

Jadhav review:
Pak says looking
at legal options

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 13

ISLAMABAD IS considering various legal options for the review of death row convict Kulbhushan Jadhav's case, the Pakistan Army said on Wednesday amid reports that its government was preparing to amend the Army Act to implement the ICJ's verdict.

Pakistan Armed Forces spokesperson Major General Asif Ghafoor, however, termed as "speculation" the reports that the government was planning to amend the Army Act to allow

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'POTENTIAL CONFLICT' IN DECIDING CHALLENGE TO FINANCE ACT

SC has doubts over Aadhaar as money Bill, turns to big Bench

Says 2018 ruling did not discuss effect of 'only' in Art 110(1) on money Bill

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

EXPRESSING DOUBTS over the correctness of a five-judge Constitution Bench's 2018 verdict upholding the Aadhaar Act which had been passed as a money Bill, a five-judge Constitution Bench, hearing a challenge to certain provisions of the amended Finance Act, 2017, Wednesday decided to refer the question to a seven-judge Bench.

Like the Aadhaar Act, the amended Finance Act, 2017 too had been passed as a money Bill.

The Bench said "the analysis in K S Puttaswamy (Aadhaar-5) makes its application difficult to the present case and raises a potential conflict between the judgements of coordinate Benches". Incidentally, petitions seeking review of the Aadhaar Act ruling are still pending in the Supreme Court.

"It is clear to us that the majority dictum in K S Puttaswamy (Aadhaar-5) did not substantially discuss the effect of the word 'only' in Article 110(1) and offers little guidance on the repercussions of a finding when some of

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Finance Act: Tribunal rules struck down, Govt told to draw fresh norms

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

IN A setback to the government, a five-judge Constitution Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Wednesday struck down provisions of the amended 2017 Finance Act, passed as a money Bill which altered the structure and functioning of various tribunals. It directed the government to formulate fresh

norms on the appointment of tribunal members.

The Bench, also comprising Justices N V Ramana, D Y Chandrachud, Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna, said the amendments are struck down in entirety as these are "contrary to the principles envisaged in the Constitution as interpreted by this Court".

On the issue of whether the amendments could have been

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Supreme Court opens itself: Office of Chief Justice under RTI

Rider: Need to factor in judicial independence

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE SUPREME Court Wednesday ruled that the office of the Chief Justice of India was a "public authority" under the Right to Information Act but with the rider that "when the public interest demands the disclosure of information, judicial independence has to be kept in mind while deciding the question of exercise of discretion".

A Constitution bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices N V Ramana,

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EXPLAINED
Big step, details matter

THE VERDICT underlines the balance Supreme Court needs between transparency and protecting its independence. The step is significant because it opens the doors to RTI requests that will test the frontiers of what has been a rather opaque system. What new red lines are drawn will decide how effective the step is.

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Financial deals with Ranbaxy brothers, admits Beas sect head

AASHISH ARYAN & PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE HEAD of Radha Soami Satsang Beas, Gurinder Singh Dhillon, has, for the first time, admitted to financial transactions between himself and ex-Religare Enterprises (REL) promoters Malvinder and Shivinder Singh.

In an affidavit filed with the Delhi High Court dated November 12 and reviewed by *The Indian Express*, Dhillon admitted that the Singh brothers had in 2010, through RHC Holding (a company controlled by the brothers), approached him and his family to subscribe to a rights issue of REL that was not fully subscribed "at that moment". A part of the rights issue was funded by RHC and the Singh brothers, who

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Kohli on depression: 'Had a phase, thought it was end of the world'

SRIRAM VEERA
INDORE, NOVEMBER 13

DEPRESSION HAS mostly been a taboo subject in Indian sport. But on Wednesday, cricket captain Virat Kohli opened up on the topic to reveal that during a tough phase in his career five years ago, he thought "it was the end of the world".

Kohli was speaking to reporters on the eve of the Test against Bangladesh in Indore — and days after Australian allrounder Glenn Maxwell's



Virat Kohli in Indore on Wednesday. PTI

decision to take a break from the game, a day after he had scored an international hundred,

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Minister-diplomat Jaishankar will deliver RNG Lecture in Delhi today

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

AT A time when India is negotiating its way through a dynamic geopolitical landscape — from the US to China and Pakistan to the Middle East — External Affairs Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar has been entrusted with the task of translating the government's foreign policy objectives into concrete outcomes.

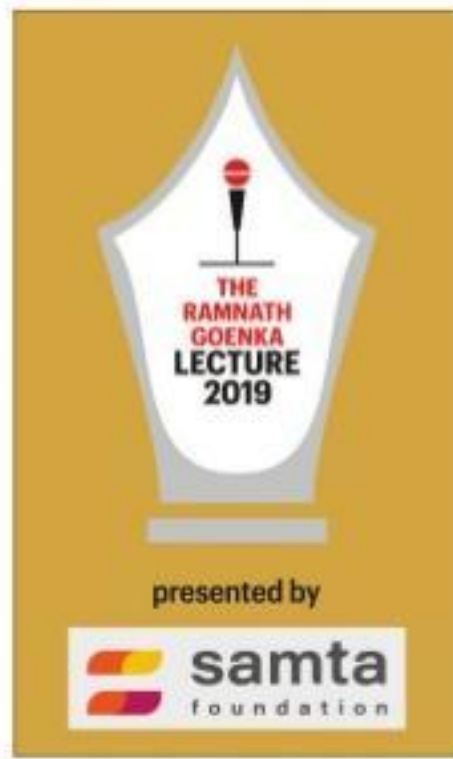


External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

Five months into his new role, Jaishankar will deliver the 4th Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture Thursday in New Delhi. The Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture was instituted in 2016 by The Express Group to mark 25 years of the passing of its founder.

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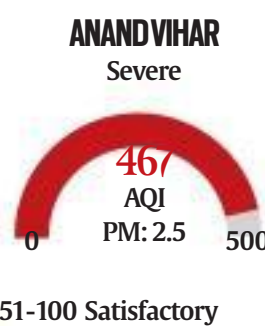


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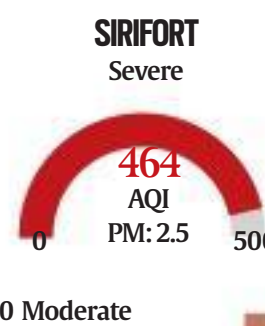




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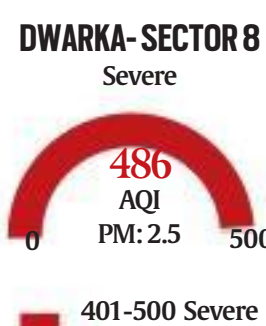
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101-200 Moderate



201-300 Poor



301-400 Very poor

401-500 Severe

TIS HAZARI CLASH

Get back to work or face contempt: Bar to lawyers

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

IN A strongly worded statement, the Bar Council of India (BCI) Wednesday asked all lawyers on strike since the Tis Hazari clash to resume court work from Thursday — or face contempt proceedings.

Stating that even the Supreme Court had expressed anguish and serious concern over lawyers abstaining from work, the statement said: “We would like to inform that prolonged absence of lawyers from courts in Delhi may be taken very seriously by the Supreme Court of India. Leaders of the BCI; Bar Council of Delhi; Co-ordination Committee; and all Bar Associations of Delhi may have to face contempt proceedings as per the SC’s judgment.”

Lawyers have been on strike since the November 2 clash with police at Tis Hazari district court, over a parking issue which snowballed into violence. Over 21 police personnel and eight lawyers were injured.

The BCI said action would include removal from respective office of Bar Council or Bar Association, and disqualification from contesting future elections.

Urging lawyers to resume work, BCI chairman Manan Kumar Mishra said: “If any demonstration is to be held... it (is to) remain calm and peaceful.”

The Council also said it was “shocked to know through newspaper reports that an application was moved by the District Bar Association, Tis Hazari, in the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate... seeking an order to arrest the guilty police officers”.

Lawyers, along with bar association members, have

Clash left over 21 cops, 8 lawyers injured. *Praveen Khanna*

planned a march to Parliament on November 20.

Meanwhile, the plea by two ASIs, who were suspended in connection with the incident following the Delhi High Court’s order, was not listed. The policemen sought protection from coercive action against them, with respect to the FIRs filed in the wake of the clash.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D N Patel, while leaving the courtroom, expressed its inability to hear any kind of “Tis Hazari matter” today.

“No urgency. No Tis Hazari matter,” said the Chief Justice, on being requested by a counsel that his 65-year-old client has been arrested and the case could not be heard at Tis Hazari due to the strike.

Over 10 police personnel, including senior officials and advocates, waiting in the Chief Justice’s courtroom post lunch, could not mention the matter related to the ASIs for urgent listing. As per a source, police, in their application, sought that the ASIs be protected till pendency of the judicial inquiry.

It is learnt that the ASIs highlighted protection given to the lawyers — the High Court had directed that no coercive action be taken against the advocates “in pursuance of FIRs (lodged) with regard to the incident”.

Lawyers, along with bar association members, have

Heard lawyers might free clients from cell: ASI who fired 2 rounds

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

IN HIS statement to police, an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) who fired two rounds during the Tis Hazari clash has claimed he did so on hearing that some lawyers were planning to break into the court lock-up and help some inmates escape.

The ASI is one of 21 personnel who were injured and have recorded their statements with a Crime Branch special investigation team (SIT), headed by Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik.

Sources said the SIT is corroborating the claims made by the personnel with CCTV footage from the court complex. “In his statement, the ASI, posted with the 3rd Battalion, said he was in charge of the police lock-up and he tried to stop lawyers as per standard operating procedure. He highlighted the rules before the SIT, issued by the Delhi Police, which mention that the

lock-up in-charge can use excessive force to disperse a crowd if it is breaking the lock-up. He claimed several lawyers had barged into the lock-up and attacked policemen there,” a police source said.

“He further claimed police first used pepper spray, but advocates didn’t stop and tried to break the lock-up. He said he came to know that some advocates were allegedly planning to break in and free some clients lodged inside. He trained his revolver on the gate from a height with an intention to disperse the crowd, but one of the two bullets hit a lawyer,” the source said.

The team comprises three inspectors from different units of the Crime Branch, including ACP Arvind Yadav.

“With help of CCTV footage and video recorded by the policemen, the SIT has so far identified eight advocates who allegedly created a ruckus and vandalised court property. At 3.32 pm, they also damaged a camera installed outside the entrance gate,” the source said.

WiFi project to take off by December with activation of hotspots

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

HOTSPOTS UNDER the Delhi government’s WiFi project will gradually be activated from the first week of December, with a city-based company bagging the tender for the project which will cost the state around Rs 100 crore per year.

A senior official privy to the development said the PWD’s work advisory board is likely to accord its approval, which is required before commencement of work, within a week.

The cabinet had cleared the project in August.

The WiFi project was one of AAP’s key poll promises. Under the approved project, 11,000 hotspots are supposed to be put up across public places in Delhi,

including at 4,000 bus shelters.

Each hotspot will cover a radius of 50 metres, and up to 200 people will be able to simultaneously access the internet at such points.

“Installation of hotspots will begin by November-end or the first week of December. They will gradually be activated, instead of waiting for the completion of the entire installation work,” the official said.

Every unique user will be able to consume up to 15 GB data per month. However, the actual number of hotspots might be lesser as the tender document had said the numbers may vary “30 per cent on plus or minus side”.

The Delhi government will make payments to the firm executing the project following a ‘per hotspot per month’ model.

Nursery admissions to begin on Nov 29

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE APPLICATION process for entry-level seats in the capital’s private schools will begin on November 29, over two weeks earlier than it had begun last year. Director of Education Binay Bhushan said this has been done to ensure EWS/DG students and children with special needs (CWSN) can start school on time with other students.

The schedule for admissions to Nursery, KG and Class I — whichever might be the entry-level class in a particular school — was released by the Directorate of Education (DoE) Wednesday. While it began on December 15 last year, it had begun on December 27 in 2018-2019.

Guidelines for this year’s admission to open seats in private schools remain the same as last year. Last year, a new upper age limit was introduced — three, four

First candidate list will be out on Jan 24. *Archive*

and five years respectively as of March 31, 2020 — and that continues to be applicable this year.

While the last date for submitting forms is December 27, the first list of selected candidates shall be published by respective schools on January 24.

All schools are required to reserve 22% seats in entry-level classes for EWS/DG students and 3% for CWSN. Admission to these are conducted through a centralised draw of lots. A separate schedule for this will be released by the DoE later.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE / CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 (₹ in crores)

Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated					
	Quarter ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 June 2019 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2019 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 June 2019 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 30 September 2018 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2019 (Audited)
Total income from Operations	1,161.12	1,120.83	962.29	2,281.95	1,666.42	4,415.10	1,237.36	1,069.85	978.67	2,307.21	1,749.51	4,798.43
Net profit / (loss) (before tax & exceptional items)	137.21	#215.58	125.49	352.79	244.11	614.94	133.58	219.14	130.87	352.72	258.18	624.02
Net profit / (loss) (before tax & after exceptional items)	137.21	215.58	125.49	352.79	244.11	614.94	133.58	219.14	130.87	352.72	258.18	624.02
Net profit after tax	87.70	141.23	83.57	228.93	*246.32	444.44	82.82	144.66	86.59	227.48	256.97	449.83
Total comprehensive income	89.73	142.79	79.95	232.52	254.22	436.65	84.84	146.22	82.97	231.06	264.87	442.04
Equity share capital	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05
Other Equity (Excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	-	-	-	3,855.25	-	-	-	-	-	3,869.93
"Earnings Per Share (not annualized)"												
(Face Value of ₹10/- each)												
(a) Basic (in ₹)	9.32	15.02	8.89	24.34	26.19	47.25	8.81	15.38	9.21	24.19	27.32	47.83
(b) Diluted (in ₹)	9.32	15.02	8.89	24.34	26.19	47.25	8.81	15.38	9.21	24.19	27.32	47.83

* Net Profit after tax includes Rs. 84.50 crore for Income tax refund for earlier year's Assessments.
Includes write back / reversal of Agency Commission payable for foreign projects for an amount of Rs. 84.13 crore.

Notes:

- The above Standalone and Consolidated financial results have been reviewed by the audit committee and approved by the board of directors at their meeting held on 13th November, 2019. The Statutory auditors have conducted limited review of the Quarter and half yearly results ended 30th September, 2019. Standalone figures for the Quarter ended 30th June 2018 have not been reviewed by the auditor since quarterly results have been prepared at half year ended 30th September, 2018 after listing of shares on 28th September, 2018 and is based on management information system (MIS). Accordingly, figures for the quarter ended 30th September 2018 are balancing figures between the figures for the Quarter ended 30th June 2018 and total figures of half year ended 30th September 2018.
- The Standalone and consolidated financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) amendment Rules, 2016 and other recognized accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of the financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended. The full format of the aforesaid financial results are available on the Stock Exchanges website of BSE (www.bseindia.com/corporates), NSE (www.nseindia.com/corporates) and Company's website at www.ircon.org.
- Adoption of new accounting standard on Leases - Ind AS 116, Effective April 1, 2019, the Company / Group has adopted Ind AS 116 "Leases", applied to all lease contracts existing on April 1, 2019 using the modified retrospective method and has taken the cumulative adjustment to retained earnings, on the date of initial application. Accordingly, comparatives for the year ended March 31, 2019 have not been retrospectively adjusted. On transition, the adoption of the new standard resulted in recognition of Right-of-Use asset (ROU) of Rs. 0.73 Crore and a lease liability by the same amount with an adjustment amounting Rs. Nil to retained earnings. The effect of this adoption is insignificant on the profit for the period and earnings per share.
- The Parent Company has elected to exercise the option permitted under section 115BAA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as introduced by the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019. Accordingly, the Parent Company has recognised Provision for Income Tax for the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2019 and remeasured its deferred tax assets basis the rate prescribed in the aforesaid section and recognised the effect of change by revising the annual effective income tax rate. The rate of income tax is changed from 34.944% to 25.168% during the quarter and six months ended 30th September 2019. The re-measurement of accumulated deferred tax asset has resulted in a one-time additional charge of Rs. 40.46 crore.

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EPCA WRITES TO DELHI, NEIGHBOURING STATES OVER AIR EMERGENCY

Choking hazard: Schools forced to shut yet again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

SCHOOLS IN Delhi and adjacent National Capital Region towns have been directed to remain closed Thursday and Friday in view of the "air emergency situation", which is not expected to improve before November 15.

Chairman of the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA), Dr Bhure Lal, Wednesday wrote to chief secretaries of four NCR states after receiving recommendations from a task force led by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

The task force meeting was held Wednesday as air quality in Delhi-NCR crossed emergency levels, with Delhi's 24-hour average air quality index recorded at 456, Ghaziabad's at 467, Gurgaon's at 447 and Noida's at 470.

Dr Lal said in the letter, "The task force has reviewed all possible actions that can be taken to combat this high pollution situation and finds that measures enumerated in the (Graded Response Action Plan) for all levels of pollution, including 'Severe+' have been imposed and are being implemented."

He added, "Keeping in mind the hazardous exposure to children, the task force has recommended, which EPCA is directing, that all schools must remain shut for the next two days, that is November 14 and 15."

As per the CPCB, the conditions witnessed Wednesday were a result of low surface winds, low mixing depth, which meant that pollutants were concentrated not very high above the surface and could not be dispersed due to weak wind speed.

Contribution of farm fires also had an impact as north-westerly winds brought pollutants from Punjab and Haryana, the minutes of the task force meeting said.

The levels of particulate matter of 2.5 and 10 micrometres (PM 2.5, PM 10) — fine particles suspended in the air which can enter the bloodstream through respiration, causing health problems — reached beyond emergency standards of 300 and 500 micrograms per cubic metre air on Wednesday.

As per the CPCB, in Delhi-NCR, PM 2.5 on average has remained above 300 since Tuesday noon and was recorded at 345.5 at 7 pm Wednesday. PM10 crossed the emergency level around 1 am Wednesday and again after 6 pm, when it



Schoolchildren take part in the pledge for clean air and tree plantation at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Wednesday. *Amit Mehra*

NO RESPITE IN SIGHT

THURSDAY

PM 10 — 473 (severe)

PM 2.5 — 312 (severe)

SATURDAY

PM 10 — 341 (poor)

PM 2.5 — 224 (very poor)

* Source: SAFAR

* Acceptable limit:

PM 10 - 100 µg/m³

PM 2.5 - 60 µg/m³

was 500.3.

Of the 33 Delhi air quality monitoring stations for which data was available with the CPCB, 31 were in the 'severe' category, with two stations, Mundka and Najafgarh, on the borderline as of 7.30 pm. Among the stations with highest AQI as of 7.30 pm were North Campus (494), Dwarka Sector 8 (492) and Patparganj (491).

In addition to directing closure of schools, the EPCA has also extended the ban on operation of hot mix plants and stone crushers till November 15 morning.

Delhi's air quality is expected to improve marginally by Friday, said the central government's monitoring agency SAFAR, but a reasonable improvement to the 'very poor' category is expected by November 16.

Might extend odd-even scheme beyond Nov 15 if required: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

TAKING NOTE of severe air pollution in Delhi, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday said the odd-even road-rationing scheme could be extended beyond November 15 if required.

In a statement released Wednesday, he appealed to the Opposition parties not to oppose the scheme, which aims to reduce pollution by allowing only half of privately owned cars on the roads on any given day.

"All of Delhi is demanding odd-even and at such a time, the Opposition should support the people's wish," the CM said.

