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Sree Srinivasa Padmawati Kalyana Mahotsavam at Haddo temple

PORT BLAIR, APR 24/-/ The president and members of Lord Sri Venkateswara Temple, Haddo, Ward no. 2, will organise Sree Srinivasa Padmawati Kalyana Mahotsavam to mark the golden jubilee celebration of the temple tomorrow at 11.32 am. A total of 108 married couples will participate in the Swami Vari Varshika Kalyana Brahmotsavam to be held in the temple premises. The Member of Parliament, Mr Eshnu Pada Ray, will be the chief guest on the occasion.

The Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman, Mr Udit Prakash Rai, State President of BJP and Member, HMAC, Mr Vishal Jolly, Chairperson, Municipal Council, Mr Indra Pal Singh, Secretary (Education), Mr Arava Gopi Krishna, Secretary, Municipal Council, Mr Suneel Anchipaka, Municipal Councillor, Ward no. 2, Mr R Someswara Rao, Mr Krishna Moorthy, ALHW, Mr Tej Bahadur, SE, APWD, Mr K Dev Raj, EE, APWD, Mr Maheshwara Rao, EE, APWD and all Councillors of the Municipal Council will grace the occasion as the guests of honour.

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Mannarghat villagers sensitized on GoI schemes



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Bombay HC suggests special police unit to probe serious crimes

MUMBAI, APRIL 24 /-/ Emphasising the need for prompt and timely completion of investigations, the Bombay High Court today suggested setting up of a special unit in the police to probe serious crimes like murder and offences related to women. Timely investigation into serious offences like murder, rape and other cases pertaining to women or minors is the need of the hour, a division bench of Justices N H Patil and G S Kulkarni said. The court was hearing a case of rape and kidnapping of a 13-year-old girl. The girl's father had filed a petition seeking permission to terminate her 26-week pregnancy. The court had, earlier this month, permitted the girl to terminate her pregnancy but had sought to know from the police the status of the investigation in the case. Government counsel Abhinandan Vagyani today told the court that the FIR was registered in the case last July when the girl was kidnapped. In March, the girl and the accused person were traced to Uttar Pradesh and brought to Mumbai.

"While initially, only a charge of kidnapping was levelled against the accused, rape and other relevant charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) were added later," Vagyani said. The court expressed its dissatisfaction with the fact that the FIR was lodged last July and for eight months the police did nothing.

Spl. Gram Sabha of Shoal Bay Panchayat

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Siddaramaiah not automatic choice, Cong high-command to pick CM in Karnataka

KALABURGI, APRIL 24 /-/ The Congress stands a very good chance of winning the Karnataka Assembly polls, and the high-command will take call on the next chief minister, senior party leader Mallikarjun Kharge said today, indicating incumbent Siddaramaiah may not be the automatic choice. Kharge said the Congress high-command will choose the chief minister in consultation with the newly elected MLAs. If the party is voted to power for a second term running, the Congress has consistently maintained it is contesting the polls under the leadership of the minister Siddaramaiah but refrained from declaring him its

candidate for the top job. Kharge's remarks indicated that the leadership question in the Congress was far from settled. When asked if the party's Central leadership has decided on who would be the next chief minister, the senior Congress leader said: "Unnecessary controversy" should not be created in the run-up to the elections. "CM (Siddaramaiah) is already there. He is leading (the Congress campaign) and he is the captain. As long as he leads, he is the captain. And the party, whenever it wants, can change anybody because the high-command is the ultimate authority. In consultation with local (newly elected) MLAs, they (the high-command) will take decision

(on who will be the chief minister)," Kharge told news agency PTI. Kharge, leader of the Congress party in the Lok Sabha, said since the BJP and the JDS were facing problems, they had declared their chief ministerial nominees, he said, without elaborating. The BJP has declared its state unit chief B S Yeddyurappa and JDS H D Kumaraswamy as their chief ministerial faces. Both have been the state's chief minister. Talking about the Congress's electoral prospects, Kharge said: "We have got very good chances to win the elections and I hope that we will get majority."

