

IN BRIEF



Heavy rush at Sabarimala amid tight security

PATNAMATHITA
Many devotees thronged the Ayyappa temple at Sabarimala amid tight security arrangements in the backdrop of the anniversary of Babri Masjid demolition on Wednesday. People had to wait for hours in queues to reach the temple premises.

'S Durga will be screened in IFFK after court's nod'

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
The Kerala government on Wednesday said Malayalam movie *S Durga* will be screened at the International Film Festival of Kerala, only if it gets court's clearance. Cultural Affairs Minister A.K. Balan said director Sanal Kumar Sasidharan had approached the High Court against the Centre's decision to withdraw its censorship certificate. **PTI**

HC restrains Karnataka from taking action against editors

Ravi Belagere, Anil Raj had been sentenced to one year in jail for breach of privilege

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the State government, or any of the authorities acting under it, not to carry out any adverse action against the editors of two tabloids, who by a resolution passed by the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, were sentenced to one-year imprisonment for breaching the privilege of the legislators. Justice A.S. Bopanna passed the interim order after a preliminary hearing on the petitions filed by Ravi Belagere, editor of *Hi Bangalore* and Anil Raj, editor and publisher of *Yelahanka Voice*.

The court granted four weeks for the petitioners and respondents, including three legislators: K.B. Koli-



Brief respite: A file picture of Ravi Belagere, left, and Anil Raj in Bengaluru. **•V. SREENIVASA MURTHY**

wad (who is at present the Speaker of the Assembly), S.R. Vishwanath, and B.M. Nagaraja, the heads of the two separate Committees on Privileges (CoP) of the Assembly, and the State government to complete submission of relevant documents and pleading.

The petitioners had questioned the constitutional validity of the resolution passed by the Assembly on June 21, 2017, sentencing them to imprisonment based on two separate reports of the CoP, which had found the petitioner-editors guilty of breaching privileges

for publishing "defamatory and false" articles against the three legislators in the two tabloids.

The Assembly, on November 21, 2017, reiterated its resolution of June 21 after the High Court, in connection with earlier petitions filed by the editors against the June resolution, had allowed them to submit a representation to the Assembly through the Speaker for reconsideration of the earlier resolution.

The petitioners had argued that neither the CoP nor the Assembly had jurisdiction to either proceed against them or sentence them to imprisonment when the articles published in their tabloids had nothing to do with proceedings of the Assembly or rights of legislators within the Assembly.



Seeking investments: Chandrababu Naidu addressing a conference in Seoul on Wednesday. **•SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT**

Andhra may get LG's manufacturing unit

STAFF REPORTER VIJAYAWADA

Consumer electronics giant LG Electronics has responded positively to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's invitation to set up its unit in the State. Soon Kwon, president, LG Electronics, said: "We will consider the proposal of the A.P. government."

Mr. Naidu and his team interacted with LG officials in South Korea on Tuesday.

Mr Naidu wanted the Korean company to start manufacturing storage and display systems such as LED and OLED screens in A.P.

Mr. Kwon asked Mr. Naidu about the competitive advantage of Andhra Pradesh. Mr. Naidu told him that Andhra Pradesh was ranked No. 1 in the Ease of Doing Business.

He also explained him the facilities in the State and industrial policy.

Bengaluru woman harassed by Ola driver

STAFF REPORTER BENGALURU

A 23-year-old woman had a harrowing time when an Ola driver trapped her in the cab using child lock and tried to molest her on Sunday night.

The young woman showed presence of mind and was able to get out of the car unharmed. While the woman has refused to file a police complaint, Ola has suspended the cab driver.

Recounting her ordeal to *The Hindu*, she said that cab driver Rajashekhar Reddy stopped the car on the Intermediate Ring Road and suddenly tried to grab her legs.

"It all happened so suddenly that I was taken aback. I twisted his arm and started screaming. When I tried to get out of the car, I realised that it was locked. I screamed and started banging on the windows. He opened the child lock and I got out of the car," she said.

The driver followed her, but she pushed him to the ground and ran away.

"I ran for over five minutes to reach the Ejjipura signal where I caught an autorickshaw home. I immediately reported him on the Ola app. But the driver started calling me incessantly threatening me not to report the incident. So I reported the incident to the Madiwala police on Monday. But as I am soon leaving the city, I did not want an FIR registered," she said.

