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HYDERABAD | SUNDAY | 9 FEBRUARY 2020

WEATHER

Max: 29.2°C
Min: 21.5°C
RH: 58%
Rainfall: trace

Forecast: Cloudy sky.
Rain likely in parts of city
Max/Min temp. 29/20°C

ASTROGUIDE

Vikari: Uttarayana
Tithi: Magha Suddha
Pournami till 1 pm
Star: Ashlesha till 7.40 pm
Varjyam: 9.33 am to 11 am and
then from 6.22 am to 7.47 am
(next day early hours)
Durmuhurtam: 4.40 pm to
5.26 pm
Rahukalam: 4.30 pm to 6 pm
HJRI CALENDAR
Jumada al-Sani 14,1441 AH
PRAYERS
Fajar: 5.44 am
Zohar: 12.40 pm
Asar: 4.39 pm
Maghrib: 6.20 pm
Isha: 7.29 pm
SUNSET TODAY 6.15 PM
SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.45 AM
MOONRISE TODAY 6.21 PM
MOONSET TODAY 6.44 AM

COUNTER POINT

Our party is demanding re-exit polls!

Woman cop shot dead by aide

New Delhi: Sub-inspector, Preeti Ahlawat, 26, was shot dead by another cop on Friday night. Police said that the woman was walking home on Friday from the Metro station in Rohini when she was shot thrice by her police academy batch mate. Police said that the accused SI, Dipanshu Rathi, also committed suicide by shooting himself at Haryana Sonipat area.

Passport-free Kartarpur entry

Islamabad: Pakistan is considering a proposal for allowing Indian pilgrims to enter the Kartarpur corridor without passport in order to attract more visitors to the revered Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, interior minister Ijaz Shah informed the country's Parliament. In November last year, Pakistan and India separately inaugurated the historic corridor on their sides.

Pre-litigation law needed, says CJI

New Delhi: Chief Justice of India S.A. Bobde on Saturday said the time is ripe to devise a comprehensive legislation which contains "compulsory pre-litigation mediation" that would ensure efficiency and reduce the time of pendency for parties and courts. He was speaking at the 3rd edition of a global conference on 'Arbitration in the Era of Globalisation'.

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ANXIETY IN THE AIR

GHMC survey triggers fear

Residents mistake it for CAA, NRC exercise by the Centre

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

An ongoing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) survey by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to bring all unassessed property into the tax net led to a piquant situation with residents in some localities protesting the survey.

They feared it was a disguised Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise. This happened in the GHMC's Chandrayangutta and Falaknuma circles this past week. Uncertainty over CAA-NRC made locals prevent GHMC officials from photographing their buildings. The civic body has now decided to explain to all residents, particularly in the Old City, about the GIS survey's purpose. The GHMC has also instructed officials to explain that

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the survey has nothing to do with the CAA or NRC. Civic body officials have been authorised to seek police escort for the survey, if necessary.

To keep a tab on the number of structures in the city, the corporation has divided the Greater Hyderabad area into 340 sections and prepared dockets for each for the staff to carry. The GHMC, in a preliminary survey, identified as many as 8,952 properties not under the property tax net. Valuation officers from GHMC's revenue wing were asked to photograph structures and attach them to the docket for transparency and accountability.

Page 6: Residents see secret operation by Centre

9 nCov suspects in Gandhi Hospital

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Nine persons were admitted to Gandhi General Hospital for novel Coronavirus tests on Saturday even as Health Department authorities said that a total of 70 people who were tested for the infection till Friday tested negative.

So far, there is no positive case in the state of the novel Coronavirus, an official said. "We are following up with all those under home quarantine

and keeping a close watch on their health," the official said.

As part of state-wide preparedness to tackle possible coronavirus cases, district-level officials have begun preparations to set up a minimum of a five-bed quarantine facility at each of the state's teaching hospitals. As part of these efforts, a five-bed facility was readied in Nizamabad district on Saturday. Any questions related to the disease can be made to the 24-hour helpline, 040-24651119.

Killer fishing trawlers



Carcass of an Olive Ridley turtle washed ashore near INS Kursura submarine museum in Visakhapatnam on Saturday. Fishing trawlers are suspected to have killed thousands of these turtles if the number of carcasses found on RK Beach are an indication. Report on Page 5



People wait in queues to cast their votes at Shaheen Public School polling station in the Shaheen Bagh area, which has been witnessing a peaceful protest against the Citizenship Act for several weeks, during the Delhi Assembly elections in New Delhi on Saturday. - PTI

Exit polls see Kejriwal return

61% turnout in Delhi polls; BJP struggles to repeat LS show, Cong draws blank

SANJAY KAW and SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC NEW DELHI, FEB. 8

After two weeks of aggressive campaigning, Delhi on Saturday saw 61.5 per cent of the total 1.47 crore voters turning up to exercise their franchise for the Assembly elections. The city had witnessed the highest-ever voter turnout of 67 per cent in the 2015 Assembly polls in which Aam Aadmi Party had scripted history by winning 67 of the 70 seats.

