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## T-zone gets most water projects

**Hyderabad, Dec. 20:** Minister for major irrigation Ponnala Lakshmaiah on Tuesday said Telangana would be the biggest beneficiary of the ongoing and proposed irrigation projects as part of Jala Yagnam. Speaking to mediapersons here, the minister said the existing irrigation facilities, other than minor and well irrigation, in Telangana region was 22/75 lakh acres, of which 19.22 lakh acres were irrigated under major irrigation and about 3.53 lakh acres under medium irrigation. As part of Jala Yagnam, it was proposed to take up 27 major and medium irrigation projects in Telangana region to create irrigation potential of 46 lakh acres.

“Out of Rs 27,123.87 crores value of projects awarded so far in the last two years, Rs 14,682.57 crores, accounting for 54 per cent, had been allocated in Telangana area only. Out of one crore acres of irrigation potential, including 22 lakh acres of stabilisation, to be created in the State, about 46 lakh acres was from Telangana region. This indicates that the government is committed to improving the living standards of the backward Telangana region,” he said.

Mr Lakshmaiah said on December 31, Chief Minister Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy would be laying foundation stone for Dummugudem lift irrigation scheme and Indirasagar lift irrigation scheme, both aimed at irrigating four lakh acres in Khammam district. He said in Khammam district, only 4.28 lakh acres of irrigated area and there was only another 4.5 lakh acres of cultivable area. The new projects would benefit the entire farming community in the district, he said.



## Don't dig roads for meet: Sonia

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**Hyderabad, Dec. 20:** DNA fingerprinting of bloodstains found on the clothes of the victim and suspects helped police to crack a murder case. On the basis of this evidence, police on Tuesday arrested Mohammed Ham-eed alias Abu, 22, a resident of Kishanbagh and Syed Saber, 22, of Gulbarga in Karnataka, for killing a person in Mangalghat. They were produced before court and remanded to judicial custody. The murder took place on November 4. Hameed and Saber were walking along the road in an inebriated condition and a person bumped on them accidentally. "The duo got angry and there was a scuffle. They slit his throat and smashed his head with a boulder," said the West Zone Deputy Commissioner Amit Garg.

Both of them suffered injuries in the scuffle and their hair follicles and skin was found in the nails of the dead person. The duo did not confess the crime, but police booked them after matching the DNA of the bloodstains on their clothes with that on the clothes of the deceased. Goshamahal Assistant Commissioner K. Sridhar Rao said that the victim was not identified. "We took the body to OGH mortuary and conducted an autopsy," he said.

"We picked up Saber and Hameed who were found lying in an inebriated condition 20 yards away with bloodstains on their clothes," he added. Since it was dark, nobody witnessed the murder. "But I think we can nail them with the scientific evidence. We are investigating it further," said Mr Sridhar Rao.



### Bride runs off with lover after marriage

**Hyderabad, Dec. 20:** A bride eloped with her boyfriend, who is reportedly two years her junior, carrying money and ornaments, a week after she was married to another man. The incident took place at Banjara Ka Darwaja of Golconda. Ms Kavita, 20, was married to Mr Yadagiri on December 11. Her parents were getting set for the Satyanarayana vratam, a mandatory puja here, when Ms Kavita eloped on December 18 with Mr Naresh, alias Chitti, 18. Her parents lodged a complaint against Mr Naresh, alleging that he kidnapped her.

Golconda police registered a case of kidnapping under Section 366 of the IPC (kidnapping, abducting or inducing a woman to compel her marriage). Ms Anasuya, wife of Mr M. Krishna, alleged in her complaint: "We performed her marriage on December 11 with Mr Yadagiri. On December 18 we were about to perform the (Satyanarayana) vratam. Suddenly our daughter Kavita, 20, went missing. The boy took her away without her consent."

Ms P. Jeeva, the bride's aunt, said: "She went away with Rs 32,000 worth of gold, Rs 4,000 cash and half kg of silver ornaments. Her parents had spent Rs 2 to 3 lakh on the marriage. The parents of Mr Yadagiri, the groom, are now demanding that we send the girl to the family or compensate them for the marriage expenditure."



### FIR on colleges with false claims

**Hyderabad, Dec. 20:** A division bench of the High Court on Tuesday asked the State government to register FIRs against corporate colleges which issued false advertisements. The bench asked the police to complete the investigation in this matter within a month and to proceed as per the provisions of law.

The bench passed the orders while responding to a letter written by Giri Kumar from Nellore complaining that due to the advertisements, parents were pressurising children to get ranks. The bench passed orders in a PIL seeking enquiry into the advertisement by Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions claiming that their candidates had secured certain ranks.



### Assembly session ends amid uproar