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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

HANS NEWS SERVICE
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

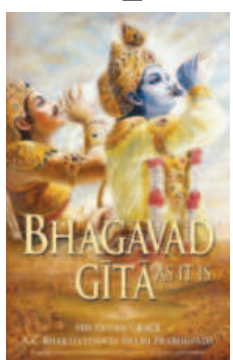
maps, he said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the liberalisation of policies governing the acquisition and production of geospatial data is a "massive step in government's vision for an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'". The reform will benefit the country's farmers, start-ups, private sector, public sector 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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3 of a family die as their car plunges into SRSP canal

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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



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

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 Govern-

ment 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.

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



Construction site where centring collapsed in Mahabubabad on Monday

6 hurt in centring collapse

HANS NEWS SERVICE
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.

Suspecting fidelity, man kills wife

HANS NEWS SERVICE
MAHABUBABAD

A man stabbed his wife to death at Namalpadu 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 Chinnagudur for some time.

Against this backdrop, Naresh came to Saritha parents' home on Monday morning and took his wife along with him on the premise of taking her to hospital for her treatment. After taking her to Namalpadu forest area, he stabbed her to death, the police said.

Bayyaram Inspector K Thirupathi said that they have taken Naresh into custody. The police shifted the victim's body to Government Area Hospital in Mahabubabad for postmortem.

Shabbir's 65th birthday celebrated

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KAMAREDDY

FORMER Minister and ex-Leader of Opposition in Telangana Legislative Council Mohammed Ali Shabbir's 65th birthday was celebrated in Kamareddy on Monday.

As Shabbir Ali decided to celebrate his birthday in a simple way without cutting a cake in view of Covid-19 pandemic, his followers organised blood donation camps and distributed food, fruits and milk among poor people in Kamareddy, Yellareddy, Banswada, Domakonda and Bhiknoor. Fruits were also distributed among patients at Government Hospitals and blankets to poor in Kamareddy, Banswada and Yellareddy Assembly segments.



Congress activists distributing fruits and bread among patients at a government hospital in Kamareddy on Monday

Civic staff demolish steps, sunshade of shopping complex

The shopping complex belongs to BJP leader Orsu Velangi Raju



Municipal officials demolishing the steps of a shopping complex in Kodad town on Monday

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KODAD (SURYAPET)

MUNICIPAL officials of Kodad town have demolished parapet wall of sunshade and steps of the shops of a shopping complex, belonging to BJP State leader Orsu Velangi Raju, with JCB on Monday.

Protesting the move of the municipal officials, local BJP leaders and cadre staged a dharna before Kodad police station. They alleged that the demolition done by municipal officials was politically motivated and atrocity against the saffron leaders for expressing support and solidarity to Tribals of Gurrambodu Tanda of Huzurnagar constituency.

Meanwhile, the municipal officials stated that the steps and parapet wall

of sunshade of the shopping complex were demolished as it was constructed against the municipal norms.



KOPPULA UNVEILS JUUVADI'S STATUE



Welfare Minister Koppula Eshwar garlanding the statue of former Minister late Juvvadi Ratnakar Rao after unveiling it in Dharmapuri on Monday

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KARIMNAGAR

"I feel it is our duty to unveil the statue of great leader Juvvadi Ratnakar Rao, a great leader, who served people of this region for many years. He was close to the people and developed many villages. He was committed to redress problems of people of his constituency and he has the credit of serving people with commitment for over 60 years," stated Welfare Minister Koppula Eshwar.

He unveiled the statue of Endowments Minister in the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh late Juvvadi Ratnakar Rao in Dharmapuri on Monday.

The Minister said that Ratnakar Rao was two-time sarpanch, elected for the first time in 1966 and had been the Chairman of the temple committee twice.

A leader aware of public problems, Ratnakar Rao had always been with the people enquiring about their welfare. Stating that Ratnakar Rao

KCR gallery attracts cadres

HANS NEWS SERVICE
WARANGAL

WARANGAL East MLA Nannapaneni Narendar has organised a photo exhibition of Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao on the occasion of the latter's 67th birthday, here on Monday. The photo exhibition showcased the photos of KCR and his struggle for separate Telangana. Narendar said that the gallery has photos right from the days of formation of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS).

The other attraction of the exhibition was the 67 feet tall cut-out of KCR. TRS followers were seen taking photos standing at the 'We Love KCR' frame set up at the venue.

TS Planning Commission vice-chairman Boinapalli Vinod Kumar said that the gallery took him to the days of Telangana movement. He



lauded Narendar for setting up the photo exhibition.

Speaking on the occasion, Narendar urged the cadres to focus on party membership drive. "There is no groupism in the Warangal

East constituency, and all of us follow the path shown by KCR," Narendar said. Mayor Gunda Prakash Rao and MP Banda Prakash were among others present.

