



Kodandaram denies divisions in TJAC, says it will back candidates who quit for T-statehood

Kiran Kumar Reddy is scheduled to address election meeting in Kovur today



QUOTE OF THE DAY

TRS' defeat in Mahbubnagar will not affect statehood movement

N.V.S.S. Prabhakar State BJP leader

Brief

CRICKET BOOKIE ARRESTED IN CITY

Hyderabad: The East Zone Task Force on Thursday arrested a cricket betting organiser, identified as Md. Khaja Pasha...

Elsewhere

LAND FINALISED FOR NID CAMPUS IN HYDERABAD

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 8

The internationally acclaimed National Institute of Design (NID) will soon have a base in Hyderabad. Confirming that NID has agreed to set up the "prestigious institution" in the city...

GHMC DUMPS OLD VEHICLES WITHOUT SALE OR AUCTION



Old vehicles of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation are dumped at the civic body's dumpyard near Lower Tank Bund, without being sold or auctioned.

People don't want to forego dowry in the name of 'parental decisions and tradition'

City techies refuse to let go of dowry

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 8

Asked how many would opt for a dowry-free marriage, not a single hand went up at a recent seminar involving a group of IT professionals and software engineers...

Launched six years ago, idontwantdowry.com, has seen only 5,165 women and 8,948 men registering on the website

Ms Sharma said a study had found that 61 per cent of Muslim women in Kerala felt dowry was their right and would fetch them better treatment from in-laws...

Rural health mission falls sick

SULOGNA MEHTA | DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 7

DMHO caught for misuse of funds

Few months ago, a DMHO was caught for misappropriation of NRHM funds. It is due to improper utilisation of the money that PHCs, CHCs and sub-centres still lack basic facilities.

An NRHM official, on condition of anonymity said that political clout and a nexus between RMPs, NRHM health workers, sarpanches, revenue officials and others, deprive the poor people of their basic rights.

rural and tribal areas is indeed translated into action," said the official. U. Rao, member of an NGO, said, "Many villagers and tribals aren't even aware of the facilities that they are entitled to under NRHM."

MILITARY EQUIPMENT MAKER DRDO TO FIGHT MOSQUITOES

DC CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM, MARCH 8

The Defence Research and Development Organisation, which develops defence equipment, has now developed a new technology to combat the mosquito menace.

"attracticide." It attracts the female mosquitoes to lay eggs in water containing the attractant. These eggs hatch into larva but do not grow into adults.

lution develops resistance. According to the World Health Organisation, at least 700 million people are infected each year by mosquito-borne diseases.

Principal threatened my girl, says father

DC CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM, MARCH 8

It has also come to light that principal M.S.N. Murthy had been running the school since 1999 without recognition

Poli Naidu, father of Singuri Pavani who was thrashed by her school principal for speaking in Telugu, said, "The principal threatened my daughter of dire consequences if she revealed that he had beaten her up."

has issued notices to the school's management to shut it down immediately. "After knowing about the incident, I rushed one of our inspectors to the school. Notices for the immediate closure of the school were issued on the spot as it is being run without valid permissions and government recognition," said Mr Madhusudan Rao.



FIRST WOMAN LOCO PILOT: S. Satyavathi, who became the first independent woman loco pilot in SCR, drives the Mathrubhoomi Ladies Special MMTS train on the occasion of World Women's day on the Falaknuma-Lingampalli route on Thursday.

Woman aspires to drive Rajdhani

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MARCH 8

S. Satyavathi, the first-ever woman loco driver of the South Central Railways, independently drove the Matribhoomi Ladies Special train from Falaknuma to Lingampalli.

is the first time she drove a passenger train independently. Speaking about the experience, she said that it wasn't very different from driving a goods train apart from the fact that the job demanded a greater sense of responsibility.

ing great, it is just a part of my job," she said. The fact that she became the first woman loco driver on International Women's Day has added some extra meaning to her achievement.

INFECTION ALERT

30% Indian patients carry superbug

SYED AKBAR | DC HYDERABAD, MARCH 8

A harmful bacterium present in all types of medical facilities, not hospitals alone, has emerged as a major health hazard. Clostridium difficile could be present wherever medical care is given, health experts say, and could infect outpatients too.

Control and Prevention (CDC) in the USA, death rate has gone up by almost 400 per cent in the last two years. There are no medical records in India of death due to C. difficile-induced diarrhoea, but the number could be higher according to researchers, given the compromised sanitary conditions in India.

lets in hospitals, clinics and diagnostic centres should wash their hands with soap or spore-killing disinfectants, warn doctors. The organism is spread by hospitalised patients who are on antibiotics. One-third of patients themselves do not exhibit any C. difficile infection, but they silently pass on the bacterium into the hospital environment.

the source of C. difficile infection. "The spectrum is changing. Factors like proton pump inhibitors, immunosuppressive agents, staying in the intensive care unit and inflammatory bowel disease now also play a key role in the spread of the infection," says gastroenterologist Dr D. Devendra.

Advertisement for Clostridium difficile infection. Includes text: 'PEOPLE USING THE TOILETS IN HOSPITALS AND CLINICS SHOULD WASH THEIR HANDS', 'The bacteria is spread by patients taking antibiotics', '90% deaths occur among people who are 65 and above', 'It infects outpatients in most cases, say doctors', 'C. difficile in India affects around 30% patients'. Also includes a diagram of the human digestive system and a quote from Dr D. Devendra.

DC GUIDE TO FORTUNE

Test your gray cells with this quiz. Tick the correct answer and check tomorrow's edition to discover how good your IQ is.

- 1 Who was the President of the US during World War II? Theodore Roosevelt, James Buchanan, Woodrow Wilson
2 Born in Almora, which Briton in 1902 became the first India-born person to win a Nobel Prize? Ronald Ross, William Croemer, Alexander Fleming
3 What is the capital of the African country Benin? Porto-Novo, Bamako, Yamoussoukro

WEATHER FORECAST

ANDHRA PRADESH Summary of observations recorded at 8:30 hours IST: The highest maximum temperature of 40 degrees Celsius was recorded at Rentachintala & Cuddapah...

