

## WEATHER

Max: 34.2°C  
Min: 20.8°C  
RH: 48%  
Rainfall: Nil  
Forecast: Partly cloudy, Misty morning, Max/Min temp. 33/20°C

## ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Uttarayana  
Tilthi: Phalguna Sudha  
Tadiva till 4:11 am (Thursday)  
Star: Uttarabhadra till 10:07 pm  
Varjyam: 5:57 am to 7:45 am  
Durmuhurta: 12:06 pm to 12:52 pm  
Rahukalam: 12 noon to 1:30 pm  
HUIRI CALENDAR  
Rajjab 1,1441 AH  
PRAYERS  
Fajar: 5:37 am  
Zohar: 12:39 pm  
Asar: 4:43 pm  
Maghrib: 6:27 pm  
Isha: 7:35 pm  
SUNSET TODAY 6:21 PM  
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6:36 AM  
MOONSET TODAY 6:21 PM  
MOONRISE TOMORROW 7:46 AM

## COUNTER POINT



Trump offers free visas for masses, helpers... to America!

## GDP growth may have rebounded

**Bengaluru:** Indian economic growth likely to see a touch in the October-December period after its weakest expansion in over six years in the previous quarter, a Reuters poll showed, with a small rebound in rural demand and private consumption expected. Annual GDP growth likely rose to 4.7 per cent in the last quarter of 2019 from 4.5 per cent the previous quarter, when the growth rate appears to have bottomed out, the poll revealed. — Reuters

## Adani may bid for Air India

**New Delhi:** Billionaire Gautam Adani's energy and infrastructure conglomerate is considering bidding to buy Air India and is pouring into bid documents. The firm is finalising a plan, sources said. The government is offering to sell its entire holding in the loss-making carrier. Sources said the group's M&A team is scrutinising bid documents and the interest was at a preliminary stage. Bidding would depend on the due diligence, they said. — PTI

## Polls for 55 RS seats in March

**New Delhi:** Elections to 55 Rajya Sabha seats falling vacant in April will be held on March 26, the Election Commission announced on Tuesday. Fifty-one of these 55 seats from 17 states are falling vacant on different dates in April due to retirement of sitting members, while four other seats are already vacant due to resignation of members. The terms of the members who had resigned in the recent past were also ending in April. — PTI

## TRS, YSRC to win all RS seats

**Hyderabad:** Elections will be conducted for two Rajya Sabha seats in Telangana and four in AP on March 26. Three incumbent Congress MPs — K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao, T. Subbaram Reddy, M.A. Khan and one MP from the TRS, B.P. and the TD will be retiring on April 9. The TRS and the YSRC may win all seats in TS and AP respectively as other parties don't have required MLAs to win these polls. — Full report on Page 5

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Former Egypt prez Hosni Mubarak dies

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## SPORTS | 16

Mane scores as Liverpool win yet again

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Actor for domestic violence disclaimer



Rioters set ablaze a shop during clashes between those against and those supporting the CAA in at Gokulpuri in north east Delhi on Tuesday. — PTI

## Delhi burns as frenzied mobs take over streets

Death toll up to 13, over 150 injured in clashes

**SANJAY KAW and SUNIL THAPLIYAL | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 25**

As the BJP-led government of the world's most populous democracy unleashed a massive razzamatta to welcome Donald Trump, President of the world's greatest democracy, Delhi burnt. The national capital remained on the edge for the third consecutive day on Tuesday as communal conflagration over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) continued to rage, engulfing not just north-east Delhi, but also Ghazipur, in Uttar Pradesh. Delhi Police officials, speaking on the condition of not being named, said that "shoot at sight" orders have been issued to deal firmly with those indulging in rioting.

Curfew, however, has not been imposed. Section 144 of the CrPc remains in force in riot-hit areas, whereby gathering of more than three people is not allowed. The death toll on Tuesday mounted to 13 and more than 150 were reportedly injured. Some reports said that about 70 people have received bullet injuries. Delhi Police issued a stern warning to rioters, saying they need to be taught a lesson. He tweeted:

"Jaffrabad Metro protest area totally cleared. The game starts now. Rioters need to be taught a lesson or two of Indian laws" with the hashtag #FrenziedDelhiRiots in the party. He holds the most powerful post in the BJP after party president J.P. Nadda and is an RSS representative in the party. Besides setting houses on fire, mobs torched cars and scooters parked in the area. On Monday night, Gokulpuri tyre market was set on fire. The most all shops were gutted in the fire by the time it was brought under control by the fire department. For example, a tyre market is located behind the Gokulpuri Metro station and most of its shops

## Owaisi says Centre sparked Delhi riots

**ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi alleged on Tuesday that the Delhi violence was not communal violence and instead called it "violence sponsored by the BJP-led Central government". He insinuated that the alleged motive behind the violence was to send a message to the world that we will run the country in any manner we like and not like how you want it. Speaking to the media here on Tuesday, Mr

Owaisi claimed that inflaming violence at a time when US President Donald Trump was on a visit to India was "poor management and pre-planned". However, the MIM leader refused to comment on President Trump's visit. Mr Owaisi said that this was done in the wake of the hearing on citizenship laws of India and Myanmar on the desk of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom. ■ Page 2: MIM chief blames Kapil Mishra's comments

## TABLET

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## TRUMP, MODI DISCUSS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, J&K

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**SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 25**

Hours after detailed talks on all aspects of bilateral ties with Prime Minister Narendra Modi here, US President Donald Trump on Tuesday declined to discuss the controversy over India's Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the violence rocking parts of Delhi, but told reporters he had discussed the issue of religious freedom with Mr Modi, including "specifically (the subject of) Muslims and Christians". He added that India has "worked very hard to have great and open religious freedom" and that "this (religious) freedom is what he (Mr Modi) wants". Addressing the Indian and American media at the US embassy in the evening, the US President said: "I don't want to discuss that (CAA). I want to leave that to India, and hopefully they're going to make the right decision for the people."



US First Lady Melania Trump interacts with school children during her visit to a government school to witness various activities as part of the happiness curriculum in New Delhi on Tuesday. — PTI

In a joint statement issued on Tuesday evening, which vindicated New Delhi's concerns about the US embassy in the evening, Mr Trump said the two countries have "expanded our defence cooperation with agreements for India to purchase more than \$3 billion of advanced American military equipment, including Apache and MH-60 Romeo helicopters 'the finest in the world'". Both sides also decided to begin negotiations for a "big trade agreement". Praising India and Mr Modi from whom he received "powerful messages" about religious freedom and the presence of 200 million Indian Muslims in the country, President Trump — when asked about issues ranging from "hate crimes" in India to the violence rocking Delhi — said he had heard about "individual attacks" but that he didn't discuss the issue with Mr Modi as it was "upto India" to take action. India's foreign secretary Harishvardhan Shringla, meanwhile, told reporters at a separate briefing that Mr Trump had not raised the CAA issue in talks. ■ Page 9: Trump again talks of offer of mediation

## KEY POINTS

- India and the United States held talks in five major categories — security and defence; energy; technology and trade; people-to-people contacts; and global and regional issues. Defence sector would be a key focus area.
- Both the countries have decided to move towards a big deal in the trade sector. India will source \$9 billion worth crude oil from the United States to reduce trade imbalance.
- The two countries have also decided to set up working groups on curbing narcotics trafficking and reinvestigating homeland security dialogue.

