

# Not talks on seat-sharing with JD-S so far for LS polls: Parameshwara

**BENGALURU, JUNE 2 /--** Karnataka deputy chief minister C Parameshwara said today that no talks have been held so far between his party and Janata Dal (Secular) over seat-sharing for the general elections, which both the parties have decided to contest as a pre-poll alliance.

Speaking to newsmen here prior to a meeting with the party workers to introduce the party's performance in the recent state Assembly elections, the senior Congress leader said the alliance with JD-S is aimed at keeping the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) out of power in 2019. "We have forged an alliance (with JD-S) for the Lok Sabha elections too, to keep BJP

away from power. We have not discussed seat sharing (so far). Both parties will sit across the table to decide on the seats. "Myself and chief minister H D Kumaraswamy will sit together and decide the candidates, based on their strengths without leaving room for any confusion," Parameshwara, who is also the state Congress president, said.

On the reported rift over allocation of portfolios, he said the Congress got 22 portfolios, which it would distribute without any hassle. It was binding on both parties to stick to the deal with the coalition government, he added. Asked about the issue of Congress MLAs demanding a

ministerial post, Parameshwara said there were suggestions that a person who had held the minister's post more than two times should not be given any portfolio.

"I have forwarded their suggestions to the party high command to take a call on that," the deputy chief minister said. To a query on raids carried out by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on those linked to Congress leader D K Shivakumar and his MP brother, D K Suresh, he said he was not aware of the agency pressurising those it questioned to donate to the party. He said the alleged illegal conversion of demitted currency, he, however, denounced the attempt to frame a

person in the name of investigation and interrogation.

"It is a fact that the Centre is misusing the CBI," Parameshwara alleged. On the appointment of new party president of the state, Parameshwara said there are many aspirants for the post and many of them are more capable than him. Backing Kumaraswamy's decision to ban mobile phones during meetings chaired by him, Parameshwara said it would help carry out work without causing any embarrassment. K C Venugopal, the party's general secretary in charge of the state, had said yesterday the Congress and the JD-S would fight the next Lok Sabha elections, due next year, as a pre-poll alliance. (PTI)

# Bike rally by BJP Yuva Morcha



**PORT BLAIR, JUNE 02 /--** The State Yuva Morcha of Bharatiya Janata Party, A & N Islands, organized a Bike Rally from BJP Bhawan, Middle Point to Vivekananda Statue, JNRM Com-

plex on Saturday to highlight the four-year achievement of Narendra Modi government. A massive gathering of youth, senior leaders and workers of the party participated in the rally.

# Kerala woman under observation for Nipah symptoms dies

**Re-opening of schools, colleges in Kozhikode postponed to June 12**

**KOZHIKODE, JUNE 2 /--** A 39-year-old woman, who was under observation for Nipah virus symptoms at Kozhikode, died today.

However, the samples of the woman were found to be negative. Kerala health minister K K Shailaja told newsmen. The cause of her death has to be ascertained, Shailaja said. A health department official said the woman had accompanied a patient to Kozhikode Medical College Hospital where a Nipah-affected person was being treated. After she fell ill, she was shifted from the Pariyaram Medical College to the Kozhikode Medical College hospital as she showed symptoms similar to that of the Nipah virus.

The health authorities had drawn up a list of 1,949 people who had come in contact with the Nipah-affected persons to monitor their health condition. The woman also figured on the list and had tested negative for Nipah virus earlier as well. Shailaja chaired a high-level meeting here this morning, which was attended by top health officials.

Two patients, who tested positive for the virus, are undergoing treatment at the Kozhikode Medical College Hospital and their condition is stable. The newly emerging zoonosis has so far claimed 16 lives in Kozhikode and Malappuram districts. The state government has postponed all meetings scheduled to be held in the two districts this month till further notice. As a precautionary measure, several staffs, including nurses and four doctors, of the Balussery taluk hospital were asked on Friday to go on leave.

These doctors and nurses had come in contact with two Nipah virus patients who died. The Public Service Commission (PSC) has postponed all its written and online exams scheduled to be held till June 16. New dates will be announced later. Meanwhile, the Kerala government today decided to postpone the re-opening of educational institutions in Kozhikode district to June 12, besides deferring all examinations, except those conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

# Punjab CM sees farmers' protest as a sign of desperation against Centre

**CHANDIGARH, JUNE 2 /--** Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh today described the ongoing protest by farmers as a sign of their desperation in the face of the wrongs being perpetrated on them by the Central government.

Singh made the remarks during a media interaction at the Haryana Raj Bhawan here after the swearing-in of Krishna Murari as the new Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Murari said the farming community in the country was in the grip of a serious crisis due to the "indifferent"

attitude of the BJP-led Central government. The government had "failed" to provide any succor to the beleaguered farmers, who were unable to make both ends meet due to its "antagonistic policies", the chief minister said, adding that despite repeated pleas by Punjab and other states, the Centre had failed to come to the rescue of the farming community.

