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Govt to take over Darshan's house, Shamanur hospital

BENGALURU: The Bengaluru Urban district authorities have decided to take over the land on which actor Darshan's house and SS Hospital owned by former minister Shamanur Shivashankarap pa's family are built.

Along with them, 194 houses in Ideal Homes Layout where Darshan's house is located, will also be taken over in a week's time.

Following floods in the city on the night of July 28, the department of survey, settlement and land records conducted a survey where encroachment of a stormwater drain by Ideal Homes and SS Hospital in Halagevaderahalli village, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, was found. A detailed report with a survey sketch superimposed on Google Earth satellite image was submitted to the BBMP for action. Palike commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad referred the matter to the Bengaluru Urban district authorities, citing some court directions to the deputy commissioner of the district.

Speaking to DH, Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner V Shankar said he had not yet received the documents from the BBMP, but the matter had been reviewed. "We verified the revenue documents and found that the land in question is B 'kharab' (wasteland), which includes stormwater drain No construction activities are permitted on B 'kharab' land. We are going to have a meeting in this regard, prepare a file and soon take it into our custody," said Shankar.

The decision to retain or demolish the buildings will be taken in the meeting which would take place shortly. The district authorities are also awaiting a detailed report from the BBMP commissioner, sources said. **DH News Service**

Proposal to develop Puttenahalli lake

The state Cabinet on Wednesday approved a proposal to take up development of Puttenahalli lake at Yelahanka in the city at the cost of Rs 12.56 crore.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had recently visited the lake and announced that it will be developed. The lake is owned by the Forest department, Law Minister T B Jayachandra said.

Thief dies after being thrashed, 5 youths held

BENGALURU, DHNS: Five youths, including a girl, were arrested by Sampangiram Nagar police for assaulting a thief, who succumbed to injuries on Monday.

The arrested are Nishanth, Uttkarsh, Bharath, Kiran and Leela (name changed). The deceased in Raju, 22, a native of HD Kote and a habitual offender Raju was working as a cook in a private hostel. He quit his job and took to stealing to earn a quick buck and to lead a lavish life.

Police said on Friday morning, he went to the Kanteerava stadium and made away with Leela's laptop. She registered a complaint with Sampangiram Nagar police and informed her friends too. On Sunday, Leela noticed Raju trying to make away with a few items belonging to other athletes. She informed her friends, who nabbed Raju and thrashed him and alerted the police. He had suffered minor injuries, he was shifted to a private hospital and succumbed to injuries on Monday. The doctors stated that he had suffered internal injuries. Police arrested the youths based on a complaint filed by Raju's relative.

The youths are athletes and practise at the stadium every day. They had noticed that their belonging were missing and had lodged a complaint. They had thrashed Raju badly before handing him over to the police. The details of the accused are still being gathered as they are not in a position to talk, mentioned the police.

Reaching Whitefield from Baiyappanahalli gets easier

MEMU train to help large number of techie commuters

BENGALURU: Commuters using the congested Outer Ring Road (ORR) to travel between Baiyappanahalli and Whitefield via KR Puram need not wait for the proposed Namma Metro line for a seamless ride.

Providing a much-needed alternative, the South Western Railway (SWR) has extended its existing Marikuppam-KR Puram MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) passenger service (train number 66533) up to Baiyappanahalli. This will dramatically bring down the commuting time to less than 30 minutes at a fare of just Rs

Way to go

Train schedule

■ Train No 66533 Marikuppam-KR Puram MEMU Passenger is extended up to Baiyappanahalli. The train will depart KR Puram at 7.11 pm to reach Baiyappanahalli at 7.20 pm.

■ Train No 66534 Baiyappanahalli-Kuppam Passenger leaves Baiyappanahalli at 7.30 pm to reach Kuppam at 9.25 pm. En route, it arrives at KR Puram at 7.37 pm, Whitefield 7.49 pm, Devanagonthi 7.57 pm, Malur 8.05 pm, Byatarayanahalli 8.11 pm, Vardhapura 8.40 pm, Kamasamudram 8.45 pm, Bisanattam 8.53 pm and Gudapalli 8.59 pm. The train stops for a minute at all these stations.

