unopposed in a few of them. For the remaining 6,248 wards, a total of 14,530 candidates were in the fray

In Sircilla PACS, where TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao is the legislator, all 13 director posts were won by TRS supporters. The ruling party won all the posts in the Huzurabad Assembly seat previously represented by TPCC president N.

Uttam Kumar Reddy. On Sunday and Monday, the directors will elect PACS chairpersons. These chairpersons will elected the heads of the district banks_and market societies. The notification for these polls will be issued on Monday or Tuesday. Following the victory,



The hoarding at Necklace Road greeting the CM on his birthday.

GHMC PENALISES TALASANI OVER CM'S B'DAY FLEXI

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Minister Talasani Srin-ivas Yadav was penalised by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation for erecting a mega hoarding at Necklace Road to mark Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's birthday on Sunday.

The hoarding bore the words "Happy Birthday sir" and "We love KCR". TRS working president and municipal minister K.T. Rama Rao had instructed expressely party workers not erect hoardings and flexies for Mr Rao's birthday.

■ Page 5: Many posters put up for CM's birthday

Mr Rama Rao posted on Twitter: "Heartfelt thanks the farmers of Telangana for giving yet another resounding victory to the TRS.'

4 puppies burnt alive at Sainikpuri

GEETA VALABOJU I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Four puppies were burnt to death and two others survived with burns at Suryanagar, Sainikpuri, on Šaturday.

The incident occurred when workers at a construction site set fire to some bushes to clear the

The puppies were hiding in the bushes which was apparently not noticed by the workers

According to Arun, a resident in the area, it was only when some of the puppies caught fire and ran out yelping in pain that they were noticed.

'Many of us ran out to see what the noise was about but their mother would not let anyone get close to them. But she managed to rescue two of

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her pups," he said. Compassionate Society for Animals representative Nagam Pravalika said, "it is a heart-breaking incident. Although they say they were not aware that the pups are inside the bushes, the workers should have checked."

Shaheen dadis seek Shah meet No appointment yet; Move in response to minister's 'offer' to meet protesters DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 15

Responding to Union home minister Amit Shah's comment at a TV event that anyone having doubts over the Citizenship Amendment Act could seek an appointment from his office and he would be willing to meet them, protesters at Sha-heen Bagh on Saturday announced that they would meet him at 2 pm on

A section of protesters sitting at Shaheen Bagh said that they would be going to meet Mr Shah at his residence to request the government to with-draw the CAA and the

National Register of Citizens (NRC). The protesters clarified that they had not sought an appointment with the minister. "Mr Shah said that anyone hav-ing doubts over CAA could seek an appointment from his office and he would be willing to meet the person within three days. Responding to his call, we have decided to meet Mr Shah and we are now waiting for his response to our call," said a protester.

They said that in case they fail to get an appointment with Mr Shah the would decide their future course of action after 2 pm on Sunday. An announcement in this

speaker from the dais. "We zens including men and are ready to meet the minister. But he should make it clear how many people he wants to meet," said Mr Syed Ahmed Taseer, one of the organisers.

Ms Mehrunnisa, who has

been a regular at the protest, said the protesters would march to Mr Shah's residence on Sunday. "We would ask him to withdraw CAA-NRC-NPR," she said, adding that the protest would continue till their demand was met.

A woman protester said that all the women would be going to meet the home minister. "Everyone will go and meet the home minister at 2 pm on Sunday. It's a request to all the citi-

women who are facing problems due to CAA and NRC to go and meet Mr Shah and Prime Minister," said an elderly woman. The Delhi Police said

that they have no information about the proposed meeting. "We will do the needful if they get the appointment," said a senior police officer.

Some of the protesters said that they will march to Mr Shah's residence with a charter of demands and their primary demand is to revoke the CAA. The protesters said they will not be sending any delegation but everyone protesting at Shaheen Bagh will

SC JUDGE SAYS DISSENT IS NOT ANTI-NATIONAL

Ahmedabad, Feb. 15: Calling dissent a "safety valve" of democracy, Supreme Court judge Justice D.Y. Chand-rachud on Saturday said "blanket labelling" of dissent as anti-national or anti-democratic stri-kes at the "heart" of the country's commitment to protecť Constitutional values and promote del-

iberative democracy.
Delivering a lecture
here in Gujarat, Justice Chandrachud also said that use of state machinery to curb dissent instills fear, which vio-lates the rule of law. "The blanket labelling of dissent as anti-national or anti-democratic strikes at the heart of our commitment to protect constitutional values and the promotion of deliberative democracy,'

Protecting dissent is but a reminder that while a democratically elected government offers us a legitimate tool for development and social coordination, they can never claim a monopoly over the values and identities that define our plural society, Justice Chandrachud said. He was speaking on the topic, "The Hues That Make India: From Plurality to Pluralism," here. "Employment of state machinery to curb dissent instills fear and phere on free peace which violates the rule of law," he added.

> Page 8: Destroying dissent affects growth

1st Covid-19 death in France

Members of Thowheed Jamath stage a protest against the violence at an anti-CAA rally, in Chennai on Saturday

Chinese tourist first fatality outside Asia, epidemic feared

Paris/Beijing, Feb. 15: An 80-year-old Chinese tourist has died from the coronavirus France, the first death confirmed outside of Asia, French health minister Agnes Buzyn said on Saturday.

Buzyn said she had been told about the death of the patient — in hospital in Paris since late January late on Friday, adding that his condition "had deteriorated rapidly" after several days in a critical condition. Six people with the virus remain in hospital in France, Buzyn said, adding that none were seriously ill.

Three deaths from the

TOP WHO experts to reach Beijing this weekend to assist China

■ THE TOLL rose to 1,523 after 143 more people died in China

virus have so far been recorded outside mainland China — in the Philippines, Hong Kong

Top WHO experts are set to arrive in Beijing this weekend to assist China to contain the coronavirus

The first fatality outside Asia, fuelled concerns about the epidemic. More than 66,000 people are now infected from the virus in China, health officials

Saturday China's Health Commission said the toll in China rose to 1,523 after 143 more people died in the country, most in Hubei, the epicentre of

the coronavirus outbreak. There were reports of 2,641 new confirmed cases of novel coronavirus infection and 143 deaths on Friday from 31 provinciallevel regions, it said.

The most concentrated number of cases outside China is on a cruise ship quarantined off the Japanese coast, which is holding at least 285 people with the virus among its 3,711 crew and passengers. A total of 138 Indians, including 132 crew and 6 passengers, are among the 3.711 people on board the quarantined ship. Three Indians are among those infected on the ship. Several countries banned arrivals China and major airlines have cut services with the

■ Report on Page 9 — DECCAN CHRONICLE

country. The coronavirus has posed a big threat to the medical staff in China as more than 1.700 Chinese health workers have been infected by the virus while treating the patients and six of them have died so - Agencies

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AP'S COUNCIL TO BE WOUND UP BY MARCH

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

The AP Legislative Council will be abolished by the end of March if the Centre implements its assurance to AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

In the last three days, Mr Reddy has met Prime Minister Narendra Modi Union home minister Amit Shah and Union law minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and requested them to introduce the Bill to abolish the Council in the second phase of Parliament Budget session which will begin on March 3.

Both Mr Modi and Mr Shah assured Mr Reddy that the Centre would introduce the Bill in the second week of March, according to sources

close to the CM. On the advice of Mr Modi and Mr Shah, Mr Reddy met Mr Prasad on Saturday. The AP Budget Session is likely to be held after March 15, and Mr Reddy wants the Council to be abolished by then. The next steps in the process are that the Union law ministry on the basis of the AP Assembly resolution on abolition of the Council will prepare a Bill and present it to the Central

Page 6: AP Council Bill in Parliament soon

ministry.

SAFETY | FIRST | People to be restricted from protected areas like tiger reserves, wildlife sanctuaries

Fires popping up across forest reserves

BALU PULIPAKA I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

With fires popping up in the state's forests with increasing frequency in the past month, including

in protected areas such as wildlife sanctuaries and tiger reserves, the forest department has announced restrictions on entry of people into the forests. One of the decisions taken, it was learnt, was

not to allow pilgrims to

trek through the Amrabad

tiger reserve in Telangana

state to the Srisailam temple town in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh for attending the Shivaratri festival. Pilgrims and others have

been urged to follow instructions of department officials in the tiger reserve. People trekking to Srisailam from Mannanur that marks the beginning of the tiger reserve must stay on the road and not take any path through the forest, the department Incidentally, on Saturday, updates from the



A fire rescue team member uses a branch to beat out a around fire.

Forest Survey of India that sends fire alerts across the

state had 31 active fires in different districts. Of these, four were in Amrcountry using satellite these, four were in Amrimagery, said Telangana abad tiger reserve. The

state recorded 15 fires on February 13 and nine on February 5, with at least one fire being reported from the state's forests daily for the past month or so. Of the total 9,771 forest 'compartments' spread over 43 ranges, 1,106 have are designated high fire risk areas.

