

In brief

IPS officer transferred

» The state government on Monday transferred IPS officer Anupam Agarwal to the Youth Empowerment and Sports department.

Training in mobile phone repair

» Pulstone Industries, Centre for Telecom Studies in association with the State Government Skills Development Organisation, will organise a free four-week-long training in mobile phone repair. Candidates with minimum qualification of PUC, ITI, diploma or any degree can apply. The course will commence on August 8 and the last date to apply is August 6. Call 9481720491 or 080-23120484 for more details.

PAN facilitation centre

» The Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, Bengaluru has granted permission to provide PAN facilitation centre at ASK Centre, BMTC building, Koramangala 6th Block. For details, contact at 9844010564.

List of candidates announced

» Karnataka Public Service Commission has published the list of candidates who have qualified in the compulsory Kannada language examination held on April 12 for technical and non-technical posts, regional transport officers and motor vehicle inspectors. The results can be checked at <http://kpsc.kar.nic.in/Results>.

Free meditation camp for children

» Jnana Vijnana Vidyapeetha will conduct free Anapana meditation on July 17 for children in the age group of 10 to 18 years at Padmanabhanagar from 10 am to 4 pm. Call 9480581708, 080 26391509 or write to info@jvvidyapeetha.org, for registration and details.

Free blankets for pourakarmikas

» Bharathinagar Residents Forum will distribute free blankets to visually-impaired children and pourakarmikas on July 12. The event will be held at Sneha Deepa Trust for Disabled, Charles Campbell Road, Cox Town, from 10.30 am onwards. MLC and actor Tara Anuradha will preside over the programme.

Personality development camp

» Spoorthi Dhama will organize a camp on personality development from July 22 to 25, to mark 125th birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar. Interested can apply on or before July 18. Contact, Spoorthi Dhama, Anjananagar, Magadi Road or spoorthidhama1992@gmail.com. Contact number: 9108830437.

Matrimonial meet

» Lingayath Kalyana Trust will organize a matrimonial meet on July 17 at 1.30 pm at Shree Basaveshwara Sujnana Mantapa, Vijayanagar. Contact at 22269237.

Mango growers to tour abroad

» The Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation has organised a China, Indonesia tour for mango growers. During the 10-day tour, mango growers will be educated on modern farming techniques and export processes. A total of 33 farmers, three directors, two officers of the Corporation and additional director of the Horticulture department (fruits) will go on the tour, said Corporation chairperson Kamalakshi Rajanna.

Airport Metro route unclear, BMRCL looks to govt for help

RITES has suggested many routes in the feasibility report

BENGALURU: Commuters who are dreaming to zoom through the crowded central business district to reach Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Namma Metro will have to wait for several years.

In the absence of clarity on the route-map, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has proposed to discuss 'all possible options with the state government in a few days'.

BMRCL Managing Director Pradeep Singh Kharola told *Deccan Herald* that Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) has submitted a feasibility study report to the BMRCL, which includes several route options of connecting



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Metro to the airport. "The government is yet to take a decision. We will explore all the op-

tions provided in the feasibility report and choose the best among them," he said. The pro-

posed extension of Nagawara Metro line to the airport is one of the options, Kharola added.

At the recent meeting of Bengaluru Vision group chaired by Bengaluru Development Minister K J George, the members had suggested extending the proposed Nagawara stretch to the airport.

However, no decision has been taken yet. Land acquisition process is yet to be completed for the Nagawara stretch, which is proposed to go underground till the Dairy circle on Hosur Road via MG road.

Experts say that the stretch would not be ready at least for the next five years. A BMRCL official, however, expressed confidence of completing the work early by giving the

tunneling project work to multiple contractors.

'Govt not serious'

Urban mobility experts, however, feel that the government is not serious on providing better connectivity to the airport. R K Misra, director, Centre for Smart Cities felt that at the current pace, the Metro connectivity to the airport is less likely to be realised in the next 20 years. The government seems less interested in expediting the project. "It's all talk in the air, no concrete action is in place," he said.

Sanjeev Dyamannavar, founder of the advocacy group Praja-RAAG wants the government to take up the commuter rail project on priority. **DH News Service**

Handy when harm is near

Simple yet effective, JKD packs Bruce Lee power

Meghana Choukkar

BENGALURU: If walking in the streets after dark makes you jittery or if you feel unprepared to tackle an eve-teaser, Jeet Kune Do is the answer to your fears. Developed by the man in the yellow jumpsuit, the legendary Bruce Lee, JKD prepares an individual to fight the dangers in this modern world.