Moreover, the train's official stoppage at the Hoody halt station is likely to attract many people, including a large number of computer technology professionals. Commuters can also switch to Namma Metro

and travel up to Mysuru Road or Nagasandra on both the lines from Baiyappanahalli. The only limitation, however, is that travellers need to reach the railway station at the scheduled time, unlike in Metro and

bus services which are available every 10-15 minutes.

"The extension of train serv ice up to Baiyappanahalli is a welcome step in providing the much-needed alternative to the ORR. More so, people can use the train during peak time. The railways should also consider extending the proposed Ra-managaram-Majestic MEMU passenger train up to Whitefield, which is expected to run in the morning. This will encourage more people to use the train in the morning and the evening," said Sanjeev Dyamannavar, urban mobility ex-

K N Krishna Prasad and T P Lokesh from the Karnataka Railway Vedike want the SWR to further extend the MEMU

cently obtained his PhD degree

from the Centre for Nano Sci-

ence and Engineering, IISc,

was felicitated for his thesis on

nano fabrication and pattern-

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neering and technology.

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to Bengaluru Cantonment. "This is not only feasible but also helps city commuters,' Prasad said.

On the other side, the Whitefield Rising group has demanded introduction of two additional MEMU trains during morning and evening peak hours, conversion of three diesel-electric multiple unit (DEMU) trains to MEMU as well as doubling with electrification of the railway track between Hebbal and Hosur.

Sanjiv Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru, SWR, said the proposal of Whitefield Rising had been for warded to the SWR headquar ters for approval.

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Whitefield businesses to tap UK trade opportunities

BENGALURU, DHNS: Whitefield-based businesses will be meeting Dominic McAllister, British Deputy High Commissioner, Bengaluru, on Thursday, to explore opportunities in the UK for trade and investment.

portunities for Indian firms to tie up with the UK at the upcoming India-UK Tech Summit to be held in New Delhi in November. British trade delegations focusing on healthcare, life sciences, advance engineering and science and innovation will travel to Bengaluru from November 8 to 11, 2016, to further strengthen ties with businesses and research centres here.

Representatives of the UK's Department of International Trade (DIT), British Council (BC), UK India Business Council (UKIBC) and VFS (visa and passport application processing services) will also be present.

"British firms such as ARM, Tesco, Test & Verification Systems UK (TVS UK) and Essential Energy have chosen to set up shop here and many British expats have made Whitefield their home. From its sleepy start as an outpost of the Anglo-Indian community, it's now at the heart of everything Bengaluru is known for, IT, innovation, arts and culture," McAl-

McAllister will inaugurate the "Britain Meets Business @ Whitefield" event at VR Bengaluru, Whitefield. He will also meet civil society groups and the British nationals living in

He will also highlight the op-

lister said.

Petals' in Indiranagar founded

by Swetta and Vartika Gupta

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has a high density of salt, caus-

ing the person to float inside.

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talking to myself inside the

tank. For once, I was able to

think peacefully without any

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been sleeping better, his confi-

dustry for over 17 years, has

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powerlifter and the float tank

took away the soreness in her

stress levels have become

body from working in the

gym. She added, "On the

whole, the experience with

the two machines helped me

calm down. I sleep better and I

am able to meet my targets in

the gym which I could not do

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interruption," said Sridhar

tire session at the centre,

Subba Rao.

Dark, silent and minus the ef-

tank. Shaped like a pod, the

Two girls die of dengue in city in three days

span of just three days, two cases of suspected dengue deaths have been reported in the city.

Two girls aged two and 14 have succumbed to the flu. A two-year-old died of suspected dengue fever on Monday. Pratika,14, a student of Bishop Cotton School, succumbed to the flu on Tuesday. According to sources in the Health department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Pratika, a resident of N R Colony, failed to respond to treatment.