He blamed the rise in pollution on crop residue burning in neighbouring Punjab and Haryana. "Stubble burning started after October 10 and the pollution levels in Delhi started rising to severe category due to that... I am highly disappointed that the states are not even obeying directions given by the Supreme Court. The people of Delhi are suffering and I am very concerned about their health," Kejriwal said.

He added that weather changes and rain witnessed in



At Delhi airport, Wednesday. *Tashi Tobgyal*

the two states this season meant there was relatively less intrusion of smoke to Delhi for a period of three-four days, but fires have started again. Authorities in Punjab have been recording farm fire cases since September 23 and in Haryana from September 25.

The CM also said he met several experts in the last few days to explore options on alternate use of crop residue. He said it could be converted into CNG and production is expected to start soon at a plant in Karnal,

Haryana.

He also said the Indraprastha Gas Limited is keen to purchase CNG generated from stubble. He said several industries have been set up in Punjab for conversion of crop residue into coal and that the NTPC is ready to purchase all of the coal produced.

"These industries need to be promoted by Haryana and Punjab in a huge way as they will promote employment in the states and help farmers earn," Kejriwal said.

Centre told to explore Hydrogen-based tech to deal with pollution

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

A SUPREME Court bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, allowed the Centre to look into the feasibility of a Hydrogen-based Japanese technology to deal with air pollution in the National Capital Region.

This came after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta brought this to the notice of the bench, also comprising Justice S A Bobde. The court told Mehta that there was a need for a permanent solution to the air pollution situation.

Mehta replied that a Japanese university had conducted research, keeping in view the air pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR) and Northern India, and also introduced the researcher Vishwanath Joshi to the bench.

Mehta said the government was of the view that the technology can be put to use to eradicate air pollution in the NCR.

Another Supreme Court bench, meanwhile, asked the Delhi government and Central Pollution Control Board to furnish pollution-related data in Delhi from October till November 14 this year.

Issuing notice to the Aam Aadmi Party government on a plea challenging the odd-even scheme, a bench of Justice Arun Mishra and Justice Deepak Gupta also sought data from October 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018.

The court was hearing a plea by a Noida-based advocate, who alleged that the odd-even scheme violated fundamental rights and people's right to practice any profession; carry out any occupation, trade or business; and to move freely throughout the country.

Ex-NGT chief says odd to even try the scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

FORMER NATIONAL Green Tribunal chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar Wednesday said the Delhi government's road-rationing scheme, which is currently enforced in the capital, is "itself odd, even to try".

Calling air pollution the most vital issue at the moment, Justice Kumar said various sources contribute to it. "We emphasise a lot on vehicles. We try odd-even, which itself is odd, even to try. The ingredients of air pollution are not only vehicular pollution. There are 10 sources of air pollution... most dangerous is the burning of waste," he said at an event Wednesday.

Other sources of air pollution include brick kilns, crop residue burning and unregulated construction activity, Justice Kumar said, adding that for 70% of the time in a day, Delhi's roads are "bumper-to-bumper".

"If you're going to introduce something like 5,000 buses, where are they going to ply?... Why can't we start destination

buses? Why can't we provide people incentives to do away with old vehicles?" Justice Kumar asked.

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) member secretary Prashant Gargava said the number of 'good', 'satisfactory', or 'moderately' polluted days in Delhi increased to 175 so far this year, as compared to 108 last year.

He added that as per studies, sulphur dioxide emissions from power plants convert into particles, whose contribution to air pollution "is almost 25-30%."

Gargava said stubble burning has contributed almost 44-45% to air pollution in Delhi this year, and garbage dumping and burning also creates a problem for which a cleaning drive could be carried out in July, August or September, before air quality starts becoming 'poor'.

"We must also quickly and heavily invest in public transportation... Involve private people in this. It's not DTC (Delhi Transport Corporation) vis-a-vis private people. It must be together," Gargava said.

At GK mohalla clinic, CM says even upper-middle class patients visiting

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday inspected the recently inaugurated mohalla clinic in the upscale Greater Kailash area to ascertain the level of satisfaction among residents. During the visit, the CM said residents of the area are no longer going to private hospitals for treatment.

"I am glad to see that even upper-middle class residents are also visiting mohalla clinics for treatment. Earlier, these residents used to go to private hospitals like Fortis and Max but now they are coming to the clinics with prescriptions of private hospitals," he said, after meeting some residents at the mohalla clinic in Hemkunt Colony, GK 1.



CM gets blood pressure checked at the clinic Wednesday

He also got his blood pressure checked.

The Delhi government has set an ambitious target to set up 1,000 clinics under its flagship Aam Aadmi Mohalla Clinic project by year end. Currently, there are 302 mohalla clinics in the capital which double up as pri-

mary healthcare centres.

Interacting with patients at the clinic, Kejriwal asked if they were satisfied with the facilities and quality of service. "I am so glad that all of you have faith in government hospitals. Earlier, people used to presume that government hospitals would not

be good enough. All clinics are in very good condition and well-maintained," he said.

Kamal, a Chirag Enclave resident, said it was her first visit to a mohalla clinic and that she had a decent experience at the facility.

Speaking to Rajeev Kakariya from GK-I E Block; Wing Commander Sharma of GK-I Enclave and Sandeep from Pamposh Enclave, Kejriwal said: "I had visited Greater Kailash around one-and-a-half years ago. I was surprised when you had requested me to open a mohalla clinic here. I can see that people from upper-middle class families are also visiting the clinic."

Earlier this month, Kejriwal had inaugurated 100 new mohalla clinics in the city and said the government is planning to open one mohalla clinic every square kilometre.

BRIEFLY

Metro Ph-IV work to begin

New Delhi: Work on Delhi Metro's Phase IV will begin by November end, said DMRC. The first civil contract has been awarded for a portion of Janakpuri West-RK Ashram corridor.

IIT-D student jumps to death

New Delhi: An 18-year-old IIT-D student allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the fifth floor of her hostel building on campus. **ENS**

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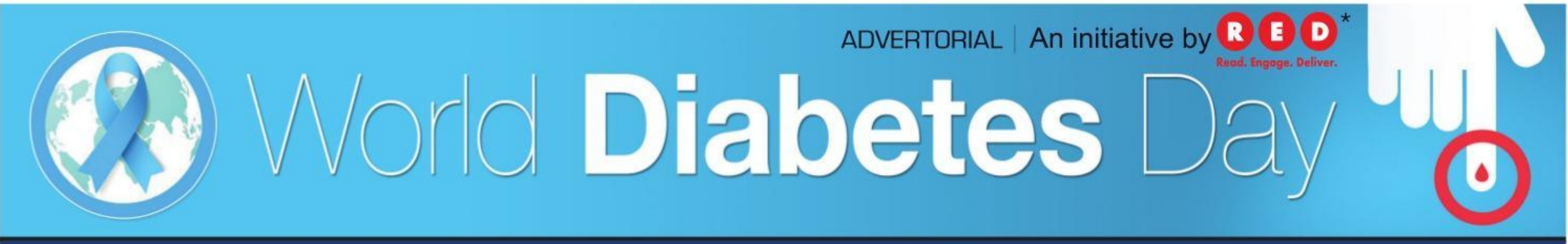
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Healing touch of Ayurveda for the treatment of diabetes

AIMIL is a renowned name for quality Ayurvedic products in market since 1984. Please share your thoughts on what is the basic philosophy of health, disease and treatment in Ayurveda?

It has been an interesting journey of being in the industry with quality Ayurvedic medicines since 1984. Ayurveda is a very deep science which addresses health concerns comprehensively from all perspectives, be it physical, mental, spiritual, social and behavioural, to lead a healthy and fulfilling life. It scientifically talks about maintaining a healthy lifestyle, a balanced dietary practice and the use of naturally obtained patient-friendly medicines when required. It aims to work at the root cause level of the condition of diseases, thereby rendering the body to be healthy in order to overcome the diseases, rather than to work on the symptoms.

How is diagnosis of diabetes done in Ayurveda? What are the modes of Ayurvedic treatment of diabetes?

In Ayurveda, diagnosis of diabetes mellitus is done on the basis of signs and symptoms. Out of the 20 different types of pramehas (renal system-linked disorders), madhumeha has been identified with diabetes mellitus and is categorised by a number of symptoms like generalised weakness, burning sensation, excessive urination, excessive thirst, feeling lethargic etc. In Ayurveda, diabetes mellitus has been described as incurable, requiring it to be managed for lifelong with the help of detoxifying (metabolism regularising) herbs and following proper dietary and lifestyle guidelines.

The company enjoys a good market share of herbal products worldwide. Kindly share what revolutionary innovations has the company done to manufacture Ayurvedic

medicines for diabetes.

Besides taking care of quality aspects to ensure efficacy, safety and non-toxicity of Ayurvedic products, AIMIL has been extensively involved in in-depth studies to strive for revolutionary innovations with the aim to develop highly promising answers to various difficult and challenging ailments. While developing the anti-diabetic drug, besides establishing its efficacy in managing normal blood sugar levels, AIMIL endeavours to address and prevent the development of diabetic complications over the span of time, improving the quality of life.

AIMIL has collaborated with many eminent research organisations in the country to manufacture and market BGR-34 for the treatment of diabetes. Please share how effective is this medicine in the treatment of diabetes. Are there any other products as well to help in controlling the effects of diabetes?

The aim of our organisation is to give the best solution for the therapeutic ailment being addressed. Besides extensively working at its own research and development unit with in-depth studies on the subject matter, AIMIL has had collaboration with the research units of the highest order. For the development of anti-diabetic drug, BGR-34, the organisation collaborated with the research units of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, namely National Botanical Research Institute and Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants. The product has been validated for its optimisation studies and its efficacy in normalising blood sugar levels while acting as hepatoprotective and nephroprotective. The toxicological studies establish the product to be non-toxic and safe. Clinical studies revealed a very good anti-diabetic activity while improving



The age-old healing system of Ayurveda provides a nature-inspired approach to the treatment of diabetes, addressing this chronic disease through various perspectives. Ayurveda advocates the use of Ayurvedic medicines, maintaining a healthy lifestyle and having a balanced dietary practice, to overcome and prevent the effects of diabetes.

*ABHISHEK PATHAK from The Indian Express speaks to **K K Sharma**, Chairman & Managing Director, AIMIL Pharmaceuticals, on the role of Ayurvedic medicines in the treatment of diabetes, BGR-34 — the company's exclusive Ayurvedic product for diabetes, and the various Ayurvedic tips that can help in reducing the effects of diabetes*

the much needed quality of life. It is not commonly seen that the anti-diabetic herbal products are studied and validated for their

efficacy, safety and non-toxicity.

Does Ayurvedic system of medicine have plus points over conventional

medicinal system? What are some of the new herbal products in the pipeline for diabetes?

The aim of Ayurvedic system of medicine in the management of diabetes mellitus, a type of metabolic disorder, is to keep blood sugar levels under normal range with all possible measures, including healthy lifestyle, dietary practice and use of medicines, so that the patient can lead a healthy life. In conventional medical system, the synthetic drugs may have, besides good efficacy, a number of side effects with increasing dependence. Ayurvedic anti-diabetic preparations may be sufficient to address mild to moderately severe condition of diabetes. However, in severe diabetic conditions, acting as adjuvant, they help in better control of blood sugar levels while imparting good quality life, and also help in preventing development of long-term complications besides maintaining vital organ functions, thereby providing a value addition to complete diabetes management. Research is ongoing in coordination with research units to address diabetes complications effectively, their prevention, and to a good extent their cure as well.

Some of the research reports show that Ayurvedic Cow Urine Therapy helps in controlling blood sugar levels and reduces dependency on allopath medicines. How true is this? Is this therapy safe? What are the side effects, if any?

Our ancient Ayurvedic texts speak highly of the usefulness of cow's urine in the treatment of various disease conditions, including diabetes mellitus. It stimulates digestive capacity and is recommended in diseases caused by vata dosha and aama dosha.

As one of the fastest growing pharmaceutical companies in India on the objectives of Ayurveda, what are

your future plans with regard to manufacturing more Ayurvedic products for diabetes?

The quality products developed by AIMIL, on the basis of Ayurvedic principles while utilising the knowledge of modern research for various difficult-to-address therapeutic segments, have been very much appreciated by medical professionals. Their support has been instrumental in making AIMIL a fast-growing pharmaceutical company on the objectives of Ayurveda. Encouraged by the market recognition, our endeavour is to keep on continuing our dedicated efforts in the direction of developing more exclusive research products while upgrading some of the existing ones with value addition. In the area of diabetes management, extensive studies are ongoing in coordination with renowned research units to address prevention and possible management of diabetic complications.

What are some of the homemade Ayurvedic tips that can help diabetic people in controlling their blood sugar levels?

Ayurveda has recommended certain guidelines that are useful for diabetic patients in managing their blood sugar levels. Regarding dietary aspect, easy to digest, nourishing foods like moong, arhar, chana, sprouts, green vegetables have been advised. Excessive use of curd, non-vegetarian foods have been recommended to avoid. On psychiatric aspect, as stress is considered as one of the important etiological factors for diabetes, learning to effectively address it by practising meditation and by using rasayanas like guduchi, shilajeet on a regular basis are advised. On the aspect of strengthening the body functions, yogic exercises like kapalbhati, savasana, dhanurasana, matsyendrasana and walking are advised.

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PROTESTS CONTINUE DESPITE EC MEETING

Revised hostel fee fails to quell protest, JNU says it will benefit poor students

SUKRITA BARUAH & ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

FOLLOWING large-scale protests by students, the Jawaharlal Nehru University administration Wednesday reviewed the hostel fee structure.

The bulk of changes were reserved for students falling in the “BPL (below poverty line) category” — according to the JNU administration, they will have to pay 50% of the revised room rent, service charges and utility charges (see box). For everyone else, only the refundable security deposit has been reduced to Rs 5,500 per annum from the Rs 12,000 mentioned in the draft hostel manual.

What exactly constitutes this category and who falls under it remained unclear till late Wednesday, with the HRD Ministry saying JNU will provide the finer details, and the university Registrar saying they will go by the government definition.

The previous BPL line fixed under the Tendulkar committee was Rs 1,000 per capita per month in urban areas. But most universities and schools now use the EWS (economically weaker sections) category to extend benefits. Even JNU had this year reserved 10% of its seats for those from the EWS category, with a family income of less than Rs 8 lakh per annum.

Asked about who will be covered under the BPL category, Registrar Pramod Kumar told *The Indian Express*: “We will consider those people BPL whom the government considers BPL.” He refused to provide more details. A senior HRD ministry official, on the other hand, said, “The university will soon elaborate on who all are covered in the said category.”

Asked if BPL had been a criteria for determining fee, either in his tenure or earlier, former



Students continued their protest against the fee structure outside the UGC office, Wednesday. Praveen Khanna

THE NEW HOSTEL FEE STRUCTURE

Particulars	Existing charges	Revised charges for all students*	Revised charges for eligible BPL category
Mess bill	As per usage	As per usage	As per usage
Establishment charges	₹1,100/semester	₹1,100/semester	₹1,100 per semester
Crockery, utensils	₹250 per year	₹250 per year	₹250 per year
Newspaper	₹50 per year	₹50 per year	₹50 per year
Single seater room rent	₹20 per month	₹600 per month	₹300 per month
Double seater room rent	₹10 per month	₹300 per month	₹150 per month
Utility charges (water, electricity)	Nil	As per usage	50% of as per usage
Service charges (mess, sanitation, support staff)	Nil	As per usage	50% of as per usage
Refundable mess security, mess advance	₹5,500	Instead of ₹12,000 it is now ₹5,500	Instead of ₹12,000 it is now ₹5,500

* Includes BPL category students with JRF, SRF and other equivalent scholarships or fellowships

V-C S K Sopory said, “No, not to my knowledge.”

Tipping point

On Monday, HRD minister

Ramesh Pokhriyal, who was a guest at the JNU’s convocation, was confined at the venue for around three hours as a protest by students erupted outside. A

few student representatives later met him, and he promised to look into their concerns.

On Wednesday, an Executive Council (EC) meeting was held,

where the decision on the fee hike was taken. The EC also decided to remove clauses that all students are supposed to return to their rooms by 11 pm. The clause asking students to “dress appropriately” in the mess will also be withdrawn.

JNU Vice-Chancellor M Jagadesh Kumar told news agency ANI: “We have decided that for the general students, the hostel room rent is increased from Rs 10 to Rs 300 for a double seater. For students belonging to BPL category, they will have to pay only 50% of this charge.”

Just as the meeting ended, Education Secretary R Subrahmanyam, who was not part of it, tweeted about the change, though he used the term EWS instead of BPL.

“JNU Executive Committee announces major roll-back in the hostel fee and other stipulations. Also proposes a scheme for economic assistance to the EWS stu-

dents. Time to get back to classes,” he tweeted.

But the JNU Students’ Union and the JNU Teachers’ Association said the changes were unsatisfactory.

The JNUTA referred to the changes as “purely cosmetic” and noted that the increase in monthly charges for most students will still remain at around Rs 3,000.

“This will be an exorbitant increase for several students even if they are not in the BPL category as many low income households are not counted in that category. Even for BPL category students, the increase in charges will be to the order of Rs 1,500 per month immediately — a burden which no BPL household can possibly bear,” read a statement by the association.

JNUSU vice-president Saket Moon said the Centre’s BPL limit will push a large number of economically weaker students out of the university.

Executive Council meet shrouded in mystery, confusion

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

AGAINST THE backdrop of a massive student protest, JNU’s Executive Council meeting was held outside the campus Wednesday. Five Deans and three elected EC representatives had reached the original venue, JNU’s Convention Centre, when they were told roughly an hour later that the venue had been changed. The meeting was eventually held at the Association of Indian Universities near ITO.

The three representatives, all teachers, in a statement claimed they were asked by security guards to get into a car to be taken to an “undisclosed location”, which they refused to do.

Former JNU Teachers’ Association (JNUTA) secretary Bikramaditya Chaudhary said, “The only time the EC meeting was held outside campus was on April 15, 1997, at Chandigarh. But never before has the meeting been held outside the campus in the same city, in this manner.”

Students, led by the JNU Students’ Union, marched to the Administrative Block and entered the building. Messages like “You are not our V-C” were painted on Vice-Chancellor M Jagadesh Kumar’s office door, and similar messages were painted on floors and the rector’s room. “We will continue to stay here till the V-C meets us,” said JNUSU vice-president Saket Moon.

Deans of the School of Social Sciences, School of Life Sciences and School of Environmental Studies alleged they were not allowed to leave the Convention Centre by protesting students, although the JNUSU distanced itself from the incident. “They stopped us from going. This was not at all decent or proper,” said SSS Dean Dipendra Nath Das.

The three representatives — Sachidanand Sinha, Moushumi Basu and Baviskar Sharad Prahlad — in a statement said they reached the venue at 10 am



Messages painted on the JNU V-C’s office door

to find a “no-show by the V-C and his team of Rectors and Registrar”.

“We tried calling the Registrar and V-C’s office, but didn’t get any communication. We waited till 10.40 am without news from the administration... It was clear from the lack of preparedness, that a decision was probably taken to not have the meeting at the venue. However, we as members... were not informed of the change,” they said.

Around 11.15 am, they said “a security official told some members to accompany him to an undisclosed location, without any official communication of the same”.

“At around 12.40 pm, we saw a mail from the administration to some of us, not all, informing about the change in venue... It was obviously not possible for us to make our way to the venue 18 km away through Delhi traffic in 20 minutes,” the trio said.

The JNUTA called the meeting a “farce” and said the V-C must resign: “The JNU V-C has once again proved that he is utterly incapable of leading the University’s administration and governance. JNUTA wants to make it clear that no meeting held under these circumstances can be considered a properly convened one. No decision taken at such a meeting can, therefore, be considered lawful.”

