



Merger of banks (that are) not managed well with bigger and better managed ones makes sense. But my sincere worry is how will they (mergers and consolidation among PSBs) serve the local population?

K Kavitha,
Nizamabad MP

Hyd techie pioneers app to commemorate Muslim freedom fighters

VISHAL VIVEK @ Hyderabad

LACK of knowledge about Muslim freedom fighters has prompted a city-based techie to initiate an application on Thursday that focuses solely on their role in the freedom struggle.

The mobile app named 'Muslim Freedom Fighters' was launched on the eve of 70th Independence and has already re-

ceived more than a thousand downloads on Google Play Store.

"I felt that Muslims in the country do not have role models from their own community. They should know about the people who sacrificed for their freedom," said Syed Khalid Saifullah, the founder.

The app has 155 different levels dedicated to same number of Muslim freedom fighters, with

each level containing stories, pictures and a quiz based on the information provided. All the 155 freedom fighters are divided into various categories with rulers, martyrs, bureaucrats, journalists and poets among others.

When asked about the inspiration behind the initiative, he said, "When I googled Muslim freedom fighters, I could find only a handful of names like Tipu Sultan.



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Khalid designed the app in a way that makes learning interesting and fun. Each level has a quiz comprising five questions and if a player answers three of them correctly, he/she advances to the next level, although the information from all the levels can

be accessed without taking up the quiz.

"A user can also form a group to compete with others. Once one clears all the levels, a certificate of appreciation 'A tribute to Muslim freedom fighters' will be sent to the user," said Khalid.

Khalid said he used various books written by author Syed Nasseer Ahmed to formulate the questions, along with his friend

Amanulla Khan.

"We are planning to give ₹1,000 to the first ten people who clear all the levels," Amanulla said.

The team wants to add more levels to the app. "We have identified sixty more Muslim freedom fighters and soon the facts related to them will be added."

Khalid said that more than 60 per cent of the downloads have been from non-Muslims.



SHINING BRIGHT

Birla Mandir stands tall atop Nubbat Pahad against dark clouds on Thursday in Hyderabad | ASURESH KUMAR

Depression over Bay, more rain forecast for TS, coastal Andhra

While moderate rainfall was recorded in parts of both Telugu states, including Hyderabad, on Thursday, Met department officials predict rainfall will increase in coming days

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@ Hyderabad

AFTER a piercing hot start to the week, that was followed by humid and sultry weather in the city, Hyderabadis heaved a sigh of relief on Thursday.

The city experienced heavy showers in select places and moderate and less rainfall in other parts on Thursday. It remained dark and cloudy for most part of the day. The temperature dropped from 35 degree celsius on Monday to 24 degrees on Thursday.

It is good news, according to YK Reddy, director, Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) for the people of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Both the states will experience heavy rainfall in a few places while moderate rainfall in others.

"Upper air circulation has already been detected in Bay of Bengal. This will result in low pressure in the Bay, close to the coast of AP. Under its influence, there will be rainfall across the two states," he informed.

While moderate rainfall was recorded in select places in both the states including Hyderabad on Thursday, this will most certainly increase in the coming days.

"Coastal AP will receive heavy rainfall in select places for the next five days. There will be moderate rainfall throughout



A girl shielding herself from rain in Nampally on Thursday | VINAY MADAPU

Telangana will receive heavy rain after two days. There will, however, be moderate rainfall during the next two days

YK Reddy, director, IMD

the state, Telangana, on the other hand, will receive heavy rain after two days. There will, however, be moderate rainfall during the next two days," Reddy further added.

Districts in northern Telangana, Adilabad, Khammam, Nizamabad and even Hyderabad will receive moderate to heavy rainfall in certain areas. Rayalaseema will receive less rainfall.

UoH student finds cockroach in dal served at mess

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A STUDENT of University of Hyderabad on Thursday found a cockroach in the dal served at the hostel mess. Soon, a video of the same surfaced on Facebook which was posted by a student Akarsh J Venkat S along with a status which read, "Eating cock-

roaches at University of Hyderabad."