After the polling, the exit polls predicted a major victory for chief minister Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP. The India Today-Axis poll predicted 59-68 seats for the AAP and 2-11 for the BJP, while the ABP-

WHAT THE EXIT POLLS SAY	AAP	BJP	Cong
India Today-Axis	59-68	2-10	0
TV9 Bharatvarsh-Cicero	52-64	6-16	1
Republic-Jan ki Baat	48-61	9-21	0
Times Now-Ipsos	47	23	0
ABP News-C voter	49-63	5-19	0-4
Neta-NewsX	53-57	11-17	0

CVoter put the Delhi's ruling party's tally at anywhere between 49 and 63, and that of its main rival between five to 19.

Almost all exit polls predicted little change in the fortunes of the Congress, which ruled the city between 1998 and 2013 but drew a blank in the 2015

polls. The Times Now-Ipsos exit poll predicted that Mr Kejriwal will retain power with the AAP winning 47 seats against 23 for the BJP.

The Republic-Jan ki Baat survey gave the AAP 48-61 seats and the BJP 9-21 seats. The TV9 Bharatvarsh-Cicero pre-

THIS ELECTION is a proof of how selfless and strong our relationship is. We are winning by a huge margin. Hearty congratulations to all the activists.

MANISH SISODIA, Delhi Deputy CM

BJP, it said, is set to receive 35 per cent vote share and the Congress is likely to lag behind at 5 per cent. Contrary to what most exit polls were predicting, BJP MP Parvesh Sahib Singh had a completely different prediction, claiming 50 seats for the BJP and 16 seats for the AAP. Parvesh, the son of former chief minister Sahib Singh Varma, had called Mr Kejriwal a "terrorist" during campaigning. Later in the evening, both the AAP and the BJP called internal meetings. While the AAP discussed the security of the Electronic Voting Machines, the BJP leadership deliberated upon the possible outcome of the polls.

Women can shake phone with Disha app, alert cops

VADREVVU SRINIVAS | DC KAKINADA, FEB. 8

The Andhra Pradesh government has developed an app to implement the Disha Act and help women and girls should they land in a dangerous situation.

The app provides two ways of calling for help: either by pressing a button on the phone, or if that is not possible, by simply shaking their phone five times. It will alert the Disha Control Room who in turn will alert cops. The technical services of

the AP police created the app that informs the Disha Centre personnel. They in turn will inform cops equipped with GPS vehicles to rush to the spot and assist the person in trouble or anticipating trouble.

"Videography will have evidentiary value during the trial," said DIG Paul Raj of the police's Technical Services. "An exclusive control room for distress calls from women will be set up, which will also track the nearest emergency response vehicle and automatically dis-

patch it to the location." Besides the location of the caller, an audio and video of 10 seconds during the call will be sent to the Control Room, he said.

The Disha Act is the first of its kind in India, which calls for an entire investigation to finish within a week and a trial within a fortnight after that (where substantial and conclusive evidence exists). The judgment, thus, is to come up in 20 days.

Page 5: Disha forensic labs soon

Stray cats killed in gated colony

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

A gated community in Toli Chowki, according to a complaint with the police, has caught, sedated and killed stray cats that made their home on the premises.

It prompted an animal rights' organisation, Humane Society India (HSI), to complain to the Director General of Police against what it called "inhumane" treatment of cats by the gated community. "We received pictures

and videos of cats being chased through the complex, caught, sedated and killed," HSI managing director Alokparma Sengupta told Deccan Chronicle. "The pictures were from a society in Toli Chowki. The society's secretary said they had hired a team to catch the cats, as they were defecating in the garden. While there were compassionate ways to get rid of these cats, they chose to kill them."

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Fines up to ₹50 lakh and jail terms up to five years being welcomed across city

Fairness cream unfair; firms to pay penalty

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The Centre's recent move to amend the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, to control wrongful advertising of products claiming medicinal or/and cosmetic outcomes by imposing fines of up to ₹50 lakh (as well as jail terms of up to five years), has been welcomed across the city.

The Health and Family Welfare Ministry proposed a draft amendment to the Remedies Act, against magic remedies and drugs promoting fair skin, preventing premature ageing and graying, and increasing brain capacity among others.

In the draft Bill, advertisements of medicines and products purported to cure any of the 78 'diseases' or 'disorders', listed under the Act will be prohibited.