On the change in venue, JNU Registrar Pramod Kumar said: “We went to the Convention Centre but students were protesting there, so we had to change the venue. We informed everyone.”

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Diabetes: A lifestyle epidemic

How relevant is the theme, ‘family and Diabetes’, for World Diabetes Day?

The primary aim of the World Diabetes Day campaign is to raise awareness of the impact that diabetes has on the family, and to promote the role of the family in the management, care, prevention and education of the condition. The family plays a vital role on various aspects of diabetes care, from recognising the symptoms of diabetes early on in family members, preventing type 2 diabetes, as well as managing diabetes when it occurs in a family member. The family can identify the early signs of diabetes, such as excessive thirst, urination, increased appetite, weight loss and fatigue, leading to early testing of blood sugar and early diagnosis. A family that adopts a healthy lifestyle, incorporating a healthy diet and physical exercise, can help prevent the onset of diabetes. Furthermore, the family plays a vital role in the management of diabetes once it has developed — from blood sugar monitoring, taking the medication on time to learning the art of injectable treatment, which most often is insulin. Thus families play a key role in addressing the conundrum of diabetes, and they must be provided with the necessary education and resources to help prevent diabetes and facilitate diabetic patients to lead a healthy life.

Most people are unaware of the different types of diabetes that exist. Please give a brief introduction to diabetes. What complications and health problems can diabetes cause?

Talking very simplistically, I would say that there are three broad categories of diabetes - type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes and gestational diabetes. Type 1 diabetes accounts for about 5% of diabetics around the world, though there are countries where the prevalence of type 1 diabetes is much higher. It is generally considered to be a disorder of children, but can occur at any age, and is now more frequently recognised in adults as well, masquerading as type 2 diabetes. The most important aspect is that treatment with insulin is vital and lifelong.

On the other hand, the most common type of diabetes is type 2 diabetes, occurring in adults, comprising ~ 90-95% of all diabetics. An important issue in type 2 diabetes is that though classically it was thought to occur in adults, usually above 30-40 years of age, it is now often recognised in children and adolescents who are obese. The implications are obvious — they have many more years to live, hence they are prone to develop the entire spectrum of complications of diabetes at an early age.

The third important group is gestational diabetes - gestational because it is diagnosed during pregnancy in the 24th or 26th week, and blood sugars return to normal after delivery. However, this puts her at an increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes in future. Furthermore, it results in the birth of a ‘big baby’, medically termed macrosomia.

The symptoms of diabetes are increased thirst, urination and appetite, weakness, fatigue and loss of weight in some patients. Some patients have all these symptoms. On the other hand, almost 50% patients have no symptoms and hence remain undiagnosed. Hence people at a high risk for developing diabetes should be screened for it.

Diabetes is a disease of complications, such as blindness (retinopathy), chronic kidney disease requiring dialysis or kidney transplantation, nerve involvement and arterial disease in the lower limbs causing gangrene, which may necessitate amputation of the limbs. Apart from this, heart attacks and strokes result in increased mortality and morbidity.

What are the first few things that you tell a newly diagnosed diabetic person?

Well that depends on whether the patient has type 1 or type 2 diabetes. Most young patients with type 1 (age group 4-10 years), are brought by their parents, with a brief history of an acute illness. Most are devastated by the diagnoses and just do not accept the diagnosis. The very fact that they need to take insulin for life, and that to 3-4 times a day, added to which is blood sugar testing with finger pricking maybe 2-3 times a day, sends the parents, in particular, into a state of shock. It takes two to three consultations for them to accept the reality.

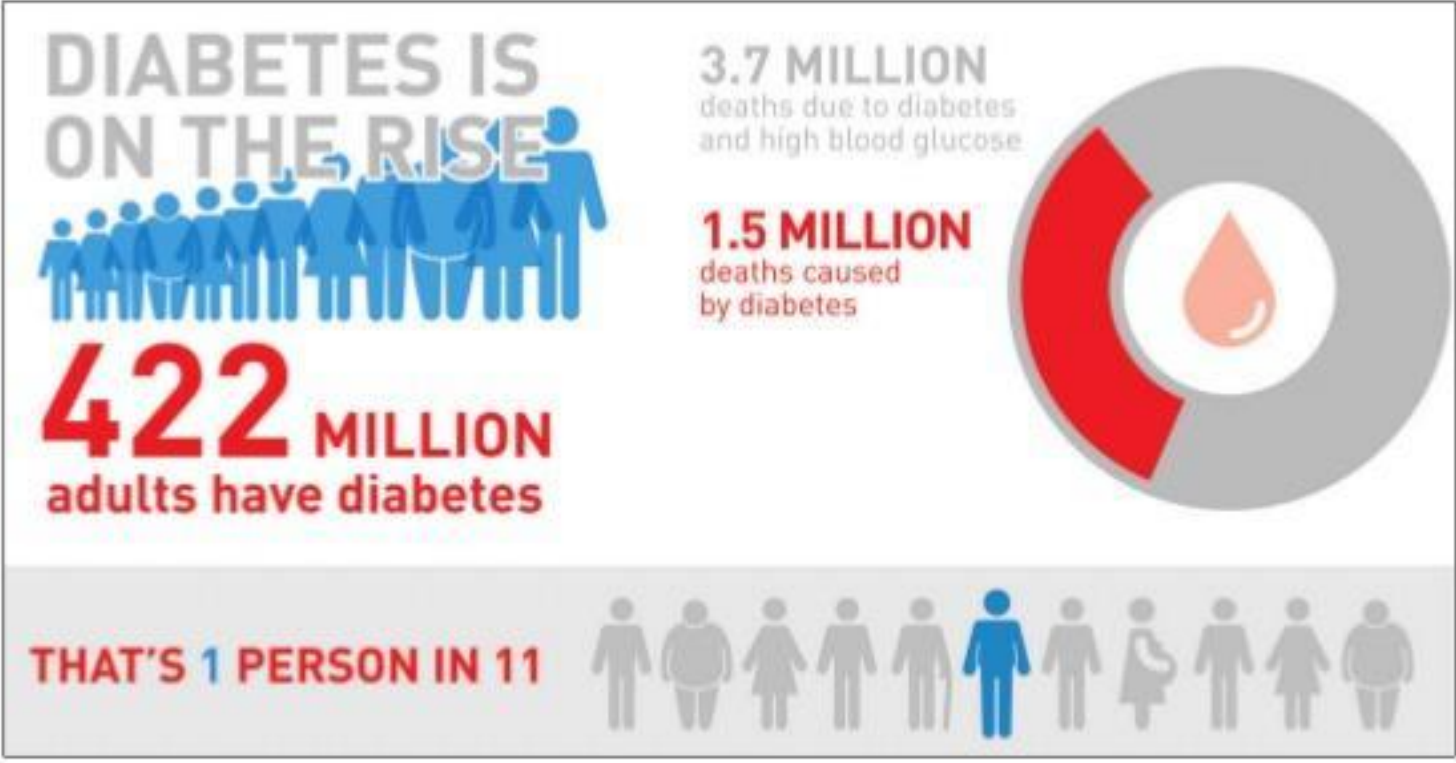
On the other hand, a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes is not all that disastrous. Yet getting the patients to diet, exercise, check blood sugars and take medicines or insulin, is no easy job. As a doctor you have to spend time with the parents explaining to them in detail about the disease, its treatment and complications. So the first few things we tell the patients and their families are - to accept the diagnosis of diabetes, be realistic about it, and to expect that it is going to last lifelong. It’s a serious disorder and we tell them that upfront. Obesity, physical inactivity, and eating habits are the things that can be changed and managed, but not the genes or family history of a diabetic person.

Growing up with diabetes becomes an emotional issue for many. What will be your suggestions to tackle this disease on an emotional front?

When young children are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes then it comes as a big shock to them and their families. At such a young age, children generally find it very difficult to adjust with the restrictions that diabetes imposes on them, with regard to dietary changes, exercise routine, medication which is invariably insulin, monitoring sugar levels. Type 1 diabetes children need emotional support from the



Diabetes is a lifestyle disease causing other equally severe complications that can be life threatening. Diabetes affects various parts of our body, including eyes, kidney, heart, nerves etc. Currently, in India, there are 72-75 million diabetics, and the figure is likely to go up to 150 million by 2045. Hence, awareness in families regarding diabetes and prevention on part of the patient are the need of the hour to maintain a healthy lifestyle. ABHISHEK PATHAK from The Indian Express speaks to DR (COL) SUDHIR TRIPATHI, Vice Chairman & Senior Consultant, Department of Endocrinology & Metabolism, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, on diabetes and its complications, with a special focus on family care, risk factors, prevention, new advancements and future care to manage the same



family and at school where they are subject to the vagaries of school life. They may need counselling and behavioural therapy.

On the other hand, even type 2 diabetics may find it difficult to cope with the disease. Particularly, the elderly with multiple medications for multiple disorders accompanying diabetes are often depressed and overwhelmed by their disease and need great deal of emotional care and support.

What has led to an explosion of type 2 diabetes in younger generation?

The first factor is that Indians as a race or an ethnic group are genetically pre-disposed to develop type 2 diabetes. Superadded on this genetic background are the environmental factors such as our dietary habits, which include high carbohydrate contents, and the lack of a culture of exercise, leading to the explosion

of this epidemic. A sedentary lifestyle and adoption of unhealthy dietary patterns seem to be the reason for the increasing prevalence of diabetes in India.

Indians are often ‘lean obese’ i.e., Indians have a larger amount of intra-abdominal fat — also called central obesity. The intra-abdominal fat is the bad fat, which causes insulin resistance, leading to diabetes.

Thus the combination of genetic risk and environmental factors leads to the obesity epidemic, consequently increasing the prevalence of diabetes, occurring at an earlier age, often in the teenage years.

The tsunami of the diabetic epidemic has already hit India. The prevalence of diabetes in adults aged 20 years or older in India increased from 5.5% in 1990 to 7.7% in 2016. This can only be averted by a concerted effort on the part of the medical fraternity, so-



ciety at large and the government. The focus has to be on identifying a high-risk population and inculcating a behavioural change resulting in improved dietary habits and an exercise-oriented culture.

What is the doctor's role in the prevention of diabetes? How to avert and minimise the effects of this disease?

Doctors play a crucial role in the efforts to prevent diabetes. They need to emphasise the importance of lifestyle, dietary, and behavioural changes as the first-line treatment to prevent diabetes. In a recently published study, the most important risk factor for diabetes in India was obesity to which 36.0% of the diabetes disability adjusted life years in 2016 could be attributed. The prevalence of obesity in adults in India increased from 9.0% in 1990 to 20.4% in 2016. For every 100 obese adults aged 20 years or older in India,

there were 38 adults with diabetes, compared with the global average of 19 adults in 2016.

In order to prevent type 2 diabetes, adults should be regularly screened for “all five components” of metabolic syndrome. Doctors should measure — blood pressure, waist circumference, fasting triglycerides, LDL and HDL cholesterol and blood sugar, in order to identify patients at “high metabolic risk,” i.e. those possessing at least three of the five components. It is suggested that high-risk individual be screened for these five factors of metabolic syndrome every 3 years and waist circumference every year.

Patients with established pre-diabetes - defined as a fasting blood sugar from 100-125 mg/dL - should undergo yearly type 2 diabetes screening. If patients are not responding to lifestyle intervention, metformin is recommended as the first pharmacological intervention to reduce glucose levels.

What kind of exercises do you recommend?

Children and adolescents with type 1 or type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes are advised to exercise for about 60 min/day or more of moderate to vigorous aerobic activity at least 3 days/week. On the other hand, most adults with type 1 and type 2 diabetes should engage in 150 min or more of moderate to vigorous aerobic activity per week, with not more than 2 days interval between two exercise days. Adults with type 1 and type 2 diabetes should also perform resistance exercises 2-3 times per week. If weight loss is the consideration, then 60 minutes of moderate to intense exercise is advised i.e. ~ 300 minutes a week.

What is more effective — visiting a diabetes centre or an endocrinologist for diabetes?

Visiting an endocrinologist would be good, but the problem is the shortage of endocrinologists. It would be impossible for endocrinologists to see all patients with diabetes. The diabetic patients are seen by doctors at all levels, from general practitioners to physicians. Thus, in my opinion, all doctors should be empowered to treat diabetes. They should be trained to manage patients in a scientific and structured manner. The treatment of diabetes should be handled by a team, comprising the endocrinologist, physician, diabetes educator and a trained dietician. The patient can be referred to an endocrinologist for advanced care and to handle complicated cases.

Can pancreas be rejuvenated using allopathic medicines?

This concept of rejuvenating the pancreas essentially pertains to type 2 diabetes. The treatment of diabetes revolves around blood sugar control and also the management of associated conditions like hypertension and high cholesterol. The overarching idea is to protect the pancreas so that they continue to function by making insulin as long as possible and to ensure that the insulin thus secreted functions effectively. Some of the newer generation of oral sugar-lowering drugs help preserve the beta cells in the pancreas. It has also been seen that early aggressive treatment of diabetes at diagnosis, with insulin, can result in remission of diabetes for variable periods of time, stretching to about one year.

What are your views on the policies of the government regarding the pricing of drugs?

It’s very important to have easily affordable drugs. The cost of treatment of diabetes is escalating rapidly and some of the newer generation of drugs are frightfully expensive. Even the overall treatment of diabetes and its complications is staggering. Generic drugs or biosimilars produced in India should be able to reduce the cost. However, quality assurance is very important.

Which Indian insulin companies are making these drugs? By when can we expect Oral Insulin?

Biocon and Wockhardt are two such Indian companies making these drugs. Biocon is currently working on the concept of Oral Insulin. Insulin Tregopil, a first-in-class oral insulin molecule being developed by Biocon, is a fast-acting oral insulin which can improve post-meal sugar control, and holds the promise to transform type 1 & type 2 diabetes management. Currently, it is in trials, and we hope to see some positive results in the next couple of years.

How do you think the future of diabetes care will develop in India?

I think the future of diabetes care depends on tremendous efforts by all the stakeholders involved in the care of diabetes. A lot of effort from the private health sector, the research bodies, government and pharmaceutical companies is needed. The state-level differences in the prevalence of diabetes, as demonstrated in recent studies, should guide policies of the government in this regard. Recent advances in diabetes-related technology, including real-time continuous sugar monitoring and closed-loop insulin pumps, have revolutionised treatment of diabetes. Recently a fully implantable sensor, which works for 90 days, has also been approved for use. All this put together should have a significant impact on the future of diabetes care in India and worldwide.

Your message to the readers.

Early diagnosis of diabetes is crucial for the management of the condition, which would reduce the risk of complications and mortality. The treatment of diabetes revolves around adopting a healthy lifestyle, monitoring the sugar levels and watching for the complications of diabetes and taking medication as prescribed by your doctor. Do not fear diabetes and nor should you be scared of taking insulin if required for the improvement of blood sugar levels.



8 GOVT & POLITICS

MAHARASHTRA GOVT FORMATION

If Sena expects sympathy, they don't know public: Shah

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BJP PRESIDENT and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday rejected estranged ally Shiv Sena's claim that the BJP promised rotational chief ministership ahead of the Maharashtra elections and categorically said that the party will not accept the new demands put forth by Sena.

In an interview with ANI, Shah accused Sena, which has broken its alliance with the BJP, of coming up with conditions after the elections that cannot be accepted. "Before elections, both Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) and I said many times in public that if our alliance wins, Devendra Fadnavis will be the chief minister. No one objected back then. Now they have come up with new demands which are not acceptable to us," said Shah.

Shah slammed the Uddhav Thackeray-led Sena for the public spat in the last few days. "It's not in our party's tradition to disclose what transpires behind closed doors. If the Sena thinks it can revolt and get the people's sympathy, they really don't know the public," he said.

Shah also criticised the Opposition's criticism of the imposition of President's Rule and the argument that parties were not given enough time, "Before this, so much time was not given



'Before elections, both PM and I said many times in public that if our alliance wins, Fadnavis will be the chief minister'. ANI

in any state...18 days were given. The Governor invited parties only after the tenure of the Assembly ended. Neither Shiv Sena nor Congress-NCP staked claim and neither did we. Even if today any party has numbers, it can approach the Governor. ...I do not want re-election in Maharashtra. After the completion of the six-month period, the Governor will take legal opinion and take the Constitutional step. Those who say imposing President's Rule was unconstitutional, I would like to tell them that they still have their rights. They just do not have the required numbers. If they have numbers, they can go and form the government," Shah said.

He added that the reaction of the Opposition was nothing but

"politics". "The President's Rule was imposed only after NCP told the Governor through a letter in the afternoon that it was not in a position to get the numbers by 8 pm."

"I would like to make it clear that if there is any party which has suffered the most with the the imposition of President's Rule in Maharashtra, it is the BJP. We have lost a caretaker government. The Opposition has lost nothing. If they wanted to gain public sympathy by creating a misconception about President's Rule, it means they do not trust the intelligence of the public," he said.

"President's Rule became necessary because the Opposition alleged that the Governor was sustaining an unstable government

led by the BJP. Now everyone has six months to get the numbers and meet the Governor. But it was unfortunate that a Constitutional post was dragged into politics," said Shah.

He also targeted Sena for taking the matter to the Supreme Court and criticised Congress leader Kapil Sibal, who is representing them in court. "The Governor has not denied chance to anyone. A learned lawyer like Kapil Sibal is putting forth childish arguments like 'we were denied a chance to form government'," said the BJP chief.

In the October 21 election to the 288-member assembly, the BJP won 105 seats, Sena got 56 and the NCP and the Congress won 54 and 44 seats, respectively. The Sena parted ways with the BJP over who should lead the government and has been claiming that the BJP had agreed to a 50:50 formula for chief ministership over five years.

Earlier this week, the BJP announced that it did not have the required numbers to form the government. The Governor then invited Sena but it could not show support for its claim by the deadline set by Raj Bhavan. Subsequently, the NCP was invited and asked to show its willingness to form the government by Tuesday evening. On Tuesday, the Governor sent a report to the Home Ministry, recommending President's Rule in the state.

Talks off to rocky start, Uddhav sits with Cong, NCP postpones CMP meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 13

A DAY after the Congress and the NCP stated that they would first mutually draw up a common minimum programme (CMP), which the Shiv Sena will subsequently have to sign on if the three are to form the government ion Maharashtra, political developments on Wednesday indicated a possible trust gap and fissures between the two allies.

On Wednesday afternoon, senior Maharashtra Congress leaders, including state unit president Balasaheb Thorat, former CM Ashok Chavan and former state president Manikrao Thakre, were involved in talks with Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray. The NCP was not part of the meeting.

This was Thackeray's first formal interaction with state Congress leaders after the Assembly election results.

Airing his nervousness over the pace of talks, Thackeray reportedly asked the Congress delegation how long it would take before the party takes a decision on whether it can support the Sena's bid to form government. According to information, he also tried to understand the decision-making process in the Congress.

The Congress has sought clarification from Thackeray on issues



Congress MLAs at the Jaipur airport on Wednesday, ahead of their return to Mumbai. Rohit Jain Paras

where the two parties have opposite viewpoints, including the proposal to offer 5 per cent reservation to Muslims in education and the demand for Bharat Ratna to V D Savarkar, among others.

Sources said the two sides also held preliminary talks on the likely power-sharing arrangement. The Congress, which won fewer seats than the Sena and NCP, has started pushing for equitable power-sharing.

In another indicator that both Congress and the Sena continue to remain wary of the NCP, which had offered unconditional out-

side support to BJP in 2014, sources said both parties are reluctant to offer the Assembly Speaker's position to Pawar's party.

