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Gaganyaan probables undergoing training at Yuri Gagarin cosmonaut centre in Russia's Star City

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BAD TEETH are not good for astronauts. This is one of the key lessons that experts from IAF's Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM) learnt over the last three months during the recruitment of 12 air force test pilots as Gatsans or Gaganaut candidates for Gaganyaan, India's first human space mission.

The pilots, who were selected from a field of 60 with the help of Russian experts, have undergone generic training as astronauts at the Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre in

Russia's Star City over the last 45 days — seven have completed the stint so far.

The group is set to return to India for strenuous training and tests, including mission-specific training, that will lead to the final selection of three astronauts for the proposed launch by 2022.

One of the primary physical and medical conditions that ruled out a majority of candidates during the first level of screening in July and August was dental problems, IAM experts said this week at the annual conference of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine fraternity.

The IAM is finding its way back to the rigour of selecting



An IAF test pilot undergoes a medical test as part of the cosmonaut-selection process. *Indian Air Force*

candidates for space missions after over three decades, following the selection of cosmonauts Rakesh Sharma and Ravish Malhotra in 1982 for the 1984 Russian Soyuz T-11 mission.

The IAM team initially short-listed a group of 16 from 24 test pilots sent by the IAF for selection, ignoring minor physical conditions. But, a Russian team of experts, including a cosmonaut with aerospace medicine expertise and 560 days in space under his belt, cracked down on candidates with even dental problems, experts said.

"We prepared 16 dossiers and presented them to a visiting **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

SEEKS TO AMEND 1955 LAW

House heat for winter session: Enter citizenship amendment Bill

Barring Muslims, it will allow people of six religions from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan to apply

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE CITIZENSHIP Amendment Bill, a contentious legislation that seeks to amend a 1955 law to allow Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan apply for Indian citizenship while keeping out Muslims, is all set to be tabled in the winter session of Parliament starting Monday.

On the priority list of the BJP which has also been speaking of replicating the Assam exercise of the National Register of Citizens across the country, the Citizenship Amendment Bill of 2016 lapsed because it could not clear Rajya Sabha before the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha. Sources said the Bill will be re-introduced in the winter session for passage in both Houses.

In the list of business for the upcoming session, the Bill is listed: "To amend the definition of illegal migrant, reduction in the number of years of residency period to obtain Indian Citizenship through naturalization and to empower Central Govt. to cancel the registration of Overseas Citizen of India card in case of any violations."

The 2016 Bill sought to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to allow Hindus, Sikhs,

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For Hindus out of NRC, Bill key

THE CITIZENSHIP Amendment Bill is a promise the BJP made in its election manifesto. The renewed push comes in the backdrop of over 19 lakh people not making it to the final NRC list. The Bill has raised eyebrows as it is being seen as a bid to accommodate Hindus excluded from the NRC. It provides no relief to Muslims left out of the NRC list.

Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan apply for Indian citizenship. But it kept out Muslims. The existing Act allows an immigrant to apply for citizenship if s/he has lived in India for 12 months immediately before the application, and for 11 of the last 14 years.

On July 19, 2016, the government introduced the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

133 UNITS, SWITCHING OFF

Low demand behind half of thermal power plants shutting down

ANIL SASI & PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE ELECTRICITY demand curve, a key indicator of industrial and domestic load trends, is on a downward spiral, with a mounting list of 133 thermal power units across the country reported as shut down due to lack of demand.

As on November 11, of the 262 coal, lignite and nuclear units reported to be out-of-service for a variety of reasons, nearly half — or 133 units — were shut as operators were faced with low demand or were unable to ink pacts with distribution utilities for sale of power.



Operators unable to ink pacts with distributors. *File*

Of the country's total installed generation capacity of 3,63,370 MW, the peak demand met was a little less than half at just around 1,88,072 MW on November 7, according to official data available with grid managers and analysed by *The Indian Express*.