Special additional patrolling is being put in place in the Amrabad and Kawal tiger reserves to prevent forest fires, the department said. Officials said quick response teams were set up

Every year, tens of thousands pilgrims from Telangana, Karnataka and Maharashtra walk to Srisailam from Mannanur through the forest and take the interior paths. The number of forest fires in the tiger reserve

to control forest fires.

typically jump during this period with people cooking food in the forest or sometimes deliberately setting fire along the paths they walk to create open areas and to ward off wild ani-



SHORT TAKES

CONG VOWS TO PROTECT 4% MUSLIM QUOTA

Hyderabad, Feb. 15: The Congress party on Saturday expressed its resolve to protect the ongoing 4% Muslim reservation in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh by putting up a strong legal fight in the

Supreme Court. Addressing the prize distri-bution ceremony of competibution ceremony of competi-tions held on the topic of "15 Years of 4% Muslim Reservation" on the occasion of 64th birthday of former Minister and ex-Leader of Opposition Mohammed Ali Shabbir at Prakasham Hall in Gandhi Bhavan premises on Saturday, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said that the Congress party would continue to fight the legal battle in Supreme Court to protect the 4% Muslim reservation. He praised the role played by Shabbir Ali and the then Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajashekhara Reddy in giving 4% reservation to backward groups among Muslims in

He said that the previous Congress regime implemented 4% Muslim reservation in jobs, education and also in local bodies which led to socioeconomic, educational and political empowerment of poor Muslims.

Uttam Kumar Reddy accused Minister Chandrashekhar Rao of cheating the Muslims on the promise of 12% reservation. He said that KCR had promised to implement 12% Muslim quota within four months after coming to power in 2014. However, he said the promise remained unfulfilled even after six years and today KCR is not even speaking about it.

Calling Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) an ally of BJP, he cited various instances when KCR supported the BJP and Modi Government.

Uttam Kumar Reddy also slammed KCR for not convening the special session of Assembly to pass a resolution against Citizenship Amendment Act.

When in crowd, turn to 3G for good network

4G gets congested as demand is more than supply

ADITYA CHUNDURU I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

A few days ago, Imran was at a massive protest at Dharna Chowk near Indira Park. He tried to post pictures of the protest on his social media accounts but was unable to do so. Though his mobile phone was on "full signal," he couldn't even send a text message on WhatsApp.

Imran isn't the only one to face this problem. At places with large crowds such as sporting events, religious processions and protests, mobile internet often becomes useless on many phones.

Journalists often walk with their phones held above their heads to get some reception to file

The reason for this is there but doesn't know

quite simple, the demand **AT PLACES** with for mobile data exceeds the supply.

Mr Narsi Reddy, a telecommunications engineer, explained that mobile phones are like WiFi routers. They have a limit on the amount of data they can send out at a particular point in time. He explained that most mobile phones are now using 4G or LTE (long term evolution) frequency

"On most phones, the default settings make it the only option. In a crowded place, everyone is trying to upload pictures or livestream the proceedings. This causes an excessive load in that particular network." he said.

The phone is quite confused when this happens. 'It knows the network is large crowds such as sporting events, religious processions and protests, mobile internet often becomes useless on many phones.

■ THE REASON for this is quite simple, the demand for mobile data exceeds the supply. Most people don't understand it, said Mr Ramu Penthota of Sri Ram Enterprises.

how to use it," the engineer said.

Mr Ramu Penthota of Sri Ram Enterprises, which sets up cellular infrastructure for major cellular networks in the

"A cell tower can only take on so much traffic. Most people don't understand it. Companies spend a lot of thought in deciding where they want to set up cell towers," he said.

There is, however, a workaround to this problem. Users could switch to the local 3G network when the 4G network is congest-

Mr Penthota said, "Most carriers continue to maintain a 3G and 2G network. However, they are seldom used since most mobile phone phones are set to receive only 4G signals. If one digs around the settings for a few minutes, one can have a completely workable 3G or even 2G

This workaround is only valid with carriers other than Jio, since the carrier offers its services in LTE.

signal.'

PERMISSION TO HOLD ANTI-CAA **PROTEST DENIED**

ATHER MOIN I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

The Police has refused permission for the women's protest against Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) scheduled for Sunday at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park. The organiser, Mr Mohammed Mushtaq Malik of the Telangana-AP Joint Action Committee against CAA and NPR, announced that they would observe

Sunday as 'protest day'. He gave a call for a protest throughout the city between 2 pm and 5 pm against the denial of

permission.
Mr Malik told the media, "we discussed the matter at a meeting of the steering committee of the JAC. The city police has rejected our application for the fourth time in succes-

He said the police had denied permission citing "silly reasons".

one harassed or persecuted

should take legal action to

safeguard his rights. The role of the Human Rights

Commission is very signif-

icant to curb the abuse of

power by the police, he

said. Mr Mohammed Afzal,

advocate, said people

should pressurese Chandrasekhar Rao gov-to defer the should pressurise the

Register (NPR) exercise.

He said that if people avoid

providing information to the NPR enumerator, there

Population

ernment to defer

PIL in HC against CAA provisions

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

A public interest litiga-tion (PIL) was filed before the High Court seeking to declare Section 14-A of the Citizenship Act, 1955 as void and to declare the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) rules 2003 as ultra vires of

Mr S.Q. Masood, a citybased social activist, and advocate Namrata Jaiswal who filed the PIL urged the court to quash the Gazette Notification No. SO 2753, issued by Union home ministry regarding the general citizen registration.

the parent Act.

The petitioners submitted in the high court that Section 14-A and Citizenship Rules were the violative of Articles 14,19 and 21 of the Constitution.

"As for the new gazette the questions to be asked by the Census officers or enumerators to collect the population details were materially different than the questions asked under the updation of National Population Register," the petitioners

It was submitted to the court that the circulars from legal malafides, because the clubbing of the National Population Register 2020 and Census 2021 was not a lawful exercise of powers conferred on the authorities under the Census Act, 1948 and the Citizenship Rules.
"The questions asked

under the Census do not seemingly offend the privacy of a person. However, the nature of the information sought the updation of National Population Register is intrusive," the petitioners said. The Union home min-

istry secretary, the Registrar General and

CONDITIONS LAID FOR RELAY HUNGER STRIKE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Justice T. Vinod Kumar on Saturday laid down conditions for a petitioner who sought permission to go on a relay hunger strike in the city.

The court direction petitioner, Mr Syed Hussain Shuttary, vice-president, All India Masjid Inquilabe-Millat, Moghalpura, to confine the relay hunger strike to a single day from dawn to dusk. The event should be held within the four walls and the petitioner should not use

mikes, the court said. The judge was dealing with Mr Hussain's petition seeking a direction to the Hyderabad police commissioner to accord permission to hold an 11day relay hunger strike at the Moghalpura office of the party. He said about 100 to 150 people would

participate.
The judge advised the Hyderabad police commissioner to formulate appropriate rules to deal with this issue because many organisations and political parties approach the police seeking permission to hold relay hunger strikes, rallies and meetings opposing the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens.

The judge while directing the police commissioner to accord permission to the petitioner for a single day in accordance with the law, closed the writ petition.

Census Commissioner of India and the Telangana State government were named as respondents.

LEGAL | EAGLE | One should know his rights while dealing with police: Lawyers Fear stops people to complain against cops

ATHER MOIN I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Lawyers have stated that though there are provisions to prosecute police officers for abusing their power, it will only attract more persecution for the complainant. This forces the public to refrain from speaking up against police atrocities.

Senior lawyer M. A. Azeem, addressing the programme, 'Legal programme, 'Legal Knowledge for Social Action', on Saturday, said it was not easy for an individual to challenge the abuse of power of the establishment. He suggested, "instead of raising our individually

against injustice and abuse of power, we should highlight the wrongdoings of police personnel through organisations consisting of eminent personalities." It observed that most people who dare to approach the courts against oppression and high-handedness of the police lose their patience before the prosecution ends as the police force them to withdraw the case

by harassing them, Mr Azeem alleged. He said there was a need to bring reforms in policing. Every citizen should know his or her rights while dealing with the police. Indians have rights even in police custody and

SENIOR LAWYER M. A. Azeem, said in all cases punishable with imprisonment up to seven years, the police officer cannot arrest anyone without permission from a magistrate. The police officer may instead issue a notice of appearance, he said.

confinement in jail, Mr Azeem said.

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trate. The police officer may instead issue a notice of appearance, Mr Azeem said. State general secre-Association for Protection of Civil Rights, Jabbar Siddiqui, said, "we should resist against atrocities, this attempt is a sign of life. Every powerful person desires to grab the liberties of weak persons. The ascent of humanity is the participation of the public in decision-making and the pow-erful men desire to usurp these rights. Every citizen should know their rights in a democracy."

Mr E. Ismayeel, former member of the State Human Rights Commission, said if any

are chances of that they may face difficulties in the future, as the government may mandate the reference of NPR in various process and welfare schemes.





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POWER SHUTDOWN

10 am to 2 pm: Banjara Hills Roads No. 3, 4, 5, Panchavathi Colony area, AK Enclave area, Devarakonda basti; Jalagam Vengal Park area; Sagar Society, area opposite Masjid opp area, Arora Colony; Cyber Hills Colony; Jubilee Hills Roads No. 46, 48, 47, 50, 70, Ambedkar Open University, Masthannagar, area around houses of Dasari Narayana Rao and Pallam Raju, Praja Rajyam party office; Andhra Jyothi newspaper office area, Justice Nooti Rammohan Rao house area, Huda Enclave, NCP Tower.

