

Nandi Hills to turn cycle-friendly zone on weekends soon

BENGALURU, DHNS: In a bid to encourage people to cycle and enjoy the wilderness of Nandi Hills, the Horticulture department in Chikkaballapur has come up with a novel idea. Now, cyclists, trekkers and walkers can relax and enjoy the serene beauty of Nandi Hills on weekend mornings starting next month. The Horticulture department has tied up with Spectrum Rising to make Nandi Hills a cycle-friendly zone.

“From July 1, cycling, trekking and walking will be entertained between 6 am to 10 am. This is being done on the request of cyclists and walkers, said Dr Sudhakar, MLA, Chikkaballapur.

“Around 300 people are likely to participate on the first leg of the event on July 1 and 2. There have been many accidents because of speeding vehicles. Thus, we have decided to allow non-motorised vehicles on Nandi Hills on Saturdays and Sundays. We will work on making the roads safe. We want more people to visit the hillock and a spend quality time,” Sudhakar said.

Dr Arvind Bhatija from Spectrum Rising, said that Nandi Hills is a popular wilderness destination. The place is preferred by many cyclists, trekkers and walkers. “It was a long-standing wish of every single runner, cyclist and trekker to be able to pursue their passion on one of Bengaluru’s most famous biodiversity hotspots. Many running and cycling groups have yearned for the day when they can be one with nature without the dangers of motorised vehicles around them. This will not only encourage more Bangaloreans to explore the beautiful outdoors but also help instil love of nature among the younger generation,” he said.

EASTERN RAILWAY
Abridged Tender Notice No.: 01HWH II of 2017-18 (Open) for e-tendering, date: 14.06.2017. Sealed open tender notice for e-tendering is invited by the Dy. Chief Engineer/Con/II/Howrah, 371 No. New Railway Office, Telkolghat, Howrah-711101 from reputed contractors with sufficient experience, financial capability and having proper and requisite resources and experience for the following work: **Name of work:** Construction of steel structural shed and other allied infrastructure for AC overhauling facilities at J shop–Liluah workshop at Liluah of Eastern Railway. **Tender Value:** ₹ 7,75,55,303.84. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 5,37,780. **Date of opening :** 21.07.2017 at 12.00 hrs. Details of tender notice, documents and corrigendum issued from time to time alongwith required eligibility criteria are available at website **www.ireps.gov.in**. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.

ABC (CON-67/2017-18)
Tender Notices are also available at Eastern Railway's Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in

E-TENDERING NOTICE NO. 10-ENG-ERNY-2017-18 (SL NO. 01.02)
Open E-tendering are invited for the following works. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.
Tender No.1: Brief Description of Item: At NBQ-Provision of Ramp at existing FOB; **Tender Value:** ₹2,18,13,252.75/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹2,59,070/-; **Cost of Tender:** ₹10,000/-
Tender No.2: Brief Description of Item: i) New Bongaigaon-Kamakhyia: Replacement of existing broken/damaged/ grooved/cracked sleeper with new 60 Kg PSC sleeper in yard from Km: 0/0-172/0 under the jurisdiction to DEN-II/RNY (ii) NBQ-GLPT-KYQ section ISD in loop from M-4 to M-7 (iii) Dngtal-New Bongaigaon-Rangia TRR (P)- from Km. 249.20 to 251.20 total= 2 Km; **Tender Value:** ₹1,76,55,017.83/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹2,38,280/-; **Cost of Tender:** ₹5,000/-
Submission of earnest money & cost of tender document: The bidders will have to make payment towards tender document cost and earnest money against such tender through online payment modes like net banking, debit/credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal.
Date, time & place of opening of tender: Divisional Railway Manager (works), N.F.Railway, Rangia office at 15.00 hrs. of 19-07-2017.
Date of closing of E-tender: 19-07-2017 at 13.00 hrs. for details visit **www.ireps.gov.in**.
NOTE: For any latest minute changes of tender please check on Net/ News-paper/Corrigendum at the respective offices mentioned in the original tender notice before working.
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ACB files just two charge sheets in 1 year, gets no help from govt depts

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BENGALURU: After a year of its establishment, the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has filed charge sheets in two trap cases. The bureau claims it has achieved a record number of cases of traps and raids in the first five months this year, which is also more than the Lokayukta police record.