As Bruce Lee said, JKD is the "art of fighting without fighting," which means you defeat your opponent with the least possible effort. "Nothing is foul in JKD. If biting is the move which will help you bring down your opponent, use it. Also, in JKD, men, women, burly and lean people, all engage in combat with each other. After all, you don't get to pick your attacker," said Dr Ritesh Reddy, one of the 500 genuine JKD instructors in the world.

A third-generation instructor, Ritesh is a personal student of the pioneers of JKD in India, Hon Major Deepak Rao, amongst the world's highly qualified master instructors and Dr Seema Rao, India's first and only woman commando trainer, private students of Richard Bustillo, one of the few original students of Bruce Lee.

To prepare you for the real-



Practitioners of the Jeet Kune Do martial art form display a technique.

world, fights are simulated on the streets with multiple opponents and you could be dressed in formal clothes and high-heeled shoes. JKD is so potent that at his institute, Ritesh does a background screening of all his students to ensure that the skills don't go into the wrong hands. The martial art finds many takers among women who want to

protect themselves from harassment.

Pushpanjali, an architect and entrepreneur, often travels solo around the world and late in the night within the city. "JKD has helped me feel safe. The confidence shows and people on the streets would know not to mess with this lady." Having suffered from severe muscle pain be-

fore she started training, she added, "At the age of 57, I went on a trip to Central America, hiked a volcano and did zip-lining. It's all thanks to JKD."

The practicality of Western forms of fighting like boxing and the concepts of the East are brought together in this martial art. Constantly evolving, JKD absorbs techniques

from other styles like Karate, Taekwondo, Brazilian jiu-jitsu which are simple, direct and effective - the principles of this style. Illustrating this point, Dr Reddy said, "There are flashy kicks where the fighter leaps up, spins 540 degrees in the air and then delivers a kick. In real life, this fancy move would be highly impractical as you could be wearing tight pants or your attacker may simply move away. Such a technique would never be incorporated into JKD."

Tailor-made to the individual's physique, strengths and weaknesses, a class never has more than a handful of students, unlike traditional arts which are mass-taught.

JKD is more than just fighting. It is about imbibing the spirit of the warrior and using the tactical knowledge of combat to deal with ups and downs in real life. Chethan N is testimony to that, having trained in JKD for two years.

"I used to find it difficult to walk up to a stranger and start a conversation. Jeet Kune Do has now given me that confidence and I have become a holistic individual." Chethan, a 35-year-old CEO of a corporate leasing firm, also used his JKD skills to tackle a pick-pocket and hand him over to the police. **DH News Service**

31 children take ill after drinking milk at school

RAMANAGARAM: As many as 31 students of the MG Palya government primary school fell ill after consuming milk served to them as part of the Ksheera Bhagya scheme on Monday.

The students started vomiting soon after drinking the milk that was served to them at around 11 am.

The children were admitted to the primary health centre for treatment. They were all later taken to the Ramana-garam district hospital in an ambulance. Doctors said that the children were recovering.

It is said that the milk given to children was prepared using old milk powder by the school authorities. Zilla panchayat president C P Rajesh visited the children and enquired about their health. **DH News Service**

NICE project: SC gives eight weeks to Karnataka to resolve land dispute

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday gave further eight weeks time to the Karnataka government to resolve its dispute relating to acquisition of land to ensure completion of the multi-crore Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Project (BMICP).

A three-judge bench presided over by Justice J S Khehar allowed a plea made by senior advocate Dushyant Dave, appearing for the project proponent - Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise (NICE) and Advocate General Madhusudan Nayak for holding meetings.

On April 18, the court had directed senior advocate Arvind Datar, appearing for Karnataka and the Advocate General, to hold meetings with senior advocate Dave and the officers of the project proponent in May to resolve the issues. The court had then pulled



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up the state government, saying the project, linking Mysuru to Bengaluru could not be completed in 20 years.

The Karnataka government had gone slow with the project, and had earlier claimed before

the court that law and order problem may be created by farmers in case of the acquisition of the land.

NICE, which bagged the project, had contended that the state government was not im-

plementing the apex court's 2006 judgment, which had upheld the High Court's decision dismissing different petitions challenging the land acquisitions. The BMICP involves construction of an expressway along with the infrastructure corridor between Bengaluru and Mysuru. The project, to come up on 20,193 acres, also envisaged development of five townships.

