

### In brief

#### Last date extended

» The DPUE has uploaded 26,000 scanned answer scripts so far and 40,000 more are under process. The last date to apply for reevaluation has been extended to June 9, said the DPUE director Ramegowda.

#### Man held with banned substance

» The Narcotics Control Bureau sleuths arrested a man and seized 878 gram Methamohetamine, a banned substance worth Rs 35 lakh. The suspect had kept the psychotropic substance among bags of food and pickles. He was caught at check-in baggage counter. The suspect was to leave for Bangkok by a Thai Airways flight. He was produced before Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances court.

#### Bus fares hiked

» Commuters who travel by air-conditioned Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation buses will have to shell more. Both the transport corporations have decided to increase the fare by six per cent. The corporation was prompted to take the decision after Finance Minister Arun Jaitley imposed service tax on state carriage AC buses in the recent Union budget.

#### Patient dies, kin go on flash stir

» The death of a patient led to tension at Mangala hospital in Yeshwantpur on Thursday evening as the victim's relatives staged a flash protest and broke windowpanes of the hospital. Salma was rushed to the hospital for treatment late afternoon and a doctor administered some injections. Salma's health deteriorated and she died after a while. Salma's relatives alleged that she died after the doctor administered the wrong injection. Some of them even broke the windowpanes. The police rushed to the spot on being alerted and controlled the situation. However, the victim's relatives are yet to lodge a complaint, said the police

#### Polytechnic diploma course

» The Directorate of Technical Education has extended the last date for downloading and submitting the applications for the first year Polytechnic diploma course 2016-17 from May 30 to June 10.

The students should have passed SSLC or any other equivalent exam with a minimum of 35 per cent to apply for the diploma course. Keeping the students' welfare in mind, the Directorate of Technical Education has extended the last date to download the applications, document verification and online submission of the filled-in applications to the government colleges and government aided colleges to June 10, till 5 pm.

#### PG diploma course

» The Indian Institute of Packaging, an autonomous body under Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India, has announced admissions for two-year post-graduate diploma in packaging. The candidates should have passed a graduate degree examination in science with a minimum of second class to be qualified to apply for the course. The last date to apply is June 10. The entrance exam will be conducted on June 17 at the Indian Institute of Packaging, Bengaluru.

#### Detergent making course

» The Multi-Disciplinary Training Centre (MSME), Khadi and Village Industries Commission, under the Ministry of MSME, GoI, is organising a training in detergent cake making from June 3 to 18 on MSME premises, Vijayanapura, Doornanagar, B'uru-560016. Call 99676 70431 for information.

# Army better placed to revive lake, say residents, experts

## Departments claim they have know-how for undertaking task

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**BENGALURU:** The proposal by the Army to revive Bellandur lake has received a mixed response.

Departments involved in the revival of the lake are claiming that they have expertise to handle the problem, but residents and experts opine that the Army can do a better and faster job. Mahendra Jain, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, and chairperson of the expert committee for restoration of Bellandur lake, said portions of the water body abutting defence areas like near HAL and Agara were well taken care of. Their proposal seems to be nice, but a decision will be taken later.

The Bangalore Development Authority is the custodian of the Bellandur lake. Jain is also the BDA Board chairperson.

But this proposal has not gone down well with BDA officials. A BDA official said, "BDA has revived many lakes in the past and our engineers are qualified. The help of the Army is not needed. However, a decision will be taken by the Board."

The BDA is awaiting government funds to revive 25 lakes under its limits in the last one year. The state government is also awaiting a Rs 500-crore grant from the central government, to revive Bellandur and Varthur lakes. This was promised by Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar during his last visit to Bengaluru, in 2015.



**ECO WATCH** The frothing due to the flow of chemical effluents into the Bellandur lake has been a cause for concern. DH FILE PHOTO

B V Satish, BBMP executive engineer (lakes), said that the Army has a condition that sewage flow should be stopped. "But 99% of the problem is sewage entering Bellandur lake. Once sewage is stopped, the lake will revive by itself. There is no need for anyone to do anything."