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**DONALD TRUMP**  
US President

## Defence cooperation between two countries is reflective of rising strategic partnership between India and US.

**NARENDRA MODI**  
Prime Minister

## KCR meets Trump, recalls Ivanka's visit to Hyderabad

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**

Representing the pride of four crore people of Telangana, Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao during an official banquet to meet the visiting American President Donald Trump on Tuesday as a guest of the presidential banquet at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. Mr Rao met Mr Trump, exchanged pleasantries while shaking hands, which was followed by the official dinner. Before the commencement of the official dinner, President Ram Nath Kovind and Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu introduced the Chief Ministers and other dignitaries who were invited for dinner with President Trump and first lady Melania Trump. When Mr Trump met Mr Chandrashekar Rao, both



US President Donald Trump shakes hands with Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao during an official banquet at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Tuesday. — PTI

leaders shook hands with a warm note and chatted briefly. Mr Rao, it is reported, reportedly reminded Mr Trump of the trip his daughter Ivanka had to Hyderabad in 2017. In a joint address earlier, along with PM Narendra

Modi, Mr Trump also recalled his daughter's visit to Hyderabad. At the banquet, Mr Rao presented a memento to Mr Trump, a replica of the Charminar, besides Pochampally and Gadwal sarees to first lady Melania Trump.

## HOUSE | HUNTERS

## In Old City, Muslim landlords say they are wary of religious practices of non-Muslims

Muslims don't rent homes to Hindus, or Sunnis to Shias

**SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**

Religious divides, sectarian preferences and affinity for clans and kinship appear to play too significant a role when it comes to finding a house for rent in most parts of the Old City of Hyderabad. Not surprisingly, Muslims don't wish to let out their houses to Hindus or other non-Muslim minorities. What is more, Sunni and Shia families are equally wary of letting out their houses to those from the other sect. Sectarian beliefs and customs appear to come into play most significantly in

areas such as Darushifa, Noorkhan Bazar, Dabeerpura, Darajung ke galli and Yakutpura. "We cannot let out a house to a Hindu, or any other non-Muslim because we would be wary of their religious practices and rituals. For example, I would be very uncomfortable with idol worship in my house," said Sultan Ahmed, a resident of Yakutpura.

The south zone of Hyderabad, which predominantly covers is mostly the Old City, is mostly populated by Muslims, reflecting the history of the city and its growth over its more than 400 years of existence. But it is clearly not limited to religion alone in Old City, as the Sunni-Shia divide is also evident when it comes to renting a house. ■ Page 9: Trump again talks of offer of mediation

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**IN BRIEF**

**Light spell of rain likely in state**

**Hyderabad:** If all goes by predictions being made by meteorologists, the city might witness a brief albeit light spell of rain till Wednesday afternoon. According to officials of a private weather forecasting outfit Skymet, there is a confluence zone that is taking shape over the northern parts of the state. "This zone can bring about a spell of rain for the state and its capital city," said Mahesh Palawat, chief meteorologist, Skymet.

**Cops assist in live heart transport**

**Hyderabad:** A live organ (heart) was transported from Yashoda Hospital in Secunderabad to Care Nampally by giving it a green channel by the Hyderabad Traffic Police. The 8 km distance between the hospitals was covered in 10 minutes. The medical team from Yashoda Hospital left at 6.22 p.m and reached Nampally by 6.32 p.m. This is the first such organ transport facilitated by the traffic police in Hyderabad.

**COMMISSIONER APPEALS TO REMAIN ALERT**

**Hyderabad, Feb. 25:** In the wake of violence in Delhi, Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar on Tuesday appealed to citizens of the city to remain alert and not allow rumour-mongering. He tweeted: "Appeal to all citizens of Hyd. We have to remain alert and not to see that no mischief-maker tries to take advantage of the disturbing news from Delhi." "Our patrol cars and bikes are your closest friends. Don't allow rumour-mongering. Take pride in our beautiful city Hyd.," he added.

**JNTU TO SOON GO FULLY BIOMETRIC**

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**  
Engineering students have a Biometric attendance system in this current academic year. The same is going to be implemented in the next two weeks in all the 250 colleges affiliated to the Jawahar Nehru Technological University - Hyderabad (JNTU-H). A decision regarding the same was taken on Tuesday, announced the Registrar of JNTU-H. Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, Prof. A. Govardhan, Rector and Registrar, JNTU-H said that "The background processes of setting up the biometric attendance has been finished already and within two weeks the same would get implemented for the students as well." As of now, the biometric attendance is in place only for faculty and for the students of postgraduate engineering courses in the JNTU-H affiliated colleges. Now, the university has decided to implement the same to all the undergraduate students as well. A decision regarding the same was taken on Tuesday, announced the Registrar of JNTU-H to all its affiliated managements, in which about representatives from 250 colleges have attended on Tuesday.

**Anti-Trump protest**



Members of the CPI protest against US President Donald Trump's visit to India near the US Consulate in Begumpet in the city on Tuesday. Mild tension prevailed when groups of activists from the party attempted to take out a rally towards the US Consulate. About 50 activists, including the party's national general secretary K. Narayana and state secretary Chada Venkat Reddy were booked and taken into preventive custody.

— S. SURENDER REDDY

**Even a million Owaisis can't stop CAA: Kishan**

**Minister says Owaisi making allegations with TRS support**

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**

Union minister of state for home affairs G. Kishan Reddy has "advised" people against acting in a manner that will disturb the peaceful atmosphere in the country. "The central government has been patient for the past two months," he stated. Speaking at the BJP state office on Tuesday, the Union minister declared that those responsible for violent incidents in New Delhi on Monday and Tuesday will be identified and punished severely. Stating that the law and order situation in Delhi is completely under control," he maintained that incidents that took place in the country's capitals were not identified to the failure of the Delhi police. Kishan Reddy accused Lok Sabha member Asaduddin Owaisi of making baseless allegations against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). "He is doing so with the support of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi. Even if a million Asaduddins oppose the CAA, it will be implemented," he asserted.

**MIM chief blames Kapil Mishra's comments**

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Mr Owaisi questioned the Modi government on why it did not take any preventive steps to prevent violence, when it was the US President would be in the national capital. He made an allegation against Kapil Mishra, BJP leader, saying he had issued an ultimatum to the police to stop the violence of the DCP concerned, with the "consent of his bosses" as the Delhi police had no respect for human dignity. Mr Owaisi said that the Delhi Police had entered into the Jamia Millia University and attacked students but remained mute over ransacking by goons in JNU. Again, the Delhi police had failed to swing into action when violence erupted, he said. "We have seen stones brought in trolleys for rioters. A female journalist of a TV channel was confined by rioters. If a videographer had not come to her rescue, what would they have done with her, we can't say. The rioters stripped down a photographer's trousers to know whether he was a Muslim or not. He said if it was a conspiracy against the country, then why had the government failed to do it. It shows the inability of the government." Mr Owaisi said, Mr Owaisi also hit back at G. Kishan Reddy, Union minister for state for home affairs, saying he should go and control the situation in Delhi instead of being here in Hyderabad. "He (Mr Kishan Reddy) should go and control the situation instead of targeting me," he added.

and questioned why curfew was not imposed in the disturbed areas. He also flayed the government for not deploying additional forces. He alleged that policemen are forcing injured youths, who were lying on the road, to sing the national anthem and said it was very shocking and showed that police had no respect for human dignity. Mr Owaisi said that the Delhi Police had entered into the Jamia Millia University and attacked students but remained mute over ransacking by goons in JNU. Again, the Delhi police had failed to swing into action when violence erupted, he said. "We have seen stones brought in trolleys for rioters. A female journalist of a TV channel was confined by rioters. If a videographer had not come to her rescue, what would they have done with her, we can't say. The rioters stripped down a photographer's trousers to know whether he was a Muslim or not. He said if it was a conspiracy against the country, then why had the government failed to do it. It shows the inability of the government." Mr Owaisi said, Mr Owaisi also hit back at G. Kishan Reddy, Union minister for state for home affairs, saying he should go and control the situation in Delhi instead of being here in Hyderabad. "He (Mr Kishan Reddy) should go and control the situation instead of targeting me," he added.

**TS-AP JAC draws up line of action to avoid NPR**

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**

Mohammed Mushtaq Malik, convener of the Telangana AP Joint Action Committee against the CAA, the NRC and the NPR, alleged that the state government is hiding the fact that the NPR survey will be held in the state. The state government is trying to misguide the people by stating that the survey is no different than the census done every decade.

