

## KERALA'S DREAM PROJECT

WORK ON MISSION 676 PROJECT OF THE CHANDY GOVT. WILL BEGIN ON NOV. 1

## Vizhinjam to become reality

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**K**erala's dream project, Vizhinjam International Multipurpose Deepwater Seaport, is set to become a reality with the signing of the concession agreement between the State and Adani Vizhinjam Ports Ltd. (AVLP) of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. (APSEZ), the private multi-port operator selected to build the superstructure and operate the seaport.

The Durbar Hall of the Secretariat will be the venue for signing the agreement between CEO of AVPL Santosh Kumar Mahopatra and Principal Secretary of Ports James Varghese at 5 p.m. on Monday.

Kerala Chief Minister Oommen Chandy, Minister for Ports K. Babu, other Ministers, Chief Secretary Jiji Thomson, Group Chairman of APSEZ Gautam Adani, top officials, and leaders of industry, chamber of commerce, and travel trade will be present to witness the historic moment. Mr. Adani is being accompanied by an eight-member delegation.

The work on the Mission 676 project of the United Democratic Front (UDF) government headed by Mr. Chandy will commence on November 1, the Formation Day of the State, at Vizhinjam as other



A view of the Vizhinjam Harbour in Thiruvananthapuram. -FILE PHOTO: S. MAHINSHA

er formalities had to be completed.

AVPL, the special purpose vehicle set up to execute the project, has already announced that the work will be completed within two years although a four-year deadline has been fixed for the Phase I, estimated to cost Rs. 7,525 crore.

The PPP share of the project is Rs.4,089 crore and the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) from the Centre is Rs.818 crore.

It was the June 10 Cabinet that decided to accept the sole bid submitted by Ahmedabad-based

APSEZ that was recommended by the board of Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited and the five-member empowered committee headed by Chief Secretary.

The port operator has sought Rs. 1,635 crore as grant for the project. Official sources said APSEZ was yet to give Rs.120 crore as Performance Security. The contract is for building port superstructure and operating the port for 40 years, including the four years of construction. When completed, it would have the capacity to berth 18,000 TEU

mother ships.

The pact is being inked after overcoming several hurdles during the last 24 years, including the threat of a stir by Latin Archdiocese of Thiruvananthapuram demanding better rehabilitation package for the fisherfolk of Vizhinjam and adjacent areas and amidst boycott call of the function by Opposition Left Democratic Front (LDF).

In 1991, it was the late CMP leader and former Ports Minister M.V. Raghavan who took the initiative to develop Vizhinjam into a seaport.

## Severe malnutrition stalks children in A.P., Telangana

Nikhila Henry

**HYDERABAD:** High severity of malnutrition has marred the sister States, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, according to a survey.

The Rapid Survey on Children (RSC) 2013-14 was conducted by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) before the bifurcation of the State.

As per the sample survey, 35.4 per cent of children below five years of age were found to be stunted — they had height which is more than two standard deviations less than the expected height for their age.

Moreover, 12 per cent of children of the same age group were found to be severely stunted, meaning they had height which is more than three standard deviations less than the expected height for their age.

The data has revealed high malnutrition levels in the twin States because, as per World Health Organisation's (WHO) global database on child growth and malnutrition, a 30 to 39 per cent prevalence of stunting is as an indicator of severity of malnutrition by prevalence.

The figures further reveal that 37.5 per cent of children in rural areas are stunted as against 31.1 per cent in urban areas. Also, 34.5 per cent of Adivasi children and 37.9 per cent of Dalit children were found to be stunted. The percentage of severe stunting in rural areas in the two States is at 12.1 per cent as against 11.7 per cent in urban areas.

As per gynaecologists,

## Dubious distinction

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stunting is directly linked to antenatal and post delivery malnutrition. "Mother's nutritional intake affects child's growth. Nutritional intake should be strictly monitored during pregnancy. And post delivery, immunisation and breast-feeding along with adequate supplements should be followed," said Santha Kumari, organising secretary of the Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecological Societies of India.

## Wasting and underweight

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weight. As per the survey, 6 per cent of children below five years were found to be wasted or having weight that is more than three standard deviations less than the expected weight for their height. Also, 6.8 per cent of children from rural residences were found to be wasted as against 5.6 per cent among those from urban households.