On his way out from the meeting, Thackeray, however, said that everything was going well between the three parties. "Talks are going on in the right direction and a decision will be announced at an appropriate time," he said.

Congress leader Thorat said, "Our meeting with Uddhav Thackeray was a courtesy call. The fact that we are meeting is itself a

positive development."

Earlier in the day, Pawar had called a meeting of newly elected legislators, assuring them that the President's Rule imposed in the state will not hamper government formation. He said that he is not in favour of fresh elections, and that a new government would be in place soon.

In the evening, it was NCP's turn to resort to brinkmanship, with Pawar's nephew and legislative party leader Ajit Pawar initially announcing that the first coordination meeting with the Congress, for the allies to work on a CMP, had been postponed at the last minute. Ajit, who appeared upset, even indicated that he was leaving for Baramati, and that no new date for the meeting had been fixed, which intensified speculation.

Thorat said: "The meeting between our two parties was supposed to take place at 7.30 pm. We received a call from the NCP stating that the meeting has been called off today. We will hopefully meet on Thursday."

Pawar later clarified that his nephew was in Mumbai and that he would attend the Congress-NCP meeting. In fact, the meeting between the two parties eventually took place on Wednesday itself. Sources said NCP was upset with the Congress for holding independent talks with the Sena.

'BJP has to decide if it wants to fight with ally or Opposition'

All Jharkhand Students' Union (AJSU) president SUDESH MAHTO speaks to ABHISHEK ANGAD on the state of the alliance with BJP

The ruling alliance is walking a tight rope now. What did you bargain for?

During my talks with BJP leaders, I laid down the grounds on which we should fight the election. The party's strength was the basis...I gave a list of 20 constituencies to the BJP Jharkhand in-Charge. Later, I gave a final list of 17 candidates stating that we are strong in those areas.

What led your party to field candidates in seats being contested by BJP?

The BJP brought out a list before conclusive talks, before we could



sort things out... BJP fielded candidates where we are strong... candidates were called from outside and given tickets...BJP has not even responded to our list.

There is a perception that you want to bargain hard with BJP against the backdrop of the situation in Maharashtra and the results in the recent Assembly polls.

That I don't know. The question is whether the BJP wants to fight with their ally or the Opposition. This, BJP has to decide. Our party cannot be compared to Shiv Sena...we have been with NDA for 19 years...We were ridiculed by the Opposition, but we have been with NDA.

Is the alliance on?

Yes, the alliance is there. Neither

we are denying it nor the BJP.

Where does your party's ideology match with that of BJP?

Under former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Jharkhand received statehood. I respect them for this and that is why they have been an ally. That is why we never crossed the *Laxman rekha*.

What is the Laxman rekha?

That we never hurt anyone.

But you have hurt them by being an opposition within the party?

No, we have raised issues of the public. And the party will seek votes from the same people. Also, the government took a U-turn on issues we raised. So we were not wrong.

In Karnataka, rumblings over move to give BJP tickets to rebels

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FOLLOWING THE Supreme Court verdict that cancelled the Karnataka Speaker's decision to bar the 17 disqualified Congress-JD(S) MLAs from contesting in elections till the Assembly term ends in 2023, the rebel MLAs are all set to join the BJP Thursday.

However, a decision by the BJP leadership to give tickets to the rebels in 15 state bypolls on December 5 is expected to cause tensions with many local, state and national leaders of the party unhappy over the move. Bypolls in two other seats have held up pending other legal disputes.

Asked about the rumblings within the party, a senior BJP leader pointed out that the bypolls are being held in seats vacated by the rebel MLAs. "They won the elections in those constituencies and have been working there. The party is not very strong in these seats," he said in Delhi, where the issue came up for discussion during a meeting of BJP general secretaries at the party headquarters.

"Once the state unit's recommendation comes, the national leadership is likely to give the green signal to induct them in the BJP officially. Most probably, they will be the BJP candidates in the bypolls," said another BJP leader in the Capital.

The Supreme Court has also ruled that the disqualified MLAs can hope to be appointed as ministers or heads of boards and corporations only if they are re-elected as MLAs, and this is expected to result in almost all the rebels seeking BJP tickets.

However, voices of dissonance have arisen in constituencies like Gokak, Kagwad and Hoskote from local BJP leaders opposed to the introduction of their long-term rivals as party candidates.

Although the BJP leaders who lost from these constituencies have been provided sops in the form of positions on government boards and corporations, many are threatening to contest the bypolls as opposition or Independent candidates.

"The state Congress president is out of town and I will join the Congress when he returns and will hope to contest the Kagwad seat as a Congress candidate," Raju Kage, a BJP candidate who lost in 2018, said this week in Bengaluru.

Many in the party are also



Karnataka MLA Adaguru H Vishwanath at Supreme Court on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

EXPLAINED
Headache for BJP

THE DISSENT over giving party tickets to rebels MLAs can pose a headache for the BJP. If it backtracks, the party stands to lose face. If it goes ahead, it could be left red-faced by its own rebels.

likely to question the political morality of fielding candidates whose Constitutional morality has been questioned by the court order, sources said.

Two weeks ago, in an audio leak purportedly from a BJP core committee meeting, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa was heard questioning the lack of support in party ranks for the rebel MLAs.

The BJP is hoping to win at least six of the 15 constituencies to maintain its thin majority in the 224-member state Assembly, where it currently has the support of 105 MLAs plus an Independent. The Congress has 66 MLAs, the JD(S) 34, and the BSP one.

Welcoming the court verdict, Yediyurappa said: "Our leader Santoshiji (organisation general secretary B L Santosh) met all the legislators who resigned from the JD(S) and Congress soon after the Supreme Court verdict. Our state party president (Nalin Kumar Kateel) will carry out the formalities of inducting them into the BJP tomorrow around 10 am."

The nomination process for the bypolls began on November 11 and ends on November 18.

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Cong dares PM to dismiss BSY govt

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ARGUING THAT the Supreme Court verdict upholding disqualification of 17 Congress-JD(S) MLAs in Karnataka has vindicated the party's position that they had defected at the BJP's instance, the Congress on Wednesday demanded dismissal of the B S Yediyurappa government.

The opposition party dared Prime Minister Narendra Modi to sack the Yediyurappa government and reminded him that he has often spoken about morality in public life.

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi said: "We hear every day remarks from the pulpit; we hear preachings about moral values, about corruption, about ethical values from those who are running the ruling party and the governments — both at the Centre and in Karnataka. This is the true behaviour, character and face of those who preach in this manner. They now stand exposed completely."

AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka, K C Venugopal, said the judgment is a "clear slap on the face of BJP and its leadership that exercised all sorts of unconstitutional, illegal and corrupt practices to bring down the Congress-JD(S) gov-

ernment."

In the light of the court's verdict, he wondered whether the BJP will refrain from giving tickets to the disqualified MLAs since it has become clear that they had "indulged in activities befitting disqualification."

Singhvi said, "The (Karnataka Assembly) Speaker said you used every kind of allurements to lure Congress and a few JD(S) MLAs. Is this ethical politics? And what is this definition of corruption.... We call for the immediate resignation of the Chief Minister. We ask the Prime Minister and other important people in his Cabinet to do soul-searching about what their party is doing."

Arguing that such operations are carried out with the blessings of the BJP central leadership, he recalled that the party has already approached the apex court with a plea to take on record an audio tape, purportedly of a speech made by Yediyurappa regarding defection of the MLAs.

He also demanded examination of the "Yediyurappa tapes" and black money referred to in them. "The role of BJP leadership should be scrutinised, and the guilty brought to book. Now the ball is in the Prime Minister's court. Will he have the courage to sack the illegitimate Yediyurappa government, since he is often found preaching about morality in public life?"



FOR THE BRAVEHEARTS

RAJYASABHA member and Olympic boxing medalist Mary Kom enthralled the audience at an event on Wednesday to honour organ donors' families when she sang 'Ajeeb dastan hai yeh'. Kom had a bad throat, yet sportingly sang the old Lata Mangeshkar favourite. Throughout the ceremony, most dignitaries, including Union ministers Dr Harsh Vardhan and Kiren Rijiju, were emotional as families walked forward to receive their awards and the emcee read out the stories about the donors.

IN THE LIST

WEDNESDAY'S SUPREME Court ruling bringing the office of Chief Justice of India under the purview of the RTI Act held that assets declared by judges voluntarily with the CJI would be available under RTI. The verdict was delivered by a bench comprising CJI Ranjan Gogoi and Justices N V Ramana, D Y Chandrachud, Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna. The Supreme Court website lists seven of 34 judges of the top court under the head "assets of hon'ble judges". CJI Gogoi and Justice Ramana being among the seven. The other judges who delivered the verdict — Justices Chandrachud, Gupta and Khanna — do not feature in the list.

AFTER 'K', RAISING 'A'

PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN secretary Sohail Mahmood raised the issue of Ayodhya verdict at a meeting with Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) resident ambassadors in Islamabad and pointed out that this has been on the OIC's agenda since 1992. While this is another attempt by Islamabad to score a point against New Delhi, it will be interesting to watch how OIC responds to this. So far, there hasn't been any statement from OIC or any member-country.

Putin invites Modi for Victory Day celebrations

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RUSSIAN PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin on Wednesday invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Victory Day celebrations in May next year as the two leaders met here and discussed ways to further cement their special strategic partnership.

Modi, who is in Brazil for the 11th BRICS Summit which will focus on building mechanisms for counter-terrorism cooperation and strengthen India's ties with the world's five major economies, met Putin on the sidelines of the meeting.

During the bilateral meeting, Modi said that "frequent meetings have strengthened our relations".

"Our bilateral relations are growing. You have invited me to visit Russia in May for the Victory Day celebrations. I am happily waiting that I will get an opportunity to meet you once again," the



PM Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister said.

Putin said that bilateral trade has registered a growth of 17 per cent. "We have been implementing major bilateral projects and strengthening technical cooperation and our cultural exchanges are expanding," he said in the meeting.

The annual May 9 Victory Day parade in Moscow, where Russia shows off its military might, commemorates the May 1945 allied victory over Nazi Germany.

The two leaders are meeting over two months after holding extensive talks in Russia's Vladivostok city on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum.

BJP raised Rs 700 cr in 2018-19, half of it from Tata-controlled trust

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THE BJP raised more than Rs 700 crore in 2018-19, and its largest donation — Rs 356 crore — came from an electoral trust controlled by the Tata Group.

An electoral trust is a not-for-profit company established with the sole purpose of distributing the contributions received by it to different political parties. While electoral trusts can raise funds from individuals and corporations, the largest chunk of the donations come from the latter. Hence, contributions by electoral trusts to political parties are usually identified as corporate donations.

In 2018-19, the BJP received approximately Rs 470 crore from all electoral trusts as opposed to 167.80 crore in 2017-18.

Prudent Electoral Trust, which paid Rs 67.3 crore to BJP, is the second higher donor among electoral trusts. The Bharti Airtel Group is one of the largest contributors to this trust, which is

also backed by Hero MotoCorp, Jubilant Foodworks, Orient Cement, DLF and JK Tyres, among others.

This is as per the party's contribution report submitted to the Election Commission. In the contribution report, a political party provides details of all donors who donated more than Rs 20,000. The funds generated through such donations are only a fraction of the total annual income of political parties.

Donations from electoral trusts to the Congress pale in comparison to the BJP. It received roughly Rs 90 crore from all electoral trusts in 2018-19. However, this is a big jump for Congress from the Rs 10 crore it received from electoral trusts in 2017-18.

The Progressive Electoral Trust, which gave Rs 346 crore to the BJP, gave Rs 55 crore to the grand old party. Prudent Electoral Trust, on the other hand, gave Rs 39 crore. The Aditya Birla General Electoral Trust, which gave over Rs 28 crore to the BJP, donated Rs 2 crore to the Congress.



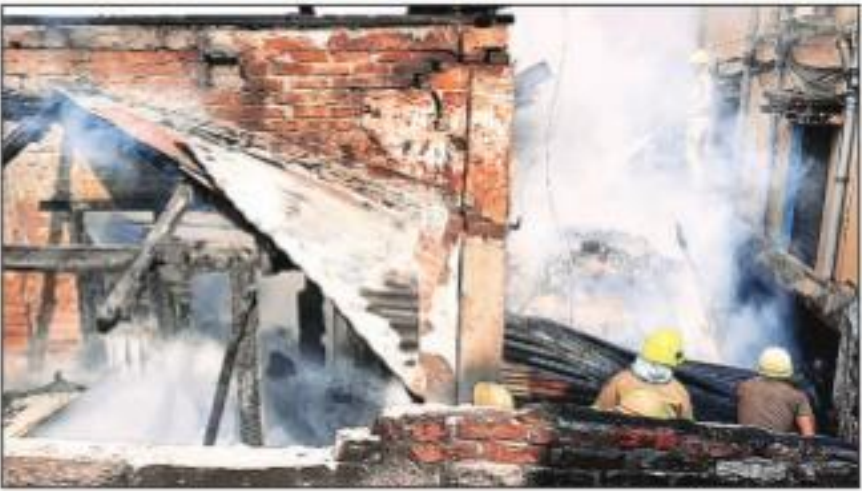
NORTH

Militants kill 30-year-old man in Pulwama

Srinagar: A 30-year-old man was shot by unidentified gunmen in Pulwama district on Wednesday. Police officials in Awantipore police division in Pulwama district identified the civilian as Mehrajuddin Zargar. Police are yet to ascertain the motive of the attackers. Zargar

owned two shops in Tral. The area was cordoned off by security forces after the incident to nab the attackers. Kashmir zone police said on Twitter, “#Terrorists fired on a #civilian in #Tral area of #Awantipora. Area has been #cordoned & #search is in progress.”

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Firefighters douse flames during a blaze at a toy factory in Bengal's Siliguri on Wednesday. *ANI*

EAST

Cattle trader beaten to death for not paying extortion money

Patna: A 45-year-old cattle trader was beaten to death by four people for not paying extortion money in Katihar on Tuesday. The incident took place at Roshna under Mufassil police station when Mohammed Jamal, a local resident, was going to Kumedpur in West Bengal along with three of his relatives. Four residents of Babupur Tola report-

edly demanded Rs 50,000 from Jamal, threatening to not allow him to cross the area with his cattle. When Jamal refused, Liladhar Yadav and three others beat him with wooden sticks. Jamal's brother Kamal and uncle Shakil ran away to save their lives. Jamal, who was later admitted to a hospital, succumbed to his injuries.

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WEST

Gautam Navlakha moves HC for anticipatory bail

Mumbai: A day after a special court in Pune rejected his anticipatory bail application, activist Gautam Navlakha moved the Bombay High Court on Wednesday against the order. Navlakha's application is likely to be heard Thursday. In its order rejecting the anticipatory bail application of the activist in the Elgar Parishad case, the special court

had taken note of various documents, including “Strategy and Tactics of the Indian Revolution” and “Work in urban areas”, which the prosecution claimed were recovered from the pen drive of co-accused P Varavara Rao. The defence lawyer had argued that Navlakha was a writer by profession and had undertaken the task of fact-finding.

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SOUTH

Four new districts created in Tamil Nadu

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu government has notified the bifurcation of two districts and trifurcation of one, leading to the creation of four new districts in the state. The Government Orders (GO) dated November 12, 2019, notified the bifurcation of existing Tirunelveli and Kancheepuram districts, besides trifurcating Vellore. One

of the GOs recalled Chief Minister K Palaniswami announcing in the state Assembly in June that Tirunelveli and Kancheepuram will be bifurcated to create Tenkasi and Chengalpattu districts, respectively. Vellore was being trifurcated with Tirupathur and Ranipet as the new district headquarters.

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LANCET STUDY

Climate change set to undo health gains, to affect kids most: study

ABANTIKA GHOSH & ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
NEW DELHI, PUNE, NOV 13

RISING TEMPERATURES due to climate change and air pollution could undo India's hard-earned public health gains of the last two decades, according to a new study in *The Lancet*.

Children will be among the worst sufferers from a rise in infectious diseases, the study said, pointing out that cholera is rising 3 per cent a year in India since the early 1980s with climatic suitability for *Vibrio* bacteria, which cause the disease.

As temperatures rise, infants will be vulnerable to malnutrition and rising food prices. The study said average yield potential of maize and rice has declined almost 2 per cent in India since the 1960s, and malnutrition is already responsible for two-thirds of under-5 deaths.

Throughout their adolescence, it forecast, the impact of air pollution will worsen — total energy supply from coal increased 11 per cent in India between 2016 and 2018, and dangerous levels of



The impact of air pollution will worsen with time, says the study. *PTI file*

outdoor fine particulate air pollution (PM 2.5) contributed to over 5,29,500 premature deaths in 2016, over 97,400 of these resulting from coal.

Poomima Prabhakaran from the Public Health Foundation of India, co-author of the study, said: “With its huge population and high rates of healthcare inequality, poverty and malnutrition, few countries are likely to suffer from the health effects of climate change as much as India. Diarrhoeal infections, a major cause of child mortality, will spread into new areas, while deadly heatwaves, similar to the

one in 2015 that killed thousands of people in India, could soon become the norm.”

She said: “Over the past two decades, the Government of India has launched many initiatives and programmes to address a variety of diseases and risk factors. But this report shows that public health gains achieved over the past 50 years could soon be reversed by changing climate.”

The ‘Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change’ is a comprehensive yearly analysis tracking progress across 41 key indicators, demonstrating what action to meet Paris Agreement targets — or business as usual — means for human health. The project is a collaboration between 120 experts from 35 institutions, including the World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank, University College London, and Tsinghua University, Beijing.

Extreme weather events, the report points out, will intensify into adulthood, with India seeing an additional 21 million people exposed to wildfires between 2001 and 2004, and 22 billion additional hours of work lost due to extreme heat since

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Why India has to move off coal

TO DRAMATICALLY reduce emissions by 2050, and to meet multiple Sustainable Development Goals, India must shift from coal and towards renewable energy, says study co-author Poomima Prabhakaran. The country also needs to enhance public transport, increase use of cleaner fuels, and improve waste management and agricultural production practices.

2000 (12 billion in agriculture).

The authors call for health impact of climate change to be at forefront of the agenda at the UN Climate Conference (COP25) next month.

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Court extends Chidambaram's judicial custody till Nov 27

New Delhi: A Delhi court Wednesday extended the judicial custody of Congress leader and former Union minister P Chidambaram till November 27 in the INX Media money laundering case investigated by the Enforcement Directorate.

Chidambaram could not be produced in person due to the ongoing strike called by several bar associations following the violence at Tis Hazari court and appeared before Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar through video conference.

“For certain reasons you could not be produced. Do you want to make submissions,” Special Judge Kuhar asked Chidambaram. “My counsel will make his submissions,” the Congress leader replied.

Appearing for ED, Special Public Prosecutor N K Matta submitted that Chidambaram's judicial custody must be extended, saying that he could tamper with evidence and influence witnesses. Chidambaram's counsel, Advocate Arshdeep Singh, denied the ED's claims and told the judge that there were no details to back allegations of evidence tampering.

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ROYAL VISITOR

Britain's Prince Charles paid obeisance and did ‘sewa’ at Bangla Sahib Gurdwara in New Delhi. Charles, who began his two-day visit to India, also met President Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. *Amit Mehra*

Cleric among 4 held for UP mosque blast

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FOUR PEOPLE, including a cleric, were Wednesday arrested in connection with an explosion inside a mosque at Bairagipatti village in Kushinagar district two days ago.

They were identified as Maulana Azeemudin (28), Izhar, Aashiq and Javed. Three others — Qutubuddin Ansari, Ashfaq and Munna, all from the same village — are on the run.