**Anti-CAA campaign in TS from March 1**

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**

The Alliance Against CAA, NPR & NRC has chalked out a fortnight-long, state-wide campaign from March 1 to educate people about the implications of the National Population Register. Addressing the media on Tuesday, alliance convener, former High Court judge Justice Chandra Kumar, said the questions embedded in the NPR process seek to gather objectionable information from citizens. "The government is trying to collect data from citizens in the name of the census or the NPR. Millions of Indians will be in danger of being arrested for failing to provide proof of citizenship through the government's implementation of the NRC, the NPR and the CAA," he said. The leaders of the alliance said that the TRS government should ensure that the NPR exercise in its present form is

halted. City convener Sara Manow said that the alliance will hold mohalla-basti sabhas and distribute material on the possible impact of the NPR, the NRC and the CAA and persuade people not to provide information to the NPR enumerators. The Women's Day on March 8 will be observed as an anti-NPR day as women will be more affected by this exercise. The alliance condemned the Centre's "inaction" in maintaining peace and the "nationwide assault on the democratic right to protest," and the denial of permissions for holding meetings and discussions. They condemned the violence in the national capital. They urged the police to stop detaining peaceful agitators who have adopted the path of non-violence shown by Gandhiji. Our struggle is not against any individual; we are striving to safeguard the Constitution, they said.

design in advance and want to safeguard all our countrymen," he said. Mr Malik said that the Joint Action Committee has drawn up a line of action to avoid the NPR. A meeting of Ulema, Mashayekh (Sufis) and community leaders of Muslims will be held at

Masjid e Sahaba Panjagutta on February 27 at 11 am. He said mohalla-wise committees will be constituted to put a check on the NPR. He threatened to lay siege to the Assembly if the Telangana government fails to put a stop to the NPR.



Students stage a protest against the Delhi police on Manu campus in the city on Tuesday.

**PIL in HC over SBI's NPR letter**

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**

A public interest litigation has been filed before the High Court challenging the public notice issued by the State Bank of India (SBI) to produce the letter issued by the National Population Register (NPR) as part of the know your customer (KYC) documents. City-based advocate Khais Ajazuddin sought directions from the High Court to set aside the condition imposed by the SBI. He said the process of issuing the letter by the NPR had

not yet started and the bank's notice was unwarranted. He alleged that the SBI was going to freeze the accounts of customers who would not submit the document by February 28. Mr Ajazuddin submitted to the court that his grievance in this regard was not redressed nor answered by the Reserve Bank of India and the SBI, when he issued personal notices to them. However, in the SBI's public notice, it was mentioned that the letter issued by the NPR was optional.

**Manuu, UoH protest over violence in Delhi**

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**

Hundreds of students at Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Manuu) staged a midnight protest against the Delhi police to condemn their alleged inaction on Monday night. The protest was continuing till Tuesday evening. Elsewhere, the University of Hyderabad Students Union also gave a statement condemning the violence in Delhi. The main gate of the Manuu campus remained closed and the entry was restricted for outsiders. About 300 students joined

the protest after a call from the Manuu students union. Classes were also boycotted in some of the departments and some internal exams were also not held as the students were away. Manuu Students Union president Umar Faruq said that the students would condemn the Delhi police. "The Delhi Police were biased in their action as they silently watched when the peaceful protesters, who were protesting against the Citizenship Amendment Act, were attacked." Students holding the

National Flag shouted slogans against the Delhi police. Police officials were deployed at the Manuu main gate to avoid any untoward incidents. On the UoH campus, the Hyderabad Central University Students Union (HCU-SU), in its solidarity statement said, "HCU-SU condemns the brutal force deployed by the Delhi Police and the home minister on the peaceful protesters. HCU-SU stands together with the dissenting protesters of the country in the struggle against the fascist government and their divisive policies."

**NITCA seeks govt report on tourism in Amrabad reserve**

**DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**

The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has sought a report from the state forest department on the construction of tourism facilities inside the Amrabad tiger reserve. The NTCA has asked for details of the tourism projects including the construction of a hotel right next to the core area of the reserve. The NTCA has also asked for a report on construction of a cantilevered walkway at Farhabad View Point deep inside the core area of the

● **THE ACTION** by the National Tiger Conservation Authority follows an urgent appeal filed with the authority by wildlife and forest protection activist Diya Sur.

reserve as well as rest areas created for people passing on the road that cuts through the reserve on its way to Srisailem in Kurnoor district of Andhra Pradesh. The NTCA action follows an urgent appeal met with the authority by wildlife and forest protection activist Diya Sur. She said there were

many illegal constructions underway in and around the reserve that are in direct contempt of the Supreme Court orders on tiger tourism and NTCA's own guidelines. The structures, including the Haritha Hotel and Resort built by the tourism department on the edge of the core area of the reserve, and the rest areas built on the way to facilitate temple tourists are turning into areas where tourists litter which in turn will harm wild animals. Such rest areas are either witnessed in any other tiger reserve in the country, she said in the appeal.

**PROTEST | TROUBLE Yes Bank V-P alleges DCP made her wait for over two hours Woman files plaint against IPS**

**JAYENDRA CHAITANYA T. IDC HYDERABAD, FEB. 25**

A city-based woman working as vice-president of a private banking company complained to Hyderabad police commissioner Anjani Kumar that she was ill-treated by an IPS officer working as a deputy commissioner of police, and made to wait on the road for hours. The incident occurred during the traffic jam caused by the protest organised by the Communist Party of India at Begumpet on Tuesday



Police detain participants of a candlelight vigil in Solvan.

Anjani Kumar over e-mail, Ms Gantasala said that due to the CPI protest at Begumpet, the police were checking the people entering the street. Despite showing her identification cards to the policeman, North Zone Sub-Inspector M. R. Sallu was made to wait and her colleague was made to wait on the road. "The

DCP did not talk to us and let us go and the woman arrived late. Despite pleading that we were running late, the DCP refused to let her go. Ms Gantasala alleged and asked if it could be called friendly policing. The police commissioner said, "On receiving an e-mail, I personally spoke to Shyamala Kumari G. V-P of Yes Bank. She narrated the incident and I have assured her that I will personally get it enquired into and also see that such inconvenience is not caused to a lady. She also agreed to visit my office."

## POWER SHUTDOWN

**Mehdipatnam CBD**  
**Ahmednagar cable feeder**  
 10 am to 11 am  
 Syed Nagar 2, Ahmed Nagar,  
 First Lancer, Bola Nagar, Sri  
 Ram Nagar, Bada Bazaar,  
 Pochamma Basthi.

**Kala Bungalow feeder**  
 10 am to 11 am  
 Ghousia Roof Masjid,  
 Himadiva Masjid, Yek Minar  
 Masjid, Military Wall, New  
 Hakeemsha, Wajid PT, Kousar  
 Bakery, Leading School.

**Brindavan Colony feeder**  
 11 am to 12 noon  
 Ko-E-Sar Colony, Reliance  
 Mart, Brundavan Colony,  
 Sabja Colony.

**Paramount Colony feeder**  
 12 noon to 1 pm  
 Paramount Colony, Paper  
 Board, Hakimpet, Hanuman  
 Temple, Bowli PT, Ambekar  
 Community Hall, Baba Hotel,  
 Kabrasthan 1&2.

**Dargah OH feeder**  
 1 pm to 2 pm  
 OU Colony, Shaik Pet,  
 Vinodha Nagar, Vinayak  
 Nagar, Dattaraj, Ramnagar,  
 Dwaraka Nagar, Dream Vally,  
 Maruthi Nagar.

**OU Colony feeder**  
 2 pm to 3 pm  
 O.U. Colony, Hussain Shali  
 Dargah.

**Shaikpet Water Works feeder**  
 2 pm to 3 pm  
 Gulshan Colony, Smatha  
 Colony, Laxman Nagar, Water  
 works area, Vinayaka Nagar,  
 Echaru School, Rainbow  
 Hotel, Jahidh Nagar, Dream  
 Vally, OU Colony.