COURTESY CALL



BJP Warangal rural district president and former Wardhannapet MLA Kondeti Sridhar meeting Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy in Hyderabad on Monday

Massive plantation drive to be launched tomorrow

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NIZAMABAD

DISTRICT Collector C Narayana Reddy has directed the authorities to make all arrangements for the mass tree plantation drive, where 5.30 lakh saplings will be planted on February 17. He told them to complete arrangements one day advance.

Addressing the officials at a meeting at Nizamabad Collectorate on Monday evening, the Collector asked them to plant minimum 1,000 plants in each village. MPDOs were told to take the responsibility of informing MPs, MLCs and all village representatives to make them partners in the massive plantation drive and to send invitations. He directed MPDOs and district officers to visit villages on February 16 and check whether all arrangements were completed or not. He said action would be taken against gram panchayats concerned, if there was any discrepancy in the implementation of this programme.

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District Library Development Committee meeting held in Saroornagar

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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.

₹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.



LEOPARD ON PROWL AGAIN, ATTACKS COW

HANS NEWS SERVICE
RAJENDRANAGAR

PANIC prevailed after a cow was reportedly attacked by a leopard at Jayashankar Agricultural University in Rajendranagar. The incident happened in the wee hours of Monday.

On receiving information from the owner of the cattle the police and forest department officials reached the spot and examined the injured

cows. The locals informed that the leopard has been moving in and around the Shamshabad Airport, Gollapalli, Mamidipalli and Rajendranagar increasing distress among the people.

Earlier, a leopard was seen sleeping on Old Kurnool Road in Rajendranagar Circle, Gagan Pahad. However, it later got trapped in the cage.

The scared locals have urged the officials to take necessary actions to the earliest.

SC slaps notice on WhatsApp, Facebook

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In Europe, it is different because they have a special law," he argued.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, said the right to privacy was a fundamental right and they cannot compromise with the privacy of people.

Divan cited that WhatsApp had already delayed the implementation of its new privacy policy till May 15 this year and sought a notice which is returnable before this date. The bench said it is impressed with Divan's submission that while the Data Protection Bill is about to be brought into force, WhatsApp is framing a policy to share data. Datar also said that the messages were encrypted end to end.

The top court directed WhatsApp and Facebook to file their statement contesting the contentions in the present application. The Chief Justice told the WhatsApp counsel that people thought if a message was sent from a person to another and then to a third person, the whole thing was disclosed to Facebook.

As counsel contended that this is not happening, Chief Justice Bobde disagreed, saying that they are telling information heard and read through news reports, and if WhatsApp disagrees, it should clarify this on oath.

As officials busy converting old vehicles into scrap, smart owners repair, resell

- Air pollution escalates due to obsolete vehicles
- As many as 6.81 lakh vehicles are aged above 15 years

HANS NEWS SERVICE
RANGA REDDY

THE district is in the process of converting obsolete vehicles into scraps, especially in case of autos. As people are wittily converting old vehicles being repaired and then resold.

Lime lighting the demand for autos, people are converting the old autos into new ones and are reselling them. As peer the transport and pollution check department 15-20 years old vehicles should converted to scrap.

Moreover, only if older ones are scraped will make people



buy a new one followed by license and that chassis number. This is where some wit is on display by few people.

In one such Centre in Nagole which converts old vehicles into

scraps, do not convert a few of them but repairs and sells them. The old ones are still roaming on the roads again as usual.

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 Rangareddy and Medchal districts are combined the count of 15-20 years old vehicles will cross 15 lakhs. 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.

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.

INCREASING ST QUOTA Ball lies in Centre's court, says Talasani

HYDERABAD

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 Santh Sevalal Maharaj Jayanthi held on a grand note at Telangana Bhavan on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, he said the Telangana government has passed a resolution in the Assembly to increase ST reservations and 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

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



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.

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

Sabitha, Sathyavathi take part in TRS membership drive

HANS NEWS SERVICE
CHEVELLA

EDUCATION minister Sabitha Indrareddy 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 Sabitha Indrareddy 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 Yadiah. Nagarkurnool MP Ramulu, MLC Mahendar Reddy, Rangareddy ZP Chairperson Anitha Reddy, Incharge Gattu Ramachander and others were also present.



5.6 lakh to cast votes in MLC constituencies

169 polling centres set up in Hyderabad district

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

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 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.

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 Venkateshwarlu	---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 OGD Estate Officer (24x7 call centre)
Mahesh Kulkarni	---Chief Valuation Officer (Report, return)
G Balanarsimha Swamy	---Personnel Officer LWS (Postal ballots)

Lions Club organises 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 Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's birthday, which is on February 17.