Beauty product companies seek endorsement by movie stars or beauty queens and create a false sense of beauty.

"Manipulation and misinformation is everywhere — even health products are not spared," said medical practitioner Murlu K.

"Basically most South Indians have dark skin and dark hair. These traits or features are a product of a complex mix of genetic, nutritional and other environmental fac-

SINCE WE are from South India, our skin is tanned compared to the North. But society forces us to believe that the fair skin is beautiful. When genes determine skin colour, why promote that fair skin is beautiful?

TRIPURA NIMMAGADDA, Actress

There is no single gene that determines a person's height or the colour

and texture of his or her skin and hair."

Dr S.R. Sukumar, a skin-care specialist, warned of adverse effects of using fairness and other dubious skin care products.

"These products have steroids which cause more harm than good. Prolonged usage can cause skin atrophy (death of skin). The companies are exploiting gullible people, and most people fall prey to these advertisements. This is a good move by the govern-

ment. This Act will stop the misguiding of the general public."

The health ministry said the amendment is being made in order to keep pace with changing times and technology.

It has been decided to solicit suggestions/comments/objections from the public/stakeholders with regard to the draft Bill.

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2.30 pm to 4 pm: Tadbund road, Sanjeevaiah Park, Masthan Hotel, Sanjeevaiah Colony, Talwar Hyundai, Loc Petrol Bunk area, Sikh Village main road, Anna Nagar, Bantia furniture, Balvinder colony, Sikh Village, Rasoolpura.
10 am to 1 pm: Nallagutta School, Pochamma Temple, Mogal Castle, Nallagutta Masjid.
1 pm to 3 pm: Krishna Nagar Garden, ESI, Kalpana Timber.

GHMC votes against CAA Cops stall CAA stir again

MADDY DEEKSHITH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The GHMC passed a unanimous resolution against the Citizenship Amendment Act in the general body meeting held on Saturday. Supporting the state government's stand, deputy mayor Baba Fasiuddin introduced the resolution opposing the CAA which was approved by the council members under the chairmanship of Mayor B. Rammohan. The only opposition came from Begum Bazaar corporator G. Shankar Yadav of the BJP. He said it was unethical for the

corporation to pass a resolution against a law enacted by Parliament. The resolution was passed orally. A copy signed by the mayor will be available after three days. Prior to the general body meeting, a special council approved the GHMC Budget of ₹6,793 crore. Though the Budget was ₹5,380.64 crore, the authorities included ₹1,593.64 crore for the double bedroom scheme and Comprehensive Road Maintenance Project to boost the numbers. The Budget last year stood at ₹6,150 crore. As per the Budget pro-

posals, ₹2,630 crore has been given to capital expenditure and ₹1,593.64 crore for roads. Cutting across party lines, corporators appealed for a slash in penalties being levied by the Enforcement, Vigilance and Disaster Management (EVDM) wing for defacement and unauthorised banners and flexis. MIM MLA Meraj Hussain demanded that the Mayor explain under what provisions the EVDM was set up. "Is EVDM under GHMC or GHMC under EVDM? As elected representatives we are facing trouble from

citizens for blatant violation of the GHMC Act. How could petty vendors on streets pay such huge amounts," he asked. When EVDM director Viswajit Kapatil wanted to explain, the MLA did not allow him. Intervening, Mayor Rammohan said it was not wise to target an officer and said they could raise objections against the procedures or systems. It was decided in the meeting that GHMC would soon constitute a committee to finalise penal amounts and decision would be taken in the next standing committee meeting.

ATHER MOIN | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8:

Hyderabad police for the third time denied permission for Sunday's proposed 'Women's dharna' against CAA-NPR-NRC at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park, even though the High Court had ordered the authorities to consider the permissions in accordance with law. Telangana-AP Joint Action Committee against CAA & NRC had approached the High Court on rejection of their application for a women sit-in protest by the Hyderabad city police

and the Court had disposed the petition instructing police authorities to consider the application seeking permission at the new location, Dharna Chowk on Sunday. Earlier, it sought to conduct 48-hour sit-in protest at any place in and around Darushifa, Eidgah Mir Alam or Eidgah Bilali, Masab Tank. However, the police were adamant following which the organisers readied to conduct the protest at Dharna Chowk and for only six hours. Convener JAC Mr Mushtaq Malik pointed out that when he went to speak to Police

Commissioner on Saturday in connection with programme he was handed 'rejected' letter by Chaderghat police, citing silly reasons. He said that at the instance of Police Commissioner, Mr Anjani Kumar, the JAC has submitted a fresh application seeking permission to protest at Dharna Chowk with an assurance that it would end by 5 pm. He warned that there will be no change in the schedule, whether police accord permission or not, adding that the police machinery will be responsible for consequences if it denied permission.



