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Min: 16.7°C **RH: 24%** Rainfall: Nil

Forecast: Partly cloudy. Misty morning. Max/Min temp. 33/17ºC

## ASTROGUIDE

Vikari; Uttarayana Tithi: Magha Bahula Ekadasi till 3.05 pm Star: Poorvashada Varjyam: 4.14 pm to 5.56 pm **Durmuhurtam:** 12.06 pm to

12.53 pm Rahukalam: 12 noon to 1.30 pm **HIJRI CALENDAR** 

Jumada al-Sani 22,1441 AH Fajar: 5.41 am

**Zohar:** 12.40 pm **Asar:** 4.42 pm Maghrib: 6.24 pm **Isha:** 7.32 pm

**SUNSET TODAY 6.19 PM SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.40 AM** MOONSET TODAY 2.21 PM MOONRISE TOMORROW 3.20 AM



He is a minister... getting security clearance before meeting Prashant Kishor!

## **Plane's engine** catches fire

Mumbai: A Bengalurubound GoAir plane, carrying more than 130 people, aborted takeoff on Monday at Ahmedabad airport after one of its engine caught fire following a bird strike. All people deplaned safely and the aircraft was towed away from the runway, according to the airline. A GoAir official said there were 131 passengers and three infants

onboard the aircraft besides crew when the incident happened. The airline official claimed the engine was hit by a bird. - PTI

## Pak may remain in FATF grey list

New Delhi: A sub-group of

the global terror financing watchdog FATF on Tuesday recommended continuation of Pakistan in the 'Grey List' for its failure to check terror funding and a final decision will be taken on February 21, sources said on Tuesday. The decision was taken at the meeting of the FATF's International Co-operation Review Group, held at the ongoing Paris plenary. A final decision will be taken on Friday when the FATF takes up the issue. - PTI

## **Indians to get lowest pay hike**

Hyderabad: Employees in the Indian organised sector may see 9.1 per cent growth in their salaries, the lowest since 2009, according to a survey conducted by global human resource consultant Aon Plc. The survey, however, showed that around 39 per cent of the companies surveyed are expected to give as much as 10 per cent increase in pay. Ecommerce and professional services firms are expected to give double-digit pay

**Delhi cops: Imam** 

hike this year. — PTI

# **instigated stir**

New Delhi: The Delhi police has named Sharjeel Imam as an "instigator" in its charge sheet filed against 17 people in a case related to violence during protests against the amended citizenship law at New Friends Colony near Jamia Millia Islamia university last year. The accused, none of whom are students from Jamia, have been charged with

rioting, attempt to murder among others. - PTI

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**Boult brags about** taking Kohli wicket

**MADHUSUDAN** 

SAHOO | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 18

With the lockdown in China caused by deadly coronavirus getting pro-longed, finance minister

Nirmala Sitharaman said

on Tuesday that the gov-ernment will announce contingency measures after assessing the impact

of the epidemic on the

The minister met indus-

try representatives to review the situation fol-lowing concerns were

raised about the prospec-tive shortage of certain

goods and a resultant

increase in prices after imports from China were stopped after the outbreak

of the epidemic in the

Addressing media per-

sons later, Ms Sitharaman said she would hold a meeting with the secre-taires of different min-

istries on Wednesday and

announce steps to deal

with the (emerging) situa-

tion in consultation with the Prime Minister's

Industry bodies have cautioned the government

about the impact of dis-

ruption in supply chain on the Indian economy, who-

se annual growth has alre-

ady slowed down to a 10-

"We were informed that

there is a possibility of massive price hikes due to shift of import of raw

material from China to

Middle East or Europe.

Almost all industry bodies

have cautioned us about

machinery, petrochemi-

cals due to congestion at

The minister, however,

ruled out any concerns

about price rise. "There

are no concerns about

price rise so far due to

Coronavirus and it is too

early to talk about the impact of Covid-19 out-

break on the Make in

the Eastern Indian ports,"

said the source.

price hikes on plants.

year-low at five per cent.

neighbouring country.

Indian economy.

## **TABLOID**

**Aditi Rao replaces** Samantha



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# Another car falls off flyover Centre steps in to

# One dead instantly, five injured in accident at Bharatnagar

CHAITHANYA T. | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

Less than two months after businessman Kalvakuntla Krishna Milan Rao's overspeeding car flew of the newly inaugurated Bio Diversity flyover, killing a bystander underneath, the city witnessed a repeat on Tuesday, when a 27-yearold man was killed while his five friends suffered injuries when the car they were travelling fell down from the Bharatnagar fly-

DC CORRESPONDENT

Despite the opposition of

his alliance partners, the

NCP and the Congress, Maharashtra Chief Minis-ter Uddhav Thackeray

said on Tuesday his gov-

ernment would not block

the National Population

Register (NPR) exercise in

the state.
"The NRC (National

Registration of Citizens) and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)

are two different issues.

No one has to worry even if the CAA gets imple-

mented. But the NRC will

not be implemented in the state," Mr Thackeray said

On the NPR, Mr Thackeray said he would personally check the

columns in the National

Population Register to

ensure there would not be

on Tuesday.

over in Sanathnagar the Cyberabad commissionerate under during the wee hours.

The injured persons were shifted to the Gandhi Hospital for treatment. According to police, the incident took place when six friends, including Mohd Sohel, were returning to Borabanda after consuming tea at a hotel.

Mr Sohel, a resident of Pandit Nehru Nagar in Boarabanda, runs a hotel along with his father Md. Shafi. On Monday, at

NPR, CAA expose cracks

Maha CM said he

columns in the NPR

Pawar said it is

any problem with the

"NPR is a census and I

will go through columns given in the form. I don't think there will be any

problem with it. The

Census is carried out

every ten years," the chief minister said while addressing the media at

Sindhudurg.
"If the NRC is imple-

mented, it will affect not

only the Hindus or the

Muslims but it will also

in Maharashtra alliance

would check the

to ensure there

Mr Thackeray's

personal opinion

problem.

exercise.

would not be any



Mohd Sohel

around 10.30 pm, Sohel, along with his friends Irfan, Ashfaq, Ghouse and Sohail, all residents Boar-

affect the Adivasis. However, the Centre has

not discussed the NRC as

NCP chief Sharad Pawar, however, said that Mr Thackeray is entitled to his personal views but

all coalition partners in

Maharashtra would soon

have a detailed discussion

on the CAA. "We will convince Mr Thackeray on the CAA," he said.

The differences among

the Maharashtra Vikas

Aghadi (MVA) govern-

ment constituents - the

Sena, NCP and Congress – came to fore after the Shiv

Sena walked out during

voting in the Rajya Sabha

but spoke out against the

CAA, whereas the NCP

and the Congress voted against the law.
Later, Mr Thackeray

made it clear that there is

no reason to be afraid of

the citizenship law.

of now," he added.

Sunil, went to Balanagar in a car (AP11 R9189).

At around 2 am, they were driving towards Borabanda with Sunil being behind the wheels of the car. At around 2.15 am, the overspeeding car, while going towards Erragadda, rammed into the cement barriers of the Bharatnagar flyover and fell on the ground from at least 25 feet height, and landed in an upside-down position.

■ Page 3: Driver admits he lost control of car



Iltija Mufti

## **MEHBOOBA'S DAUGHTER TO SUE CENTRE**

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, FEB. 18

Days after former J&K CM Mehbooba Mufti was slapped with the Public Safety Act while remaining under detention, her daughter Iltija on Tues-day said she felt Kashmir was looking at a very bleak future. She also indicated the possibility of suing the Central government and demanding compensation from it.

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# **APPLE EXPECTS SALES TO DIP**

insulate India Inc

Sitharaman to announce steps to address

coronavirus impact on Indian companies

San Franciso: Apple said on Monday that disruption due to the novel coronavirus had hit both production and demand in China, and the company was "experiencing a slower return to normal conditions" than planned.

"We do not expect to meet the revenue guid-ance we provided for the March quarter," it said in a statement, adding that worldwide iPhone supply would be "temporarily constrained" and constrained" and demand in China had been affected.

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## L.E.D. PRICES **LIKELY TO GO UP**

New Delhi: Prices of LED bulbs and lights may see a rise of up to 10 per cent from March as the manufacturers face supply shortage of electronic components due to the coronavirus outbreak in China, industry body ELCOMA said.

Like mobile and electronics industry, domestic lighting industry is also affected due to the coronavirus epidemic as the supplies of electronic components are hit due to a shutdown in China, Electric Lamp and Component Manufacturers Association (ELCOMA) India said.

# TN CLAIMS CHINA RETURNEE DIED OF **RENAL FAILURE, NOT CORONAVIRUS**

R. VALAYAPATHY | DC PUDUKKOTTAI, FEB. 18

Seeking to put to rest the controversy over the suspected death of a China returnee in Tamil Nadu's Pudukkottai district due to the novel Coronavirus (nCoV) infection, the public health authorities here on Tuesday that 42year-old Sakthikumar died of renal failure as he has been suffering from jaundice for a long time.

Dr B Kalaivani, deputy director of public health services, Pudukkottai, said though the patient had tested negative for the 'nCoV virus', he was asked to remain in his village. But as his health condition deteriorated, his family admitted him to a private hospital in Madurai where he died on Saturday, the official

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India initiative," she said. Ms Sitharaman also denied reports of shortage of medicines or medical equipment. "However, there could be some disruptions in supplies and concerns have been expressed by the representative of pharma, solar and chemical industries.'

India Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) secretary general Sudarshan Jain called the situation grim and said that the pharma industry has adequate stocks of active pharmaceutical ingredient (APIs) only for three months.

China accounted for 67.56 per cent of total imports of bulk drugs, which are used to make medicine in the country. Most of the Indian indus-

try is seeking a reduction in the quarantine period for people and consignments coming from China.

# Baldia is known for dirt: KCR

## CM asks new representatives to change civic bodies' image

S.A. ISHAQUI | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao said on Tuesday that the term 'municipality' has become synonymous with drainage, dirt and garbage. "Baldia" (municipality) has become synonymous with corruption. It is often referred to among people that Baldia khaye, peeya, chaldiye (municipality staff came, ate, drank and left)," Mr Rao said. He appealed to newly

elected urban bodies' representatives to remove this slur and adopt transparent policies and try to put an honest system in place. At the state-level munici-

pal conference held here on Tuesday, Mr Rao said the onus and responsibility of making towns and cities in Telangana state ideal in the country is on newly elected mayors, chairpersons, counsellors,



Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao listens to his son and minister K.T. Rama Rao during a meeting in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

and corporators. "Having power and position is like walking on a thin razor's edge. Public

life is not an easy one.

Don't lose your balance

while discharging your duties," he warned. "We got Telangana state with a lot of difficulty, sac-

rifices and hard work. We

fought a relentless battle

believing that we will benefit from having our own state," he said.

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elections, says KCR

# Married two days ago, couple commits suicide

GEETA VALABOJU | DC

Two days ago, Aalakunta Swamy and Shivaratri Umarani from Arur village in Veligonda mandal got married, taking an oath of inseparability. Today, they committed suicide by consuming poison at the Dolphin hotel in Bhongir. Reason: they had married on February 16 against the wishes of their

The two of them were in

a relationship for three years, but their families were not willing to give them permission to get married. The boy and girl lived opposite each other for years and belonged to the same community, Bhongir police said.