The first two charge sheets were filed by the ACB in May this year. The charge sheets are: one against a village accountant in Bantwal taluk of Dakshina Kannada district who was

At a glance

- **2016:** Trap (97) - Raid (31) - Others (25)
- **2017:** Trap (112) - Raid (23) - Others (22)

trapped while accepting a bribe of Rs 6,500 and the other is against an assistant revenue officer of BBMP in Bengaluru who was trapped while accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000.

According to statistics, ACB has registered 112 trap cases, 12 cases of disproportionate assets (DA) and 22 other cases (court

referred and petition complaints) till June 17, 2017. An official said that by the end of the year, the total number of cases in the ACB would cross 300. In 2015, Lokayukta police had registered 67 DA cases, 120 trap and 69 other cases.

Though the ACB has set a goal of speeding up investigations in all the cases under investigation, it doesn't seem to be getting much help from government departments.

Various department heads are still sitting on requests sent by the ACB to register FIRs against public servants on petition complaint cases. According to the state government no-

tification on forming the ACB, prior permission from the competent authority is a must before registering an FIR against any government servant. A source said that in 11 such cases, sanction to register FIRs is pending from various department heads.

These authorities include, Mines and Geology, Municipal Administration, Revenue, Department of Public Libraries, Zilla Panchayat, Cooperative Department and Urban Development Department.

These are in addition to pending requests for prosecution sanction orders (PSOs). The ACB has so far sent 16 re-

quests seeking PSOs out which six have been cleared.

“Further, investigation in 16 more cases has been completed and soon files will be moved seeking PSOs. Among the trap cases registered by the ACB, 32 cases are against class A officers, while 50 are against class B officers. Similarly, a total of 19 DA cases have been registered against class A officers, while 11 cases were filed against class B officers. The accused in the trap cases include two corporators, one in Bengaluru and another in Tumakuru and nine gram panchayat members,” an official said.

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Litter bins to segregate dry, wet waste launched

BENGALURU, DHNS: In a move to segregate wet waste from dry waste, Bangalore Development and Town Planning Minister K J George launched the twin litter bins at National Market in Gandhinagar on Monday morning.

As many as 2,232 such bins have been installed across the city for a litter-free Bengaluru. Speaking at the event, George appealed to citizens to make the best use of these bins to keep the city clean.

He said, “This initiative has been taken to help citizens and tourists dispose of waste. Pourakarmikas will not only collect waste from households but also clean the roads from 6 am to 10 am.”

Mayor G Padmavathi said, “This initiative has been undertaken under the Chief Minister’s



Bengaluru Development Minister K J George inaugurates twin dustbins at Gandhi Nagar on Monday.

Special Grants for city development to keep commercial areas and main roads clean. The move can only be successful with the cooperation of civic workers and officials.”

BBMP commissioner Manjunatha Prasad said the chief minister had granted Rs 4.15 crore for it. BBMP corporator Latha Rathod was present.

HAL rejuvenates parts of Kumudvathi river under CSR

BENGALURU: State-owned aviation major, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) recharged 36 borewells and 281 wells, built 50 water pools and planted 50,000 saplings in the region that covers Tavarekere, Thyamagondlu, Mondigere and Teppadabeguru mini-watersheds in Bengaluru Rural district.

Implemented as part of HAL’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities, the project benefited 35 villages, according to HAL Chairman and Managing Director T Suvarna Raju. Raju formally handed over the projects under Kumudvathi River Rejuvenation to the village panchayats of the district. These projects, he said, will help in reviving dried natural water resources and the natural habitat of the region. As many as 281 boulder checks were also carried out as part of the project.

Kumudvathi is a tributary of River Arkavathi and originates from Shivagange Hills in Nelmangala taluk of Bengaluru Rural district. Both Arkavathi and Kumudvathi flow into Tippagondanhalli reservoir which



One of the water pools built by HAL as part of the rejuvenation work.

was serving 30% to 40% water requirements of Bengaluru, three decades ago.

Scanty inflow Currently, the inflow from River Kumudvathi is scanty due to degradation of natural vegetation, soil erosion and over-exploitation of ground-

water. The catchment area covers about 460 sq km, 278 villages and is classified into 18 mini-watersheds for rejuvenation work.

HAL, as part of its CSR, has been sponsoring rejuvenation work of Mini Watersheds through International Association of Human Values

(IAHV). Rejuvenation helps in revival of defunct borewells and open wells, besides protecting drinking water sources. Agro-horticulture developments are benefited, besides increasing natural vegetation and aiding eco-hydrological conservation.