Ola, acting on her complaint, has now off-roaded Reddy.

"We regret the unfortunate experience the customer had during the ride," Ola said in a statement.

Karnataka's nursing students worried about job prospects

'Hospitals will not hire us if we don't have Council's backing'

TANU KULKARNI BENGALURU

With the Indian Nursing Council (INC) removing the list of Karnataka nursing colleges from its website, fear has resurfaced among students who are once again anxious about job prospects outside the State.

"Most of us studying in Karnataka are from other States. We want to go back to our home town for work. Many of us will also look for jobs abroad. Hospitals will not hire us if we do not have the backing of INC," a nursing student told *The Hindu*.

On November 15, 2017, the INC published a list of nurs-

ing colleges operational in States across the country. However, it failed to include even a single college in Karnataka. This is the second time that the INC has removed colleges from Karnataka from its website. The first time this was done was in May 2017, following which nursing colleges approached the court.

The controversy began after the State government in December 2016 issued orders that the INC approval was not required for nursing colleges in Karnataka.

The order stated that approvals by the Karnataka Nursing College and the Ra-

jiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences would suffice for colleges. Following this, the INC removed a list of 257 colleges from its website.

'Settle issue amicably'

A management member of a nursing college said the differences between the State government and INC had led to the situation. "They should settle the issue amicably," he said.

The INC authorities said they had removed the list of Karnataka colleges as the jurisdiction of these colleges was under the purview of the State government.

Guinness memory record for Keralite

Santhi Sathyan has been undergoing memory training for seven years

STAFF REPORTER KOLLAM

There is a misconception that memory is an innate skill whereas it is a result of years of training and perseverance, says Santhi Sathyan, who holds a Guinness world record for the longest sequence of objects memorised in a minute.

The 28-year-old from Kadakkal in Kollam district needs just 60 seconds to save 45-odd objects to her memory, and after reshuffling, she can arrange them back in the same precise order in 2 minutes 57 seconds.

The previous record was held by Arpan Sharma of Nepal, whose record of 43 objects was easily broken by Ms. Sathyan.



Santhi Sathyan

for the past seven years and started preparations to break the Guinness record a couple of years ago. Her husband, Anith Soorya, an IT professional-turned-counsellor, is her coach.

From school days

"I have been practising this from my school days though I have never entered any competitions. Two years ago, a friend encouraged me to make an attempt to break the current record," she says.

The postgraduate student in psychology entered the Guinness Book of World Records at a programme held on May 28 at the Kadakkal panchayat conference hall in front of a panel approved by

the Guinness World Records officials. "I am grateful to the Kadakkal panchayat authorities, whose immense support helped me achieve this feat," she says.

Now, Ms. Sathyan wants to win the World Memory Championship.

"Many of us are not aware of memory training and its benefits. I want children to come to this field and I am willing to train them," she says.

Ms. Sathyan is currently waiting for her Guinness World Record certificate, which has been shipped to Kerala. "Usually it's handed over by a renowned personality and I wish I could receive it from cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar," she adds.

AN APPEAL



My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Government of NCT of Delhi has established 248 Night Shelters for homeless people with basic facilities such as clean drinking water, toilets, blankets, bedding etc. These Night Shelter are open twenty four hours and are free of charge.

The Government is taking all necessary steps to ensure that people are not forced to sleep outside in the open during winters. It has been observed that public and the other charitable institutions are donating blankets, mattresses, quilts, warm clothing and money to homeless people particularly those who are found sleeping in the open. I appeal to such citizens and organizations to donate these items at the nearest Night Shelter or Control Room, DUSIB at Punarwas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002 only, and not on the streets or roads. This will encourage people to use the Shelters and not sleep in the open which is extremely dangerous in these winter months.

I appeal that if you find homeless people sleeping in the open, please do motivate them to shift to the nearest Night Shelter or send photograph through DUSIB "Rain Basera" App which can be downloaded by giving a missed call at

8826 400 500

You may also contact the Control Room of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) at Phone No. **011-23378789, 8527898295 and 8527898296.**

Arvind Kejriwal
Chief Minister, Delhi



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