The couple had come to Ghatkesar police station on February 16 after their marriage at the Kundmarugu Šai Baba temple. In their appeal to Ghatkesar police, the couple said that their family would kill

them if they learnt about their marriage.

The couple approached the police for support and wanted help to deal with their family members. The police counselled the couple not to panic, promising that they would speak to and counsel both the sets of parents. However, the police did not keep their word and counsel the parents.

> Page 4: Families were fighting over land

COOP | POLLS

# Narasimloo from Nizamabad district bribed voters, but got only seven out of 98 votes

# Defeated candidate wants voters to return money, saris

NARENDER PULLOOR | DC NIZAMABAD, FEB. 18

In a case of the kettle calling the pot black, Pasham Narsimloo, a politician who lost an election recently despite having splurged money and distributed gifts lavishly on voters, asked them to show some honesty and return his

Mr Narsimloo was defeated in the cooperative elections in Indalwai village in Nizamabad district, after which, he asked voters of his village to return they

cash and they had received from his campaign since

they had not voted for him. Undertaking a bizarre padayatra after the results came out, he visited the homes of voters, asking them to return both cash and gifts he had given them. In an equally stunning development, some voters indeed returned some of the cash, but most others argued with him that they had not solicited any unlawful gain, but since the transaction was over, they would certainly not brook any requests for

a return. Mr Narsimloo, former chairman of the Indalwai primary agriculture coopcontested Indalwai territorial con-stituency and was defeated. Of the 98 votes cast in the election, the winner got 79 votes, another contestant got a lone vote, while Narsimloo himself bagged all of seven votes.

On asking voters, it was learnt that prior to polling, Mr Narsimloo had distributed ₹3,000 per vote besides giving a saree each to



every lady, and made availalcohol and soft drinks for both men and women voters.

After his defeat, Narsimloo began to ask the voters to return the cash and gifts. Few of the voters who choose to return the money, said that they were doing so "on humanitarian grounds", but clearly not too many. While few voters returned the cash, most voters remained firm and adamant on not having to return the cash, arguing that they had not asked him for money, whereas he had voluntarily offered them cash as a contestant with no strings attached. The walk to collect back

the corruption in vain took him across Indalwai, Dharpally and Dichpally since 1981. But voters mandals. Interestingly, his wife is presently the sarpanch of Indalwai while he has served as chairman of PACS for nearly three decades. Presently, he said he has no affiliation with any political party, though he claims he was the founder member of the rul-

ing TRS party. Speaking Chronicle, Pasham Narsimloo said that he would abide the verdict of voter. "I served as chair-

culture cooperative society defeated me this time around. People know the reasons for my defeat," he said. Mr Narsimloo said that

he was founder member of the TRS but was in recent times, maintaining distance from the party. Bajireddy Govardhan, MLA, Nizamabad rural, has sidelined me in the last few days. Earlier, I have worked as director of DCCB and DCMS," he added.



SHORT TAKES

## **UOH PENALISES 3 FOR ORGANISING CAA PROTEST**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

Three students in the University of Hyderabad (UoH) were penalised for organising the 'Shaheen Bagh Night Event' on January 31 on the campus. Orders stating the same were released by the UoH registrar on Tuesday. As per the university rules, there is no permission to conduct any event after 9 pm hours on campus. A fine of ₹5,000 was imposed

on three students, Faseeh Ahmed E.K., Sahana Pradeep and A.S. Adish, after the authorities have received an incident report from the security officer.

According to the report, the three students conducted the event from 9 pm to 2.30 am on February 1. The report stated that the students were also involved in painting graffiti and defacing the walls at the North Shopping complex, in spite of instructions from the security personnel not to conduct the event.

Students who got penalised said that there is a rise in such instances wherein voices were being suppressed, especially if the students belong to marginalised communities. "In such instances, we first receive show cause notice and are then penalised, but the university administration has directly released the notice this time," added the student.
The students were asked to

remit the penalty amount to Gurbaksh Singh Students Assistance Fund (GBSSAF) within 10 days.

# **2,892 CASES PENDING IN COURTS: WAKF**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

Members of the Central Wakf Council discussed various issues pertaining to the digitisation of Wakf records, protection of properties and legal cases pending in courts with the TS Wakf Board.

TS Wakf Board chairman Mohammed Saleem informed the visiting delegation that 77,538 acres of lands are notified as Wakf properties under 33,929 Wakf institutions in the state. A large portion of the Wakf properties were encroached. The Wakf Board is taking steps to regain possession of the encroached land, he said The Board was issuing notices under Section 54 of the Waki Act for evacuation and registering criminal cases against land grabbers. Steps have been taken to cancel the ORCs issued against the Wakf properties.

He said that the TS Wakf Board had completed the task of digitisation and computerisation of Wakf records under first and second phases of the Developmental National Scheme, in compliance with the instructions of the Central Wakf Council. There are 2,892 cases pending in courts pertaining to Wakf properties. The Board has retained senior lawyers apart from regular

counsels to argue the cases. Mr Saleem emphasised on the need for extending interest-free loans for the development of Wakf properties towards education and health. The TS board had not applied for financial aid as of now because of its reservations with the terms and conditions laid down by the Council.



Fire breaks out in the Mushroom rock area of the University of Hyderabad campus

# 50 acres of UoH on fire

RAJESWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

A major fire broke out in the grounds of the University of Hyderabad and spread across more than 50 acres towards the Mushroom Rock area of the campus. The cause of the fire is not yet known. It is suspected that several died in the fire.

For four hours, 25 student volunteers, security men and two fire engines worked to douse the fire. Students and security staff could be seen using large twigs to cut off the fire on the ground which was spreading through the dry grass. The University has three helipads and the

According to the students the fire spread across more than 100 acres. One of the volunteers, J Karthik said, "Security guards saw the fire and soon students joined in to help them. The fire's spread was very large, more than 100 acres. The one side of

the helipads was burnt Mushroom Rock was burnt down.'

Some students said this is usual during the summer months when the grass is dry and catches fire easily. "Every year at least seven major fires occur in the University of Hyderabad campus for various reasons. The University is losing a lot of precious biodiversity. Last

passengers arriving at the

Rajiv Gandhi International

Airport were screened for their health status and 242

advised

January 15 to observe

home quarantine for 28 days. All those who tested

negative for the disease

were also advised to

observe a similar quaran-

tine period at nome, the

peratures. We have wit-

nessed outbreaks when

temperatures dip. But

viruses adapt to the local

climate. There are also

cycles, where it will peak

in one season and not do

so in the other. The cycles

of the virus are clear but

we do not know whether it

In the case of COVID 2019, we need to find therapy,

medicines and also study

the treatment modules of

patients to understand

what has worked and what

has not. Mortality is only

two per cent in severe

prepared for an outbreak is

Nowhera Shaik was arrested on October 16, 2018.

Besides Telangana state, cases were registered against her in

The Hyderabad city police has

The Enforcement Directorate

Karnataka, Maharashtra.

attached her properties.

has questioned Nowhera

Andhra Pradesh and Delhi.

due to their populations.

completely goes away

department said.

were

since

other wildlife charred to death in a fire. I really don't understand why it is so difficult to procure a fire safety vehicle. Why is it difficult to give ₹ 30-40 lakh for internal safety? The fires sometimes also affect residential areas, construction sites and labs," said Dr Ravi Jillapalli, wildlife activist.

# Villagers create disturbances in fear of tigress

SRINIVAS | DC TAMSI (K), ADILABAD,

Villagers of Tamsi (K) who were panic stricken by the movement of a tigress in their vicinity are now trying to drive it away by creating a racket, beating drums and blowing the 'pungi'

This is not very wise as the tigress if scared may attack cattle and humans. What the forest department should be doing is sensitising the villagers to the plight of the tigress, and providing protection to her as well as the villagers. The tigress had migrated from the Tippeshwar tiger reserve in Maharashtra some days ago and strayed across the border

strayed across the border scaring villagers. Rumours poured in regarding the movement of the tigress and the killing of cows from different places. The villagers say it's not one but more than two tigers that have strayed into the border villages of Bheempur from

Tippeshwar reserve. Kawal tiger reserve field Vinod

spillover population of tigers from Tippeshwar straying into border areas of Adilabad district after crossing the river Penganga. He said two tigers from Tippeshwar had entered the Kawal and settled there and he expects many more to come in through the Bheempur mandal which forms the tiger corridor

between the two reserves. Many scared farmers have left the last picking of cotton in their fields and have lost nearly two to three quintals of cotton per acre. Agricultural labourers have lost a full season's work of cotton picking. Those farmers that are determined to continue with the cottonpicking are the ones making a loud noise using pungis to chase away the

Forest rescue staff is present in and around Tamsi (K) village and Gollaghat area and a tiger rescue van has been sta-tioned and control room set up in Tamsi (K) village. Base camps with forest staff have been set up at some places and are restricting the movement of villagers and vehicles inside certain forest areas



Forest officials set up a control room to monitor the situation that arises with the stray tiger movement in the Tamsi (K) village in Adilabad district on Tuesday.

# Tighten Covid-19 screening, says expert

Ensure flu vaccine is administered to elderly; is part of govt scheme, says Piot

KANIZA GARARI IDC HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

Asymptomatic carriers of Covid-2019, the name given to the coronavirus strain that has claimed over 1,700 lives, mostly in China, are a cause for concern and India needs to be vigilant and further strengthen its screening and testing process as there is concern that there could be cases which are not yet detected, explained Dr Peter Piot, director of the London School of

Why must India be vigilant for Covid-19?

Contact tracing of people and airport screening is raising a question in scicircles about whether it is enough. Many cases are asymptomatic; some show mild symptoms and others present symptoms that are due to common cold and flu. There is a lot of uncertainty about Covid-19 and there is still no clarity on the mode of transmission. There could be cases that are not detected and that means that vigilance will have to be maintained for taken? the whole of 2020.

What immediate steps can India take?

India must ensure that the influenza vaccine is administered to the elderly and it in Pune will not serve for a



Dr Peter Piot

is a part of its government programme too. influenza vaccine will help to control fatal pneumonia. Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who was in Hyderabad to attend BioAsia 2020. Excerpts administered the attack of the virus is less as there is human immunity that is prepared to deal with it.

Increase of pneumonia cases is a burden for both developing and developed countries. The story of China is an example for India; there are lots of lessons to be learnt from it. The quick spread of the disease, containment, complete lockdown and also severe impact on the economy is very scary. To avoid these, India must have a robust preparedness where vaccination, health education and also precautions are known to people.

How can these steps be

It is important to understand that sample testing for the virus must be done in every state and there must be a robust diagnostic centre. One laboratory

# 98 samples test negative for virus

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

A total of 98 samples taken from people who have arrived in the city from China and other countries hit by the novel coronavirus Covid-19, have test-ed negative till Tuesday, the health department has said. Only one person is admitted to the Gandhi General Hospital and is under observation in the isolation ward. Test results on this person will be avail-

country like India. You need masks and there is a major shortage of these as they come from China only. Hence manufacturing within the country is also a very important aspect. Sharing real time and

real information is the key to tackling outbreaks. This requires real time data and materials. Governments also have to manage social media to a large extent as it spreads false rumours. These are the lessons from China for all. It is a huge exercise in medical management.