The senior leader also claimed that neither the Congress nor the chief minister is facing "anti-incumbency". He defended the chief minister for filing nominations from two constituencies - Chamundeshwari and Badami. Noting that Kumaraswamy is also contesting from two seats, he asked: "Have Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda not done so?" People of the area (Badami and north Karnataka) want Siddaramaiah to contest from Badami. He has got a lot of clout in that area also. People (Opposition parties) are creating a sort of atmosphere that there is no hope (for Siddaramaiah in Chamundeshwari) and that's why he is contesting from (Badami). It's not like that," Kharge added.

Asaram case: Security stepped up around victim's house ahead of verdict

SHAHJAHANPUR, APRIL 24 /-/ With a special SC/ST court in Jodhpur all set to pronounce its verdict on Wednesday in a 2012 rape case against self-styled godman Asaram, the district administration here has stepped up security around the house of the victim.

Asaram is accused of raping a teenage girl from Shahajahanpur, who was studying at the self-styled godman's ashram at Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh. "The security of the victim's family is continuously being monitored... Two more constables will stand guard outside her house in addition to the five policemen already

deployed there and a strict vigil is being maintained on all the visitors," using CCTV cameras, said a superintendent of police K B Singh told news agency PTI today. Vigil was also being kept on Asaram's ashram at Rudrapur here, he said. Earlier this month, Judge Madhu Sutan Sharma of the Jodhpur court heard the final arguments from the prosecution and defence counsel and reserved the order for April 25. As per the directions of the Rajasthan High Court, the trial court will deliver its verdict in the case in Jodhpur Central Jail premises. The victim had alleged that Asaram had called her to his ashram in Manal area

near Jodhpur and raped her on the night of August 15, 2013. Asaram, in jail since August 31, 2013, was charged under relevant sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, and the Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. If convicted, he could be jailed for a maximum sentence of 10 years. A chargesheet against Asaram and four other co-accused - namely Shiva, Shilpi, Sharad and Prakash had been filed by the police on November 6, 2013 under various sections of the POCSO Act, Juvenile Justice Act and IPC. Trial of the case had begun in the district and

session court on March 19, 2017, which was shifted to the special court for SC/ST Cases on December 16, 2016. He is also facing a rape case in Gujarat. Earlier, the apex court had refused to grant bail to Asaram on various grounds in the two sexual assault cases lodged in Rajasthan and Gujarat. Two Surat-based sisters had lodged separate complaints against Asaram and his son Narayan Sai, accusing them of rape and illegal confinement, among other charges. In all, Asaram has unsuccessfully moved 12 bail applications, of which six were rejected by trial court, three by the Rajasthan High Court and three by the Supreme Court. (PTI)

Custodial death: Victim's family moves Kerala HC for CBI probe

KOCHI, APRIL 24 /-/ Alleging lapses in the police investigation into the 'custodial death' of a 26-year-old man near here, the victim's family has moved the Kerala High Court seeking a CBI probe into the incident. Akhila, wife of R Sreejith, who died after allegedly being tortured in police custody, on April 9, told reporters here that a petition has been filed in the High Court seeking CBI investigation in the case. She has also sought Rs 1 crore compensation for 'custodial death' of her husband to her and other dependents of the joint family within a time frame fixed by the court. In her petition, Akhila stated that she apprehends that the inquiry conducted by police against the officials from their department would not yield expected results.

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WordWheel
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Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or anticlockwise. Solution No. 270: CHASTITY

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Insert the missing letters to complete ten words - five across the grid and five down.

No. 171

S	R	R	G	
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S	D	L	S	
D	S	S	S	

OUR SOLUTION TO PUZZLE 169 (Other combinations may be possible.)

Reference: C.O.D. 1995

WORD-BUILDER
171

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How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once? No foreign words or ones beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one five-letter word.

TODAY'S GOALS:
Good - 22 Excellent - 29 Amazing - 35
SOLUTION 170: ire, lei, let, lie, lire, lit, litre, relet, rot, rite, rite, tie, tier, tile, tier, tire

Reference: C.O.D. 1995