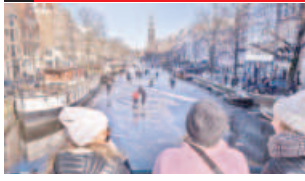




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WINDOWS



Dozens of skaters took to the frozen surface of Amsterdam's historic Prinsengracht canal at Amsterdam in Netherlands as the deep freeze gripping Europe briefly made it possible to skate on a small section of the canal for the first time since 2018. People skated and walked on a small stretch of ice between two bridges close to the landmark Westerkerk before growing cracks in the ice forced all but the most daring off the ice

19 more Covid vaccines in pipeline

NEW DELHI: Nearly 19 coronavirus vaccine candidates are in different clinical trial stages and may be available in the coming months, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Monday. Addressing the media, Vardhan said that in the next 2-3 weeks, vaccination against Covid-19 will be started for people above 50 years of age. "About 18-19 vaccine candidates against Covid-19 are in the pipeline and are in preclinical, clinical and advanced stages. We are hopeful that we will be able to offer newer vaccines to India in the coming months," Vardhan said.

NTPC to pay ₹20 lakh to kin of Tapovan victims

JOSHIMATH: State-run power giant NTPC on Monday said it would pay a compensation of Rs 20 lakh each to the families of labourers who died in the recent flash flood at its Tapovan-Vishnugad hydel project in Uttarakhand. A workforce has been set up at the plant to coordinate with the administration and gather all required information about every missing worker, NTPC's spokesman RP Jayada said. He said rescue work is underway on a war-footing at Tapovan-Vishnugad project site by multiple agencies to reach people believed to be trapped inside the tunnel. Real-time information is being shared with the agencies involved in the exercise to expedite it, Jayada said.

BUSINESS



Centre may put 4 banks on sale



SC slaps notice on WhatsApp, FB

WhatsApp may be worth \$2-3 tn, people value privacy more, says the apex court

NEW DELHI

THE Supreme Court issued notices to popular social media platforms WhatsApp and Facebook on a plea against its new privacy policy here on Monday. The apex court said people had grave apprehensions on loss of privacy, making it clear that it was the court's duty to protect this right as it heard an application against WhatsApp's new privacy policy.

The observation came as senior advocate Shyam Divan, representing petitioner Karmanya Singh Sareen, sought direction to restrain WhatsApp from implementing its new privacy policy in



India. "They have come up with new differentiating privacy policy for the Europeans and different set of rules applicable to Indians," Divan argued. He added that till the time new data protection law came into force in India, WhatsApp should not bring its new privacy policy.

At this, Chief Justice SA Bobde replied, "We will issue notice in the matter."

A bench, headed by the Chief Justice and comprising Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, told the counsel for WhatsApp, "People have grave apprehensions about loss of privacy."

You may be 2 or 3 trillion-dollar company, but people value their privacy more than your money. We have to protect people's privacy." Senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Arvind Datar, appearing for WhatsApp, strongly contested Divan's argument, saying that the Delhi High Court is already seized of the matter. Sibal said that Europe had a different set of data privacy laws, and WhatsApp's new privacy policy for India is similar to policy applicable in the US, Australia and other countries. "The fact is that this policy was applicable to the rest of the world except Europe."

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Film showcasing TRS rule to hit screens on KCR's birthday

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HYDERABAD

THE TRS has found a new way to resurrect the entire movement for Telangana State and showcase various schemes and welfare measures it had taken up during its rule since formation of the State in the form of a documentary film.

According to party sources, a 30-minute short film made in 3E technology on the life of TRS president K Chandrasekhara Reddy is ready and would hit the small screen and social media on Wednesday at Jalavihar on the occasion of birthday celebrations of KCR. The party feels that this could help stir the sentiment factor and could help the party in the MLC elections as well as the bye-election to the Nagarjuna Sagar Assembly constituency.

The film is directed by popular director Bandook Lakshman. The first view of this short film will be presented at a public meeting



A file Photo

to be held at Jalavihar on giant LCD screens.

The documentary starts with the birth of KCR and will show in detail the agitation for separate Telangana, the scenes during the passage of Telangana Bill in Rajya Sabha and celebrations in the State. The documentary also showcases various developmental schemes implemented by the TRS government during the last six years.

Apart from the documentary, the party leaders are releasing five songs. The songs are sung by popular folk and playback singers, including Satyavathi Rathod who is popularly known as Mangli, Madhu

Priya and Rahul Sipligunj. The full songs would be released on the same day, said Cinematography Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav.

MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha will offer a sari of gold weighing 2.5 kg (with some donations by the devotees) to Goddess Balkampet Yellamma. Special prayers and pujas would be organised at Ujjaini Mahankali temple in Secunderabad and Bangaru Maisamma temple in Parsigutta and saris would be distributed to women. Abhishekam and Ganapati Kalyanam at Ganesh temple in Secunderabad will also be performed.

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Centre releases GST payout of ₹1,703.56 for Telangana

HANS NEWS SERVICE

HYDERABAD: The Finance Ministry on Monday released 16th weekly instalment of Rs 5,000 crore to the States to meet the GST compensation shortfall, taking the total amount released so far to Rs 95,000 crore. Till now, 86 per cent of the total estimated GST compensation shortfall has been released to the States and Union Territories (UTs) with legislative assembly. Further, additional borrowing permission of over Rs 1.06 lakh crore was granted to the States. As part of that amount raised through special window passed on to Andhra Pradesh is Rs 2,167.20 crore and Rs 1,703.56 for Telangana. The Centre set up a special borrowing window in October 2020 to meet the estimated shortfall of Rs1.10-lakh crore in revenue due to GST implementation.

MLC candidates hunt for jobless graduates

PATAN AFZAL BABU
HYDERABAD

THERE is a sudden demand for unemployed graduate voters in the two poll-bound graduates constituencies Hyderabad - Rangareddy- Mahbubnagar and Nalgonda, Warangal-Khammam graduates' constituencies.

With the stage set for issuing of notification for the two MLC seats undergraduate constituencies, all po-



litical parties are busy identifying the unemployed graduate voters in those constituencies. This is followed by identifying private teachers who lost their jobs in the corona pandemic in villages.

The idea is to lure the voters by offering financial help and other benefits. It is being said that these potential voters are being offered anything up to Rs 10,000. Not just that in some cases the MLAs were

recommending benefits under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to the needy.

Meanwhile, the TRS party has asked the respective MLAs from the poll-bound areas to ensure victory of the party candidate. Other parties have also asked their leaders to see that no stone was left unturned.

Of the total number of 5 lakh voters, nearly 30 per cent of them are said to be unemployed youth. It is be-

lieving said that local leaders will give half of the amount first and the second half will be given on the day of polling.

According to rough estimates all parties put together are likely to spend nearly Rs 50 crore as part of poll expenses.

The main contests in the field are TRS MLC P Rajeshwar Reddy, Gujjula Premendar Reddy BJP and - Telangana Jana Samithi leader Prof M Kodan-

daram. The prominent candidates for Hyderabad - Rangareddy- Mahbubnagar are BJP MLC N Ramchander Rao, G Chinna Reddy Congress and Prof K Nageshwar. The TRS may not field any candidate, according to sources.

The total number of graduate voters in the constituency were 5,17,888 which has been doubled compared to the last council elections.

PM to address experts for effective implementation of budget

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will address a webinar on Tuesday for consultation on the roadmap for effective implementation of the Union Budget 2021-22 in the infrastructure sector. The

webinar will see the participation of more than 200 panelists, including representatives of major financial institutions and funds, concessionaires and contractors, consultants and subject matter experts, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

Govt eases curbs on geospatial data for map-making

NEW DELHI

IN sweeping changes in the country's mapping policy, the government on Monday announced liberalisation of norms governing the acquisition and production of geospatial data, a move that will help in boosting innovation in the sector and create a level-playing field for public and private entities.

Under the new guidelines, the sector will be deregulated and aspects such as prior approvals for surveying, mapping and for building applications based on that have been done away with, Department of Science and Technology Secretary Ashutosh Sharma said. For Indian entities, there will be complete deregulation with no prior approvals, security clearances, licenses, for acquisition and production of geospatial data and geospatial data services, including

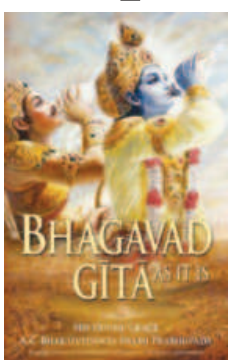
maps, he said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the liberalisation of policies governing the acquisition and production of geospatial data is a "massive step in government's vision for an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'". The reform will benefit the country's farmers, start-ups, private sector, public sector and research institutions to drive innovations and build scalable solutions, he said.

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Nanosatellite to carry Bhagavad Gita, PM Modi's photograph into space

NEW DELHI

A nanosatellite is all set to take a photograph of PM Narendra Modi and a copy of religious book, the Bhagavad Gita to space. In addition to these, names of 25,000 individuals were also carried by the Satish Dhawan Satellite (SD SAT) that is due of be launched by the end of this month from the space centre at Sriharikota. The nanosatellite has been developed by a private firm



SpaceKidz, reported a national daily. "We have also added the



name and photograph of the prime minister on the top panel with the words

Atmanirbhar mission. This satellite has been completely developed and fabricated in India, including the electronics and circuitry," Dr Srimathy Kesan, founder and CEO of SpaceKidz India revealed to the daily Hindustan Times. The names of Dr K Sivan, Chairperson ISRO and Dr R Umamaheswaran, ISRO's Scientific Secretary have also been etched at the bottom panel of the nanosatellite.

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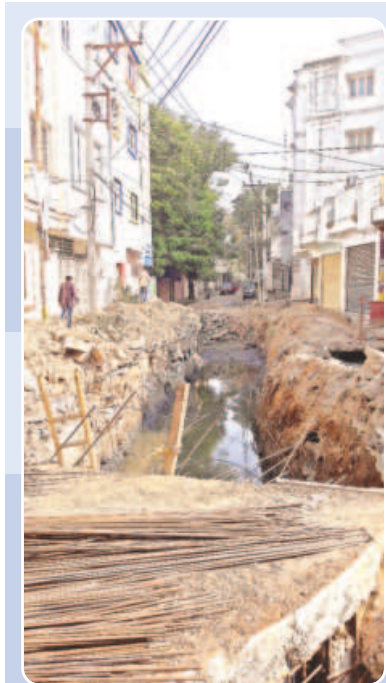


Crores of rupees go down the box drain

MD NIZAMUDDIN
TOLICHOWKI

IT has been more than three months since the works of SW box drain started, by digging up and cutting the connectivity between different localities at Nizam Colony of Tolichowki. Trying to provide a permanent solution for the persistent sewage problem, the ongoing works have already changed hands of three contractors further delaying the works and keeping the residents wondering if it would be completed by next monsoon.