It is said that the rise in temperatures will kill the virus and it will be

The theory is that viruses do not survive in high tem-

**EFFICACY IN** TREATING COVID-19 able on Wednesday, the department said. Till Monday, the depart-ment said a total of 10,652

**DRUG SHOWS** 

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

China has approved the use of Favilavir, the first anti-viral drug, to combat the novel coronavirus as it has shown efficacy in treating the Covid-19 cases. This is the first medicine which has been developed by China and approved by its National Medical Products Administration.

The drug was developed for treatment for the Ebola disease and Marbug virus infections. It was found to show anti-viral activity against single-stranded RNA viruses such as respiratory syncytial virus, Junin virus, Lassa fever virus, Hendra virus and coronaviruses including MERS and SARS viruses.

The drug Favilavir has been used to treat a patient in Washington who was infected with Covid-19. The drug has been tried on infected individuals with and without severe symptoms and it has worked.

Mr Sanjay Reddy, president of Telangana Pharmacists Association, explained. "In the clinical trials this drug has been used. It The number of severe was put to use for coroncases is very high. Being avirus patients too and it is found to work on them. For the need of the hour and this reason the Chinese for countries like China authorities have now given and India, it is important a green signal for production of the drug.

# GHMC 'flexi'ble on banner ban

**BALU PULIPAKA I DC** HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

Had minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav's staii known that instead of a hoarding, they could have gotten away by erecting a printed cloth banner that declared his and his followers' adoration towards Minister Chandrasekhar Rao on his birthday, the minister could have avoided the embarrassment of being slapped with a ₹5,000 fine for erecting the hoarding illegally. It may be recalled that on Sunday, a hoarding with the words 'Happy Birthday Sir', and 'We love KCR', was unveiled by Mr Srinivas Yadav at Necklace Road to mark Mr Rao's birthday on Monday.

The way to beat the flexi and illegal hoarding ban in the city, something that minister and TRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, is a strong votary of having more than once declared his support for the ban and fining of vio-

lators, was provided on Tuesday Enforcement, and Management wing of the GHMC itself

The fine print about the ban came to light following the EV&DM wing withdrawing on Tuesday, a ₹10,000 fine it imposed on one of its own, IAS officer P. Pravinya who holds the position of GHMC zonal commission-Khairatabad. On Monday, '@Citizen\_TS' took to his Twitter account and posed pictures of two flexible ban-ners at Golconda fort announcing tree planting programme as part of celebrating Minister's birthday.

Reacting to this, the EV&DM generated an echallan directed at Pravinya, imposing the fine for the two banners erected at Golconda fort. The same was also tweetthe director. EV&DM. GHMC's official Twitter account.

## **Turning 90**



President of Deccan Chronicle Employees Union and Indian National Trade Union Congress Dr G. Sanjeeva Reddy offers sweets to his wife G. Padmavathi on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebrations organised by Deccan Chronicle Employees Union in Chennai on Tuesday.

TWISTING | TALE | HC asked police to hand over ongoing Heera Group probe to SFIO

# Cops move SC against Nowhera's bail

**VIKRAM SHARMA I DC** HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

The police has filed a special leave petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court against the Telangana High Court order granting conditional Nowhera Shaik, managing director of the Heera Group, against whom multiple cases had been regisdefrauding investors to the tune of ₹5,600 crore by collecting deposits.

The High Court had granted conditional bail to Nowhera Shaik and transferred the ongoing investigation into the cases from the state police to the New Delhi-headquartered Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) in December last year.

Sources told *Deccan* 

filed mainly on two counts: Granting conditional bail to Nowhera Shaik, and transferring the case to the SFIO.

Shaik.

The contention of the state police is that SFIO does not have the mandate to investigate cases of this nature. Instead, the state police suggested that the

Chronicle that the SLP was Central Bureau of Investi--gation (CBI) would be the

> the ministry of corporate affairs and is mandated to nary investigations

appropriate agency to deal with such cases which have national and international ramifications. SFIO functions under

multi-disciplimajor corporate frauds.

In their petition, the state police said that Nowhera Shaik was running a Ponzi-like scam by attracting huge deposits to the tune of ₹5,600 crore from nearly two lakh people. The police said that Heera Group has close to 200 bank accounts through which the company was alleged to be carrying out shady details.

There were foreign currency deposits to the tune of ₹250 crore and in all her business ventures, the company was said to be making profit of about 90

"The CBI is the appropriate agency to handle the case of this magnitude and not the SFIO as it is a complex case having multiple dimensions. A thorough investigation by CBI can uncover many more

It is learnt that more than 40 cases were registered against Shaik in different states. During multiple interro-

aspects related to the

gations by police of various states besides the Enforcement Directorate, Nowhera Shaik did not reveal anything about the alleged fraud. All through, investigators have been struggling to get more information of her properties abroad, particularly in the UAE and her bank accounts overseas.

In fact, though the Telangana state police was earlier mulling to hand over the case to CBI, the state government never formally wrote to the agency to take over the case, reportedly under pressure from some quarters.

POWER SHUTDOWN

10 am to 1 pm: Model School PT, Dhobi PT, Behind CFL Wall, Manikeshwarinagar,

Ravindranagar.

10 am to 2 pm: Road No. 3, 10, 14, Nandinagar, Dubai Building, Danam Nagender house area; BSNL area, Banjara Hills police station area, Amurtha Mall area; Journalist Colony, TV9 area, Masjid area; Jayaprakashna-gar, Alinagar, Madhuranagar, Allahabad Bank area, Srinivas Colony A, B blocks, State Home, HDFC Bank ATM, area opposite Yellareddyguda substation, Krishnadevarayala Park, Susheel Orthopaedic Centre, Engineers Colony; Maruthinagar, Pragathinagar; Maruthi Nagar, Pragathin-agar, Kamalapuri Phase-II, Green Bawarchi area, SBH

10 am to 3 pm: Anandnagar, Padmavathi colony, Lecturers colony, Vinayakanagar, RTC bus stand, old Hayathnagar, LIC Colony, Srinivasa Colony, Padmavathi Colony, Fathimanagar, Shanthivanam township, near Government High School, Bagh Hayathnagar, near Zee School, CRIDA, deer park, Balajinagar, Yellareddy Colony, KVN Reddy Nagar, Lecturers Colony, Rajarajes-hwari Colony, Raghavendra Colony, Arunodaya Colony, Bhagyalatha Colony, High Court Colony, Kalvancha, Shanthinagar, Sharadanagar and surrounding areas; Vasavi colony, Green Hills Colony, Haripuri Colony and sur-rounding areas; Ramalayam, Indranagar, Ganeshpuri, New Dilsukhnagar, Dwarakapuram and surrounding areas; Chaitanyapuri, Prabhatahna-gar, MCH Colony, Adarsh Apartment: Mansoorabad, Bhavaninagar, Madhuranagar, Agaimaiah Colony Mallikarju-Anithanagar, nanagar, Vivekanandannagar and surrounding areas. Defence Colony, Modhani Colony, Seetharamapuram and surrounding areas. Huda Sai Nagar, Sushma Sai Nagar, Dwarakamai Nagar, Auto Sai

1 pm to 2 pm: Harshitha Residency, Bholakpur, Mekala Mandi, Mallikarjuna temple, Mantrala Balaiah

2 pm to 4.30 pm: Garonda Triveni, Vasavi Majestic Seven Hills Estate, Gandhi Medical College and Boy's Hostel, Giridhar Homes, Sunnatal

2 pm to 5 pm: Star Hospital, area opposite Karvy circle; eSeva, government school, GHMC, Ratnadeep supermar-Zaheranagar; area. Chandrababu Naidu house (underground cable); Roads No. 15, 10, 10A, 22, 25, 32, 36, 41, Gandhi PT, Petrol Bunk area, IOA, Chiranjeevi house area; Madhuranagar, Madhuranagar G Block, Yousufguda main road, Devarayanagar, behind Ganapathi Complex. sara Panjagutta main roa Officers Colony, Udyognagar Colony, Nagarjuna Hills; JP Nagar, Sai Saradi Nagar, Alinagar.4.30 pm to 5.30 pm: Gandhinagar police station, Old Bhoiguda Garden area, Government School area, Rail

SHORT TAKES

## **DEVENDER IS CHARMINAR** PROJECT CHIEF

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

Following the transfer of IAS officer M.A. Faruqui from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to Nirmal as collector, the commissioner of the civic body has posted Chief City Planner Devender Reddy, as the in-charge for the Charminar Pedestrianisation

The orders which were issued on Tuesday, stated that mr Reddy will look into matters pertaining to the CPP.

It might be recalled that the project was commissioned in 2006, with a budget layout of ₹35 crore, but due to inadvertent delays and inter-departmental communication gaps, the project is yet to be ground-

As of January 22, the civic body had completed the installation of hydraulic bollards on one side of the iconic struc-

The works were expected to be grounded in 2018, but due to delays the project was delayed beyond the deadline.

THE CHARMINAR **Pedestrianisation Project** was commissioned in 2006, with a budget layout of ₹35 crore, but due to inadvertent delays and interdepartmental communication gaps, the project is yet to be grounded.

# Rash driving led to mishap

Car was moving between 80 and 100 kmph speed, say police

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T. | DC

HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

The accident on the Biodiversity flyover last year has not yet been forgotten, when residents of Hyderabad witnessed a similar incident of a car jumping over a flyover and falling on the road below.

Tuesday's mishap at Bharathnagar, police said, was the result of speeding and rash

driving.

This is similar to the claim they made about accident Raidurgam on November 23, 2019, in which Hyderabad-based gaming company chief executive Kalvakuntla Krishna Milan Rao reportedly lost control of the speeding vehicle which flew into the air and fell on the road claiming the life of a woman bystander.

There are about 10 fly-vers within the precincts the Cyberabad police commissionerate and the one at Bharatnagar is where the most number of accidents have taken place, though many of them have been non-fatal. They were mostly due to jay walking, speeding, and irregular parking near the flyover entrance on both sides.

Early on Tuesday, a speeding car with six occupants, including the driver, fell from the Bharatnagar flyover. Mohammed Sohel, 27, who runs a hotel at Borabanda, was killed while the others sus-

tained injuries.

The police believe that the car must have been moving at between 80 kmph and 100 kmph. Since the dashboard of the car was damaged in the mishap, investigators could not find the exact speed.

Cyberabad DCP (traffic) S.M. Vijay Kumar said, "Bharatnagar flyover is one of the 10 flyovers in the limits of the commissionerate that witnesses accidents. Necessary road engineering measures will be taken by involving the concerned agencies to bring down the speed of

vehicles on the flyovers.'

Following the mishap at Raidurgam on November 23, the Biodiversity flyover was shut for 40 and was reopened after the recommendations of an expert technical committee on road engineering were implemented. It had been alleged that the design of the flyover was faulty and signage was inadequate.

However, Bharathnagar flyover does not have deviations but it also has no speed breakers. The driver of the car (AP 11 R

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HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

The All India Industrial

Exhibition, popularly known

as numaish, was abuzz with

crowds thronging in large numbers for last-minute shopping, on the last day on

More than 60,000 visitors

went to Numaish on the last

day. This year, about 20 lakh have visited the expo. Last year, only 18 lakh shoppers visited the Numaish, which

also witnessed a large blaze. The last year's fire accident which gutted dozens of shops continues to cast its

shadow on revenue as well as footfall. In 2018, approximately 23 lakhs shoppers vis-

Honorary secretary, Exhibition Society, Dr B. Prabha Shankar said the total turnover of this year's

business reached approxi-

mately ₹40 crores and the society will see a profit of ₹10

crore to ₹12 crores. The profit will be utilised on the 18

educational institutions run

by the society and other wel-

He said the government will get also ₹9 crore to ₹10

crore in the form of taxes,

user charges, etc.
He said, "We spent ₹5 crore

this year on providing secu-

The merchants were not

happy with the tepid busi-

and safety arrange-

ited the Numaish.

fare programmes.

ments.'

ness this year.