**Kalyannagar sub-station**  
 10 am to 2 pm  
 Jawahar Nagar, Yusufguda,  
 Madhura Nagar, Saibaba  
 Temple, Siddarta Community  
 Hall, Madhura Nagar Total  
 area, Siddhartha Nagar, State  
 Home, Shishu Vihar, Sai Ram  
 Krishna Community Hall.

**Filmnagar sub-station**  
 11 am to 12.30 pm  
 Jaggedi Rao area, Sai Baba  
 Temple area, Water Works  
 area, Ramanaidu Film  
 Chamber, Apollo Hospital  
 area, Murali Mohan PT,  
 Satyam Computers area, N-TV  
 area, Milan Tent House.

**Jubilee Hills sub-station**  
 10 am to 1 pm  
 Roads No. 45, 52, 53, HMTV of  
 Jubilee Hills.

## SHORT TAKES

### MANUU V-C RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

DC CORRESPONDENT  
 HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

The Union ministry of human resource development accepted the resignation of Vice Chancellor of Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Manuu) Aslam Parvaiz.

Dr Parvaiz had tendered his resignation on October 31 last year to the President in his capacity of Visitor of the university.

He had addressed another letter this year to the President, insisting that he be relieved from service as he wanted to retire from his mother institution, Dr Zakir Hussain College, Delhi.

President Ram Nath Kovind accepted the resignation and relieved him from his capacity as Vice Chancellor effective from February 28. Pro Vice Chancellor Ayub Khan will be the in-charge Vice Chancellor till the appointment of Dr Parvaiz's replacement.

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### 5 STATE INFO COMMISSIONERS TAKE OATH

Hyderabad: Chief Information Commissioner of Telangana Dr Raja Sadaram Sema administered the oath of office to five newly appointed State Information Commissioners at Telangana State Information Commission's office in Maozajahi Market here on Tuesday.

The new SICs who took oath are Katta Shekar Reddy, Guguloth Shankar Naik, Syed Khalilullah, Myda Narayana Reddy and Dr Mohd. Ameer Hussain. State Information Commissioner Buddha Murali, Principal Secretary to Government, General Administration Department Vikas Raj and all the officers and staff of the TSIC were present at the swearing in ceremony. — JNV

# More Metro trains for Ameerpet to Raidurg

Soon you can also get Metro every 2.5 minutes

DC CORRESPONDENT  
 HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

## TRAINS AT A GLANCE

- Total number of passengers every day: 4 lakh passengers
- Total 69 kilometres of Hyderabad Metro Rail completed.
- There are 5 kilometres of Old City pending.
- A total of 57 trains have been procured and 55 of them are already running.
- Every day 1,000 metro train trips on all the three corridors from JBS to MGBS, Nagole to Raidurg, Miyapur to L B Nagar.

The frequency of metro rail trains between Ameerpet and Raidurg will be increased from August 2020 due to the large commuter crowds on that stretch. Hyderabad Metro Rail is planning to run trains every 2.5 minutes.

At present the trains run every 4.5 minutes during peak hours and seven minutes during non-peak hours. Trains slow down on this stretch because of the low speed limit which has to be maintained and also because of the signalling system which has to be aligned from time to time. This is also lost because of the wrongful use of the emergency button which is pressed by mistake or by passengers when there is too much of a crowd in the compartment.

Some passengers have also pressed it just to check what it is for, and others wonder if it could

open the door. Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMR) managing director N.V.S. Reddy said, "We are going to operate two extra trains on that stretch during peak hours once the speed limit is increased. There has been tremendous patronage from the people of Hyderabad for metro rail and the Ameerpet to Raidurg stretch has large crowds during peak hours." Four lakh passengers travel every day on the three corridors of the metro rail with 1000 trips daily. The highest number of commuters interchange at Ameerpet metro station which was quite unexpected as studies had shown that Secunderabad metro station would have the higher footfalls.

"The jerks," Mr Reddy said, "are due to the curves along the route. We have also noted that the unnecessary use of the emergency button has led to sudden stoppage and that too has caused severe jerks."

The price of metro rail tickets has also been an issue, but compared to Delhi, Chennai, Lucknow, Bengaluru and Kochi, it is low. Mr Reddy said, "L and T Hyderabad Metro Rail has the right to decide the price as the project here is a private-public partnership. In other metros it is government-funded and yet the prices are high."

While the JBS to MGBS metro rail has started, will the Old City finally get a metro rail?

Mr Reddy said, "Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu is very keen to have a metro rail in the Old City. He was very happy to see the JBS to MGBS stretch and wants a metro service in the Old City too." With the land acquisition not yet over and no proper decision on whether it will be 80 or 100 feet road-widening there is no clarity on the road map for the Old City. And neither has a deadline been set for it.

## Wildlife conservation



Five red jungle fowls adopted by the Rotary Club of Hyderabad for a period of one year, at the Nehru Zoological Park on Tuesday. The Club also presented a cheque of ₹20,000 to zoo curator N. Kshitija.

## ST/SC panel grills OU for defying quota rules

DC CORRESPONDENT  
 HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

Authorities of the Osmania University (OU) were on Tuesday questioned by the state's Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission regarding non-implementation of Rule of Reservation in appointing professors in various departments.

As per the rule, 15 per cent of vacancies should be reserved for SCs and six per cent for STs. In this regard, Dr Errolla Srinivas, chairman, Telangana SC and ST Commission, at a meeting held with university registrar on Tuesday and directed that a five-member internal committee be formed for appointment of teaching staff, to examine why the rule of reservation has not been implemented, and how the issue could be rectified.

With regard to non-teaching staff, the commission chairman asked

the university to write to the state government requesting for immediate recruitment for vacant posts.

When contacted, university officials said appointments are made as per guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC). Accordingly, the teaching staff were recruited group wise while adhering to the roster system. However, when it comes to departments, professors were allotted based on the student-teacher ratio and subject requirement.

At Tuesday's meeting, the commission also sought details of measures being taken for welfare of SC and ST students in the university. The meeting was attended by registrar Professor Gopal Reddy, Professor Krishna Rao, deans of various faculties, principals of various campus and constituent colleges, non-teaching staff and students.

## UoH STUDENTS WANT REGULAR SHUTTLE SERVICE

DC CORRESPONDENT  
 HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

University of Hyderabad (UoH) students held a protest at the administration block on the campus to highlight the issue pertaining to the student community on Tuesday. Some of their demands include regular shuttle service to students, revocation of the fine imposed on students for organising an anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) event and to reduce the booking charges for the auditorium.

Students marched from the admin block while shouting slogans against the university administration. The students demanded the university issue UGC regulation certificate to PhD students and to ensure there is one year of coursework for research scholars taking admission in any session. It was also demanded to revoke the circular restricting public gatherings.

## Experts counsel Inter students

DC CORRESPONDENT  
 HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

Intermediate students are being counselled ahead of their final exams in stress and time management. The counselling is significant as about 20 students committed suicide after declaration of intermediate results.

As a precautionary measure this year, a special programme for training of trainers was organised to educate lecturers on the finer points of counselling for students for their exams. The teaching staff was also asked to identify students who could require counselling. This is because most of the times, the student in need of counselling would not speak up at all, said officials of the Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education (TSBIE). They disclosed that their model examiners were sought for preparing students for their examinations. Professional counsellors were also involved so that they could talk to students who are under stress. TSBIE officials said intermediate students have already finished their pre-final exams. These students have been assessed based on their performance. Slow learners and those who have lagged behind are being given special coaching. Previous model exam papers are being given to them to enhance their confidence levels. Meanwhile, certain private colleges are inviting psychologists and medical experts to teach students about remaining calm during exams as also on how they can manage time while answering their question papers.

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## Stench of unidentified bodies makes OGH sick

DC CORRESPONDENT  
 HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

Unclaimed and unidentified bodies lying in the mortuary at the Osmania General Hospital are brought from all over the city. Hospital are quite literally raising a stink. The stench is so bad that it can be smelt in the neighbouring administrative wing of the hospital.