According to residents, the works of box drain was started in the beginning of November and ever since the residents of the locality and motorists were struggling to reach their destinations. Now that schools have reopened the dug pits were posing risks to the children. This is the only parallel lane connecting Hakeempet Road to Al-Hasnath Colony, besides the main road (below flyover). It has prompted motorists to use smaller lanes



- The works of box drain began in November
- Box drain could provide permanent solution to persistent sewage problems
- The works have already changed the hands of three contractors
- With works at snail's pace residents wonder if it would be completed by next monsoon



thus causing inconvenience to locals and damaging existing roads. "We are hopeful that at least now we could breathe easy. But the works are going on at

snail's pace causing undue hardships to all. Already covid has impacted our business and these works have pushed us to the wall," lamented, Kishan, who

runs a laundry shop. Even other businesses in the area have been affected due to the ongoing works. While those who took up the works are also

regretting, as sewerage waters gushing from the existing pipelines sometimes overflow affecting the ongoing works. "We regret taking up the work, as it has already eaten up Rs 40 lakh and the work appears going nowhere," said one of the contractor's men at the spot.

Considered to be second phase in construction of box drains, the cost of existing works is estimated to be Rs 1.2 cr. Already GHMC has spent Rs 90 lakh on the first box drain on the roadside. Following the completion of works, the third box drain is being planned near the Nizam Colony's mosque which has an estimation of another Rs 1.4 cr. Speaking to The Hans India, Nanan Nanan division Corporator Mohammed Naseeruddin said that as the contractors keep changing, the box drain works have been affected. Sometimes huge boulders are causing trouble. "This is the last leg of the works to resolve the sewage overflowing issue completely. The boulder is being demolished now," he said.

Road safety awareness rally held



HANS NEWS SERVICE
YOUSUFGUDA

NCC cadets of government High School Yousufguda Telangana battalion conducted National Road Safety month awareness rally in Yousufguda on Monday. Students campaigned at zebra crossing to spread the importance of wearing helmet, following traffic rules and main-

taining speed limit. SR Nagar Traffic Police personnel also attended the programme and guided the students to follow safety rules. They appreciated the school management and the students for conducting the awareness rally. School Headmaster Narasimha, School NCC Officer Prabhakar, Traffic police Tirumalah & school NCC cadets participated in the rally.

RICH TRIBUTES TO FREEDOM FIGHTER



Leaders of various parties paying floral tributes to Telangana Armed Struggle freedom fighter and veteran CPI leader, ex-MP Bommagani Dharmabiksham on occasion of his centenary celebrations inaugural function at Desodharaka Bhavan, Basheerbagh, on Monday

HANS NEWS SERVICE
ADARSHNAGAR

Leaders of all teachers' associations in Hyderabad district on Monday met Education Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy and demanded immediate promotions, without the involvement of the management of their institutions. In a memorandum submitted to Reddy, the leaders wanted upgradation of teachers as school assistants, deputy DEO, junior/DIET lecturers. MLC Janardhan Reddy headed the delegation of leaders.

Teachers demand promotions

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Sorry state of King Kothi palace

MOHAMMED HUSSAIN
KING KOTI

AT a time when the Telangana government is keen in taking up restoration of heritage structures, the King Kothi Palace, the Nizam historical epicenter in the city, awaits its turn to get rejuvenated. A portion of the main entrance of the palace popularly called 'Purdah Gate' a landmark roof and wall collapsed on Monday revealing its red bricks.

- A portion of the main entrance of the palace popularly called 'Purdah Gate' a landmark roof and wall collapsed on Monday
- If King Kothi Palace gets restored, then it could be one of the tourist jewels
- Several representations were made by the citizens, historians and heritage activists but all in vain



A city-based historian Syed Meraj Nawab noticed that a roof made up of wooden completely came down breaking its all joints and fell on road. Earlier, in the recent heavy rains followed by floods, there was a similar damage. Since 2018, a large number of heritage activists and citizens have been urging the Telangana government to take up the restoration works of King Kothi Palace, which needs urgent attention but till now they didn't receive any response from the government. Agasthy Kantu, said, "Hyderabad has a habit of hiding its most beautiful heritage buildings behind high and ugly walls to ward off encroachers or simply

because there is no appreciation of their significance - from the book 'The Last Nizam' and King Kothi Palace is an example for these lines." Anuradha Reddy, INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage) convener for the Hyderabad chapter, said, "The King Kothi Palace will bring much needed prosperity and associated development to the city, if it gets restored then it could be one of the tourist jewel." Though several representations were made by the heritage activists but all in vain. Recently, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) restored the Moazzam Jahi (MJ) Market, "We urge the Telangana government to protect

the King Kothi the palace as it is dilapidated condition and slowly falling down." However, in 2018 the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) department recruited a special officer in charge of heritage restoration, who asked the Hyderabadis to suggest which are other heritage structures that need to be restored, preserved and protected, while several representations were made by the citizens, historians and heritage activists but till now there has been no response from the concerned department.

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GLN1643981	Anumandla Pallavi Devi	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Habsiguda	154.40	25-Feb-21
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GLN1217265	Bhagyavathi Kashini	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Banjara Hills	564.90	26-Feb-21
GLN1409727	Bitla Sridhaya	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Ramanthapur	145.70	26-Feb-21
GLN1586643	Bitla Sridhaya	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Ramanthapur	105.20	26-Feb-21
GLN1812475	Dasani Narsimulu	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Somajiguda	23.70	24-Feb-21
GLN1803401	Earsani Balakrishna	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Ramanthapur	40.30	26-Feb-21
GLN1312526	G Sreesaiah	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Himayathnagar	445.10	26-Feb-21
GLN1586754	Kolluru Raja Annapurna Swapna	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Sardarpat	33.70	24-Feb-21
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GLN1653275	Marella Vijaya Kumar	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Habsiguda	27.50	25-Feb-21
GLN1435939	Mid Afroz	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Somajiguda	20.00	24-Feb-21
GLN1658974	Mid Abdul Kalam	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Sanathnagar	46.20	26-Feb-21
GLN1787773	Muralidhar Reddy Kankara	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Himayathnagar	88.80	26-Feb-21
GLN1873675	Muralidhar Reddy Kankara	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Himayathnagar	87.30	26-Feb-21
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GLN1859825	Prashanth Kumar Chavva	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Bheltowns	55.50	25-Feb-21
GLN1811570	R Jayaprakash	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Bheltowns	113.70	25-Feb-21
GLN1791153	Ravi Varma	TELANGANA	HYDERABAD	Sanathnagar	135.10	26-Feb-21
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HISTORY KING KOTHI PALACE

ORIGINALLY it was known as Devdi by its constructor and renowned architect late Kamal Khan, then it was acquired by the Nizam of Hyderabad, Mir Osman Ali Khan and it is said that the Nizam renamed the property from Nazri Bagh to King Kothi Palace.

The Nizam then inhabited the estate after his ascension to the throne in 1911, while his father stayed on at Chowmahalla Palace. Passers-by then carved 'KK' originally stood for Kamal Khan on the accessible walls of the palace, which irked its royal resident - after all why must the estate have the markings of its predecessor? He then passed a farmaan, or Royal Charter, to name the building as King Kothi or 'king's mansion.' The King Kothi Palace is a 2.5 lakh sq.ft. the property was the last official residence of the Nizam of Hyderabad wherein he died in 1967. Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India visited King Kothi Palace.

The main entrance of the palace, popularly called the 'Purdah Gate', is a landmark and it is erected at the western side houses the main King Kothi building as well as the Nazri Bagh residential building. This gate was covered by a curtain in the event the Nizam was present, now only the bare gate remains. It is always draped in a curtain even though the last Nizam left the palace many years ago.

Of the three principal buildings of the King Kothi complex, the main building (which now houses a hospital) and the Mubarak Mansion (Nazri Bagh) accommodates the offices of the Nizam's private estates (Sarfaraz Khas).

The Usman Mansion, the third building, was demolished in the 1980s, and in its place a new hospital building was constructed by the state government. There is a large amount of work to be done at King Kothi Palace. If one is to completely restore the palace, considering the once quoted value of the estate being Rs. 50 crores.

T BJP condemns Owaisi's statement on Hyderabad

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

TELANGANA BJP has strongly condemned AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi's "irrelevant & irresponsible" statement on Hyderabad and few other cities being made union territories by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government in the near future.

In a statement, party chief spokesperson K Krishna Saagar Rao said that "It is evident that the MP misused the Parliament to parrot baseless statements, coached possibly by Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao to obfuscate voters in the upcoming MLC elections".

He alleged that Asaduddin as a loyal ally of TRS was trying to help the Telangana party to sail

through MLC elections by this manufactured issue, as TRS was facing serious opposition in teachers, government employees and youth segments, who happen to be the graduate voters in these elections. The BJP warned both TRS and AIMIM to desist from these cheap political theatrics by spreading fake news and manufacturing imaginary issues for political expediency.



Mettuguda graveyards to get facelift

Govindhapuram graveyard to be turned into a model facility

- Graveyards shall be equipped with a compound wall, parking area, electrification, water facility, fresh-up area, burning platform, prayer hall, ash storage facility, waiting area and other necessary arrangements
- GHMC is trying to ensure enough space for all religions so that graveyard can be utilised by any religious person

VASAVI KALERU
LALAPET

AS part of the development activities in Mettuguda division, a very old graveyard in Lalapet will be getting a facelift.

According to officials, developments for the crematorium were being planned and compound walls were being constructed for the graveyards. The graveyards shall be equipped with a compound wall, parking area, electrification, water facility, fresh-up area, burning platform, prayer hall, ash storage facility, waiting area and other necessary arrangements. GHMC is trying to ensure enough grave space for all religions so that graveyard can be utilised by any religious person.

Explaining the status of graveyard beautification works in Lalapet, Padma Latha, Deputy Engineer, GHMC, Mettuguda said, "We have identified a few graveyards in Mettuguda, which can be developed. Few of them are in worse conditions which do not even have basic facilities like water supply and others. On the stretch from Tarnaka towards Lalapet, we have identified a graveyard which needs basic facilities and we will be developing it in this month. Another Arya graveyard needs washrooms and seating facilities. We are

taking over the development works at an estimated budget of Rs 30 Lakh and we will be finishing the construction works by the end of March."

Similarly, Govindhapuram graveyard would be turned into a model graveyard with a much-needed facelift. "Even the graveyard at Govindhapuram in Mettuguda is being developed. The construction works are underway. Granites are being laid for seating facility and bathrooms are being constructed. It would be one of a kind model graveyard in Mettuguda with all the



needed facilities. We are also constructing an office room for the supervisors to monitor the graveyard", she added.

"Graveyards have been encroached and visitors are left without basic facilities like washrooms and water taps in Mettuguda. Most of the graveyards do not have compound walls which must be constructed on a priority," felt K Sanjeev Kumar, a resident of Mettuguda.



Ambulance flips over near Shadnagar toll plaza

RANGA REDDY

AN ambulance of a private hospital flipped over near Shadnagar toll plaza on Monday. This accident took place when the ambulance was taking a dead body from Hyderabad to Mahabubnagar. Moreover, the people traveling in the ambulance were severely injured.