(Top) The accident on the flyover led to a major traffic jam on Tuesday. (Left) The spot under the Bharath Nagar flyover where the car fell down early on Tuesday. (Right) A traffic policeman guards the barrier on the flyover where the accident took place.

# Driver admits he lost control of car

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The incident of the car falling from the flyover was captured on a CCTV camera installed on the flyover. It captured the railing falling on the ground first, followed by

the car.
Luckily, the labourers who were present under the flyover unloading vegetables from auto trolleys had a narrow escape. They immediately pulled out the occupants of the car, of whom, one of them was dead. The local people alerted the police.

Mohan Reddy, subinspector, Sanathnagar police, who was on night duty went to the accident spot and shifted the five injured persons — Sunil, Irfan, Ashfaq, Ghouse

steered the vehicle to the left in order to not hit another vehicle moving

DCP Vijay Kumar, who also inspected the accident site, said, "Preliminarily, the acci-

• IN A video, purportedly recorded after driver Sunil got admitted to the hospital, he was seen saying he steered the vehicle towards the left in order to not hit another vehicle while overtaking and lost control, resulting in the mishap.

and Sohail — to the Gandhi Hospital in an ambulance. The body of Sohel was shifted to the mortuary. In a video, purportedly recorded after driver Sunil got admitted to the

hospital, he was seen saying he steered the vehicle towards the left in order to not hit another vehicle while overtaking and lost control, resulting in the

Srinu, an auto trolley spot, told media that he was waiting in the vehicle to unload tomatoes and

9189) Sunil, said he dent appears to be due to rash driving and speeding. The driver could have pulled the vehicle to one side to avoid colliding with another. Or, the accident might have occurred said, due to the driver being

distracted. The investiga-

Numaish records 20 lakh visitors

come here as a routine to unload vegetables. I was waiting for another vehi-cle to move so that I could park my auto and start unloading. Suddenly, a car fell down from the flyover above. I would have been under the vehicle in another few minutes and had a very providential escape," Srinu told media.

had a lucky escape. "We

Sunil, who works as the driver of a lorry owned by the family of the deceased Sohel, said. "When I parked the lorry and reached home, Sohel

tion is underway to find the facts.

The DCP said that more accidents occurring in the city limits are due to speeding while the out-skirts of the city see more mishaps due to

me that we have to go to Mehdipatnam. Instead, went Balanagar. His four friends were also present. While going, Sohel drove the car and they purchased cigarettes. In the return, I took over the wheels. In order to not hit a vehicle on the flyover, I pulled the steering to the left and lost control of the Meanwhile, Sanathn-

agar police said that the accident appeared to be a result of overspeeding and rash driving.

A case was registered for investigation.

Sohel's body was handed over to his family after ed at the Gandhi Hospital mortuary, the police

"The speed limit on the city roads is only 40 kmph. Motorists should have self-discipline while driving and ensure that the innocent are not vic-timised," the deputy commissioner of police

# AN OFFICER AND a Gentlewoman!

# Road-cutting ban after May 15

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation on Tuesday said that no permission will be given for road-cutting anywhere in the city after May 15. Agencies and private companies that have been accorded permission must complete road-cutting within 48 hours of starting the work.

This should include patchwork repairs or restoration of the road surface, the

GHMC commissioner D.S. Lokesh Kumar, at a review meeting on the Comprehensive Road Maintenance Programme (CRMP), said all road-cutting, restoration and recarpeting of roads must be completed "well before the onset of the monsoon."

The meeting, also attended by senior officials of the police, also took stock of integrating feeds from 10,000 CCTV cameras

installed across the city Command and Control Centre in Banjara Hills.

Additional Director General of Police Jitender said once the CCTV cameras are synchronized, their feeds can be used for monitoring traffic. The facility can be used by other agencies like HMWS&SB, and power utilities.

Mr Kumar said that hence-forth the GHMC zonal commissioners will be empowered to permit road-cutting and related activities to speed up the works. These officials will be responsible for coordinating with the different stake-holders and CRMP agencies so that the works begin in an organised manner and completed in a stipulated time.

Two of the biggest seekers of permissions for road cut-ting — L&T and Jio — were asked to restrict their road cutting works to the extent possible to 'micro trenching' instead of open trench-

# **MUNICIPAL BILL COLLECTOR HELD**

Hyderabad: An outsourcemployee Pocharam Municipality, working as a bill collector, was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday for demanding and accepting a bribe of ₹10,000. The ACB officials caught Puli Kumara Swamy of the Ward office at Ismailkhanguda.



Mr. & Mrs. Praveen Medapally,

Washington DC, USA.

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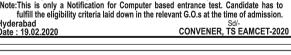
# TS EAMCET-2020 NOTIFICATION Common Entrance Test being conducted on behalf of TSCHE

A Computer Based Common Entrance Test being Conducted on behalf of 13CHE Engineering, Agriculture and Medical Common Entrance Test-2020 (TS EAMCET-2020) of Telangana State will be conducted by JNTUH for entry into the professional courses offered for the academic year 2020-21 in the State of Telangana. The TS EAMCET-2020 test will be conducted in ONLINE mode only. Eligible candidates who wish to apply for TS EAMCET-2020 have to submit their applications through ONLINE mode ONLY from 21-02-2020 to 30-03-2020 (without late fee). Detailed information regarding Syllabi, List of courses, Procedure for Online Application with/without late fee and Computer Based Test etc., is given in the **Detailed Notification & Instruction Bookle** that is available in the website https://eamcet.tsche.ac.in

Date, Time and Registration Fee of the Test: Date Time Agriculture & Medical (AM)

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# Traffic curbs for Shivaji Jayanti

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

The Hyderabad traffic police has issued an advisory regulating traffic for a procession to mark Chathrapati Shivaji Maharaj jayanti on Wednesday. The procession wil begin at 11 am. The procession will start at

Puranapul Darwaza and go via Jumerat Bazaar, Chudi Bazaar, Begum Bazaar Bartan Bazaar, Chatri. Siddiamber Bazaar, Shanker Sher Hotel, SJ Bridge and reach Shivaji Statue at Imliban park by 5 pm.

The traffic police said there will be traffic congestion on the route and advised motorists to avoid SJ Bridge from 11 am to 5

When the processing is passing on the route, traffic will either be stopped or diverted on need basis.



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## **FAMILIES WERE INVOLVED IN A LAND DISPUTE**

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The girl family claimed that the two families were locked in a land dispute. The boy's family, on the other hand, alleged that it was the Umarani family that created a ruckus about nothing, and cribbing about even small issues to the entire neighbourhood, due to which they had chosen to disconnect

with them.
The Swamy family condemned the suicide of the couple, telling the police, "This was a pre-planned murder by them (girl's family). Since we denied them permission for the wedding, they attempted murder. Firstly, Uma trapped my son in the name of love. He was obsessed about her. He would create a fight professing his love for her at home every single day. He was not willing to see other girls because his infatuation for her. She has killed my son by making him drink poison and consuming the same later.'

The two bodies were sent by the police to the Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem.

## **PARK FIRE: HMDA ZONE, SAYS GHMC**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB 18.

The burning of garbage, at a dump near Sanjeevaiah Park that led to some trees catching fire on Monday, ended up with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation on Tuesday pointing fingers at the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority as the entity responsible.

In an action taken report submitted by a regional GHMC official incharge of the area to the corporation, it was mentioned that the area where the fire accident took place belonged to "HMDA and they are using the plot of land to dump tree branch waste from Sanjeevaiah Park.

The GHMC official said that on Sunday, "upon receiving the news of the fire two water tankers were sent to the spot immediately by us," to douse the fire. On Monday too, GHMC staff visited the spot to ascertain if there was additional need for water.

The security guard at Herbal and Spices Garden, next to the spot where the fire occurred, was instructed to inform the officials concerned, the GHMC official said in the action taken

## **LONELY TECHIE ENDS LIFE AT HIS HOUSE**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

A 33-year-old unmarried BPO employee who was reportedly depressed at being lonely committed suicide by hanging at a flat in Gachibowli after sending an e-mail to his brother-inlaw on Tuesday.

According to the Gachibowli police, the victim, P.N.V.S. Babu, 33, a native of Srikakulam district of AP, was working at BPO in Gachibowli and was staying at Sudarshannagar in Gachibowli.

At around 1 pm on Tuesday, Babu emailed his brother-inlaw Sampath Kumar that he is committing suicide and asked his family to be happy. Nobody is responsible for his death, he said. Sampath, who saw the mail at about 2.15 pm, reached Babu's home by 4 pm. He broke open the door of the flat only

to see Babu's body hanging. Gachibowli inspector Srinivas said Babu did not mention any reason for his suicide. His parents and a brother live in the US. He seemed to be feeling lonely, which could be a reason for taking an extreme step.

The inspector said that a case of suspicious death was registered for the probe on the complaint of Sampath.

# Why not death? HC to Samatha convicts

# HC vets death sentence awarded by fast track court

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday issued notices to convicts of the Samatha gang rape-cum-murder case, asking them to explain their contention against death punishment awarded to them by the special fast

track court in Adilabad. The High Court was dealing with the referred trial case filed by the state government for confirmation of death sentence given to the three accused con-- Shaik Babu, Shaik Shaboddin and Shaik Mukhdum. The per provisions of independently of the court adjourned the Section 366 of the opinion of the judge case to March 24 for fur-Criminal Procedure who has pronounced

DC CORRESPONDENT

The AK-47 and car-

bine, which were recovered from shep-

herd D. Sadanandam

earlier this month,

earlier this month, were stolen from the Bell of Arms at Husnabad police station, Siddipet incharge commissioner and Kamareddy superintendent of police Swetha Reddy confirmed on Tuesday

firmed on Tuesday. Sadanandam had

Sadanandam had entered the police sta-tion after noticing absence of policemen

and stole the rifles. He

intended to use the

weapons to threaten

his rivals and settle scores with them.

Paying the price

HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHARA<br/>| DCther hearing, before which the convicts should file their condextCode. It says when a sessions court passes a death sentence, the protentions before the High Court. Adilabad district jud-

ge M.G. Priyadarshini who was in-charge judge of the designated special court, had pronounced the verdict on January 30, awarding capital punishment to the three in connection with the Samatha gangrape and murder case. They were sentenced to death by hanging. The case was disposed of in record 67 days.

Before the death sentence is executed, confirmation by High Court is necessary as

Ms Swetha Reddy on Tuesday said after Sadanandam opened booked against him in

police

entire

**SP** admits shepherd

stole rifles from PS

Gangaraju, a resident

of Akkannapet, a case was registered and

investigation taken up.

A special police team

arrested Sadanandam

from Koheda on February 8, two days after the incident. The

team recovered from

him an AK-47 rifle,

along with 28 live

rounds. On persistent

interrogation, he con-

fessed to stealing the

Husnabad police sta-

tion. A carbine was

also recovered from

Sadanandam used to

from

weapons

him thereafter.

