

Shoppers' Paradise

# Sunday means business at Abids

From books to knives, this market has almost anything on sale at a reasonable price



FOR YOUR WARDROBE: A vendor shows garments to a woman at Abids on Sunday. One can choose their favourite T-shirt from the piles of clothes. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

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Come Sunday and the roads of Abids spring to life with shoppers searching for literary efforts of popular authors, a bunch of towels, shoes, garments or knives.

One of the oldest markets in Hyderabad, both sides of the Abids road is dotted with hawkers selling a variety of merchandise at a price most find reasonable and light on wallets. What also appeals to shoppers is indulging in the artful haggling over prices that is a common sight all the day.

While some Sunday markets are known to offer only niche goods, this one is filled with all kinds of household articles — clothes, books, shoes, watches and many more.

"This market is a habit for me for almost two decades. Every Sunday morning I take a bus to Abids and after browsing through books

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and picking the best, I return home in the evening," says J Radheshyam of Vanasthalipuram.

People from all walks of life come here to grab their favourite goods. The shopping centre is also well known for its knock-off market. For the vendors here, the day begins at 5 am every Sunday. "I work in a garment store as a helper and every Sunday, I set up my own shop here," Rajesh Yadav, a vendor, says.

Mohammed Ghouse, a 58-year-old book seller, says these days self-help 'learn languages in 30 days' books are a top draw.

## The hard work behind Parklane

KOYADDA HARI  
Hyderabad

No matter how many commercial complexes and malls are added to the city's skyline, the charm of shopping at small makeshift shops of the Sunday market at Paradise is unbeatable.

The Parklane on Sundays comes alive with small-time businessmen hawking their goods by shouting on the top their lungs to attract buyers' attention. It is one of those destinations that not only attract buyers from Hyderabad but also customers from neighbouring districts, looking for a good bargain and value for goods.

You name it and cloth merchants will have it. With a history of over 40 years, the clothes market offers a variety of clothing at prices hard to ignore. "This market has a variety of clothes and



Parklane is known for its perfume market.

accessories at reasonable prices," a shopkeeper said.

It's not just clothes, the Sunday market is filled with myriad articles such as watches, belts, trinkets, accessories, faux-leather bags, knock-off shoes, cell phones and many more.

"The market has got something unique for everyone. Till recently, old city was the only place for Ittar

but now we make it available here," says Waseem, who runs a perfume shop.

Shop owners arrive early on Sunday between 1 am and 2 am to prepare for a long day ahead. "We open our shops at around 5.30 am and shut down at 8 pm on Sundays. There are days when we end up selling all our stock by afternoon," a shopkeeper says.

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## TS unbeatable in science, tech

For Dr Ch Mohan Rao it has been a long and engaging career in science and research. On the occasion of National Science Day on February 28, the former director of Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology and presently president of Telangana Academy of Sciences, Rao shares his views on basic science research with **M Sai Gopal**.

### Science research in TS

If you look at our ability in science and technology research, Telangana is unbeatable. After bifurcation, the State gained because all major research institutions operate out of Hyderabad. The question now is if we can utilise this potential to promote research. All these research labs are central govern-

ment institutions but the State government has to tie-up with the institutes and aim to solve issues that impact all. State also needs independent department of Science.

### Need for long-term strategies to promote science

Governments must look at science research as a tool for social transformation. They have to recognise and realise that investing time and efforts will bring a lot of benefits for the society in the future. Cost benefit is not immediately visible when one wants to promote research. Between 1965 and 1975, India was the largest importer of rice and we used to get free wheat and milk from the US. Now, we are the largest exporter of rice and are independent. All this happened because a lot of investment was made in science and agriculture.

### India lags in science and technology

From the beginning, India was a knowledge-based society and many top scientific develop-

ments in the field of number system, copper, iron, astronomy, calculus took place here. Due to the foreign rule, we lost momentum and became dependent on others. But things started to change in the last two decades.

### Spending on science research

India spends just 0.9 per cent of its GDP on science research but Japan spends close to 3.5 per cent. Successive governments promised to hike the spending to 2 per cent but it is yet to materialise. Industry participation in science research, which in a country like US is 70-80 per cent, is not there in India.

### Academy of Sciences in TS

To take science to districts, we have set up four regional centres of the academy in Karimnagar, Nizamabad, Nalgonda and Warangal. Our members frequently interact with school students and teachers to make science and technology popular. Very soon, we plan to organise first Telangana Science Congress, which is likely to be inaugurated by Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao.



## Forest officers take lessons in wildlife conservation at zoo

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

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As part of their education tour to South India, 31 Assistant Conservator of Forest Probationary Officers from the Central Academy of State Forest Service, Dehradun, visited Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad on Sunday.

Addressing the probationers, zoo curator Shivani Dogra spoke about the role of zoos in conservation of

wildlife, particularly endangered species. She also spoke about the role played by Nehru zoo in conservation breeding, animal healthcare and wildlife education. The probationers were taken around the zoo and were shown the enclo-

tures, night houses and planning of display enclosures for various animals.