Unclaimed bodies are brought from all over the city and kept in what is supposed to be a freezing cold room in the mortuary but the temperature in the room is not very low and hence the smell of rotting

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Municipal Corporation." A senior paramedical staffer working at the hospital says the stench is the result of too many bodies being kept there. The NGOs come on a weekly or fortnightly basis depending upon the numbers. Dr B. Nagendra, superintendent of Osmania General Hospital tries to explain away the stench by saying "There are some bodies that are brought in a highly decomposed state. These are raising a lot of stench. We have to follow the protocol and wait for the family members."

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SHORT TAKES
Maker of fake wine arrested

Hyderabad: A youngster from the city who was selling grape juice wine by bottling it in the name of popular brands was arrested by the prohibition and excise police...

TWO HELD WITH EXCESS SANDALWOOD

A man from Sudan and an Indian woman who were scheduled to fly to the Sudanese capital of Khartoum via Dubai for Rajiv Gandhi International Airport were held by the Central Industrial Security Force...

MINORS ON BIKE DIE IN BUS SMASH

Two minors, brothers, were killed when a school bus collided with the truck of a 17-year-old intermediate student committed suicide in the backyard of his house at Sangareddy district at 9 am on Tuesday...

Gang nabbed trying to sell magical idol

Gang asked ₹1 crore for fake panchaloha idol

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

Four persons, including a former jawan of the 125 Infantry Battalion, were held by the Hyderabad Police...



Police commissioner Anjali Kumar is seen with an idol which was seized from four persons in the city on Tuesday.

The four have been identified as B. Devendar, 40, a labourer, T. John, a businessman and former sepo of 125 Infantry Battalion, Mohd Asraf, 23, a meat shop owner, and Prem Chand Gupta, 38, a businessman...

The idol, a stone, and three phones were recovered from the accused and handed over at Kulsumpura police station...

The CISOF personnel who found the movement of the duo suspicious took them for screening. Checks on their baggage yielded 44 kg of sandalwood but they could produce bills for 24 kg.

4 held, bid to kill TRS man

Hyderabad: Three persons - car drivers Syed Yousuf and Shaik Shahed, and Syed Shabbaz, a pharmacy employee - were arrested for burglary...

DRUNK MINOR FIGHTS WITH DAD, ENDS LIFE

Apparently upset after quarrelling with his father, a 17-year-old intermediate student committed suicide in the backyard of his house at Sangareddy on Monday night...

Four held by DRI for smuggling 3kg gold

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

Four persons smuggling over 3 kg gold in a cab and a private bus were held by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence near Kaikal toll plaza on NH44 on Tuesday...

Three held for burglary

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4 held, bid to kill TRS man

Hyderabad: Four persons, including police officers and a former TRS leader, were arrested during a recent municipal poll, when the former TRS leader was still at large.

The enmity between the two began during the recent municipal polls, when the former TRS leader was still at large.

According to Narasingi police, on February 18, a group of persons attacked Venkatesh Yadav, Narsingi municipal councillor, and his aides K. Anand and younger brother K. Raj Kumar...

SUSPECT JUMPS OFF CYBERABAD BUILDING, DIES

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

A 43-year-old goldsmith from Nashik who was accused of purchasing stolen gold from a burglar, jumped from a building while in the custody of Cyberabad police on Tuesday.

The deceased person was identified as Vijay Budhu Birari, 43. According to the Cyberabad police, one Prakash Nagesh Shinde, a Nashik resident was arrested by the Madhapur police in 1986 in connection with a burglary.

He faked his death and obtained a fake certificate. He then committed 24 offences including eight in Cyberabad and was arrested by the police on February 15, based on his fingerprints.

The police took him to Nashik to recover the booty and he took them to Vijay Budhu Birari. On Tuesday, when the police took custody of Vijay for questioning, he and his advocate reportedly said they would return the stolen gold.

Vijay on the pretext of drinking water went to the terrace and jumped from the fourth floor of a guest house, where he was being questioned. A case of custodial death was registered at Nashik police station for the investigation.

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3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. B. SANJEEVA RAO Ex-MLA, Vikarabad DOB: 09-05-1953 DOD: 25-02-2020 Funeral Service on Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 4:00PM in Garuda Vahanam, Vikarabad (RS)9295379

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

LACHMAN DAS MANJANI The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away. The Lord, Aug. 12/71

OBITUARY

Mrs. LEELA SIMON W/o. Mr. Frank Jayakumar Simon DOB: 10-05-2019 DOD: 10-02-2020

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Mr. Chikuri Christopher Paul S/o Chikuri Nasareddy, Proprietor S/o Late Chikuri Nathaniel Naidu, sign in the Lord on 25/02/2020 (Tuesday)

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

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THANKU NANDKISHORE SINGH (CA-3265)

10th Day CEREMONY

SHRI ANNAM DILIP KUMAR GARU D.O.B: 17/02/2020 'Loving Father and Good Father, loyal Companion and friend, humanitarian and guide...

Inserted by: ANNAM FAMILY Ph: 9248448803

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A person who is jovial, humble, courteous and a great human being. Words do not do justice to express the grief felt by the countless friends and family members of a man who was a towering personality of support and guide to all who needed him.

Inserted by: THUMMU RAKUMAR & FAMILY Ph: 9848127578

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Deeply mourned by OHRI FAMILY RELATIVES & FRIENDS

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I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 1 Timothy 4:7

Inserted by: Mr. C.B. Thandappa Selena Daughter: A. Diana Christina Ph: 989632991/989994173

14th DAY CEREMONY

RACHERLA RAVINDER Retd. AAE, TS Transco DOB: 05-05-1934 DOD: 16-02-2020 12:00 Noon onwards at Vivekananda Community Hall, D.K. Road, Ammapet, Opp. Indian Bank, Near Municipal Play Ground.

6th ANNIVERSARY

Smt HIRABEN MEHTA W/o VASANTALAL R MEHTA EXPIRED ON 26.02.2014. WE MISS YOU AND REMEMBER YOU EVERY DAY

Inserted by: Smt. HIRABEN MEHTA (Wife) Ph: 9849637157

OBITUARY

Shri. Dhanya Kumar J Doshi DOB: 19.01.1943 - DOD: 25.02.2020 Mass at 2 PM, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Yapral, Secunderabad

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Late Sri. MANHARLAL PONDA DOB: 26-02-1990 DOD: 26-02-2020 "30 long years but the memories never fade"

3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

CHIDURA SRINIVASULU(CVK) S/o Sai Sathib C.K. Durvasulu DOB: 20/11/1920 DOD: 28/02/2020

8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

AERUKALA RAMCHANDER GOUD Passed away on 29-02-2011

DANGER ON ROAD Car in mishap with pickup driven by minor City couple dies in US car crash

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

A couple from Hyderabad, Divya Avula, 34, and her husband Raja Gavini, 41, were among three persons who were killed in a Friday car accident on late on Sunday a third person, identified as Premnath Ramannath, 42, was also killed in the accident.

The couple leaves behind an eight-year-old daughter. The family is from Gandhinagar of Musheerabad in the city. An inconvertible Akula Gautam Buddha, father of Divya, told some media-persons on Tuesday that his daughter and son-in-law were travelling in their car, accompanied by their friend, after they dropped the eight-year-old daughter on a pickup truck local time.

The initial investigation, the report said citing a Prisco Enterprise, a local media outlet that quoted the crash police, said that the black Ford F150 was travelling northbound on FM 423 road and struck a black Acura that was attempting to turn left across the Ford when it was on FM 423 to eastbound Del Webb.



Raja Gavini and Divya Avula

The Prisco Enterprise reported that according to witnesses on scene, the northbound FM 423 traffic had a green signal light, and southbound left-turn traffic had a flashing yellow arrow at the time of the crash.