A traffic policeman photographs vehicles parked in a no-parking zone

was living in a rented

house along with par-

was scheduled for n

On Tuesday, Divya

went returned to her

house after work. She

was alone when an

unidentified person

barged into the house

The police said that

Divya's parents who

stay in the house were

away at the time of the

incident. The motive

behind the murder is

ascertained.

and attacked her.

Divya's

February 26'.

marriage

under the Metro Rail viaduct at Tarnaka on Tuesday.

Woman killed

at her home

DC CORRESPONDENT

A week before her

marriage, a 25-yearold bank employee

working at Gajwel in

Siddipet district was

found murdered at her

house on Tuesday. Her

throat had been sliced

According to Gajwel

with a sharp weapon.

police, the victim

identified as Divya

was working at the ÅP

Grameena Vikas Bank

A native of Yellared-

dypeta in Rajanna Sir-cilla district, Divya

in the town.

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death sentence, the pro-ceedings must be sub-mitted to the High The sentence cannot be executed unless it is confirmed by the High Court. The sessions' court must commit the convicted person to jail custody

under a warrant.

The High Court needs to satisfy itself both in terms of law as well as facts of the case before confirming the death sentence. In other words, the High Court must come to its own independent conclusion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused,

booked against him in

he waited outside the

around 4 am, he noticed the absence of

policemen and entered

took the keys hanging

from a board and entered the Bell of

Arms. From there, he

stole an AK-47 with a

magazine containing

30 live rounds, apart

from a 9 mm carbine.

The SP said a report

about the negligence

of policemen on duty,

which led to weapons

**PHOTOGRAPHER** 

**ARRESTED FOR** 

**MOLESTING GIRL** 

DC CORRESPONDENT

A minor was allegedly

molested by one Saleem, 45, a photog-

rapher at a photo stu-

to be photographed at

around 6 pm when she

ran out screaming.

Passersby who heard

her complain of mole-

station turned Saleem

Saleem has been

working in the studio

for five years. He had

allegedly molested

women before but no

over to the police.

The girl was waiting

dio at Neredmet.

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submitted

the SP disclosed.

being stolen.

station

night.

the death penalty. The High Court may

confirm the sentence or pass any other sentence warranted by law, or may annul the conviction and convict the accused under any offence the court of session might have convicted the accused, or order a new trial on the same on an amended charge, or may acquit the accused person or persons based on the

inquiry it conducts. This is provided that no order of confirmation is issued under this section until the period allowed for preferring an appeal has expired, or, if an appeal is presented within such period, till the time the appeal is disposed of.

# **3 KV STUDENTS ON DAY OUT DROWN IN POND**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

Three students Kendriya Vidyalaya who went swimming in a pond dug as part of Mission Kakatiya drowned on

Tuesday. According to the Gummadidala police, the incident took place at about noon on Tuesday at Annaram. The children identified as Sandeep, 13, and Mahipal, 13, of Annaram and Pallav Kumar of Suraram, were all Class VIII students of Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, at the Air Force Academy, near Dundigal.

As it was a holiday, the trio along with three other students went to the Annaram pond. Sandeep who entered the waters to swim drowned. In an attempt to rescue him Pallav and Mahipal jumped into the water were also drowned.

The other three students screamed for help and the locals tried to rescue the children but they were dead by then. Their bodies were fished out and sent for the postmortem examination, the

# **FOOD DELIVERY EXEC BEATEN UP BY CUSTOMER**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD FEB. 18

A delivery executive with an app-based food delivery service was allegedly thrashed by five persons late on Monday night when he had gone to com-

plete an order. Police said the delivery executive, Kurukuntla Tirupathaiah, 28, was assigned to deliver biryani to a customer deliver named Sai Krishna, at Street No. 5, East Anandbagh, Kalyannagar.

Police said when Tirupathaiah called Sai Krishna, the customer was abusive and made him wait. After some time, Tirupathaiah again called Sai Krishna.

Suddenly, he was set upon by five persons and Tirupathaiah had to run for his life.

The accused were identified as Sai Krishna, Ravi Teja, P. Punith Vishnu Vardan Datta, Vishnunarayana Reddy and a case was booked against them and investigations begun, a police officer

# 4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

nd AGAPE Ministries, L.B. Nagar, Hyd. We remember you in silent tears Inserted by: Mrs. Eva Anandam (Wife)



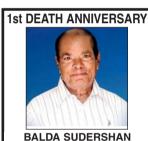
(AE R&B Dept) S/o Late Karkala Kanthaiah S/o Late Karkala Kanthaiah
H/o Bula Amulya Ratna Kavitha
DOB: 20.2.1965 DOD: 18.2.2020
Cortege will leave from 5/3-RT
Prakashnagar (Opp. Old Airport, beside
Musee Musical), Begumpet at
10.00 a.m. to CSI Wesley Cemetery,
Bhoiguda on 19th Feb. 2020.
Inserted by: Wife and Children
Ph: 9959120450, 9908312256,
9700315317, 6281871181



# 2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY



VIDYA KULKARNI Your memories will remain our hearts forever. Inserted by: Husband: **B.K. Kulkarni** Sons: **Kiran & Vikram** Daughters-in-law: Mahima & Smita Grand Children: Yajat, Kyna & Myra

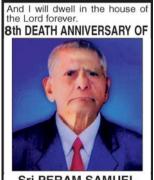


RTA Supdt. (Retd.) DOB: 20.07.1945 DOD: 19.02.2019 We all miss you Thatha Inserted by: Grand Daughters: Balda Swithika Balda Rithika Balda Nithika Son & Daughter-in-law Daughter & Son-in-law & Wife: Balda Shiva Laxmi

# 6th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

K. SRINIVASAN DOB: 15.01.1994 DOD: 19.02.2014 Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

\_\_\_\_Inserted by: Family Members



Sri PERAM SAMUEL Exp. on 19th Feb. 2012 Inserted by:

8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Late BISHOP P.S. ANANDAM



### **ADAM SHANKER RAO**

Expired on 19-02-1989

Dy. Shop Superintendent South Central Railway (Lalaguda Workshop)
ormer Chairman S.C.Railway Employees Sangh (Lalaguda Workshop Branch) "A Day never goes, without Remembering you" Inserted by : A. Lalitha Bai (Wife)

Sons: A. Santosh Kumar Ex. ChairmanS.C.Railway Employees Sangh - LalagudaWorkshop TPCC - General Secretary

A. Vijaya Kumar, A. Prem Kumar A. Bharath Kumar, A. Sanjay Kumar

Daughters: Sons-in-law:

D. Vijaya Latha - Dr. D.Srinivasa Rao B. Prasanna Latha - B. Sanjay Kumar

**OBITUARY** 

M.G. KURUP (68 Years) Free Ayyappa Devasthanam, Lal Bazaar, Condoles the sad demise of

M.G. Kurup on Tuesday 18.02.2020). He was our Treasurer. Cremation on 20.02.2020 at

3.00 p.m. at Swargadham, Alwa

Sri Haridas, Ayyappa Devasthanam

**OBITUARY** 

ughters-in-law: Uma, Sirisha, Srilatha, Shilpa and sagereka Grand Children : Sujan Kumar, Simran, Dimple, Mani, Krishay, Soni, Ritsika, Anju, Chotu , Smrithi, Lucky, Keshu & Lovely



Late Mrs. BOLLAM VASANTHA WESLEY Rtd. Nursing Superintendent DoB: 23.11.1956 DoD: 19.02.201 In three years of your absence We've always missed you physical presence, But never did we forget that yo were our life's quintessence.

Contact: 9849729698



Gnanamma Peter Gomasa (W/O: Late Shri Peter Gomasa ) 13 October 1932 - 20 February 2019 Please join us on 20 February 2020 at 1:00 am At: CSI Church, Gajulapet, Nirms Inserted by: **The Family Members** Ph: 9052077241 / 9177520591 / 8500026513

13th ANNIVERSARY

P. MARY., M.Sc., M.Ed

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### 4 cheat poor with 2BHK offer, held DC CORRESPONDENT Rahmathnagar, Yousufgud ₹18,000 from Sridevi to

HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

The Jubilee Hills police on Tuesday arrested four women for cheating people in the name of getting government double bedroom flats allocated. Another accused, Mohd. Shayriyar Ali, who works at the GHMC headquar-

ters, is absconding. The police had received a complaint on February 12 from one K. Sridevi, 45, of

a. She had lost her husband and was working as a domestic help to bring up her three children. She also baked jowar rotis at She was approached by

night to sell them. one Mandara Anupama, residing in the same locality, who told her that she could secure a double bedroom flat, being constructed by the government for

the poor, for her. demanded Anupama

ensure that she gets a house at Madhapur,

Police said the other accused, Mekala Jyothi, Gopa Lakshmi and Oggu Jayanthi, also similarly cheated people. Police said the main

Mohd. accused was Shayriyar Ali, junior assistant at the land acquisition department of the GHMC. He had previworked at the Mandal Revenue Office He teamed up with Mekala Jyothi and master-

minded the scheme to cheat the poor by offering them 2BHK houses. They then drafted in the others, police said. They also got a fake rub-

ber stamp prepared in the name of Hyderabad district collector and fake plastic tokens prepared. In all they are suspected to have cheated about 100 people.

# Pullela Venkanna Garu

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# **HUSSAIN: BJP IS AGAINST MINORITIES**

**DC CORRESPONDENT** HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

Atrocities committed against the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and minori-ties communities across the country since the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power in 2014 shows that the BJP is anti-Dalit and anti-minorities, said Karnataka Congress Rajya Sabha MP Syed Naseer Hussain.

Addressing a press conference in Gandhi Bhavan in the city on Tuesday, he claimed that BJP leaders had stated that Dalits and Valmikis are not citizens of this country.

He criticised the Supreme Court verdict regarding reservation in promotions for SCs and STs, which was the same argument used by the lawyers of the BJP govern-

Mr Hussain said that the Congress had been working for equality in the country for the past 70 years and the Congress will oppose efforts by the BJP to bring in the Bill against preservation. against reservation.

He alleged that the BJP is trying to divert the attention of the people from its failure in providing employment through issues such as the NRC, CAA and NPR.

Replying to a question with regard to the Majlis-e-Ittihadul Muslimeen's criticism of the Congress, he said MIM was like the River Musi and Congress was an ocean. MIM leaders were targeting the Congress to get cheap popularity.

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# **SRINIVASAN URGES HC TO QUASH CASES**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

India Cements chairman and director managing Srinivasan has approached the Telangana High Čourt urging it to quash the cases filed against him and the com-pany by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the quid pro quo case pertaining Ananra Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. He also sought exemp tion from making a personal appearance before the special CBI court that hears cases of the Enforcement

Directorate. Justice Ghandikota Sridevi who was hearing the petition was not inclined to give interim directions in the exemption petition and adjourned the case to April 15.

In the petition, Mr Srinivasan submitted that it has become difficult for him to appear before the trial court every time at his advanced age of 75 years and with several health problems. He urged the court to quash the cases lodged by the ED against him.

His counsel T. Niranjan Reddy submitted to the court that the Supreme Court had earlier quashed the CBI case against Mr Srinivasan and urged the High Court to quash the ED case too.