Prof T V Ramachandra from the Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, who is a part of the expert committee, said that

allowing the Army to revive the lake was the best solution as so far, nothing has been done. They have technology and expertise. The Army's eco-battalion is doing a good job in cleaning River Ganga. The government will hand over the task to contractors, who will make money. The contractors and the departments will dry up and desilt the lake. Wet dredging is ideal for such a huge water body and the Army

has the technology. Former member of the Bellandur Panchayat K Jagannath said that the government was considering the proposal by the Namma Bengaluru Foundation. But, if the Army revives it, then there is no problem, he said.

### No scope for ownership

Ajai Mishra, CEO of the Karnataka Lake Development and Conservation Authority, said there is a norm by the state government which the Army will have to comply. There cannot be ownership or commercial interest in the lake. Lakes cannot be leased also. They can only contribute towards rejuvenation, as part of charity or philanthropic activity. Let a proposal come to the government and then a decision will be taken, he said.

# 2 blind monkeys are nannies to rescued animals

**BENGALURU:** Two blind Bonnet Macaques residing in the People for Animals (PFA) shelter in Kengeri have turned out to be a blessing in disguise for young rescued primates, rescuers and veterinarians. Elizabeth (13) and Nanny (14) are nurturing young primates by extending motherly love and affection.

Nanny was rescued and rehabilitated at PFA 4 years ago after she was hit by a car. Elizabeth made PFA her home when she was six years old. A vegetable vendor had thrown acid on her when she was trying to steal vegetables.

So far, Elizabeth has taken care of 10 babies, while Nanny has already nurtured 6 and is handling three others at present. Dr Karthik M, veterinarian at PFA told *Deccan Herald* that these two primates have not been trained and the caretakers have minimal interaction with them, except when their enclosure has to be changed or



**Blind Bonnet Macaque Nanny nurtures the young primates at the People for Animals shelter in Kengeri.** DH PHOTO

they have to be fed. "It seems like they have a natural maternal instinct as they have been mothers before. They are also comfortable with the place and

surroundings that they seem to be psychologically helping other animals relax and make the shelter their home," he explained.

The PFA houses 264 animals of which there are 77 kites, 28 parakeets and other birds, 38 monkeys, 30 terrapins and 3 snakes.

"It also seems like it's mostly to do with company. There are rescued birds who learn to peck on food by way of observation. That's not the case with the two primates. Elizabeth and Nanny, compared to other animals, are also calmer. Their maternal instincts also seem very high," he said.

### Abandoned primates

The veterinarians and caretakers nurture abandoned primates when they are toddlers. "When they turn two-and-half to three months, the young primates are allowed to mingle with Elizabeth and Nanny who take care of them. These nannies comfort them and help them learn, through natural instincts, how to feed themselves and even 'monkey tricks'," Karthik said.

# Age no hindrance for this dancing duo

## Childhood dream drove them to learn Bharatanatyam

**BENGALURU:** Age is just a number and life is endless, goes a saying. This is indeed true as the city will get to witness a rare Bharatanatyam performance by two senior artistes.

Come June 4, Minakshi Thakor (59) and Deva Nahata (67) will present a Bharatanatyam performance 'Swapnaakaar- Living the Dream of Dancing Feet', directed by Bharathi Vittal.

For Minakshi this is the first stage performance. Nahata is a trained Bharatanatyam dancer.

The artistes said that their childhood dreams of learning dance motivated them to learn Bharatanatyam and perform one day.

Minakshi, a mother of two children, said, "I happened to visit a Bharatanatyam dance class a few years ago and wondered if I also could learn the



**Minakshi Thakor and Deva Nahata.**

dance form. I took dance classes under the guidance of Shobhana Rajendran and her daughters Leena and Lekha in Vadodra. Now, I am all set to

fulfill my desire to perform on the stage for the first time."

Donning many caps as a writer, poet, singer and Bharatanatyam dancer is Deva Nahata, a former student of K M Raman, who is being trained by Bharathi Vittal at present. She performed her first Nritya Abhinaya in 2010 at the age of 60 and there has been no looking back ever since.