Illegal banners: More supporters of Mayor fined

ADARSH NAGAR

HYDERABAD Mayor Gadwal Vijayalaxmi supporter Atish Agarwal and Shraavan Kumar were fined by the Enforcement, Vigilance and Disaster Management (EV&DM) wing of GHMC on Monday for erecting illegal congratulatory banners of the Mayor, which was a clear violation of civic norms. Earlier on Saturday Rs 4.35 lakh was fined by EVDM wing. Varying sums were imposed as fine on a few other supporters as well for putting up similar banners and hoardings in different parts of the city, with some of the denizens coming forward and pointing out on Twitter that these were illegal, the EVDM has been clearing the banners besides levying penalty.

Workshop on sexual harassment held

JUBILEE HILLS

A training Programme on how to face sexual harassment at workplace was organised by National Commission for Women at Dr B R Ambedkar Open University Campus in Jubilee Hills on Monday. Dr Rajulben L Desai, a member of National Commission for Women, New Delhi, oversaw the session on "How to face sexual harassment at workplace". 13 universities from Telangana state have participated in the training programme. She enlightened the participants on the latest judgment of Supreme Court and stressed the need of the internal committee to universities. She emphasized on the responsibilities of the internal committee members. She urged to utilise the services provided by the Central government for the safety and security of women and shed light on the functioning of Sakhi one stop centres which are working for the safety of women.

Thunder showers likely in 6 districts

HANS NEWS SERVICE
BEGUMPET

THE IMD bulletin on Monday warned of thunderstorms with lightning very likely to occur on February 17 and 18 at isolated places in Adilabad, Kumaram Bheem, Nirmal, Jagtial, Nizamabad and Karimnagar districts.

The warning comes in the wake of the persisting cyclonic circulation over the north Madhya Maharashtra and its neighbourhood extending up to 0.9 km above the mean sea level.

According to the City forecast, on February 18 and 19 there would be generally cloudy sky with light rain. The night temperature during the two days would be 20 degrees Celsius each. The day temperatures would be 33 degrees Celsius each. The bulletin said the lowest minimum temperature in the State of 15.8 degrees Celsius was

recorded in Medak. There was an appreciable rise in night temperatures ranging from 2.1 to 4 degrees Celsius in some parts. They were normal in most parts and below normal by -1.6 to -3 degrees Celsius in some others.

The night temperatures registered elsewhere in the State were: Ramagundam 17.2, Hakimpet 17.8, Mahbubnagar 18.8, Dundigal 18.6, Nizamabad 19.9, Khammam & Nalgonda 19.6 each, Hanamkonda & Hyderabad 19.5 each, Bhadrachalam 19, Adilabad 20.2

The day temperatures in Mahbubnagar and Bhadrachalam touched the day's high of 34.6 degrees Celsius each. They were followed by Adilabad 34.3, Nizamabad 33.8, Ramagundam 33.6, Medak 33.2, Nalgonda & Khammam 33 each, Hyderabad 32.1, Hanamkonda 32, Dundigal & Dundigal 31.9 each, Hakimpet 31.3.

₹ 2L CMRF cheque handed over to Kadthal resident

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KADTHAL

KALWAKURTHY MLA Jaipal Yadav distributed Chief Minister Relief Fund (CMRF) cheque worth Rs 2 lakh to Ravi, a resident of Gaddamidhi Thanda in Kadthal on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the government has been providing monetary assistance to the poor and the needy through CMRF. The people should utilise this opportunity, he said, adding that the Telangana government always comes to the rescue of poor who are in serious need. Elaborating various developmental and welfare schemes undertaken in the constituency, he said all schemes implemented by the government were aimed at benefiting all sections of society. ZPTC Dasharath Nayak, PACS chairman Gampa Venkatesh, Mandal TRS president Srinivas Reddy, sarpanches Harichand Nayak, Tulasiram Nayak, TRS leaders and others were present.

Arts College hotspot for selfie videos

MOHAMMED HUSSAIN
OSMANIA UNIVERSITY

WHEN a City-based freelance photographer spotted some teenagers shooting videos in front of iconic OU Arts College building on Sunday, he was puzzled. Sanjay Borra soon figured out that they were recording themselves on a video-sharing mobile application. The young and restless have a tendency to try out new mobile applications in order to gain quick popularity on the web and social media.

Taking chance on holiday, some youngsters gathered on the OU campus for filming themselves. The group was seen climbing the fountain in front of Arts College and recording videos, which will be set to music or voice-over immediately to be uploaded on video-sharing application from there to other social media platforms.

Several incidents have been reported on death of youngsters while shooting videos and trying out various dangerous challenges, like Blue Whale and KiKi Car.

A senior police official told The Hans India that patrolling vehicles have observed youngsters

After ban on TikTok youth sharing videos on Indian apps



recording videos on Tank Bund, Necklace Road and other public places both during day and night. "The police asked them not to do so. To gain popularity they record videos by risking their life," he observed.

There have been several accidents where youth were caught by the police during late nights near Tank Bund, as they recorded videos on speeding bikes or cars

App, Chingari App, Vigo Video, Dubsmash, MX TakaTak, Moj Josh and Snack Video

This give parents and teachers cause for concern after the popularity of dangerous online dares such as the Blue Whale Challenge and KiKi Car.

Apart from recording videos near heritage sites, roads, public parks, nowadays youth are seen at schools, colleges and universities. They are filming themselves on various sites for uploading musically-recorded footage on video-sharing applications developed in the country.

A parent came to know about a child when a teacher caught her recording video in class. "I was not aware of my child, who is still in VIII class, carrying her mobile phone and recording video in school," said Shiva Laxmi, a resident of Malkajgiri.

"Parents were so happy that the government banned TikTok. But, similar apps have been developed in the country and a large number of youngsters are still seen making clips and uploading them on the app hoping they would get popularity by recording videos in different styles and at various locations," said a parent.

KATORA HOUZ TO REGAIN ITS PAST GLORY

- Following the October rains the condition of Katora Houz turned worst and the retaining wall also collapsed
- GHMC Commissioner Lokesh Kumar sanctioned Rs 3.6 crore for development of the 450-year-old Katora Houz
- The restoration works includes drilling of 4 borewells, desilting, illumination of the entire tank, construction of pathways, landscaping and a boating activity

HANS NEWS SERVICE
GOLCONDA

WITH GHMC commencing the beautification works, the 450-year-old Katora Houz situated in the vicinity of Golconda Fort will be regaining its past glory of the tank. After several representations with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and Telangana Tourism Development Corporation for the restoration by the public representatives, now the civic body would be commencing the beautification works at the tank. According to Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, following the

October rains the condition of Katora Houz turned worst and the retaining wall also collapsed. Observing the condition, last month Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi proposed for the development of Katora Houz to the Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation (TSTDC) and appealed to sanction funds and to turn the historic tank as a tourist attraction, but due to non-availability of the funds with tourism department, it has requested to arrange the funds through GHMC. "After the representation was passed by the TSTDC for the restoration, GHMC Commissioner Lokesh Kumar on February 15 sanctioned an amount

of Rs 3.6 crore for development of Katora Houz," added MLA.

The restoration works includes drilling of 4 borewells, desilting and cleaning of debris inside the tank, illumination (lighting) in the entire tank, construction of pathways, landscaping and area beautification, and a boating activity. The works also include the construction of a retaining wall which was collapsed in October rains. As soon as the funds are released the restoration works will commence.

Katora Houz is one of the heritage structures in the historic Golconda Fort. It is the largest tank in the city which comes under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), later handed over to the Tourism department for further development. Katora Houz is a four-acre, perfectly symmetrical man-made lake constructed in 1560 during the reign of Ibrahim Quthb Shah (1550-80). It was filled with water from the Talab-e-Durg (now Durgam Cheruvu).





DABEERPURA ROAD THROWN OPEN FOR PUBLIC

HANS NEWS SERVICE DABEERPURA

THE residents of Dabeerpura and surrounding localities can now breathe easily after the Dabeerpuranala works which started almost 2 years back were completed.

widening and a slab. Pasha Quadri said, "The works were delayed due to technical issues like shifting of electric poles. While the recent rains (during monsoon) have caused delay for works like the construction of retaining wall, slab and other construction works."

On Monday, Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi along with MLA, corporators and GHMC officials reviewed the works and reopened the road for general public.

Reacting over the latest development the local activists welcomed the much awaited development. "On several occasions, Principal Secretary (MA&UD) Arvind Kumar, Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, GHMC Commissioner Lokesh Kumar, Zonal Commissioner Ashok Samrat, MLA Syed Ahmed Pasha Quadri paid visits and inspected the works. Now finally after almost 2 years the works are completed," exclaimed Abdul Rahman social activist.

It is considered as one of the important projects in the Old City to stop constant overflowing of the nala during every monsoon. The works were sanctioned after the area was flooded in heavy rains witnessed in 2019. Former GHMC Commissioner M Dana Kishore in May 2019 sanctioned a total amount of Rs 1.90 crore which includes the works of desilting, removing of debris and constructing new pillars, nala

Residents sigh a relief as nala works for over 2 year gets completed



• AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi along with MLA, corporators and GHMC officials reviewed the works and reopened the road

• An amount of Rs 1.90 crore was sanctioned for desilting, removing of debris, constructing new pillars, nala widening and laying of slabs

• Locals hope that the works will stop regular overflowing of nala during every monsoon

BJP declares candidates for MLC polls

Ramchander Rao, Premender Reddy to contest Graduate polls

HYDERABAD

BJP has announced its candidates for two graduate MLC seats on Monday. Sitting MLC N Ramchander Rao representing Mahabubnagar-Hyderabad-Rangareddy Graduates constituency and Premender Reddy from Warangal-Nalgonda-Khammam Graduate constituency



are the new candidates declared by the party. The Election commission

has already announced the schedule for these polls to be held on March 14 Sunday. According to the poll body schedule, the nominations can be filed till February 23, scrutiny on February 24 and withdrawals on February 26. While the Hyderabad segment has 5,21,386 voters, Warangal segment has 4,92,943 votes.

KCR working for tribal welfare: Malla Reddy

HYDERABAD

LABOUR Welfare and Employment Minister Ch Malla Reddy on Monday claimed that the Telangana government offered priority for welfare of tribals and enabled them rule their lambada thandas.

Speaking to press persons, he said that Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao has offered a minister post to woman leader Satyavathi Rathod. The Minister maintained that the KCR government transformed labma-

dathandas into village panchayats and pushed local leaders to rule themselves. "The KCR government like no other states offers funds for these thandas to push development programs. The villages of lambadas are now getting a facelift due to our government efforts. Gurukul institutions were set up for the tribals education and extended Rs 20 lakh for abroad studies. Telangana is number one in welfare schemes and other states are following us," he added.

Mayor to take oath on Feb 22

HANS NEWS SERVICE ADARSH NAGAR

THE newly elected Mayor of Hyderabad, Vijayalaxmi Gadwal will be taking Oath on Feb 22 and will start working from her new office which is getting ready on the 7th floor of the GHMC head office.