The video focuses on a student Bikku Rathore who is seen questioning the kitchen staff. "This fried cockroach can cause food poisoning. You have to look into it and then cook. So many students rely on this food," he says. When contacted, Rathore told Express that "it was unexpected

and the matter has been resolved." "We went for lunch in the NRS hostel around 12:30. I found it while taking food and immediately called the mess staff and informed them. The issue was resolved then only," he informed.

Meanwhile, chief warden G Nagaraju, who initially said that nothing has come to their notice,

later got back to share that he had contacted the mess staff concerned and that there was indeed a 'fly' in the dal.

"We generally take extreme care while preparing food for the students. This had fallen unexpectedly and it was cleared out. We are glad that it has been rectified and will ensure that it is not repeated," he assured.

EXPRESS READ

Janmashtami celebrated at Raj Bhavan

Janmashtami, the birthday of Lord Krishna, was celebrated with fervour and devotion at Raj Bhavan on Thursday. With governor ESL Narasimhan and his wife Vimala Narasimhan taking the lead, all the officers, staff members and their families took part in the celebrations. The programme began at 6 pm. The governor offered traditional Harathi to the Lord and distributed prasadam to everyone.

RTC bus rams into truck, 10 injured

As many as 10 passengers were injured when an RTC bus rammed into a tipper truck in Hayathnagar on Thursday morning. The incident took place close to Mount Opera, a popular amusement park on the outskirts of the city. "The tipper truck took a U-turn, and was going straight when the RTC bus hit it from behind. Its front portion was badly damaged in the collision. The truck driver fled the spot," a police official said.

CMA course revised for upcoming academic year

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@ Hyderabad

STUDENTS aspiring to pursue Cost and Management Accountancy (CMA) course have a new syllabus to contend with from the academic year 2016-17. The new syllabus will come into effect from August 1, 2016.

"The Institute of Cost Accountants of India periodically reviews CMA course syllabus keeping in view the changing needs of businesses, markets and management professions. As the cost of production for producing various products across sectors is rising and changes in various taxes are taking place, a change in syllabus was done, to equip the students to modern requirements," said Suryaprakasha Rao, chairman of Institute of Cost Accountants of India's Hyderabad chapter.

"It is mandatory for an industry to have a cost and management accountant and there are good opportunities for students who complete CMA course."

Why change in curriculum?

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added Suryaprakasha Rao. CMA course has three levels - foundation, intermediate and final levels and about 1,500 to 2,000 students appear for CMA course through the Hyderabad chapter. Both students who have completed intermediate or degree courses can join CMA course at different levels. For more details about CMA course and new syllabus call toll free numbers: 18003450092/1800110910 from Monday to Saturday between 10 am and 6:30 pm. Students can visit the website www.icmai.in or send an e-mail to admission@icmai.in.

DNA RESULT AWAITED

Love for a male child keeps the baby girl hungry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

WHILE a DNA test is imminent to end the ongoing confusion of alleged baby swap at Government Maternity hospital at Koti in the city, one of the mothers, denied to breastfeed the baby girl fearing that it might alter the test reports.

On Tuesday afternoon, Rajitha from Mahbubnagar and P Rama Devi from Rangareddy gave birth to a girl and boy at Government Maternity Hospital in Sultanbazaar. While Rajitha's family were handed over a baby boy, he was taken away by staff there stating that it was a girl but not a boy for them.

Meanwhile, nurses handed breast pumps to the mothers so that the babies can be fed. P Rajitha was handed over a baby girl but she refused to breastfeed her while Rama Devi, who was handed over a boy, breastfed him. "Since Rajitha and Chathru feared that giving milk to the baby girl would alter DNA test results, they did not give her milk," said N Prabhass, Rajitha's brother. The mothers held the baby boy on Tuesday. From then on, both the parents are yet to see the babies.

DNA results would take two weeks

Inauguration of Medical College

RVM Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Center

Venue : Lakshmakapally Village, Mulugu Mandal, Medak District

Date: 26-8-2016, Time : 2.00 PM

by

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In the august presence of
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