Farmers were committing suicide due to their mounting debt burdens as agriculture was no longer financially viable for them in view of the

inadequate MSP he pointed out, reiterating that in toto implementation of the Swaminathan Commission report was the only impactful and long-term solution to the agrarian crisis in the country. On the possibility of a poll alliance between the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in view of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Singh said the decision rests with the Congress high-command, which will consider the matter as and when the need arises. "The Punjab Congress leadership would give its opinion in the matter to the

party high-command and when the same was sought by the latter," the chief minister said.

He welcomed the appointment of Krishna Murari as the new CJ, saying that as an eminent jurist, he would bring the wealth of his experience to the judicial systems of both Punjab and Haryana. Murari was earlier sworn in by Haryana Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki in the presence of Punjab Governor V P Singh Badnore and chief minister Singh, as well as Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

# Chengannur by-poll: Cong mouthpiece calls for leadership change

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUN 2 /--** In further embarrassment to the Congress in Kerala, which faced debacle in the recent Chengannur by-poll, 'Veeekshanam', its mouthpiece, today came out against factionalism in the party and called for a 'leadership change' in the state.

The daily, in its editorial, rained harsh criticism against the state leadership, saying it "spoiled a good opportunity" to take revenge on the LDF government led by Pinarayi Vijayan, which is a "total failure" in all fronts. It was the duty of the Opposition to expose the "most unpopular" chief minister like Vijayan but it "failed" in its attempt, the daily said. Listing out the weaknesses of the party, the editorial said the leaders are only interested in revamping the organisation at the state and district levels. But, the 'mandalam' and 'booth' committees, the spinal code of the

party's grassroots level structure, were in a weak position, it claimed. The Congress was facing setbacks in the state as leaders with less capabilities came to the forefront of the party in the name of groupism, the 'Veeekshanam' said.

"The front line of the party is filled with those who are ready to please the leaders. The party will not progress in the state until it replaces efficient leaders and followers from the booth level itself," it said. It is high time to handover the leadership of the party to a generation with political commitment and spirit, the daily said adding the present leaders should quit their present positions and become the advisors and guiding forces of the newcomers. Apparently referring to the alleged religious appeasement by the party, the mouthpiece wanted to end the practice of visiting markaz (Islamic outfit), mutts and 'aramnas' (bishop houses).

It also urged the All India Congress Committee (AICC) to take over the responsibility of bringing changes in the state unit and make it ready for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The party mouthpiece's criticism came a day after senior leader V M Sudeeran blamed factionalism in the state unit for the poor showing in the Chengannur by-election. During his stint as KPCC chief, Sudeeran had faced strident opposition from the two major factions - one led by senior leader Oommen Chandy and other by Leader of Opposition in the state assembly Ramesh Chennithala. Meanwhile, Chennithala rejected the charges and said the United Democratic Front (UDF) led by the Congress had fought the bypoll untidily cutting across groupism. However, he admitted that the party has some organisational weaknesses.



Former Kerala Chief Minister and senior CPI(M) leader V S Achuthanandan receiving V Sambasivan award at Kaudiar House in Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday.

# Docs remove 9-kg tumour from Iraqi patient's chest

**GURGAON, JUNE 2 /--** Doctors at a city hospital removed a tumour weighing nine kilograms from the chest of a 41-year-old Iraqi patient, giving him a new lease of life.

The tumour was lodged in the man's mediastinum (a membranous partition between the lungs), crushing his lungs and heart. This had caused his arteries to constrict, his breathing to become shallow and sharp pains to labour up and down his chest. "Patient Dhye Saleem had been consistently feeling breathless. He was unable to walk or talk without

gasping for air. He had consulted several doctors and had undergone numerous tests. However, none of these yielded any concrete results," said Dr Udit Dhir, director and head of department, cardiac surgery, Fortis Memorial Research Institute.

Saleem was getting tired easily and was not able to do his daily work. His condition was deteriorating steadily when he approached the Fortis Hospital. A thorough evaluation revealed that there was a huge lump of mass pressing on the right side of the heart invading the blood vessels,

thus restricting the blood flow from the right ventricle to the left ventricle which had led to low supply of oxygen further leading to breathlessness in the patient, Dhir said. Post the diagnosis, the patient was prepped for surgery which lasted for four hours.

The surgery took place on April 21. The patient recovered in three days, post which he was discharged and is leading a healthy life now, he said. It is very rare to come across such a case.

This was a person who was living for several months with a nine kg

tumour. It was a challenging case as the tumour was compressing the right ventricular outflow tract, other adjoining structures and great vessels. It had made the expansion of lungs difficult. Employing surgical techniques helped in the successful removal of the tumour," Dr Dhir said.