While she would be having a new office, the old office of Mayor will be provided to the Deputy Mayor, Mothe Srilatha. On Monday, scores of visitors paid her at her residence and wished her on beginning new journey as Mayor of the City.

Applications invited for T-Seva Centres

HYDERABAD

T-SEVA Centre has invited applications from interested candidates for opening T-Seva Online Centres at all cities, districts, mandals and panchayats areas across Telangana State. A subsidy of 25 per cent will be offered in the registration fee under Telangana self-employment scheme to SC, ST, BC, EBC, Minority, Women candidates and Ex-Servicemen.

T-Seva Online Centre provides PAN Card Enrolment and Correction, AEPS (Aadhaar Enabled Payment System) - Micro ATM, Bharat Bill payments, Bus, Rail and Flight Tickets, All Bank Money Transfers, Telecom Recharges - Pre-paid, Post-paid, Landline, DTH, Data Cards, Insurance payments, New DTH Applications, Bank CSP-Payments Bank, Opening of New accounts, issue of debit cards, Cash Deposits, Cash withdrawals, Insurance Services, Gold loans request, Cash in services for more than 20 Companies, Skill Development Admission Services.

The last date for applying is February 27. Online applications can be sent on the website: www.tsevacentre.com. For more information contact: 8179955744.

TITA Symposium 2021 held on grand note

GACHIBOWLI

TELANGANA Information Technology Association (TITA) organised its Symposium 2021 at Westin Hotel here on Sunday. It began on a grand note with Fusion Arts troupe of Telangana Department of Language and Culture presenting an outstanding performance.

Chairman of TITA Advisory Council Jayesh Ranjan presided over the Annual Meeting of the Association. He appreciated the Association's Global Governing Council for taking up various schemes aimed at public welfare through digital initiatives.

TITA Global President Sundeeep Kumar Makthala presented

a special photo painting portrait to Jayesh Ranjan. The Association also felicitated senior journalist Sridhar Surineni who was selected as Information Officer with Indian Information Services.

TITA Global Governing Council members this time were selected based on interviews by TSPSC former member C Vittal, TITA Advisor Sangameshwar Rao. The Association conducted a training session for its District Secretaries on honing leadership skills.

Swarnam, a film exclusively directed and acted by techies was screened at the venue. Sundeeep Makthala felicitated the film

crew. Also, the Association awarded Verified Badges to various companies like SlickTalks company, Kotla Group, South Africa based We Help, vidyarthi.com and The Startup Works. Speaking on the occasion Venkatrama, a member of TS Council for Higher Education expressed happiness over the various programmes undertaken by TITA. He said that the TSCHE was willing to reach MoU with the Association.

TITA Vice President Bojjam Rana Pratap, Ashwin Chandra Valabaju, Naveen Chintala, Governing Committee members Srikant Badiga, Goverdhanand others were present.

TRS govt to present its schemes at Niti Aayog

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

THE Telangana government will present a report on the State's achievements at the Niti Aayog governing council meeting to be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 20.

Various State initiatives, such as TSI-PASS, KCR KITS, RythuBandhu, Rythu Bhima, and areas where the it is in forefront across the country will be highlighted in the report. Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao is likely to attend the virtual meeting.

State Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar on Monday held a meeting with top officials and instructed them to prepare a note on State achievements.

CPM stages protest over fuel price hike

HANS NEWS SERVICE MUSHEERABAD

ACTIVISTS of CPI(M) City unit on Monday demonstrated at RTC Crossroads to protest the 'indiscriminate' increase of petrol, diesel and LPG gas. They set fire to an effigy of the Central government. Addressing the demonstrators, City secretary M Srinivas pointed out that the rising fuel prices would burden people, when those at international level were on a downward trend. He attributed the price rise to levying of tax by the government.

Srinivas said the new prices of petrol in City were Rs.92, diesel Rs.80 and LPG Rs.821. This was 'unjustified'. He demanded the BJP-led government to step down for failing to control fuel prices. The CPI(M) leader criticised the Centre for neglecting the problems of farmers, workers and commoners. Among those who took part in the demonstration were City Executive members M Srinivas Rao, M Dasarath, M Mahender, G Nares, N Mareenna.

Increasing ST quota; Ball lies in Centre's court, says Talasani

BANJARA HILLS

ANIMAL Husbandry Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav said that the Central government has to decide on increasing reservations for scheduled tribes in the country.

He took part in SanthSevala Maharaj Jayanthi held on a grand note at Telangana Bhavan Valabaju, Naveen Chintala, Governing Committee members Srikant Badiga, Goverdhanand others were present.



urged the Centre to take necessary steps. "However, the Centre is yet to take action in this regard. It is supposed to give suitable reservations to the ST community to develop in all segments," he added. The minister lauded the state

government and chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao for implementing several schemes for the welfare of SCs and STs. "The government has upgraded lambada thandas to village panchayats. We are giving funds for these tribal villages to have all facilities. KCR offered minister post to Satyavathi Rathod who is a tribal leader he said," he added.

Ministers Srinivas Yadav, Malla Reddy, Satyavathi Rathod and other leaders attended the event.

TS-MESA calendar launched

HANS NEWS SERVICE NAMPALLY

SWETA Mohanty, Collector & District Magistrate of Hyderabad District inaugurated the TS-MESA (Minority Employees Service Association) New Year 2021 wall calendar and table calendar of Revenue Department in the collectorate chamber on Monday.

Mohammed Younus, president, TS-MESA, Hyderabad presided over the function and Syed Abdul Irshad, vice president, Md Fazal ul Rahman, general secretary, Md Zahuruddin, working president and other office bearers of TRESA attended the function.



Sharmila to launch party in May or July

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

FORMER AP Chief Minister Y S Rajasekara Reddy's daughter Sharmila is making fast political moves aiming to launch her political party in Telangana. Soon after returning from Bengaluru on Monday, she held a meeting with a select group of leaders and intellectuals here. Sharmila is likely to announce the launch of her political outfit on May 14--the day YSR assumed CM's office in 2004--or on July 8--her father's birthday. She is likely to announce some major decisions on those days.

Earlier, she planned to float the party in April. But the AP CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's sister deferred the plan as she wanted to hold a series of meetings with YSR supporters to ascertain the political situation in Telangana.

Leaders said that Sharmila will take more time to launch the party. After the by-poll to the Nagarjunasagar Assembly constituency and elections to two graduate constituencies and

• She will meet RR & Hyderabad leaders on Feb.20

• Senior Cong leader M Ranga Reddy calls on Sharmila



seven municipalities, including Warangal and Khammam corporations, she would plunge into action.

Her 'padayatra' from Chevella (where YSR also took out yatra before 2004 elections) in May or July is in pipeline. After the meeting with old Nalgonda district leaders, she will meet Ranga Reddy and Hyderabad leaders on February 20. Senior Congress leader and former MLC M Ranga Reddy called on Sharmila ahead of the meeting.

Graduates must reject corrupt TRS & BJP: Uttam

NAMPALLY

TELANGANA Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President N Uttam Kumar Reddy has expressed confidence that the Congress party would win the elections for the Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad and Khammam-Warangal-Nalgonda graduates' constituencies of Telangana Legislative Council.

He was addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan on Monday after officially handing over B-forms to the Congress candidates - former minister G Chinna Reddy (Mahabubnagar-Rangareddy-Hyderabad) and ex-MLC Ramulu Naik (Khammam-Warangal-Nalgonda). He said that the party has picked highly efficient, able and committed leaders as its candidates for MLC polls. "Chinna Reddy holds a PhD degree in Agriculture and is known for his honesty and simplicity. He has been serving the people selflessly without having expectations. Ramulu Naik was born into a poor family and came up in his life after hard struggle. He played a key role during the Telangana movement. Chinna

Reddy and Ramulu Naik are highly capable of serving the people, especially in addressing the needs of graduates, including employees and jobless youth," he added.

The TPCC Chief said that the educated youth must unitedly defeat the corrupt and unethical regimes of TRS and BJP. Criticising Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao, he said that the promise, made in 2014 elections, of filling one lakh vacant posts in government department remained unfulfilled. "The Pay Revision Commission, in its recent report, has disclosed that over 1.91 lakh posts were lying vacant in various departments. He said the delay in the recruitment process has deprived thousands of students, who participated in the Telangana movement, from getting a government job. TRS government lured jobless youth in 2018 Assembly elections by promising them Rs 3,016 dole every month. However, this promise was not fulfilled even now. KCR has been openly cheating the jobless youth ever since he came to power in June 2014. Revision of pay scales was long overdue.

Further, the new PRC has disappointed the employees by recommending a fitment of mere 7.3 per cent. Employees be given a fitment of not less than 43 per cent," he added.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said that the BJP Govt at the Centre has been doing injustice to Telangana since the beginning. He said Telangana remained neglected in the Union Budgets since 2014. Further, he said that the promises which were made under Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act were yet to be fulfilled. He ridiculed Telangana BJP President Bandi Sanjay's attempts to incite communal hatred in the state. "BJP leaders often talk about Ram Mandir. We are also Hindus and we are not against the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. But why BJP leaders are not showing similar affection with Ram Mandir in Bhadrachalam? Why is the BJP government trying to give away temple lands to private parties?" he asked.

Uttam Kumar Reddy appealed to the people to elect Congress candidates to restore morality in politics and democracy in Telangana.

Reddy expresses confidence in Congress winning the upcoming MLC elections for two graduate constituencies



• Criticises CM KCR for failing to fulfill his 2014 electoral promise of one lakh jobs till now

• Ridicules the BJP government at the Centre for neglecting Telangana in the Budget

• Says TRS government lured jobless youth in 2018 Assembly elections by promising them ₹3,016 dole per month

• Questions why BJP leaders not affectionate towards Ram Mandir in Bhadrachalam



5.6 lakh to cast votes in to MLC constituencies

HANS NEWS SERVICE
TANK BUND

There are 5.6 lakh voters in the two MLC graduates constituencies for which elections would be held on March 14. In Hyderabad district 169 polling centres have been set up.

This was stated by GHMC Commissioner D S Lokesh Kumar here on Monday at a review meeting with the nodal officers on holding of elections.

Lokesh Kumar stated that the L B Indoor stadium has been temporarily

169 polling centres set up in Hyderabad district

selected as the distribution, reception and counting centre. He directed the officials concerned to arrange web-casting in every polling booth, besides providing basic facilities.

The GHMC commissioner said as the model code of conduct has already

come into force, special teams are being constituted to enforce it. Additional GHMC Commissioner Priyanka Ala has been appointed as the returning officer (RO) for the elections.

According to Lokesh Kumar, the nominations would be received in her office located on the third floor of the main GHMC building. The election staff would themselves go to identified senior citizens aged over 80 years and Covid positive persons to help them cast votes, a press release issued by GHMC.