The BMICP was to be built by a private developer at an initial cost of over Rs 2,500 crore. It was expected to reduce the travel time between Bengaluru and Mysuru to just 90 minutes.

However, the project envisaged in 2004, is yet to see the light of the day due to multiplicity of litigations in the Karnataka High Court and the Supreme Court challenging the land acquisition and rules allegedly violated by the state government to favour the company.

3-day fest music fest

BENGALURU, DHNS: A centenary music festival 'Pallavi San geethotsava' has been organised in the city in memory of legendary Carnatic musician 'Pallavi' S Chandrappa.

The three-day festival starting from August 5, is organised by Pallavi Gana Sabha and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan to mark the birth centenary of the late musician.

The Gana Sabha was formed in 1990 in memory of Chandrappa, who dedicated his life

to research in 'Pallavi', a thematic line of a song.

Born in a family of musicians in 1916, Chandrappa was an exponent of Pallavi and Taalavadhana Pallavi music art form. The music festival, whose objective is to provide a platform for upcoming artistes, will include a book release, where a biography of Chandrappa will be launched. The festival will be held on August 5, 6 and 7 at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan from 9 am to 9 pm.

Approach BMRCL for renaming station, HC tells residents

BENGALURU: The High Court on Monday directed the Yelachenahalli residents to submit their representation to the managing director of Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) to rename the Puttenahalli Metro station after Yelachenahalli.

Y V Annaiah, A Munisanjeevappa and other residents of Yelachenahalli have filed a pub-

lic interest litigation (PIL) contending that the station has been wrongly named as Puttenahalli, though it was located in Yelachenahalli and Jara-ganahalli villages.

Contention

The petitioners had said that if a person is travelling to Puttenahalli, he or she will be misled, as Puttenahalli is two km away

from the said station.

The petitioners had given a representation to the BMRCL in 2012 and legal notices were also issued to the authorities in this regard, but there was no response from BMRCL.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice S K Mukherjee and Justice Ravi Malimath disposed of the petition. **DH News Service**

Hotel fined Rs 1 lakh for using plastic

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), East Zone officials on Monday raided several hotels and shops and seized huge quantity of banned plastic materials.

Officials raided Hotel Shiv-asagar in the Utility Building and state-owned Cauvery Handicrafts Emporium on MG Road. The hotel and shopowners were directed to bring down the use of plastic and instead, promote jute and cloth bags.

BBMP Health officer (East Zone), Dr Siddappaji said a penalty of Rs 1 lakh was imposed on Hotel Shivasagar.

"Hotel Lost Caravan on Church Street was fined Rs 24,000 for unscientific disposal of waste and continuous usage of banned plastic materials such as polythene bags and disposable cups. Also kitchens of a few hotels, including Starbucks Coffee restaurant were sealed for operating without a licence," Siddappaji added.

He said that a penalty of Rs 2 lakh was slapped against various hotels for not responding to the awareness campaign against plastic use and repeated warnings. Similar drive will be carried out on Tuesday in other parts," he added.

'Computers will do 90% of journalism in future'

BENGALURU, DHNS: Edward Kerr, Senior Editor-in-Charge at Reuters, believes that 90% of journalism in future will be done by computers.

Speaking at the inaugural class of the 2016-17 batch at the Indian Institute of Journalism and New Media here on Monday, he quoted the findings of a survey. The same survey though also revealed that people preferred stories with more insight and colour, which can be provided only by a human.

Kerr talked about the effects of evolving technology in journalism and its practitioners. "Technology is disrupting the profession but it is not destroying it." He stressed that journalists today had to be familiar with technology as it could help

them do a better job. Computers help them explore and report on a wider range of topics.

Kerr emphasised that data would be the saviour of journalism. "Data journalism is the future in this data-driven world." According to him, ultimately, it is in the hands of the journalist to take the challenge to rise out of the clutter.

With the advent of social media, more information is accessible to the public. People are aware of the failures of journalism and are demanding unbiased news and in-depth analyses, he said. In spite of the sea change in all factors affecting journalism, its core values of fairness, accuracy and news judgement remain the same, Kerr said.

Funeral rights: Protest held with body

BENGALURU, DHNS: Members of the Catholic Christian Religious Rights' Forum on Monday held a protest demanding that they be allowed to conduct the last rites of a parishioner.