The blast was earlier reported as an inverter battery explosion. But Kushinagar SP Vinod Kumar Mishra said the battery was found intact. He said some explosive substance, which was kept inside a room in the mosque, had exploded due to “heat”.

“During interrogation, Azeemudin told the police that around four months ago, a local, Qutubuddin Ansari, came to the mosque carrying a plastic bag and told him there was a powder inside. He asked him to keep

it safe and ensure it did not come in contact with any other object. Ansari also told him that the material would be used at an appropriate time,” the SP said.

The SP said the motive behind the storage of the powder would be clear after Ansari's arrest.

An ATS team, along with the police, is probing the case.

A case has been filed under IPC sections 147, 295 and 120-B, besides provisions of the Explosives Act and Criminal Law (Amendment) Act.

Amid shortage of sand, Andhra to set up village courts to punish hoarders

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 13

THE ANDHRA Pradesh government has decided to set up village courts to penalise those involved in hoarding or black marketing of sand even as the state reels under shortage of sand for construction activities.

“The government has decided to take stringent action against sand hoarding and black marketing. These measures will wipe out the sand mafia. Anyone found hoarding sand would face a fine of Rs 2 lakh and two-year imprisonment. ‘Sand Week’ would begin from November 14 to improve the availability of sand in the state and to make 2 lakh tonnes of sand available

every day,” Information and Public Relations Minister P Venkataramaiah said. He said the punishment can be awarded by judicial officers — equivalent to Judicial Magistrate First Class — presiding over village courts to anyone found hoarding sand.

He said 84 such courts will be set up across the state and the government will amend the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008 and the Andhra Pradesh Advocates Welfare Fund Act to enable the same.

Meanwhile, the state CID raided Blue Frog Technologies Ltd, a software development firm in Visakhapatnam which allegedly hacked into the state government's sand procurement website and sold off sand at higher rates.

Visva-Bharati: MHA clears CISF, HRD looks at ‘other options’

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE UNION Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has granted “in principle” approval for the permanent deployment of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on the Visva-Bharati University campus in Santiniketan.

As reported by *The Indian Express* on October 30, Visva-Bharati Vice-Chancellor Bidyut Chakrabarty had sought CISF personnel on the campus, citing incidents of confrontation between the university administration and students and karamcharis (staff). The HRD Ministry had written to the CISF Director-General last month, backing his request.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* on Wednesday, Higher Education Secretary R Subrahmanyam confirmed the MHA's approval, but added that the HRD Ministry has dropped the plan and is now exploring “other options” to address the university's security concerns.

Currently, no central university has paramilitary forces or even police personnel stationed permanently on campus. In 2017, the Banaras Hindu

University (BHU) had made a similar request, claiming that its security was inadequate to handle such a huge campus. The request is still pending.

The MHA has granted approval to the CISF to carry out a joint survey to assess the university's requirement for security personnel as well as the accommodation facilities on campus. Visva-Bharati, MHA has clarified, will have to bear the cost of deployment, including the provision of meals and suitable accommodation for the security personnel.

In his letter to the HRD ministry, V-C Chakrabarty had said that the private security personnel currently employed by the university owe their allegiance to the “TMC local bosses” and, hence, “disobey” Visva-Bharati's security officer “with impunity”.

He had also cited the protest by students in May this year against the increase in the price of application forms. The students had held a sit-in protest, preventing faculty members and officials from leaving the campus. The V-C alleged that in such instances, the security guards “remained silent onlookers” and even created enabling conditions for the protesters.

BHU official booked for ‘removing RSS flag’

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 13

A DEPUTY Chief Proctor at the South Campus of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in Mirzapur district was booked on charges of promoting enmity between different groups after she removed an RSS flag from the university's playground Tuesday.

A case was registered on a complaint of a local RSS office-bearer. Deputy chief proctor Kiran Damle resigned from the post following protests by a group of students and local RSS workers.

Damle told *The Indian Express*, “On Tuesday, when I went to the university playground, I found an orange flag hoisted there. I asked my attendant about who put it there but he said he did not know. I then asked the students present there but nobody replied. After no one

took responsibility, I took out the flag, gave it to my attendant and told him to keep it in my office.”

“Later, some students came to me and said it was the RSS flag. I told them that I did not know... I told them that they could conduct their activities, but should not put the flag as it is a sensitive time. Later in the afternoon, a protest was held at the university demanding my resignation... I told the students and protesters that I made a mistake and even apologised to them. They said an apology won't be enough and that I should resign,” Damle said.

The complainant, Chandramohan, claimed, “She disrespected the saffron flag and said the shakha can't be held there.”

Kotwali Dehat SHO Abhay Kumar Singh said a case was registered under IPC sections 153-A, 295-A, 504 and 505.

Govt eases norms for change of address on Aadhaar

New Delhi: The government has amended the Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules allowing an Aadhaar enrollees to provide a current address different from their permanent address.

According to sources, the demand for this change has come from various sectors, especially to help migrant workers who have the address of their native place mentioned in their Aadhaar but

want a bank account in the area they are living in for work.

“Where a client has provided his Aadhaar number for identification... and wants to provide a current address, different from the address as per the identity information available in the Central Identities Data Repository, he may give a self-declaration to that effect to the reporting entity,” the amendment states.

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Court questions CBI on ‘differential approach’ in Ishrat encounter case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 13

THE SPECIAL CBI court hearing the discharge applications of four accused police officers in the Ishrat Jahan encounter case on Wednesday sought the agency's reply on its “differential approach” with respect to seeking government permission to prosecute the officers. The CBI is expected to respond on November 26, when the matter is expected to be heard further.

The court of judge RK Chudawala told CBI advocate RC Kodekar that he must be prepared to answer “queries of this court” after arguments by the accused officers on why the agency sought to seek sanction from the state government to prosecute the present accused. In the case

of the accused intelligence officers, CBI had sought sanction from the central government.

The court is hearing the discharge applications filed by four accused officers from Gujarat — JG Parmar, Tarun Barot, GL Singhal and Anaju Chaudhary. They moved the discharge applications after the CBI court discharged three other officers accused in the case — PP Pandey, DG Vanzara and NK Amin.

The court's decision on the discharge pleas of these four accused officers seeking dropping of proceedings is crucial — acceptance of the discharge plea can lead to immediate disposal of the case and rejection of the pleas would result in the court proceeding with the stage of framing of charges against the accused.

Judge Chudawala questioned why the CBI was “demarcating

or drawing a distinction”. The court also asked why the CBI was waiting for the court's direction when it comes to the prosecution of state officers, while for IB officers, it had sought sanction from the central government of its own volition.

Lawyers of the accused made submissions on the differential treatment of the four Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau (SIB) officers (Rajinder Kumar, Rajeev Wankhede, MK Sinha, T Mittal), with regard to the seven accused Gujarat police officers despite the CBI's chargesheet in 2014 concluding that the Ishrat “fake encounter” was “the result of a joint operation of the Gujarat Police and SIB, Ahmedabad”. In June 2015, the CBI sought the Centre's sanction to prosecute the four SIB officers but was denied the same.

JUSTICE CHANDRACHUD IN SEPARATE CONCURRENT JUDGMENT

‘Judicial independence doesn’t mean insulation of judges from rule of law’

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G.
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13



Justice DY Chandrachud

CONCURRING WITH judgments which said that the office of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) is a public authority within the ambit of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, Justice D Y Chandrachud on Wednesday called for placing “the basis for selection and appointment of judges to the higher judiciary...in the public realm”.

On the collegium system, he wrote that the “collegium owes its birth to judicial interpretation”, and “if the content of the right and the enforcement of the statute are to possess a meaningful dimension in their application to the judiciary, as it must, certain steps are necessary”.

He also called for the need for greater transparency in the appointment process of judges and observed that “candour and frankness cannot be the reason to preclude disclosures of correspondence between constitutional functionaries...”

Emphasising the importance of accountability in judiciary, he noted, “The institution cannot be called upon to insulate and protect a judge from actions which have no bearing on the discharge of official duty.”

In his separate judgment,

which agreed with the rest, Justice Chandrachud wrote, “It cannot be countenanced that public gaze or subsequent disclosure will detract an individual from discharging their duty in an effective manner true to the dignity and ethic associated with their office...when answering questions of disclosure in regards to the appointment process (the) principal consideration will always be that of public interest.

“Any balancing must be carried out in the context of our commitment to transparency and accountability of our institutions.”

Justice Chandrachud was categorical that “judicial independence does not mean insulation of judges from the rule of law”, and that “transparency and right to information are crucially linked to rule of law itself”.

He sought to stress that “judicial independence is not a carte blanche to arbitrary behaviour”, and that “independence of the judiciary was not envisaged to mean its insulation from checks and balances that are inherent in exercise of constitution power”.

The judge expressed the view that “judicial power, conferred in public interest as a necessary element in administration of justice, cannot be used to achieve extraneous ends” and that judges are not above the law.

On the need for accountability, Justice Chandrachud wrote, “Adjudicators in robes are human and may be predisposed to the failings that are inherently human. But the law demands that they must aspire to a standard of behaviour that does not condone those failings of a human persona in discharge of judicial duties. To equate the actions of an individual which have no nexus with the discharge of official duties as a judge with the institution may have dangerous portents. The shield of the institution cannot be entitled to protect those actions from scrutiny”.

He wrote, “The contention that merely because a judge cannot be elected out of office the conduct of judges and their general administration is not a matter of great public interest cannot be countenanced...”

Verdict bringing CJI under RTI comes 10 yrs after first plea denied

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G.
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

WEDNESDAY’S SUPREME Court judgment bringing the office of the Chief Justice of India under the Right to Information (RTI) Act came on three appeals filed by its Secretary General and Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) against the order of Central Information Commission (CIC) and the Delhi High Court.

The appeals arose from applications by RTI activist Subhash Chandra Agarwal.

On July 6, 2009, Agarwal had moved an application before the top court’s CPIO, seeking a copy of the “complete correspondence with then Chief Justice of India as the Times of India had reported that a Union Minister had approached, through a lawyer, Justice R Reghupathi of the High Court of Madras to influence his judicial decisions”.

The SC registry denied it on the ground that the information sought was not handled and dealt with by the Registry of the Supreme Court and the information relating to it was neither maintained nor available with it.

After Agarwal’s first appeal was dismissed, on his second appeal the CIC directed that the information be furnished.

Agarwal filed a second application on January 23, 2009, before the CPIO seeking a copy of complete file/papers as available with the apex court, including copies of complete correspondence exchanged between the constitutional authorities concerned with file notings relating to appointment of Justices H L Dattu, A K Ganguly and R M Lodha, superseding seniority of Justices A P Shah, A K Patnaik and V K Gupta, “which was allegedly objected to by the Prime Minister”.

The CPIO denied this information observing that the registry did not deal with the matters pertaining to appointment of SC judges. It said that appointment of judges to Supreme Court and High Courts are made by the President as per procedure. On further appeal, the CIC accepted the appeal and directed furnishing of information.

In November 2007, Agarwal also sought information on declaration of assets made by judges to the Chief Justices in the States.

This was dismissed by the SC CPIO “stating that information relating to declaration of assets of judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts was not held by or was not under control of the Registry of the Supreme Court”.

On first appeal, the appellate authority directed that the matter be remitted to the SC CPIO to follow the procedure under RTI Act and to inform Agarwal about

the authority holding the information sought for.

The CPIO subsequently asked him to approach the CPIO of High Courts, following which Agarwal appealed before the CIC. The CIC allowed the appeal.

Later appeals by the CPIO to Delhi High Court were also decided in Agarwal’s favour.

On Wednesday, the apex court upheld the CIC order, directing its CPIO “to furnish information on the judges of Supreme Court who had declared their assets”. The court said “such disclosure would not, in any way, impinge upon personal information and right to privacy of the judges”.

On the other applications, the court allowed them partly with an order of remit to the CPIO to re-examine the matter after following the procedure under RTI Act, as the information relates to third parties.

Day after BJP leader’s son killed, Amethi DM ‘manhandles’ kin

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
AMETHI, NOVEMBER 13

A VIDEO clip purportedly showing Amethi District Magistrate (DM) Prashant Sharma dragging a relative of Vijay Kumar Singh alias Sonu Singh, who was killed by armed miscreants on Tuesday night, has gone viral, prompting local residents to express anguish over the administration’s alleged insensitivity.

Sonu Singh (35) owned a brick kiln and his father Shrivayak Singh is a senior leader of the ruling BJP



A video grab of the incident

in the district.

In the video clip, the DM is allegedly seen dragging a senior PCS officer Sunil Singh, who is a cousin of the deceased when the former visited the post-mortem house on Wednesday. He is purportedly heard telling Sonu Singh’s family members that there is no country in the world where killings do not take place and the administration is not God that it can prevent incidents of crime from taking place.

“What would you have done

had you been in our place? Would you have stopped the killing from taking place?,” he is heard asking the crowd. When Sunil Singh points out that a ‘Dial 100’ police team was in the vicinity and it could have prevented the incident by acting promptly, the DM is seen almost dragging him by holding his shirt and asking him if he can make out if anyone in the crowd has a gun.

When the people assembled there object to his behaviour, the DM is also seen reprimanding them.

Telling them that he is the seniormost officer of the district, Sharma is heard speaking about his problems and the sensitive times in which he and his officers have been working round-the-clock.

Sonu Singh was shot dead in Bisundapur village located in the Gauriganj Kotwali police station area on Tuesday night.

His family has named five persons from Gauriganj, all of whom have a criminal record, for their alleged involvement in the incident.

100 take ill after gas leak at Odisha prawn processing unit

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 13

NEARLY 100 workers, most of them women, fell sick in a case of suspected gas leak at a prawn processing unit in Odisha’s Balasore district on Wednesday night.

Doctors said the situation is under control and many of the affected people are being discharged after first-aid, PTI reported.

Odisha’s coastline is dotted with many units that culture shrimp for domestic and international markets. The state exports prawn worth approximately Rs 2,000 crore annually. The accident is reported to have occurred in Panapana village of Balasore’s Bahanga tehsil. The affected workers were taken to Khantapada community health centre (CHC).

Visuals emerging from the

spot showed dozens of women being carried out of buses and into the CHC. Many women were unconscious and shivering as they were laid on the floor.

Fifty patients were later shifted to the district headquarters hospital, PTI reported, quoting a Balasore police officer.

Initial reports by local news channels said the CHC had only one doctor and a nurse, before the district administration rushed a team of doctors for additional support. Some nursing students were also allowed to join the teams treating the affected workers, according to information.

“We hear that the gas leaked is ammonia,” a district administration official said. But one of the first women to revive said the gas in question was a chlorine compound. “My eyes and throat started burning. I was sneezing violently and rushed outside,” she said.

“It is expected that the CM will lay down a code of conduct for BJD MLAs. What is the necessity of doing so in writing and circulating it among journalists,” one of the MLAs asked.

The notice stated, “I would like all the members to be punctual and sincere in attending the House. Anyone who needs more than two days’ leave will get it sanctioned from me. I am very serious about members’ attendance this time”.

Asking members to “actively participate” in debates, Patnaik’s notice stated, “I would particularly be watching the performance of first-time members.” It stated that the government’s Chief Whip would submit a daily attendance to the Chief Minister by 11.30 am.

The notice also said that the MLAs would be required to submit a bi-monthly report to the CM. The notice explained, “The mandate in Patkura and Bijepur by-elections is again a reminder of how much faith people have in the Biju Janata Dal. This should make all of us work hard in a transparent and committed manner”.

Reacting to criticism of the notice, BJD spokesperson Lenin Mohanty said, “A regular process (attendance and debate participation in the House) is being made transformative this time around. This House has a lot of young legislators and first-time members from different backgrounds. The CM is keen that they should have complete experience of an Assembly session.”

SC order on tribunals warning to govts on abusing Money Bill route: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

THE CONGRESS on Wednesday welcomed the Supreme Court’s decision to refer to a larger bench the question whether the 2017 Finance Act was a Money Bill while setting aside provisions relating to working of tribunals. The party said it was a victory for Rajya Sabha and democracy and a big defeat for the Narendra Modi government.

“The verdict will have far-reaching consequences on any future attempts by the Modi government to abuse the Money Bill route and is also a reminder to future governments that any attempt at diluting our institutions will not be allowed,” Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said at a press meet.

The apex court order came on a batch of petitions, including one by Ramesh, challenging the “form and substance” of the 2017 Finance Act.

Ramesh said the ruling was a victory for democracy in general and Rajya Sabha in particular. He said it is important to have a discussion on the Money Bill in Parliament. He alleged that the government has been misusing Article 110 over the past three years and converting key Bills to Money Bills for avoiding a vote and passage in Rajya Sabha.

He said the government had sought to dilute appointments to 19 different tribunals, including the National Green Tribunal and the Central Administrative Tribunal.

“All terms of conditions had been changed. The qualifications had been changed, the tenure

had been changed, the terms which govern the appointment of judicial members and technical members all had been changed. Basically, the objective was to make these tribunals answerable only to the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister’s Office. That has been quashed today,” Ramesh said.

He said the government had made changes in the rules relating to the working of the tribunals “with the furtive intention of vesting greater control in the central government on the appointments of judges to these judicial and quasi-judicial bodies”.

“Knowing fully well the Finance Act (and the Rules framed thereunder) would not pass parliamentary muster, the Modi government classified it as a Money Bill so as to prevent voting in the Rajya Sabha,” he said.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
LOWER CAUVERY BASIN CIRCLE, THANJAVUR.
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
NT No. 5/2019-2020/LCB Circle/Thanjavur dated : 12.11.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders are invited from the eligible contractors for the following work at the office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur -1 upto 3.00 P.M. on 29.11.2019. The tenders will be opened on the same day at 3.30 P.M. Tender schedule is available for sale from 14.11.2019 to 28.11.2019 upto 5.45 P.M.

Sl. No.	Name of Work.	Approximate work value (Rs. in crore)	EMD Amount in Rs.	Cost of Tender Schedule and GST	Name of Executive Engineer to whom the amount to be remitted
1.	Temporary restoration of the Flood affected portion in the right bank of the River Coleroon from LS 162.800 km to 162.900 km in Alakud village of Sakshi Taluk in Nagapattinam District.	5.92	3,10,000	Rs.15000 + Rs.1800	Executive Engineer, WRD, Cauvery Basin Division (East), Mayiladuthurai

Period of completion : 12 Months
Eligibility Class of Contractor : Class I (State Level & Lower Cauvery Basin Circle Level)
The cost of tender schedule and GST are noted against the work. The cost of tender schedule will have to be remitted to the State Bank of India or Government Treasuries under the head of account 0701-01-101-AE-9091 to the Credit of the Executive Engineer noted above. GST is to be remitted under Head of account GST 0000/0104A0000 separately and enclosed along with application.
Tender documents can also be downloaded at free of cost from website: www.tenders.tn.gov.in
Superintending Engineer, WRD, Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur
DIPR/ 4306 /TENDER/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Trichy Highways (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE (RECALL) (Short Call)
Tender Notice No.27/2019-20/HDO / Dated: 13.11.2019
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 02.12.2019, 12.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy - 20 for CRIDP 2019-20 works (Package No.46, 57, 60, 61, 64 and 84) pertaining Nagapattinam, Tiruvavur and Pudukkottai (H) C&M Division.
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 15.11.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Circle, Trichy - 20
DIPR/4316/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES
TENDER NOTICE FOR PURCHASE OF POLYESTER TEXTURISED YARN
Sealed tenders with two cover system in the prescribed format are invited only from the interested eligible parties for the Purchase of Grey and Dyed Polyester Texturised yarn Under Free supply of Uniform Scheme for the Academic Year 2020–2021.