Officials told to clear certificates in a week

UDAY PULLURI
ADARSH NAGAR

REACTING over the increasing complaints over delay in issuing birth and death certificates, the GHMC Additional Commissioner (Health), Santosh Badavat warned the staff to restore the public confidence and clear whatever pending applications.

During a meeting with staff, he brought to their notice that people were lodging complaints over the delay from different parts of the city. He warned that if they were not cleared within a week's time then action would be initiated against them. A GHMC official on condition of anonymity said that all the Assistant Medical Officers for Health (AMOH) working at different circles were summoned to the head office on Monday. They were instructed to issue all the pending applications within a week or to put their papers (resign).

As per the complainants, they have been making rounds at the GHMC offices for getting the certificates for days. "I believe because of the lack of coordination between Mee-Seva centres and GHMC circle offices it is being delayed. I could not get birth certificate of my son, even after applying for days," said a complainant, who applied at Secunderabad circle.

17TH ANNUAL BRAHMOTSAVAM



Annapurna Sahita Kasi Visweswara (Shiva) Temple at Seetharam Nagar in Safilguda, Secunderabad, celebrated the second day of the three-day annual Brahmotsavam on a grand note on Monday. Priests performed homam. The temple committee has invited devotees to participate in large numbers to mark the concluding day celebrations on Tuesday.

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Open e-Tender Notice No. DR/M/Works/SC/01-08/2021/OT Dt: 05-02-2021
For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on 10-03-2021.
S.No.1. e-Tender No.: 01_W_SC_21_OT. Name of the work: VKB-PRLI Section: (1) Proposal for closure of manded LC No.39 at Km.82/11-12 between MTV-BIDR stations by constructing RCC box as RUB/Subway under Sr.DEN/West/SC section.
S.No.2. e-Tender No.: 02_S_SC_21_OT. Name of the work: KZJ-BZA Section: Proposed construction Road under bridge (RUB) in lieu of LC No.111 (M) UP, DN & 3rd line portion at KM 502/21-23 at CHINTAKANI and NAGALWANCHA stations as precast RCC box of size 1x5.50x5.00m by box pushing method. Approx. Tender Value in Rs.: 6,30,61,677/-.
S.No.3. e-Tender No.: 03_S_SC_21_OT. Name of the work: MTMI-JNPD Section - Supplying, fabricating and erecting welded bulb - up steel height gauge for existing RUB's between JPTN-JNPD stations under ADEN/MDR subdivision. Approx. Tender Value in Rs.: 82,92,316/-.
S.No.4. e-Tender No.: 04_S_SC_21_OT. Name of the work: SC Division: Provision of lift at WL station in Platform No.4(BZA and FOD). Approx. Tender Value in Rs.: 23,67,965/-.
S.No.5. e-Tender No.: 05_N_SC_21_OT. Name of the work: KZJ-BPQ section: Proposed construction Road under bridge (RUB) in lieu of LC No.85 (M) at KM 231/26-28 between BELLAMPALLI-RECHINI stations by pushing method. Approx. Tender Value in Rs.: 5,74,30,274/-.
S.No.6. e-Tender No.: 06_N_SC_21_OT. Name of the work: KZJ-BPQ section: Proposed construction Road under bridge (RUB) in lieu of LC No.56 (M) UP, DN & 3rd line portion at KM 260/46-261/2 between PEDDAMPET-MANCHIRYAL stations. Approx. Tender Value in Rs.: 8,83,16,110/-.
S.No.7. e-Tender No.: 07_N_SC_21_OT. Name of the work: KZJ-BPQ section: Proposed construction of Road under bridge (RUB) in lieu of LC No.35(M) at Km. 307/14-16 between Potkapalli - Kolanur stations. Approx. Tender Value in Rs.: 5,74,32,700/-.
S.No.8. e-Tender No.: 08_N_SC_21_OT. Name of the work: KZJ-BPQ section: Proposed construction of Road under bridge (RUB) in lieu of LC No.33(M) at Km. 307/14-16 between Potkapalli - Kolanur stations. Approx. Tender Value in Rs.: 5,74,32,700/-.

ELECTION TIMETABLE	
Date of election notification:	February 16
Filing of nominations:	February 23
Scrutiny of nominations:	February 24
Date of withdrawal:	February 26
Date of polling:	March 14 8 am to 4 pm.
Counting of votes:	March 17
Date of closure of poll process:	March 22
Nodal officers & duties	
G Venkateswarlu:	SDC LA (Printing of ballot papers, arranging ballot boxes)
P Saroja:	AC-admin (Election material, stationery)
B Santosh, IAS:	AC-health & sanitation (Micro observer & health care)
Jairaj Kennedy:	AC-finance, IT (IT, webcasting)
J Shankarayya:	AC-UCD-electrical (Training)
Vishwajit Kampati:	Director, EV & DM (Law & order, transport)
Mohd Ziauddin:	CA-maintenance (DRC, provision of basic facilities)
Venkataramana:	CPRO (media cell, paid news, voter awareness)
Anuradha:	OSD OCD Estate Officer (24X7 call centre)
Mahesh Kulkarni:	Chief Valuation Officer (Report, return)
G Balanarsimha Swamy:	Personnel Officer LWS (Postal ballots)

Crocodile strays into village

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIKARABAD

PEOPLE of Balkal village in Vikarabad district on Monday were flabbergasted when a crocodile was found in an open pit that was dug up quite a few days back by the locals.

Upon witnessing a crocodile warming in a pit on Monday morning, the locals soon informed the officials of the Forest Department. Later, the officials along with local police visited the spot and with utter difficulty, caught the crocodile and securely fastened the reptile with the help of rope.

Later, the officials of the Forest Department released the crocodile into Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary in Sangareddy District.



Leopard on prowl again, attacks cow

RAJENDRANAGAAR

A big cat, presumably a leopard, has created flutter again in Rajendranagar on Sunday night. The wild cat attacked a cow at Fatima farmhouse near Himayat Sagar area under Rajendraagar at around 3am on Sunday night. However, the pack of stray dogs in the farmhouse forced the big cat to run amok empty-handed without feeding on the prey, informed a caretaker of the farmhouse.

"This is not the lone incident. Earlier, the big cat attacked around three animals in the farm, but no compensation was yet received from the government. Now the leopard again attacked the cow and grievously injured her. While the dogs started fiercely barking at the beast, I started beating the plastic drums to chase away the leopard," he added. The chaos is back in the area after a lull of four months when an elusive leopard - that give sleepless nights to locals for almost four months after it was first spotted sitting in a middle of a road at Katedhan area under Rajendranagar on May 14 last year. It was finally caught by Forest Officials in the month of October 2020.



THE HANS CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME & D.O.B.
I, S.No.JC 669644H Sub/Clk(SD) Chittaranjan Tripathy, R/o. Bjay Tower-II, Flat No.410, Khodasingi, Berhampur, Odisha that my wife name and DOB is to be changed from Sarmista Dash, DOB:18-8-1982 to SHARMISTA DASH, DOB:18-7-1982. (TH_24374)

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAJENDER PRASAD R/o 14-2-516 Gosha Mahal Chandanwadi Hyderabad 500012 Ts Changed My Name As RAJENDER PRASAD JANGID S/o PRABHATI LAL. (TH_24374)

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SRINIVASA REDDY MITTA R/o.1-55/B, Dameragidda Village, Chevella Mandal, Rangareddy Dist-501503, Changed My Name as SATHYA NARAYANA REDDY MITTA S/o Late.Venkata Ranga Reddy Mitta. (TH_24374)

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ZULEKHIA W/o. Zulfuqar Ali Lashkari, holder of passport No. J-6327601, R/o. 20-2-419/A, Hussainialam, Hyderabad. That I added surname Lashkari, Hence I should be called as ZULFEQUAR ALI LASHKARI, only. (TH_24374)

CHANGE OF NAME
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ROAD WORKS TURN ATTAPUR A PERILOUS ZONE

ESA BIN ABDUL REHMAN
ATTAPUR

THE wayside digging works being taken up in Rajendranagar area is causing great inconvenience to road users even leading to accidents and making the stretch a perilous route to drive.

Similar works have been taken up at other arterial roads in Rajendranagar under Comprehensive Road Maintenance Programme (CRMP). The situation of road from Pillar No. 245, Sulemannagar to 294 Shivrampally turned the stretch into perilous routes as most of the passengers were losing balance of the vehicles while passing through the rough and uneven five-km stretch.

It is said that road works, which have been taken up in six circles such as Charminar, Falaknuma, Rajendranagar, Malakpet, Santoshnagar and Chandrayangutta in Charminar Zone, were awarded to M Venkatarao Infra Projects Private Limited. The road cutting works for underground gas pipelines were also taken up from Pillar No.118 Attapur on the other side of the same road only to add more woes to already perturbed commuters.

While the ramp works were al-

ready under progress at Pillar No.165, opposite to RDO office Rajendranagar, the milling of road from Pillar No. 245 Sulemannagar to 294 Shivrampally and road cutting works from Pillar No. 294 Shivrampally to Pillar No.118 Attapur makes both side of the stretch a complete perilous route for the commuters.

"The contractors leaving the works incomplete for weeks is the main cause for several accidents every day while the situation turns worst in the night when visibility is very low," informed Kamelakar Jitender, activist and a resident of Attapur.

"Both sides of the road from Shivrampally to Attapur are not safer for driving as on one side road cutting works are undergoing while on another the road is left uneven and damaged for a few kilometers. Moreover, the works are being taken up without having a caution board on either side of the road putting the commuters completely into dark about the situation ahead," said Mujahid Mohiuddin Khudri, another resident of Golden Heights Colony, Upperpally, Rajendranagar.

Meanwhile, the officials of work executing agency M Venkatarao Infra Projects Private Limited did not respond to multiple calls for comment.



Road works are being taken up under Comprehensive Road Maintenance Programme (CRMP) in Rajendranagar

The road cutting works for underground gas pipeline is being carried out from Pillar No.294 Shivrampally to Pillar No.118 Attapur

CHILDREN'S CANCER DAY

Child patients steal cancer awareness show

HANS NEWS SERVICE
BANJARA HILLS

TO mark Children's Cancer Day on Monday, BasavaramaTarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, here, organised a special awareness programme and cultural events by child patients.

Dr Raghava Rao Polavarapu, prominent US child specialist and Trust Board Member (TBM) of the institute, J S R Prasad, another TBM, and newly appointed TBM Nara Brahmani attended.

Addressing the gathering, paediatric oncologist Dr.Veerendra Patil said child cancer cases were rising. Every year 70,000 children were getting affected. He pointed out that 80 per cent of these cases could be cured, while stressing the need for creating awareness. Lack of awareness was forcing many children to stay away from treatment.

Dr Senthil Rajappa, head, medical oncology wing, said while treating cancer children was itself a problem, the other issue was the discrimination they faced. "The agony faced by their parents was causing severe anxiety". He offered to provide help/relief in fee to those facing treatment and other issues.

Brahmani said she considered a blessing to work for the insti-



BasavaramaTarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital & Research Institute organised a special awareness & cultural event by child patients

tute in accordance with the wishes of her grandfather NTR. She noted that the institute stood first in two Telugu States.