The driver and two passengers of the Acura were pronounced dead at the scene. The juvenile driver of the Ford was transported to a local hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries, the report said. The identity of the juvenile truck driver was not released by the police.

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25th ANNIVERSARY

THANKU NANDKISHORE SINGH (CA-3265)

OBITUARY

Late Sri. MANHARLAL PONDA DOB: 26-02-1990 DOD: 26-02-2020

12th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

ALEXANDER MARTIN ANDREWS (Retd. Traffic Inspector, APRTC, Ex-2nd Bidding Cooh, All India Boxing Referee & Judge)

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SHORT TAKES

NGT LAND POSER ON POLAVARAM

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25 The National Green Tribunal (NGT) sought to know the ground realities of the submergence of the Telangana state with the construction of the Polavaram lift irrigation scheme in Andhra Pradesh.

The NGT bench headed by Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, after hearing a petition filed by TS leader P. Chandrababu Naidu, directed the four-member joint committee, which had been constituted by the bench, to assess the social impact due to the construction of the dam for the Polavaram project.

Mr Sudhakar Reddy's petition directed to the submergence of agricultural lands in Khammam district with construction of the Polavaram project. The bench directed the committee to submit its report May 4.

The four-member committee consists of representatives of the Central Pollution Control Board, additional principal conservator of forests, Telangana State Pollution Control Board and the collector of Khammam district.

The bench gave liberty to the committee to involve collectors of other districts which may be relevant or other expert in assessing the loss caused by the submergence of agricultural lands in the state.

CONG LEADERS DEMAND RAHUL AS CHIEF

Hyderabad, Feb. 25: Congress senior leaders who have formed the Telangana Congress Loyalist Forum on Tuesday demanded that party leader Rahul Gandhi be made president of the party again.

The letter was signed by former minister S. Chandrasekhara, ex-MLAs Marri Shashikhar Reddy, M. Chandrababu Naidu, B. Kamalakar Rao, AICC OBC department vice chairman Dr P. Vinay Kumar, TPCC Intellectual Cell chairman A. Shyam Mohan and ex-chairman of AP Khadi Board G. Niranjan.

"Winning and losing elections are a part of the democratic process. However, parties in general are looking at the Congress to save the country under the prevailing negative circumstances.

Divisive forces are working threatening the very democratic and secular fabric of the nation and the spirit of India's Constitution," the letter said.

"While the country has developed leaps and bounds under the Congress rule, the party has also played an effective role as an opposition party, despite facing several challenges and being stronger, as witnessed post-1977 in 1980, post-1989 in 1991 and in 2004. It is time to note that all the strengthening and the subsequent revival happened under the leadership of a member of the Gandhi family," the Congress leaders said in a letter to Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi.



Urban development minister K.T. Rama Rao engaging with people in Devarakonda on day 2 of the Pattana Pragati urban renewal programme on Tuesday.

KTR: Growth must go on despite poll result

He asked the people to cooperate with municipality

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

Municipal administration and urban development minister K.T. Rama Rao said development activities should be taken up in all municipal wards irrespective of which party had won an individual ward.

KTR INSTRUCTED the councillors and ward committee members to identify problems and start addressing them right away. He asked residents to segregate domestic waste at the household level so that sanitary workers can process it accordingly.

Mr Rama Rao toured Devarakonda and Kalwakurthy and participated in various programmes. He asked residents to segregate domestic waste at the household level so that sanitary workers can process it accordingly.

keeping the towns clean. He laid foundation stones for development works in Devarakonda, including the construction of an underground drainage network, a sewerage treatment plant, roads and a park at ₹48.2 crore. The minister went on to inaugurate a 2211 KV sub-station in Kalwakurthy and addressed the councillors, ward members, ward officers and ward committee members at the Pattana Pragati programme.

Govt to HC: Decide on PILs against Secretariat demolition

VIJUNI VASUDEVHARA I DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

The state government on Tuesday requested the High Court to decide on the public interest petitions (PILs) filed against the proposed demolition of Secretariat buildings and shifting of offices from the complex to various locations.

THE INTERIM directions were issued by the bench when the state government was not in a position to submit the architectural plans of the new Secretariat complex.

existing buildings, the court had noted. With the request of the state government to hear the cases soon, the bench on Tuesday said that it will hear the petitions on March 3.

BY COLLECTOR SUSPENDED FOR IRREGULARITIES

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

Deputy Collector of Serilingampally D. Srinivas Reddy was placed under suspension for irregularities in issuing mutation proceedings for land in Gopannally in Rangareddy district. Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar issued orders for the suspension of Tuesday.

Revanth: TRS failed to give 2BHKs

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

Corrupt practices of higher-ups in the state are the reason for delay in construction of double-bedroom 2BHK houses, alleged A. Revanth Reddy, Congress MP for Malkajgiri.

On Tuesday, Mr Reddy took part in the Congress 'Patnam Gosa' programme in LB Nagar to rival the government-led Pattana Pragati programme - where he alleged that municipal administration minister K.T. Rama Rao was talking only about cleanliness but not about the promises that his party has failed to keep.

KISHAN INITIATES REFORMS IN ADOPTED VILLAGE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

Union minister of state for home G. Kishan Reddy on Tuesday visited to his adopted village of Gummadaavelli in Maheshwaram constituency under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY).

CAT gives relief to IRS officer

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) set aside the suspension order issued against senior IRS officer Jasti Krishna Kishore by the AP government.

THE RELIEF is partial, as he still faces investigation by the Anti-Corruption Bureau and the Crime Investigation Department. Economic Development Board (APEDB). Cases were filed against him by the ACB and CID. The government also issued notices to him to not leave the capital Amaravati without permission from the investigating authorities.

Political activities gain pace before RS polls

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

With the announcement of the schedule for biennial elections to the Rajya Sabha, political activity is set to pick up in both Telugu states. Elections will be held on March 28 for two seats in Telangana state and for four in AP.

THIS TIME the political activity will be confined to the ruling parties as the Opposition parties do not have the required number of MLAs to win even a single seat.

Three Congress MPs — Dr K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao, T. Subramani Reddy and M.L.A. Khan — and one MP from each from the TRS (Dr K. Kesava Rao), BJP (Garikapati Mohan Rao) and the TD (Thota Seetharama Lakshmi) will be retiring on April 9.

According to one strand of opinion, Mr Chandrasekhara Rao may not prefer candidates who lost in last year's Lok Sabha elections. If this holds, Ms Kavitha and Mr Vinod Kumar will be out of the race and Dr Kesava Rao may retain his seat.

Mr Rama Rao toured Devarakonda and Kalwakurthy and participated in various programmes. He asked residents to segregate domestic waste at the household level so that sanitary workers can process it accordingly.

ELECTION SCHEDULE table with dates and events: March 6: Issue of Notification, March 13: Nominations close, March 16: Scrutiny of papers, March 18: Withdrawal date, March 26: Election, if needed, March 26: Counting

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**SHORT TAKES**  
**RALLY WAS ATTACKED: PASTOR**

DC CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM, FEB. 25

Six men attacked a group of Christians at a religious rally in Visalakshinagar in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday morning. Pastor Asirvadam of the Yesu Kristu Kripa Prachara Mandir, affiliated to the Pentecost Church, said that six men came on motorcycles and shouted at the Christians to stop the rally and disperse.

All the six were carrying sticks. However, when they were told that it was a peaceful rally to spread good sermons, the angry men attacked the Christian group with sticks.

"We requested them to allow the rally as it was not against any particular community, but they did not listen and swung the lathis, thereby causing minor injuries to some members," Pastor Asirvadam said. There were 70 members in the rally, including 45 women and 10 children. Luckily, the children were not hurt.

As they attacked the defenceless rallyists, the men kept raising slogans, he alleged. Policemen dispersed both the groups. But the attackers returned with some women and hurled abuses at the women members of the rally.

