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# EXPIRED PRODUCTS FLOOD CITY MARKETS



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The scheme includes free eye check-up, and distribution of spectacles as needed to beneficiaries, at free of cost.

### Travel agent, 2 others held for smuggling gold from Dubai

HYDERABAD: THE Rajendranagar Special Operations Team (SOT) busted a gold-smuggling racket on Wednesday and seized six gold biscuits weighing 700 grams from three persons. They were arrested. Teams of the Cyberabad police, along with the Customs officials, apprehended Syed Moiz Pasha, Sameer Khan and Mohd Arshad for smuggling gold biscuits from Dubai.

According to the police, Pasha, a travel agent of Quadri Chaman, Falaknuma, approaches locals baiting them with tourist visas to Dubai to import gold illegally to evade customs duty. The SOT officials apprehended Pasha while he was trying to sell illegally imported gold biscuits at Vatepally, Mailardevally.

On enquiry, he revealed to the police that he sent Khan to Dubai on a tourist visa in the second week of February. Khan returned to India with the six gold biscuits. He revealed that he had smuggled gold 4-5 times and sold it to Arshad, S/o Mohd Masood of Masood Jewellery. The Cyberabad police arrested the three and seized six gold biscuits and 13 passports. The officials handed over the gold to the Additional Commissioner, Customs, GST Bhavan, Hyderabad for further investigation.

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ARE the products you buy fresh to consume? Do you know that there are illegal practices happening in the of altering expiry dates pf products? The practice of selling food products, consumable goods and other daily-use products with altered expiry dates remains unchecked in the city. With no proper vigil by the officials on illegal activities, expired goods are hitting the markets across the city. From chocolates to bread, soaps to shampoos and other packed products with altered expiry dates are on high sale.

Imagine walking into your local grocery store and purchasing a product which is expired, but you are unaware that the as the date-label on the product is altered. The fast-moving consumer goods supplied with altered expiry dates are resold in shops and supermarkets in the city.

These products pose health hazards to consumers as many innocent people, particularly those living in the slums and the customers of supermarkets get cheated from the traders in the guise of attractive discounts and offers. It is beyond them to identify such products.

M Subbarao, a consumer at a grocery store at L B Nagar reacted that many people are unaware of such activities like altering labels of a product which is expired. The product which is expired and altered can lead to various health issues. At times it may threaten the lives of an indi-

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"The customers are unaware about the altering of a products' label. Since the expiry date of the product is altered, the consumers do not exactly know onto when did the product expire, it could be a year earlier or may be more than that which may lead to unforeseen consequences. In such cases the suppliers to traders and also the officials are responsible for the quality of the product sold."

Despite of several raids by authorities on food adulteration units and other illegal warehouses, the activity continues unabatedly. Markets have unearthed all kinds of food products, ranging from

children sweets to daily use products. Almost all the packed products are recycled by re-label and are sold in the markets.

Few altered products that can cause major health hazards are chips, lollipops, biscuits, chocolates, diapers, body sprays, soaps, hand wash, hand sanitisers and several others.

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lakh worth products.

According to the officials, the rise of adulterated goods and other phony products sold, and the altered label has largely gone unnoticed by many shoppers. But making no mistake, the problem is extensive. Most people do not realize this and purchase it.

"We carry out surprise checks in shops, markets and supermarkets and verify the product with all supposed angles. We find adulterated products, low-quality poetical, but it is not easy to find the tampering of expiry dates. It is possible only after lab testing," said a GHMC official.

According to the Section 27 III (B) of Food Safety and Standards Act 2006, a trader is not supposed to sell any consumable product after its expiry date. But, many traders in the city seem to have been violating the Act. As per the rules of Packaged Commodities (Regulation) Order, sale of packaged products without details such as date of manufacturing, maximum retail price, producer's name and address shall have to be banned from sale. An officer said, "During the raids the seized material which was recovered from them is stored and following the case, the unsafe products will be destroyed. Moreover, criminal cases will be booked against the traders and people involved in illegal activities including the alteration of packed products. The accused may face Rs 2 lakh fine and at least 6 months imprisonment," said a senior officer at GHMC. It is said that such products are resold in area grocery stores, mostly in slums and highly densely populated areas where the fast moving of products is observed. This poses a health hazard to consumers.



