


Hyderabad City Yesterday


29/14

Temp In Celsius

Hyderabad City Today

Rain/shower at one or two places likely in Rayalseema & South Coastal Andhra. A fresh nippy morning. A bright sunny afternoon. Night is likely to be clear, cold & slightly breezy. High 29°C, low 14°C. RH max 74%.

Hyderabad City Tomorrow

Mainly clear sky. A bit chilly morning. A pleasant sunny day. Night continues to be clear & cold. High 28°C, low 13°C. RH max 72%.

Read RH as Relative Humidity



CITY

'Mega city' tag for Hyderabad soon

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research selects Hyderabad for its project 'Shakti'

Staff Reporter

HYDERABAD: Minister for Municipal Administration K. Ranga Rao has said that Hyderabad will soon be declared as a mega city and the Government will develop it into a model city by providing adequate infrastructure like roads, power, drinking water, sewerage, sanitation as well as needs of urban poor.

At the same time, the Government also wants to provide livelihood means to people of the rural areas in order to control migration, he said. The Minister was addressing participants of the first workshop on 'Research for the sustainable development of the mega cities of tomorrow' by Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) here on Monday.

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research has selected Hyderabad for the pro-

ject titled 'Shakti' (Sustainable holistic approach and know how tailored to India), over a period of 11 years in four phases.

Issues to be identified

A 16-member delegation from 10 different institutes led by the European Institute for Energy Research (EIER) will identify issues to assess the current and future needs of the city. Mr. Rao pointed out that the face of urban India had drastically changed in recent times and with economic liberalisation, cities had emerged as engines of economic growth.

Not only did cities contribute to 50 per cent of the gross domestic product but a majority of the Government revenue was also generated from them. "But we had to pay a price for this growth with environmental degradation, strain on urban infrastructure, haphazard growth of cities

and increasing poverty levels," he said.

Hyderabad too was witnessing tremendous growth and a perspective plan was imperative instead of resorting to fire-fighting jobs whenever the situation arises, said Mr. Rao. EIER's Project Coordinator Baerbel Schwaiger making a presentation said the researchers task was to devise solutions and strategies for sustainable development.

On successful evaluation of projects submitted and outlines refined for implementation the other three phases of three years each will follow. The Mayor, T. Krishna Reddy, and Standing Committee Chairman, D. Mohan, also spoke.

The MCH Commissioner, Sanjay Jaju, HUDA Special Officer S.P. Shorey and HMWSSB made presentations on sustainable development, long term planning and water needs respectively.

Brain Bee Quiz on Dec. 24

Staff Reporter

HYDERABAD: Brain Bee Quiz, a neuroscience contest for first year Intermediate or students of Class 11 will be conducted on December 24 at the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS).

The quiz is being conducted jointly by the NIMS, Kalajyothi, a voluntary agency working on health sciences and promoted by the Natco Trust, DANA Alliance, Society for Neuroscience and International Brain Research Organisation.

Winning students and their biology teacher will attend the finals of the International Brain Bee scheduled between March 17 and 19, 2006, at the University of Maryland, US, as part of the International Brain Awareness Week. They will be hosted for a week by the Endeavor Foundation for Excellence. Nomination forms filled by the school principals can be sent to the Project Coordinator, Kalajyothi, Road No. 2, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500 033. For nomination forms and details, interested students may contact telephone 98495-44678 or email seemavsr@yahoo.co.in, a press release said.

REPORTER'S DIARY

Ills of urbanisation

Can urbanisation be stopped? Can rural folk be prevented from migrating to cities if livelihoods are created in their own backyards? Can such programmes be done? These were some of the questions raised during the first workshop on 'Sustainable development of mega cities of tomorrow' with each speaker having his/her own take on the issues.

The Municipal Administration Minister K. Ranga Rao felt reforms have increased the number of poor and wanted steps

would only attract more people to its fold.

The Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education spent lakhs of rupees on seminars to deliberate on the recommendations of an expert committee that suggested changes in curriculum. It took the Council nearly two months to prepare a document to put before the Vice Chancellors for discussion. However, the entire exercise went in vain with violent incidents preceding the Vice Chancellors' meeting at Tirupati

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