ED counsel said that the case cannot be compared with the CBI case as it pertains to the special law of Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

In cases registered against Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy in the disproportionate assets case, both the CBI and ED have filed chargesheets against Mr Srinivasan and India Cements, charging them with making huge invest-ments in Mr Reddy's firms in exchange for benefits such limestone leases and additional water allocation extended to India Cements by the AP government between 2004 and 2009 when the government Mr Reddy's father, Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy, was chief minister. The ED has tracked the flow of money from India Cements to Mr Reddy's firms and described them as proceeds of crime under the provisions of the Prevention of Laundering (PMLÅ).

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Union railway minister Piyush Goyal and Union minister of state for home affairs G. Kishan Reddy laying the foundation for infrastructure at Secunderabad railway station. BJP state president Dr K. Laxman, TS minister

# **Goyal asks KCR not** to politicise CAA

Union minister hopes for wiser counsel in TS RAJESWARI PARASA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

# Laxman criticised for sharing dais with Goyal

**IREDDY SRINIVAS** REDDY | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

sekhar Rao under the influence of MIM presi-The TRS and the Congrdent Asaduddin Owaisi ess sharply criticised the presence of BJP state was insulting the Constitution by not abiding by the laws.
"We request KCR not to president Dr K. Laxman with Union railway minindulge in petty politics ister Piyush Goyal at an to appease minorities," official function in the Mr Goyal said at a meeting in the city on the stand taken by Telangana state on the Citizenscity on Tuesday. Other BJP leaders were also seen on the dais.

Dr Laxman not only

Amendment Act shared the dais during the function to lay the Mr Chandrasekhar Rao has previously stated that the state Assembly foundation stone for the Cherlapalli satellite terminal, but also praised Mr Goyal stating that he will pass a resolution against the CAA hard both as Mr Goyal urged the stacoal and railway ministe government not to po-

Railway minister Piyush

Goyal on Tuesday said no state government can

oppose laws that are passed by Parliament. It is unfortunate that Chief Minister K. Chandra-

liticise the CAA and hoped that "wiser counsel As per protocol, only ministers, MPs, MLAs would prevail" in taking and MLCs of the jurisa decision. diction are eligible to "The CAA has nothing share the dais during to do with the citizenship of the rest of Indians, it official functions. Dr Laxman is not a legislais just a process to tor, having lost the 2018 include persecuted minorities from the Assembly elections from Musheerabad, and at neighbouring Islamic present heads the BJP

state unit. When asked how Dr Laxman was invited to the stage when he was not a legislator, a South

Central Railway officer said they had done so on the instructions of the

Reacting to the incident, Mr Talasani Srin-ivas Yadav, animal hus-bandry minister, pointed out that not only Dr Laxman but another former legislator, N.V.S.S. Prabhakar Rao, and small-time BJP leaders were on the dais, making it a BJP affair.

He asked what would Union minister of state G. Kishan Reddy say about the BJP leaders on stage, after he had complained that the state protocol during the inauguration of a Metro Rail corridor recently.

He said that though the state government had extended Mr Kishan Reddy an invitation, he had made an issue out of the allegation for political gain.

Advising the BJP leaders to hold the function at their party office if they wanted to sit beside the railway minister. Mr Srinivas Yadav demanded Mr Kishan Reddy reply for Tuesday's incident. The minister also took exception to the remarks of Mr Kishan Reddy at

the function that "Telangana people know only the red bus (a reference to district buses) and it was the BJP that had brought the railway to the state.'

Telangana Pradesh Committee N. Uttam Congress president N. Kumar Reddy pointed out that the incident was the best example to show that neither of the ruling parties in the state and at the Centre were respecting elected representatives of Opposition pai

Stating that such violation of protocol was not good during official functions, Mr Uttam Kumar Reddy said that the peowere observing ple the acts of the BJP at Centre and the TRS in the state.

It is worth mentioning that in the function K. Raghurama Krishnam Raju, YSRC MP from Narasapuram, was also seen sharing the dais Goyal at

asked the religion of the people and differentiated them? No. We are not against any religion," Mr

Though minister K.T. Rama Rao had said at a recent meeting in New Delhi that the state government and the Centre should work together, it's the state that is not cooperating with the Centre,

He asked why the state government was reluctant to implement Central government schemes like Ayushaman Bharat and Pradhan Mantri

# Goyal launches Cherlapalli satellite rly terminus works

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

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The minister claimed

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da was 'Sabka Saath

Sabka Vikas', he said.

"When giving cooking

gas and electricity to

evervone, have we ever

ing in India as refugees,

the minister said.

government at Centre had never differ-

The foundation stone for the Cherlapalli satellite terminus of the South Central Railway on the eastern side of the city was finally laid on Tuesday. Once the stadeveloped and trains terminated there, it is expected to decongest the existing rail terminuses in the

Union railway minister Piyush Goyal laid the foundation stones of various infrastructure and passenger facilities to be the South Central Railway zone at Secunderabad railway

station on Tuesday. The three major rail terminuses in the twin cities — Secunderabad, Kacheguda and Hyderabad - are satu-

SECUNDERABAD was the first station on the South Central Railway to provide free highspeed Wi-Fi in December 2016. On an average, about 19.5 lakh users log in every month at these railway stations. Secunderabad station sees the fourth highest use of Wi-Fi among all stations in the country

rated due to huge inflow and outflow of traffic. To ease the congestion, Lingampally station on the west side of the city was developed at a cost of around ₹30 crore.

The Railway Board had sanctioned the project to develop the Cherlapalli station in 2016 -17 at an estimated cost of ₹221 crore. This terminus will be connected to the

Outer Ring Road and is convenient to access both public and private transport.

There is also a proposal to operate private train services directly from this terminus. Tenders worth ₹117.25 crore have been finalised and work will commence shortly, according to railway offi-

cials. It was stated that 427 stations in the South Central Railway Zone will be equipped with Wi-Fi facility which will cost ₹6.5 crore Railway officials say

the task of extending free high-speed Wi-Fi to the zone was taken up on war footing. This includes 170 stations in Telangana state and 293 Andhra Pradesh. Some 36 of these stations were already equipped with Wi-Fi.

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The Wi-Fi facility of SCR is provided by RailTel Corporation of India Ltd in collaboration wi Universal with Google Services Obligation Fund (USOF) and the Tata Trust.

On Tuesday, the foundation stone was also laid for the electrification of the Yerraguntla-Nandyal section and the double line with electrification of the Guntakal-Kalluru section.

# Cong asks timeline for loan waiver

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

Senior Congress leader and MLC T. Jeevan Reddy has demanded that the ruling TRS government spell out as to when it will fulfil its promise of waiving off the loans of farmers.

Addressing a press conference here, he pointed out that farmers are in deep distress with non-implementa-tion of loan waiver. They are also unable to get crop loans. He advised the newly elected PACS presidents and directors of ruling party to try and get funds for societies and extend loans to farmers, instead of continuing to celebrate their recent

Jeevan Reddy appealed to government that it allocate sufficient budget for provid-ing loan waiver to farmers in the upcoming 2020-2021 budget. He was critical that the ruling party is always trying to blame the Centre whenever farmers demand Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their products, stating that MSP is not under the purview of the state government.

He said if the state government asks banks to re-extend

loans to farmers on 6 per cent interest, the farmers can get major relief. Otherwise, all farmers will have to pay interest for loans at commercial rates.

The senior Congress leader asked Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao to learn from neighbouring CM Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, who has offered ₹6,850 as MSP for a quintal of turmeric. He ridiculed agriculture minister S. Niranjan Reddy for writing just a letter to centre seeking increase in the number of centres for purchasing red gram, instead of also to power in the new state.



T. Jeevan Reddy

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following up on the issue.
Elsewhere, Congress leader and former MP V. Hanumantha Rao held the state government responsible for suicide by Narsaiah, a research scholar who could not find employment. He pointed out that all the unemployed had hoped that once Telangana becomes a separate state, they would get jobs. But their hopes had been dashed after TRS came

# KCR: POLITICS **ENDS AFTER ELECTIONS**

From Page 1

He said that for him politics was up to the level of fighting elections and there was no politics after that. "If you closely watch the implementation of government pro-grammes and schemes, you will understand this," he said.

He advised the newly elected public representatives not to indulge in false talk. "Don't make false

promises to people that you will get all the work done overnight. Do prop er planning before undertaking any work or task. Have proper awareness of the subawareness of the sub-ject. Prepare a compre-hensive action plan before plunging into the execution," he said. The Chief Minister told his audience to

develop towns and cities with people's participation and have less photoops, and concentrate on executing the work.
In the end, the Chief

Minister quoted a poem, Subhshita Trisati by the Sanskrit poet
Bhartrhari to the effect
that a person who is not
confident in himself
will not do any work,
afraid of the difficulties he may come across

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# IN BRIEF

## **No road cutting** after May 15

Hyderabad: No road cutting permission after May 15; shif-ting of beggars to shelter homes; regulating street vending zones; installating CC cameras and delegating powers to zonal commissioners for works under CRMP are some decisions taken at a meeting chaired by Additional DGP Jitender and GHMC

on Safe City Project at GHMC Head Office here on Tuesday. Jitender said about 10,000 cameras have been installed and they have to be synchronised to Command & Control Room for monitoring traffic.

Commissioner Lokesh Kumar

# Robots aid farm-fresh veggies at home

GEETA VALABOJU I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

If you are looking for fresh vegetables untainted by insecticides and pesticides, robotic farming is the way to go.

Robotic cultivation, also known as 'square feet farming' and 'procession farming', uses a robotbased system and can be done in small spaces such as balconies, terraces and backyards.

For crop farming, robots need to autonomously navigate their environment and perform actions at set bles or fruits, applying locations, for example, pi-

pesticide, planting a seed, imaging a plant, or making a measurement. The ground is often fitted with tracks which the robots follow to reach the target locations. The robots are wirelessly connected to a central operator to both receive updated instructions regarding the mission, and report status and data.

To a certain extent, the technology is similar to that of autonomous cars. Where it differs is that farming robots often need to manipulate their environment, picking vegetapesticides in a localised cking a fruit, spraying a manner, or planting seeds.

All these tasks require sensing, manipulation, and processing of their own. The robots navigate plant rows, sense the plants, and send the data to the farmers to help optimise seed breeding. Once

The only time the farmer needs to lay his lands on the crops is when it is being harvested, said Mr Manmohan from Opul Cyber Solutions Pvt Ltd, which is implementing the system.

the field is ready, it sends a

notification to the farmer.

"The system costs up to ₹2.5 lakh with a warranty of 15 years. There are 120 varieties that can be cultirobotic farming. It can be done from any-

where in the world through technology, as a camera is inserted which gives current feedback. Some 30 varieties of veg-

etables can be grown in an area of 1.5 metres by 3 metres, which is sufficient for four people. Double that number of varieties of vegetables can be raised in a plot of 1.5 metres by 6

metres," he said.

Ms Satyawani, who lives in the MLA Quarters and has opted for robotic farming. Over a period of three months she has raised 20 varieties of vegetables and

interference this seems easier for busy working people. We go to supermarkets where we get vegetables sprayed with chemicals which have lost their taste. We got the idea of implementing robotic farming on our terrace. It is now surprising to see 20 varieties of fresh, chemical-free, non-toxic veggies

and fruits which are heal-

thier," she says. This type of farming is best suited to people living in independent houses with open spaces or gardens around and where there will be no need of any third person interference



A picture of the robotic farming device installed in



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# IN BRIEF

## **Rape verdict** postponed again

Tirupati: The verdict in the rape and murder of a fiveyear-old girl, which was reported in Chittoor district in November last year, was postponed again on Tuesday, to February 24. According to reports, the special court in Chittoor dealing with case took up the recall petition filed by the accused, Mohammad Rafi, 25. Additional District and Sessions Judge, Chittoor, M. Venkata Harinath then postponed the verdict. "As per the law, the accused is allowed to file a recall petition to advance his arguments," a public prosecutor said.