S. No	Variety of yarn	Required Quantity in MT	Required Earnest money deposit (Rs.)	Sale period	Last date and time for receipt of tender	Date and time of opening of Tender	Supply Period
1.	155/34D Grey PTY	733.00	Rs. 3,00,000/-	14.11.2019 to 16.12.2019 upto 10.30 A.M	16.12.2019 upto 11.30 a.m.	16.12.2019 at 12.30 p.m.	105 days
2.	130 D Dyed PTY	917.00					105 days

Eligibility of the Tenderer and Other conditions are stipulated in the Tender Schedule.
1.The tender Schedule can be downloaded at **free of cost** from Government tender website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and used for bidding.
2. If requested to send through Post:
By Demand Draft – Rs.5700/- in favour of “Yarn Committee for FDS 2014” payable at Chennai City (inclusive of 12% GST).
Interested tenderers are requested to submit the tender schedule duly filled, in separate covers and it should be sent in a sealed envelope superscribing “Tender for Purchase of Polyester Texturised Yarn”
Addressed to :
“The Joint Director (Uniforms) / Tender Inviting Authority,
O/o Director of Handlooms and Textiles, Kuralagam, II Floor, Chennai - 600 108”.
Contact : Joint Director (Uniforms)
Telephone : 044-25341539
Mobile : 9443742935
email ID : tenderwing2015@gmail.com
Joint Director (Uniforms)/ Tender Inviting Authority
DIPR/ 4323 /TENDER/ 2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
MAHARASHTRA JEEVAN PRADHIKARAN DIVISION, YAVATMAL
e-Tender Notice No. 19 of 2019-20 (Second Call)
MJP invites e-Tenders for the YAVATMAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME (AMRUT STATE-II) Tq. Dist. Yavatmal for the work of SCADA & Automation System on Yavatmal W.S.S. in the State of maharashtra Valued at Rs. 11,08,72,066/- The e-Tender details are available on www.mahatender.gov.in from dated 14/11/2019
All relevant dates will be as per the tender published in web portal www.mahatenders.gov.in
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES
TENDER NOTICE FOR PURCHASE OF 40s C DYED COTTON YARN
Sealed tenders with two cover system in the prescribed format are invited only from the interested eligible parties for the Purchase of 40s C Dyed cotton yarn Warp Quality Under Free supply of Uniform Scheme for the Academic Year 2020–2021.

S. No	Variety of yarn	Required Quantity in MT	Required Earnest money deposit (Rs.)	Sale period	Last date and time for receipt of tender	Date and time of opening of Tender	Supply Period
1.	40s C Dyed cotton yarn (Warp Quality)	1243.00	Rs.3,00,000/-	14.11.2019 to 16.12.2019 upto 10.30 a.m	16.12.2019 upto 11.00 a.m	16.12.2019 at 12.00 Noon	90 Days

Eligibility of the Tenderer and Other conditions are stipulated in the Tender Schedule.
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Interested tenderers are requested to submit the tender schedule duly filled, in separate covers and it should be sent in a sealed envelope superscribing “Tender for Purchase of 40s C Dyed cotton yarn”
Addressed to :
“The Joint Director(Uniforms)/ Tender Inviting Authority,
O/o Director of Handlooms and Textiles, Kuralagam, II Floor, Chennai -600 108”.
Contact : Joint Director (Uniforms)
Telephone : 044-25341539
Mobile : 9443742935
email ID : tenderwing2015@gmail.com
Joint Director (Uniforms)/ Tender Inviting Authority
DIPR/ 4324 /TENDER/ 2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 19 / 2019-2020 / SDO / Dt. 07.11.2019
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Item wise tender through online only will be received upto 19.12.2019, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle for One bridge work in respect of Chengalpattu (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division and One bridge work in respect of Vellore (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division under NABARD RIDF.XXIV - 79 Bridge works 2018-19
Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 18.11.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes / corrections / amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H)
NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu-1
DIPR/4322/Tender/2019

Ayodhya verdict: Ahead of meet, many in AIMPLB favour review petition

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

AHEAD OF the All India Muslim Personal Law Board's (AIMPLB) working committee meeting on November 17, a "dominant view" is emerging within the organisation that a review petition should be filed in Supreme Court on its verdict in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case, said sources.

"The dominant view emerging within the board is that we

have fought this for so long and we should file a review petition. However, there is another view that what has happened is done. They feel it (filing a review petition) will be a waste of time. A final picture will emerge only after the working committee meets," said a source.

A section within AIMPLB believes that since the judgment was unanimous, there is little "ray of hope" for a review petition.

The Supreme Court on Saturday ruled that the disputed

area be handed over to a trust for construction of a Ram Temple. The court, however, held that the act of placing idols inside the mosque in 1949 was "desecration", that there is no evidence that Babri Masjid was built after demolishing a temple and that the 1992 demolition of the mosque was against the rule of law.

The court also ruled that Muslims be given a five-acre plot for construction of a mosque.

There are differences within the community about whether

the five-acre land should be accepted.

"There is a proposal for a review petition but no call can be taken before the working committee meets...whatever the decision, the aim will be to build consensus," said AIMPLB secretary and advocate Zafaryab Jilani, who argued the case for the Muslim parties.

Another member of the board said various Muslim organisations are holding internal meetings to arrive at a decision.

India denies Bangla reports on PM pat for CJI

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 13

INDIA ON Wednesday termed as "malicious" and "fake" reports by a section of Bangladesh media that claim Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi

over the Ayodhya verdict.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted, "We strongly condemn those responsible for deliberately spreading such fake and malicious news, to divide communities, create disharmony and undermine friendship between the people of India and Bangladesh."

The Indian High Commission in Dhaka too issued a statement. "It has come to the notice of the High Commission that a letter said to have been written by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi to Chief Justice of India is being circulated in the local media," the High Commission said. "This letter is completely fake and ma-

licious. It is intended to mislead people in Bangladesh and create social disharmony," it added.

The High Commission said it was "most egregious" and "wrong" on the part of those who are deliberately circulating fake and incorrect information to create misunderstanding about India in the public domain.

Cong MP urges Sonowal to rethink choice of NRC coordinator

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 13

CONGRESS'S BARPETA MP Abdul Khaleque on Wednesday wrote to Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, urging him to reconsider the appointment of Hitesh Dev Sarma as the new NRC state coordinator.

Sarma, a 1989-batch Assam civil service officer, was appointed last week after the incumbent, Prateek Hajela, was released from duty for inter-cadre deputation to MP after a Supreme Court order.

Khaleque wrote that Sarma was neither "unbiased nor trustworthy" and referred to his "posts on Facebook". In a post on February 13, Sarma said there were "lakhs and lakhs of Bangladeshis in the NRC". In another post on November 15, 2017, he said, "Minority appeasement policy for the last seven decades has changed the definition of secularism."

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The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub - Section (8) of the section 13 of the Act in respect of the time available to redeem the secured assets.

SI.No.1: Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : M/s.AKS Alloys Pvt. Ltd, R.S.No.81/1,3 To 7, Eripakkam Village, Nettapakkamcommune, Puducherry-605 106. (hereinafter Referred as 'Borrowers')
Amount Claimed as per Demand Notice: Rs.21,98,93,335.56 as on 29.06.2019 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc, from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice; **The dues payable as on 31.10.2019 is Rs.23,00,69,494.56** payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment.


SI.No.2: Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : M/s.SAR Ispat Pvt.Ltd., Factory: R.S.No.214 & 215, Village Kalithirthaikuppam, Thirukanoor Road, Madagadipet Post, Puducherry-605 107. (Hereinafter referred as 'Borrowers')
Amount Claimed as per Demand Notice: Rs.25,85,87,524.98 as on 29.06.2019 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc, from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice; **The dues payable as on 31.10.2019 is Rs.27,17,99,139.98** payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment.

COMMON SECURITY OF BOTH ACCOUNTS (SI.Nos.1 & 2)

Entire second floor only without roof rights in the free hold property bearing No. 24 in Block-G build upon land measuring 169 sq. mts. situated at Community Centre G Block Vikasपुरi New Delhi – 110118 along with proportionate undivided rights beneath land in the name of M/s. Prudent Constructions Pvt.Ltd. Entire Plot No. G 24 bounded as under: North – Plot No. 25, East – Open, West – Open, South – Plot no. 23. Registered at Sub-Registrar –VII, INA VikasSadon New Delhi.

Date : 07.11.2019
Place: Kilpauk, Chennai

Authorised Officer
Indian Overseas Bank

**ALLAHABAD BANK**
A tradition of trust

Head Office: 2, Netaji Subhash Road, Kolkata-700001
Zonal Office: Gaya

NOTICE OF E-AUCTION
E-auction of property on 30.11.2019 on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHATEVER THERE IS" on the platform https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net

E-auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Allahabad Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is" "As is what is" and "whatever there is" basis as on **30.11.2019**. The details of bank's dues, Borrower & Guarantors, Reserve Price, Earnest money & Description of immovable properties is given below:

Sl No	Details of immovable properties	Name of the Borrower(S)	Amount of Secured Debt	Reserve Price (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Branch
01	(1) Equitable Mortgage of all part & parcel of land & Building situated at Chilhaki, P.O. Amba, P.S. Kutumba, District- Aurangabad having Khata No-45 Plot No 7051 Thana No-467, Thana Kutumba, Area 12.5 Decimals standing in the name of Smt Lalita Devi W/o Sri Pravin Kumar vide sale deed No-11460 dated 06/08-2013 Book No-1 Zild No-155/2013 Page No-182, 189, Bounded as under (as per deed): North- Shyam Bihari Pandey & Rasta, South-Nawal Kishore Sharma, East- Sheo Pujan Prajapati, West- Pramod Pandey. (2) Equitable mortgage of all part & parcel of land & Building situated at Chilhaki P.O. Amba P.S-Kutumba, District-Aurangabad having Khata No-45 Plot No-510,513 Thana No-467, Thana-Kutumba Area-7.812 decimals standing in the name of Smt. Lalita Devi w/o Sri Pravin Kumar vide sale deed No-11793 dated 03-11-2011 (Book No 01) Zild No-157/2011 page No-397-404 CD-25. Bounded as under (as per deed): North-Bijay Pandey, South-Road & Nij, East-Pramod Pandey, West -Prahlad Pandey.	M/s Puja Traders Prop: Smt Lalita Devi W/O Sri Praveen Kumar, Address: Ward No.12, New Area, M.G. Road, Aurangabad, Distt.-Aurangabad (Bihar), PIN-824101	80,49,766/- (Rs. Eighty Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Six Only) with up to date interest as on 16.04.2019 Cost & Charges thereon till the date of realization	49,96,050/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Fifty only)	4,99,605/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Five only)	Aurangabad

Last Date & time for Submission of Process compliance Form with EMD amount: **28.11.2019 till 4.00 PM** at Allahabad Bank, Aurangabad Branch, Bihar.


Date & time of e-auction: **30.11.2019** from 12.30 PM to 2.30 PM at the platform of <http://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net>

For further details and Terms & Conditions, Contact: Shri Mitthesh Kumar Jha (Chief Manager), Mob-8004585000/9593653562, Shri Ayush Kumar Bhadani (Senior Manager), Mob-8052365563, Rajeev Kumar (Branch Manager)-7979096589.

For downloading further details and Terms & Conditions, Please Visit: (i) <https://www.allahabadbank.in> (ii) <http://www.tenders.gov.in> (iii) <https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net>

Date : **07.11.2019**
Place : **Aurangabad**

Authorized Officer
Allahabad Bank


**SML ISUZU LIMITED**
Regd. Office : Village Aaron, Distt. Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar (Nawanshahr)-144 533, Punjab. CIN : L50101PB1983PLC005516, Website: www.smlisuzu.com, Email id : investors@smlisuzu.com, T: 91 1881 270255, F: 91 1881 270223

EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Rs. Crores, except per equity share data

Particulars	Unaudited		Audited	
	Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Year Ended	
	30.09.2019	30.06.2019	30.09.2018	30.09.2018
Total income	472.09	296.48	749.91	1,413.71
Net profit / (loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	22.52	(10.95)	15.97	24.33
Net profit / (loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	22.52	(10.95)	15.97	24.33
Net profit / (loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	16.66	(7.74)	12.37	19.57
Total comprehensive income for the period (comprising Profit / (loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	16.48	(7.23)	14.43	18.15
Equity Share Capital	14.48	14.48	14.48	14.48
Other equity (excluding revaluation reserves)	-	-	-	399.11
Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
1. Basic (Rs.) :	11.51	(5.35)	8.55	13.53
2. Diluted (Rs.) :	11.51	(5.35)	8.55	13.53

Notes:
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the websites of Stock Exchange(s) (www.bseindia.com, www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.smlisuzu.com).

**For and on behalf of the Board of Directors**
(Yugo Hashimoto)
Managing Director & CEO
DIN: 08165797

Place : New Delhi
Date : 13.11.2019

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HARYANA**
Mahendergarh - 123031

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
Advt. No.: 3/NT/R/2019 Date: 13.11.2019
Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for appointment to the post of Junior Engineer (Civil) on short term contract basis. Application Form and other related details are available on the University's Website www.cuh.ac.in. The last date for submission of application is 12.12.2019, 05:30 PM.

Registrar

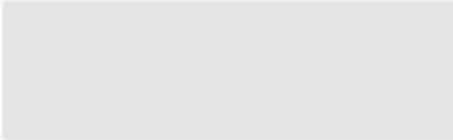
**DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**
Vinnyamak Bhawan, C-Block, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110 017.
Telefax: 26673608, 41080417


ENGAGEMENT OF STAFF CONSULTANTS (TARIFF-FINANCE) IN TARIFF DIVISION OF DERC.

DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION invites applications for engagement of **03 Staff Consultants (Tariff-Finance)** to assist the Tariff Division of the Commission in the matters related to Tariff determination.

For details such as eligibility, qualifications, experience and other terms & conditions of engagement, application format etc, please refer to DERC website www.derc.gov.in. **The last date for receipt of application is 30 days from the date of publication of advertisement in newspapers.**

Sd/-
(Mukesh Wadhwa)
Secretary
Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission
DIP/SHABDARTH/0983/19-20



**PRICOL LIMITED**
CIN: L34200TZ2011PLC022194
Regd. Office : 109, Race Course, Coimbatore - 641 018.
Phone : + 91 422 4336000, website : www.pricol.com, e-mail: cs@pricol.co.in

STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 (₹ in Lakhs)

PARTICULARS	Standalone		Consolidated			
	For the Three Months Ended 30-Sep-2019	For the Half Year Ended 30-Sep-2019	For the Three Months Ended 30-Sep-2019	For the Half Year Ended 30-Sep-2019		
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited		
1. Total Income	31858.56	36995.57	63888.65	32305.15	37478.53	64652.67
2. Net Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items & Tax	(1188.66)	528.77	(1628.84)	(1153.83)	554.34	(1617.14)
3. Exceptional Items (Refer Note No. 2)	(564.29)	-	(2056.50)	-	-	-
4. Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional items)	(1752.95)	528.77	(3685.34)	(1153.83)	554.34	(1617.14)
5. Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing Operations (after Exceptional items)	(1790.25)	287.84	(3697.48)	(1204.59)	299.33	(1656.61)
6. Profit / (Loss) from Discontinued Operations (Net of Tax Expense)	-	-	-	(4762.58)	(1749.99)	(6924.30)
7. Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing and Discontinued Operations (after Exceptional items)	(1790.25)	287.84	(3697.48)	(5967.17)	(1450.66)	(8580.91)
8. Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(1781.86)	238.94	(3680.70)	(5384.66)	(1536.34)	(7997.60)
9. Paid-up-Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each)	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97
10. Earnings per Equity Share for profit / (loss) from Continuing and Discontinued operations (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each) in Rupees						
(a) Basic	(1.89)	0.30	(3.90)	(6.29)	(1.53)	(9.05)
(b) Diluted	(1.89)	0.30	(3.90)	(6.29)	(1.53)	(9.05)

Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Half Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock Exchange websites www.bseindia.com, www.nseindia.com and Company's website www.pricol.com.
2. The Share Purchase Agreement for hiving off 80.50% of its investment in wholly owned subsidiary, Pricol Espana S.L., Spain, along with its stepdown subsidiaries and 74% of its Investment in Pricol Wiping Systems India Limited, is pending implementation and the approval of the lenders and regulatory authority is awaited. During the current half year, the Company has made an additional investment of ₹ 2,056.50 Lakhs which has been provided and charged to Profit & Loss account as an exceptional item. Any further charge or reversal to / from Profit and Loss account will be appropriately dealt with in the period in which the transaction reaches finality.
3. Consequent to the proposed divestment as stated above, which significantly represents a separate geographical area of operations, these have been classified as assets held for sale - Discontinued Operation (Disposal group) as required under Ind AS 105 - Non Current Assets held for sale and Discontinued Operations. Discontinued operations are excluded from the results of continuing operation and have been presented as a single amount of Profit / (Loss) in the consolidated results.

Coimbatore
12th November 2019

By Order of the Board
VANITHA MOHAN
CHAIRMAN
DIN : 00002168

**Singer India Limited**
CIN: L52109DL1977PLC025405
Registered office: A-26/4, 2nd Floor, Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate, New Delhi-110044, India
Website: www.singerindia.net; E-mail: mail@singerindia.net; Tel: +91-11-40617777

Statement of Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2019
(Rupees in lakhs, except for the share data and if otherwise stated)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated							
		Quarter ended		Half year ended		Year ended		Quarter ended		Half year ended		Year ended	
		30 September 2019	30 June 2019	30 September 2018	30 September 2019	30 September 2018	31 March 2019	30 September 2019	30 June 2019	30 September 2018	30 September 2019	30 September 2018	31 March 2019
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1.	Total income	10,337	12,415	10,625	22,752	21,703	48,469	10,339	12,419	10,628	22,758	21,709	48,490
2.	Net Profit for the period before tax	246	222	248	468	548	1,459	245	223	250	468	551	1,470
3.	Net Profit for the period after tax	157	142	158	299	350	926	156	143	159	299	352	939
4.	Total comprehensive income for the period / year (comprising profit for the period after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	155	140	157	295	348	918	154	141	158	295	350	931
5.	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of Rs. 2 each, fully paid)	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074
6.	Reserves excluding revaluation reserve as per balance sheet				-	-	4,820	-	-	-	-	-	4,845
7.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 2 each) (not annualised for quarters /half years)												
a.	Basic (Rs.)	0.29	0.26	0.29	0.56	0.65	1.72	0.29	0.27	0.30	0.56	0.66	1.75
b.	Diluted (Rs.)	0.29	0.26	0.29	0.56	0.65	1.72	0.29	0.27	0.30	0.56	0.66	1.75

Notes:
1. The Company doesn't have any exceptional and extraordinary item to report during the above periods.
2. The above Unaudited financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the Meetings held on 13 November 2019.
3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Standalone and Consolidated Financial Result for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2019 filed with Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the stock exchange website, www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website, www.singerindia.net.

