

Teen takes home Shaurya Chakra for taking on militants

ADIL AKHZER SRINAGAR, MARCH 19

LESS THAN two years ago, a chilling scene played out at the home of Irfan Ramzan Sheikh in south Kashmir's Shopian district. Three militants barged into his home and shot his father, who was a PDP worker. Irfan, meanwhile, sprung into action along with other members of the family, and a scuffle broke out with the militants. In the end, one militant lay dead and the others fled.

On Tuesday, Irfan, now a Class 10 student, was at the centre of a rare occasion at the Rashtrapati Bhavan — as the first Kashmiri teenager to receive the Shaurya Chakra, the peacetime gallantry award.

Speaking to The Indian Express after the function, Irfan said: "I came to know only recently that I have been selected for this award. Today, the President and all the others present at the function appreciated me."

Vadra's protection from arrest extended

New Delhi: The ED on Tuesday sought Robert Vadra's custodial interrogation, alleging that he was not cooperating with the probe, following which the court extended his interim protection from arrest till March 25 in a

money laundering case, and adjourned for detailed arguments. The court of Special CBI Judge Arvind Kumar was hearing Vadra's anticipatory bail plea in relation to charges of money laundering. ENS

HUMAN EMBRYO SMUGGLING

DRI expands probe to more clinics, to carry out forensic test

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THE DIRECTORATE of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has expanded its probe into the alleged smuggling of human embryos to include a few other clinics that provide in-vitro fertilization (IVF) facilities in Mumbai, sources told The Indian Express on Tuesday.

"The DRI is also probing a few other clinics in Mumbai that may have used illegally imported human embryos for IVF," the source said.

On March 15, Partheban Durai, a passenger, was arrested at Mumbai international airport on his arrival from Kuala Lumpur with a nitrogen canister containing a single human embryo. Officials said Durai has admitted to bringing embryos at least eight to nine times in the past to Mumbai. In the latest case, he was allegedly scheduled to deliver the embryo at Indo Nippon Clinic, Bandra, run by embryologist Goral Gandhi. The DRI is yet to conduct forensic analysis of



Dr Goral Gandhi has denied all allegations, moved HC

the seized embryo.

"The Bombay High Court has directed Goral Gandhi to record her statement with the agency on March 22. The DRI will initiate the forensic test of the embryo only after it records Gandhi's statement," said another source. A forensic analysis of the embryo is required to establish its nationality and DNA to identify parents.

Import of embryo, ovum or sperm is prohibited in India except for research purposes since 2015. An Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) guideline to permit regulated import is under consideration by the

Union government.

Officials with the state Directorate of Health Services are mulling whether action against the centre can be taken. National research body ICMR is also following the case closely. "We would be doing anything that could help facilitate the probe," said Dr Chander Shekhar, additional director currently holding charge of director general in ICMR.

IVF experts said this is the first time such a case of smuggling has come to light. Durai was smuggling embryos from Heart to ART IVF centre in Malaysia. It was registered two years ago in Selangor to exclusively provide surrogacy services. The clinic provides egg donors, surrogate mothers, sperm donors, along with IVF services. The clinic did not respond to calls or email from The Indian Express.

Embryos can be preserved in nitrogen vapour or liquid nitrogen at temperature below -190 degree Celsius. The preservation starts at second day of fertilisation and can be maintained for years. Before it is placed in

uterus, thawing is conducted to chemically process and warm the embryo.

While IVF experts expressed shock over the illegal import, several said a law is required to regulate import in certain cases. "Several Indian couples freeze their egg or embryos abroad. Once they move to India, they wish to continue IVF and bring it back," said Dr Jaideep Malhotra, president of Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction that invited Gandhi, also scientific director at Indo Nippon, to deliver a lecture on egg freezing on March 3.

According to IVF expert Narendra Malhotra, India needs to urgently frame laws on import and export of gametes and embryos. "It is one's own property and own tissues. They should have free choice to take it wherever they want for IVF," he said.

He, however, added that several infertile couples request for a particular nationality of eggs and sperms to get "exotic looks". "In that case, since it is illegal, we counsel the couple. If a clinic bends to such demands I do not know," Malhotra said.

Ex-BJP MP's firm under I-T scanner in TDS probe

SHYAMLAL YADAV NEW DELHI, MARCH 19

THE INCOME TAX Department has initiated 'recovery' and 'prosecution' proceedings against CMYK Printech Ltd, the company that runs The Pioneer newspaper, for allegedly not depositing Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) since 2007-08, records show.

