

# New phones for mantris

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Bangalore: Ministers and their aides appear to be constantly weighed down by pinging mobile phones; many even juggle two or three with elan. But mantris manage more — for better communication, they prefer land-line phones, which will cost the government Rs 7.24 lakh.



25 HIGH-END ONES ORDERED

The government has ordered 25 high-end Panasonic key-telephones (landline) at the request of 24 ministers. While 25 instruments cost Rs 5.27 lakh, cable-fixing and casing for these phones will cost another Rs 1.97 lakh, adding up to Rs 7.24 lakh.

Based on the requests, the department of personnel and administrative reforms (executive) has ordered swanky phones so that ministers' staff needn't attend calls through the single phone they have in their offices now.

The term 'key-telephone' is dominantly used in Singapore and China, and here it denotes Private Branch Exchange (PBX), a digital application. Department sources said the main objective for ministers placing the order is to ensure quick communication among staff members. "There are many advantages with this instrument," a source said.

# They've To Face Unparliamentary Lingo, Threats In Busy Season

Shruthi Balakrishna | TNN

Bangalore: Principals may be much-envied, but they are a hated species during admission season: their mobiles vibrate with threats and unparliamentary language, and even political pull-and-push pressures... little wonder, they switch off their gadgets,



change their chambers and run for cover.

Year after year, say long-suffering principals, threats and ill-will pour into their ears when admissions are on — not just from influential persons but even ordinary parents, frustrated that their child failed to get a seat.

Most school principals in the city go incognito to avoid the reams of letters from high offices, and the 'influence' of public figures. It's a harrowing time, says one principal, who preferred to go anonymous, as it is admission

# SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ARE SITTING DUCKS



In this cut-throat competitive world where there's a rush to send children to the best of institutes, 'influential' parents often threaten school administrators to push in their wards

time already.

"We give seats by merit. There are many people who come to us with recommendations, which we simply don't tolerate. More often, we get calls from ministers and MLAs... so during the admission process, I switch off my mobile and shift my place so that I can concentrate on school work rather than attend to people with their recommendations," said the prin-

cipal of an ICSE school, who did not want to be named.

## BACKDOOR EXIT

The principal of reputed CBSE school said he had once escaped from the backdoor after some people staged a protest in front of his school, after their kids failed to bag seats. "Worse, I get calls at midnight for seats! Earlier, I would switch off my mobile but

due to personal reasons, I keep my mobile phone on. Otherwise, they keep calling my office. How many people can we accommodate?"

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## TOUGH JOB

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Though principals argue that it is impossible to give seats to all the students as there are 5,000 applications for 30 seats, parents are in no mood to listen.

"We cannot even limit the issue of application forms as they threaten to take us to court. What do you expect us to do in such a situation? So we have a limited time-frame and issue forms during that period. This explains why we give more forms though there are limited seats," the chairman of a prominent group of institutions said.

The principal of a boys' school suggested that managements provide security for principals. "You never know how parents react. It's difficult for us to handle them. We had ministers walking into our office for seats! All I had to say is that once the list is released, extra seats cannot be given. Parents wait till the list is announced and then bring in recommendations."

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B	Construction of Township Concrete Roads, Drains And Culverts for Colony, Underground Water Tank, Permanent External Water Supply & Sewerage System for Township at 400/220 KV Shujalpur Substation	1,00,000/-	25.02.2010 Up to 15:00 hrs	25.02.2010 at 16:00 hrs	04.03.2010 at 16:30 hrs
C	External Electrification works associated with External lightning in residential/non residential building roads, boundary wall periphery at Shujalpur substation under WRTS-IX.	61,000/-	16.02.2010 Up to 15:00 hrs	16.02.2010 at 15:30 hrs	23.02.2010 at 15:30 hrs

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# Students caught in BU doublespeak

## MBA Pursuers Denied Exam Hall Tickets

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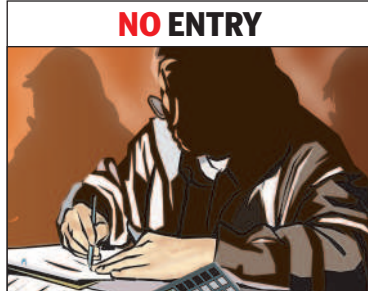
Bangalore: Red tape is the villain yet again in Bangalore University. And, this time, MBA students are paying the price.

Students who joined MBA through the PG CET have been denied hall tickets for the first semester exams which commenced on Monday.

Simply because the university doesn't consider their diploma equivalent to a degree despite its very own 1995 order to the contrary. This order states that a Diploma in Business Administration, conducted by the Department of Technical Education, is equivalent to BA, BCom or BSc degree of Mangalore University as per a notification made by the principal secretary of higher education in 1995.

The students said they'd joined the Government Ramnarayan Chellaram Institute of Business Management after completing their PU for a three-year diploma in business administration course. When they later joined a prestigious college here for MBA, there were no doubts on the validity of their certificate.

"The college thought everything was cleared from Visvesvaraya Technological University. But now, the Bangalore University has an issue with the course we've done," an affected student told ponnappa@dataone.in



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The students approached the BU registrar who promptly said he'd refer the case to the higher authorities.

"We have been there thrice. The first time the file was not even on his table. On Tuesday, he was so busy we couldn't meet him at all. Our next exam is on Wednesday and we don't know what to do," the students said.

By the time a decision is taken, the next exam would also be over.

## V-C EXPLAINS

"The problem came to my notice on Monday. However, I do not know whether the diploma is equivalent to a degree. It is for the academic council to take a decision. It is up to them to take a decision. I cannot comment on it," said N Prabhudev, vice-chancellor, Bangalore University.

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## Delegation to New Delhi will press for local demands

Bangalore: A delegation of 25-30 persons from several fields in the state will leave for New Delhi to press for implementation of pending issues.

Kannada Development Authority chairman Mukhyamantri Chandru on Tuesday said the delegation will meet MPs from the state, before calling on ministers, between March 7 and 13.

## Kannada seminar from Jan. 21

A seminar to train officials, including civil servants, on administrative Kannada will be inaugurated by chief minister B S Yeddyurappa on January 21. TNN

# Obituary

**M V Subba Rao**  
(25.09.1948 - 18.01.2010)

Prayer Meeting on January 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at 'Asthi Apartments', 17th 'A' Cross, 14th Main, 5th Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 078.

Cremation at Banashankari Crematorium at 11:00 a.m.

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- The Government of India has received a Grant from Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria towards implementation of Round II project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to this credit payment under the contract for the Procurement and supply of surgical Cotton I.P-500 Grams required for the Integrated counselling Test Centers of Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society, Chennai.
- The Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Limited, Chennai - India on behalf Tamilnadu State Aids Control Society now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of the items mentioned in the table.

Sl. No	Description	Qty (Nos)	IFB No.	Price of bidding document (Indian Rupees)	Bid sale Period	Last date & Time for receipt of Bids	Date & Time of opening of Bids
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- Interested Eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding Documents at the office of TamilNadu Medical Services Corporation Limited, 417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai - 08, India, Telephone No:044-28191890 / 28190259, Fax: 044 - 28190636.

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- The bidding document may be obtained from the above Office of the Managing Director, TamilNadu Medical Services Corporation Limited, Egmore, Chennai - 08 during office hours namely from 10.00 hours to 17.00 hours on all working days either by person or by post.

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