Man held on rape charge

MADHUGIRI (TUMAKURU DIST) DHNS: The Midigeshi police on Saturday arrested a man for repeatedly raping a woman at his farm at Kattirajanahalli in the taluk.

Police said the suspect Shivakumar, a resident of the village under Midigeshi hobli, had repeatedly raped a woman, an agricultural labourer, at his farm. He had threatened to kill her if she dared to disclose the incident.

The suspect had sent the victim to Midigeshi Primary Healthcare Centre to abort the pregnancy. The PHC staff refused to abort the pregnancy as it was in an advanced stage, the police said.

The heinous act came to light when the victim (unmarried) told her parents that she was 8 months pregnant. Her parents lodged a complaint against Shivakumar on Decem-

The jurisdictional police registered a case and arrested Shivakumar on Saturday.

3killed in accident

SHIVAMOGGA, DHNS: Three men from Bengaluru were killed while two others sustained injuries after the car they were travelling crashed into a tree near Kumsi in Shivamogga district on Sunday.

The deceased have been identified as Manjunath, Dhananjay and Jayadev, all residents of Madanayakanahalli in Bengaluru. The injured Girish and Radhakrishna have been admitted to McGann Hospital, Shivamogga.

The victims were travelling to Sigandhur in Sagar taluk.

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UDD smells scam in process to regularise pourakārmikas

Ineligible people exploit chinks in rules to get permanent jobs

town municipal councils and

town panchayats to send the

list of people who are certified

as outsourced pouramarmiks

with their names and other rel-

According to a decision tak-

en by the state Cabinet in May

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P M Raghunandan

BENGALURU: In what appears to be a scam in the making, scores of ineligible persons have got themselves certified as pourakarmikas (civic workers) in order to benefit from the state government's move to regularise the service of all pourakarmikas.

The government had identified a total of 35,000 pourakarmikas as working under the outsourced system, including 21,000 in the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), for regularisation of their service by framing a special cadre and recruitment

Estimated cost Rs 735 crore

The government, the sources said, is now in a dilemma on going ahead with its decision to regularise the services of pourakarmikas as ineligible people are trying to take advantage of the loophole in the rules. The UDD had estimated that it would cost the government Rs 735 crores annually to regularise 35,000 pourakarmikas. The amount may go up by another Rs 100 crores if all those who have been certified are absorbed as regular pourakarmikas.

system has of late surged alarmingly in various Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

Sources in the Urban Development Department (UDD) said that over 19,000 people have been certified as 'outsourced pourakarmikas' by various ULBs, excluding BBMP, against 14,600 identi-But, the number of fied by the UDD. The UDD had pourakarmikas claiming to be directed all the city corporaworking under the outsourced tions, city municipal councils,

In a nutshell

- Around 5,000 ineligible persons are suspected to have got themselves certified as 'outsourced
- pourakarmikas'. ■ Ineligible persons trying to get benefit of the government's move to regularise
- services of pourakarmikas. ■ The government has not framed any guidelines for selection of pourakarmikas.

of service. Besides, they will get other service benefits on a par with those already working as permanent employees. However, the Cabinet has not laid down any guidelines for selecting the pourakarmikas.

pourkarmika will receive a So much so that draft rules monthly salary ranging between 15,000 and Rs 23,000, framed for the regularisation depending on number of years of services has not even set the **DH News Service**

age limit for the purpose. Instead, the government is learnt to have directed the UDD to select the pourakarmikas based on certification issued by the executive head of the ULBs, the sources said.

It is suspected that politicians in all the ULBs might have forced the officials to include names of their followers as pourakarmikas, in the absence of guidelines. The Directorate of Municipal Administration (DMA) had recently suggested that all garbage contractors have to introduce biometric system of attendance for pourakarmikas they employ. But not many have both ered to introduce the system so far, the sources said.

When contacted, DMA Director R Vishal said he was not authorised to comment.

Nimhans plans to take mental health care to grassroots

Meghana Choukkar

BENGALURU, DHNS: Mental health is little understood and little discussed topic owing to the stigma associated with such issues.