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CHANGE OF GUARD

CJI-designate SA Bobde (L) greets Justice NV Ramana as CJI Ranjan Gogoi, who retires Sunday, looks on. *Neeraj Priyadarshi*

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In Valley, buses start plying and shops stay open for longer hours

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 15

AFTER MORE than 100 days of lockdown, markets in the Valley have gradually extended their business hours, and public transport is getting back on the roads. On Friday, in city centre Lal Chowk, unlike previous Fridays, shops and other business establishments remained open till afternoon.

A self-imposed shutdown had prevailed in Srinagar and other districts of the Valley even after the government lifted restrictions imposed following the revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and the August 5 decision to bifurcate it into two UTs. The two UTs came into being on October 31.

For the last many days, shops are open for longer hours compared with just a couple of hours in the morning. In most parts of

the Valley including Srinagar, shops now remain open till late afternoon.

"Businessmen have extended their working hours and public transport has started plying. The shutdown observed by people was a spontaneous reaction to the August 5 decision. If businessmen are opening their shops for longer than before, it is for survival. Everyone knows that after the clampdown, there was no **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

CBI searches Amnesty offices in two cities, rights body says it's harassment

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NEW DELHI, BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 15

THE CBI Friday searched offices of Amnesty India in Bengaluru and New Delhi, saying it was acting on an FIR registered after a complaint from the Ministry of Home Affairs about alleged violation of provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act and the Indian Penal Code by the rights body.

Confirming the searches, Amnesty India, in a press release, said: "Over the past year, a pattern of harassment has emerged every time Amnesty India stands up and speaks out against human rights violations in India. Amnesty India stands in full compliance with Indian and international law. Our work in India, as elsewhere, is to uphold and fight for universal human rights. These are the same values that are enshrined in the Indian Constitution and flow from a long and rich Indian tradition of pluralism, tolerance, and dissent." **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**

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Kerala govt's flip-flop on Sabarimala: Won't take young women to shrine

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 15

A DAY after the Supreme Court kept review petitions on the entry of women of all ages in Sabarimala on hold and turned to a larger bench, the Kerala government pointed to "grey areas" in the judgment and indicated that it is "not going to take young women to the temple".

The latest stand is in stark contrast to the CPM-led govern-



Temple not venue to exhibit activism: Minister. *File*

ment's position last year when the Supreme Court had lifted the traditional bar on women of menstruating age from entering the temple.

Last year, the government had pushed firmly to implement the court order, while equating the entry of young women to the Left's commitment on ensuring gender justice and protecting the renaissance traditions of the state. However, this move led to largescale protests that contributed to the Left alliance **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**

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HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 15

ON THURSDAY, the toll neared 5,000. By Friday evening, over 8,000 had been buried.

The dead birds were first spotted five days ago by visitors at Rajasthan's Sambhar Lake, India's largest inland salt water lake, nearly 80 km southwest of Jaipur. Since then, state agencies have buried a total of 8,065 birds, from 25 different species including migratory, and rescued 165. Bird watchers fear the final toll may be much higher, considering the size of the lake.

But the big worry, say experts, is that they have still not been able to find the cause of these deaths.

So much so that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has ordered a rescue centre to be set up at the site, Minister of State for Forests (Independent Charge) Sukhram Vishnoi has rushed to Sambhar, and the Rajasthan High Court has taken suo motu cognizance of the crisis.

On Friday, the government listed the possible reasons behind the deaths before a division bench headed by Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court, Indrajit Mahanty. On the list were viral

infection; toxicity, as a new area of the lake has filled up, leading to higher concentration of salts along the edges; bacteriological infection; and, stress caused by competition for resources that have grown scarce due to high temperature and water levels.

But officials admit there are no clear answers, yet.