Members of 'PaduthaTeeyaga' and cine playback singers Nar-simha and Sairam rendered several film songs. Songs by child patients, Sameer and Sai Manongna, were well received.

Magician Muralikrishna's performance received praise.

Those who present included institute COO G Ravi Kumar, Dr.T S Rao, medical director, Dr Kalpana Raghunath, associate director, Dr PaniKoteswara Rao, medical superintendent, many doctors and parents of cancer patients.

CRIME CORNER

Migrant minor lured & raped

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DUNDIGAL

A 14-year-old girl was lured and allegedly raped by a labourer at Suraram under Dundigal police limits on Saturday night. The police complaint was filed on Monday.

According to the police, the victim and her parents—both construction labourers—migrated to City from UP five years ago. While her parents were away on Sunday night, the suspect, who is a neighbour, lured her with food. As she

walked away with him, he took her to his room and allegedly raped her. He threatened with dire consequences if she revealed the incident.

When her parents reached home, the girl's mother noticed changed behaviour. She questioned the girl. As the victim was unable to bear the trauma, she broke down and revealed the horrendous incident. The parents filed a complaint. Based on it, a case was registered. Special teams were formed to nab the culprit, said the police.

Minor boy drowns in lake

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MAILARDEVVALLY

IN a tragic incident, a 13-year-old boy, who wanted to learn swimming but was being stopped by parents, went to swim in a nearby lake under Mailardevally police limits on Monday morning and drowned.

According to the police, the boy went out for a swim alone

and entered the water body. As he did not know swimming, he drowned. As it was early hours nobody noticed the boy. After a few hours passers-by found the body and alerted the police. The body was retrieved and parents informed. The body was handed over to parents after post-mortem at OGH mortuary, said the police.

2 youth killed trying to dodge pothole

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AFZALGANJ

IN a tragic incident, two youngsters riding a bike were killed on the spot in wee hours of Monday, as they tried to dodge a pothole on the main road at MGBS and fell down. They were crushed under the wheels of a truck moving in the same direction.

The victims were identified as Fasi Khan (19) and Mohsin (23). The bodies were sent for post-mortem at OGH mortuary. They were handed over to families.

Were crushed under wheels of truck



Legislator of AIMM Ahmed Pasha Qadri visited the

victims' residences. He assured the families that they will be given justice at the earliest.

According to the police, the mishap took place when duo was returning from a function. The truck driver fled from the spot. Special teams have been formed to nab him.

4 transgenders held for creating ruckus

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PET BASHEERABAD

THE Pet Basheerabad police on Monday arrested four transgenders for creating ruckus during a house-warming programme. According to police, they went to the programme on Sunday and demanded money from the house-owner. Though, he paid money, they were not happy

with the amount and demanded more which he declined. The transgenders created ruckus and threw mud/stones on walls/windows and displayed their private parts while standing near entrance. They ran away from when the house-owner threatened to inform the police. He filed a police complaint, based on which, after collecting technical evidence, the transgenders were arrested and sent to judicial custody, said the police.

Sabitha, Sathyavathi takes part in TRS membership drive

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CHEVELLA

EDUCATION minister SabithaIndrareddy and Women and Children welfare minister Sathyavathi Rathod participated in the membership of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) drive held in Chevella on Monday.

On this occasion Education minister SabithaIndrareddy called upon the party leaders and cadre to put up a collective effort to see that greater numbers of enrolments are from Chevella. Sabitha said that the Telangana government is striving for the betterment of the people and the State.

Speaking about the Palamuru

project she said that the government is striving to complete the works of the Palamuru project to the earliest. She further added that after the TRS government has come in governance, investors have invested Rs. 2 lakh crores and established 14,000 companies. She also said that the Telangana government has been providing drinking water to the public through Mission Bhagiratha.

This membership drive has been conducted under the auspices of Chevella MLA Kale Yadaiah. Nagarkurnool MP Ramulu, MLC MahendarReddy, Rangareddy ZP Chairperson Anitha Reddy, Incharge Gattu Ramachander and others were also present.



District Library holds committee meeting

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RANGAREDDY

DISTRICT Library Development Committee Chairman Kappati Pandu Ranga Reddy held a plenary meeting with the members of district library association in Saroornagar on Monday.

During the meeting the committee suggested for an app regarding the libraries and the books in the libraries for the

people of Rangareddy district.

On this occasion the members have reviewed the works of libraries in various mandals. The construction of new libraries in Nedunur, Emjapur and Ravirala villages were also discussed.

District Library Development committee members Dayanand, Anand Reddy, Srinivas Reddy, District Panchayat Raj Officer Ganesh, District Library organization secretary Manoj Kumar and others were also present.



Rusted vehicles get new lease of life

RANGAREDDY

THE district is in the process of converting obsolete vehicles into scraps, this seems to be especially the case with autos. People are obtaining permits from the officials saying that they have made old autos into scrap and are buying new vehicles. The old ones are still roaming on the roads again as usual. It is hoped that with the new legislation in the latest budget, such matters will be fully checked. The government has banned permits for the purchase of new autos in Greater in view of pollution and traffic congestion. No permits have been issued for five years. Although auto associations have already asked the officials about the matter, the file has not moved forward. Many people buy and drive autos in the city for employment along with the unemployed. Some are renting on a daily basis and running these to support families.

Lime lighting the demand for autos, people are converting the old autos into new ones and are reselling them. In fact those that are 15-20 years old should be made into scrap and only then it is possible to buy a new auto by taking a license with that chassis number. This is where some wit is on display



by few people. The Nagole Center is in the process of converting old vehicles into scraps, few autos have not been converted into scrap here. They are being repaired and sold again. Air pollution has been increasing with obsolete vehicles. In the Hyderabad transport department alone, there are a total of 6.81 lakh vehicles that have crossed 15-20 years. If Ran-

gareddy and Medchal districts are combined the count of 15-20 years old vehicles will cross 15 lakh. According to the rules and regulations, such vehicles should pay green tax to get on the roads, which is not being followed by anyone. According to the new budget, if such vehicles are not made into scrap they are likely to face heavy fines if they get on roads.

Lions Club holds health camp

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SHADNAGAR

MLA Anjaiah Yadav inaugurated the mega health camp at Buggareddy gardens in Shadnagar on Monday.

Lions Club of Shadnagar and Vijaya hospital jointly organised the mega health camp for people suffering from cardiac problems to mark Chief Minis-

ter K Chandrashekar Rao's birthday, which is on February 17. Shadnagar Municipal chairman Narender, Ferooqnagar ZPTC Venkatraman Reddy, Lions Club region chairman G Narayana, zonal chairman A Srinivas Reddy, secretary Murali, doctors Chandhulal Rathod, Sudheer Reddy, Prem Saikumar and others were present.



TRS believes in deeds, not in words: Minister Vemula

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NIZAMABAD

R&B and Legislative Affairs Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy said the TRS government and Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao don't believe in words but in deeds and fulfil his promises to the people.

On Monday, he inaugurated several development projects undertaken with Rs 1 crore in Balkonda constituency and Bheemgal Municipality of Nizamabad district. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Prashanth Reddy said that the people of Bheemgal believed in TRS and elected TRS candidates in all the 12 wards in the municipality, hence they have the responsibility to fulfill the promises given to them.

He assured of sanctioning 100-bed hospital soon, a promise given during Assembly elections. Stating that politics means serving people, he said that their politics should be to improve villages and benefit farmers. Informing that there are still three more years before the next elections, he said one should strive to develop beyond parties and without criticising others.

Later, the Minister participated in the official Jayanti function of Sevalal Maharaj.



R&B and Legislative Affairs Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy garlanding Telangana Thalli idol in Balkonda on Monday

Withdraw farm laws, demands Rythu Garjana

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KHAMMAM

RYTHU Garjana demanded the Union government to withdraw farm laws, which are against the farmers and to abolish amendment in power bill.

All India Kisan Mazdoor Sangam general secretary Dr Ashish Mittal, Kechhala Ranga Reddy, State Kisan Mazdoor Sangam general secretary V Venkata Ramaiah, Prof Kodandaram and CPI (ML) New Democracy State joint secretary Potu Ranga Rao alleged that the Union government was trying to suppress farmers' struggle in New Delhi. They faulted the Centre's stringent action against farmers, who are fighting for their justified demands at national capital.

The leaders also found fault

with Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao for not responding to the farmers' struggle and not commenting against the Central government. They called upon intellectuals and people to support farmers' fight against agriculture bills and to become aware that both Central and State governments are not supporting farmers. They gave a call to farmers across the country to come forward to fight against illegal laws brought by the Union government. Coming to local issues, they demanded distribution of pattas to podu cultivators and stop attacking podu cultivators. They also demanded issuance of new ration cards; pension to people, who crossed 57 years; allotment of house sites; and sanctioning of Rs 5 lakh to eligible poor.

Earlier a massive rally was taken out in the town.



Leaders of CPI (ML) and All India Kisan Mazdoor Sangam taking out a rally in Khammam town on Monday

Suspecting fidelity, man kills wife

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MAHABUBABAD

A man stabbed his wife to death at Namalapadu forest area under Bayyaram mandal in Mahabubabad district on Monday. The victim has been identified as Saritha (25) of Penugonda village under Kesamudram mandal.

According to police, accused A Naresh, a driver working in Mahabubabad, got married to Saritha some four years ago and used to beat his wife suspecting her fidelity. As a result, Saritha along with her children has been staying with her parents at Jayyaram village of Chinagudur for some time.



Telangana Nayara Petroleum Dealers' Association formed

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HYDERABAD

TELANGANA Nayara Petroleum Dealers' Association (Regd No. 2136/2018) is an association of dealers/franchise of Nayara Energy Ltd (Formerly Essar Oil Ltd). Dealers are involved in retail

trade of petroleum products (petrol/diesel/ lubricants, etc) with brand of Nayara/Essar petrol pumps. The Association was formed to facilitate, act as catalysts to achieve the aims, goals of the entire family of Nayara Energy Ltd., to reinforce core values of EXCEL (Energetic Xtraordinary Courageous Ethical Lead).

6 hurt in centring collapse

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MAHABUBABAD

WORKERS at a construction site had a narrow escape when the centring for the construction of the building entrance of the new Integrated Collectorate Complex collapsed in Mahabubabad on Monday. However, the mishap left six workers, who were fixing the centring, with injuries. District Collector VP Gautham inspected the construction site and



elicited information about the incident from the Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department.

Speaking to reporters, Gautham said that six workers sustained minor injuries and they

are being treated at the Government Area Hospital. According to preliminary information, centring collapsed as iron rods bent. The Collector directed the R&B officials to submit a detailed report on the incident. Municipal Chairman P Rammohan Reddy also visited the construction site. Mahabubabad Town Inspector J Venkataratnam said that they have not received any complaint from the district administration about the mishap.

FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE

Agri Minister buoyed by potato yield in own farm

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

HOW about practising before preaching? Exactly this is what the Agriculture Minister, S Niranjan Reddy, seems to be following. The Minister who was irked with the hike in potato prices in recent times had decided to encourage farmers in State cultivate potatoes. But before approaching the farmers, the Minister first wanted to cultivate potatoes in his own farm in Wanaparthi on experimental basis. Soon, he planted potato crop in one-fourth of an acre and ended up gaining reasonably good harvest.

The jubilant Minister is now planning to approach farmers and share his experience backed with agriculture department's feedback, which had said that the land and climate in Telangana were as good as other States where potatoes are being cultivated.

As the potatoes have consistently demand all-round the year, the fluctuation in prices would be minimal and help farmers gain profits, the Minister said,

- Niranjan Reddy gets satisfying yield from one-fourth of acre
- Wants to encourage Telangana farmers take up cultivation of potatoes which has demand all-round the year



adding that on an average a farmer can get a maximum yield of 100 to 120 quintals per acre. "When it comes to prices, the rate per quintal in the market would be around Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,200. Sometimes, it might even touch Rs 2,000. The farmers will gain revenues of Rs 1 lakh per acre after deducting the investment," he said.

Niranjan Reddy said that potatoes were one of the vegetables with the highest consumption rate. But, the cultivation of the crop is not preferred in southern States for reasons un-

known. Along with Telangana, all the southern States have to heavily depend on potato supplies from north and this demand can be addressed if farmers here take up potato cultivation, he opined.

Investment to cultivate potatoes in an acre comes to about Rs 45,000 and the crop comes to harvest in 85 to 90 days after the plantation. But, if the time frame goes beyond 90 days, then the yields would be more, the Agriculture Minister said, hoping that farmers in the State take up potato cultivation.

BJP to fly in party bigwigs for Nagarjunasagar bypoll

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

THE Bharatiya Janata Party, which had shocked the ruling Telangana Rashtira Samithi with its performance in Dubbaka bypoll and in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections, has shifted its focus to Nagarjunasagar and planning to hold huge public meeting by February end by inviting its national leaders.

The party, which had gone aggressive after Dubbaka bypoll, is now targeting the Sagar constituency where it has little presence. However, the party leaders are hopeful of repeating Dubbaka and GHMC victory in the forthcoming bypoll to Sagar constituency.

While the party had already initiated the exercise to gain foothold in the district, it had also recently taken up protest on tribal issues, including tribal lands in Gurrampodu, which had led to a tense situation with police even lathi-charging the protestors. The tribals here make up 40 per cent of the electorate and are crucial in deciding the fate of candidates.

According to State BJP president Bandi Sanjay, the party would soon have a huge

- Plans to hold huge public meeting by February end
- Despite dismal presence, party hopeful of winning the seat

public meeting, possibly by February end, in Nagarjunasagar Assembly constituency. The party would be bringing in senior leaders, including Union Ministers from New Delhi to campaign, as it did for Dubbaka and GHMC polls.

Sanjay said that the party would win the Sagar bypoll along with two council seats going for polls in March, adding that all key leaders would campaign for the party candidates. Meanwhile, the party has decided to appoint one in-charge for every 50 voters who would be in constant touch with them and ensure they vote for the saffron party.

Nine kids from two Telugu States selected for Arithmetic Genius -2020

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

NINE kids from the two Telugu States got qualified for SIP Arithmetic Genius. All India Online Contest 2020 to be held on February 21. These kids between the age groups seven and nine will represent Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

These nine kids competed with as many as 5,000 kids at Regional Level and then got qualified after a rigorous four-month selection process. Out of the 5,000 participants 1,000 students were short-listed. From these 1,000 students, the above nine got selected to represent both the Telugu States at National Level informed Uma Swaminathan, Regional Head of SIP Academy in an official release.

These 9 kids include Karri Kranthi Manaswi of Niraj Public School, Begumpet; T. Aasritha of Dev Public School, Safilguda and Sarayu Erukulla of Phoenix Greens International School, Kokapet, Chirag Mohanty - St Michaels School, Marredpally; Anvitha Chapa - Johnson Grammar School Mallapur; D. Saurav - Johnson Grammar School, LB Nagar; G. Satya Hasini - Bharathi Vidya Bhavan, Tirupati; Mandala Nutan



Karri Kranthi Manaswi, T Ashritha, Sarayu Erukulla, Anvitha, Chirag, Saurav, Akshitha, Bhargav, Satya Hasini

Bhargav - Amrita Vidyalayam, Mahendra Hills, Secunderabad; K. Akshitha - The Secunderabad Public School, Malkajgiri.

Out of these 9 kids, 3 kids - Karri Kranthi Manaswi of Niraj Public

School, Begumpet; T. Aasritha of Dev Public School, Safilguda and Sarayu Erukulla of Phoenix Greens International School had emerged as Telugu States' Champions. SIP Arithmetic Genius, All India



Online Contest 2020 was organised by SIP Academy across the country. A total of 27,000 students competed in this competition from across India. Out of which 9 winners from each State will compete at the Nationals. More than 100 students will vie for the national honours at the 5th Season of SIP Arithmetic Genius, All India Online Contest 2020.

Amid the pandemic, this edition was organised online competition for the first time in the past four years. The objective of this year's online contest is to engage home struck students more meaningfully and help them improve arithmetic skills, Arithmetic skills, Uma Swaminathan, Regional Head of SIP Academy said.

3 of a family die as their car plunges into SRSP canal

HANS NEWS SERVICE
JAGTIAL

EVEN before people forgot the incident of car falling in a canal in Warangal district, same kind of mishap took place on Monday morning in Medipally mandal of Jagtial district. Three members of a family were killed after the car they were travelling plunged into SRSP canal and one escaped narrowly. The deceased were identified

as Katkuri Amarendar Rao, his wife Sirisha and daughter Shreya. Rao's son Jayanth managed to escape from the water.

Amarendar Rao, an advocate of Jagtial town, along with his family was going to his native place Joginipally village to attend temple festival. When the car reached Medipally, Jayanth, who was driving the car, lost control of the wheel and plunged into the canal.

Jayanth escaped from car by opening the door but the remaining three got stuck in the car and died. Police rushed to the spot and removed the car from the canal with the help of crane and sent the bodies to Jagtial Government Hospital for postmortem. It's learnt that Amarendar was a close relative of MLA Sanjay Kumar. It's also learnt that his daughter Shreya's engagement was conducted recently.



The car that fell into SRSP canal in Medipally mandal on Monday morning

BJP to expand base in Nepal, Lanka: Oppn slams Tripura CM's statement

'When Home Minister was the BJP's national president, he during a meeting with us in Agartala had said that we have extended our base across India. Party's philosophy enlarged to many Asian and African countries'

AGARTALA

OPPOSITION Left parties and Congress on Monday criticised the BJP leadership after Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb's reported comments to extend the base of the saffron party in Nepal and Sri Lanka.

The opposition parties said that the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's plan and target to expand its base in Nepal and Sri Lanka are against India's foreign policies and these cannot be done as the two countries are sovereign nations.

Deb while addressing a party meeting here on Saturday reportedly quoted Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and said: "When Home Minister was the BJP's National President he during a meeting with us in Agartala had said that we have extended our base

across India. Now we have to go to Sri Lanka and Nepal." The Chief Minister said that the BJP would form government in West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the party would remain in power in Tripura for 30 years as the CPI-M would be finished in the next assembly elections in 2023. "The BJP is the largest party in India now. It has maximum numbers of MPs, MLAs and other elected members," Deb said. The BJP, however, also supported the Chief Minister's views. Party spokesman Nabendu Bhattacharjee said that not only Sri Lanka and Nepal, the BJP's philosophy is being extended in many Asian and African countries. "Our targets and plans are not to form governments in those states. Our "Pracharaks" (functionaries)



Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb with Home Minister Amit Shah

are broadening BJP's philosophy and belief in those states. If the people of those countries accept our principles and viewpoints then the future course of action would be shaped," Bhattacharjee told the media on Monday.

Sharply criticising the Chief Minister's announcement, Communist Party of India-Marxist central committee member Jitendra Chowdhury said that Deb's speech is a combination of arrogance and ignorance.

Chowdhury, a former Tripura Minister, said that Deb's speech in a public forum portrayed the approach and method of governance that was prevailing in Tripura after the BJP-IPFT (Indigenous People's Front of Tripura) alliance came to power three years ago. "The BJP-led

governments both at the Center and the states have forcefully muted all kinds of civil liberties, freedom of speech and all pillars of democracy while a total lawlessness has been prevailing in Tripura.

"It has been revealed further from Deb's speech that the top brass in BJP is engaged in the internal affairs of our neighbouring countries, which is contrary to our long cherished foreign policy since independence," the veteran tribal leader and former Lok Sabha member said. He alleged that it is extremely unfortunate that this same BJP and their governments have brought sedition charges against the innocent citizens to silence the dissent voices, and octogenarian Varavara Rao, Gautam Navlakha and teen ager Disha Ravi like people are not spared.

96% Covid warriors skip 2nd dose

'7,668 beneficiaries received the second jab, which is just 4 per cent of the over 1,91,000 healthcare workers who received their first dose on Jan 16'

NEW DELHI

IN what could eventually become worrisome, 96 per cent of Covid Warriors have not been turning up for the second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

On Saturday, 7,668 beneficiaries received the second jab, according to the provisional data released by the Union Health Ministry, which is just 4 per cent of the over 1,91,000 healthcare workers who received their first dose on January 16, according to News18 report.

The two vaccines that have been cleared for use in India - Covishield and Covaxin - require that two doses be given 28 days apart. However, as per the recommendation of the apex drug regulator, the doses can be taken within a window of four to six weeks.

The government has set a deadline of March 1 to complete the vaccination of the frontline workers across the country, with a five-day period for "mop up" activity to vaccinate those who might have been missed out, said joint secretary of the Union health ministry, Mandep Bhandari. For healthcare workers, the deadline is February 20.

India has been recording a steady decline in the number of daily new deaths since October 1, 2020, while the national recovery rates amongst the highest in the



'Vaccination for above 50 in 3 weeks'

NEW DELHI The Union government will begin vaccination drive for around 27 crore Indians above the age of 50 three weeks from now, Union Health Minister Harsh vardhan said on Monday.

"Three weeks from now, the government will start giving doses of coronavirus vaccines to 27 crore persons above the age of 50," he said at a press briefing here. An expert group on vaccination will discuss how to pay for the doses for those above 50, he added.

Maha Minister bats for 3T formula

Aurangabad: The "3T formula" of tracing, testing and treatment will have to be implemented strictly to tackle a rise in COVID-19 cases in some parts of Maharashtra, state health minister Rajesh Tope said. Talking to reporters, Tope said the state government had managed to flatten the curve in the last one month as far as daily addition of cases was concerned, but a recent rise in numbers in Mumbai, Wardha and some other pockets was "alarming".

world, the Union Health Ministry said on Sunday. "Since 1st October 2020, the nation has seen an unabated decline in Case Fatality Rate. The Case Fatality Rate today stands below 1.5 (1.43 percent). India's Case Fatality Rate is one of the lowest in the world," it said. The recoveries have surged to 1,06,11,731 with 11,016 patients getting discharged in a span of 24 hours. "India's Covid-19 recovery rate of 97.31 per cent is amongst the highest in the world. The difference between the recovered and active cases has grown to 1,04,74,164 as on date," the ministry highlighted.