Even in this category, Dalit children below five years were more malnourished with 7.3 per cent of them suffering from wasting.

However, as per the WHO's child database, 5 to 9 per cent prevalence of wasting is indicative of medium severity of malnutrition.

## Bengaluru's wild side comes to the fore

Mohit M. Rao

**BENGALURU:** The highly urbanised environs of the city and its surroundings seem to still keep secrets when it comes to the animal kingdom.

In the Animal Discoveries 2014, released by the Zoological Society of India (ZSI), 14 new discoveries come from Bengaluru, and its outskirts, including Nandi Hills and Bidadi.

## Highest among metros

This is the highest among comparable metros of Mumbai (two), Kolkata and Hyderabad (1 each) or even Delhi and Chennai (none on the list).

Surprisingly, the city's 'discoveries' form more than half of the animals discovered and described in Karnataka. In all, 27 new species of insects and amphibians (found in the lush Western Ghat forests) from the State are described in the list.

H.M. Yeshwanth, an insect taxonomist working from GKVK, who has five new insect discoveries from the State in the list, says there is much more to see and discover in urban Bengaluru itself. "In Hesarghatta grasslands, many people come for bird watching. But the insect varieties are tremendous too," he says.

Specialising in plant bugs, all his discoveries involve

critters of the genus *Hypseloecus*, which thrive on parasitic plants. "These insects are very small, barely 5mm and are found only on parasitic plants that grow on mango trees," says Mr. Yeshwanth.

Apart from GKVK, it is researchers of the National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Resources (NBAIR) in Hebbal that have contributed to the list.

## Active eco-system

While the preserved green spaces here provide an active eco-system for in-

sects, Prashant Mohanraj, Head of the Division of Insect Systematics at NBAIR, says Bengaluru has the advantage of housing a large number of specialists in the field.

"It isn't like other cities do not have insects. Researchers specialising in tiny insects — which thrive in urban settings — are based in Bengaluru. And there are so many more of these species that can be discovered. We have discovered some insects on our office premises itself, where there is hardly any greenery," he says.

## Amazing biodiversity

Mohit M. Rao

**BENGALURU:** Species which were found in Bengaluru in 2014: Parasitic wasps that lay eggs in plant bugs; *Caenohomalopoda albifuniculata* at Nandi Hills, Chikkaballapur; *Comperiella diversifasciata* in Bengaluru; *Metaphaenodiscus katakaensis* at Nandi Hills, Chikkaballapur; *Neocladia mira* at Hebbal, Bengaluru; *Tetracnemoides anomala* at Kengeri, Bengaluru; *Tyndarichus zenus* in Hebbal, Bengaluru; Thrips, which are found in bamboo stocks and often considered pests; *Bamboosiella*

*venkataramani* at Kemchanakuppe, Bidadi, Karnataka.

Plant bugs found in parasitic plants which were seen for the first time in India: *Hypseloecus acutus* in Hesarghatta; *Hypseloecus articulatus* in Nandi Hills, Chikkaballapur; *Hypseloecus belli* in GKVK, Bengaluru; *Hypseloecus orientalis* found in Karahalli, Devanahalli; fruit flies feeding on bamboo; *Acroceratitidis paratriata* in Attur farm, Bengaluru; Fairy Flies: Small wasps (less than 5mm); *Stephanocampa indica* in Attur, Bengaluru.

## 'Vote canvassers will meet voters individually'

Special Correspondent

**CHENNAI:** In an effort to keep the voters informed about her government's achievements, AIADMK general secretary and Chief Minister Jayalitha on Sunday announced that the party will nominate 'vote canvassers' to meet each of the State's 5.62-crore voters personally.

The Jayalitha Peravai, a wing of the AIADMK will undertake this task.

Ms. Jayalitha said that one vote canvasser would be appointed for each of the 64,094 polling booths in the State to meet the 5,62,06,547 voters and explain the schemes implemented by her government.

The canvassers would also inform the voters about how the State has been marching ahead on the path of progress in an unprecedented manner.

Ms. Jayalitha pointed out that in a democracy, it was essential to create awareness of government schemes



Focused on the 2016 polls, the Jayalitha Peravai will undertake this task. - FILE PHOTO

and achievements among the electorate and this would add strength to the government.