Atypical carcinoids are tumours which have a very fast growth rate and tend to spread to the other organs. They are much less common than typical carcinoids, said Dr Ritu Garg, Zonal Director of Fortis Memorial Research Institute.

# Strong wind forecast

**PORT BLAIR, JUNE 2 /--** Due to strong southwest monsoon current, strong southwesterly wind speed between 25 and 35 Kmph gusting to 45 Kmph and moderate to rough seas are likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea. The general public have been advised to take precautionary measures and contact the State Control Room, District Control Room and Emergency Operation Centres in case of any emergency.

# Swachh Bharat Internship by NYK at Kamorta

**PORT BLAIR, JUNE 2 /--** The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in association with the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has launched the 'Swachh Bharat Summer Internship - 100 Hours of Swachhata by youth' to engage youth across the country for Swachhata activities, develop their skill and orientation for sanitation related work and make Swachh Bharat Mission a jan andolan. Nehru Yuva Kendra, Kamorta organized Swachh Bharat Summer Internship on Saturday at Bada Eneka village. Mr Vinay Kumar Jindal, Assistant Commissioner, Kamorta and Smt. Helena, village captain and around 45 youth participated in the programme.

The Assistant Commissioner appeal to the youth and villager not to throw garbage in the street and use the dustbin, use the toilet, not to go to open place. Keep your village clean and prevent from all the disease. The Swachh Bharat Summer Internship programme will be held at Vikash Nagar village on June 4 and at Chota Eneka village on June 5. Mohd. Tarique Shah, District Youth Coordinator, NYK Kamorta briefed about the event.

# Dust storm claims 17 lives in UP

**LUCKNOW, JUNE 2 /--** Uttar Pradesh was hit by another deadly dust storm that claimed 17 lives and left 11 persons injured on Friday evening.

A UP government spokesperson today said that most of the deaths were caused due to falling of trees and house collapse.

Moradabad bore the maximum brunt of the storm, with as many as seven deaths being reported from the district, followed by three deaths from Sambhal, the state government spokesperson said. Two deaths were reported each from Badaun, Muzaffarnagar and Meerut, while one death was reported from Amroha, he said.

Five persons were injured in Amroha, three in Moradabad, two in Muzaffarnagar and one in Badaun. The state government has directed all district magistrates to distribute relief within 24 hours.

# Auction of seized articles

**PORT BLAIR, JUNE 2 /--** Unserviceable wooden boats/dinghies with onboard fitted machineries and equipment, unserviceable/scrapped loose items, spares, engines, compressor, cylinder, other accessories & equipment with tools, unserviceable rubber hose, plastic and rope items, unserviceable plastic drums, jerrycans with old HSD oil, unserviceable scrap electrical and electronic items and unserviceable fiber dinghy/dinghy hull seized under Foreigners Act 2004/MZ and kept at PS Nanowry Malkhana, Dinghyghat, Kamorta and Tillochang will be auctioned on June 27 at 10 am at PS Nanowry.

Interested persons can inspect the items at PS Nanowry till a day before the public auction during working hours. Interested persons can participate in the auction by registering their names with the SHO, PS Nanowry and paying Rs 2400/- (for all lots) at least a day before the date of auction, which will be done lot-wise.

# Valediction of World Env. Day celebration

**PORT BLAIR, JUNE 2 /--** The valedictory function of the month-long programme and activities organised by the Forest Extension & Publicity Division of the Department of Environment and Forests in connection with the celebration of the World Environment Day will be organized on June 5 from 3 pm to 4 pm in the auditorium of Mini Zoo, Haddo. Mr D. M. Shukla, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) cum Chief Wildlife Warden and Principal Secretary (Wildlife & Tribal Welfare) will be the chief guest on the occasion.

# Helmets mandatory for two-wheeler driver, pillion rider

**PORT BLAIR, JUNE 2 /--** Wearing helmet for two-wheeler rider and pillion rider is mandatory as per section 129 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1980, Rule 114 of A & N Islands Motor Vehicle Rules, 2006 and in compliance of the direction of Supreme Court. All two-wheeler riders as well as pillion riders are once again advised to wear protective headgear (helmet) conforming to the Bureau of Indian Standards so as to avoid any penal action. The persons of Sikh community wearing turban are exempted from the provision of this section, a release from the Andaman and Nicobar Police says.

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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST FOR PORT BLAIR  
AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD VALID TILL 1730 HRS OF 03/06/2018  
ISSUE TIME: 1730 Hrs IST DATE: 02/06/2018

Rain or thundershower likely to occur at any place.

Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 23°C respectively on Sunday 03/06/2018

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date :	30.5	Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST):	0454
		Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST):	1741
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date :	25.7	Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm:	001.8
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST	089	Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm:	010.4
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST	093	Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 18 upto 0830 hrs of (date) in mm	829.4

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