

IN BRIEF

Discussion on global politics

Manthan, a forum for public discourse, is organising an interactive session on 'The New Architecture of World Politics and Who Controls It' by Prof Jeffrey W Legro on Wednesday. Jeffrey W Legro, professor of Politics, University of Virginia, was a Fulbright-Nehru Senior Researcher at the Institute for Defense and Strategic Analyses in New Delhi. In contrast to the notion that there is a single 'global' system, this lecture identifies four dimensions to the international political structure. The points of discussion include whether India's attempts at manoeuvring to take advantage of the system would succeed in light of its economic growth and positional strategy. The discussion will start at 6.15 pm at Saptarni on Road 8 in Banjara Hills.



Prof. Jeffrey W Legro

Musical Nite today

A bhinav Foundation, a social welfare organisation, is organising a Musical Nite at Thyagaraya Gana Sabha on March 6. Senior journalist J N Prasada will render melodies of legendary Bollywood singer Kishore Kumar. The programme will also feature Telugu film songs and a mimicry show. Distinguished personalities from the city like Ghazal Srinivas and social worker Nand Kishore Vyas will also be present. The programme will start at 5pm.

Medical camp at Haj House

A free medical camp for Haj pilgrims was started at the Haj House on Monday. The camp, being organised by Asra Hospital, will be on till the pilgrimage is over. A guidance cell was formed at the Haj House to help pilgrims fill up Haj forms. Three other counters will cross-check the forms that have been submitted. The camp and the guidance cell will be open to pilgrims during working hours of the Haj House.

UoH professors honoured

Dr Niyaz Ahmed, Dr Ravi Kumar Gutti and Dr Sharmishta Banerjee, professors in the University of Hyderabad, have been recognised by the Department of Biotechnology for their valuable contribution to the field. Dr Ravi Kumar Gutti and Dr Sharmishta Banerjee, from Biochemistry Department, have been given the 2011 Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award. Dr Niyaz Ahmed from the Department of Biotechnology, has been honoured with the National Bioscience Award.

The Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award was instituted by the Department of Biotechnology in 2005. The award is given to identify and nurture outstanding young scientists who have innovative ideas and are desirous of pursuing research in the frontier areas of biotechnology. Young scientists below the age of 35 years are considered for the award. The award recognises research and development work carried out in India in the last five years. A cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a research support grant of Rs 9 lakh, along with a citation, are given to the recipients.



Bulldozer pulling down a fruit vendor's stall

GHMC removes footpath shops

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation on Monday launched a drive to remove footpath vendors in Koti, Sultan Bazar and Jambagh areas. All wayside stalls in these areas were pulled down using bulldozers. The vendors alleged that the GHMC did not give them any prior warning about the action due to which they suffered heavy losses. They alleged that certain GHMC officials and traffic policemen regularly take money from them for allowing them to continue with their business.

Enjoy your holiday by trekking

VARSHA TORGALKAR

We all enjoy a holiday. For some of us, a good holiday means going on a trip. Of course, finding time during our busy schedule is a major hurdle and one has to settle for a movie or take a walk in the garden. But it is very satisfying for an outdoor person to go trekking or rock climbing.

The twin cities are known for its rocks areas, where people can go trekking or climbing. The best part is that it doesn't take much time, since the sites are in and around the city. The trips will take hardly 3-4 hours. Hyderabad Hans feels the pulse of people frequenting such spots. Khajaguda is about 1km west of Durgam Cheruvu. The place is a heaven for those who want to go trekking. A number of passages there give scope for exploration that may yield valuable personal discovery at least. When you get tired after hiking, you can take rest on the rocks that give a magnificent vantage view of the city.

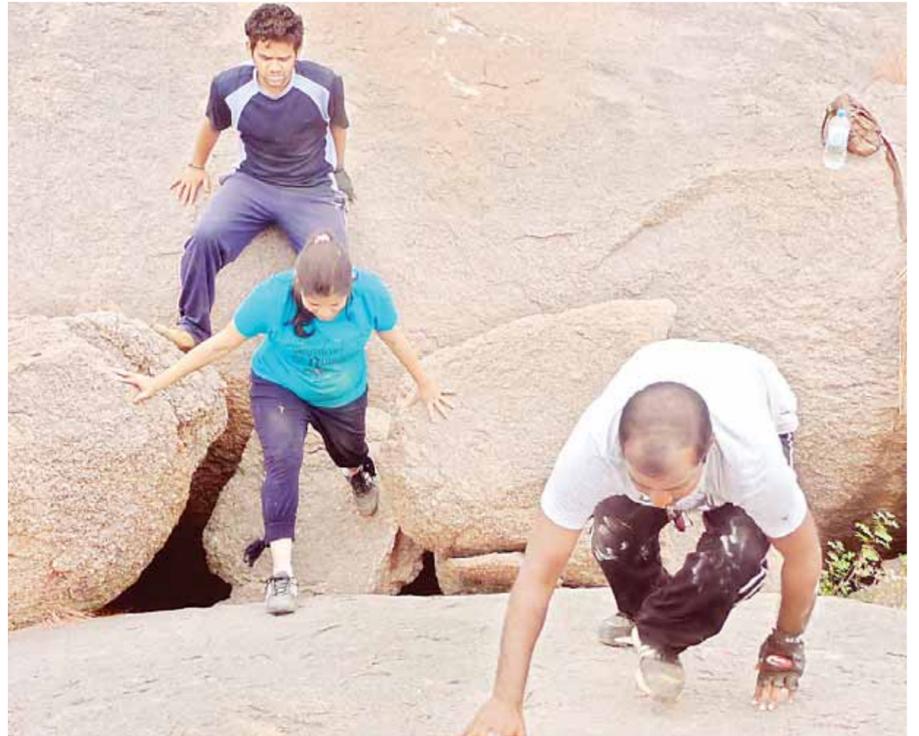
"To locate the places from the top of rocks is fun. Trekkers cannot locate the area where they stay," says Srikanth Rao, a regular rock climber and an organiser with