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IN BRIEF

CCMB FINDS CHOLESTEROL ROLE IN DRUGS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Researchers at the CCMB have found that cholesterol in cell membranes modulates the endocytosis process within cells, the process by which it takes in matter such as medicine.

The study was conducted by Amitabha Chattopadhyay and his group, and in a follow-up discovery published in an American Chemical Society journal, it was found out that modulating levels of cholesterol, an important lipid in cell membranes, could change the endocytosis mechanism of Serotonin1A receptor.

FIRE BREAKS OUT AT CAR WORKSHOP

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

A car workshop in Musheerabad caught fire at around 12.30 am on Saturday. The State Disaster Response and Fire Services department rushed in four fire tenders to douse the flames.

"The fire broke out in the first floor which housed an office. It then spread to the lower floor; but we had reached the spot and prevented further damage," Mr Srinivas Reddy, district fire officer, said. He said three cars were almost engulfed in flames.

"I saw a huge ball of fire in the building and called the fire services department," said Mr Raj Kumar, an advocate and resident of Partani Towers, opposite the workshop. The damage was estimated at ₹1 crore.

CITY GATED COLONIES TURNING CRUEL

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Humane Society India (HSI) Sengupta added: "There has been an increase in cruelty against street animals by affluent gated communities. The pain and fear that these cats endured is hard to imagine. We urge the police to treat this case seriously to discourage violence against animals."

Citing laws under which the entrapment and killing of animals in this manner is a crime, she cited Section 429 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and under Section 11(1)(a) and 11(1)(l) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. While the IPC is a criminal code addressing a substantive collection of crimes, the PCA is criminal legislation effected to prevent animal cruelty.

"No resident association can issue directives or utilise their position in contravention to the laws of the land," she said.

In a circular to residents dated January 29, 2020, the residential complex association asked all residents to keep the doors and windows of their homes shut that day from 9 am to noon in view of the team engaged against the stray cats in the complex.



Water accumulates on the Sitaphalmandi flyover on Saturday night after a brief spell of rainfall. — P. SURENDRA

Brief rainy spell affects traffic

T.S.S. SIDDHARTH | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Some places in the city received rainfall on Saturday evening. Most of the rain was recorded in Secunderabad. The sky had been overcast since the evening.

According to the rain gauges set up by the Telangana State Development Planning

Society (TSDDS), the highest rainfall on Saturday was registered at Pattigadda at 7.8 mm. By 8.30 pm showers were also reported near Marredpally, Secunderabad and Ranigunj.

Officials said that the rain occurred as there is a confluence zone forming over the state. There will be scattered

rainfall for 48 hours. The rain triggered massive traffic snarls. The showers albeit brief brought the city down to a standstill. This reporter saw youngsters directing t men the traffic as there was no one doing it," said Uzair a resident of the Charminar area who come for some work.

₹2.25 cr 2BHK scam busted

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Six gang members who cheated 170 people by collecting money after promising them houses under the state government's double bedroom scheme were arrested by Cyberabad police on Saturday. The police recovered ₹1.11 crore and gold ornaments from the gang.

The police identified the accused as Velisetty Venkata Sathya Krishna Vara Prasad, Aduri Murali Krishna Murthy, Palakollu Srinivas Rao, Aela Laxmi, Nagalla Krishna Rao and K. Srinivas.

The racket was unravelled by a complaint lodged by one of the victims, Ms Buseraju Lalitha. She told the Dundigal police station that she had paid the gang ₹1.6 lakh but was not allotted a 2BHK house as promised.

The police booked a case and investigated it for more than a month before carrying out the arrests.

Cyberabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said that one of the accused, Aela Laxmi, runs a tiffin centre. She used to lure the customers who came to the eatery by showing fake allotment documents of 2BHK house. "If anyone believed it, she used to ask them to pay ₹1.5 lakh each and then introduce them to the other agents."

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He said Vara Prasad had built a house for himself with the loot.

2 GHMC EMPLOYEES HELD TAKING BRIBES

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The ACB nabbed two GHMC employees for taking bribes on Saturday.

Syed Yakoob Altaf, 49, tax inspector, Circle 28, Malkajigiri, was caught accepting a bribe of ₹14,000 through Google Pay to not revise house tax of a newly constructed first floor at Mirjalguda.

In the second case, U Srinivas, an outsourcing employee of the GHMC tax section at Secunderabad, was caught red-handed on Friday taking a bribe of ₹5,000 under the instruction of superintendent Nallagopula Illaiah. The official had demanded the bribe to process the house tax assessment. Illaiah, who was absconding, was arrested on Saturday.