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International meet on music, dance

» Bangalore School of Music (BSM) will host lecture-demonstrations and performances at the International Conference on Music and Dance. BSM has partnered with Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha for the Fourth International Conference on Music and Dance (ICMD) 2017 and the 13th Annual Music and Dance Festival 2017.

The theme for ICMD this year is “Harmonic and Melodic World Music.” The four-day festival will begin from June 24 at Purandara Bhavana.

Delegates from USA, the UK and Sweden are expected to participate. The cultural programmes include Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Carnatic vocal, Hindustani vocal, jazz and world music, percussion ensemble etc by artistes from India and abroad.

EASTERN RAILWAY
Notice of E-Auction Programme for the month of July 2017
No.: S.45/DAP/2017-18 Date: 14.06.2017

Sl.	Auction Date	Day	Depot	Jurisdiction (Depot & Divn.)
1.	04.07.2017	Tuesday	Jamalpur	Jamalpur Depot, Malda Divn.
2.	06.07.2017	Thursday	Halisahar	Halisahar Depot, Sealdah Divn.
3.	10.07.2017	Monday	BESY	BESY Depot, Howrah & Asansol Divn.
4.	18.07.2017	Tuesday	BESY	BESY Depot, Howrah & Asansol Divn.
5.	20.07.2017	Thursday	Halisahar	Halisahar Depot, Sealdah Divn.
6.	21.07.2017	Friday	Jamalpur	Jamalpur Depot, Malda Divn.
7.	26.07.2017	Wednesday	BESY	BESY Depot, Howrah & Asansol Divn.
8.	27.07.2017	Thursday	Halisahar	Halisahar Depot, Sealdah Divn.
9.	28.07.2017	Friday	Jamalpur	Jamalpur Depot, Malda Divn.

N.B.: Schedule of E-Auction, other details & terms and conditions are available on the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>
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PVR CINEMAS (Forum Mall, Koramangala, 10:10 a.m., 2:50, 7:30 p.m.)
VR Mall, Bengaluru, 12:05, 10:00 p.m.) | **INOX** (Mantri Mall, 1:05, 5:25 p.m.).

IN DOLBY ATMOS
PVR CINEMAS (VR MALL Bengaluru, 1:00 p.m.) | **INOX** (Mantri Mall, 9:55 a.m., 7:45 p.m.) | **THE CINEMA** (GT World Mall, 10:40 a.m., 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00 p.m.).

IN 4DX AT
PVR CINEMAS (PHOENIX MARKET CITY K.R. Puram, 2:15, 10:00 p.m.).

IN 3D ENGLISH AT
PVR CINEMAS (PHOENIX MARKET CITY K.R. Puram, 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 p.m.) | Forum Mall, Koramangala, 12:40, 5:20, 9:55 p.m., Gold Class, 12:00, 4:40, 9:20 p.m.) | Orion Mall, 10:30 a.m., 12:00, 3:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 p.m., Gold Class, 12:40, 5:20 p.m.) | VR MALL Bengaluru, 10:30 a.m., 3:10, 7:40 p.m.) | Regalia Mall, 10:40 a.m., 1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 7:40 p.m.) | Vaishnavi Mall, 12:55, 5:25 p.m.) | Spirit Mall, 10:30 a.m., 12:50, 5:20, 7:40 p.m.) | Arena Mall, 10:25 a.m., 12:20, 5:00, 7:40, 9:30 p.m.) | **INOX** (Garuda Mall, 11:55 a.m., 1:20, 5:40, 7:15 p.m.) | Swagath, 10:50 a.m., 3:10, 7:30 p.m.) | Central Mall, 10:00, 11:55 a.m., 4:35, 9:50 p.m.) | Lido, 9:15, 11:10 a.m., 3:25, 7:45, 9:50 p.m.) | Forum Bangalore, 9:00 a.m., 1:10, 5:30, 7:45 p.m.) | Brookfield Mall, 11:10 a.m., 3:25, 7:45 p.m.) | PVR CINEMAS (Fiza Mall, Mangalore, 10:15 a.m., 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:45 p.m.) | **CINEPOLIS** (Mangalore, 10:10 a.m., 12:25, 5:30, 7:45 p.m.) | **BHARATHI CINEMAS** (Mangalore, 10:30 a.m., 12:15, 3:00, 10:00 p.m.) | **INOX** (Manipal, 12:05, 4:20, 8:30 p.m.) | Mysore, 1:05, 5:25, 9:45 p.m.) | **DRCC** (Mysore, 11:15 a.m., 4:00, 6:00 p.m.).