the Greater Hyderabad Adventure Club. Birdwatchers also love the place, as many peacocks and various types of birds can be seen.

If you are staying nearHITEC City, then Durgam Cheruvu is the place to go for a hike. Favourite among nature lovers, it is a picnic spot surrounded with a picturesque lake and small hills. One can go for boating, have leisurely time on the hills or climb rocks. You can try some mild rock climbing/trekking as well in between the rocks. You can get a close-up view of ducks and birds.

"Durgam Cheruvu is my favourite spot in the city. The hill has features for everybody. If you are a new trekker, then there are small rocks to climb and walk on. People who want more fun, can try big rocks," says Ajit T, a regular trekker.

The Moola Ali Dargah is one of the popular trekking spots among adventurers. It is one of the 11 heritage sites identified by the "Heritage conservation committee" of the Hyderabad Urban Development Authority. To make life easy for the visitors, there is a long staircase of 500 steps to climb up the hill to reach the Dargah. You will never get bored, if you visit these sites.



Rock climbing at Khajaguda



Women demanding water supply. Photo: Ch Saibaba

Plea for water with empty vessels

About 300 women from the Rasoolpura slum area, Pochamma temple, Indiramma Nagar, Hanuman Galli, Sri Lanka, Silver Lancer and Krishna Nagar held a demonstration in front of the Secunderabad Cantonment Board office on Monday, protesting the inactions of officials of the cantonment board in supplying

drinking water facility and for not repairing damaged borewells. They wanted the authorities to take immediate action to supply drinking water and repair damaged borewells.

Keshava Reddy, member of ward no 2 of the Cantonment Board, said the Chief Executive Officer, S Balakrishna, and the staff of the water works department were ignor-

ing their pleas. He pointed to the plight of the people in a scorching summer.

Rajeswar Rao, in-charge of water division of the Cantonment Board, assured the ward member and the women residents that tankers water would supply water to resolve the issue and that repairs of the bores would be taken up immediately.

Mid-day meal workers protest

Workers engaged in the mid-day meal scheme protested at the Dharna Chowk on Monday, demanding increase in the budgetary allocations for mid-day meal in tune with the price rice. The

dharna, organised under the banner of Centre for Indian Trade Unions (CITU), was attended by hundreds of mid-day meal workers. Dhanalakshmi, president of the mid-day meal workers, said, "The officials are pressurising

us to give two eggs to each student despite lack of funds. The workers in the 72,000 schools in the state are under constant pressure." We shall fight till the government hikes the allocations for mid-day meal scheme, she added.



Workers engaged in the mid-day meal scheme on Monday. Photo: Hrudayanand

'Chalo Hyderabad' by construction workers

The workers in the construction sector organised Chalo Hyderabad to highlight their demands, on Monday. The workers supported by All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), organised a Maha Dharna at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park. The CPI Floor Leader in the assembly, Gunda Mallesh addressed the gathering and said "The state government is not serious in resolving the issues of the workers and the callousness of the Welfare board is condemnable". The workers are demanding scholarships for the children of construction workers and pension scheme for the workers above 55 years of age.



Workers taking out a rally. Photo: Abbas



Award-winning art works

'Sanskriti' kids bag international art awards



Award winners with their certificates

Six children who are receiving art education at 'Sanskriti' Rural Art Centre for Children at Hyderguda village in Rangareddy district won awards, including the top special prize, at the 13th International Child and Youth Art Exhibition that concluded recently at Czestochowa, Poland.

A Keerthana, a 10-year-old child, bagged the Special Award-Top Prize, while G M Anusha, A Rishitej, J Praveen Kumar, S Sekhar and G Vinod Kumar, bagged the Awards of Exhibition Medallions and Diplomas.

Another group of eight children viz M Munika Reddy, A Sai Kiran, A Shreetej, R Kavya, A Harender, A Vamsikiran, R Kalpana and B Jyosna, received Honorable Mention Diplomas for their creative paintings and

linocuts. The exhibition was organised by the Art and Cultural Center for Youth and Children at Czestochowa, Poland, with the support of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Mayor of the Czestochowa City and the International Kennels Club. The event attracted as many as 10,325 children with their creative art works from 49 countries.

From India, 491 children sent their art works and won eight awards in their respective age groups, of which six have been won by the children of Sanskriti.

'Sanskriti' was established in 1992 at Hyderguda village by the Hyderabad-based Young Envoys International and has been providing art education to hundreds of village children over the years.



Prof Haragopal addressing the APTF dharna at Dharna Chowk on Monday. Photo: Abbas