

## Back to tough times



**WATER CRISIS:** Women stand in queue to fill drinking water from a tanker at Rajapuram in Jogulamba Gadwal district. Due to depletion of groundwater levels and water in the Krishna river, the State government has stopped the supply under Mission Bhagiratha. Instead, it is sending four tankers a day to the village.



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# Criminal justice laws from July 1

Provision related to hit-and-run cases put on hold

PTI  
NEW DELHI

The newly enacted laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Act — to completely overhaul the criminal justice system in the country will come into effect from July 1.

However, the provision related to cases of hit and run by vehicle drivers will not be implemented immediately. The three laws got Parliament's approval on December 21 last year and President Droupadi Murmu gave her assent on December 25. According to three identical notifications issued by the Union Home Ministry, provisions of the new laws will come into force from July 1.

The laws will replace the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Indian Evidence Act of 1872, respectively. The three legislations aim at completely overhauling the criminal justice system in

## Overhaul of criminal justice system

HERE'S A DETAILED LOOK AT THE KEY CHANGES IN THE REVISED LAWS

**IPC WILL BE REPLACED BY BHARATIYA NYAYA (SECOND) SANHITA**

**C+PC WILL BE REPLACED BY BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA (SECOND) SANHITA**

**INDIAN EVIDENCE ACT, 1872, WILL BE REPLACED BY BHARATIYA SAKSHYA (SECOND) ADHINIYAM**

### BHARATIYA NYAYA (SECOND) SANHITA

- For first time, 'terrorism' defined
- Defines 'cruelty' against woman by husband/his relatives. Offence is punishable with jail term of up to 3 yrs
- Replaces the term 'mental illness' with 'unsoundness of mind', adds the term 'intellectual disability' along with unsoundness of mind in Section 367 (competence to stand trial)
- Penalises mob lynching on par with murder, scraps minimum punishment of 7 yrs
- Abolishes sedition as crime, lists offences such as acts of secession, armed rebellion, subversive activities, separatist activities, endangering sovereignty or unity
- GUILTY shall be punished with imprisonment for life or jail up to 7 yrs and fine
- 'Rajdroh' gets new term 'Deshdroh'
- Magistrate's power to impose fines increased as well as scope of declaring proclaimed offender

### BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA (SECOND) SANHITA

- Defines community service under Section 23, magistrate of First or Second Class empowered to impose this punishment for minor crimes
- Allows cops to use handcuffs beyond time of arrest and while producing accused persons in court
- Allows police custody beyond 15 days of arrest
- Detained person must be produced before Magistrate or released in petty cases within 24 hours

### BHARATIYA SAKSHYA (SECOND) ADHINIYAM

Admissibility of electronic records will be considered as primary evidence

the country by giving definitions of various offences and their punishments. The government, however, has decided not to implement the provision related to cases of hit and run by a vehicle

driver as promised to truckers who had protested against it. After the laws were enacted, the truckers had protested the provision of Section 106 (2) which provides for 10 years imprison-

ment and fine to those who cause death of any person by rash and negligent driving of vehicle not amounting to culpable homicide, and escapes without reporting it to a police officer.

## TDP, Jana Sena release first list for State polls

AMARAVATI

TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu and Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan on Saturday announced their first joint list of 118 seats for the forthcoming Assembly polls in Andhra Pradesh.

The two leaders, however, said the seat allocation has been done keeping in mind the "need to accommodate" BJP in case the saffron party decides to join the alliance. TDP candidates will contest from 94 constituencies, while Jana Sena will contest from 24 seats, as per the first list.

(SEE PAGE 2)

## ECI issues directives to States on officers' transfers

STATE BUREAU  
Hyderabad

The Election Commission of India (ECI) directed the State governments to ensure that officers, transferred out of a district ahead of polls, were not posted within the same parliamentary constituency.

This comes after the ECI noticed a few cases wherein officers were being transferred or posted in the adjacent districts within the same parliamentary constituency. The ECI strengthened its existing transfer policy to ensure that officials are not able to

disturb the level playing field in the elections.

Accordingly, the officers who were either posted in their home district or have completed three years at a place, have been directed to be transferred. This includes those who are in any way connected to the election work either directly or in a supervisory capacity, the ECI said. There has been a zero-tolerance policy against disturbing the level playing in polls. It may be recalled that in the recent Assembly polls in five States, it ordered the transfer of various officials, including top police officers.

## Fake poll schedule goes viral

**HYDERABAD:** A fake Lok Sabha election schedule is being circulated widely on social media stating that the elections would be held on April 19 and counting would be on May 22 this year.

However, the Election Commission of India has clarified that the message was fake. (SEE PAGE 2)

## Karnataka BJP MP calls farmers Khalistanis

Says they arrive for protests in high-end cars, new tractors and are funded by foreign nations

BENGALURU

BJP MP from Karwar Anantkumar Hegde on Saturday said those taking part in protests in New Delhi are not farmers but Khalistanis. "They arrive in high-end cars. Do farmers have this much money? Those protesting are not farmers. It is not farmers' agitation. It is the protest staged by betrayers of the nation. It is an agitation of Khalistanis which is termed as farmers' protest. All of them are funded by foreign countries," Hegde said.

Targeting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over his criticism of the Central government over allocation of funds, Hegde said it is not the "property of his father" to allocate funds as and when he sought it. "If good relations are maintained and proposals from the State are submitted and dis-



Farmers offer 'ardas' during their 'Delhi Chalo' march near the Shambhu border in Patiala district on Saturday. — Photo: PTI

ussion is held with Ministers concerned, everything will be smooth, including the allotment of funds. But Chief Minister Siddaramaiah does not want it that way," he said.

Meanwhile, farmers participating in the 'Delhi Chalo' call will not end their agitation until their de-

mands are met, farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher said on Saturday while indicating that their stir may continue even after the Model Code of Conduct for the Lok Sabha polls comes into force. Thousands of farmers are staying put at Khanauri and Shambhu on Punjab's border. AGENCIES

## Biker clocks 2.32 lakh km to explore self & country



Srinivas Chamarthy takes a break at Kothagudem during his journey to Vijayawada.

JAMES EDWIN  
Khammam

Nearly 2.32 lakh kilometres and counting, a man's mission, 'A Journey To Realise Self', continues as time progresses and he intends to explore the real India as well as his own self.

Meet 45-year-old Srinivas Chamarthy — a biking enthusiast, innovator, entrepreneur, electronics engineer, lawyer, research scholar and motiva-

tional speaker — who has crisscrossed India, touching the highest and lowest altitudes from south to north and east to west as part of his mission.

"With my journey, I wanted to see what India really is. Is it what we are taught in textbooks or something else? And I found there is a beauty in rural India," Srinivas, who was here recently to give a lecture in SBIT, said. Born in Kovvur in West Godavari, he is settled

in Hyderabad. He started his journey at the age of 19, using public transport, to explore India.

Now, he hits the road on his Royal Enfield, travelling 140 days a year on an average and dedicating the remaining 225 days to work and family.

In a day, he covers 400-600 km. He has so far delivered around 800 lectures and changed 14 bikes, four of them given to him for free by Royal Enfield. (SEE PAGE 2)

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