

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

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

Sabitha, Sathyavathi take part in TRS membership drive

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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.



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

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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.



LEOPARD ON PROWL AGAIN, ATTACKS COW

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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.

5.6 lakh to cast votes in MLC constituencies

169 polling centres set up in Hyderabad district

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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.

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

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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.

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 traveling 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.