Nahata said, "I received the Brahmi Kala Award by Vihar Manch, Kolkata in 2012. Last year, I presented the Bharatanatyam performance 'Bhavabhinaya', a blend of Hindi poetic compositions, some of them written by me. This will be my seventh solo performance and my aim is to keep learning. Minakshi and I are practising regularly and I am really looking forward to performing."

To watch the performance of the two dance enthusiasts, head to KEA Prabhat Auditorium, Kamalanagar where the show will start at 6.30 pm on June 4.

around 500 people are expected to participate in the plantation drive, of which 250 have already confirmed. Forest officials will also be present. A forest official said that there was huge amount of land in east Bengaluru which remains green only on paper. There is a need to protect such urban forest patches from encroachment. Plantation drives involving people will help, as they will have a role in ensuring protection and the efforts will lead to young citizen forest wardens.

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**A still from the play 'Where the Shadow Ends.'**

# 'Where the Shadow Ends' at Rangashankara today

**BENGALURU:** Kriyative theatre, a city-based bilingual theatre group is back with yet another creative and experimental play.

'Where the Shadow Ends', an English play, will be staged on June 3. It tickles one into thinking through its unique plot.

Directed and designed by Veena Basavarajaiah, the play has seasoned actor Lakshmi Chandrashekar, dancer Preeti Bharadwaj, Serbian performer Kristian Al-droubi and actor-cum-lighting designer Vinay Chandra.

The play presents a contemporary interpretation of an epic, which is common across cultures by blending varied performing arts such as music, storytelling, rhythm, choreography, poetry among others.

Veena, also a contemporary choreographer, said, "The play travels seamlessly through myths, history and modern realities exploring the space between realities and shadows of the past. This is the first time, the play is being premiered in the city and the country. Based on the response from the audience, more shows would be

arranged. This is a dream come true project as I got to work with a talented bunch of people."

Scripted by Shreekanth Rao, the play revolves around complex concepts that may not be easily understandable by children below the age of 12, Veena, who makes her debut as a director with this play, added.

Lakshmi Chandreshekar said, "I am excited to be part of the play. The concept was developed six months back and we have been developing it as we were rehearsing. It has evolved beautifully."

The team is keen to take the play across the country and worldwide. They are planning to travel to Serbia and stage the play there as well. Kriyative Theatre Trust, founded by Lakshmi Chandrashekar, has rendered more than 500 performances in the country and given more than 50 performances abroad.

The one hour and 15 minute-long play will be staged at Rangashankara, JP Nagar First Phase at 7.30 pm and each ticket is priced at Rs 200.



**The 1.7 km-long model footpath and road from the South End Circle to Ganesha Temple has been developed at a cost of Rs 1.6 crore under the TenderSURE project.** DH PHOTO

# 'This model footpath and road are worth emulating'

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** The model footpath and road in Yediyur ward was inaugurated today. This wastage of money should be investigated. The statement embarrassed Mayor B N Manjunath Reddy who said the cost of TenderSURE project shot up because of the shifting of the utilities beneath the footpath. He, however, agreed that there are some shortcomings in the TenderSURE project which will be corrected later. The Mayor also hailed the model footpath and road, which has all the facilities.

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# Transformer accident causes power outages

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** An accidental fire in one of the transformers of 400/220 KV line at Hoody plunged many areas in North and Eastern parts of Bengaluru into darkness from 3 am on Thursday till afternoon.

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (Bescom) Managing Director Pankaj Kumar Pandey told *Deccan Herald* that power supply got effected because one of the transformers caught fire at around 3 am in the morning. The power supply across the city was restored by Thursday noon. The Bescom received 13,000 calls and 11,000 complaints, till 2:30 pm on Thursday, from the residents of the aforementioned areas, stating interruption in power supply and power outages for long hours without prior information. A senior Bescom official added that one of the three interconnected 440/220 KV

transformers in Hoody had caught fire. They were intimidated by their KPCL counterparts and had to immediately rush to the spot to control the fire. The transformer had caught fire at midnight due to some technical issues and it took more than half an hour for the power corporations to control the fire. Inquiry is underway to ascertain the cause and it will be restored soon, said a KPCL official.

