

Haveri: Blood donation drive held in memory of friend

HAVERI, MAR 16 (INS INDIA): There are few better ways to preserve the memory of a loved one that with a gesture aimed at prolonging the life of others, and this is exactly what a group of friends in Marol village in Haveri district have done. To mark the first anniversary of the passing of Maruti Heggappanavar, 61 of his friends, all of whom are members of the 'Snehajeevi Geleyara Balaga', organised a blood donation camp.

Maruti had been working as a linesman for the Mangaluru Electricity Supply

Company (Mescom) on a contractual basis in Hosanagar taluk, Shivamogga district. He passed away on March 14 last year in an accident while at work. The friends, along with the Central Blood Bank of Haveri District Hospital, Snehamaitri Blood Army in Akkialur and the government high school in Marol, decided on a blood donation drive to pay homage to Maruti.

Chetan Kanalli, one of the friends involved in organising the drive, said that the Snehajeevi Geleyara Balaga had helped old friends

stay connected with each other over the years. "Maruti was a friend of ours from childhood. We decided to hold this blood donation camp in his memory, and decided to start the initiative at our high school," Kanalli said.

YN Balannavar, another member of the group, said that, aside from Maruti's friends, members of their families, other residents of Marol and even those from neighbouring villages had volunteered to donate blood. "Although Maruti came from an underprivileged family, he

dreamt of serving the poor and wanted to work for the welfare of society," Balannavar said. Medical officer of Central Blood Bank of the Haveri District Hospital Dr Basavaraj Talawar was generous in his appreciation for the initiative undertaken by the members of the friends' group. "They have, in paying homage to their friend, worked for the betterment of society. The people of Marol too have shown they have a large heart by coming forward to help save the lives of others," Dr Talawar said.



Senior Congress leader Oommen Chandy files his nomination from Puthuppally constituency, ahead of Kerala assembly polls, in Kottayam district.

Society needs transparent leadership - Deepak Pandiya

New Delhi : Today we envisage a society and nation where even the last person of the society realizes that he also has an important role and stake in every development of the country. The euphoria of democracy and the emancipation of its sweat in the upliftment of the nation, only then the Ram-state of Lokshahi will be established in the true sense. A society that guarantees respect for elders, protection of women and golden future of navigators with transparent leadership, modern technology and noble intentions was to said Deepak Pandiya, Rashtriya Lokneeti Party's Convener. He said that where the government is not in the ego of the donor and the public as the petitioner, But the government

should discharge its responsibility and ensure that all the necessary facilities are available to the doorstep of every citizen. On the occasion of the launch of the Rashtriya Lokneeti Party, the national officials of the Rashtriya Lokneeti Party were unanimously selected, including Brigadier B. K. Khanna as Chief Convener, Deepak Pandia Convener Admin, renowned financial expert and former Sr. Public sector banker Sh. M.K. Sharma as Convener Finance, Dr. L. C. Sharma was appointed as Mentor and Renu Negi as Convener Media Relations. The party's National Advisory Board includes renowned Election Technology provider ELECTION AWAAZ's Managing Editor J. P. Singh, Sr. Media



Correspondent and Ex Director ALL INDIA C O N S U M E R COUNCIL Sh. Alok Kumar, IAS Retired Gautam Marwah, Padma Shri Bharat Bhushan Tyagi and Brigadier Vinod Dutta. Brigadier Khanna is an international personality, he has rendered his services to the country by staying in the army. M. K. Sharma said that today's conditions have changed so much that all

areas including education, health, administration, agriculture, industry, including individuals, family, society, have become completely new and different. In such a situation, politics based on our age-old administrative structure has proved completely meaningless. The aim of our party is to bring door to door services with new reforms in Health, Agriculture,

Horticulture, Education and all other divisions so that people can function with 100 percent capacity in their services, employing 15 people from the same area in each Panchayat. Those who will provide every service at home, uniform arrangements, fee structure and other facilities in government and private schools are also to be made equal. It is a big truth that India is the largest democratic

republic in the world, which we are also proud of. But a country should be considered democratic only when there is good governance established through democracy, otherwise it would be a daydream. J. P. Singh said that if the system is changing then why should we not change, along with the leaders, the rating of citizens should also be fixed, when other countries can do it, why

should we not. The party's agenda is absolutely right, it is going to set a new direction. He gave the example of Prashant Manti Bhartoya Janaushdhi Pariyojana which is lacking mass acceptance in the country due to doctors not prescribing Generic drugs due to large multi-national drug companies mafia like hold and inducements prevalent through their system. This is gross violation of Supreme Court directions to Medical Council of India, the regulator of doctor's practicing certificate. JP Singh further stressed on the usage of IT and artificial intelligence methods to be implemented right from the beginning as effective utilization of data which is already existing with the govt.