Gang uses names of dead techies to cheat banks

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Cyberabad police busted a cyber-criminal gang that cheated banks by taking loans in the name of IT employees who had died by submitting fake IDs and documents.

Identifying the accused as Nimmagadda Phani Chowdary, Mandava Swaroop Nath Chowdary, Pedavalli Srinivas Rao, Kandru Harish, Narne Venu Gopal and Ikkruthi Veera Shekhar Rao, police said that they were all wanted in many cases.

Phani Chowdary is the brain behind the fraud, which involved taking loans from banks by submitting documents of soft-

ware employees who had died in accidents or because of illnesses. They collect details from social media and approach banks and collect customer ID and account details saying that they needed to deposit money in the accounts.

Subsequently, the accused login into net banking and click on "Forgot password" option and get the password changed.

The email IDs are collected from the internet or mobile stores or banks by giving their phone numbers. Once they come to know about the email ID, they find out account and credit card details and loans of the deceased. They get to access the net

banking through the changed password and raise requests for instant pre-approved loans and credit cards. Later they transfer the amount to their accounts.

Based on a complaint from the senior manager of HDFC Bank, Hyderabad, regarding misuse of HDFC credit card to the tune of ₹2.76 lakh held in the name of the deceased Palaparthi Raghuram of Infosys by some unknown persons by impersonation and requested for taking legal action.

Cybercrime officials investigated and unraveled the mystery surrounding it and arrested six accused involved in the fraud on Saturday.

GANG 'SELLS' FAKE TIGER SKIN

Hyderabad: A gang, which tried to sell a fake tiger skin as an original one for ₹7 lakh, was arrested by the West Zone Task Force.

The accused were identified as Syed Jilani, Syed Gayas, Mohd. Amaan and Shaik Zaleel. Jilani purchased the skin of an unknown animal for a few hundred rupees from Jummat Bazaar:

"With the help of his associates, Jilani planned to sell it for ₹7 lakh by conning a buyer into believing that it was tiger skin. He roped in three of his associates and were in search of a buyer when they were caught by the police," said the official. They were caught near Holly Hookh Hotel in Nampally.

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Obituary for Late Sri GANJI HANUMANTH RAO GARU. DOB: 24-02-1928 DOD: 30-01-2020. Includes details of funeral and family members.

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Obituary for Our Beloved Uncle Sri MADAN MOHAN LAXMAN KUMAR MAHANTY. DOB: 21-06-1940 DOD: 01-02-2020. Includes details of funeral and family members.

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Obituary for Shri Dharamveer Dham. DOB: 08-02-2020. Includes details of funeral and family members.

13th DAY CEREMONY

Obituary for K.R. SRI RAMULU. DOB: 27-07-1934 DOD: 01-02-2020. Includes details of funeral and family members.

SAD DEMISE

Obituary for Shri GANJI HANUMANTH RAO. DOB: 24-02-1928 DOD: 30-01-2020. Includes details of funeral and family members.

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Obituary for G. NIKHIL ANAND. DOB: 12-2-36/A/45. Includes details of funeral and family members.

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Obituary for Late JAMAN JYOTHI SRI HARI. DOB: 16-03-1942 DOD: 19-02-2020. Includes details of funeral and family members.

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Obituary for Late Sri M. RAVINDER NATH. DOB: 13-11-1939 DOD: 09-02-2016. Includes details of funeral and family members.

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Obituary for Mrs. S. SHOBHA EMMANUEL. DOB: 11th July 1953 DOD: 9th Feb. 2017. Includes details of funeral and family members.

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Obituary for Late PERIKA VENKATAMMA. DOB: 09-02-1945. Includes details of funeral and family members.

IN BRIEF

CM's relative dies in city

Hyderabad: Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao consoled the death of his second sister's husband Parvathaneni Rajeshwar Rao on Saturday morning. Rajeshwar Rao hailed from Marimadla of Rajanna Siricilla district. Upon learning of his passing, the CM rushed to his house at Mangapuri, Alwal, and paid homage. He also comforted the members of the bereaved family. Ministers K.T. Rama Rao and Harish Rao reached Mangapuri on Saturday morning.

T-Chits wins gold at e-meet

Hyderabad: The state's T-Chits won gold at the National Conference on e-Governance on Saturday in Mumbai. T-Chits is a blockchain-enabled project for administering chit funds. It has been awarded for excellence in adopting emerging technologies. Ms Rama Devi Lanka, director, Emerging Technologies and OSD, ITE&C department said, "We have leveraged emerging technologies to improve citizen service delivery." ₹18,549 crore savings of over 10 lakh subscribers is being managed through T-Chits.

