

## Sale of meat banned

**TUMAKURU, DHNS:** The Tumakuru Mahanagara Palike has banned the sale of meat from 5 pm of September 1 to 12 midnight of September 2 in the city limits on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations.

A press release issued by the Mahanagara Palike commissioner T Bhoobalan here on Wednesday stated that both storage and sale of meat had been banned during the said period.

## Selection of anganwadi workers halted temporarily

**TUMAKURU, DHNS:** The selection for the anganwadi workers at the mini anganwadi centre at S Gollarahatti village in Sajjehosahalli gram panchayat limits of Madhugiri taluk has been temporarily halted due for some reasons. This was stated in a press release issued by the child development project officer of Madhugiri here on Wednesday.

## Woman suffers heart attack in bus, dies

**TUMAKURU, DHNS:** A woman passenger seated in a private bus died of a heart attack at the Madhugiri bus stand on Wednesday.

Police said that the deceased was identified as Siddagamma (60), wife of Ramdas of Thumbadi village. She boarded the bus at Tumakuru and was on her way back to her village. En route, she suffered a heart attack and died.

The driver of the bus stopped at the Madhugiri bus stand and informed the police. CPI Dayanand and his team of officers visited the spot and informed the relatives of the deceased. A case was also registered.



Party workers shout slogans demanding that the lacunae in the district Congress should be set right, in Tumakuru, on Thursday. (Right) KPCC fact-finding team members V S Sudarshan and Basavaraj Rayareddi try to placate the irate party workers, in Tumakuru, on Thursday. DH PHOTO, DH PHOTO.



# Fracas in Cong office between workers and fact-finding team

**'Fix pitfalls in district Congress; don't blame BJP'**

**TUMAKURU, DHNS:** Heated arguments between Tumakuru District Congress unit members and the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) fact-finding team that visited the party office in the

city on Thursday. Tumakuru district Congress unit members rudely interrupted a speech being made by Basavaraj Rayareddi who is part of the KPCC fact-finding committee (and senior Congress leader) at the party office on Thursday.

"Stop your speech. We don't want to listen to the history of the party. Why do you blame the BJP? There are many lacunae in the district Congress unit. First, attend to them," they said.

In reply, Rayareddi said, "I am a Congress party member. I will always speak against the BJP. I will not stop speaking. I will always criticise the BJP".

V S Sudarshan, another member of the fact-finding team who intervened said, "Party workers have to remain calm. We will submit a report to the KPCC on Octo-

ber 2. You can even share your complaints and concerns via email. Each one of you has the right to state your opinion," he added.

Rayareddi who continued to speak said, "BJP is ruining the country in the name of caste and religion. BJP's policies are responsible for the economic slowdown and joblessness in the country," he criticised.

He claimed that Congress still had the support of the people and party workers must remind voters of the people-friendly schemes launched by the previous (co-

alition) government.

Fact-finding committee member Dhruvanarayana said, "Though former chief minister Siddaramaiah had implemented many schemes for backward classes and other communities, the Congress did not get the support of the people in the last Assembly elections".

"Simply claiming to have launched Anna Bhagya, Ksheera Bhagya and other schemes is not enough. We must counter the Opposition's strategy with our own," he noted.

# Tumakuru Smart City Ltd to collaborate with Germany to take up joint projects

**'Aim to share knowledge, experiences in urban devpt'**

**TUMAKURU, DHNS:** Tumakuru Smart City Limited Managing Director T Bhoobalan said that Smart City officers and the Diplomatic Office of the Federal Republic of Germany held a meeting recently to share their knowledge



Tumakuru Smart City chairperson Shalini Rajaneesh felicitated Karl Philipp E. of the Republic of Germany in Tumakuru, recently. DH PHOTO.

and experience in urban development. Bhoobalan noted that joint

projects in water management, waste segregation, industrial development and renewable

energy, would be taken up. "We aim to make Tumakuru a sister city of Bavaria in Germany," he added.

Karl Philip E. of the German diplomatic office, who spoke on the occasion opined that Indian youth should enhance their

skills by studying in polytechnics and the state government can help by establishing new ITIs.

Tumakuru Smart City Limited Chairperson Dr Shalini Rajaneesh detailed the concept and objectives of the Smart City Project.

## Supermarkets face the heat over plastic use

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Following the directions by the National Green Tribunal to state authorities to enforce the plastic ban, the KSPCB conducted raids on shops on Brigade Road and in Sadashivanagar on Wednesday.

Dr K Sudhakar, Chairman of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, conducted the surprise checks. Nature's Basket, Namdhari's Fresh, Nilgiri's and Easyshop supermarkets were among the outlets that were inspected.

The chairman said the raids on shops in the organised sector will send a message to others.



The raided shops will be served closure notices.

"Closure notices will be issued to the owners of the supermarkets. Action will be taken against BBMP zonal health officers, who fail to monitor the use of plastic," he added.

Stating that a complete ban on plastic was the first step towards improving the living conditions of people, he said more raids will follow in the coming days.

In its response, Nature's Basket said it respects and supports the government's decision to implement rules.

**'Will cooperate'**

"We are already phasing out the usage of plastic and have started introducing alternatives like paper bags and banana leaves across stores. We shall ensure our complete cooperation with the authorities," a spokesperson said.

### OLD MEMORIES

## Alumni offer to redo Indian Institute of Science logo for free

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Disappointed with the Indian Institute of Science's choice of new brand identity, a group of nine alumni from the institute's design school is putting together a proposal to redesign the brand for free.

Nitin Gupta, a 2013 graduate of the IISc's Centre for Product Design and Manufacturing (CPDM), expressed bewilderment over why the institute would sanction the services of a professional agency when it had the services of its own design department—the CPDM.

"We want a brand identity that does justice to an illustrious institution such as IISc,"



The IISc logo cost up to Rs 3.5 crore. DH FILE PHOTO

Gupta said. Institute director Anurag Kumar said he would look at the proposal if it was brought to him. A Facebook post that garnered attention from students and alumni showed images comparing the new brand's similarity with another used by the

'March for Science' rallies, utilising semi-identical design and colours.

An alumnus said: "It is a copy-paste and looks like some cheap startup logo."

In an email thread weighed in on by students and faculty, another alumnus compared

the brand to the '90s pop culture icon of Shaktiman', adding that "it will hamper the institute's image".

According to sources, the brand, which was designed by a Mumbai-based creative agency and involved over a year of work, came with a price tag of between Rs 2 and Rs 3.5 crore. The group of nine claimed that they are willing to do a revamp for free.

Vinay Reddy, a 2012 graduate of CPDM, said the group of nine's primary motivation revolves around their attachment to the institute. "We want the administration to give us a chance to come up with something better. Something that does justice to our alma mater," Reddy said.

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Theatreperson Dr Lakshman Das inaugurated the sports and cultural programmes at the First Grade College in Koratagere on Thursday. College Principal Dr Balappa and other staff members were present. DH PHOTO



Dr Ranganath from Antrix Corporation, Bengaluru, spoke at an interaction session held under the Model Village Development Programme at Brahmasandra village of Kallambella Hobli in Sira taluk on Thursday. Pandit Patil from BAIF, B C Mallegowda, B V Nagaraju and Chandrappa are seen. DH PHOTO



Major Dhyan Chand National Sports Day was organised at the First Grade College in Sira on Thursday. College Principal Dr S T Rangappa, Physical Education director R Shivanna, office manager D Ashwath, Dr Muralidhar, Professor Haseeba Khanum and Professor Darshan were present. DH PHOTO