Man caught with live bullet at Bengaluru airport

BENGALURU, MAR 16 (INS INDIA): A passenger was caught carrying a live bullet in his wallet at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Sunday evening.

The suspect claimed no knowledge of the ammunition that was found inside his wallet during security checks by personnel of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on duty at the Bengaluru airport.

According to airport sources, around 7 pm on Sunday when a flyer, identified later as Kartikaya Bhardwaj of North West Delhi, was intercepted after CISF personnel who

spotted something in his wallet placed inside his hand luggage and sent in for scan. He was immediately escorted off and physical examination of his bag unearthed a 7.65 (KF) mm active bullet compatible for a pistol.

Bhardwaj, who was scheduled to take SpiceJet flight SG 198 to Delhi from Bengaluru which took off at 8.19 pm on Sunday, claimed that he was unaware of how the bullet came in his bag. He claimed that he and his family had arrived in Bengaluru to attend some social events and was returning to Delhi on Sunday night.

Three die in road accidents

BANGALORE, MAY 16 (INS India): Three persons died in two separate road accidents in the city since Friday.

In the first accident, two non-technical Intel employees were killed after a speeding truck rammed the Kundalahalli, South East Bangalore, motorbike they were riding on Kundalahalli Main Road on Friday afternoon. The deceased are Gururaja Shetty from Mumbai and R Mahalingam from Tamil Nadu. Both were residents of Seegehalli.

The accident occurred around 2.15pm when they were riding back to their office, police said.

"Mahalingam died on the spot as the truck's wheels crushed him. Gururaja died at a private hospital around midnight," police said. The truck driver fled the scene leaving his vehicle behind.

In the second accident, a 55-year-old flower vendor died on the spot after an unidentified vehicle knocked her down at Sumanahalli junction early on Saturday. The deceased is M Yashodamma, a resident of Laggere. The accident occurred around 4.30am when Yashodamma was walking towards her daughter's house in Sumanahalli, police said. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Bengal elections: Amit Shah echoes Election Commission report on Nandigram incident

BANKURA/JHARG RAM, MAR 16 (INS INDIA): Union home minister Amit Shah broke his silence on the "attack" on chief minister Mamata Banerjee in Nandigram, saying the Election Commission in its report on the incident held that it was not an attack.

"Didi (Banerjee) had a leg injury. Trinamool says it was an attack. The EC says it was not an attack, it was an accident. God knows who is right. Didi, you are hurt because of the injury. Have you ever felt the pain of the mothers who lost their sons in TMC's political violence?" Shah said at a public meeting held in Bankura's Ramibandh.

"Didi, you are moving in a wheelchair. I would pray to God wishing for your fast recovery. But I would have been happy if you felt for the mothers, sisters and widows of the 130 BJP activists killed in your regime," the Union minister further said. Banerjee's leg injury

also figured in Shah's virtual speech in Jhargram on Monday. "My helicopter developed a snag but I won't call it a conspiracy," he told the Jhargram gathering from Kharagpur, taking a dig at Trinamool's "conspiracy" theory on the Nandigram incident.

Shah dropped the Jhargram rally, the first stop on his Bengal visit, prompting Trinamool to claim the "snag" was actually a case of poor turnout. Trinamool kept uploading pictures of the thin crowd in Jhargram.

Later, Shah in his tweet, along with an image of the crowd, wrote: "I thank you all for turning out in such large numbers. Let Jhargram be the harbinger of change and usher 'ashol paribartan'."

The home minister's chopper was scheduled to reach the Jhargram Rajbari helipad at 10.45am. Accordingly, BJP's Jhargram candidate Sukhamoy Satpathi made it to the rally

venue at Jamda Circus Maidan, where SP Indira Mukherjee was on duty.

