

## Roza timings



IFTAR: 6.45 PM (FRI)  
SEHRI: 4.29 AM (SAT)

## In brief

## Foreign language courses

Bangalore University has invited applications from eligible candidates for admissions to various courses in Certificate / Diploma / Higher Diploma / Advance Diploma in foreign languages like French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Finnish, Russian and Arabic. The candidates who have completed their pre-university course can apply. The application forms will be issued at the Centre for Global Languages (application fee is Rs 300). Interested candidates may contact the coordinator, Centre for Global Languages, Bangalore University, P K Block, Palace Road. For details, contact: 2296 1280.

## Healthcare initiative

The Apollo Hospitals had organised medical camps in the City on Thursday, which covered people from Weavers Colony, Banerghatta Road, Jayanagar and Shankar Mutt Park. As many as 9,000 doctors from Apollo Hospitals across the country recently took a pledge to make healthcare affordable and accessible to all, as part of an initiative. Under the initiative, at least four medical camps were organised in the city for the first time. At least 500 women who visited these camps were offered free consultancy on health and pregnancy. The Apollo Hospitals will be conducting free medical camps across the city on 9th of every month to address the health issues.

## Paediatric ventilator donated

A paediatric ventilator was donated to the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology on Thursday under the Rotary Club of Bangalore Cantonment's "Project Hope." The contribution was made possible with support received under the Corporate Social Responsibility of the Cognizant Foundation, Syndicate Bank and with funds and efforts made by the Rotary Club members. The machine costing over Rs 20 lakh was donated to the paediatric wing of the Kidwai Institute. Speaking on the occasion, President D Ashok of the Rotary Cantonment said that it gave him immense pleasure to realise that a meaningful contribution was made towards paediatric healthcare.

## Date extended

The Diploma CET conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority will be held on July 3. The last date for applying has been re-extended from June 8 to June 12 and the last date for paying fees is June 13.

## Workshop

Smart Cities India Foundation will be organising a half-day workshop on Smart Mobility for Bengaluru on June 10 at 10 am onwards. Arvind Jadhav, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, and Ramana Reddy, Principal Secretary, Transport department, will participate.

## 2-day symposium

The Data Centre and Analytics Lab at the Indian Institute of Management - Bangalore will host a two-day symposium on Business Analytics and Intelligence on June 11 and 12.

## Yoga camp

The Arogya Mandira Trust will organise a free yoga camp from June 13 to June 21 at No 148, 1st 'R' Block, Rajajinagar. For details, call 98455 57078.

# Metro Phase 2: Civil work starts on Mysuru Road-Kengeri stretch

## Casting yard set up at Kanminike near Bidadi: BMRCL

Naveen Menezes

**BENGALURU:** Bringing forth a visible sign of progress on the second phase of Namma Metro, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) started erecting rebars on the eight-km-long stretch between Mysuru Road and Kengeri, the western extension of Purple line.

This is part of the Phase-II of Namma Metro project, which will span over 72.095 km (13.79 km underground) and 61 stations, of which 12 will be underground.

Consisting of extensions of four existing lines and two new lines (Gottigere to Nagawara and R V Road to Bommasandra), the BMRCL has estimated to spend Rs 26,405.14 crore.

Pradeep Singh Kharola, BMRCL Managing Director, told *Deccan Herald* that the process of land acquisition, road widening



Work begins on Mysuru Road to extend Metro's western line till Kengeri. DH PHOTO

and shifting of utilities was complete and the civil work had already begun on Mysuru road to Kengeri stretch that connects Bangalore University and Kengeri satellite bus station among others.

The construction work has been awarded to two contractors on the Mysuru Road to Kengeri stretch. IL&FS Engineering Construction Company Limited is going to construct 3.94 km viaduct and four sta-

## New stations

- Nayandahalli
- Rajarajeshwari Nagar
- Bangalore University Cross
- Pattanagere
- Mailasandra
- Kengeri

terminal-Kengeri Extension of western line is expected to cost Rs 1,867.95 crore. Meanwhile, BMRCL has said that land acquisition, road widening and shifting of utilities from Nayandahalli station to Kengeri arch bridge and Challaghatta depot is complete.

The BMRCL has also completed issuing compensation packages for properties, the report stated. Moreover, the corporation has almost completed issuing compensation packages for property owners between the proposed Baiyapanahalli to Whitefield Metro station.

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A nine-member expert committee inspects Varthur lake on Thursday, as part of the government's efforts to revive two of the dirtiest waterbodies in Bengaluru. Mahendra Jain, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, heads the committee. DH PHOTO

# Dirty froth greets govt panel at Varthur lake

**BENGALURU:** A government-appointed expert committee, which went on a field inspection of Varthur lake on Thursday, experienced during the four-hour visit what local residents face every day: contaminated froth flying all around and into their faces.