Meanwhile, the night curfew, currently in force in four major Gujarat cities, including Ahmedabad, to stem the COVID-19 spread, was on Monday extended till February 28, officials said. However, in a concession to people, the curfew from now on in Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot will be in force between midnight and 6 am instead of the earlier 11pm to 6am, they added.

The Centre on Monday approved the proposal of the Press Information Bureau's journalist welfare committee to provide a financial relief Rs 5 lakh each to families of 39 journalists who died due to the coronavirus, a panel member said. The government has earmarked an additional fund for this purpose for the Journalist Welfare Committee (JWC), and journalists from across India will be covered under the scheme.



Rupani collapses, tests Covid +ive

AHMEDABAD

GUJARAT Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has tested positive for coronavirus, said a hospital where the CM is admitted after he fainted at a rally. He has mild symptoms and his condition is stable, the Ahmedabad-based medical facility said on Monday. On Sunday, Rupani, 64, fainted on stage while addressing a rally in Vadodara for the upcoming civic polls in the state, following which he was flown to Ahmedabad and admitted to the U N Mehta Heart Hospital here. Rupani's sample was collected on Sunday night and sent for RT-PCR test which has come out positive for coronavirus, said a health bulletin issued by the hospital on Monday. "His symptoms are mild and his condition is stable," it said. The hospital also said the chief minister fainted on Sunday due to "tiredness and physical weakness". His ECG, blood test and other examinations were conducted and their results are normal, it said. State Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel told reporters that on Sunday night it was decided to keep Rupani under observation for 24 hours. "After his test report came out positive for coronavirus, he is being treated for the infection as per the course and protocol," said Patel.

15 killed after truck overturns in Jalgaon

JALGAON

Fifteen people were killed and five others injured after a truck carrying labourers overturned and fell into a roadside pit in Maharashtra's Jalgaon district in the wee hours of Monday, police said.

The accident took place near a temple in Kingaon village around 1 am when the papaya-laden truck was on its way to Yawal tehsil in Jalgaon from Dhule, an official from Yawal police station said.

The deceased included two children, aged 3 and 5 years, and a 15-year-old girl. A 14-year-old boy, who was sleeping on top of the truck, escaped unhurt, the official said. The labourers belonged to Abhoda, Vivra, Kerhala villages and Raver tehsil in the district, he said.

PM Narendra Modi expressed grief at the loss of lives. The Maharashtra government announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh to the kin of each of the deceased. After the accident, police and some locals rushed to the spot and the truck was brought out of the pit with the help of a JCB machine, the police official said.

Two more activists on police radar Toolkit makers on the run

NEW DELHI

NON-BAILABLE warrants have been issued against a Mumbai lawyer and a Pune engineer for allegedly creating a protest toolkit backing the farmers' agitation along with arrested climate activist Disha Ravi and collaborating with pro-Khalistani elements, Delhi Police officials said on Monday.

Lawyer Nikita Jacob and engineer Shantanu, who are absconding, also attended a Zoom meeting organised by "pro-Khalistani" group Poetic Justice Foundation, Joint Commissioner of Police (Cyber) Prem Nath said.

The three had created the toolkit and sent it to others, officials said as a fierce political debate broke out between the opposition and the ruling BJP over the action against 21-year-old Ravi in the case related to the "toolkit Google doc" that came to light when it was shared by global climate campaigner Greta Thunberg. "Disha, Shantanu and Nikita created and edited the toolkit. Disha sent the toolkit to Greta Thunberg through Telegram. Disha deleted a Whatsapp group which she created to spread the toolkit. Due procedure was followed when Disha was arrested," Nath said.

Ravi was arrested from Bengaluru on Saturday and sent to police ream for five days by a Delhi court on Sunday with officials claiming she was an editor of the "toolkit Google doc" and "key conspirator" in its formulation and dissemination.



Historian Ramchandra Guha (right) along with other activists holds placards during a protest against the arrest of climate activist Disha Ravi, in Bengaluru on Monday

Nikita moves HC for bail

Mumbai Mumbai-based lawyer-activist Nikita Jacob moved the Bombay High Court for anticipatory bail after a Delhi court issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against her.

Jacob's plea for an urgent hearing was mentioned by her lawyer Abhishek Yende before Justice P.D. Naik on Monday who has posted the matter for Tuesday.

A practicing lawyer since the past six years, Jacob is a resident of Goregaon and has been active in public causes.

Terming the Delhi Police FIR as "false and baseless", she sought transit anticipatory bail for a period of four weeks to enable approach the court in Delhi concerned and apply for a pre-arrest bail.

Is State so weak? Sibal

New Delhi: The Congress termed the arrest of climate activist Disha Ravi as 'shocking' and 'unfortunate' and asked if the 'state was so weak that a tweet threatened its security'.

"Is the State so weak that a tweet threatens its security? Is the state so paranoid that a 22 year is a national security threat? Is the state so intolerant that it cannot tolerate youth standing with farmers? Is this the "badlav" Modiji wanted?": Congress leader Kapil Sibal tweeted. The party's Deputy leader in Rajya Sabha, Anand Sharma tweeted: "Police should recognise her right to liberty and courts must respect the Supreme Court Judgement which says bail is the rule and Jail an exception."

What is a toolkit?

A toolkit, simply put, is a document created to explain any issue. It also provides information on what one needs to do to address the issue. This might include information about petitions, details about protests and mass movements and so on. The toolkit that Thunberg shared, tries to "explain the farmers' protests" in the national capital.

"This is a document meant to enable anyone unfamiliar with the ongoing farmers protests in India to better understand the situation and make decisions on how to support the farmers based on their own analysis," the toolkit states.

The toolkit then goes on to apparently summarise the situation of farmers in India and talks about the Centre's recent agriculture legislations.

"Instead of being supported to become self-reliant and prosperous, a majority of farmers are increasingly being subjected to the control of large corporations and international institutions whose sole focus is profits, and necessarily involves increased exploitation of nature," the toolkit states.

It further lists out what actions one can take to support the farmers' protests and the Delhi Police is currently trying to ascertain who created it.

War of words between BJP, Oppn

NEW DELHI

Accusing the government of "murdering democracy" by using force against a 21-year-old, the Opposition said the voice of India cannot be silenced even as the BJP defended the action, saying a crime is a crime no matter at what age. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi led the opposition of farmers' protests" in the national capital.

"Your lips are free to speak. Say that the truth is still alive. They are scared, not the country," he said in a tweet in Hindi. "India will not be silenced," he added. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said, "Arrest of 21 year old Disha Ravi is an unprecedented attack on Democracy. Supporting our farmers is not a crime."

RJD leader Manoj Jha said democracy is under threat. "I am worried about democracy, as it is passing through the most difficult times," he said. Union Minister and BJP leader Gajendra Singh Shekhawat tweeted: "If age is the criteria then Param Veer Chakra Second Lt Arun Khetarpal, martyred at 21 is who I am proud of. Not some toolkit propagandists." BJP general secretary B L Santosh tweeted: "21 year old...environment activist...student...Are these credentials for becoming a part of breaking India forces? How does she get the access for editing tool kit...? Why she is part of anti-national WhatsApp groups...? Many questions...But only one answer...21 year old." Bengaluru, Greta Thun-

Disha argued her own case

Disha Ravi did not have her own lawyer when she was produced in court with charges of sedition and conspiracy. According to Disha Ravi's legal team, she argued her own case before the magistrate.

In a post, lawyer Rebecca John has alleged "shocking abdication of judicial duties". According to her, the magistrate failed to ensure that Disha had legal representation in court. "Deeply disappointed by the conduct of the duty magistrate... who remanded a young woman to five days in police custody, without first ensuring that she was being represented by counsel," Ms John wrote.

berg, Vegan, sole bread winner, student, 21 year old, passionate activist...so many attempts to white wash a sin...!! Not one anarchist ready to answer the question...How 21 year old student got access to edit Toolkit," he asked. Former Union ministers P Chidambaram and Jairam Ramesh have also come out strongly against the police action in the case, accusing the government of running an authoritarian regime as it was threatened by a student. "I strongly condemn the arrest of Disha Ravi and urge all students and youth to raise their voices to protest against the authoritarian regime," Chidambaram said.

Forging and fabricating medical prescription of Sushant Singh Rajput

Mumbai HC refuses to quash FIR against sister Priyanka Singh

MUMBAI

THE Bombay High Court on Monday refused to quash an FIR lodged against late actor Sushant Singh Rajput's sister Priyanka Singh for allegedly forging and fabricating a medical prescription for her brother. A division bench of Justices S S Shinde and M S Karnik, however, quashed the FIR against Meetu Singh, another sister of Rajput.

The court said while there was prima facie evidence against Priyanka Singh, the case against Meetu Singh does not stand. "We are of the considered opinion that the FIR against petitioner Meetu Singh does not survive,"

the bench said. "However, the FIR against petitioner Priyanka Singh is not quashed as we prima facie find that a case is made out," the court said.

The bench said its judgment shall not cause an impediment for the investigating agency to probe the FIR and submit whatever report it deems fit. The sisters had approached the HC seeking to quash the First Information Report (FIR) lodged for alleged forgery and fabrication of a medical prescription for their brother for anxiety issues. The FIR was lodged against Priyanka Singh, Meetu Singh and doctor Tarun Kumar of Delhi's Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital by the Bandra police in Mumbai on September 7 last year, based on a complaint filed by Rajput's



girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty. As per the complaint, Rajput's sisters and the doctor prepared a forged and fabricated prescription for anti-depressants for the actor a

few days before his death.

Rajput, 34, was found dead at his home in suburban Bandra on June 14 last year. His father K K Singh later lodged a case of abetment of suicide and cheating against Chakraborty and her family members. The CBI is conducting a probe into the case.

After registration of the FIR against Rajput's sisters, the Bandra police forwarded the case papers to the Central Bureau of Investigation, as per directions of the Supreme Court which had said all cases pertaining to the death of Rajput shall be probed by the CBI. Senior counsel Vikas Singh, appearing for Rajput's sisters, had argued that telemedicine practice guidelines permitted a

doctor to prescribe medicines after online consultation. He had claimed that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rajput could not go for physical consultation.

Even assuming that such a prescription was procured, there was no evidence to show Rajput consumed any medicines, Singh told the court. Senior counsel Devdutt Kamat, appearing for the Mumbai police, had opposed the plea and said there was no online consultation done. Rhea Chakraborty's advocate Satish Maneshinde had also opposed the plea of Rajput's sisters, and said one of the circumstances that may have led to the actor's death was the "dangerous cocktail of drugs, narcotic substances and medicines"