The Managing Director of the company is Chandan Mitra, the two-time BJP Rajya Sabha MP who switched to the Trinamool Congress last July.

Records show the I-T Department's Delhi office has initiated proceedings against CMYK for allegedly not depositing TDS of Rs 5.26 crore from 2007-08 to 2016-17, when the company was functioning from its Bahadurshah Zafar Marg address.

They also show that I-T officials conducted a survey at the company's premises in UP's Noida, where it moved to last year, and allegedly found that TDS of Rs 2.67 crore was not deposited since March 2018.

When contacted by The Indian Express, Mitra said: "It is over now. We have already sorted it out. The matter is closed now. We are not going to discuss it in public."

Sources in the I-T Department said recovery proceedings are underway and that CMYK had deposited Rs 30 lakh after its bank accounts were attached on November 30, 2018, and Rs 40 lakh later.

They said the company had submitted a payment schedule to the I-T Department's Delhi office to discharge its statutory TDS obligation by January 31, 2019. But, they said, it failed to do so.

Records show an I-T Deputy Commissioner of the Delhi zone has informed the department's Noida office that it has initiated recovery and prosecution proceed-



Chandan Mitra

ings against the company. But since CMYK is operating from Noida, sources said, all records are in process of being transferred from Delhi. Records also show that Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax (TDS) in Noida had conducted a survey of CMYK's premises there on January 30, 2019. A senior I-T officer, who is monitoring the case, told The Indian Express: "The company has not paid its TDS deducted from hundreds of staffers and issued computer-generated Form-16A statements. Staffers got a communication from Income Tax that their TDS was not paid when they filed claims for reimbursement." Records show that on February 5, 2019, the company requested I-T to transfer the case to Delhi.

However, they show, I-T Principal Chief Commissioner PK Gupta, who is based at Kanpur, directed the department's Delhi office to "ensure that all the case records of the deductor company are forthwith transferred to the ACT (TDS), Noida, so that necessary action regarding collection of huge outstanding arrear demands, which exist as per records and initiation of coercive action including prosecution as provided under the law, and as expected and desired by the CBDT in the case can be taken up without any further delay".

On February 20, CMYK submitted a representation to the I-T office in Noida: "During that period we were not having any office in Noida and we were operating out of Delhi only. Having said that we being a law abiding company will deposit all TDS by March 31, 2019. Kindly adjourn the case up to March 31 and give any date as per your convenience."

TABLETS WITH CM'S MESSAGE TO BE SWITCHED OFF

Jharkhand CEO slaps notice on education council

ABHISHEK ANGAD RANCHI, MARCH 19

THE JHARKHAND State Chief Electoral Officer issued a notice last week to the Jharkhand Education Project Council (JEPCC) over a violation of the Model Code of Conduct. The matter pertained to in-built video display messages of Chief Minister Raghubar Das in around 32,000 tablet computers that were distributed to monitor government schools.

The tablets — which were reportedly given in 2018 to officers, teachers and workers in the education department to monitor functioning of government schools and attendance of students and teachers — will now have to be switched off. Authorities said that all such functions will now be monitored through smartphones or done "manually".

The JEPCC works for implementing programmes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Kasturba

Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), National Programme of Education for Girls at Elementary Level among others.

According to JEPCC State Project Director Uma Shankar Singh, a message from the CM is "displayed in the tablet related to Digital India".

Singh told The Indian Express: "All the tablets were distributed in 2018, containing e-Vidya Vahini software for real-time monitoring of government schools. We have issued office

orders not to switch on the tablet. We have spoken to the software vendor VM Ware and hardware vendor HP to look into the matter and come to a possible solution."

Singh issued an office order dated March 18 stating: "All these related teachers, officers and personnel will switch off the tablet and keep it safe, until the Model Code of Conduct is in place. They will not use for attendance and any kind of observational work."