Later, they visited zoo veterinary hospital where the assistant director (veterinary) MA Hakeem demonstrated how to tranquilise and capture animals.

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# Lone-wolf attacks averted

"We have been keeping a close watch on them since last three months, as they were found to be in contact with ISIS through Skype and other social media platforms such as Telegram, Twitter and Whatsapp. We conducted raids in Rajkot and Bhavnagar and nabbed the duo," Bhatt told reporters in Ahmed-

abad on Sunday. Investigation revealed the two had planned to attack the temple at Chotila town of Surendranagar. He said to create terror, they planned to record and upload the video of the attack on social media. They also planned to carry out blasts at different places and set on fire vehicles to spread terror. PTI

## Projects mired in legal wrangles

The lone interim stay issued by the Green Tribunal on the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy was vacated subsequently as the Government could impress upon the tribunal that the provision of drinking water was the immediate priority and the construction of the head works were common for both irrigation and drinking water needs to be met by the project.

As many as five PILs were filed against the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy lift irrigation scheme that was intended to irrigate upland areas in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar, Ranga Reddy and Nalgonda districts for an ayacut of 4,04,858 hectares besides augmenting drinking water supply to villages en route and Hyderabad. It would meet the industrial needs in Mahabubnagar, Ranga Reddy and Nalgonda districts, by lifting 90 TMC of flood water in 60 days from the foreshore of Srisaillam reservoir.

The government had decided to take up the works under the irrigation component of the project packages only after obtaining the environmental clearance for the project. The Palamuru-Ranga Reddy is a massive project that is expected to take three years for completion. The time to be taken for disposal of cases is likely to have a cascading effect. So far as the Rs 9,800 crore Mallan-nasagar project is concerned as many 10 writ petitions were filed in the High Court, while another 29 writ petition were filed against GO 123 under which some 8000 acres of land was acquired for the project. Because of the legal

hurdles, the government has stopped land acquisition under GO 123. The names of individuals who died quite some time ago also figured in the list of complainants in the petitions filed against the GO. There is no scope left for acquiring any more land for rest of the season under the GO for any of the key projects. The land acquisition process would be resumed only after the State Land Acquisition Bill, passed by both the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council in the last session, gets the Presidential assent. The implementation of the Kaleswaram project and a few other major irrigation schemes would have been impacted due to the court cases, but for the pre-emptive measures initiated by the Government to sustain the momentum in the implementation of works.

Irked by the number of development schemes getting shelved owing to injunctions, the Centre is said to be contemplating an amendment that bars the courts and tribunals from issuing interim stays. The State government is also weighing legal options to clear all hurdles for the projects in its priority list.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao has already set the tone for the budget session of the State Legislative Assembly stating that the Congress role in stalling projects would be exposed on the floor of the House. Almost all his Cabinet colleagues launched a blitzkrieg against the opposition for their attempts to stall developmental projects.

## IN HIS ELEMENTS



Pandit Jasraj performs at Panchtatva, a musical event organised by Durga Jasraj, at Shilpa Kala Vedika on Sunday.

## Defence staff celebrate golden jubilee

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The Defence Accounts Employees Co-operative Society celebrated its golden jubilee on Sunday.

A Visweswara Rao, controller of Defence Accounts, applauded the co-operative society for its performance over the last 50 years and said starting with 180 members, it now had 758 members.

Cooperative society secretary P Somi Reddy highlighted various welfare measures carried out by the society and said cash awards were presented for the meritorious children of society members who secured more than 90 per cent marks in SSC and Intermediate. Rao felicitated previous executive committee members on the occasion.

## MP leads clean drive at Kaidammakunta lake

CITY BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The Justice Konda Madhava Reddy Foundation on Sunday launched a clean-up drive to get rid of horseshoe weed that has infested in Kaidammakunta lake at Hafeezpet. The weed has spread completely across the 15 acres lake creating conditions for rampant mosquito breeding.

"It has started to release methane gas and sucking out the Oxygen content from the lake and making it impossible for the marine

life including fishes to sustain. The lake ecosystem has gone for a toss and mosquitoes are breeding," Chevella MP, Konda Vishweswar Reddy, who launched the project, said.

Vishweswar Reddy said the Foundation volunteers were trained in various technical skills and designed a machine to pull out the weed. "We approached GHMC and came to know that contractors charge Rs 60 lakh to clean up 60 lakes in our constituency. We can't use MPLADS funds, which are meant to create

new infrastructure and not for maintenance. This made us to improvise," he said.

It took the Foundation volunteers just Rs 2.60 lakh to rig-up a weed removing machine, which will now be used in all the remaining 60 lakes that are infested with the same weed. The Foundation plans to convert the lake side into a recreational place for locals with fencing and road around the lake, parks, chairs, lighting etc. The MP was also felicitated by the residents on the occasion of his birthday.



GREEN BRIGADE: Chevella MP Konda Vishweswar Reddy clears horseshoe weed in the 15-acre Kaidammakunta lake.