Sudheer Reddy is Musi Corp chief

Hyderabad: Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao appointed LB Nagar MLA D. Sudheer Reddy, who had defected to the TRS from the Congress, as chairman of the Musi Riverfront Corporation. Of the 12 Congress MLAs who merged with the TRS, Ms Sabitha Indra Reddy has been made a minister. Mr Sudheer Reddy is the second beneficiary, and more defectors are expecting nominated posts. Mr Rao signed the file pertaining to Mr Sudheer Reddy's appointment on Saturday. He will continue in the post for three years and enjoy the rank of a minister.

Economy is near the ICU: Chidambaram

Centre not fixing problems, living in denial, PC says

ADITYA CHUNDURU | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Former Union minister and Congress leader P. Chidambaram said that successive missteps of the Centre in the form of demonetisation and GST had "destroyed" in the country's economy. He said the economy was in dire straits.

"It is near the ICU. But PM (Narendra) Modi and FM (Nirmala) Sitharaman are refusing to wheel (the economy) into the ICU," Mr Chidambaram said while speaking on the Union Budget at a college in the city on Saturday. Calling Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget speech "exhausting", Mr Chidambaram said, "At no point during the speech did we learn about the actual state of the economy. She seemed to be describing the economy of a mythical nation."

The former minister noted that GDP growth had been negative for six consecutive quarters. "In the past six months, exports have registered negative growth, agriculture and manufacturing grew at two per cent, credit loans to MSME saw negative growth. Food inflation is nearly 10 per cent. No indicators are positive. In spite of this, the government lives in denial," he said.

Mr Chidambaram admitted that the NDA government had achieved reasonable growth in 2014-15 and 2015-16. "Then came the mistakes. In 2016, demonetisation was done, which was a monumental blunder. It killed jobs, destroyed indus-



Former finance minister P. Chidambaram and TPCC president N. Uttam Kumar Reddy at an event in the city on Saturday. — S. SURENDER REDDY

● P. CHIDAMBARAM says demonitisation and GST ruined MSME sector. He says the Modi government is anti-poor, spending less on welfare.

The economy's problems, he was, were twofold. "On the one hand, there is no demand. People don't have the money to buy anything. Secondly, there are no investments. So many giant corporations are sitting on giant piles of cash but they don't want to invest," he said.

Mr Chidambaram also took the example of Coffee Day founder V.G. Siddhartha, who committed suicide a few months ago. Mr Chidambaram said Siddhartha couldn't bear the "officials' harassment".

"The least that the government could do is say 'mea culpa' (acknowledge its fault)," Mr Chidambaram said. The seasoned politician also, with a heavy dose of sarcasm, said the government could ask former prime minister Manmohan Singh for advice on how to improve the economy.

CHIDAMBARAM TAKES A DIG AT KCR'S STAND

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEB-08

Former finance minister P. Chidambaram said Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao was "sometimes a friend, sometimes a foe" of the BJP-led NDA government. He said all that the Chief Ministers could confront the Centre about lowered tax devolutions.

"The Centre promised to disburse ₹8 lakh crore, they have only disbursed around ₹6.5 lakh crore. Every state has received lower than what it expected. And, all states announce their budgets after the Centre does. How will the states balance their budgets," he asked.

Naidu skips visit to NTR Bhavan

S.N.C.N. ACHARYULU | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

Former Andhra Pradesh chief minister and TD president N. Chandrababu Naidu, who arrived in Hyderabad late Friday night, was confined to his residence on Saturday and skipped visiting NTR Bhavan.

Usually every Friday, Naidu comes to Hyderabad and spends some time in

NTR Bhavan on Saturdays and discuss with party leaders. The NTR Bhavan sent a message on Friday that Naidu will visit NTR Bhavan at 3 pm on Saturday, but in the late night sent another message that Naidu visit to NTR Bhavan has been cancelled. It may be recalled that IT raids are continuing on the houses and offices of close associates of Mr Naidu. After the

Assembly election defeat, Mr Naidu is spending the weekends in Hyderabad. Meanwhile, income-tax searches continued for the third day on offices and residences of Mr Naidu's former PS P. Srinivasa Rao and Kadapa TD president R. Srinivasula Reddy. TD sources said some party leaders met Mr Naidu at his residence on Saturday evening.

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Trawlers butcher turtles, ignore excluder device

K.M.P. PATNAIK | DC VISAKHAPATNAM, FEB. 8

Fishing trawlers are killing thousands of Olive Ridley turtles in the Bay of Bengal, if the carcasses found in Vizag from RK Beach to Rushkonda Beach the last four days are an indication. Three adult turtles were found dead near the INS Kursura Submarine museum on Saturday morning. This is a nesting ground for the turtle and protected by the forest department. Department sources and wildlife conservationists said on an average, the trawlers are killing 5,000 turtles every year.