The parishioners have been protesting against the closure of St Paul the Hermit Church near Hebbal. Archbishop of Bengaluru Bernard Moras had ordered its closure. The forum members staged a demonstration with the body of the dead

parishioner Chinnamma, seeking rights to perform religious rites. The demand was also supported by freedom fighter H S Doreswamy and pro-Kannada organisations. "Freedom of religion is our fundamental right and the Archbishop should follow the court order to allow the parishioners to go to church," he said.

When *Deccan Herald* tried to contact the Archbishop for his response, the call went unanswered.

Lawyers' forum writes to CJI over 'bribe offer'

BENGALURU, DHNS: The United Lawyers' Forum has written to Chief Justice of India T S Thakur, seeking his intervention following the "sensational" revelation by Chief Justice of Karnataka, Subhro Kamal Mukherjee, that he was offered bribe to give a favourable judgment.

The Forum, in its letter, the copies of which were released to the media on Monday, referred to Justice Mukherjee's "unwillingness" to reveal the identity of a Bengali-speaking

person who visited him and offered the bribe. The letter states, "A visitor representing a powerful client offering bribe in a pending case to the CJ at his residence over a cup of tea and later getting out with utmost ease indicates that there is conflict of interest which cannot be ignored."

Forum president A P Ranganath and organising secretary Ravishankar S S urged the Chief Justice of India to take note of the incident and take appropriate steps.

In city today

GENERAL

The Handicrafts Development Corporation of Kerala Ltd: Exhibition of handicraft and jewellery, Safina Plaza, 84/85, Infantry Road, 10 am.

Indian Institute of Cartoonists: Exhibition of selected works of 'Pioneer of World Cartooning: Sir David Low,' Indian Cartoon Gallery, No 1, Midford House, Midford Garden, Off MG Road, near Big Kids Kemp Building, Trinity Circle, 10 am.

The Bangalore Science Forum: Talk on 'High Tech Medicine-Boon or Burden?' by Dr M Maiya, retired professor of Medicine, Karnataka Medical Service, Dr H N Multimedica Conference Hall, The National College, Basavanagudi, 6 pm.

Nature Cure: Talk on 'Natural Remedies: by Dr Nanjesh Koppa, Shrirama Samudaya Bhavan, Tenginamara Road, Behind Gitanjali Talkies, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, 10.35 am and 6.30 pm.

Parikrama Foundation and Cisco: Launch of CEED - an event to show-case 'Digital Learning and Education', Parikrama Center for Learning, Saraswathi Memorial Trust, 35, Ashoka Pillar Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, 2 pm.

CULTURAL
Gandhi Sahitya Sangha: 'Janapada Siri', by Mahadevappa, 8th Cross, Malleswaram, 6.30 pm.

RELIGIOUS
Shri Vinayaka Seva Samiti and Shri Ramakrishna Seva Trust: Discourse on 'Geeta Yagna Yagna - Bhagavad Gita Chapter 7,' by Swami Abhayachaitanya, Shiva-Vishnu temple,

5th Main Road, 2nd Cross, Anandnagar, 6.30 pm.

Sai Gitanjali: Bhajans, Sai Gitanjali, Sri Sathya Sai Seva Kshethra, No 36, 21st Main, 8th Cross, JP Nagar, 2nd Phase, 6.15 pm.

ShrimadVishraiva Sadbodhana Samste: 60th birth anniversary celebration of Shri Rambhupuri Jagadguru, No 108, RBI Colony, Puttenahalli, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, 5 pm.

Paramaarth Vichaara Sangha Trust: Religious talk on 'Brahmasutra Bhaashyam,' by Dr K G Subraya Sharma, Adhyatma Mandira, VV Puram, 7.45 am.

Vedanta Satsanga Kendra: Talk on 'Bhuhadaaranyaka Upanishath,' by Dr K G Subraya Sharma, Vedanta Nilaya, Sakamma Gardens, Basavanagudi, 9 am.

City weather

FORECAST: Generally cloudy sky. Surface winds likely to be strong and gusty at times.

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	27.6 C
Minimum	20.4 C
Rainfall	Trace
Humidity	63 pc
Sunrise	6.01 am
Sunset	6.50 pm
Moonrise	12.34 pm
Moonset	12.02 am
(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm. Source: IMD)	