

# 3 jockeys fall off, one hurt

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IN less than a fortnight, another mishap occurred at the Hyderabad Race Club in Malakpet on Monday, the 11th day of the winter season.

In Bobbili Plate 1200, the third race of the day, three jockeys fell off with one suffer-

ing 'serious' injuries. While jockey BR Nishanth riding Frankie had to be rushed to hospital, two others, A Imran Khan (on Shikra) and Arvind Joshi (on Rising Tide), escaped unhurt.

On November 28, jockey B Madhu Kumar fell from Greeku Veerudu and later succumbed to head injuries.



In today's incident, Shikra, while approaching 200 metres,

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Tuesday: Mainly clear sky

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to your years.**

# SHAKTI for mega city in the making

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HYDERABAD is going to get mega city status like Kolkata and Mumbai. It needs a perspective plan to develop basic infrastructural facilities, Municipal Administration Minister K Ranga Rao has said.

Inaugurating a three-day workshop on Sustainable Holistic Approach and Knowhow Tailored to India (SHAKTI) project taken up in collaboration with the European Institute for Energy Research (EIFR) and ICLEI (South Asia) here today, the minister said fringe areas of the city with a population of five million wit-

nessed rapid growth with the development of the IT industry. The civic administration should be fully geared to meet the future needs of the people, he said.

The face of urban India had changed drastically in the recent past. The economic liberalisation promoted growth. It put a great strain on urban infrastructure. This resulted in environmental degradation. Hence, steps should be taken to promote balanced growth, he said.

Rao said Andhra Pradesh would be developed into a model State in the next three years. Priority would be given to water, roads and sanitation. Several development works

would be taken up soon.

Mayor Teegala Krishna Reddy hoped that the project would meet the future needs of Hyderabad.

MCH Commissioner Sanjay Jaju said water, transport, energy and planning were the priority areas of the project. The project would be implemented in four phases spreading 11 years. It will be funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

The German consortium consisting of 10 institutes is led by the European Institute for Energy Research. It will provide research assistance to the city administration in its effort to promote sustainable growth.

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# A workforce to aid society

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THEY have helped in rescuing at least a dozen girls employed as domestic help in Habsiguda and Nacharam. They are not social workers but students of Roda Mistry College of Social Work and Research Centre, Gachibowli.

About 20 students of social work have formed a special cell named Campaign Against Employing Domestic Girl Child Labour.

On the campus they are like any other students. They don the roles of social workers when they are on field work.

Nine-year-old Rajita, who was employed as a domestic help at Tilaknagar, was rescued by two students - A Krishna Mohan Rao and T Raju. The duo pursuing BSW third year, came to know about the plight of the girl through their network and strove to get her released.

Talking to City Express, Rao says the course provides them

an opportunity to know the harsh realities of society. "As part of the course, I am attached to an organisation called Human Rights Law Network through which we came to know about the harassment of Rajita. As members of a fact-finding committee, we probed the matter for a few weeks and finally rescued the girl.

Earlier, the duo took the plight of seven-year-old Jyoti, another domestic help, to the notice of officials and got her

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released. The two rescued girls were rehabilitated and are now attending school.

The students, who like to call themselves volunteers, say the field work helps them become better individuals.

"The course is intended to make students better individuals first and social workers later. We just do not take up awareness campaigns but strive to bring a social change with our work," says a member of the cell.

The cell has an informal tie-



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