"She was initially taken to Cloud Nine Hospital from where she was refered to Apollo Hospital, Jayanagar. We are yet to confirm that she died of dengue," said Komala, senior health officer, BBMP South.

She said officials from the health department visited the girl's house and looked for any possible cases in the vicinity. "We found that all mosquito control measures were in place. There was no source for the mosquito to breed either," she added.

The two-year-old girl died at Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS). She was initially rushed to Vani Vilas Hospital. As there was no ventilator there, she was taken to KIMS, said BBMP officials.

So far, 476 cases have been reported from the city, according to the statistics available with the Health department of the BBMP. Going by the number of cases that have come to light, Palike officials have identified Bengaluru South and Bommanahalli as sensitive areas and intensified mosquito control measures there.

Usually, a large number of fever cases are seen only till July. However, this year it has extended beyond July, according to doctors. Dr K G Suresh, senior physician, K C General Hospital, said they have been seeing a good number of flu cases. "It is mostly viral fever or patients with upper respiratory infections. Last year, we saw cases only till July. This time, we are seeing a plenty in September as well," he added.



(From left) British Deputy High Commissioner Dominic McAllister, Consuls General Dr Balz Strasser (Switzerland), Francois Gautier (France) and Margit Hellwig Botte (Germany) take part in 'The European Climate Action Day: Challenges and Innovative Solutions' conference in the city

Meet ponders over state's climate change challenge

BENGALURU, DHNS: Diplo- resources are available in ademats from the UK, Germany, Switzerland and France, besides scientists and researchers took part in a conference on Wednesday to discuss the challenges and possible solutions to tackle climate change with special reference to Karnataka.

'The European Climate Action Day: Challenges and Innovative Solutions' was organised by European diplomatic missions in Bengaluru along with Fraunhofer, the German research organisation.

Dinesh Gundu Rao, chairman, Karnataka Climate Parliament Steering Committee, said that the state was progressive in adopting renewable energy. "Legislators are becoming aware about climate change and renewable energy. They are raising these issues in the legislature," said Rao, who is also working president of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC).

A panel discussion on energy and water concluded that these quate quantity but the challenge is to increase the efficien-

Mohan Kumar, chairman of the Indo-French Cell for Water Sciences of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), said, "We spend 100 MW of power to transport water into the city from the Cauvery. Almost half of this water is lost in distribution." Stressing the need to build sustainable cities rather than smart cities, he said that the effort had to begin at home with rainwater harvesting.

A competition held ahead of the event for Master's-, doctorate- and postdoctoral-level researchers from Karnataka to design a poster abstract on 'Innovative Solutions to Climate Change' was won by Anasuya Gangopadhyay from the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bhuvaneshwari S from Indo-French Cell for Water Sciences and Pratibha M D from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru.

In city today

GENERAL

Varna: Dasara Dolls exhibition, Pranathi Indoor Hall, No 97/3, 9th Cross, East Park Road, next to Post Of

Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium: Workshop on "Sun," Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, Sri T Chowdiah

Road, High Grounds, 10.30 am. M S Ramaiah Institute of Technology: Workshop on "Understanding Indirect Taxes including GST and Its Implications." M S Ramaiah Institute of Technology campus, ESB-II Seminar

Karnataka Sarkara Sachivalaya Sa hakara Sangha: Felicitation programme, Minister Krishna Byre Gowda to participate, Sammelana Sabhangana, 3rd Floor, Vidhana Soudha, 1.30 pm.

CULTURAL

GR Educational Institutions: "Samskrutika Sourabha," an outreach pro-gramme, G R Educational Institution Grounds, 11 am. The Indian Institute of World Cul

ture: Hindustani light music by Sri Ganesh Alagur, No 6, B P Wadia Road Basavanagudi, 6 pm.

RELIGIOUS

Paramartha Vichara Sangha Trust: Talk on "Brahmasutra Bhashyam" by Dr K G Subraya Sharma, Adhyatma Mandira, V V Puram, 7.45 am. Vedanta Satsanga Kendra: Talk on "Bruhadaranyaka Upanishat" by Dr K G Subraya Sharma, Vedanta Nilaya, Basavanagudi, 9 am.