2 pm to 5 pm: Nagarjuna Hills, Nagariuna Fertiliser Hills, Nagarjuna Fertiliser area, Little Flower Hospital area; Dwarakapuri Colony, Model House, Diwanchi Bar, Model House, Diwarchi Bar, Sai Baba Temple; Old Andhra Jyothi area, Venkateshwara Hills, VST Quarters; Nagarjuna Hills, Journalists Colony, area up to Srinagar Colony Line AB Switch, area behind Mirchi Hotel; Jubilee Hills Roads No. 3, 5, 10, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, Kavuri Hills Phase-II, Amar Cooperative Society, Anjaninagar, Vemral Garden; area behind Trinetra Super Market; Prajya Rajyam Party office area, Surya Paper, Bata Chowrastha, Woman Chowrastha, Cooperative Society.

SHORT TAKES

KICKBOXING: SILVER FOR

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB.15

Ms P. Lakshmi Prasanna, a second year BSc Agriculture student, has won the silver medal in the India Open International Kick-Boxing tournament held in New Delhi from February 9 to 13.

Ms Prasanna is from College of Agriculture which is affiliated to the Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agriculture University, Ms Prasanna and her coach ,Ramanjaneyulu were appreciated by Vice Chancellor Dr V. Praveen Rao at the Rajendranagar campus.



TO BEGIN ON MAY 4

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTUH) on Saturday released the schedule for the Engineering, Agriculture and Medical Common Entrance Test (Eamcet) which will be held from May 4 to 11.

The Eamcet notification will be released on February 19 and online applications can be submitted from February 21 to March 30. With late fee which will have a rolling increase, applications can be submitted till April 27 by paying ₹10,000. Students can start downloading hall tickets from April 20 to May 1.

Eamcet is taken up by students for entry into undergraduate professional courses and is conducted on behalf of the Telangana State Council for Higher Education Higher (TSCHE).

NUMAISH **EXTENDED TILL** FEB. 18

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

The 80th All India Industrial Exhibition Society has extended the annual consumer and exhibition, industrial Numaish, for three days. The exhibition will now continue till February 18.

Earlier, the 45-day exhibition was to close on February 15. However, due to popular demand from the city residents, the exhibition society

decided to extend the date. Besides, handicraft and consumer goods, the exhibition also features joy rides, eateries and other entertainment for the visitors. Handicraft items from all over India and electronic goods of the best brands in the country are displayed.

Health hazard



Metro exit shut early, users cry

Lifts, escalators shut 20 minutes before MADDY DEEKSHITH I

HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Metro Rail commuters are complaining about the early closure of gates at the stations. They claimed that though the lifts and exit gates were supposed to close at 10.30 pm, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) officials were closing them at 10.10 pm without prior intimation to the commuters.

Elderly commuters and women are the ones suffering with the early shutdown of elevators and escalators.

Mr P.V.S.N. Murthy, a Metro Rail commuter, said, "We experienced this for the second time at the Secunderabad East station. We disembarked from the train at 22.10 pm and saw that both the lifts were closed, along with all the exits. We were told that we are late and only one exit was open. My wife, who has a knee problem had to walk to find the open gate.'

MR DHANRAJ Rao from Chikkadpally claimed that with the work at the local Metro Rail station incomplete, it had become extremely difficult to park vehicles. He said lack of footpaths and incomplete construction of staircases were troubling

He said all the exit doors and lifts are supposed to closed at least 15 to 20 minutes after the last train leaves the sta-tion. Mr Murthy added that the protocol for the Hyderabad Metro Rail discriminatory against senior citizens and the differentlyabled

commuters.

Echoing his concerns, Mr Dhanraj Rao from Chikkadpally claimed that with with the work at the local Metro Rail station incomplete, it had become extremely difficult to park vehicles.

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Bad roads and absence of footpaths at Musheerabad, RTC crossroads, Chikkadpally, Narayanguda and Sultan Bazaar stations have been irking commuters. They also complain about the single exit and entry gate at Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) as it is jam-packed during the peak hours.
The issues came up at

the city convergence held meeting Saturday, where Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation commissioner D.S. Lokesh Kumar asked HMRL officials to take up road and footpath restoration works and development of the central medians. commissioner The instructed the authorities to hand over the stretch from the Jubilee Bus Station to the Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station to the corpora-

BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL DRAWS TO A CLOSE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

The Mobile Biodiversity Festival (MBF) concluded at Machanoor, Jharasangam, on Saturday. Organised by the Deccan Development Society (DDS), this was the festival's 20th edition. DDS also released 'Zaheerabad Agenda', a document drafted by locals to address global problems such as climate change.

The festival is a moving exhibition of bullock carts laden with seeds, accompanied by folk singers, dancers and farmers. Since January 15, it moved through villages and towns in Zaheerabad

On the occasion, Ashish Kothari, environmentalist and founder, Kalpavriksh in Pune, appreciated the initiative and the 'Zaheerabad Agenda' document.

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TECH GLITCH HITS TRANSPORT OFFICE WORK

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Work in transport offices and Mee Seva centres came to a halt on Saturday because of a 'maintenance issue" in the messaging services. Most users could not receive the one time password (OTP), mandatory to begin the application processes.

Several users who lined up at the Road Transport Authority (RTA) offices for new licences, registrations of vehicles and change of address had to return without getting the work done. The users now have to wait till Monday.

"We lined up since the morning and we have no clue why we were made to wait. We were unable to receive the OTP. Thousands of people are going back, the departments have not arranged for an alternative method," said Mr Sathi

Reddy.

Officials said they are planning to set up an alternative method to get the work done by "other" means and that they were not to blame. An RTA official said, "The problem is not just in Telangana state, the problem arose from the sites maintained by Centre. In many states, messaging services and one-time passwords were not sent. We received an email towards the end of the day stating that there maintenance

Officials mull ways to curb accidents

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) commissioner D.S. Lokesh Kumar on Friday asked officials to provide signboards specifying speed limits in order to prevent accidents and regulate the traffic. Most city roads are suitable for a speed limit of 40 km per hour.

Participating in a city convergence meeting on Saturday, Mr Kumar directed officials of different departments to share with each other the new proposals they were coming up. This should be done so as not to damage other utilities when development work is taken up.

He stated that all roadcutting proposals and estimates should be submitted Comprehensive Road Project Maintenance (CRMP) agencies so that they execute the works immediately.

Police officials at the meeting said the percentage of death of pedestrians in accidents stood at 31 per cent, and asked Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) officials to raise the height of central medians in order regulate pedestrian movement and prevent crossover at unauthorised spots. Most of the accidents were occurring when pedestrians were crossing the road over the central medians particu-

POLICE OFFICIALS at the convergence meeting said that the percentage of death of pedestrians in accidents stood at 31 per cent.

larly in Kukatpally and Serilingampally. On illumination of dark

spots to improve road safety, the GHMC commissioner asked officials to complete the work by February 29.

The issue of shifting of electric poles and improvement of foot-paths came up for discus-sion at the meeting, and also notification of parking places at Metro Rail stations. It was decided that all water and drainage works will be handed over to the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) for maintenance. On the request of HMWS&SB officials, it was decided not to penalise water tankers as they were providing an

essential service.

The GHMC commissioner asked officials to share the data on allotment of houses under schemes like JNNURM and Vambay from 2000 in order to eliminate duplication.

He asked discom officials to connect solar power to the grid so that the solar power generation could commence on GHMC buildings.



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103 drunk

drivers booked Hyderabad: A total of 103 persons were booked by the Hyderabad traffic police for drunk driving during a special drive late on Friday night. The police seized 103 vehicles including 60 twowheelers and 40 four-wheelers during the checks conducted in Banjara Hills and Jubilee Hills.

SCHOOLS OFFICIAL HELD TAKING BRIBE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

The record assistant in the office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Saidabad, was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau for taking a bribe on Saturday.

According to the ACB, the accused, Gaddam Babu Raj, demanded and accepted a bribe of ₹10,000 for remitting an amount of ₹1.26 lakh which was deducted towards incometax from rental income. A complainant regarding the bribe demand was lodged by one Mir Gazanfar Ali Khan who had sought the service.

On Saturday, an ACB caught Babu Raj red-handed while accepting the bribe.

2 ARRESTED FOR DOUBLE **MURDER**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

The Chandrayangutta police arrested two persons accused of murdering a woman and her daughter on Friday.

Police said the accused Abdul Rahman Qureshi and Mohd. Multani Qureshi, are relatives of the victims. They had allegedly murdered Shahzadi Begum, 60, and her 32-year-old daughter Farida Begum at their home in Tadlakunta over a financial dispute.

Rahman was brother- in- law of Farida Begum. He and his brother Mehtab Qureshi Farida Begum's husband, had bought a house at GM Colony, Chandrayangutta using money sent by Rahman who was working in Dubai. The house was registered in the

name of Farida Begum. Recently Rahman returned to India, started demanding his share of property. Qureshi him some Rahman was not satisfied and demanded that the house be transferred on his name.

WORKER FALLS TO DEATH AT LEONIA RESORT

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

A 23-year-old employee of Leonia Resort allegedly died after falling from an upper bunk bed in a room allotted by the resort management.