Satpathi started announcing that BJP supporters were being "prevented" from entering the ground on the excuse of "security checking". The BJP leader then rushed to the checking point, where party supporters had a spat with police on duty. "Our supporters coming in vehicles have been stopped 5km from the rally spot," said Bengal BJP leader Tushar Mukherjee. Shah announced a host of promises for Adivasis and OBCs of Jangalmahal in his virtual address.

The home minister was to launch the Birsu Munda yatra from Jhargram, an important rural Bengal constituency, in memory of the Adivasi icon and other freedom fighters such as Sarda Prasad Kisku and poet Pandit Raghunath Murmu. Jhargram goes to polls on March 27.

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Bengal polls: Hooghly erupts over BJP list, party offices face heat

CHINSURAH/KOL KATA, AMR 16 (INS INDIA): Simmering resentment within the BJP over candidate selection spilled onto the streets of Hooghly on Monday, with angry party supporters ransacking the BJP district office in Chinsurah and putting the Chandernagore party office under lock and key.

Party old guards from Singur threatened to take the "ultimate course" if the BJP brass didn't replace 88-year-old Rabindranath Bhattacharya, a former minister and now candidate who joined the party just days before the nominee list was released. BJP supporters, led by Santosh Pandey, had "mobbed" party observer and Madhya Pradesh health minister

lodge in Apurbapur on Sunday, minutes after Bhattacharya was given a ticket.

On Monday, a BJP worker made a "suicide" attempt on railway tracks, fearing that a former Trinamool Congress strongman who recently joined the BJP may get the ticket from Hooghly's Saptagram. Nirupam Mukherjee, claiming to be a BJP worker since 1988, courted "suicide" as BJP leader Locket Chatterjee made a bid to arrange a ticket for "sand mafia" Debaprasad Biswas.

BJP veteran Krishna Bhattacharya from Konnagar has started writing graffiti, projecting herself as an independent candidate from Uttarpara against the "corrupt and

candidate without naming Prabir Ghoshal, who switched loyalties from Trinamool to BJP.

Trinamool leaders in Hooghly were amused at the wrangling match within the "country's largest party". Most Hooghly seats go to polls on April 6 and 10.

At Chandernagore's Bagbazar More, angry BJP supporters took out a rally on Monday afternoon demanding that local candidates be given a chance after the party gave a ticket to Bengal BJP office-bearer Dipanjan Guha.

BJP old guard Tandra Bhattacharya, fighting elections in Bengal since the days of Tapan Sikdar, said: "I fail to understand the logic behind candidate



BJP National President JP Nadda waves at party supporters during an election campaign roadshow, ahead of Bengal polls.

News Brief Chargesheet in caste-slur case

MUMBAI: The JJ Marg police station on Saturday filed a chargesheet in a local court against JJ hospital dean Dr T P Lahane in a caste-slur case filed against him by a temporary staffer. Dr Lahane on Friday night reported to the police station and furnished a personal bond. The chargesheet invokes the provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act "intentionally using insulting words against SC/ST members" and section 506 of IPC for an offence of criminal intimidation. They attract a maximum punishment of up to five years in jail. Minimum punishment under the special law is six months' imprisonment. Complainant Naresh Waghela had challenged the anticipatory bail order in the Bombay HC, which on Thursday issued notice to cops and Dr Lahane and sought their replies in three weeks. But the chargesheet means the probe investigation is complete and the custody of an accused is not required. Waghela had said his custodial interrogation was essential and the trial court should have considered its requirement in the case. Waghela had filed the complaint on February 14. The dean said all he had done was asked Waghela and others who were striking work to resume their duties. D Lahane said the criminal case as only filed because he had promoted another SC/ST member among the temporary workers as the 'mukadam' and not Waghela. The Dean had been barred for a week from entering the JJ Hospital premises or residing at his official accommodation on campus. Section 10 of the Act allowed a special judge to bar entry of an accused into a certain area. The court had earlier directed him against tampering with evidence. However when he got the pre-arrest bail, he was allowed to enter the premises. The dean had informed the court during his plea that he had himself handed over charge to someone else and offered to stay elsewhere after the public prosecutor said he might tamper with evidence.