## Govt hikes diet charges of social welfare residential schools in State

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THE students of Social Welfare Residential Schools in the State will finally have an improved and balanced nutritious diet. On Wednesday, the State government has hiked diet charges by over 25 per cent. The Telangana government has significantly increased the diet charges of welfare hostels and the government allocation will increase by an additional Rs 275 crore every month. A total of 3,302 crores of additional funds will be spent every year. In this regard, a meeting was held at Marri Chenna Reddy Human Resource Centre in Hyderabad under the chairmanship of Finance Minister Harish Rao, BC Welfare Minister Gangula Kamalakar, Women & Child Welfare and ST Welfare Minister Satyavati Rathore with the chief secretaries of all welfare departments.

During the meeting, decision has been taken to propose hike in diet charges in line with existing prices, after previous hikes in 2012 and 2017, the current price hike has been implemented. Along with 8,59, 959 students of SC, ST, Minority and BC welfare hostels across the state, the government is also going to provide full nutrition to the hostel students of model schools, Kasturiba Vidyalayas and Sadaran Gurukuls. The government of Telangana provides the

highest diet charges unlike any other State in the country like Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka etc.

Every month from class 3rd - class 7th Rs 950 to Rs 1200, for class 8 to 10 class Rs 1100 to Rs 1400, Inter to PG Rs 1500 to Rs 1875 has been decided to spend on diet charges. In addition to these, 14,514 metric tonnes of fortified rice will be provided at a rate of 15 kg per student every month at a cost of Rs 47 crore, stated Finance Minister Harish Rao

Meanwhile, the Telangana government has to allocate huge additional funds every year in view of the significant increase in the diet charges of welfare hostels. Every month Rs 1053.84 crore are spent on diet charges alone and Rs 12,646.08 crore annually. However, according to the current increased diet charges, the government will have to spend an additional amount of Rs.275 crores every month, and a total of Rs.3302 crores annually, he added.

Even in 2017, diet charges were increased and once again in 2023 the government has taken a decision to increase the diet charges. Fainance Minister directed officials to look into the possibility of merging hostels with less than ten hostels in nearby welfare Gurukuls run by the same department with the aim of providing them with better accommodation.

### Man dies of cardiac arrest while playing badminton

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IN yet another incident, another 38-year-old man died after a cardiac arrest, while playing badminton at Professor Jayashankar Indoor Stadium in Lalapet on Tuesday. The person was identified as Parmesh Yadav, a private employee. According to police, Parmesh used to regularly play cricket and badminton after returning from office. While he was playing badminton in the indoor stadium with some friends he complained of chest pain and collapsed.

## Two workers die in chemical reactor blast

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TWO workers of the Aurore Pharmaceuticals Pvt Limited located in Jeedimetla Industrial area died due to a chemical reactor explosion on Wednesday. It is suspected that the explosion occurred due to excess pressure being built in the reactor used to manufacture drugs. Due to the impact, a portion of the roof and wall was damaged.

The victims were Ravinder Reddy (25) and Kumar (24), both residents of Shapur Nagar and Jeed-



imetla.

Ravinder Reddy and Kumar suffered serious burns, and the co-workers were immediately rushed to their rescue. However, both died on the spot and the bodies were shifted to Gandhi Hospital morgue for autopsy.

According to the police, the explosion took place at around 12pm when there were around 30 workers in the company and five of them were working in the reactor section of the chemical laboratory.

The company authorities alerted the Fire department and police, who reached the spot and dozed the fire. Few other workers who suffered bruises and suffocation were given first-aid.