Police identified the victim as K. Lalnunchama of Mizoram. He was working in the room service section of Leonia Resort. According to Shamirpet police, he went to the birthday party of his friend Eric. He returned at about 11.45 pm and went to sleep in his room.

At about 1 am, Lalnunchama was found on the floor. Since this had happened before, no one paid attention. When he did not recover in the morning, he was rushed to a hospital where he was declared dead, police said.

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Ex-cricketer jailed for fraud

Former AP player impersonated KTR aide, tried to cheat realty firm

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU

HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

The Hyderabad cyber crime police on Saturday arrested a former Ranji cricket player for cheating. The player, B. Nagaraju, who once represented Andhra in Ranji tournaments.

According to police, the former cricketer impersonated Thirupathi Reddy, personal assistant of municipal adminis-tration minister K.T. Rama Rao, and called Prime India, a real estate company operating from Old City. He told the company that a person named Nagaraju, Ranji player, would approach them and they should sponsor him as he is poor. Believing the same, the company transferred ₹3.3 lakh to Nagaraju's account and also gave him Prime India kits and

2 held for cheating people Laxmiguda. Khaja gave people fake patta certifi-

cates with stamps and

signatures of Balapur

tehsildar. Similarly, fake

house allotment letters

of Telangana Housing

Board were given to

Ghayasuddin shared the amount he thus col-

lected with another accused Mohd Masood

Ahmed. After receiving

numerous complaints,

CCS police took up

arrested Masood on Wednesday, followed by

and

gullible people.

investigations

Ghayasuddin

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Sleuths of the Central Crime Station (CCS) arrested two white-collar criminals in separate cases on Saturday.

In the first case, 44year-old businessman Khaja Ghayasuddin was arrested for cheating around 120 people to the tune of ₹1.8 crore under the pretext of providing government patta lands at Mamidipally village in Saroornagar mandal and houses under Rajiv

cious and googled his

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name. They found that Nagaraju attempted the same trick he had been arrested in with Prime India once various cheating cases again. This time, compa-The company earlier. ny officials got suspiofficials then lodged a

complaint.

In the second case, accused Purnachander Rao floated a fake company 'Go Ride n FUN' and collect-ed ₹46 lakh in deposits assuring high returns to 102 investors. Following a tip off, Poornachander Rao was arrested from his in-laws house in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh.

The accused in both the cases have been sent for judicial remand. Investigators are planning to take them into police custody.

"Through analysis of call data records, we traced him to Andhra Nagaraju into custody from Srikakulam dis-

trict, brought him to the city, and have produced him before the court for judicial custody," said Mr N. Mohan Rao, who heads the social media hacking unit Hyderabad cyber crime department.

The accused played Ranji Trophy matches in 2014 representing the Andhra team, for the central zone in 2013 and for south zone in 2011. In one of the cases,

Nagaraju impersonated M.S.K. Prasad, chief selector of the Indian team recently, over phone and collected ₹3.88 lakh from Ramakrishna Housing Private Limited, according to the police.

A number of cases have been booked against him in Vizag, Guntur, and Cyberabad. 'We are seeking his custody to get more details about victims he has cheated," Mr Rao added.

3 PENALISED ₹50K

FOR POACHING

OF WILD BIRDS

BALU PULIPAKA I DC

Three people, including a woman, were fined ₹50,000 for illegally catching wild birds and selling them for

their meat in Nalgonda dis-

trict. According to a forest department statement, the

three people were from the fishermen community, caught six Lesser Whistling Teal ducks and

eight sandpipers, small

wading birds that feed on shores of water bodies. The three people were

identified as Singam Seenaiah and Singam

Saidamma of Gajala-puram and Taviaaboina Saidulu of Boyavada in

Nalgonda district. They regularly caught fist at the

regularly caught list at the Peddadevulapally reservoir of Miryalaguda Range. The department said the seized birds were protected under Schedule IV of Wildlife Protection

As the accused are poor

fisherfolk and were unaware of the Act, said the DFO Nalgonda, who

decided to impose a com-

pounded fine and levy a

penalty of ₹50,000 on the

hunt aquatic birds as this

would amount to a crime

under Forest and Wildlife

Protection Acts. Seven years of imprisonment,

and a fine can be applicable

for offences under these

A sandpiper rescued from

annea

department also

Singam

HYDERABAD, FEB 15.

FOR VANDALISM DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15 The Madhapur police arrest-

ed four Bajrang Dal activists for vandalism on Valentine's Day on Saturday.

4 BAJRANG DAL ACTIVISTS HELD

Identifying the activists as Nangoth Ajay Vadthya Arjun, Santosh, Gudupu Pavan Kumar, and Polari Tirupathi, the police said, "We have arrested them under the charges of vandalism.'

According to the police around 10 to 15 activists of Bajrang Dal moved in a group on two-wheelers from KPHB towards Hitec City and vandalised an ice-cream shop. They held flags and shouted slogans against Valentine's Day.
They created havoc at

establishments like the ABN Sharat Mall, Bikanaerwala, Inorbit Mall and other areas of Gachibowli, Kothaguda abd Madhapur. Based on a complaint from shop the owners, two cases were booked at Madhapur and Gachibowli police stations. "With the help of CCTV

footage, the police identified the accused," Mr A Venkateswar Rao, DCP, Madhapur, said.

1.1 KG SMUGGLED **GOLD SEIZED AT CITY AIRPORT**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has arrested a person for smuggling 1,100 grams of gold at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) Shamshabad on Saturday.

CISF officers said their surveillance and intelligence staff spotted a man behaving suspiciously. After tracking the movement of the person, CISF intelligence constable L. Ramesh intercepted and questioned him.

The person identified himself as Senthil Kumar, resident of Pudukkottai in Tamil Nadu. He had landed in the city from Singapore on Saturday around 1.10 am by Scoot Airlines Flight TR574.

Subsequently, Kumar was frisked by CISF intelligence constable K.V. Rama Rao, who found four packets of gold paste concealed on his body, the AIU official said.

Two packets of 200 gm each were retrieved from his socks and another two packets of 350 gm each were found in his underwear, offi-

Bumpy ride



Gravel dumped for road laying at Kanchanbagh is strewn all over the thoroughfare, making driving difficult and dangerous. The road connects the airport with the east and north of the city.

Healthy baby diagnosed as sick

GEETA VALABOJU | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Parents of a seven-dayold baby have accused Siri Chandana Diag-Hayatnagar of giving wrong reports on their baby. The reports indicated a bilirubin of 12.36, pointing to severe jaundice, making it mandatory to put the baby in isolation for

phototherapy.
Father of the baby
Yadagiri Guntoju, a
pharmacist, said, "My
baby seemed a little ill after birth and was running a mild fever. Doctors recommended tests, which we got done at Siri Chandana Diagnostic Centre. When high bilirubin count came up, doctors said the baby had to be put in isolation."

'To be on the safe side. I took the same samples and got them checked at another diagnostic centre, which showed bilirubin as 3.2, which is healthy," Yadagiri said while being angry with the centre.

Anusha, mother, said, "Such wrong reports

ETALA SAYS ABSENTEEISM AMONG APP MONITORS **DOCTORS WON'T BE TOLERATED**

HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Health minister Etala Rajendar took a dim view of the recent events in Gandhi General Hospital such as the threat by a senior doctor to commit suicide by setting himself on fire.

The minister said that absenteeism among interns will no longer tolerated and announced that the hospital superintendents will no longer have related to powers

force parents to panic. What would happen if, based on wrong reports, doctors start treatment, which would needlessly threaten the life of the child? We demand that the medical and health department take severe action against the diagnostic centre," she said. She said the diagnos-

tic centre had to take

duties by interns.

A full-fledged inquiry will be conducted into incidents Gandhi Hospital, the minister said.

Mr Rajender said that best practices in teaching hospitals in other states will be studied and implemented in Telangana state to provide best possible services to patients. His comments came at a review on Gandhi Hospital's functioning at the Arogyasri Trust Office, in the city.

the blame for the doctors asking for the baby to be put in isolation. Dr M. Sudhakar of the diagnostic centre said the variations occurred because one test was done with serum and the other without serum. For accurate results, both tests must be conducted

RESPONSE AT DC CORRESPONDENT adjusting attendance to STATE HOSPITALS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB, 15

Health minister Etala Rajendar on Saturday launched a feedback app called 'My Critic' for those who get admitted in govern-ment hospital. The app will enable the health department to gauge the response of the general public who are admitted in state-run hospitals from the reception till the discharge.

The app will record data including how many visits a patient has made to the doctor. Speaking at the launch. Mr Rajendar "For any project when the feedback is given the management will be able to serve

SHARDHANJALI them better. This app **3rd Day Ceremony** will enable the health department to know the real requirement of

the poachers.

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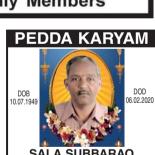
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Groom collapses during wedding dance, dies NARENDER PULLOOR |

NIZAMABAD, FEB. 15

A groom died within hours after his wedding in Bodhan on late Friday night. His death has been attributed to a heart condition, though some friends and relatives said that the victim collapsed due to high decibel sound during the marriage procession. Mangali Ganesh, 24, of Thattikot in Bodhan married his close relative from Salura on Friday. The wedding procession took place on a grand scale on Friday after-

Following the request

Ganesh and his wife joined in the dance to music provided by a DJ after the ceremony. Ganesh collapsed while dancing and the relatives immediately took him home, where he complained of chest pain. He was taken to a private hospital in Nizamabad, where he was declared brought dead.