The pastor said they lodged a complaint with police commissioner R.P. Meena and supplied video proof of the attack. CPM city secretary Dr B. Ganra Rao condemned the attack and demanded the police take stringent action against the attackers. But, MVP Colony police inspector Shammukha Rao said Pastor Asirvadam and his church members carried out a religious rally using loudspeakers without obtaining police permission.

**Jagan's Disha move yields quick results**

Around 25 cases have been registered within 7 days

N. YAMSI SRINIVAS | DC VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 25

The award of death penalty to a man for the rape and murder of a five-year-old girl in Chittoor district on Monday has come as a shot in the arm for Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's Disha initiative which focuses on delivering speedy justice as part of ensuring overall safety of women and children.

The Chittoor case was one of the 28 cases of rape, murder or child abuse booked after the Andhra Pradesh Legislature passed the Disha Bill on December 13. The police conducted investigation into the incident, arrested the accused and filed chargesheet in seven days. The state government issued GO MS No. 107 to allot house sites in Guntur district.

"Leaving sceptics aside

on whether the Disha Act would really see the light of the day, our experience in the last two months has instilled confidence that speedy justice is possible," Director General of Police Gautam Sawang told Deccan Chronicles.

Though the Bill for speedy justice was named after Disha, a veterinary doctor who was raped and murdered by four lorry workers in Hyderabad, Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy was considering a tough law to prevent atrocities against women and children even before that incident.

"There were a spate of child abuse cases a few days before Disha incident and the Chief Minister was very upset. He discussed at length at one or two Cabinet meetings on how to instil the fear of punishment among people so as to

prevent such incidents," said home minister M. Sucharita.

Sources close to the Chief Minister said Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy, the father of two girls, had turned very emotional when he came to know of the Disha incident. "The victim can be anybody," he lamented during his speech in the Assembly and announced his strong resolve to strengthen the policing, investigation and the subsequent judicial process.

As a first step after the Disha Bill, the Chief Minister got about ₹100 crore released to realise the objectives of which nearly ₹30 crore would be spent on improving forensic facilities. In addition to the existing facility in Vijayawada, the government has decided to set up one facility each in Visakhapatnam and

Tirupati. These forensic labs with DNA testing facility will be made operative within a month.

Besides planning 18 Disha police stations and posting adequate personnel, the Chief Minister also announced a 30 per cent additional pay to the personnel posted in Disha police stations. Two special officers were appointed and a unique app which sends the distress message just by shaking the phone thrice was also launched.

According to the home minister, it was identified that no specific punishment was available for cyber harassment of women and girl children in the existing Acts and the accused were let off with a warning. "We proposed two years imprisonment for the first case and four years in case of repeated offence in such cases," Ms Sucharita pointed out.

**Family members wait for kin's return from Wuhan**

DC CORRESPONDENT KURNOOL, FEB. 25

Parents of the Kurnool girl stuck in Wuhan city of China are eagerly awaiting the return of their daughter this week. China's positive response on allowing an Indian aircraft to land there for evacuating the remaining Indians has raised the hopes of the family.

Pramila Devi, mother of a girl from Karnool Amem Jyothi, says her daughter has been constantly in touch with her since the outbreak of coronavirus and she is normal. Jyothi was left behind in Wuhan by the Indian aircraft that had earlier evacuated 670 Indians from the Covid-19 hit Wuhan city in Hubei province of China.

She was running a temperature at the time of boarding the flight and hence was refused permission to board. Subsequently, Jyothi made several SOS calls to the government of India that she was in good health, had no symptoms of the suspected virus and that she be evacuated. Banaganapalle MLA Katsani Ram Reddy and



Annem Jyothi with her fiancé.

Nandyal MP Pocha Bramhananda Reddy have also been persuading the external affairs ministry to make arrangements for bringing the Kurnool girl back from Wuhan. Incidentally, Jyothi's marriage is scheduled on March 14. According to reports, India will send a C-17 military transport aircraft to the Chinese city of Wuhan

on Thursday to evacuate Indians from there, while also delivering a consignment of medical supplies for China's coronavirus-hit people. The C-17 Globemaster is the largest military aircraft in the Indian Air Force's inventory. The plane can carry large combat equipment, troops and humanitarian aid across long distances in all weather conditions.

**AP to give land for house sites**

DC CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 25

The Andhra Pradesh government will give away nearly 1,251 acres to 54,307 families to build houses in the AP Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) area. Each family will get a house

site of one cent (100 cents make an acre), and will be allotted in the name of a woman.

The state government issued GO MS No. 107 to allot house sites in Guntur district.

The areas that have been selected are located at Nowluru, Krishnapalem of Tadepalli ma-

ndal, Krishnapalem of Peda Kakani mandal, Nidamaru of Mangalagiri mandal and Krishnapalem of Duggirala mandal. Similarly, in Krishna district, house sites are to be allotted in villages, including Inavole, Krishnapalem, Kuragallu, Nidamaru and Mandadam falling

under Vijayawada Municipal Corporation. As per a directive, the collectors of Krishna and Guntur districts are to provide the list of beneficiaries to whom the house sites are to be allotted to the AP Capital Region Development Authority commissioner (APCRDA).

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IN BRIEF

Govt: State free of Covid-19

Hyderabad: The health department on Tuesday said the state continues to remain free of Covid-19 disease, caused by the coronavirus. On Tuesday, one passenger who arrived at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport was referred to the Gandhi General Hospital for medical tests. This passenger is the only one currently under observation at the hospital for the disease. Till Tuesday, 105 persons were tested for the disease, including some who self checked in for the examination and others referred by the health screening staff at the airport.

No relief from nala stench

GHMC makes no effort to clean the Begumpet drain

T.S.S. SIDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

Each year, as winter disappears and another summer is preparing to take over on the horizon, a harrowing time begins for residents living along the Begumpet nala (drain). As the temperatures rises, stench from the nala that flows beneath the namesake flyover gives off a putrid stench. The stench is so strong that even motorists who travel along the Begumpet Flyover get a whiff of stench that smells like rot-

ting garbage, animal waste and other wastes, which are strewn into the nala by factories as well as some people living in homes along the nala. "The stench keeps increasing day after day. Sometimes it just refuses to leave, even during the night. I wonder why there is no remedy for this menace?" asks Major (ret'd) Shiv Kiran, a resident of Kundanbagh. The nala goes towards Balanagar, passing by Hyderabad Public School and into Hussain Sagar lake. "We presume that

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the stench that emanates from the lake is predominantly from industrial effluents that are dumped without being treated into it," he said. While there was a plan to improve water in the lake five-years ago, dubbed the Hussain Sagar Catchment Improvement Plan (HCIP), nothing has come of it till

date, and as the stench continues to persist. "Every year the government claims to be doing its best to clean up the nala. But the stench is proof enough to prove their claims are false. It seems as if some department is trying to construct something along the low of the nala, which is not letting the stench settle down," said B.V. Subba Rao, noted environmentalist. He alleged that there were chances that someone was dumping motor-grade batteries which were leaking into the nala.

GHMC survey to help rehabilitate beggars

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 25

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has said that a survey of beggars in the city will include classification into different categories that will help in designing and planning for their rehabilitation. In its circular on the subject, GHMC commissioner D.S. Lokesh Kumar said the details of the survey should include classification of beggars into categories such as chil-

dren, able-bodied, those with disabilities, mental illnesses, families and orphans. The survey is part of an action plan for making the city beggar free. The action plan will also include providing medical care for the beggars in need of such attention, and admission to schools or bridge courses for those ready for it, along with rehabilitation plans. Instructions were issued to all GHMC zonal commissioners to form circle-level committees comprising GHMC corporators,

police officials from civil, traffic and SHE teams, representatives from other relevant government departments and from local non-governmental organisations. These committees should be in place by the end of this month, Mr Kumar said. The GHMC had on February 22 announced that the city is one among 10 in the country selected by the Centre as part of a pilot project for identification and rehabilitation of beggars.

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SHORT TAKES Schools closed, Delhi gets new police chief

New Delhi, Feb. 25: Private and government schools in violence affected north East Delhi will continue to be closed on Wednesday...