Nanjangud Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt: Bharatanatyam by Rupa Girish and troupe, Nanjanguc Sri Raghavendra Swamv Mutt. 45th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagar, 7.30 pm. Sai Gitaniali: Bhaian programme Sai Githanjali, Sri Sathya Sai Seva Kendra, No 36, 21st Main, 8th Cross, JP Nagar, 2nd Phase, 6.15 pm

Adhyatma Prakasha Karyalaya: Talk on "Bramasutra Bhashya" by Pradeepa Sharma, Adhyatma Prakasha Karyalaya, APK Road, II Block, Thyagarajanagar, 9.30 am Naniangud Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt: Discourse on "Garuda Purana," Nanjangud Sri Raghavendra

Swamy Mutt, 45th Cross, 5th Block, Javanagar, 6 pm. Sri Shankara Javanthi Mandali:

Talk on "Adhyasa Bhashya" by V Pradeepa Sharma, Sri Shankara Jayanthi Mandali, No 45. Shankara Krupa Road, 16th Cross, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, 6 pm.

City weather

FORECAST: Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or showers.

TEMPERATURES

Rainfall Trace Humidity 82 pc Sunrise 6.09 am 6.15 pm 11.19 pm 11.24 am

Sunset Moonrise Moonset (Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm. Source: IMD)

Light travellers

members of the Indian Insti-

tute of Science (IISc) have won

the Indian National Academy

of Engineering (INAE) Young

Prof Uday Kumar Reddy B

and Prof Chandan Saha of the

Department of Computer Sci-

ence and Automation and Prof

Sai Siva Gorthi of the Depart-

ment of Instrumentation and

Engineer award for 2016.

Now, 'light' at the end of the tunnel for stressed out-Bengalureans

The up ramp from Richmond Road leading to Double Road was thrown open to the public on

INAE young engineer awards for IISc faculty

BENGALURU: Three faculty Applied Physics are the three recognition comes on the heels IISc. Santanu Talukder, who re-

of him being awarded the INSA

Young Scientist Award for his

work on computational com-

plexity theory and algorithms.

contributed to the develop-

ment of innovative optofluidic

technologies that help in bring-

ing a complete automation in

the disease diagnosis process,

said a press release from the

Prof Gorthi has significantly

Wednesday. It was relaid using the new tar sheet technology. DH PHOTO

faculty members who received

the award. Dr Santanu

Talukder, a former PhD stu-

dent has received the INAE In-

novative Student Projects

Prof Reddy was recognised

for his work on compilers for

multicore processors and par-

allel and high performance

computing while Prof Saha's

Meghana Choukkar

BENGALURU: Known for being early-adopters, Bengalureans are now taking to Lucia No 3, a light machine which makes you "high". IT professionals, lawyers and others in the city leading stressful lives are finding peace and relaxation in becoming "light travellers."

Developed by Austrian scientists Dr Dirk Proeckl and Dr Engelbert Winkler, the Lucia light looks like a contraption from a sci-fi movie. It has a central halogen light, surrounded by eight LED lights. The user sits in front of the lamp with eyes closed and headphones on to cut out external noise. Then the journey

"I was seeing a lot of geometric, multi-coloured patterns. It felt like I was going through tunnels, following a bright light," said Anagha Jayaraman, describing her experience. "I enjoyed the beautiful patterns and I did not feel like leaving." The session with the light made her relaxed and peaceful.

The patterns and rhythms



A woman undergoes light therapy. DH PHOTO

of the light stimulate the pineal gland in the brain, triggering the visuals. It is said to help people expand their consciousness and achieve a state of mind which would take years with conventional meditation practices

Amitabh Swetta, a meditation facilitator, has combined

age-old meditation practices to give people a complete healing therapy. Besides the

science like Lucia No 3, with

Lucia No 3, the centre '1000