Dr Naga Raju, a private medical practitioner at Khandgoan and said, "We never expected such a young man to suffer a heart stroke as he was not into bad

The family members

complained of chest pain a week ago, Dr Raju said. Relatives and friends in large numbers attended last rites of Ganesh on Saturday. When contacted, Bodhan circle inspector

P. Rakesh said that Ganesh died of a heart attack and it was a death due to natural causes. "We have not yet received any complaint in this regard," he said. He discounted reports that loud music had caused the death. Ganesh was earlier

working in the Gulf before returning to Bodhan. Since then he has been working in a hair cutting salon.

SHORT TAKES

KISHAN TO VISIT BHAINSA TODAY

DC CORRESPONDENT NIRMAL, FEB. 15

Minister of state for Home Affairs G. Kishan Reddy will visit the Bhainsa town where communal clashes took place on January 12 and 13 and to interact with the victim's families on February 16.

According to officials sources, G. Kishan Reddy will arrive to Bhainsa town at 10.30 am and will interact with the victims of the communal

Kishan Reddy will lay foundation stone to the party offi-cer at Thalveda in the Nirmal at 12.30 noon and will fly to Hyderabad by 1 pm.

MANY POSTERS PUT UP FOR CM'S BIRTHDAY

From Page 1

Dozens of posters have been put up for the Chief Minister's

Images of the hoarding put up by the minister went viral on social media which ultimately attracted the attention of the Central enforcement wing of the GHMC.

The officials slapped a fine of ₹5,000 on the minister. Alerted by this, his supporters rushed to the GHMC's office to pay the

Netizens took on minister Srinvas Yadav on Twitter. Mr Satya Kollu said,"Dear KTR this is how your counterparts are performing, being a minister to our Telangana state. Just look at him how irresponsible he is. As soon as you become CM.. please choose only educated people into your Cabinet

Mr Harish Munigela said, "shame on Talasani Srinivas. Jaisa baap waisa beta. Mr Talasani Sai you put up posters and defamed city and now it's your dad's turn.. great leaders of TRS party never change (sic)."

BIOASIA 2020 BEGINS TOMORROW

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Telangana government's flagship annual convention on life sciences, BioAsia 2020, will begin from Monday. The threeday conclave will witness participation of delegates from all over the world. Scores of corporates and start-ups will be present at the conven-

In his comment on the conclave, Information Technology (IT) minister K. T. Rama Rao said BioAsia has been instrumental in attracting world leaders to Hyderabad.

"Over the years, we have corked towards making Telangana one of the key hubs for life sciences. Today, the state is known as the top pharma and life sciences destination in the world. BioAsia has been playing a key role in bringing together global leaders, researchers and more on one platform," the minister stated.

Kavitha may not get RS seat

Two seats in Upper House from Telangana will be falling vacant

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU I DC

Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) president and Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao has reportedly dropped the proposal of sending his daughter K. Kavitha, former Lok Sabha member,

to the Rajya Sabha.

Two seats of the Upper
House from Telangana
state will be falling
vacant and elections for them are slated to be held in March. Earlier, Mr Chandrasekhar Rao wanted to nominate his daughter from one of the

seats, but he has recently changed his mind. Sou-rces close to the CM said that if Ms Kavitha is given the Rajya Sabha ticket, he will have to face criticism from people that he had sent his daughter to Parliament through the back door, despite her losing the Lok Sabha elections held in 2019.

Moreover, if he entertains a losing candidate in this manner, others who have lost, too will bring pressure on him for various posts.

silence and kept away

After she lost the parliamentary elections, Ms Kavitha has maintained

■ AFTER SHE lost the parliamentary elections, Ms Kavitha has maintained silence and kept away from party activities for months together. She subsequently became active and participated in some of the party programmes recently

from party activities for months together. She subsequently became active and participated in some of the party programmes recently. This led to speculation that she might be sent to the Rajya Sabha. However, since the past

few days, Ms Kavitha has once again fallen silent. TRS leaders feel this could be because of Mr Chandrasekhar Rao's latest decision on the Rajya Sabha polls.

TRS sources say the name of former MP Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has almost been finalised for one of the two Rajya Sabha seats. Mr Reddy won the 2014 Lok Sabha elections from Khammam on a YSR Congress ticket. He subsequently defected to the TRS. In 2019, the TRS denied him a ticket from the Khammam LS seat.

Nageswara Rao, who joined TRS just before Lok Sabha elections. At the time, TRS assured Mr Reddy that he would be given an alternative post for sacrificing his seat.

Keeping this in view, Mr Chandrasekhar Rao has decided to nominate Mr Reddy for one of the two Rajya Sabha seats. TRS sources say the second seat will be given to a candidate belonging to the SC or ST community. The CM is said to be looking for an appropriate candidate from the SC or ST community for the

KCR TO HOLD **CABINET MEETING TODAY**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Minister Chandrasekhar Rao has summoned a meeting of his cabinet on Sunday at 4 p.m.

He instructed Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar to make necessary arrangements for the meeting, which would be held at the Pragathi Bhawan.

The cabinet is likely to finalise dates for the budget session of the Telangana state legislative assembly, which is expected to commence during the first week of March. The meeting will also dwell on the new revenue act, which will be introduced during the

forthcoming session.
The Chief Minister is expected to discuss with his cabinet colleagues the move to replace the existing system of joint collectors with additional collectors. The pro-posal of CM to form new circles in the irrigation department is also expected to come up during the Cabinet

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Addressing the award win-HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

TSRTC gives awards

to drivers, conductors

Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) gave away awards for conservation of fuel at a function held at RTC Kala Bhavan. The services of employees, who achieved 77 percent of Occupancy Ratio

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were also appreciated on the

ners, transport minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar disclosed that the corporation was planning to grant bonus to its employees this year. Funds were also being mobilised for provident

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Kishan Reddy slams TRS

BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy on Saturday severely criticised the state government with respect to issues related to the Metro Rail project. He charged the state government with deliberately holding back on extending Metro Rail services to the Old

Mr Reddy, who chaired a review on the functioning of Metro Rail with officials, raised serious objections with the government for completely avoiding any mention of the Centre's contribution to the project at the recent inauguration of the third Metro corridor between Jubilee and Mahatma Gandhi bus stations. The line was inaugurated February 7 by Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao.

The minister said the Centre had contributed ₹1,200 crore for the project but there was no mention of this either before, during or after the February 7 inauguration. The state government had turned it into a TRS party affair, he

He also raised objections over protocol violations, for not being invited to the event despite being a union minister represen-ting the Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency, where the JBS



Union minister of state for Home, G. Kishan reddy on Saturday travelled in metro rail from JBS to MGBS in protest against the authorities who did not invite him to the launch.

SIRC announces its office-bearers

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

The Hyderabad branch of Southern India Regional Council (SIRC), Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on Saturday announced its new office bearers for

Pankaj Kumar Trivedi

PANKAJ TRIVEDI will be the chairman for the upcoming financial year

the coming financial year. Trivedi has been an active member of ICAI decades. He is one of the key persons who organised an international ised conference, a

accounting meeting and various other regional and national programmes in the city. Macha Rao Meenavalli has been elected vice chairman, Deepak Ladda secretary and Chinna Sitarami Reddy A. treasurer.

Meanwhile, M. S. Rajambal will be chair-person of Southern India Chartered Accountants

Students' Association (SICASA) and Satish Kumar Mylavarapu will

be co-chairperson.

Members of ICAI's central council Dayaniwas
Sharma and regional council representatives Naresh Chandra Gelli, China Masthan Talay-akaya and R. Chengal Reddy were present at

Malady of adjournments continues Litigants rap advocates for delay VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Despite Supreme Court guidelines, imposition of costs, and several calls by high ranking constitutional authorities including for-mer Presidents of India and Chief Justices of India to curb the practice of repeated adjournments, the 'Adjournment Culture' continues to dog the judicial system, unwanted and

unwarranted as it is. Litigants have to deal with this delaying tactic commonly adopted by lawyers of asking for and getting adjournments that make cases drag on for years together sometimes. Adjournment requests are being liberally allowed by the courts even though the guidelines call for no more

than three adjournments. There are laws and orders in place that provide sufficient safeguards against frequent adjournments, but the implementation and enforcement is lacking. Order XVII of the Code of Civil Procedure (CPC) provides that only three adjournments will be granted to a DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Those who embark on the litigation journey, if it may be called so, end up spending time and money well beyond their imagination and resources. A moot question to ponder is whether litigation results in the punishment of another or to oneself! Who is to blame the advocates who seek adjournments or the judges that grant them?

Litigants rap their advocates for delaying cases for years together and the more vexed litigants may even feel that they should repre-

party during the course of

the suit. Further, it provid-

es that adjournments will

only be granted for a 'suffi-

cient cause' and 'where the

circumstances are beyond

the control of a party'. In

criminal cases and writ

cases, guidelines were also

However, these are rarely

issued on adjournments.