Shadnagar Municipal chairman Narender, Farooqnagar 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.

Ambulance flips over near Shadnagar toll plaza

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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 travelling in the ambulance were severely injured.



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

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SpaceKidz reportedly asked the individuals who are interested to send their names to the space and received 25,000 entries, from which 1,000 names are of people from outside India. "We decided to do this because it will spark interest of the people in the mission and space science," Dr Kesan said. The people who have send in their names will be given boarding passes, she added.

Satish Dhawan Satellite, that is scheduled to be launched on February 28 by the polar satellite launch vehicle (PSLV-C51), will also carry three scientific payloads, including one to study space radiation, another for studying the magnetosphere, and one that will demonstrate a low-power wide-area communication network. A Brazil's earth observation satellite Amazonia-1, 20 co-passenger satellite and a demonstration satellite by Pixxel will also be carried in the same mission.

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

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The party leaders would be offering shawl at Gurudwara and Chadar at Yousufain Dargah and special prayers in churches. The party leaders would be planting about one crore saplings in the State.

Various sports events, including cricket, volleyball and others are under way in the name of KCR Cup and the prizes would be distributed on Wednesday. Sports Authority of Telangana State (SATS) Chairman A Venkateshwar Reddy is taking up yagam.

Govt eases curbs on geospatial data for map-making

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Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan in a press conference said the easing of norms will greatly help in several sectors that were suffering because of non-availability of high-quality maps. "Availability of comprehensive, highly accurate, granular and constantly updated representation of geospatial data will significantly benefit diverse sectors of the economy, significantly boost innovation in the country and greatly enhance its preparedness for emergency response," Vardhan said. He said earlier even the Survey of India, the organisation entrusted with making maps, had to seek permission for mapping from different agencies, thus delaying its work by at least three-to-six months. In a series of tweets, Modi said, "Our government has taken a decision that

will provide a huge impetus to Digital India. Liberalising policies governing the acquisition and production of geospatial data is a massive step in our vision for an Aatmanirbhar Bharat," he said. The move will unlock tremendous opportunities for the country's start-ups, private sector, public sector and research institutions to drive innovations and build scalable solutions. This will also generate employment and

accelerate economic growth, he stressed. India's farmers will also be benefited by leveraging the potential of geospatial and remote sensing data. Democratizing data will enable the rise of new technologies and platforms that will drive efficiencies in agriculture and allied sectors. "These reforms demonstrate our commitment to improving ease of doing business in India by deregulation," he said.

INDIA ON CUSP OF BIG WIN

CHENNAI

RAVICHANDRAN Ashwin on Monday scored his fifth Test century as India tightened the noose around England in the second Test as they set England a target of 482 runs and then reduced them to 52 for three at stumps on the third day.

Ashwin scored 106 runs off 148 balls with the help of 14 fours and a six as India's second innings came to an end at 286 in the post-tea session. Mohammad Siraj remained unbeaten on 16, and added 49 runs for the final wicket with Ashwin who was the last wicket to

fall.

India then knocked out openers Dom Sibley (3) and Rory Burns (25) as well as night-watchman Jack Leach (0) to set England back in chase of 482. England are still 430 runs adrift.

Ashwin's century followed a five-wicket haul in England's first innings, making him only the second cricketer to

achieve the feat of a century and a fiver in the same game on three different occasions. Ian Botham of England had done it five times.

Earlier, resuming at 54/1 on the third day, India lost five wickets but added 102 runs to get their lead past 350 in the morning session. The hosts lost the wickets of Cheteshwar Pujara (7), Rohit Sharma (26), Rishabh Pant (8), Ajinkya Rahane (10) and debutant Axar Patel (7) in quick succession to give a glimmer of hope to England.

However, skipper Virat Kohli and Ashwin then shared a 96-run stand for the seventh wicket to put India in a commanding position.

Kohli, who showed his class on a Chepauk wicket that aided turn, was the first wicket to fall in the post-lunch session as he was dismissed by Moeen Ali at his individual score of 62. This was the fifth time that Ali had dismissed the India skipper in Test cricket.

Kuldeep Yadav (3) and Ishant Sharma (7) also shared eight and 27-run partnerships respectively with Ashwin to frustrate the England bowlers.

India had posted 329 runs in their first innings. The hosts then bowled



India's Ravichandran Ashwin plays a shot during the 3rd day of second Test match against England at M.A.