In an attempt to dispel this stigma and make mental healthcare more accessible National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (Nimhans) is working with White Swan Foundation, a non-profit, to train people who influence society. Targeting the grassroot population, they will collaborate to train ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers.

'These women are from within the community and they have great influence on the people around them. They are already trained to deal with physical illnesses. We will train them on mental illnesses because the two cannot be separated," said Dr Prasanthi Nattala, associate professor in the department of nursing, Nimhans.

Dr Nattala and Dr K S Meena, associate professor in the department of mental health education, are heading the pilot project which will be implemented in Sakalavara in Anekal taluk. Beginning in January, 120 ASHA workers will receive training.

"We interacted with ASHA workers through the Nimhans community health centre in Sakalavara. They had many questions on mental illnesses

required specific training," said

Dr Meena. Different mental illnesses such as depression and psychosis, how to identify the

problem and what steps to take these are the aspects which will be discussed. A handbook with basic information on symptoms and welfare schemes offered by the government will be provided to them in Kannada to guide them

There are more than 300 mental illnesses, so we don't expect them to know each one. The idea is for them to be able to identify symptoms so that they know when to refer the patient to a primary healthcare centre (PHC)," said Dr Nattala.

Knowledge of mental health should be provided to everyone and not just to those who have illnesses. White Swan Foundation will interact with Anganwadi workers in the city. To be gin with, 150 angawadi workers will be selected in South Bengaluru. "Anganwadi workers are influential and can act as catalysts bringing a change in the collective mindset on the topic of mental health," said Manoj Chandran, CEO of the foundation.

If a person is alcoholic, society associates it with their character, failing to understand that he or she needs a counselling. "In such cases, it is not just the affected person and his family who need to understand the issue. The community around them also has to be underwhich made us realise that they standing," he added.

CBI files FIR against govt officials in cash seizure case

BENGALURU, DHNS: The CBI, Bengaluru, has registered an FIR (RC 23(a)/2016/-CBI/acb/blr) in connection with the seizure of a huge stack of Rs 2,000 currency notes from two government officials and two contractors.

Sources said the copy of the FIR was submitted to the jurisdictional Special CBI court in the city on Saturday. The Income Tax officials had seized Rs 5.7 crore cash in Rs 2,000 currency, bullion of 7 kg and iewellery of about 9 kg apart and Rs 90 lakh cash in old cur-

The searches were conducted at the houses and other premises belonging to T N Chikkarayappa, managing director of Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Ltd, S C Jayachandra, Chief Project Officer of State Highway Development Project and two contractors in Bengaluru, Chennai and Erode in Tamil Nadu. The I-T department launched the action on November 30 and continued the searches till Saturday.

After registering the FIR. CBI officials on Sunday questioned the son of one of the con-

and Jayachandra were summoned to the CBI office in Ganganagar on Ballari Road on Sunday. The CBI has also sealed the premises searched by the I-T department for further investigation.

Though it is not known under what provisions the FIR was registered, a source revealed that there was sufficient material to suggest that the cash seized at the residences of the officials were proceeds of the crime (corruption money). The I-T department on Friday had stated that total admission of unaccounted income from two engineers and two contractors, stood at Rs 152 crore. This included documents pertaining to several properties.

The CBI, in coordination with the I-T department, is learnt to have established a link between the contractors and the government officials in awarding certain contracts on behalf of the government. A source said that apart from the provisions under the Prevention of Corruption Act, the agency is also looking into the possible involvement of certain bank officials in providing new tractors and both the govern- currency to the officials and the

1.95 lakh candidates take CAT, some find it difficult

1.95 lakh candidates on Sunday took the Common Admission Test (CAT) in 138 cities across the country to gain entry into the prestigious Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and other top business schools.

Some candidates said the paper was tougher than previous year's. Those who took the test in both the slots found the Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR) section more difficult than the other two sections — Quantitative Ability (QA) and Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension

Candidates who took the test in the afternoon slot said they attempted fewer questions than those who appeared in the morning session.