Hundreds lay siege to Kerala Raj Bhavan

Hundreds of people on Wednesday laid siege to Kerala Raj Bhavan to protest against Citizenship Amendment Act in Thiruvananthapuram.

Kerala CM, former HC judge argue over CAA

Charges and counter charges involving Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and a former judge of Kerala High Court have triggered an unseemly controversy against the backdrop of anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) agitations in the state.

It all began with the Chief Minister, without naming Kema Pasba, alleged that former judge was speaking the language of radical outfits and he got upset when organisational like SDPI came under criticism.

Congress blames Shah for violence in national capital

RAJIB CHOWDHURI & PRANMOY BRAHMACHARI | DC KOLKATA/BERHAMPORE, FEB. 25

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday expressed "deep concern" over the violence in New Delhi over the Citizenship Amendment Act and National Register of Citizens.



Security personnel conduct flag march during clashes between those against and those supporting the Citizenship Amendment Act in north east Delhi on Tuesday.

Post-riots, BJP leaders bay for Kapil Mishra's blood

Leaders believe Mishra's ultimatum on CAA led to riots in the capital

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 25

As violence escalated in northeast Delhi, the alleged provocateur, BJP leader Kapil Mishra, is getting isolated within the party. Pressure is being mounted on the BJP leadership to take action against Mishra.

Cricketer-politician Gautam Gambhir has openly come out against Mishra. Lok Sabha member from East Delhi, said action should be taken against any party member, "whether Kapil Mishra or anyone else", who gave provocative speeches.

Mishra, who had unsuccessfully fought the Assembly polls on a BJP ticket from Model Town, led a gathering in support of the CAA at Maujpur Chowk in Jaffrabad area on Sunday.

Addressing the gathering, Mishra issued an ultimatum to the police to vacate roads blocked by anti-CAA protesters in the Jaffrabad and Bhabanpura areas within three days, warning that he would be back on the streets if no action was taken.

Shivraj, Raman may contest RS polls

RAJIB CHOWDHURI & PRANMOY BRAHMACHARI | DC BHOPAL, FEB. 25

Polls for three Rajya Sabha seats in Madhya Pradesh and two RS seats in Chhattisgarh are going to be held on March 26. Notification for this was issued by Election Commission of India on Tuesday.

Speculations are rife in BJP circles in MP and Chhattisgarh that former chief ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Raman Singh may be asked by the Central leadership to contest the biennial elections.

BJP leaders threaten to kill anti-CAA protesters

B. ARAVINDA SHETTY | DC BENGALURU, FEB. 25

The confrontation between anti and pro-CAA protesters in Karnataka has intensified with two BJP state leaders on Tuesday threatening to kill freedom fighter and Gandhian, H.S. Doreswamy and CPI leader Kanhaiah Kumar for opposing the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

Former Union minister and BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatala, known for his controversial statements in the past, made a scathing attack on Doreswamy and termed him a 'Pakistan agent'.

He also expressed the wish that Doreswamy should better die for anti-CAA protesters in the Jaffrabad and Bhabanpura areas within three days, warning that he would be back on the streets if no action was taken.

Even at 101, Doreswamy has been raising his voice against the anti-people policies of both the state government and the Centre. He was often critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government but leaders cutting across party lines including BJP leaders had taken his suggestions and advice in the past. Till date, no leader had dared to criticize or condemn Doreswamy but now Yatala's scathing remarks are sure to embarrass the BJP.

Yatala made the shocking statement at a pro-CAA protest rally in Vijayapura district on Tuesday. "People like Doreswamy and others are giving pro-Pakistan statement, he is an agent of Pakistan. Such people do not deserve to live in the country and they better die soon," Yatala remarked.

In another incident, former BJP MLC, Narayana S. Bandge, threatened to kill CPI leader and former student union leader of JNU Kanhaiya Kumar. Attending a pro-CAA protest at Bagaloke here on Tuesday Bandge said, "there is no place for anti-nationals in the country. Police have not taken any action against those who support Pakistan. If I had an AK-47 rifle, I would have finished Kumar, such anti-nationals should be killed", Bandge remarked at the protest.

During both incidents, police remained mute spectators and did not do anything to stop these two BJP leaders from giving scathing remarks.

Referring to Union home minister Amit Shah's remarks at a TV event after the BJP's defeat, another senior party leader said leaders like Mishra must be punished for their misdeeds if they fail to understand the signals of party seniors.

Other Congress leader who has been lobbying to get RS ticket from Chhattisgarh is Karu Shanika, niece of former prime minister Atal Behari Vajpayee. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Patel has requested AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi to go to Rajya Sabha from their respective seats of Bhopal and Guna in MP and hence are desparately trying to go to the Upper House to revive their political career.

Chhattisgarh, the former AICC treasurer Vohra was lobbying hard to retain their respective seats of RS seat. Ruling Congress which has decimated BJP in the 2018 Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh is in a position to win the two RS seats.

dent Arun Yadav and former Congress Legislature Party leader Ajeay Singh. Singh and Scindia have lost last Lok Sabha polls from their respective seats of Bhopal and Guna in MP and hence are desparately trying to go to the Upper House to revive their political career.

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Counting will be held on the evening of March 26, an hour after the conclusion of polls. Prominent among those retiring are Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivaran (JDU), Union minister Ramdas Athawale (RPI-Athawale), former Union ministers Vijay Goel (BJP) and Kumari Selja (Congress).

Bihar decides not to have NRC

NAYAN AZAD | DC PATNA, FEB. 25

The Bihar Assembly has passed a resolution not to implement the NRC in the state. The Assembly also unanimously passed a resolution to implement the NPR in its 2010 form.

The issue was raised by the Opposition parties which were initially opposed by the members of treasury bench. Trouble erupted in the House when the leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav called for government motives and termed the Citizenship Act, NPR and NRC as "divisive" and "Kala Kanooon" (black law).

While replying to the Opposition demands earlier Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said that the NRC won't be implemented in Bihar and claimed that the state government has also written a letter to the Centre urging it to "drop additional clauses inserted into the NPR form".

The state government, however, said that a proposal has been sent to include a column for transgender into the NPR form. The NPR work has to be completed across the country between April 1 and September 30. In Bihar, the exercise to update the NPR will take place between May 15 and 28.

With Assembly elections slated to be held in November, political temperature has been high since the Citizenship Act came into force. The state has been witnessing massive protest against the CAA-NPR-NRC in several districts including Patna.

CPI leader and former JNUSU president Kanhaiya Kumar has also been leading a state-wide 'Jan Gan Man Yatra' and addressing series of public meetings against the CAA-NPR-NRC. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has also been facing flak in Bihar from the Opposition over his party's support to the Citizenship Act in the Parliament.

The unanimous resolution was passed in the state Assembly on our demand. I thank the Centre for identifying all the political parties who supported us in our fight. The BJP which has been claiming that it won't move even an inch on issues like NRC-NPR looked helpless while the resolution was passed in the assembly. Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav said.

Political analysts claim that the Centre (U) has been worried after a section in BJP adopted an aggressive approach on the issue and urged the Centre to "identify illegal immigrants" by implementing NRC.

Clause 6 worries Bengali Hindus

MANOJ ANAND | DC GUWAHATI, FEB. 25

All Assam Bengali Youth Students Federation, Mankanda Sarkan Dutta, has made an appeal to members of the Clause 6 committee of the Assam Accord to take into account the minds of Bengalis of Assam about proposed definition of being "Indigenous Assamese".

This has come close on the heels of the Clause 6 committee formally handing over the recommendation to Sonowal who on behalf of the ministry of home affairs received the recommendation of the committee here on Tuesday.

The day committee on implementing the Clause 6 of the Assam Accord submitted its recommendation to Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Bengali Hindu, yesterday morning migrated to Assam till 1971, have expressed fear that they may not be included among the category of "Indigenous Assamese" for whom the constitutional safeguard is sought under clause 6 of the Assam Accord. The president of the

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