Due to this accident the downstream supply lines in HAL, Hebbal, ITPL, Manyata Tech Park, Kadubeesanahalli, Banaswadi, Hennur and surrounding areas were affected. By Thursday evening, the problem was fixed. Loads were shifted to 220 KV Malur station and to Subramanyapura and HSR Layout stations. The loads were normalised by Thursday evening, the BESCOC official added.

### In city today

**GENERAL**  
**Karnataka Media Academy:** Discussion on "Defamation treated as criminal offence - Impact on media," Minister Roshan Baig to take part, Hotel Parag, Raj Bhavan Road, 11 am.  
**Bangalore International Centre:** Talk on "Einstein's Century-old prediction verified at last, the momentous discovery of gravitational waves," Professor Ajit Kembhavi to preside, Auditorium, Bangalore International Centre, 4th Main Road, Domlur II Stage, Domlur, 6.30 pm.  
**Kannada and Culture Department and Karnataka Shilpakala Academy:** Workshop on "Wood Carving," inauguration by Mahadevappa, President of Shilpakala Academy, District Children Protection Unit, M H

Marigowda Road, near Kidwai Hospital, 11 am.  
**Banjara Academy:** Helping hand talk on "Is it good to take risks?," by Dr Ali Khwaja, Banjara Academy, No 84, R V Road, Basavangudi, near Lalbagh West Gate, 4 pm.  
**National Institute of Advanced Studies:** Public lecture on "Engineering of need and want" by Dr Purnendu Ghosh from the Birla Institute of Scientific Research, Lecture Hall, NIAS, IISc Campus, 3.30 pm.  
**Centre for Child and Law:** Two-day workshop by state-level school development and supervision committee, inauguration by litterateur Baraguru Ramachandrapa, Student Christian Movement of India, CSI Compound, Mission Road, 11 am.

**CULTURAL**  
**Nrithya Lahari Kala Kendra Trust:** Bharatanatyam Rangapravesh by Manjushri, Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road, 6 pm.  
**Academy of Music:** Kannada drama festival - "Ranga Rangoli," staging of the drama - "Shivarathri," Chowdiah Memorial Hall, JD Park Layout, Vyalikaval, 7.30 pm.  
**Sri Maruthi Janapada Cultural Association, in association with Kannada and Culture Department:** "Haadu Hase" - a musical programme, Kalagrama, Mallathahalli, 5 pm.  
**Heritage Foundation of Art and Culture:** "Nazariya," a painting exhibition portraying children's view on environment, Venkatappa Art Gallery, Kasturba Road, 10 am.

**Alliance Francaise:** Young talent programme, art exhibition on the theme "Bengaluru" by artist Archana Narendran, Alliance Francaise, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthnagar, 10 am.  
**RELIGIOUS**  
**Paramartha Vichara Sangha Trust:** Lecture on Brahmasutra Bhashyam by Dr K G Subraya Sharma; Adhyatma Mandira, V V Puram; 7:45 am.  
**Vedanta Satsanga Kendra:** Lecture on "Bruhadaranyaka Upanishat" by K G Subraya Sharma, Vedanta Nilaya, Sakamma Gardens, Basavangudi, 9 am.  
**Sri Ramakrishna Seva Trust:** "Geetha Gnana Yagna" - Bhagavad Gita - Chapter Six - by Sree Swamy Abhayachaitanya, Sree Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Devi Temple, 8th Cross, Malleswaram, 6.30 pm.

### City weather

**FORECAST:** Generally cloudy.

TEMPERATURES	
Maximum	33.3 C
Minimum	21.0 C
Rainfall	20.3
Humidity	87 pc
Sunrise	5:53 am
Sunset	6:43 pm
Moonrise	4:07 am
Moonset	4:59 pm

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