## 2ND SUSPECTED **COVID-19 CASE IN VISAKHAPATNAM**

DC CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM, FEB. 18

A 19-year-old girl was admitted to the Government Chest and Infectious Hospital in the city late on Monday evening on suspicion that she could have contracted the Covid-19. She was suffering from fever, cold and had been coughing since she arrived from China. The girl is pursuing her first year of MBBS in a city 1,500 km from Wuhan. District medical and health officer Dr S. Tirupathi Rao told *Deccan Chronicle* that her throat and nasal swabs ha ve been sent to Hyderabad laboratory and the results are expe

cted on Wednesday. "Today her temperature has dropped and diarrhoea is under control," the DMHO said and added that this is the second suspected case in the city ever since the virus broke out The first case was that of a boy who flew from China via Dubai and was admitted into hospital.

# **New AP districts** to come up in '21

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 18

The formation of new Pradesh may take place only in 2021. AP Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, during his Praja Sankalpa Yatra before the Assembly elections last year, had promised that the number of districts will increased from 13 to 25 for decentralisation, better administration and taking governance to doorsteps of the people. In its election manifesto, the YSR Congress promised to turn every Lok Sabha constituency into a district.

Taking forward this promise, Mr Reddy has taken up the exercise for formation of new dis-However, Union home ministry has directed all states not to make any jurisdictional changes from January 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021. This is in view of house listing operation (HLO) being taken up, along updating of l Population National Register (NPR), as part of Census of India-2021. Consequently, the state government is not in a position to form new districts till the census is

completed. The state administration and the Chief Minister had earlier thought that delimitation of Assembly constituencies will be completed in a year. They decided to form new districts after



Veteran Tollywood actress Jayasudha gives her son's wedding card to Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy at Tadepalli camp office on Tuesday.

that. But the Centre instead decided to take up delimitation exercise in the two Telugu states along with that of other states "after the first Census after 2026". Because of this, the state government decided to take up the exercise of forming new districts.

At a recent media conference in Visakhapatnam, a close associate of Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy, Mr V. Vijayasai Reddy, MP, asserted that the state government will form new districts soon. Incidentally,

Telangana state govern-ment has already formed new districts, increasing the number from 10 to 34. In his Praja Sankalpa Yatra, Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy had also promised to name some districts after their prominent leaders and freedom fighters. He promised to name one district in Krishna area after N.T. Rama Rao, renowned Telugu actor and founder of the Telugu Desam.

It is believed the state government will name Gudivada after NTR district because Nimma kuru, the birthplace of NTR, falls under this dis-

The Chief Minister had announced renaming Krishna district itself as NTR district but the proposal received criticism from several quarters.

Continuing his refrain during the Praja Sank-alpa Yatra in Visakh-apatnam district, the Chief Minister had announced that one district would be named after Alluri Sitarama Raju, the great freedom fighter. The state government may consider naming Araku district after Alluri Sitarama Raju

## **OCCULT RITUALS WORRY PEOPLE IN KOVUR TOWN**

DC CORRESPONDENT

People of Kovur town in Nellore district are worried over occult rituals performed in an open ground of the neighbourhood on Sunday night. A large portrait of Goddess Kali was painted on the ground with different colours and nails were found hammered around it. The sorcerers also sacrificed a black rooster, which was found lying around amid pieces of lemon and pumpkin.

The occult rituals came to notice after students went to the ground to play cricket. According to locals, the site, full of bushes, belongs to a defunct real-estate firm. Some of the students cleared part of the bushes some time ago, so that they could play cricket. This cleared area came in handy for sorcerers to perform occult rituals.

Locals believe that going by the nails hammered into ground and sacrifice of the rooster, black magic – Chathabadi – was performed to eliminate their rivals.

When contacted, Kovur sub-inspector Krish-na Reddy said he was not aware of the incident. He, however, assured that a team would be sent to inspect the area and take necessary action



The site where occult ritual was performed

# Jagan asked to file petition in SC against 'black laws'

VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 18

A protest meeting against CAA, NRC and NPR held here on Tuesday asked Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to file a petition in the Supreme Court requesting the apex body to reject laws that harm people. The meeting conducted Muttahida by Muslim Mahaz (All-Minorities Associations Network) was attended by the leaders of various parties, including Telugu Desam, Brahmana

organisations. AIMIM president and MP Asaduddin Owaisi asked the CM to reject the laws which harmed the people. Welcoming the statement of TD MP Kesineni Srinivas alias Nani against the laws, he urged TD supremo N. Chandrababu Naidu to openly speak against them without fearing Prime Minister Modi and Home

Chaitanya Vedika and other

Minister Amit Shah. Mr Owaisi said Mr Modi, who would not reveal his educational qualification, was ordering the public to show their certificates to get citizenship. The laws violated Article 14 of the Constitution, which is a



AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi, MP Vijayawada Kesineni Nani, ex-MLA Jaleel Khan at a meet against CAA NPR and NRC, in Vijayawada on Tuesday.

black spot in the history of the country.

Mr Owaisi affirmed that they were not against giving citizenship to the Hindus of Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan but opposed laws in the name of religion. He alleged that the BJP government was raising sedition charges against minority youths for protesting against the black laws, but saving Hindu extremists who fired on the protestors of Shaheen Bagh. He

Assam in which five lakh were Muslims.

TD MP Srinivas stated that the party will fight against the black laws and asserted that Mr Modi can-not divide the country in the name of religion. He announced that the TD MLAs will extend support to the CM if he moved a resolution against such laws in

AP Assembly. Former MLA Jalil Khan and other leaders asked the CM to pass a resolution and alleged that 19 lakh people file a petition were denied citizenship in against the laws. file a petition in the SC

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Dantewada: Once plagued by Naxal violence, today Dantewada is touching new heights just like Maddaram with drastic drop in Naxal incidents, decline in the level of malnutrition, women are defying the old age superstition by joining the uncon-ventional enterprise like production of sanitary napkins and farmers have themselves become a brand in terms of organic products. Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel said, "If we don't provide plough to the hands, they will hold the gun. This is the only way to eliminate Naxalism. He emphasied the need of elim-inating problems like malnutrition and malaria because they are more dangerous than Naxalism.

# **Panchayats polls**

in J&K postponed

Jammu: The bypolls to pan-chayats scheduled from March 5 in Jammu and Kashmir has been postponed due to security reasons, J&K Chief Electoral Officer Shailendra Kumar said on Tuesday. By-election to over 12,500 panchayat seats in Jammu and Kashmir was scheduled to be held in eight phases from March 5. "The bypolls to panchayats has been postponed for three weeks due to security reasons," Kumar said. He said this step was taken after inputs given to him by the home department over security issues. The eightphase poll was earlier scheduled to be held from March 5 to March 20 on a party basis. The polling was slated for March 5, March 7, March 9, March 12, March 14, March 16, March 18 and

# **SEER 'BLAMES'** MENSTRUATING

Ahmedabad, Feb. 18: A religious leader from Gujarat has said that menstruating women who cook food for their husbands will take birth as dogs in their next life while men consuming food prepared by women having periods will reborn as bullocks.

Notably, Krushnaswarup Dasji, who made these remarks, is associated with Swaminarayan Temple which runs a college in Bhuj whose principal and female staff had allegedly forced more than 60 girls to remove their undergarments to check if they were menstru ating for "breaking a hostel rule that girls having their periods are not supposed to meal with

...It is certain that men will be born as bullocks in their next life if they consume food cooked by menstruating

women. "I don't care if you do not like my views, but this is all written in our shastras (scriptures). If a menstruating woman cooks food for her husband, she will be definitely born as a female dog in her next life," Swami said while delivering a sermon in Gujarati, the video of which has gone viral.

The swami belongs to "Nar-Narayan Devgadi" of Swami Narayan Sect.

The principal, the hostel rector and the peon of Shree Sahajanand Girls Institute were arrested on Monday for the alleged incident which occurred on February 11.

Krushnaswarup Dasji also warned men from consuming food prepared by menstruat-

GURURAJ A. PANIYADI | DC

The buffalo race Kambala

continues to make waves in the world of sport. And this

time, another record has

been toppled with Kambala jockey Nishanth Shetty cov-

ering 143 metres in 13.61 seconds during the traditional race held at Venur on

Sunday. He has thus beaten

Srinivas Gowda, who creat-

ed a record last week cover-

ing 142.5 metres of the

onds during an event held

So if Gowda covered 100

Kambala track in 13.62 sec

at Aikala on February 1.

MANGALURU, FEB. 18

# Taj set for Trump visit



American security personnel along with CISF and ASI personnel visit the historic Taj Mahal for inspection ahead of US President Donald Trump's visit, in Agra, on Tuesday. President Trump accompanied by First Lady Melania Trump will pay his maiden visit to India from

# Pak tried to portray 26/11 as 'Hindu terror': Maria

DC CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI, FEB. 18

Former Mumbai police commissioner Rakesh Maria has claimed in his memoirs that Pakistan had planted fake documents on the 10-member 26/11 terror squad in a bid to masquerade the attacks — which claimed at least 174 lives — as an act of 'Hindu terror'. Maria's long-awaited book Let Me Say It Now was released on Monday

was released on Monday. The retired IPS officer wrote in his book that the sole terrorist who was caught alive, Mohammad Ajmal Kasab, was found

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC

Amid mounting pressure from a powerful fac-

tion in ruling Congress

(NPR), which is sched-

uled to begin on April 1, Madhya Pradesh Chief

Minister Kamal Nath on

Tuesday sought to play

safe indicating that he

would take the call on it

after reviewing the

Talking to reporters here, Nath said, "We will

examine the issue. We

have no plan to imple-

The Chief Minister has

sought to play safe on

NPR even as he had ear-

lier categorically said

that the contentious

Citizenship Amendment

Act (CAA) would not be

implemented in MP

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New Kambala record set

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BHOPAL, FEB. 18

mentioned him as Samir Chaudhary, a Bangalore resident.

The former top cop, who also headed the terror attacks investigation, wrote in his book that Pakistan's notorious Intelligence agency, the Inter State Intelligence (ISI), and terror outfit Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT) gave a contract to fugitive gangster Dawood Ibrahim, who is holed up in Pakistan, to kill

Excerpts from Maria's book stated, "If everything went according to plan, Kasab would have died as Chaudhary, and

MP CM to take call on

NPR after reviewing it

has categorically said

that the contentious

CAA would not be

implemented in MP

under Congress regime.

OPPOSITION BJP on

Tuesday slammed the

showing reluctance to

Opposition BJP

Tuesday slammed the Chief Minister for show-

ing reluctance to imple-

ment NPR, saying, "The

Chief Minister is suc-

cumbing to pressure by

a section in Congress to

dump NPR"
"The Chief Minister is

not hesitating to take

anti-constitutional step

(by declaring not to implement NPR) to save

his minority govern-ment", BJP spokesman

Vijayvargiya said.