Paschimanchal Vidut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Victoria Park, Meerut

DATE EXTENSION NOTICE Tender opening date of tenders against specification no. PVVNL-MT/MM/94(s)/18-19 for supply of 10 Nos. 11 KV I/C VCB Panel & 275 Nos 11 KV O/G VCB. invited vide this office letter no. 11824/PVVNL-MT/T-1 dated 01.03.2019, is hereby extended from 25.03.2019 to 03.04.2019. Remark: www.etender.up.nic.in For detailed information please log on www.pvvn.org & E-Tendering website www.etender.up.nic.in till the date of submission of bids. Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), & 941220745" Superintending Engineer (MM-I) For Managing Director फ़ोन: 12522/प.वि.वि.नि.लि., मे. सा.प.टी-1 दिनांक: 19.3.2019

DAKSHINANCHAL VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

Table with columns: Tender No., Short Description, Estimated Cost in Rs., Earnest Money in Rs., Tender Fee in Rs., Tender Opening Date & Time

WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION

LEASEING OUT OF SLR'S SPACE Tender No. 126/2018-19 The Divisional Railway Manager, (Commercial) Western Railway, Ahmedabad invites E-Tenders for the contract of leasing out SLR space for period of 5 (Five) years in Luggage Compartment of following Trains from Registered Leaseholders (in category 'A' or 'B') over Ahmedabad Division of Western Railway detailed below "Separately" for Compartment-wise & Train-wise

Table with columns: Sr. No., Train No., Station, Space Available in Tonne, Reserve Price Per trip per 442.9 Tonne (in Rs.)

NORTHERN RAILWAY

1st CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER NO. 17-Elect/DYCEE/CT/123 Chief Electrical Engineer (Const.), Northern Railway, Talk Bridge, New Delhi has invited above tender. The tender notice was published in leading newspapers on 19.03.2019. The tender was to be opened on 10.04.2019 but due to administrative reasons the tender shall now be opened on 22.04.2019.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

S.N.: 1. Name of work with its location: Hiring of 2 Nos. Photocopier/Printing Machine with networking connecting PC for 3 Years in office of Sr. D/STEC/INDLS of Delhi Division. App. Cost of the work: Rs. 2.20,895/- only. Tender inviting Officer Address: Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer/C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055. Tender Document Fee: Rs. 1,150/- only. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 4,400/- only. Date & Time for Closed of tender: Tender uploaded date & time: 10.04.2019 up to 15.00 hrs. Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.: See the N.Rly. website www.nrsps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055. No.: 558-Sign/16/MW Tender/1267 Dated: 19.03.2019. 881/2019

ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute

Notice for availability of Potato Breeder Seed The following quantity of potato breeder seed is available at this station. Interested seed producer/farmers may get allotment by submitting their application in this office on "first come-first serve" basis. 1. Kufri, Bahar : 3586 q 2. Kufri, Garima : 210 q 3. Kufri Frysona : 100 q 4. Kufri, Chipsona-4 : 50 q (Manoj Kumar) Joint Director

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HYDROLOGY

(A Govt. of India Society under Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation) JALVIGYAN BHAWAN, ROORKEE - 247 667 (UTTARAKHAND) File No. 5(X)/2018-Pur-1 Dated: 18.03.2019 EXTENSION OF DATE FOR SUBMITTING BIDS INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ONE NUMBER TUBE WELL OF DEPTH 150 MTR. IN NIH STAFF COLONY. In continuation of this office IFB No. 5(X)/2018-Pur-1, dated 14.02.2019, the last date for submission of Sealed BIDS is hereby extended up to 31.03.2019. The Bids received after due date and time will not be considered, and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained. Bidders, who are interested to submit bids, may visit at Institute's website: www.nihroorkee.gov.in for information. Purchase Officer

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, Shakurbasti, Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Single Packet System for the undernoted work:- 1. Name of work and location: Maintenance of staff quarters, office complex at Shakurbasti, S&T office at Delhi Kishangarh, construction of boundary wall of store and other miscellaneous works 2. Completion period of the work: 12 Months 3. Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 61.31 lakh 4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online): Rs. 122800/- 5. Sale Availability of tender document on Railway Website: Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e www.ireps.gov.in from 28.03.2019 to 11.04.2019 upto 11.30 hrs 6. Last Date/Time of upload of tender: 11.04.2019 upto 11.30 hrs. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f 28.03.2019 to 11.04.2019. 7. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender: 11.04.2019 at 11.30 hours immediately after closed of uploading of tender (02). In case of two packet system. Financial bid of the eligible tenderer would be opened subsequently on the date and time to be notified later on. Tender Notice No. 362/ACS-C-SSB Dated : 15.03.2019 876/19 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI SHRINE BOARD, KATRA