Neha Sinha, who works for Infosys, took a month's leave to prepare for the exam. She said the exam was quite easy but calculation was intensive. The Triumphant Institute of

Education Management (TIME), a coaching centre, analysed the test thus, "The slot-1 test takers were a relieved lot as the exam was on the expected lines with no major surprises. The IIMs have stuck to



Students who appeared for CAT at MS Ramaiah College in the city on Sunday. DH PHOTO

the same pattern as the one seen in 2015 both in terms of the number of questions in each section and in terms of the difficulty level of the sections." The VARC section was difficult, DILR very difficult and QA moderate, while the overall exam was difficult, it added.

Some students and coaching classes claimed there were at second week of January. least two errors in the ques- **DH News Service**

tions attempted by candidates in the first slot. Prof Rajendra K Bandi, convener, CAT 2016. said 1.95 lakh candidates took the test. "While in 2015, 82% of the applicants took the test, this year the percentage swelled to 83.6," he said, adding

that the test was conducted

smoothly in 138 cities. The re-

sults will be announced in the

Basel Mission Press: 175 years and still going strong MANGALURU: Basel Mission neered by German missionar-

Press, which turned 175 on Sunday, pioneered the printing revolution in the coastal districts. It continues to serve in Mangaluru, although not in its earlier glory.

Established in 1841, the press is now known as Balmatta Institute of Printing Technology and Book Craft. The printing press is currently run by Karnataka Christian Educational Society (KACES).

The press had printed the first Kannada newspaper 'Mangaluru Samachara,' in 1843 as a fortnightly. Landmark publications in Kannada, Tulu, Malayalam and Konkani were also printed here.

Dakshina Kannada was pio- **DH News Service**

ies who landed in then Mangalore in 1834. Later, they published literary works in Kannada, after mastering the language. Textbooks of all schools in the then Madras Presidency were printed at the Basel Mission Press.

The printing press was located at Neereshwalya near Pandeshwar in Mangaluru. Compositions of the Haridasas, 'Chennabasava Purana' and 'Haribhaktisara' were among the major Kannada publications printed here during 1847.

To mark the post-centenary diamond jubilee celebrations of the press, KACES plans to open a museum on printing The printing revolution in technology.

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Music reviews

Margazhi music festival

onnoisseurs look forward eagerly for the Margazhi Maasa, in anticipation of good music concerts and discourses, every year. One such yenue is Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Malleswaram, which is gradually becoming a cultural hub, under the direction of H H Sri Yathiraj Jeeyar Swamy. Flute and Veena recitals apart from vocal were held during this year's festival under the joint auspices of Sri Ramanuja Kalakshetra.

Vani Satheesh, who gave the inaugural concert of the festival, opened her recital with "Margazhi Thingal", which suited the occasion very well. "Deva Deva Kalayami" is a popular composition of Swati Tirunal in which the composer says - "Oh Lord of the celestials! I pay obeisance at your lotus-like feet. You are the refuge for the dejected ones ... please protect me". It was decorated with nerval (Jatarupa Nibhacela Janmarji ta) and brief swara.

"Ranganathudai" is another fine selection. An infrequent devaranama of Prasanna Venkatadasaru "Deva Narahari Endu Nambi" was also welcomed by the music lovers. It was followed by "Sarasadala Nayana" and "Entha Punyave Gopi". Anyhow, the piece de resistance of the evening was the "Nidhichala Sukhama", a meaningful and well known composition of Saint Tyagaraja. Though seasoned connoisseurs felt that she could have elaborated at least one raga in detail, it anchored well to the lilting gait to leave a lingering effect. She concluded with an



Vani Satheesh

interesting thillana of M Seshagiri Achar. Achut Rao, Radhesh and Manjunath accompanied on violin, mridanga and ghata, respectively.

Promising vocalist

Anjali Sriram, who gave a vocal recital on Saturday, is a disciple of Vidushi M S Sheela and not a stranger to music lovers. 'Evarunnaru' the Nalinakanti varna gave her a sunny start. "Deva Deva" was rendered with brief swara and a less known raga Shiva Kambodhi with a composition of B

K Padmanabha Rao

"Sathathame Neene". Simhendramadhyama alapana was also refreshing and

Nalina Mohan on violin, Tumkur Ravishankar on mridanga and G Omkar on ghata supported with good under-Mysore V Subramanya



Anjali Sriram