IN 2D ENGLISH AT
PVR CINEMAS (Vaishnavi Mall, 10:25 a.m., 2:55, 7:25 p.m.) | **INOX** (Garuda Mall, 9:55 a.m.) | Swagath, 10:00 p.m.) | **INOX** (Manipal, 10:50 a.m.) | Mysore, 10:00 a.m.).
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Mysuru Zoo gets lion-tailed macaques, leopard cats

MYSURU: Visitors at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru, will soon see many new guests as the century-old zoo has added to its list of animals of various species through exchange programmes and a few rescued from the forests nearby. The new guests will soon be on public display at the zoo.

The zoo received lion-tailed macaques (Rama and Anitha) from Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Chennai, on June 17, through an animal exchange programme.

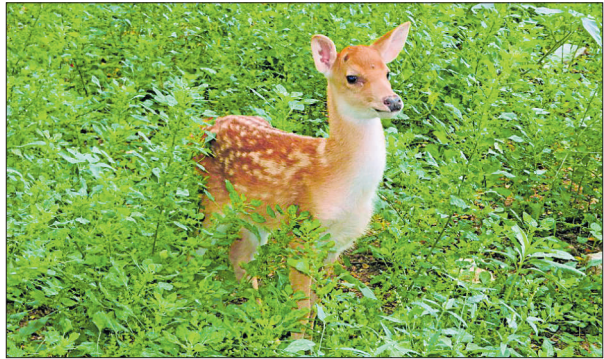
A male and female leopard cat, rescued from Virajpet and Kushalnagar range on April 22 and May 14, will be on public display soon as the quarantine period has been completed.

This apart, a tufted capuchin monkey baby that was born on April 21 is being nursed in the incubator at Mysuru Zoo hospital. Two swamp deer fawns were born in one of the enclosures in May and June. Likewise, three gaur calves born in May and June will also be on display.

Mysuru Zoo is identified as



(Left) Capuchin monkey, (Right) Lion-tailed macaque and (Below) Swamp deer fawn, to be displayed at Mysuru Zoo soon.



a conservation breeding centre of Indian bison by the Central Zoo Authority.

Two dusky lory chicks have hatched in the aviary on June

16, according to Kamala Karikalan, Executive Director of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens.

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Integrated PU colleges against rules, says govt

Students say they're beneficial, call department's rules outdated

Meghana Choukkar

BENGALURU, DHNS: With integrated pre-university colleges coming under the scanner yet again, colleges and students are questioning the rules of the department of pre-university education (DPUE).

After a complaint from a parent about two such PU colleges in the city, which offer coaching for competitive exams along with the PU syllabus, the department is preparing to take action against others. “We will form teams of officers who will inspect such colleges on a case-to-case basis. If they are teaching subjects outside the

Differing views

- PU department to take action against integrated colleges which offer coaching for competitive exams like CET, NEET and JEE, in addition to PU syllabus
- Students say integrated approach saves time, helps improve performance

prescribed syllabus, we will take action,” an official of DPUE said.

However, colleges and students in the city say that the in-

tegrated approach is beneficial and the department’s rules are outdated.

Integrated colleges seamlessly take care of students’ academics and competitive exam preparation under one roof so that they can save time and relax, said Sridhar G, founder of Deeksha. “In the 2000s, students would go to PU colleges just for attendance and after college hours, they would take extra tuition classes. The integrated approach began as a solution to this,” he said. Not allowing students to pick the academic approach which suits their needs would hurt their interests, he said.

Keeping in mind the changing times, the department should let students have the freedom to choose what works best for them. Rules should be student-friendly, Sridhar said. Students agree and say that it spares them the commute from college to coaching centres. Rakshita, who completed PU from one such college said: “I had classes from 7.30 am to 4 pm. I had time to come home and relax, before revising my lessons. If I had gone to a regular PU college, I would have to go for coaching in the evening. It helped me save time.”

Though the course can be stressful at times, students

said that when competition is high, one has to be prepared to work extra. “We know what we are signing up for. There are tests every weekend but since they are conducted regularly, we don’t feel the pressure. All that practice is very helpful,” another student said.

Some parents are, however, not convinced. “In my daughter’s college, for medical seat aspirants, they stress on Biology and give minimal importance to Mathematics while for engineering aspirants, more time is spent on Mathematics. Giving less attention to some subjects will affect their learning,” Pushpa, a parent, said.