

Metro

Summer camps at Bannerghatta

BENGALURU, DHNS: Beckoning children this summer, the Bannerghatta Biological Park is holding summer camps.

Starting from April 24 to May 3rd, the park will conduct camps for children of a group of 6 to 10 years every day with 30 children in each batch.

Every day the camps will be held from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at the park where children will be taught about various aspects of zoo management,



animal behaviour, careers in zoo and insight into wildlife conservation.

The kids will be taken around the zoo, butterfly park and safaris and provided with

lunch and snacks. For registration and further details, contact educationbbp@gmail.com or call 8884414262 or 080-29776466.

In city today

CULTURAL Kalaveti: Nriyotsava, a three-day dance festival on Kathak, Kuchipudi, Odissi and Bharatanatyam; MES auditorium, 15th Cross, Malleswaram; 6.15 pm.

Lasya Vardhana Trust: Purvi Rangarohana, Shiva Shakti - a thematic solo dance performance by Purvi V Bhat, Ravindra Kalashretra, JC Road; 5.30 pm.

Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha: Musical programme by Dr Pantula Rama and team; Purandara Bhavana, 8th Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage; 5.30 pm.

SLK Foundation: State of the Art 2019, an exhibition-cum-sale of prize-winning paintings of upcom-

ing young artists of India; Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat, Art Gallery No 1, Kumar Krupa Road; 11 am onwards.

RELIGIOUS Sri Kshetra Sri Shaneshwara Swamy Charitable Trust: 39th anniversary; Shani Shanti Home and Kumbaabisheka, Hebbal, Ballari Road; 1.30 am onwards.

Vedanta Satsanga Kendra: Discourse by Dr KG Subraya Sharma on 'Aathmaikatham', Vedanta Nilaya, Saakama Garden, Basavanagudi; 9 am.

Paramartha Vichara Sangha Trust: Discourse on 'Sreerama Pattabhisheka' by Dr KG Subraya Sharma; Adityatma mandira, VV Puram; 7.45 am.

City weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy sky. Rain and thundershowers very likely to occur towards evening and night in some parts of the city.

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	33.2C
Minimum	21.4C
Rainfall	---
Humidity	52%
Sunrise	6:04 am
Sunset	6:33 pm
Moonrise	7:34 pm
Moonset	6:46 am

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

Goons, builders threaten NGT panel during lake inspection

Members threatened in officials' presence; BDA asks for security

Bosky Khanna

BENGALURU, DHNS: Members of a committee constituted by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) are facing threats from goons and builders during their visits to Bellandur and Varthur lakes. They have now decided to inform the green panel.

Worried over the safety of the committee members and about its image, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has requested the government to provide security to the members inspecting the waterbodies.

"Some of the committee members had told us about the threats they got from local goons. But a few days ago, dur-



Members of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) committee received threats from goons and builders while inspecting Bellandur and Varthur lakes. DH FILE PHOTO/S K DINESH

ing an inspection, even we witnessed the threats from goons from Kolar and Bengaluru," said a senior BDA official on

contaminated waterbodies, shrinking wetlands and buffer zones. So to ensure that there are no untoward incidents, we have requested the state government to provide them security all time, especially while on inspection," the official said.

T V Ramachandra, an NGT committee member and professor at IISc, said he was threatened many times in the past. But this has continued even after he became the committee member.

He said the goons had even issued death threats to him.

Recalling a recent incident, he said while he along with committee chief and retired Lokayukta Justice N Santosh Hegde and U V Sin-

gh were inspecting KC valley and the two lakes, despite the presence of officials, they were threatened with dire consequences.

The committee has taken note of the contamination in Kolar waterbodies and the two lakes. The committee also noted of the violations of the 30-metre buffer zone ruling also.

"The people affected by the findings and reports do not seem to be amused and have realised that they were in trouble. It seems to be a reaction to that. Some experts and volunteers at Bellandur and Varthur lakes even identified the goons associated with political parties and influential," another member of the committee said.

Kacheguda Express coaches get decoupled

BENGALURU, DHNS: Two AC coaches of a superfast train got uncoupled and a portion of the toilet fell on the tracks near Channasandra station on Friday evening, delaying the train by about four hours.