Advocates tell their

clients that it is not their fault—they have to follow their duty to the court and the administration of justice. Adjournments are given by the court either on the request of one of the counsels or by judges not interested in hearing the case at that time. The lawyer will tell his client that he cannot raise objections on a simple adjourn-ment without valid reason and compelling the hearing of the case would have an adverse impact on the case and other cases argued by

adhered to. One study

revealed that the average

number of adjournments

granted in the district and

subordinate courts range

from 12-32 in civil cases and

from 8-24 in criminal cases.

an average of 15 months to

60 months in subordinate

courts for reasons of adjou-

Cases remain pending for

skilful and creative counsels can obtain adjournments multiple times, sometimes on the advice of their colleagues and seniors. Government counsels often ask for adjournments for frivolous reasons or because they are ill-prepared or because it is in the interests of the government to delay the case.

The oft-repeated argument in favour of an adjournment is that natural justice has to be done by everyone concerned. But repeatedly asking for adjournments is not really for natural justice but

The Bombay High Court has, through a recent order, established that an adjournment will not come cheap, and imposed a cost of ₹25,000 on the Central Government, whose counsel sought an adjournment for filing an affidavit-in-reply to a writ petition filed by a petitioner. As the Central Government had already been

granted time and opportu-

nity to file the same, but

was not ready on the day of

the hearing, the penalty

was a just one.

case. If the courts are strict,

the number of adjourn-

ments can be brought down.

rnments, not filing counters, absence of the advocates, judicial officers on training, no representation from the government (whether it may be assistant public prosecutor or assistant government pleader).

are anguished and agonise over the adjournments granted, but their dissent never reaches those who sit in the hot seat. In spite of rules against granting many adjournments, and requests to judges of all courts Adjournments asked for to discourage the practice and so ensure speedy justice, the malady continues. and given by courts are just a delaying tactic. Litigants







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SHORT TAKES **AP COUNCIL BILL IN HOUSE**

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Once cleared, the Bill will be introduced in both Houses of Parliament. After Parliament passes the Bill, it will be sent to the President for assent. Then, a notification will be issued to abolish the Council.

Meanwhile, Mr Modi and Mr Shah also assured that the Centre will take steps to relocate the AP High Court to Kurnool and clear the Disha Act, the other issues highlighted by Mr Reddy.

Explaining the three capitals proposal to Mr Shah, Mr Reddy told him that the AP BJP had assured in its election manifesto that the AP High Court would be located at

A leader close to Mr Reddy said that Mr Modi had directed the Chief Minister to meet Mr issues. Mr Shah heard him out and directed him to Mr

3Cs: BJP to rally behind farmers

Deodhar says BJP opposes 3 capitals in AP

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 15

Bharatiya Janata Party national secretary Sunil found fault with Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for raising regional aspirations in the name of decentralisa-

tion of power. Mr Deodhar, who is currently touring the state, told mediapersons that the BJP was opposed to the creation of three capitals and would join the agitation to retain Amaravati as capital. "We are with the farm-

ers of Amaravati who have been agitating for the past several days. When we come to power, all their problems will be

MR DEODHAR found fault with the ruling party leaders taking out protests against Citizenship Amendment Act in the state after extending suppoort in Parliament

solved," he said. Referring to the charges of insider trading by the Telugu Desam leaders, Mr Deodhar suggested that the Chief Minister should take stern action against people involved in such irregularities but relocating the capital is not a solution. Mr Deodhar said a false and misleading narrative is spread by the ruling party that reloca-

tion of capitals will lead

to equal development of

all the regions. "Will you make every village a capi-tal in such case," he said. The BJP leader found

fault with the ruling party leaders taking out prot-ests against Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) in the state after extending support in Parliament.

He took on Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy for going on a borrowing spree. Mr Deodhar said that former chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu borrowed ₹2 lakh crore during his tenure while Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy already borrowed ₹50,000 crore within eight months of coming to power.

He also cautio-ned the state government against the industry moving away from the state

OPPN BANKS ON RATION CARD TUSSLE

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, FEB.

The alleged cancellation of 19 lakh white ration cards in the state during Navasakam Survey has given the Opposition, Telugu Desam, enough ammunition to attack the ruling YSR Congress. The TD demands for restoration of the cards and has plans to capitalise on the issue in the local body elections.

Meanwhile, the YSRC government has launched damage control exercise by reviewing the decision. According to reports, out of the 1.47 crore white ration card holders in the state, 1.3 crore were found eligible during the sur-

Observing the unrest in the public over the cancellation of white ration cards, Mr Naidu reportedly has plan to high light the same and also launch protests in various districts, including Krishna Besides Guntur. the TD, the Left parties, JS and other parties are also planning to draw the support of public focussing on the white ration cards



Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan interacts with women farmers at Yerrabalem in Guntur dis-

Pawan: JS-BJP want only Amaravati as AP's capital

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 15

Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan on Saturday said his Jana Sena Party and the BJP had a written agreement to ensure development of capital at Amaravati and, reverse its decentralisation if CM Jagan ahead with his plans of setting up of execucapital Visakhapatnam, judicial

islative capital in Amaravati. "Though relocation of capital is State's prerogative it was wrong on the part of the YSR Congress to take a U-turn after extending support to the capital construction at Am-

When the women urged him to take them to Prime

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aravati. He vowed to fight until the agitating farmers

and women got justice.

that they would ask for his intervention to stall capital decentralisation, Mr Pawan told them that the Centre had a limited role as it was up to the State to decide on such matters.

He said that though the PM laid the foundation stone for the capital, State government had discretionary power to relocate it

BJP quashes YSRC, NDA pact rumours

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS I DC VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 15

The Bharatiya Janata Party and YSR Congress on Saturday dismissed rumours of the latter joining the Nat-ional Democratic Alliance government at the Centre.

While the BJP sought to project its equidistant stand towards the Telugu Desam and YSRC, the ruling party maintained that it had no plans to join the Centre. The YSRC joining the Narendra Modi government was widely discussed following reports in a section of the media (not *Deccan Chronicle*) that the party was willing to join the Union Cabinet if it union ministers was only to maintain cordial relations served the state's interests better. These reports quoted municipal administration minister Botsa Satyana-

rayana. The minister came out with a strong rebuttal on Saturday and dared the media which published the reports to prove that he actually utte-red anything on the YSRC joining the NDA government. "We have our ideology and the BJP has its own," the minister said in a statement. The Chief Minister repeatedly meeting

the Prime Minister and

with the Centre and get adequate Central funds, he

Seeing a conspiracy in spreading rumours of the YSRC joining the Centre, Mr Satyanarayana said the detractors of the ruling party including a section of media wanted to use this as an opportunity to create confusion and unrest among the minorities.

"They want to instigate minorities who posed great confidence on us by publishing such reports and when we deny the same they try to

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create a rift between us and the Centre," the minister pointed out. Elsewhere, BJP national

secretary and AP in-charge Sunil Deodhar, who is touring the state, has cate-gorically said the BJP had already forged an alliance with Jana Sena and both would fight the ensuing local body polls. "We have made it clear time and again that there will not be any tieup with Telugu Desam in future and there will be a straight fight between the YSRC and the BJP-Jana Sena combine in 2024," he

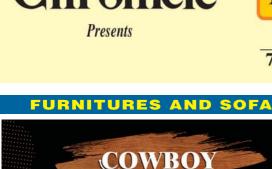
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IN BRIEF

Fest of student films on heritage

Hyderabad: Intach is organising an event 'Filmit Hyderabad Festival', where school students will screen films shot on heritage. On February 18 at Jubilee Hills Public School, 13 schools from around the nation will take part in the event which is funded by the Helen Hamlyn Trust of the United Kingdom. The student were

from around the nation will take part in the event which is funded by the Helen Hamlyn Trust of the United Kingdom. The student were trained technically and in presenting content before the shoot. The organisers said 4,000 short films have been prepared by students in India.

Civic body fears it won't get funds for roads

All funds will have to be routed through Roads Corp, GHMC will have to look to government for money

MADDY DEEKSHITH I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 15

Officials of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) are keeping their fingers crossed over funding of the Comprehensive Road Maintenance (CRMP).

This is because the corporation will not be able to use any amount from the general funds. All funds will have to be rooted through the special pur-

pose vehicle, Hyderabad Road Development Corporation Limited (HRDCL).

Though tenders have been finalised for CRMP, the civic body is depending on the state government for funds. If sanction is delayed like in case of the double bedroom housing scheme, the condition of city roads will go from bad to worse.

According to highly placed sources, GHMC has already designated the yearly amount to be spent over the next five years. Under supervision of the corporation, private parties are to execute works on 709 kilometre of arterial roads at an estimated cost of ₹1,827 crore. From January during the current financial year and for 2020-21, the civic body has asked the government to sanction ₹720 crore for the CRMP. The state government would either include amount in the state budget or, in case of fund crunch,

ask HRDCL to knock on

• Any delay in release of instalments by the government via the HRDCL, will lead to the condition of city roads deteriorating, especially post monsoon

the doors of financial institutions.