The nine-member team had some unpleasant encounters. It surveyed two waste weirs and inlet points. It noticed construction debris dumped on one side of the lake and unsegregated waste lying on the other. Locals pointed to a portion of the lake that had been encroached upon. The committee instructed the Revenue Department to survey the area and submit a report.

The visit is part of the government's efforts to revive Bellandur and Varthur lakes, two of the dirtiest waterbodies in Bengaluru. Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, Mahendra Jain, is chairperson of the committee. The committee had inspected Bellandur lake on June 2. The team was unable to sail into Varthur lake in Army boats, as it had done in Bellandur. Poor communication between the Bangalore Development Authority (which is custodian of the lake and organised the field inspection) and the Army personnel led to dropping of the plan.

The committee has so far met twice and made two field visits. Jain said there was an

immediate need to instal a large sewage treatment plant at Bellandur lake and a smaller one at Varthur lake. "Our priority is Bellandur lake as water flows downstream from here to Varthur," he said.

On the request of locals, the team also visited Ammanikere in Kundlahalli, where waste is being illegally dumped. The committee found that a portion of the lake land was under litigation with the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), which needed to be examined.

## Next course of action

The committee will meet next on June 16 and decide the next course of action on reviving the two lakes. It will submit the reports of its field visits to the government.

The Cabinet will have to approve the recommendations. Jain said people and nonprofits could send suggestions to the Urban Development Department by June 16.

T V Ramachandra, committee member and professor at Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, said the committee discussed accepting a proposal to revive the lakes. He said civic officials had suggested diverting sewage downstream, but it was inappropriate as that would contaminate water downstream to villagers and onward to Tamil Nadu. The only solution is to treat the sewage, he said. **DH News Service**

## 4 men rob pharma staffer of Rs 9L cash

**BENGALURU:** Four unidentified persons assaulted an employee of a pharma company and made away with the cash of Rs 9 lakh near Cemetery Road in Shanthi Nagar on Wednesday noon.

According to the police, Karthik, an employee of a private pharmaceutical company, was going to a bank in Shanthi Nagar to deposit Rs 9 lakh cash in his bike. Four persons in two bikes waylaid Karthik and picked up an argument with him for riding in a rash and negligent manner.

The gang of four thrashed Karthik and made away with Rs 9 lakh cash kept in the utility box of his bike. Karthik has lodged a complaint in Ashok Nagar police station. **DH News Service**



CHOCK-O-BLOCK: The movement of vehicles was badly affected between Marathahalli and the Silk Board on the Outer Ring Road after a large tree fell (inset) near Iblur Junction on Sarjapur Road on Thursday. DH PHOTO

## Tree fall near Iblur Jn causes massive traffic snarl

### Policemen struggle to clear branches, BBMP team arrives late

**BENGALURU:** Vehicular movement between Marathahalli and Agara came to a grinding halt for a few hours on Thursday as a huge tree came crashing down near Iblur Junction.

The BBMP's apathy in rushing a team to clear the tree only

worsened the situation as vehicles piled up in a long queue. A team of only four policemen of HSR Layout Traffic police station made their best efforts to clear the tree, but in vain, said the police.

Vehicles lined up in a long queue of about six kilometres between Marathahalli and Agara, generating cascading effect at Devarabisanahalli and Bellandur, added the police.

## Arrives late

"The police received the news of a tree fall opposite a military camp between Iblur Junction and Agara Junction around 11

am and a team was rushed there. "The police immediately called up the BBMP control room and informed them around 11 am, but the BBMP team reached the spot only around 3.30 pm," said a policeman.

## Collected machete

"We collected an old machete from the police station, collected another machete from military camp and started clearing the tree which had blocked most of the main road and the service road. Every branch of the tree had fire ants which attacked the policemen once they

started to clear the branches," he told *Deccan Herald*. The policemen had to rest every 30 minutes due to the fire ants' attack.

They could clear only a few branches and facilitated the way for movement of two-wheelers. The BBMP team reached the spot around 3.30 pm and the tree was cleared by 4 pm, said the police.

Despite repeated calls from the traffic police about the rushing the team, the BBMP control room staff kept replying that the team had already been sent to the spot. **DH News Service**

Bosky Khanna

**BENGALURU:** Starting June 12, Bengalureans can visit mango orchards in Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts for eight Sundays and pluck the fruits of their choice to take home. The trip will be free, so will be lunch. They will have to just pay for at least six kilos of mango.

The Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation Limited has modelled the initiative after apple and cherry festivals in the west. The trip will be restricted to Bengalureans this year. People in other parts of Karnataka can look forward to similar trips in the next year, the corporation's chairperson, Kamalakshi Rajanna, told *Deccan Herald*.