Place: New Delhi
Date : 13 November 2019

For Singer India Limited
Sd/-
(Rajeev Bajaj)
Managing Director

Sealed Quotation's

Sealed Quotation for Supply of Building/Street Material for Development Works of Development & Panchayat Department, Division, Hisar hereby invited in the office of Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Hisar on dated 29.11.2019 upto 02:00 P.M. from Registered Firm/Suppliers. Detail of material is given below:-
Block-Wise Rates for Items:-

Sr. No.	Description of Item	Unit	Adampur	Agroha	Barwala	Hansi-I	Hansi-II	Hisar-I	Hisar-II	Narnauda	Uktana	Remark
1-	Stone Metal 63-65mm gauge as per PWD Specification (1988) 3.64	Ctr.										FOR at Site
2-	Stone Metal 53-22mm gauge as per PWD Specification (1988) 3.64	Ctr.										FOR at Site
3-	Vapsl - 40mm gauge as per PWD Specification (1988) 3.64 Blue	Ctr.										FOR at Site
4-	Stone aggregate (Bajri) 20mm nominal size as per PWD Specification (1988) 3.64	Ctr.										FOR at Site
5-	Stone Dust blue (crusher) as per PWD Specification (1988) 3.60	Ctr.										FOR at Site
6-	James Sand as per PWD Specification (1988) 3.60	Ctr.										FOR at Site
7-	Local river Sand as per PWD Specification (1988) 3.60	Ctr.										FOR at Site
8-	Bricks (1st class) (per thousand)	No.										FOR within 10 KM
9-	Tiles (1st class) (per thousand)	No.										FOR within 10 KM
10-	Flyash lime bricks (C.S. >105 Kg/cm2	No.										FOR within 10 KM
11-	Brick-Battas 40mm thick	Ctr.										

Common Rates for Whole Distt. of Items

No.	Description of Item	Unit	Rate	Remarks
1-	(A) Interlocking paver blocks M-30 grade 50mm thick smooth face Vibrated (Dumble shape) ISI Mark conforming to IS 15658-2006	Each	10KM	FOR within 10KM
2-	(A) Interlocking paver blocks M-35 grade 60mm thick smooth face Vibrated (Dumble shape) ISI Mark conforming to IS 15658-2006	Each	10KM	FOR within 10KM
3-	(A) Interlocking paver blocks M-40 grade 80mm thick smooth face Vibrated (Dumble shape) ISI Mark conforming to IS 15658-2006	Each	10KM	FOR within 10KM
4-	(A) Interlocking paver blocks M-50 grade 100mm thick smooth face Vibrated (Dumble shape) ISI Mark conforming to IS 15658-2006	Each	10KM	FOR within 10KM
5-	Supply of Kota Stone 25 mm to 30 mm thick in any pattern (Size >18")	Slt.		
6-	Granite stone in all shades 15mm to 18mm thick	Slt.		
7-	Barred green stone 15mm to 18mm	Slt.		
8-	P-15 glazed Wall tiles of approved make Somani/Kajaria/Orient/Nitco etc.	Slt.		
9-	16"x12" glazed Wall tiles of approved make Somani/Kajaria/Orient/Nitco etc.	Slt.		
10-	16"x16" Floor tiles of approved make Somani/Kajaria/Orient/Nitco etc.	Slt.		
11-	24"x24" Floor tiles of approved make Somani/Kajaria/Orient/Nitco etc.	Slt.		
12-	Chequered tile (ramp tile) coloured 12"x12"	No.		
13-	Supply of 1st Class Coloured coated corrugated MS sheet 16 G-TATA	Kg.		
14-	Pressed steel sheet frames (chowkat), consisting of 2 mm thick steel sheet of the specified section -confirming to PWD specification - Single Rebate (127x50x40) as per HSR No. 18.34 (a) including one coat of primer	Kg.		
15-	Pressed steel sheet frames (chowkat), consisting of 2 mm thick steel sheet of the specified section -confirming to PWD specification - Single Rebate (85x50x40) as per HSR No. 18.34 (b) including one coat of primer	Kg.		
16-	Pressed steel sheet frames (chowkat), consisting of 2 mm thick steel sheet of the specified section -confirming to PWD specification - Double Rebate (127x50x40) as per HSR No. 18.34 (c) including one coat of primer	Kg.		
17-	Pressed steel sheet frames (chowkat), consisting of 2 mm thick steel sheet of the specified section -confirming to PWD specification - Double Rebate (114x50x35) as per HSR No. 18.34 (d) including one coat of primer	Kg.		
18-	Pressed PGPI (Post Paint) GI sheet frames (chowkat), consisting of 2 mm thick steel sheet of the specified section -confirming to PWD specification - Single Rebate (76x38x35) as per HSR No. 18.34 (a) including one coat of primer	Kg.		
19-	Pressed PGPI (Post Paint) GI sheet frames (chowkat), consisting of 2 mm thick steel sheet of the specified section -confirming to PWD specification - Single Rebate (85x50x40) as per HSR No. 18.34 (b) including one coat of primer	Kg.		
20-	Pressed PGPI (Post Paint) GI sheet frames (chowkat), consisting of 2 mm thick steel sheet of the specified section -confirming to PWD specification - Double Rebate (127x50x40) as per HSR No. 18.34 (c) including one coat of primer	Kg.		
21-	Pressed PGPI (Post Paint) GI sheet frames (chowkat), consisting of 2 mm thick steel sheet of the specified section -confirming to PWD specification - Double Rebate (114x50x35) as per HSR No. 18.34 (d) including one coat of primer	Kg.		
22-	Pressed steel shutter complete - 1820 gauge as per PWD specifications	Kg.		
23-	P-6F Sheshlam wood shutters of 32-35 mm 12mm-thick commercial plywood panel excluding Aluminium ISI hardware fittings complete in all respect as per PWD specifications including one coat of primer	Slt.		
24-	P-6F Sheshlam wood shutters of 32-35 mm 12mm-thick commercial plywood panel excluding Aluminium ISI hardware fittings complete in all respect as per PWD specifications including one coat of primer	Slt.		
25-	P-6F Sheshlam wood shutters of 32-35 mm 12mm-thick commercial plywood panel excluding Aluminium ISI hardware fittings complete in all respect as per PWD specifications including one coat of primer	Slt.		
26-	Supply of Chowkhat for Door & window complete in all respect such as malesiya sail etc. size 2'1/2" x 3'1/2" single rebate as per PWD specifications including one coat of primer.	Rlt.		
27-	Supply of Chowkhat for Door & window complete in all respect such as malesiya sail etc. size 2'1/2" x 4" single rebate as per PWD specifications including one coat of primer	Rlt.		
28-	Supply of Chowkhat for Door & window complete in all respect such as malesiya sail etc. size 2'1/2" x 5" double rebate as per PWD specifications including one coat of primer	Rlt.		
29-	Factory manufactured solid flush door, shutters excluding aluminium ISI hardware fitting complete in all respect commercial veneers- 30-32 mm thick	Slt.		
30-	Factory manufactured solid flush door, shutters excluding aluminium ISI hardware fitting complete in all respect one side commercial and other side teak face veneers- 30-32mm thick	Slt.		
31-	Factory manufactured solid flush door, shutters excluding aluminium ISI hardware fitting complete in all respect both side teak face veneers- 30-32mm thick	Slt.		
32-	Factory manufactured solid flush door, shutters excluding aluminium ISI hardware fitting complete in all respect commercial veneers- 35 mm thick	Slt.		
33-	Factory manufactured solid flush door, shutters excluding aluminium ISI hardware fitting complete in all respect one side commercial and other side teak face veneers-35mm thick	Slt.		
34-	Factory manufactured solid flush door, shutters excluding aluminium ISI hardware fitting complete in all respect both side teak face veneers- 35mm thick	Slt.		
35-	Factory manf- wire gauze door and window shutters of commercial hard wood such as hoolook, champ, chikrasay and chaplash etc. as per HSR 17-62 30mm to 35mm thick	Slt.		
36-	Supply of MS iron welded and fabricated (Angel & Plate etc.) grill, gate, railing including fixing. (Except main gate)	Kg.		
37-	Supply of Tubular Trushes (Angular)	Kg.		
38-	Supply of Tubular Trushes (Circular)	Kg.		
39-	Kanchi Gate making 3/4" Channel and MS Flat	Kg.		
40-	Supply of interior paint (plasting paint) from reputed manufacturer ISI marked such as Asian, Nerolack, Burger, Tractor etc. (2440+10 Ltr.)	Per Kg.		
41-	Supply of Interior paint (plasting paint) from reputed manufacturer ISI marked such as Asian, Nerolack, Burger, Tractor etc. (2440+10 Ltr.)	Per Kg.		
42-	Supply of Interior paint (plasting paint) from reputed manufacturer ISI marked such as Asian, Nerolack, Burger, Tractor etc. (2440+10 Ltr.)	Per Kg.		
43-	Supply of Exterior paint (mat) from reputed manufacturer ISI marked such as Asian, Nerolack, Burger, Tractor etc. (2420+10 Ltr.) (MAT)	Per Kg.		
44-	Supply of Exterior paint (mat) from reputed manufacturer ISI marked such as Asian, Nerolack, Burger, Tractor etc. (2420+10 Ltr.) (MAT)	Per Kg.		
45-	Supply of White paint from reputed manufacturer ISI marked such as Asian, Nerolack, Burger, Tractor etc. (2970+10 Ltr.)	Per Kg.		
46-	Supply of primer White/Red Oil from reputed manufacturer ISI marked such as Asian, Nerolack, Burger, Tractor etc. (1510+10 Ltr.)	Per Kg.		
47-	Supply of Water Base Primer (cement primer) from reputed manufacturer ISI marked	Per Kg.		
48-	Such as Asian, Nerolack, Tractor, Burger etc. (a) Exterior	Per Kg.		
49-	Supply of oil bound distemper ISI marked	Per Kg.		
50-	Supply of oil bound distemper ISI marked	Per Kg.		
51-	Supply of Red-oxide primer ISI marked	Per Kg.		
52-	Painting Brush 4" 1st Quality	Each		
53-	Painting Brush 3" 1st Quality	Each		
54-	Painting Brush 2" 1st Quality	Each		
55-	Thinner	Per Lit.		
56-	Colour stainer	Per Kg.		
57-	Factor DDT	Per Kg.		
58-	T.O.T	Per Kg.		
59-	Lime	Per Kg.		
60-	Snowcem	Per Kg.		
61-	Chalk powder	Per Kg.		
62-	Neel	Per Kg.		
63-	POP	Per Kg.		
64-	Wall Putti	Per Kg.		
65-	Glass Strip size 3 mmx 40 mm	Per Kg.		
66-	Glass Strip size 4 mm x 40 mm	Per Kg.		
67-	P&F false ceiling with grooves with 12mm to 15mm thick, 600mmx 600mm mineral fiber tiles Armstrong make complete in all respect.	Slt.		
68-	P&F false ceiling without grooves with 12mm to 15mm thick, 600mmx 600mm mineral fiber tiles Armstrong make complete in all respect.	Slt.		
69-	P&F False ceiling with 12mm thick, Gympsum board fixed on M.S. Steel complete in all respect.	Slt.		
70-	ROCC spun pipe NP2 400 mm dia.	Rmt.		
71-	ROCC spun pipe NP2 450 mm dia.	Rmt.		
72-	ROCC spun pipe NP2 500 mm dia.	Rmt.		
73-	ROCC spun pipe NP2 600 mm dia.	Rmt.		
74-	ROCC spun pipe NP3 300 mm dia.	Rmt.		
75-	ROCC spun pipe NP3 400 mm dia.	Rmt.		
76-	ROCC spun pipe NP3 450 mm dia.	Rmt.		
77-	ROCC spun pipe NP3 500 mm dia.	Rmt.		
78-	ROCC spun pipe NP3 600 mm dia.	Rmt.		
79-	200mm dia PVC pipe (10 kg. pressure)	Rlt.		
80-	250mm dia PVC pipe (10 kg. pressure)	Rlt.		
81-	250mm dia PVC pipe (10 kg. pressure)	Rlt.		
82-	CPVC 0.75" pipe ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	Rlt.		
83-	CPVC 1" pipe ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	Rlt.		
84-	CPVC 1.5" pipe ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	Rlt.		
85-	CPVC 2" pipe ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	Rlt.		
86-	CPVC 0.75" elbow ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
87-	CPVC 1" elbow ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
88-	CPVC 1.5" elbow ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
89-	CPVC 2" elbow ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
90-	CPVC 0.75" T ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
91-	CPVC 1" T ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
92-	CPVC 1.5" T ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
93-	CPVC 2" T ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
94-	CPVC 0.75" Socket ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
95-	CPVC 1" Socket ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
96-	CPVC 1.5" Socket ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
97-	CPVC 2" Socket ISI Mark Finolox, Prince & Supreme etc.	each		
98-	P.V.C. Pipe 6kg pressure T.S.T. mark 3" of (Diplast/Finolox/Ravindra 1st quality)	Rlt.		
99-	P.V.C. Pipe 6kg pressure T.S.T. mark 4" of (Diplast/Finolox/Ravindra 1st quality)	Rlt.		
100-	P.V.C. Pipe 6kg pressure T.S.T. mark 5" of (Diplast/Finolox/Ravindra 1st quality)	Rlt.		
101-	P.V.C. Pipe 6kg pressure T.S.T. mark 6" of (Diplast/Finolox/Ravindra 1st quality)	Rlt.		
102-	P.V.C. Pipe 6kg pressure T.S.T. mark 8" of (Diplast/Finolox/Ravindra 1st quality)	Rlt.		
103-	P.V.C. Water Tank (2 layers) T.S.T.	Per Ltr.		
104-	White Cement	Per Bag		
105-	Sink Steel 30 Kg. weight 24"x18"x9"	Each		
106-	Khajana/Somany Adhesive chemical	Per Bag (20 Kg.)		
107-	Urinal Large (Cera/Hindware) white (650x395x420).	Each		
108-	Wash basin (22x18) complete (Cera/Hindware).	Each		
109-	Divisional Plate (220x320x30) (Cera/Hindware).	Each		
110-	Urinal Channel (600x150) (Cera/Hindware).	Each		
111-	Indian Orissa Pan (Baby seat) cera hindware 1c osterm, flush pipe, pvc connection etc. complete 21"	Each		
112-	Indian Orissa Pan (Baby seat) cera hindware 1c osterm, flush pipe, pvc connection etc. complete 23"	Each		
113-	Indian Orissa Pan (Baby seat) cera hindware 1c osterm, flush pipe, pvc connection etc. complete EWG"	Each		
114-	T.M.T/CTD Bars for reinforcement.	Qtr.		
115-	Victorian type concrete bench (size 1500 cm x 1000 cm)	Each		
116-	S/C-Fire gate guard (size 6'x2')	Each		
117-	Pre-stressed prestressed fencing pole (size 3"x3"x6).	Each		
118-	Pre-stressed prestressed fencing pole (size 4"x4"x7).	Each		
119-	M.S. Barbed wire galvanised (oil coated).	Kg.		
120-	Elbow unique 1" G.I.	Each		
121-	Socket unique 1" G.I.	Each		
122-	Tea unique 1/2" G.I.	Each		
123-	Union unique 1/2" G.I.	Each		
124-	Elbow unique 1/2" G.I.	Each		
125-	Socket unique 1/2" G.I.	Each		
126-	Tea unique 3/4" G.I.	Each		
127-	Union unique 3/4" G.I.	Each		
128-	Elbow unique 3/4" G.I.	Each		
129-	Socket unique 3/4" G.I.	Each		
130-	Tea unique 1" G.I.	Each		
131-	Union unique 1" G.I.	Each		
132-	G.I. Pipe 1/2" B Class Tata/Jindal etc.	Rlt.		
133-	G.I. Pipe 3/4" B Class Tata/Jindal etc.	Rlt.		
134-	G.I. Pipe 1" B Class Tata/Jindal etc.	Rlt.		
135-	G.I. Pipe 1 1/2" B Class Tata/Jindal etc.	Rlt.		
136-	Z-Black Granite stone	Slt.		
137-	Water tanker (3000 to 5000 Ltr. capacity)	Each		
138-	JCB machine 1c driver & fuel	Per Hour		
139-	Road roller with driver & fuel	Per Hour		
140-	Circular RCC Magic PE 11" thick with 2" thick top & bottom thickness 3' dia & 3' deep.	Each		
141-	8" L Drop 16mm dia rod- steel	Each		
142-	14" L Drop 16mm dia rod- steel	Each		
143-	8" L Drop 16mm dia rod- aluminium	Each		
144-	14" L Drop 16mm dia rod- aluminium	Each		
145-	6" Aluminium handle	Each		
146-	5" Aluminium handle	Each		
147-	Tower bolt 6" aluminium	Each		
148-	Tower bolt 6" aluminium	Each		
149-	Tower bolt 4" aluminium	Each		
150-	Steel hinges 4"	Each		
151-	Steel hinges 3"	Each		
152-	Nut bolt 2" x 2"	Each		
153-	Nut bolt 3" x 2.5"	Each		
154-	Screw 35 x 8	100 pcs		
155-	Screw 20 x 7	100 pcs		
156-	Screw 20 x 5	100 pcs		
157-	Door spring	Each		
158-	Fiber screw	Each		
159-	Rent of Steel Shuttering (including loading/unloading & carriage)	Slt.		FOR at site.
160-	Proving & fixing Jet Spray ISI Mark	Each		
161-	Supply of MI Slope	Each		
162-	Supply of C/P Jali	Each		

1. G.S.T. etc. will be admissible as applicable.
2. New material to be supplied conforming to P.W.D. specification and of superior quality. The quality of building material will be certified by Sub Divisional Officer, Panchayati Raj as per P.W.D. specification.
3. Deduction for voids shall be made from the gross quantity as per P.W.D. specification, norms and payment will be paid for net quantity on above approved rates.
4. Supplier should have his PAN/TIN Number.
5. The executing agency can purchase the above building material from open market on the lower rates, if available.
6. The rates have been fixed irrespective of any firm.
7. The above rates have been approved for a period of 3 months. Thereafter, these may be revised, if necessary.
8. The rates other than, shown F.O.R. at site, are ex-godown rates.
9. Power blocks may be used only ISI marks.
For and on behalf of Governor of Haryana
79160/Hry.

Sd/- (Prem Singh Rana), Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Hisar. Ph. No. 01662-234172.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location: 30-ELECT-45-T-R1-19-20-E3. Comprehensive AMC of Omega make lifts installed at CNKP Railway officers colony. **Approx cost of the works:** Rs. 8.88 lacs. **Address of the office:** Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 17,800/- **Date & time of submission of tender:** 10.12.2019, 15:00 Hrs. **Opening of tender:** 10.12.2019, 15:00 Hrs. **Website & notice board:** www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. **3628/2019**

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Kamil

General Public is hereby informed that one man **Namely: Kamil, S/o: Gaffar, R/o: RZE-127, Nihal Vihar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **16.10.2019** from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 53-A dated 18.10.2019** has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped man is as under: **Age: 30 yrs, Height: 5'4", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Mahroom Colour T-shirt, Blue Colour Pant and Hawai Chappal in Feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the man but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this man kindly inform to the following.

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Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/2850/OD/19

SHO
P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
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SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Mahesh Chand Gupta, S/o: Somnath Gupta, R/o: F-1/9, Mangolpuri, Delhi, Aged: 21 years, has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi since 23.10.2019 at vide FIR No. 1037/19 vs 365/34 IPC, Dated 24.10.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Mangolpuri, Delhi. His**

physical description is as under:

Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'6", Face: Oval, ID Mark: A tattoo mark "Radha Swami" on left hand, Clothing: Black T-Shirt, Brown Checkdar Shirt-Black jeans Pant and brown shoes in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing boy, may inform SHO, Mangolpuri, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> **Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641**

Mahesh Chand Gupta

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MP govt puts Kartarpur in pilgrimage scheme

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 13

IN ANOTHER gift to the Sikh community in Madhya Pradesh, the Kamal Nath-led Congress government Wednesday included Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan in the Mukhyamantri Teerthadarshan Yojana.

Haryana Cabinet expansion today, BJP gives JJP key portfolios

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 13

THE JANNAYAK Janata Party (JJP) has succeeded in getting key portfolios like revenue, excise and taxation, and development and panchayats ahead of the first cabinet expansion of the BJP-JJP government in Haryana on Thursday.