Sources feel that with GHMC polls around the corner, government will release funds for road repairs without any further delay. However, in

case there is any delay, CRMP would come to a grinding halt, like the 2 BHK housing project, where the government is yet to release funds pertaining to July. Since seven months, the housing project has hardly seen any

Against this backdrop, corporation officials have decided to request the government that special provision be made for funding the road project. Considering the topogra-

phy and poor underground sewerage and drinking water systems, city roads are vulnerable to frequent damage. Any delay in release of instalments by the government via HRDCL, will lead to condition of city roads deteriorating, especially post monsoon. Officials claim private players have already grounded works in all the zones and city will be pothole free in a month and freely motorable in two months.

An official said under CRMP, the main roads of Hyderabad city would be divided into eight units for taking up maintenance works on a war footing. For a term of five years, designated agencies will be responsible right from laying of roads, their maintenance, and building of footpaths to cleaning and ensuring greenery. GHMC will from time to time monitor the quality of works being implemented by the various agencies.





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COPS RESCUE KID BEATEN UP BY STEP-FATHER

Alappuzha (Kerala), Feb 15: A three-year old boy subjected to brutal treatment by his 'drunkard' step-father for nearly a month was rescued and hospitalised here and the man and the child's mother were arrested on Saturday fol-lowing intervention by neighbours, police said.

The boy with injury marks all over his body, including in private parts, has been admitted to the medical college hospital, they said.

"He (the boy) said he was afraid to go back home. We have formally informed the child-line officials. They will take custody of the kid," the investigating officer said.

Police said 38-year old Vyshakh and his wife were arrested from their house in nearby Ambalapuzha, where they had shifted a week ago. after the neighbours informed the police on hearing cries of the child on Saturday. The two were produced before a magistrate court which remanded them to judicial custody.

'DESTROYING DISSENT HITS GROWTH

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Justice D.Y. Chandrachud's comments against "blanket labelling" of dissent as antinational or anti-democratic came at a time when the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC) has triggered massive protests in many parts of the country.

"The destruction of spaces for questioning and dissent destroys the basis of all growth—political, economic, cultural and social. In this sense, dissent is a safety valve of democracy," he said.

Justice Chandrachud also stated that silencing of dissent and the generation of fear in the minds of people go beyond the violation of personal liberties and a commitment to con-Justice Chandrachud was part of a bench that had in January sought response of the Uttar Pradesh government on a plea seeking quashing of notices sent to alleged protesters by the district administration for recovering losses caused by damage to public properties during anti-CAA agitations in the state.
"The attack on dissent

strikes at the heart of a dialogue-based democratic society and hence, a state is required to ensure that it deploys its machinery to proexpression within the bounds of law, and dismantle any attempt to instill fear or curb free speech," he opined.

Commitment to the protection of deliberative dialogue is an essential aspect of every democracy, particularly a suc-Chandrachud said.

He added, "A democracy welded to the ideal of reason and deliberation ensures that minority opinions are not strangulated and ensures that every outcome is not a result merely of numbers but of a shared consensus

Justice Chandrachud said the "true test" of a democracy is its ability to ensure the creation and protection of spaces where every individual can voice their opinion without the fear of retribution.

"Inherent in the liberal promise of the Constitution is a commitment to a plurality of opinion. A legitimate government committed to deliberate dialogue does not seek to restrict political contestation but welcomes it," he said.

Stage set for Kejriwal



Preparation under way at Ramlila Maidan ahead of the oath-taking ceremony of Aam Aadmi Party government, in New Delhi on Saturday. Chief Minister-designate Arvind Kejriwal will take oath along with his cabinet on Sunday. Around 50 people from different walks of life who

Assam slashes religious funds

Assam decides to shut down 614 govt aided madrasas and 101 Sanskrit tols

ing.

MANOJ ANAND | DC **GUWAHATI, FEB. 15**

what has invited angry reactions from various quarters, Assam government has taken a policy decision not to spend public money on religious education by shutting down nearly 614 government and 101 madrassas Sanskrit tols (institutes) and converting them in to high and higher secondary schools.

Assam education minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said, "Teaching Arabic and religious texts is not the government's job. In a secular country, religious teachings cannot be funded by the government.'

Informing that government was spending ₹3-4 cr annually on madrassas and about ₹1 cr on argued, "If religious texts are allowed to be taught in state-run madrassas, the Gita, or for that matter the Bible, should also be taught with government fund-

Even after closure of government madrassas, the government has decided to pay salaries to the teachers of these institutions till their retirement.

Teachers employed in these madrassas can stay home without having to worry about finding employment elsewhere as government will continue to pay their salaries till their retirement from the service," said the minister while clarifying that madrassas are not targeted on any religious ground.

private madrassas which and Ancient Studies is funded by the Jamiat University in Nalbari.

Ulama," said the minister hoping that Sanskrit tols may also continue to

Jamiat Ulama's legal cell convenor Masud Akhtar Zaman however said that the closure of state-aided madrassas would not affect the private madrassa education system in any way. "Our madrassas do not depend on the government for a single rupee. Almost all our students are from BPL families, and we take care of their boarding, food and clothing."
Two years ago, the gov-

ernment had disbanded the madrassa education and Sanskrit boards to bring all madrassas under Secondary Board of Education, Assam, and the Sanskrit tols "Assam has nearly 900 Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit

Ambedkar statue purified after Giriraj garlands it

NAYEAR AZAD | DC PATNA, FEB. 15

Some CPI and RJD workers on Saturday poured Ganga water on the statue of B.R. Ambedkar which was earlier garlanded by BJP leader and Union Minister Giriraj

While giving out reasons behind the incident the Left leaders accused Giriraj Singh of being "the follower of Godse spreading hatred through his speeches". Sources said that on

Friday before addressing a public meeting in support of Citizenship Amendment Act Giriraj Singh had visited a park Begusarai's Ballia block and garlanded the statue of B.R. Ambedkar. On Saturday local CPI leaders accompanied by few RJD workers who have been demonstrating against CAA, NPR and

poured Ganga

Bhim.A video of the incident was later released on the social media which created a flutter in the politi-cal circles here. "We cal circles here. "We decided to purify the stat-

water on the statue and

chanted slogans like Jai

because the presence of Girirai Singh has polluted the atmosphere. He been spreading hatred through his speeches and state-ments", Left leaders said.

While the Giriraj Singh was not available for comments, the BJP state unit reacted strongly. Talking to this newspa-

per BJP spokesperson Nikhil Anand said, 'Giriraj Singh has all the rights to pay tributes by garlanding the statue but the act of purification is very shameful and con-

Deoband has seen fierce

anti-CAA protests by Muslim women over the

past months and has faced

Earlier this month, the

Union minister had claimed

that Shaheen Bagh, the anti-

CAA protest site in the

national capital, was a

training ground for suicide

bombers while referring to

a video in which a some

children made objection-

able remarks against Prime

Minister Narendra Modi.

attack from BJP leaders.

STRONG | WORDS Deoband is aatankvaad ki Gangotri, says mantri

Nadda summons Giriraj Singh

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 15

Union minister Giriraj Singh, who had labelled Shaheen Bagh as the training ground for suicide bombers and Deoband as aatankvaad ki Gangotri, was summoned by BJP president J.P. Nadda Saturday apparently over his controversial remarks.

Often in news for his controversial remarks, the Union minister of animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries had earlier this week, in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, stoked a controverwhen he said that Deoband, a town in the area, which also houses a famous Islamic seminary, is the



Giriraj Singh

Gangotri of terrorism from terrorists where Mumbai attack mastermind "I had once said earlier

Deoband, including Hafiz Saeed. These people are not against CAA, they are against India. This is a kind of a Khilafat movement,' Singh had said while attackthe anti-Citizenship Amendment Act protests in Deoband

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After facing flak for his statement, the Union minister said that he stands by his statement.

"My statement is correct and if someone has a prob-lem then ask Uttar Pradesh police to list how many people are involved in terror activities,

"This Shaheen Bagh protest is no longer an agitation. A group of suicide bombers are being raised here and conspiracy against the country is being hatched in its capital," he had

Coronavirus: Indians on ship are now better

DC CORRESPONDENT WITH AGENCY INPUTS **NEW DELHI**

The Indian Embassy in Japan on Saturday said that the health of all three Indian detected with Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) on board cruise ship Diamond Princess is improving and they are working with the Japanese agencies for early disembarkation of those not infected after the quarantine period.

The embassy said that till now 216 people on board the ship have been detected with COVID-19 out of which three are Indians and no new cases involving Indians have been found. "As per information no Indian on board Diamond Princess cruise ship has develsymptoms of infection since Friday," Indian government said in a statement.

"On enquiring, the Embassy has learnt that the health condition of all the three Indian nationals currently being treated for COVID-19 is improving. Embassy is also coordinating with relevant Japanese authorities and cruise company to ensure the well-being of all Indian nationals onboard the ship and for their disembarkation after end of quarantine period," the Indian embassy in Tokyo said. The Indian Embassy

in Tokyo is in constant touch with the Indian nationals on-board the ship. "They are successfully braving the situa-tion. The Embassy is in discussion with the ship management company Embassy said.

Meanwhile, 406 people brought back from Wuhan and kept under quarantine in ITBP camp in Delhi may be released next week if their final samples test negative, officials said on Saturday.

The report of all the people quarantined is expected by Monday.