The Mysuru-Kacheguda Superfast Express (12786) had arrived in Bengaluru around 6.30 pm and passed Baiyappanahalli station at 6.53 pm. "The parting of train happened at 7.06 pm between Baiyappanahalli and Channasandra Railway Division. Two 3AC coaches were affected and are being replaced now. The train may continue its journey by 10.30 pm (sic)," South Western Railway CPRO E Vijaya said.

The train has 24 coaches besides the engine which had pulled away the first eight bogies, leaving two-thirds of the rake behind. But since the train was running at a slow speed of 15 kmph, the loco pilot stopped the engine about 100 metres further.



The separated coaches of the Kacheguda Superfast Express.

To a question, Vijaya said no injuries were reported. "We are assessing the damage as well as the cause that led to the incident. Loose coupling doesn't seem to be the cause. We will know the answer only after the assessment," she said.

Images from the scene showed the vestibule of the train was damaged though the shell the coach remained intact. The toilet portion of a coach was ripped apart and fell on the ground, blocking the movement. Sources said an accident relief train was necessary to clear the tracks to facilitate the train's journey.

NGT notice to BBMP over houses under power lines

Homes in Ashwath Nagar under scanner



It's illegal to construct a house under high-power transmission lines. DH FILE PHOTO FOR REPRESENTATION PURPOSE

NEW DELHI: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to submit a report on the allegation of illegal construction of houses and shops under the high power transmission lines and encroachment of stormwater drains in Ashwath Nagar area of North Bengaluru.

Hearing a petition, the NGT principal bench headed by Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said the BBMP should submit factual and action taken report in a month.

Petitioner Sharat R K alleged that in Ashwath Nagar, Thanisandra Main Road, which comes under the BBMP Ward No 6, houses and shops

were illegally constructed under the overhead power lines without safety distance, violating the rules.

The petitioner also alleged that stormwater drains connected to lakes are encroached upon, resulting in untreated wastewater being discharged to the drains.

Roads are blocked due to illegal construction and parking, the petitioner said.

Though the petitioner sent a mail to the NGT about his complaint, the green bench treated it as the petition.

The next hearing will be on July 5. **DH News Service**

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Veggie prices soar as poll code keeps traders away

Sandesh MS

BENGALURU, DHNS: Vegetable prices that soared with the onset of summer have shot through the roof in the last few days. Reason? Retailers have stayed away from the market because of curbs on carrying cash owing to the model code of conduct.

The prices rose steadily as the summer set in. Beans, carrot and tomato became especially pricier. Bengaluru gets the vegetables from the villages of Kolar, Malur, Devanahalli, Magadi and Hosur.

Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, Chairman, APMC committee, Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), said supplies to markets were not affected much but fewer retailers were ready to take the vegetables to the last mile.

"They are scared of carrying cash during the model code of conduct. This is also true of those coming to the market from Jayanagar," he said. "Once the cash is seized, there is no guarantee that the traders will get it back as they cannot bring documents to support their claim. This has



Labourers unload vegetables in Kalasipalyam on Friday. DH PHOTO/S K DINESH

resulted in a shortage in local markets."

In the wholesale market, the prices of beans and carrot have crossed Rs 100 and Rs 60, respectively. Traders expect the price to rise further if the weather remains the same.

In the wholesale market at Kalasipalyam, the price of beans varies between Rs 100 and Rs 140 per kilogram depending on the quality. Double beans cost Rs 150 per kg. In the retail market, they are being sold for Rs 200-250. In some places, the price has even touched Rs 300. If carrot costs Rs 60/kg in the whole-



In some places, beans are being sold for Rs 300 per kg. The Kalasipalyam wholesale market on Friday. DH PHOTO/S K DINESH

Heavy on the pocket

VEGETABLE	WHOLESALE RATE	RETAIL RATE
Beans	Rs 100-140/kg	Rs 200-Rs 250
Carrot	Rs 60	Rs 80-Rs 100
Radish	Rs 30-Rs 35	Rs 50-Rs 60
Brinjal	Rs 30-Rs 40	Rs 60-Rs 70
Ladies' finger	Rs 20-Rs 25	Rs 40-Rs 50
Onion	Rs 10-Rs 15	Rs 25-Rs 30
Tomato	Rs 20-Rs 25	Rs 35-Rs 40
Potato	Rs 35	Rs 40-Rs 50

election, suppliers have not turned up at the market for the past two days. We are a little worried about the supply of beans, which has taken a hit for a few days. If the situation continues, beans will cost Rs 200 per kg in the wholesale market itself by the next week," he added.

School/College corner