"The first trip will be held on June 12. Thereafter, all Sundays, till the end of July, when the mango season ends, will have such trips.

Tourists will be taken to Chikkaballapur and Kolar or-



## The details

- First trip on July 12. Two buses of 80 people each will leave Cubbon Park, Bal Bhavan gate.
- Registrations open on Friday and close at 3 pm, June 11.
- People can register at www.ksmdmcl.org, giving their full name and contact details.
- Identity proof must while boarding the bus.
- Booking will be on first come first served basis.
- For subsequent trips, priority for previous trip applicants.

chards of the farmers who have 5-10 acres of land and are registered with the APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority). Tourists will be given free pick-up and drop facilities. Lunch made by locals and farmers will be served to them," the chairperson added. But only one person from a family can go on the trip. Their family members can also visit the or-

chards, but they should bear their travel and food expenses. "This is not a family trip," Kamalakshi said. A kilogram of Alphonso mangoes will be sold at Rs 40. Other varieties will cost less. **DH News Service**

## 5% of industrial plots for women entrepreneurs

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Chief Minister Siddaramiah on Thursday said Karnataka stands third in the country in the number of women entrepreneurs.

Speaking at an international convention for women entrepreneurs, "Forging Links", organised by National Small Industries Corporation in association with Emerge, he said there are at least 1.03 lakh women-run business enterprises in the state. Quoting from official statistics, Siddaramiah said Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal together contribute 51.9% of the country's women-owned business establishments.

The chief minister said Karnataka's new industrial policy lists a number of policies to support women entrepreneurs. "In future, five per cent of the plots developed either by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board or the Karnataka Small Scale Industries



Chief Minister Siddaramiah with participants at the international convention for women entrepreneurs in the city on Thursday. DH PHOTO.

Development Corporation would be reserved for women," he said.

The state government had earlier announced setting up of a dedicated industrial park for women. "There are two industrial parks that will soon be developed. One in Harohalli off Kanakapura Road and another

at Hubballi-Dharwad. We have identified 100 acres of land in Harohalli," he added. Another park is in the pipeline in Shivamogga district.

The chief minister said in today's competitive world, it is important to give equal opportunities for women. He said a girl faces challenges right from

birth and it is the duty of the government to ensure that several opportunities are provided to them. The event saw the participation of many women entrepreneurs from various professions. Awards were given to many women who made mark as entrepreneurs and professionals.

## In city today

**GENERAL**  
**Panchamukhi:** Evam Indrajith, a play remembering director, Rakshit B M, K H Kalasoudha, Hanumanthnagar, 5 pm.  
**The Indian Institute of World Culture:** Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and Infosys Foundation - Sugama Sangeetha, Wadia Hall, B P Wadia Road, Basavanagudi, 6 pm.  
**Sharadha Tutorial:** Discourse on transcendental meditation, 50, 4th Cross, Malleswaram, 6 pm.  
**Bangalore Lalitha Kala Parishat:** Valedictory function of Dr H Narasimhaiah and Cultural Utsav, Dr H N Kalakshethra, Jayanagar, 6.30 pm.  
**CULTURAL**  
**Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat:** Re-imagining Traditional Art, Prabha Mallesh, former Karnataka chief minister S M Krishna to participate, Kumara Krupa Road, 5 pm.

**Bangalore Lalithakala Parishat:** D H Narasimhaiah Memorial Cultural Festival, Bharatanatya, Dr H N Kalakshethra, Jayanagar, 6.30 pm.  
**Oxford University Press:** Book launch, "Nature in the City, Bengaluru in the Past and Present," Girish Karnad and Ramachandra Guha to participate, Alliance Francaise, PO 108, Vasanth Nagar, 6 pm.  
**Kappanna Angala:** Nritya Bhanu - Bharatanatyam performance, 148/1, 32, JP Nagar, 1st Phase, 6.30 pm.  
**Nature Cure:** Lecture on "Cure without Medicine," K K Arcade, Channasandra, Rajarajeshwari, 10.30 am.  
**RELIGIOUS**  
**Vedanta Satsanga Kendra:** Lecture on Bruhadaranyaka Upanishat, Vedanta Nilaya, Sakamma Gardens, Basavanagudi, 9 am.  
**Paramartha Vichara Sangha Trust:** Brahmastura Bhashyam, Adhyatma Mandira, V V Puram, 7.45 am.

## City weather

**FORECAST:** Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers.

TEMPERATURES	
Maximum	30.4 C
Minimum	21.4 C
Rainfall	5 mm
Humidity	87 pc
Sunrise	5.53 am
Sunset	6.45 pm
Moonrise	10.42 am
Moonset	11.25 pm
(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm. Source: IMD)	