Mr Pradeep Nath of the Visakha Society for Protection and Care of Animals said trawlers were violating the Marine Fisheries Regulation Act by not using the Turtle Excluder Device (TED). The

forest department claims a staff shortage prevents vigilant supervision. Port authorities should slap a fine and not allow them to sail without TED, he said. "The nesting commenced last December and will continue till May. February and March are the peak months for nesting. So far we have found 89 nests along the Vizag beach. Last year there were 800 and this year we are to cross 1,200," Mr Nath told Deccan Chronicle.

Expansion of the shrimp trawling in the eastern Indian Ocean since the mid-1970s has resulted in numerous Olive Ridley deaths. Over 10,000 carcasses a year have been counted on the Orissa coast since 1999, Nath said. The Hudhud cyclone was a blessing in disguise as hatchling success improved as the old sand was replaced with new and non-polluted sand.

DISHA FORENSIC LABS TO BE SET UP SOON IN AP

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The state is equipped with two forensic labs, in Visakhapatnam and in Tirupati. A few more Disha Forensic Science Labs will be established with advanced DNA equipment, serology, biology equipment and cyber forensic tools. Exclusive courts in each of 13 districts are also being set up to exclusively handle crimes against women and children. Special Public Prosecutors will also be appointed.

AP has 1,349 police stations across all districts, including urban police districts, and these police stations will be equipped with facilities for women and children like creche, waiting halls, counselling rooms, baby care rooms and others.

AP will write to Reuters on Kia

N. VAMSI SRINIVAS | DC VIJAYAWADA, FEB. 8

The AP government will formally register its protest with international news agency Reuters for reporting that automobile major KIA Motors is planning to move its manufacturing facility out of the state.

A senior industries and commerce official told Deccan Chronicle that a letter to Reuters would convey the anguish the report caused and its potential damage in investment circles. "It is least expected of an agency of international repute," said the official.

The government questioned the report's genuineness because the agency published it despite KIA Motors denying any such move. "The report says KIA wants to relocate and within that report KIA officially denies relocation," he said. Meanwhile, social media

continued to debate the Reuters report while some went to the extent of seeing a nexus between Telugu Desam general secretary Nara Lokesh and Reuters. Deputy Chief Minister Shankara Narayana also levelled allegations against the TD general secretary. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Mr Lokesh ridiculed the allegations and said: "The government has come to a position to say even news reported by Reuters is fake." He took on Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy who, the former said, is singularly responsible for driving away industry. "Ultimately, people will suffer," he lamented.

On the tie-up between Reuters and GITAM University owned by a close relative, Mr Lokesh said it is an academic collaboration between the two and the TD government did not spend a rupee on it.

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IN BRIEF

Prohibitory orders at Secretariat

Hyderabad: Police Commissioner Anjani Kumar has issued prohibitory orders to maintain public order in a radius of three km around the Secretariat in the Saifabad police limits. The orders prohibit public meetings, assembly of five or more persons, carrying of fire arms, banners, placards, lathis, spears, swords, sticks, brickbats. The order also bars shouting of slogans, making speeches, holding processions and demonstration or organising picketing or dharnas.

Virus spreads on ship

Cruise company says 160 Indians are on board the liner

BALU PULIPAKA | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

The situation aboard the cruise liner *Diamond Princess* that has docked off Yokohama in Japan, is dire, according to one of the Indian crew members aboard the ship. In a video posted by him on Facebook page, Binay Kumar Sarkar, the crew member, said the ship had 160 Indian crew members. "Day by day it's (the disease) spreading out rapidly....and risking every-

one's life" Sarkar said. He also appealed to the government to help the Indians on board to leave the ship and get to safety. Princess Cruises, the company that runs the ship, had previously said that there were six Indian passengers. On Friday, external affairs minister S. Jaishankar tweeted that there were many Indian crew and some Indian passengers are onboard the ship. "None have tested positive, as per the latest

information provided by our Embassy in Tokyo," he said. Princess Cruises in its latest bulletin on Saturday, said it was notified of two additional confirmed cases of coronavirus, from the original sample set, tested by the Japanese ministry of health on *Diamond Princess*. One is a US citizen and the other is from China. Both have been since taken to a shoreside medical care at a local hospital. With the ship docked at

Yokohama since February 4, the company said that on Saturday morning local time, *Diamond Princess* went out to sea "to perform normal marine operations, including the production of fresh water. The ship will beat sea for approximately 24 hours." It said that that Japanese public health authorities approved the ship's protocol to service rooms. The service will take place while guests are outside their rooms.