Each vote canvasser has been asked to meet the voters as many times as possible along with local leaders. She has also elicited the cooperation of the party's district secretaries and other office-bearers. Recently, the drivers' wing of the party met and decided to distribute pamphlets and put up wall posters informing the public about various achievements of the government.

## Centre writes to AP on separate HC

Special Correspondent

**HYDERABAD:** The Union government has written to Andhra Pradesh on the issue of a separate High Court. The letter sought government opinion on the infrastructure necessary for a functional High Court, Union Minister for Law and Justice D. V. Sanandana Gowda said on Sunday. He was speaking on the sidelines of the convocation

ceremony of the Nalsar University of Law held here.

Mr. Gowda said that as per the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, the Hyderabad High Court should go to Telangana. Andhra Pradesh should find land and infrastructure to have its own High Court, the Minister said. He had reiterated the same during the protest of Telangana MPs in Parliament, the Minister said.

## Andhra Pradesh techie drowns in U.S.

Staff Reporter

**CHIRALA:** The bright career of a 25-year-old software professional from the district came to an abrupt end as he drowned in a waterfall at Austin in the United States on Saturday.

Tadikonda Bala Surendra had gone on a week-end picnic to McKinney Falls State Park along with his friends and he was caught unawares while enjoying a splash in the water.

An emergency team man-



For Surendra, 25, a picnic turned out to be a tragedy.

aged to pull Surendra from under the rocks.

After being administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation, he was taken to University Medical Centre, Brackenridge.

"But Surendra could not be saved," lamented his younger brother Narendra, unable to come to terms with the tragedy that had struck the family.

Surendra went to the U.S. last month to pursue Master of Science in Management Information Systems at University of Houston, said his father Ramesh Babu, who runs a grocery near the Perla post office.

A product of SASTRA University in Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu, Surendra had worked in a leading IT company in Chennai for over three years after completing ECE course.

## RSS reaching out to IT professionals in Kerala

N.J. Nair

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) is pushing to gain ground among IT professionals in Kerala, replicating its IT Milan initiative.

Sources claimed that a meeting of the core members of the Prachar Vibhag of the RSS here on Sunday had drawn considerable response from the IT sector.

IT Milan focuses on organising get-togethers without upsetting work schedules. It has no fixed timings. The groups come together at convenient locations, hold edutainment programmes, practise yoga and meditation and discuss current issues of public im-

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portance, which are an integral part of the shakhas. RSS sources told The Hindu here that the meetings had proved to be an effective option for the professionals to become part of the core functions of the Sangh and also as a stress-buster for them.

The IT Milan in Bengaluru had organised a programme, 'Sambushta Bharatham,' which, the sources claimed, drew very good response.

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2	(A) Ballastless Track inside shop 33 & 39, Shop - 80 & 81 and Ballasted track on the Northern and Western side of Shop - 54 & on the northern side of weigh bridge line inside Furnishing factory, (B) Extension of traverser 50 m length on Western side of Paint shed, Extension of traverser 20 m length on Eastern side of Paint shed and track foundation for traverser between shop 30 & 36 inside Furnishing factory, (C) Extension of new leak testing line towards west and realignment of adjacent lines at Northern side of Shop - 36 inside Furnishing Factory, (D) Provision of two nos. of Direct shuttling lines from the yard to proposed additional paint shed crossing the surface traverser track on the southern side, (E) Provision of additional 12 car line (ballastless track) at Southern side of existing 12 car line near EMU commissioning shed, (F) Construction of additional inspection pits (6 Nos.) for the LHB coaches in 9th, 10th, 11th line of shop 33 & 39 inside Furnishing Factory. (In connection with Modernisation for complete switch over to LHB coach manufacturing - T4)	EW/781
3	(A) Supply of potable bore water from Private sources to the GLR's in East Colony, North Colony, Perambur officers quarters and Shell Factory of ICF, (B) Supply of potable bore water from Private sources and door to door supply of water in East Colony, North Colony and Perambur officers quarters at ICF.	EW/788
4	(A) Supply of potable bore water from Private sources to the GLR's in West Colony, South Colony and Furnishing Factory of ICF (B) Supply of potable bore water from Private sources and door to door supply of water in West Colony and South Colony at ICF.	EW/789
5	Cleaning and Maintenance of individual overhead tank placed over the roof of quarters in all colonies for two years.	EW/790

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