



Mettuguda graveyards to get facelift

Govindhapuram graveyard to be turned into a model facility

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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).