Residents suspect secret operation by the Centre

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The opposition to a GIS survey in the GHMC's Chandrayangutta and Falaknuma circles took an unexpected turn and toll on revenue wing officials on the ground as residents objected to officials taking pictures. There were arguments and confrontations. Residents abused officials claiming that it was a secret operation by the Central government on CAA and NRC. Similarly,

Old City residents also objected to a recent drone survey by the town planning wing to determine the number of unauthorised constructions. The drone survey was opposed by elected representatives claiming it would breach local citizens' privacy. Senior GHMC officials were caught off-guard, and held a video conference from headquarters near Tank Bund with the staff on the ground. They were shocked by the misapprehension. The

staff was advised to seek police protection and explain to citizens about the survey's purpose. Officials were even advised not to utter personal opinion on CAA and NRC. Incidentally, the Yousufguda circle has the most unassessed properties, estimated at 1,409. The Serilingampally circle has the lowest with five unassessed properties. There are a total of 30 circles of the GHMC in the city.

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IN BRIEF

Trial run of KCR's dream train

Hyderabad: South Central Railway began the trial run on the Manoharabad-Kothapalli new line between Manoharabad and Gajwel on Saturday. The project, delayed by several years, is known as a dream of Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu. It will, for the first time, connect Secunderabad with Karimnagar by rail. SCR chief public relations officer Ch Rakesh said the trial runs as well as construction work were going on simultaneously on the 32-km section of the 151-km line. "We expect the trial run to be over by the third week of March," he said. Mr Rakesh said that the project was a high priority. "It is being monitored by the PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation) cell in the Prime Minister's Office," he said.

Sammakka, Saralamma return

Deities taken back to the forest at the end of three days of festivities

ANUDEEP CEREMILLA | DC WARANGAL, FEB. 8

The happiness of the devotees at Medaram knew no bounds as the clouds opened up and it rained heavily for several minutes in and around the village. The devotees believe it was the deities Sammakka and Saralamma, who were responding to their prayers delighted at their devotion.

Saturday also marked a spectacular finale to the biggest tribal celebration as both the deities returned to the forest. The priests performed traditional rituals and conducted 'Vana pravesham' of the goddesses amid drum beats and colourful dances by devotees. Sammakka was taken



Koya priests take the deities Sammakka and Saralamma back to the forest on Saturday.

back to the Chilukalagutta amid traditional chants by priest Kokkera Krishnaiah. Saralamma returned to Kannepalli village by priest Kaka Sariah. Pagiddaraju was taken to Poonugondlu village in

Kothaguda and Govindaraju returned to Kondai village in Eturunagaram. More than one crore devotees visited Medaram for the jatara and had darshan of their revered deities. The rush of devo-

tees was also very large on the fourth and final day.

With all the devotees heading back to their homes after the jatara, the RTC bus station at Medaram was seen bustling with people looking for their ride back home. The Corporation officials made all the arrangements for the convenience of the devotees with routes segregated from one another. Buses were made available round-the-clock and the devotees had no problem with the continuous flow of the buses.

The people who raised temporary settlements packed up their tents and moved out of the village. Those who had set businesses offered last minute discounts in order to avoid taking the load back.

4,000 BUSES CARRY 24 LAKH TO MEDARAM

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, FEBRUARY 8TH

About 4,000 additional bus services were run by the TSRTC for the Medaram Jatara. The additional buses have made 35,000 trips, carrying about 24 lakh passengers. The corporation aims to make about 50,000 trips and carry as many devotees as possible without causing any inconvenience.

On Saturday, transport minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar visited the Jatara utilising the helicopter service.

Cops use AI to control crowd

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU | DC HYDERABAD, FEB. 8

For the first time, the police used artificial intelligence (AI) at the Medaram jatara to spot the build-up of people at individual spots in advance, which helped the personnel prevent overcrowding.

Fourteen high definition cameras were installed at different points which were connected to a control room. The feed from these cameras was analysed by AI to estimate the crowd size at given points.

Based on the estimates, the police personnel on the ground received instructions for crowd and traffic management. The high definition cam-

eras were installed at hotspots like Jampana lake and RTC bus stand which are prone to crowding.

Approximately 1.5 crore devotees visited the Medaram jatara to seek the blessing of Sammakka and Saralamma this year. Around 12,000 policemen were deployed and 350 CCTV cameras and 20 special cameras were installed in the surrounding premises.

Taking a cue from the Prayagraj Kumbh Mela, the largest congregation of people, at Triveni Sangam, the Telangana state police has used AI. The information technology department studied the use of AI for more than six months before introducing it at the Medaram jatara.

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