SCOREBOARD DAY 3

India 1st Innings: 329	England 1st Innings: 134
India 2nd Innings: (Overnight 54/1)	
Rohit Sharma st Foakes b Leach.....26	
Shubman Gill lbw b Leach.....14	
C Pujara run out (Ollie Pope/Foakes).....7	
Virat Kohli lbw b Moeen.....62	
Rishabh Pant st Foakes b Leach.....8	
Ajinkya Rahane c Ollie Pope b Moeen.....10	
Axar Patel lbw b Moeen.....7	
Ravichandran Ashwin b Olly Stone.....106	
Kuldeep Yadav lbw b Moeen.....3	
Ishant Sharma c Olly Stone b Jack Leach.....7	
Mohammed Siraj not out.....16	
Extras: (B-5, LB-15).....20	
Total: (All out in 85.5 overs).....286	
Fall of Wickets: 1-42, 2-55, 3-55, 4-65, 5-86, 6-106, 7-202, 8-210, 9-237, 10-286.	
Bowling: Olly Stone 6.5-1-21-1, Jack Leach 33-6-100-4, Moeen Ali 27-7-98-4, Joe Root 4-0-15-0, Stuart Broad 9-3-25-0, Daniel Lawrence 1-0-7-0.	
England 2nd Innings:	
Rory Burns c Kohli b Ashwin.....25	
Dom Sibley lbw b Pate.....3	
Dan Lawrence not out.....19	
Jack Leach c Rohit Sharma b Patel Joe.....0	
Root not out.....2	
Extras: (B-4).....4	
Total: (For 3 wickets in 19 overs).....53	
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-49, 3-50	
Bowling: Ishant Sharma 2-1-6-0, Axar Patel 9-3-15-2, Ravichandran Ashwin 8-1-28-1.	

LEFT-HANDERS' BOGEYMEN

OFF-SPINNER RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN HAS BECOME THE FIRST PLAYER IN THE 143-YEAR HISTORY OF TEST CRICKET TO TAKE 200 WICKETS AGAINST LEFT-HANDED BATSMEN. IN 76 TESTS, HE HAS PICKED 391 WICKETS AND 51.27 PER CENT OF HIS VICTIMS ARE LEFT-HANDERS.



England wicket-keeper Ben Foakes, who turned 28 on Monday, drew all-round praise from renowned former players from around the world for his brilliant work against India, with Kiran More calling him one of the best overseas players to have kept wickets in India

Vinoo Mankad (vs England at Lord's, London, in 1952) and Polly Umrigar (vs West Indies in Port of Spain in 1961-62) are the other Indians to score a century and take five wickets in an innings

Play-off spot in sight, Hyderabad FC hope to return to winning ways

VASCO

A play-off spot in sight, Hyderabad FC can ill-afford any slip-up when they take on a struggling Kerala Blasters in an Indian Super League match at the Tilak Maidan Stadium here on Tuesday.

For most part of the ISL season, Hyderabad had maintained their place in the top four. But now, with three games to go, they find themselves at fifth, level on points with fourth-placed FC Goa and two points below NorthEast United.

From here on, Hyderabad can't afford more slip-ups. They have played out six draws in their last seven matches. And when the Nizams face Kerala Blasters on Tuesday, they will know that any more dropped points will hugely dent their play-off ambitions.

On paper, Hyderabad face one of the most vulnerable sides in the league, who are playing for pride. Kerala Blasters have conceded 29 goals, which is the second-worst tally. Their defence has been so fragile that Kibu Vicuna's side has now dropped 18 points after scoring the first goal. But for Hyderabad coach Manuel Marquez, that doesn't mean Kerala are to be taken lightly. "All the other teams, from Kerala who are second from the bottom, till the top positions, can climb positions in the table," he said.

"We will play with Kerala with our style. We are nine games unbeaten but six of them are draws. We have to continue in the same vein and try to win the game because our season has been fantastic. We want to be in the top four."



Aridane Santana looks to add on to his goal tally against KBFC

RESULT

Mumbai City FC lose to Bengaluru FC 2-4

Ojha retires from all forms of cricket

BHOPAL

AN emotional Naman Ojha struggled to hold back tears on Monday as he bade adieu to all forms of cricket, bringing down curtains on a two-decade long illustrious domestic career.

The 37-year-old from Madhya Pradesh, who holds the record for the most dismissals by a wicketkeeper in the Ranji Trophy, featured in one Test, one ODI and two T20 Internationals. "I would like to announce my retirement from international and BCCI/MPCA domestic first-class cricket," a teary-eyed Ojha said in a virtual press conference.

"After 20 years in first-class cricket and many more during the junior competitions, I feel it's time for me to move on. It was a long journey and wonderful phase of my life.

"I am grateful to all who supported me in achieving dream of playing for my country and state - my coaches, trainers, physios and selectors, my captains and teammates, my family and well wishers, and MPCA & BCCI," he added.

Ojha said he is eager to ply his trade in global T20 leagues. As per the BCCI rules, he is now eligible for such leagues, having announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

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