For and on behalf of the Chairman, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board sealed tenders are invited on the prescribed format, duly affixed with Revenue Stamps worth Rupees Six only for supply of Carry Bag Non-Woven white Cloth F.O.R at Non-Engineering Store, Banganga, Katra by or before 02.04.2019 upto 3.00 P.M. IST. The Tender documents containing detailed terms and conditions and Tender Format can be had from the Central Office of the Shrine Board Katra against cash payment of Rs. 300/- (Non-transferable and non-refundable) on any working day and same can be downloaded from our website www.maavaishnodevi.org. Sd/- (Amit Verma) KAS Dy. Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Katra. No. Co/Pur/NE/307/19.535 Dated: 18.03.2019

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: 27 years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'6", was wearing Hospital Clothes, was found in accidental condition, admitted in Trauma Centre, Civil Lines, from the area of PS Kashmir Gate. During the treatment doctors declared him dead. In this regard a FIR No. 65/19, dated 09.03.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Kashmir Gate, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos. SHO P.S. Kashmir Gate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23968730, 8750870123 DP/9778/N/19

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

THE ADDL. COMM. OF POLICE, SOUTH REGION, MUMBAI e-Tender (First Extension) Ref :- 1) Addl. C.P./S.R./01/2019, Dt. 09.03.2019 2) Corrigendum 2 - e-Tender (First Extension) Dt- 16.03.2019

THE Addl. Commissioner of Police, South Region, Mumbai on behalf of the Governor of Maharashtra invites Two Envelope System E-Tender for hiring of Trawlers for the period of 6 months to patrolling in the proximity of Mumbai Coastal Area. Tenderer can download the tender form and specification from www.mahatenders.gov.in the web portal.

Table with columns: Tender Form Fee, Document Download, Last Date and Time for the Submission of Tender, Last Date and Time for the Opening of Tenders, Earnest Money Deposit, Security Deposit (3%)

Sd/- (Nishith Mishra) Additional Commissioner of Police South Region, Mumbai DGIPR 2018-2019/7684

Injured tigress dies during rescue operation in Yavatmal district

VIVEK DESHPANDE NAGPUR, MARCH 19

AN INJURED tigress, T4, aged around four-and-a-half years, died Sunday at Tipheswar Wildlife Sanctuary in Yavatmal district after forest officials tranquillised it in an attempt to rescue the animal. The post-mortem report stated that the animal had died of cardio-respiratory

failure, septicemia and anaemia. "She had virtually no blood left in her body," it said. The animal reportedly had injured its neck by a nylon wire snare in September 2017. The area had developed maggot infestation, officials said. According to forest officials, the animal had remained elusive for the past 10 months after it was spotted between February and April last year with the snare still hanging around its neck.

Kartarpur: India, Pakistan hold technical meet

New Delhi: Indian and Pakistan on Tuesday held a technical meeting of experts, including engineers and surveyors, at the proposed zero points for the proposed Kartarpur corridor. This came days after key differences emerged between the two sides over a range of aspects concerning the corridor. Sources said India has been seeking this meeting for a long time. Pakistan, however, linked it to the meeting on draft Agreement, which took place on February 14.

"The experts have done the site survey and also discussed the alignment of the corridor, the coordinates and engineering aspects of the proposed crossing points," a source said. The outcomes from Tuesday's site visit and survey would be further discussed at the meeting on April 2. ENS

ELECTRIFICATION AND REWIRING OF RAILWAY STAFF QUARTERS

Open tender through e-Tendering system is invited from experienced and reputed contractor(s)/firm(s) for the following works. Tender No. EL/CON/03/2018-19/Bogibeel/RT. Name of work: Electrification and rewiring of Railway staff quarters at Dibrugarh & Dhamalganj in connection with Bogibeel Bridge Project. Tender Value: ₹3,28,36,688/-. Earnest Money: ₹3,14,200/-. Cost of Tender documents: ₹10,000/-. Completion Period: 180 days. Validity Offer: 45 days. Date & Time of Submission of tender: Up to 08-04-2019 at 14:30 hrs. Opening of tender: 08-04-2019 at 15:30 hrs. The complete information and tender document of e-Tender will be available at www.ireps.gov.in Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/ CON/HQ, Maligaon NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY (Construction Organisation) "Serving Customers with a smile"