Deepak

Chief Minister for

implement NPR.

an identity card that the media would have blamed 'Hindu terrorists' for the attack"

On a photograph of Kasab released after the terror attack, Maria said, "It was the handiwork of central agencies. The Mumbai police tried hard not to disclose any details to the media fearing for

In the photograph, Kasab is seen wearing a red thread on his right wrist, which is sacred to Hindus. "But alas, it had not worked that way and here he was, Ajmal Amir Kasab of Faridkot in Pakistan," Maria's book stated.

He also said that mar-

to quit party if the NPR

would be implemented

in the state.
"What is the use of

remaining in Congress if

NPR will be implement-

ed in MP where there is

a Congress govern-ment," he told reporters

Sources said a power-

ful factional leader in

Congress in MP was

behind Masood's move

Minister not to execute

The Kamal Nath gov-

ernment which has strength of 114 in 230-

member state Assembly.

one less than majority

mark, survives by sup-

port from two Bahujan

Samaj Party (BSP)

MLAs, one Samajwadi Party (SP) legislator and

BJP has strength of 109

5 Independents.

NPR in the state.

force the Chief

here.

tyred Mumbai constable Tukaram Omble's heroic feat of capturing Kasab alive was the key to foiling this plan.

Kasab was indoctrinated into believing that Muslims were not allowed to offer namaaz in India and he was taken to a mosque near Metro INOX Cinemas in a bid to rubbish his belief, the book stated.

The book further revealed the details of Kasab's journey prior to his arrival here, stating that he was allowed to stay with his family for a week and given ₹1.25 lakh before he left

# **DEATH OF 6 KIDS OF A FAMILY TRIGGERS SUSPICION**

DC CORRESPONDENT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, FEB. 18

The death of six children of a family in Chembara in Tirur of Malappuram district in Kerala has led to serious doubts among the police department over the cause of deaths.

The children, three girls and three boys, are of Thramal Rafeeq and Sabna. The latest was the death of a three months old child on

A case was registered by the police following a complaint lodged in connection with the death of the infant. Subsequently the police exhumed the body which was buried in the morning and shift-ed it to Tirur district hospital for post-mortem examination.

The police said that a case of unnatural death has been registered in connection with the death. With the locals raising suspicion about five children belonging to the couple, the police has decided to probe the matter in detaiÎ

Of the six children, the third girl child lived till the age of four. The rest

died before turning one. "The post-mortem will conducted Tuesday. Efforts are on to obtain the medical records of the children who died earlier. The cause of death will be ascertained with the help of medical and forensic experts," said a cop. Meanwhile, the relatives of the couple have ruled out foul play in the death of the children.

According to them, the doctors had informed that the deaths had occurred due to some

# **KERALA WANTS TO EVICT CAA PROTESTERS**

**GILVESTER ASSARY | DC** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

While the CPM is wholeheartedly backing Shaheen Bagh protest in Delhi, the government led by the party in Kerala has issued eviction notice to people who are agitating against CAA and NCR outside the state secretariat in the heart of capital Thiruvananthapuram.

The anti-CAA, NRC NPR protesters includ-ing women have erected a small pandal on the pavement in front of secretariat. Human rights activists, cultural leaders and people from various walks of life are holding 24X7 dharna for the past 16 days.

On Monday night cops came to the protest site and noted down the details of the partici-As a follow up action,

the cops turned up on Tuesday and asked the protesters to dismantle the pandal. They cited an earlier

directive of the High Court which prohibited pandals in front of the secretariat citing security reasons.

The protesters, however, rejected the police directive and resolved to continue the agitation.

## TS RTC TENDER NOTICE No.OS3/880(1)/2020-PO(IR) dt:17.02.2020 Sealed Tenders are invited for outsourcing

of plain paper photo coping work at MD's office,Bus Bhavas,Mushirabad, Hyderabad by installing their own xerox machines. Tender forms can be had from personnal officer (IR), Bus Bhavan from 20.02.2020 to 29.02.2020 from 10.30 AM to 3.00 PM. Receiving of Tenders will be on 02.03.2020 between 10.30 AM to 2.00 PM. Further details will be available at https://www.tsrtc.telangana.gov.in(Tenders). Sd/- Chief Personnal Manager

## 🍘 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🚳

**E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE** No. ECR/CAO/CON/TS/2019-20/14

E-Tender No. - 22/19/0260/TS (e-open) SEALED OPEN TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK. Particulars: S.N.1. Name of work with it's location for OPEN TENDER NO. **22/19/0260/TS (e-open)**: Fabrication & Supply of 10125 mm Over-Riding curved Switch for 1 in 12 T/ Out BG (1673 mm) for 60 Kg on PSC Sleeper to RDSO's Drg. No. T-4219/Alteration-6 and Conforming to IRS Specification No. T-10-2000 for Fabricated Switches, Corrigendum No. 01 of DEc'2016. (With latest alteration/ corrigendum upto 10 days before the date of closing of e-tender.) The Switch should be complete with all fittings as listed in the drawing including check rails but excluding G.R.Sole Plate, Insulating Liners, ERC, Fish Plates & Fish Bolts. 2. Approx cost of the work for OPEN TENDER NO. 22/19/0260/TS(e-open) : Rs. 3,86,32,160.00 3. Earnest money to be deposited for OPEN TENDER No. 22/19/0260/ TS (e-opne) : Rs. 7,72,650.00 4. Date & time of closing of e-tender : At 15.00 hrs on 06.03.2020. 5. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc: The complete details of tender document is available on

website http://www.ireps.gov.in.

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# **Pawar for SIT** probe into Elgar case

SONU SHRIVASTAVA | DC MUMBAI, FEB. 18

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar is still sulking over the handing over of the Elgar Parishad investigation to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Justifying his demand for a parallel probe by a state agency, Pawar on Tuesday claimed that the Devendra Fadnavis government had misused the Maharashtra police machinery in the

The Congress also voiced its opposition after Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray agreed to hand

over the case to the agency. Pawar made it clear that his party had misgivings regarding the conduct of the police, especially the Pune police, and the then-officials and officers in the government.

'We have been continuously demanding the set-ting up of an SIT (Special Investigation Team) comprising a retired judge of the Supreme Court, retired police officer and an IAS officer. The SIT should probe the investigation and evidence that has been collected in the case and bring the truth before the people,

Pawar said.
The NCP chief exuded confidence that if an independent investigation were conducted, the truth pertaining to those who have been behind bars would come out.

According to him, the probe will reveal that injustice had been done to them. In addition to this, 'those who have misused power will be exposed', claimed.

Pawar, who was a chief architect of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), wrote a letter to the state government, demanding the setting up of an SIT in January 2020 After this, deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar and home minister Deshmukh held a review meeting with the Maharashtra DGP Subodh Jaiswal, state Intelligence commissioner Rashmi Shukla and the Pune police in cases related to the Bhima Koregaon and Elgar Parishad violence.

After this meeting, the Centre decided to transfer the case to the NIA.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra Congress president and revenue minister Balasaheb Thorat alleged that the decision to transfer this case to the NIA was an attempt of the Central government to label people who are associated with progressive, Dalit and pro-Ambedkar movements Naxalites.

"It is wrong to take action against them only because they have spoken out against the government. This is an attempt to gag progressive, and pro-Ambedkar voices," he said.

Meanwhile, after handing over the investigation into the Elgar Parishad case to the NIA, Uddhav Thackeray on Tuesday said his govern-ment would not hand over probe in the Bhima-Koregaon violence case to the Centre.

Bhimaand "Elgar Koregaon are two separate topics. The issue facing my Dalit brothers is about Bhima-Koregaon and I will not give it to the Centre. I want to make it clear that there will be no injustice to Dalit brothers," Thackeray

It may be recalled that the violence at Bhima-Koregaon was a result of the alleged inflammatory speeches delivered at the Elgar Parishad conclave at Shaniwarwada in Pune on December 31, 2017.

## **Department of Atomic Energy** Hyderabad Regional Purchase Unit

**Corrigendum to e-Tender Notice** 

1. Last Date for Submission of Online Bid against NIT No.: DPS/HRPU/NFC/PT/TPT/CAP/11083 is extended upto 02/03/2020 upto 2.00 PM.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (For Press)

Enquiry No: 88/S.E./Th.Op./CD-36/Vol-IV/O&M/GHTP/2020 Dated 12/02/2020

Short Description: To provide assistance of eighteen (18) No. B.Sc Chemistry qualified Graduates / B.Tech for the Operation of Water Treatment Plant and Chemical Dosing Systems: Round the clock in Three Shifts & / or during General Duty hours: under the Chemical Department of GHTP (O&M), Lehra Mohahat

EMD: The tenders shall be required to submit fixed earnest money of Rupees One Lakhs only (i.e. Rs. 1.0 Lakhs) online on the website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

Quantity: Supply of Manpower to carry out above job as per scope of work. Date & Time upto which tender shall be received: 11/03/2020 up to 11:30

Date & Time of opening of tender: 13/03/2020 at 12:00 hrs. Tender specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

1) The prospective bidders can obtain clarification regarding tender specifications from this office. For registration of digital signatures and uploading of tender information may be sought from M/s E-procurement Technologies Ltd. Contact No. 0172-2970263.

2) It is informed that in case the tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corridendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL official website i.e. https://pspcl.in Superintending Engineer/Th.On



E-TENDER NOTICE NRBPSU invites ONLINE tenders for the supply of items mentioned below as per the tender notice given in our E-Tender portal https://etenders.dpsdae.gov.in. The suppliers need to get enrolled in the E-Tender portal and only online tenders will be accepted. However, EMD in the form of DD, drawn in favour of PAY & ACCOUNTS OFFICER, NRB, MUMBAI should be sent by post to our Mumbai Office so as to reach us by the tender

opening date. No paper quotation will be accepted. Tender Opening Tender Name Uploading the tender. Date Number DPS/NRBPSU/ Clariflocculator 07/04/2020 07/04/2020 03/N2/206-TPT

Details of EMD, Pre-Bid Meeting (if applicable) are given on the above portal Bidders shall ensure that minutes of pre-bid meeting and / or corrigendum i any uploaded on the E-Tender portal would be viewed / verified for any modification before uploading their offer.

For details on Bid Preparation, please see the user manual in the portal. For technical assistance please contact help desk 020-25315555 or email: support.dpsdae@nextenders.com. Website - etenders.dpsdae.gov.in Part II opening date in the tender will be intimated after evaluation of part-I to only those bidders who have been technically selected. Date of pre-bid

meeting if any, is given the tender. The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed. Regional Director, (NRBPSU)

### metres in 9.55 seconds Shetty has done it in 9.52 seconds!



Kambala jockey Srinivas Gowda participates in a buffalo race in Kambala of Karnataka district.

gone viral with Kambala lovers declaring that he had covered 100 metres faster than speed legend Usain Bolt had done. The state government had even felici-

Gowda's achievement had tated him with a cash prize with Union minister of state for sports, Kiren Rijiju inviting Gowda to the Sports Authority of India (SAI), which the Kambala sportsman is reluctant to

ing 100 metres in a record 9.52 seconds, it remains to be seen how the state government and the SAI will react. The Kambala season has almost reached its end with only three races scheduled in the next three weeks, the last one being on

accept as he feels the run-

ning pattern of Kambala

and an athletic race are dif-

Now with Nishanth Shetty

setting a new record cover-

ferent.

muddy fields which serve as tracks in record time this year, the next three events will definitely be a crowd

March 7 at Bangady. Kambala lovers feel that with jockeys covering the

genetic disease.