83 TRAVELLERS QUARANTINED

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, FEB. 15

IN ODISHA

At least 83 travellers who returned to Odisha from coronavirus affected countries after January 15 have been identified by the state health department's surveillance system and kept under home quarantine.

State health department has opened a 24x7 control room which addresses queries of people.
"Three persons who

were suspected to have been affected with coroto SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack However, they all tested negative for the disease," a state government official said.

A special ward set up at the SCB Medical College and Hospital.

2,210 UNDER SAYS SHAILAJA

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treatment Kanhangad

hospital in Kasargod will be discharged soon. The student who was tested positive for coronavirus had returned from Wuhan University.

The decision to discharge the patient was taken following the negative reports of the tests carried out at the virology institute.



Indians who were airlifted from Hubei province of Wuhan, undergo screening at a quarantine facility set by up ITBP, at Chhawla area in New Delhi on Saturday.

LENS IN KERALA,

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

Health minister K.K. Shailaja on Saturday disclosed that the coronavirus patient under district

Meanwhile, the minister said 2,210 persons are under surveillance in Kerala.

Centre favoured telcos, says Cong

day after the Supreme Court rapped telecom companies for failing to pay their dues to the department of telecommunications despite

orders, the Congress lashed

out at the Centre, accusing

it of "favouring" private players by deferring the recovery of dues. Congress leader and spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said mobile phone users were also being fleeced to the tune of ₹35,561 crore annually with a 40 per

cent rise in tariffs. Posing a question to the Union gov-

ernment, he asked, "What is

(Narendra Modi) for your decision, dated January 3, 2020, to defer the recovery of ₹1.02 lakh crore from three telecom companies?' The Congress leader also

accused the Centre of deferring the recovery of ₹42,000 cr (spectrum auction installment) for 2020-21 and 2021-22 from the telecom companies in a Cabinet decision on November 29 last year. "Is it a coincidence or experiment? Will the BJP government reveal the reason behind this 'assem kripa' (immense kindness), Surjewala asked.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice E-Tender Notice No.- TM Works TUnitOverhauling, Date

12.02.2020. On line (through e-tendering) Tende for the following work is invited by Dy Chief Engineer (Track Machine), Plan Depot, East Central Railway, DDU for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed Firms

E-Tender Closing Date : 05.03.2020 Name of the work with its Location : TM_Works_TUnit Overhauling- Overhauling of Plasse make Tamping Units of CSM/DUO/ VPR (06 Sets), Unimat- 3S (02 Sets) and Unimat-4S (01 Set). Tender Cost-Rs. 10,000/-, **2. Approx. cost of the** work: Rs. 3,25,73,239.18, **3.** Earnest Money: Rs. 3,12,900/-, **4.** Date and time for submission of e-tender 05.03.2020 upto 16:00 hrs., 5 Website particulars of e-tendering www.ireps.gov.in.

Executive Engineer / TMC, Plant Depot, E. C. Railway, D.D.U PR/2245/PDM/ENGG/T/19-20/32

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E-Tender Notice

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. SG-664-15 Tele-2019-20, Dhanbad, dt 13.02.2020, E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK. SI.No. 1. Name of the work: Replacement of overaged and obsolete CGB, TIB and auto announcement system with IPIS system at GMO, PNME & SGRL stations in Dhanbad division. (GOMOH Only) SI.No. 2. Appox Cost of the work: ₹. 2,01,54,989.23 SI.No. 3. Earnest Money: ₹ 2,50,800.00 SI.No. 4. Date & time for closing of tender: 04.03.2020 at 16:00 hrs. SI.No. 5. Any E-Tenders which is sent by Post / Courier / FAX or self. Manual proposals although the letter is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above E-Tenders, E-Tendering documen alongwith full information is available on website i.e. http//www.ireps.gov in Note: - Tenderers are requested to visit the website http//www.ireps gov.in atleast 10 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum. corrections etc. in response to this -tender

East Central Railway, Dhanbac PR/2241/DHN/S&T/T/19-20/44

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E-TENDER NOTICE

टी / ई. निविदा / उत्तर / 114-19- 20, दिनांक 12.02.2020 E-TENDER NOTICE NO.- ECR-CAO-E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF

OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORKS. S.N.: 1. Name of work with it's location: Supply, fabrication, erection & launching of OWG for Bridge no. 40 (1x45.7m) at Km. 42.950, Bridge no. 72 (1x45.7m) at Km. 54.503, Bridge no. 105 (1x45.7m) at Km. 62.303, Bridge no. 156 (1x45.7m) at Km 74.823, Bridge no. 168 (3x45.7m) at Km. 80.383, Bridge no. 192 (1x45.7m) at Km. 87.203 in connection with construction of Hajipur - Sagauli New BG Rail line project., S.N.: 2, Approx cost of the work: Rs. 16,03,23 246.00, S.N.: 3, Earnest money to be deposited: Rs. 9,51,600/- S.N.: 4 Date and time for closing of tender 05.03.2020 at 14.30 hrs. S.N.: 5 Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tende form can be purchased etc. : The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. http:// www.ireps.gov.in Note: In case of any descripencies found in tender notice, English version will be final Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum corrections etc. in response to this E CAO/Con/North, E.C.Railway, MHX, Patn

PR/2243/CON/Engg/T/19-20/52

PARADIP PORT TRUST **e-TENDER CALL NOTICE**

Name of the work: "Water Sprinkling on roads & berths from Gate No. 4 to NQ-I Junction near Coal Berth via Dock Canteen area for 2020 (Zone-I)" EMD cost: Rs. 1,75,814/-. Last Date & Time of submission of Bid 04.03.2020 up to 17:15 Hrs. For details please refer our Website: https://eprocure.gov.in/

eprocure/app Executive Engineer PPT/PR/671/19-20 PPT/PR/671/19-20 Harbour Works Dated: 14.02.2020 Division No. 1, PPT

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e-Tender Notice

President of India for the under mentioned work: SI.No. 1, e - Tender No. ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-55-19-20 in Two Packet System Name of work: Construction of Superstructure ncluding Supplying, Fabrication, Erection & Launching of 3x12.20 m Span, Composite Girder at Chainage 103.775 on Bridge No. 1 (A) & 1x36 m Span, Composite Girder at Chainage 104 920 and other associated work o CIC line in view of construction of Ranchi Road - Patratu doubling work under Dhanbad Division of East Central Railway. Approx cost of the work in (Rs.): 5,06,85,691.93 Cost of tender form in (Rs.): 10,000.00 Earnest money in (Rs.): 4,03,400.00 Period of work completion: 06 [Six] Months. Date and time for closing of tender: 06.03.2020 at 15.30 hrs. Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted The above e-tender documen alongwith full information is available on website http://www.ireps.gov.in. Note: In case of any descripencies found in tender notice. English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps. gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in

connection with this e-tender CAO/Con/South E.C.R., Mahendrughat, Patna PR/2242/CON/ENGG/T/19-20/52

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

ई सीआर—सीएओ—कॉ न—उत्तर—ई निविदा—130—19—20, दि. 12.03.2020 F-TENDER NOTICE NO - ECR-CAO

E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALE THE UNDER MENTIONED WORKS. S.N.: 1, Name of work Transportation, assembly, erection and launching of girders of major bridge No. 248 (2x12.20m plate girder) at Km 195/9-10, bridge No. 260 1x18.30m plate girder) at Km 202/7-8 bridge No. 274 (1x30.50m OWG) a Km 215/4-5, bridge No. 279 (1x18.30m plate girder) at Km 222/7-8 bridge No. 283 (2x18.30m composite girder) at Km 225/8-9, bridge No. 286 (4x18.30m plate girder) at Km 229/12-13, bridge No. 287 (1x18.30m plate girder) at Km 232/5-6, and importan bridge No. 285 (6x30.50m OWG) at Km 228/9-11, supply & fixing of bearings, supply & fabrication of H-beam/steel channel sleepers including track linking over bridges and other ancillary & miscellaneous works in connection with doubling work o Sagauli - Narkatiaganj section under Dy. CE/Con/Bettiah of East Central Railway., S.N.: 2, Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 9,04,04,789.75, S.N.: 3, Earnest money: Rs. 6,02,000/-, S.N.: 4, Date and time for closing of tender: 12.03.2020 at 14.30 hrs. S.N.: 5, Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith ful nformation is available on website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in and also can see in the office of CAO/Con/ECR, MHX, Patna **Note**: Tenderers are

corrigendum / corrections etc. i response to this E-tender. CAO/Con/North, E.C.Railway, MHX, Patna PR/2250/CON/Engg/T/19-20/60

requested to visit the website http:/

www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days

before last date of closing for latest

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Central Workshops, Ponmalai, Trichy - 620 004. MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT E-Tender Notice for the supply of Stores -

No.GOC/Stores/E/3/2020 The following e-tender has been published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to login to http://www.ireps.gov.in->login->E.Tender->Goods & Services (New) and quote against the tender. Manual quotations will not be entertained. Closing time: 14:30 Hrs.

SI. No.	Tender No.	Description	Due Date
1		Installation and commissioning of Roof Grid connected Solar photo voltaic generating system	26.FEB.2020

Attention: Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The benefits provided to MSMEs under Public Procurement Policy for goods and services are as per details provided in the link http://www.ireps.gov.in->ireps public

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