On the advice of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya on Wednesday allotted 11 departments to Deputy Chief Minister and JJP leader Dushyant Chautala. These include excise and taxation, development and panchayats, industries and commerce, food and civil supplies, revenue, labour and employment, civil aviation, archaeology and museums, rehabilitation and consolidation, among others.

Sources said the Deputy CM will distribute some of the portfolios among two ministers to be inducted into the Cabinet from the JJP quota. While JJP leader Anoop Dhanak is expected to take oath as minister on Thursday, another party leader may be inducted in the Cabinet later.

A JJP leader told *The Indian Express* that the allocation of key departments like revenue and panchayats will enable the party to work for people in rural areas, especially farmers. "JJP has got the excise and taxation portfolio. We will take liquor vends out of residential areas in villages."

This comes after the CM's announcement in September that places associated with visits of Guru Nanak Dev will be developed as sites of religious tourism in the state.

The spiritual department issued an order to amend the list of places covered under the popular scheme that was launched by the Shivraj Singh Chouhan

government in 2012. Under the Mukhyamantri Teerthadarshan Yojana, the government spends on travel, food and stay of pilgrims. Pilgrims are generally taken by rail but the government also spends on bus travel, guide fee and other incidental expenses whenever required.

MP domiciles who are above 60 years of age and do not pay in-

come tax are eligible under the scheme. The age limit is 58 for women. Those aged above 65 can take one attendant with them.

The BJP government included nearly 30 places considered sacred by different religious communities on the list. Kartarpur is the first shrine located in another country that has been put on the list.

Government of India
Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways
Department of Road, Transport and Highways

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st July 2019.

SO 2306 (E) In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956), (hereinafter referred to as the said Act.), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for Construction of Major Bridge at Km. 180.865 across River Krishna on National Highway No. 167 (Hagari - Jadcherla Section) in the district of Raichur in the state of Karnataka, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land :
Any person interested in the said land may, within Twenty One Days from the date of publication of this Notification in the official Gazette, Object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.
Every such objection shall be made to the competent authority, namely, **The Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority, National Highways, (NH 167), K.R. Circle, Bangalore - 560 001**, in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.
Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.
The land plans and other details of the land covered under this Notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the competent authority.
Note : The land proposed for acquisition should not be alienated or develop the land.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired with or without stretchers falling NH-167 in the Stretch of Land at KM 180.865 across River Krishna on National Highway No. 167 (Hagari - Jadcherla Section in the district of Raichur in the State of Karnataka)

State :	Karnataka	Dist. :	Raichur	Taluk :	Raichur :	Village :	Deosugur
Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)		
1.	505	Private	NAK / Dry	3,812.00000000	0.3812000		
2.	506	Private	NAK / Dry	7,649.00000000	0.7649000		
3.	507	Private	NAK / Dry	6,068.00000000	0.6068000		
4.	509	Private	Forest	408.00000000	0.0408000		
5.	510	Private	Dry	7,362.00000000	0.7362000		
			Total	25,299.0000	2.5299		

F.No. NH-12014/Karnataka (13/2016-S&R(B)3A1), Rajesh Gupta, Dy. Secy.
Sd/-
Date : 26-09-2019
Place : Bangalore
Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority
National Highway, Bangalore.
ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯಾ/ಸಚಿವರ/622/4Winds/2019-20



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THE PERSON WHO TALKS MOST OF HIS OWN VIRTUE IS OFTEN THE LEAST VIRTUOUS.

— JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

LETTING IN LIGHT

Supreme Court does well to open CJI office to RTI. But transition to greater judicial transparency won't be easy

THE SUPREME COURT'S decision to open the office of chief justice of India to scrutiny under the Right to Information Act is enormously welcome. The ruling comes nine years after the Delhi High Court ruled in favour of bringing the CJI's office under RTI. It is a remarkable case where the Court, in its administrative avatar, appeared as a litigant before its judicial avatar, argued against transparency and eventually ruled against itself. For an institution that has insulated itself from public scrutiny and one that gives little insight into its own functioning, the verdict pushes the envelope on greater judicial accountability. The tug of war between the executive and judiciary on appointments is often complicated by the reluctance of the court to make the reasons and compulsions behind its decisions public. While the government discloses its reasons for not accepting the collegium's recommendations, the judiciary's defence remains absent from public debate.

However, there is reason to be circumspect in celebrating the verdict. The verdict binds the court to accept applications seeking information but the process of obtaining it may not be easy. The ruling allows for an ordinary citizen to seek information on appointments, transfers of judges to the high courts and Supreme Court but the reasons behind these recommendations could still be clouded in secrecy as the decisions of the collegium are largely based on reports of the Intelligence Bureau which is exempted from providing information under RTI. The verdict itself asks information commissioners to keep in mind the right to privacy and the independence of the judiciary while deciding on RTI requests. Justice NV Ramana, in his separate opinion, cautions that the RTI must not be used as a tool of surveillance against the court.

Institutionally, the transition to transparency may not be easy and hinges on the actions of the chief justice of India, as administrative head of the court. Eight chief justices retired without hearing this difficult case. Even when former CJI Dipak Misra decided that collegium decisions, along with reasons, will be published on the Supreme Court website, CJI Ranjan Gogoi signalled a departure from the practice after 256 decisions were published. Just two months ago, when criticised for transferring former Madras High Court Chief Justice VK Tahliramani to Meghalaya High Court, the collegium headed by CJI Gogoi issued an unusual statement that though "it would not be in the interest of the institution to disclose the reasons for transfer, if found necessary, the Collegium will have no hesitation in disclosing the same." The reasons never came and Justice Tahliramani resigned subsequently. However, the fact that the five-judge bench comprises of three future chief justices — NV Ramana, DY Chandrachud and Sanjeev Khanna — is reason to hope for a new era of transparency in the Supreme Court.

FAILURE TO LAUNCH

Andhra CM Jagan Reddy needs a governance vision that goes beyond undoing Chandrababu Naidu's work in office

JAGANMOHAN REDDY WON office in May by defeating Chandrababu Naidu. His YSR Congress swept Andhra Pradesh, winning nearly 50 per cent of the votes and 151 of 175 assembly seats; Naidu's Telugu Desam was reduced to a rump in the House. But six months into his tenure, Reddy, one of the youngest CMs in the country at 47, threatens to be a major disappointment. The latest in a series of actions, undertaken, ostensibly, to undo Naidu's legacy in the state, is the move to terminate the Andhra Capital Region Development Authority's (CRDA) agreement with a Singapore consortium to develop a 6.84-km greenfield start-up area in Amaravati, the designated capital of Andhra Pradesh post bifurcation in 2014. The start-up area was to have a host of facilities, including pay-and-plug offices and generate nearly 50,000 jobs on completion.

The decision to cancel the project must be read in the backdrop of the Reddy government maintaining that it doesn't intend to develop Amaravati as a world-class city, as Naidu had wanted. Clearly, Reddy is haunted by the spectre of Naidu's legacy looming over Amaravati. It is not as if Reddy has an alternate plan for the new capital. His vision, unfortunately, seems to be blinded by his obsession with all that Naidu built or proposed. So, bureaucrats have to drive out to meet Reddy in his camp office outside Amaravati, instead of the latter receiving them in the CM's chamber in the secretariat, built during Naidu's tenure. Elsewhere in Amaravati, work has stalled on many infrastructure projects. Funding agencies, including the World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, have backed off. With dismal signals being sent out by the government, the city is unlikely to attract any fresh investment, which the state desperately needs. Amaravati needs to be built not merely as a legacy project, but also to ensure that neighbouring Vijayawada is not forced to shoulder the burden of an under-developed state capital. Moving beyond Amaravati, Reddy's initiatives, such as village secretariats, a parallel bureaucracy of 1.26 lakh new recruits, and the push for re-tendering old projects, are likely to result in cost overruns and bleed the state economy.

The government's lack of a governance plan is compounded by its hostile approach to critics. Government departments have been told to sue the media in the event of reports that officials perceive as defamatory. Reddy needs to realise that governance calls for a more generous vision of both the past and the future.

NEHRU'S CHANAKYA

India's first PM was his own vocal critic. That served democracy well, and is something leaders today can emulate

IN 1937, AN article published in Modern Review, written by Chanakya, described the then president of the Congress as having "all the makings of a dictator in him — vast popularity, a strong will directed to a well-defined purpose, energy, pride, organisational capacity, ability, hardness, and, with all his love of the crowd, an intolerance of others and a certain contempt for the weak and the inefficient." Ten years later, Jawaharlal Nehru became the first Prime Minister of India. Chanakya's fears and doubts about Nehru's liberal and democratic character turned out to be largely unfounded. Or, given that Chanakya was Nehru's pseudonym, it is perhaps the ability to reflect on his own shortcomings that kept them from consuming the man and the young democracy he led.

It is hard, today, to imagine India as anything other than a democracy. But all around the young nation, other newly-decolonised countries crumbled to dictatorships, military and political, and the promise of freedom gave way to despondency as the leaders of freedom struggles did not brook opposition. Curiosity, erudition, decency, diversity — these were the underpinnings of India's first prime minister's personality and for long, and in no small part, they influenced the country of which he is a founding father.

Chanakya also wrote: "A little twist and Jawaharlal might turn a dictator sweeping aside the paraphernalia of a slow-moving democracy. He might still use the language and slogans of democracy and socialism, but we all know how fascism has fattened on this language and then cast it away as useless lumber." In its first 17 years, the Indian republic was fortunate to have a check over executive power that was more than just constitutional — it stemmed from the personal and political morality of a flawed and yet great man. Perhaps India, on his 130th birth anniversary doesn't need a Nehru — its political landscape is painted in colours too stark for his complexities, it is too inebriated by a politics of identity. But Nehru's alter ego, Chanakya, remains an example of how politics can be a space more capacious.



JAVED ANAND

LISTEN, MISTER MUSLIM. You are rightly upset with the verdict of the Supreme Court on the Ayodhya land dispute as it puts faith above law. Not for the first time, secular India has let you down. But truth to tell, you too have let secular India down. In this zero sum game between the Indian state and you, it's been advantage Hindutva all the way.

This is not to rub salt in your wound. But to point out that Muslims as a community are guilty of the very same thing they are accusing the Supreme Court of: Pitching Shariah law against the Indian Constitution, faith against the law of the land. The rigid, intransigent Islam that our ulema and political leadership continue to preach leaves us little space for manoeuvre or room to negotiate a respectable place for ourselves in a secular-democratic polity. Such inflexibility is bound to land us in the ditch, again and again, be it on the question of a masjid, triple talaq, Muslim Personal Law in general, or the issue of population control.

It's time for some honest introspection. Was it not us who took to the streets in 1985, protested aggressively against the apex court's judgment in the Shah Bano case, insisted that Shariah law took precedence over the secular law of the land?

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Let's recognise our own complicity in becoming the convenient 'Other' for Hindu nationalists

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dispute over land turned into a dharam yudh between faiths, a conflict between Ram and Rahim. The militant "mandir wahin banayenge" war-cry of the "Ram Bhakts" was matched by the equally belligerent "once-a-mosque-always-a-mosque" posture of the Muslim leadership. It's a position that the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) upholds even today. The leader of the All-India Majlis Ittehadul-Muslimeen (AIMIM), Asaduddin Owaisi, has recently reiterated: "A mosque belongs to Allah and no Muslim has any right to give or gift it away". In Islamic Saudi Arabia any number of mosques have been demolished or relocated for road widening and other public purposes. But in secular India, it's a different Islam.

The escalation of communal conflict well suited the designs of the Sangh Parivar in convincing more and more Hindus that "Babar ki ulad" are preventing the building of a temple at the birth place of Lord Ram. From two seats in the Lok Sabha in 1984, the BJP's tally shot up to 85 seats in 1989 and 120 seats in 1991. This should have been a wake-up call for Muslims. But as riot after riot claimed more and more Muslim lives, the leadership remained blind to the reality that a state which failed to protect lives was unlikely to save a mosque.

Does anyone recall the statement of the late Atal Bihari Vajpayee a year or two before the demolition: "The mosque is sacred to Muslims, the spot is sacred to us Hindus as the janamsthan of Bhagwan Ram. I appeal to my Muslim brothers. We Hindus will respectfully lift the Babri Masjid brick by brick and re-build it at another spot. You let us build our Ram Mandir there." The Muslim response: A mosque does not mean four walls but the land on which it stands. In other words, it's not a question of law but a matter of faith.

Five months before the Babri masjid was demolished (December 1992), in an article published in the now defunct weekly *Sunday Observer*, yours truly had argued why in the interest of the minority community and the national interest, Muslims should unilaterally hand over the Babri Masjid, either to the pres-

ident of the Indian republic or the Supreme Court. Let the chief custodians of secular India decide whatever they thought to be in the best interests of national unity and communal amity. The article reminded Muslims that the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, offered statutory protection against any future agitations concerning all other mosques in the country. In response, I got a mouthful from even secular Hindu friends who asserted: "The Babri Masjid is not just a property of Muslims. It is a symbol of secular India. Who are you to gift it away?"

We, Mister Muslim, lost the opportunity for winning Hindu goodwill by our gesture, arresting if not reversing the rising tide of militant Hindutva and strengthening secular forces. The outcome: For Muslims, the loss of an estimated 3,000 lives since then in the recurring communal flare-ups; for Hindu nationalists, Ayodhya proved to be the chariot to ride to power.

Fast forward to November 9, 2019. Yes, the Supreme Court's verdict is disturbing. More disturbing is the fact that it was unanimous; not one of the five judges voiced a dissenting note. Even more disturbing, consider how it is that well before judgment day the Sangh Parivar had not the least doubt that the impending judgment would be in favour of Ram Mandir. How else does one understand their overnight switch from *mandir wahin banayenge* vow to an appeal to all Indians to "wholeheartedly support" the verdict, irrespective of which way it goes? Also, consider this: Most self-proclaimed secular parties are content with having expressed their respect for the verdict.

It's time we realised, Mister Muslim, that our clinging to the ulema's brand of Islam gives every conflict a Hindu-Muslim complexion when the ongoing battle is, in fact, between secular India and Hindu Rashtra. We mustn't become the convenient "other" for the Hindu nationalists to hide their real agenda.

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JAWHARLAL NEHRU WAS a rationalist but he did not dismiss the human mind's spiritual quest. Being modern does not mean being unconcerned with or contemptuous of tradition and culture. It means identifying with the dynamism in tradition and accelerating its modernising tendencies.

A nuanced and essentially Indic understanding of the spiritual quest guided Nehru's endeavours in this respect. This understanding, achieved through reflection spread over millennia, came almost intuitively to a sophisticated Indian like Nehru, as it did to several ordinary people in his country. That is why Nehru could win the faith of countless Indians despite a sustained campaign against him for not being "culturally rooted and sufficiently Hindu/Indian". He never hid his aversion to "superstitious practices and dogmatic beliefs" and "uncritical credulousness" that often go with religion. But, he also knew that, "religion had supplied some deeply felt inner need of human nature, and the vast majority of people all over the world could not do without some form of religious belief. It had produced many fine types of men and women, as well as bigoted, narrow-minded, cruel tyrants."

Nehru felt "at home" in a "pantheistic atmosphere" and was attracted to "the advaita philosophy of Vedanta". In his own words, "I can appreciate to some extent the conception of monism, and I have been attracted towards the advaita (non-dualist) philosophy. The diversity and fullness of nature stir me and produce a harmony of the spirit, and I can imagine myself feeling at home in the old Indian or Greek pagan and pantheistic atmosphere, but minus the conception of God or gods that was

NEHRU, RATIONAL SPIRITUALIST

For him, spirituality was rooted in Indian tradition and connected to ethics

attached to it." He further notes, "Some kind of ethical approach to life has a strong appeal for me, though it would be difficult for me to justify it logically. I have been attracted by Gandhiji's stress on right means."

In the Hindu worldview, "ethics and conduct" are much more important than the acceptance of a particular doctrine. That is why Nehru, who always emphasised scientific temper, could win the love and confidence of not just ordinary people but religious scholars as well.

As first-hand received knowledge of the freedom struggle fades, misconceptions like Nehru was "ignorant" of Indian culture and had "contempt" for Hinduism have become widespread. In 2004, at a conference of scholars of Indian religions and cultures at Esalen institute, California, I was amazed to hear from a very respected scholar of philosophy and history that "the rise of Hindutva politics in India is due to the fact that Nehru suppressed religion, particularly its public display".

Any Indian brought up in "Nehru's India" would find this statement bizarre. Nehru and his colleagues, in continuation of Gandhi's idea that "every religion has some element of Truth", tried to evolve a state which sought to neither privilege nor suppress any religion — it sought to provide space to atheists as well. Even after Nehru's demise, when the word "secular" was inserted into the Preamble of the Constitution, through the 42nd amendment, care was taken to translate it in Hindi not as "dharma-nirpeksha" but "panth-nirpeksha" — because in several Indian languages, the term "dharma" stands not for a religious doctrine, dogma or faith system, but

for the "inherent nature" of things, or for law.

The need to address the "spiritual" was not merely personal for Nehru. Reflecting on the human condition, he noted in a conversation with R K Karanjia in 1960, "the need to find some answer to the spiritual emptiness facing our technological civilisation". He had realised quite early on, the deep interconnection between the poetic and the spiritual. In 1922, while in prison, he read a lot of "religious" works. In a letter to Gandhi, Nehru insightfully described the *Ramcharitmanas* as "a spiritual autobiography" of the poet Tulsidas.

After Independence, Nehru was as insistent on having autonomous national institutions of letters, fine arts, music, drama and film as he was eager to have institutes of technology and nuclear reactors. The most important function of these initiatives in Nehru's vision was to address the "spiritual emptiness facing our technological civilisation". What he could not tolerate was using religion for political gains — communalism and the politics of hurt sentiments.

The recent Ayodhya verdict reflects a situation characterised by the helplessness of law instead of its rule, the reason being that the judiciary was expected to resolve a matter which though apparently legal, was essentially political. It is for us to think whether Nehru's insistence on running our polity "in accordance with political principles, not religious sentiments" has become more important with time.

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KURSI CASE

CHIEF JUSTICE, Y V CHANDRACHUD disclosed that he was warned by a Delhi lawyer, Y P Sharma against attending the court for the hearing of the *Kissa Kursi Ka* case. Sharma is president of the Delhi Lawyers' Association and is reportedly a worker of the Congress-I. The chief justice made the startling disclosure when he saw Sharma trying to intervene in a legal debate regarding the cancellation of Sanjay Gandhi's bail.

AWARD FOR MANDELA

THIS YEAR'S JAWAHARLAL Nehru Award for International Understanding has been given

to Nelson R Mandela, the South African leader. M Hidayatullah, chairman of the seven-member jury for the award, announced this at a news conference. He said Mandela had been the "foremost South African leader in the struggle for the abolition of apartheid and the establishment of equality, freedom and independence in South Africa".

RAILWAYMENS' BONUS

THE LONG-DRAWN battle for bonus by railwaymen ended with the Union Cabinet agreeing to a productivity-linked bonus for them in lieu of payment of bonus under the Payment of Bonus Act. The first payment of

this bonus will be made for the performance of the year 1979-80. As an earnest of accepting the concept of productivity-linked bonus, ad-hoc payment equal to 15 days' wages will be made to the 17 lakh railway employees during the current financial year.

BONUS GIMMICK

JANATA LEADERS TODAY termed as "election-eering gimmick" the caretaker government's decision on the railwaymen's demand for bonus. Pilooy Mody quipped that it was an electioneering bonus. "It is a postdated cheque by a liquidating Prime Minister who is a short-time prime minister," Surendra Mohan said.