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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Item wise sealed bids in duplicate with the name of the work superscribed thereon are invited from the eligible registered civil contractor in KPWD, who have experience in execution of works similar in nature for the following Civil Engineering works under Gulbarga Circle.

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Class of Contractor: Class III and above (for each work). Cost of Blank tender form (including VAT 5.50%): Rs. 265/- (for Sl.No. 1 to 21 & 23 to 35) and Rs. 530/- (for Sl.No. 22 & 36).

(1) The last date for receipt of requisition for issue of blank bids documents from the contractor is on or before 20.05.2014 upto 1.00 pm. The Cost of Blank tender form in the form of Demand Draft shall be drawn in favour of The Superintending Engineer (Elec), Trans(W&M/C), KPTEL, payable at Gulbarga.

66 pc Green Cover Lost in 40 Yrs: Study

Express News Service

Bangalore: A study by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has found that vegetation in Bangalore has decreased by 66 per cent and water bodies by 74 per cent in the last 40 years.

Prof TV Ramachandran of IISc's Centre for Environmental Sciences presented the study conducted by his team and KSPCB at a press conference here.

The study was done through remote sensing techniques and its analysis says the spatial extent of tree vegetation in Bangalore is 100.02 sq km (4.08 per cent). Vegetation is minimum in wards such as Chickpet, Shivajinagar, Kempapura Agrahara and Padarayanapura with less than hundred trees while wards such as Varthur, Bellandur and Agaram have higher vegetation cover of more than 300 hectares.

The study adds that the computation of trees per person shows that Shivajinagar, Dayanada Nagar, Chickpet, Padarayanapura and Kempapura Agrahara wards have less than one tree for every 500 people.

Intra city analyses show that major cities such as Gandhinagar have 416 trees for every 100 people followed by Bangalore with 17 trees, Brhan Mumbai with 15 trees and Ahmedabad with 11 trees.

Urban vegetation plays a vital role as it moderates the micro climate of the city and sequesters carbon that is retained and used later by plants in life processes as well as aids in the percolation of water.

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RAINS BRING RELIEF

Bangalore: The pleasant weather and rains since Wednesday made city residents feel better on Thursday. Sources in the Meteorological Department said a low pressure area over Tamil Nadu, Kerala and southern Karnataka has led to rains. Temperatures have dipped considerably below normal.

A vehicle passing through the water-logged Ring Road after rain on Thursday. (S. RAMASUBRAMANIAN)

Street Lights: Contractors to be Fined

Express News Service

Bangalore: BBMP's Ward-level Works Committee is contemplating to impose a fine of ₹1,000 on contractors in each ward for poor maintenance of street lights.

Committee Chairman A H Basavaraju, who along with officials went on an inspection drive in various parts of the city on Wednesday night, said a fine amount of ₹9,200 was imposed on erring contractors.

The committee members inspected Kempegowda Road, Mysore Bank Circle, Palace Road, T V Tower Road, Cantonment, Queens Road, Subbaiah Circle, Lalbagh Road, Kanakapura Road, Bannerghatta Road and other areas.

Warning the erring contractors of terminating their contracts, he said: "Notices have been issued to firms that have bagged the tenders and have failed in their work. If a company receives more than three notices, it will be blacklisted."

light equipment, man power and material has increased. The prevailing government rates will be adopted for new tenders, he added.

Park Construction Approved

Basavaraju said the committee, under the purview of ward level works, has approved the construction of K S Narasimhaswamy Park at Gandhi Bazaar at a cost of ₹99 lakh.

He also said the BBMP will celebrate Kempegowda Jayanti in all 198 wards between June 1 and 18. "Each ward will be given ₹2 lakh for the celebrations. The event at the BBMP head office is yet to be finalised. It could be held on June 21 or 26. The awardees list is yet to be finalised," said Basavaraju.

Legends' Portraits in BBMP Offices

The Ward-level Works Committee has issued a circular to put up uniform sized portraits of Sir M Visvesvaraya at all additional and joint commissioners' offices, sub-division and sub-zonal offices and other BBMP offices. "We want to immortalize Sir M Visvesvaraya by putting up his pictures in all BBMP offices for his immense contribution. Apart from this, pictures of Dr B R Ambedkar and Bengaluru founder Kempegowda will be put up in all BBMP offices before the end of May," Basavaraju said.

BBMP to Crack Whip on Plastic Firms, Hotel

Bangalore: In order to crack the whip on shops and industries that sell or produce plastic items below 40 microns in city areas, BBMP's South Zone officials inspected them and imposed fines on two industries in Dharmaraya Swamy Temple Ward Number 119. A fine of ₹40,000 was imposed on each firm and 93 kilos of plastic that

was below 40 micron was seized. During an inspection in Chikkalsandra, officials found that New Prashanth Hotel had violated garbage norms and had dumped leftovers and waste on the footpath.

Assistant Engineer Umesh, who questioned Ramesh, a hotel staff, said that the hotel staff did not care about the rules and dared officials to impose a penalty and cancel the hotel's trade license.

"Following this behaviour, we informed higher authorities including the Joint Commissioner of the zone and locked the hotel. The owners have been asked to give an explanation to higher officials of the BBMP," said Umesh.

Innovation Takes Wing at Students' Expo

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Bangalore: BHEL Director Ajit T Kalghati inaugurated the Open Day project exhibition at MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology, on Thursday.

Students from various disciplines of the college are exhibiting their projects at the two-day event.

For the first time in the history of the annual event, varying intensity depending on the number of people present.



BHEL Director Ajit T Kalghati, MSR Developers directors Baksha Ram

Another innovative project that seeks to make waste management more efficient is the Smart Dustbin by the students of the Computer Science department. The prototype which has won numerous awards detects different types of waste - plastic, metal and wet waste and segregates it. An indi-

Red Cross Day Observed

Bangalore: The Red Cross Society observed World Red Cross Day on Thursday to mark the 187th birth anniversary of its founder Jean Henry Dunant.

Lauding the work being done by the society in blood donation, Upa Lokayukta Justice Subhash B Adhi said: "According to law, blood brothers are siblings born from the same parents. But through the donation of blood, we can all become

some hospitals in villages don't even have necessary equipment to store blood. Hence they cannot do the needful when situations arise," observed.

Kannada actress Shruthi, sharing an experience in which she had to donate blood during an outdoor shoot, said: "My cameraman started vomiting blood when we were shooting in a place far away from city limits. The nearest hospital was 20 km

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