The Jeedimetla police booked a case for negligence causing death against the management of the company and the investigation is on. "We suspect that excess pressure was built up in the reactor. More details will be known after further investigation," said the police.

## A WHIFF OF GOD'S OWN COUNTRY CULTURE



Artistes from Kerala donning distinctive costumes showcase their State's traditional dances at a show promoted by Kerala Tourism in Hyderabad

Photos :Adula Krishna

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**  
Panchayat Raj Engineering Department  
Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office PR Nalgonda

"e" Procurement Tender Notice  
e-Proc.T.N.No.PR/294 to 306/2022-23  
Dt: 28.02.2023

No. of works (13) Construction of Bridge on R/F Beemampally to Palintarigudem at 1/3 to 1/4 km of Madgupally (M) in Nalgonda Dist. & other works in Superintending Engineer PR Nalgonda Total ECV: Rs. 909.61 Lakhs Tenders Download Start & End Dt: 01.03.2023 to 31.03.2023 for further details "e" Procurement market place i.e. www.eprocurement.gov.in  
Sd/- Regional Officer,  
Regional Office, PR Nalgonda  
DIPR R.O. No. : 1404-DP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23 Date: 01-03-2023

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**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**  
E-Auction Cum Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Properties/ Property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic/ Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, (Secured Creditor/ Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited) will be Sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATSOEVER THERE" is on 20.03.2023 for recovery of Bank dues of Rs.26,18,054.80 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Fifty Four and Paise Eighty Only) as on 28th Feb 2013 due and payable to the Secured Creditor in addition to Interest, Costs and charges at contractual rate to the Secured Creditor from 1) M/s. Salimar Shoes, Rep. by it Proprietor Mohammed Qadeer, H.No.16-2-669/B/35, 36 and 37, Jamuna Towers, Nalgonda X Roads, Malakpet, Hyderabad. Also at: Mr. Mohammed Qadeer, S/o. Mohammed Jahangir, H.No.8-1-354/13/B, N.J Complex, Towli Chowki, beside Majestic Garden Function Hall, Hyderabad.

Short description of Immovable Properties/ Property with known encumbrances and certain terms of the sale:-

Loan Account No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (S)	Demand Notice Amount and Date	Reserve Price (RP)	EMD (10% of RP) and Last Date	Inspection Date & Time	Date of Auction & Time	Total Out Standing	Known Encumbrance, If Any,
304044011831 (CRN 35510996)	1) M/s. Salimar Shoes 2) Mr. Mohammed Qadeer	Rs.26,18,054.80 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Fifty Four and Paise Eighty Only) as on 28.02.2013	Rs.39,73,800/- (Rs. Thirty Nine Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	Rs.3,97,380/- (Rs. Three Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Only) and Last date for submitting bid is 18.03.2023	On 15.03.2023 From 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM	On 20.03.2023 At 03:00 PM to 04:00 PM	Rs.26,18,054.80 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Fifty Four and Paise Eighty Only) as on 28.02.2013	Nil

Details of the Immovable Properties/ Property: All that part and parcel of the Flat No.113 (old 13) bearing part of MCH No.16-2-669, situated on the First Floor of the building complex "Jamuna Towers", Main Road, Malakpet, Hyderabad, admeasuring 1074 Sq.ft Super Plinth area and undivided interest and share of land admeasuring 20.93 Sq.yds out of 4769 Sq.yards standing in the name of Mohammed Qadeer and Bounded by: North: Flat No.112, South: Open to Sky, East: Open to sky, West: Corridor 6' Feet Wide.

The Auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved Service provider M/s. C1 India Private Limited, at their web Portal www.bankeuctions.com, https://www.kotak.com/en/bank-auctions.html

The Authorised Officer shall have absolute discretion to cancel the e-auction at any point of time, without assigning any reason.

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Date: 02.03.2023, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorized Officer, For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.