Rajasthan's Animal Husbandry director Sailesh Sharma said the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD) in Bhopal has ruled out bird flu after carrying out tests on samples. "Other labs will continue the investigation," Sharma said. Dr A K Kataria of the



Civic workers bury birds at Sambhar Lake. *PTI*

Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS), who reached the lake Thursday, pointed to botulism, a paralytic and often fatal disease caused by ingestion of toxins. According to officials at the site, the birds suffered from limb paralysis and diarrhoea.

Kataria also said that the carcasses need to be buried "immediately" to prevent the infection from spreading to other birds.

"Never have so many birds died at Sambhar," said Dr Joy Gardner, who heads the NGO Hope and Beyond that is working at the site. "Also, there are many areas where we haven't

reached yet. So the final toll may be much higher."

Experts from the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) are also at the site. WII's Dr Anju Baroth said the salinity in the water is high "but no other adulteration has been found".

Officials said the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board and Sambhar Salts Ltd, a subsidiary of central PSU Hindustan Salts Ltd, have also collected water samples from the lake.

Additional Advocate General Ganesh Parihar said the govern-

ment told the court that "samples from the site have been sent to multiple labs" and that "further preventive action is only possible after the receipt of medical reports".

The government also pointed to delay in collecting the carcasses because of mud, water, and the large area — "around 15-kilometre length out of which 12-kilometre area is where birds have died".

Meanwhile, the district collectors of Jaipur, Ajmer and Nagaur have received a grim directive: Take up the disposal of carcasses as a campaign and ensure appropriate disposal.

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House heat for winter session: Enter citizenship amendment Bill

Amendment Bill in Lok Sabha, relaxing the 11-year cutoff to six years for people of six religions from the three countries. Also, in 2015 and 2016, the government put out two notifications exempting such immigrants from the Foreigners Act, 1946 and the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920 — which provide for depor-

tation — to let them continue living in India if they arrived before December 31, 2014.

The Bill has been mired in controversy for leaving out only Muslims. The government, on its part, has maintained the Bill aims to grant citizenship to such minorities who have faced religious persecution in foreign countries. Coming in the backdrop of the NRC, the Bill, in its last avatar, also faced opposition in Assam where there were concerns about dilution of ethnic culture and change in demography. Many said it was in violation of the Assam Accord.

The Bill's introduction assumes significance given that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the NRC exercise will be conducted across the country to weed out illegal citizens but only after the Citizenship Amendment Bill is passed.

"Before NRC, the BJP government is going to bring the Citizen Amendment Bill. All Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Christian refugees who have come to India under this Bill will be given citizenship of India forever... I want to assure all Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist and

Christian refugees that you will not be forced to leave India. Don't believe rumours. Mamata Didi is saying there will be no NRC in Bengal. But we will identify each and every infiltrator and drive them out. When Mamata Banerjee was in the Opposition, she had demanded that such infiltrators be driven out. Now since the infiltrators have become her vote bank, she does not want them removed," Shah said in Kolkata last month.

After the final list of NRC in Assam, the party's state unit expressed displeasure, pointing out that the numbers excluded was below expectation, and that many excluded were Hindus. This saw the BJP change its strategy in neighbouring West Bengal, where the ruling TMC had made it an issue. West Bengal is one of the states the BJP has been eyeing to come to power.

Incidentally, six members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), which examined the Citizenship Amendment Bill, gave dissent notes in the report of the panel. The report of the JPC, headed by Rajendra Agrawal of BJP, was placed before Lok Sabha in January this year.

Congress Rajya Sabha members Bhubaneswar Kalita and Pradip Bhattacharya were of the opinion that the Bill could create ethnic divisions in Assam and the rest of the North-East. BJD leader Bhartruhari Mahtab stated that the Bill contravened provisions of the principal Act and ran counter to the spirit of the 1985 Assam Accord.

CPM's Mohammad Salim said the Indian citizenship emanated from the Constitution that granted it as a fundamental right and this right could not be specific to a religion or a country of origin. Saugata Roy and Derek O'Brien of Trinamool Congress said the Bill brought out the ethnic division in Assam. The Bill, in their view, should not be passed by a sheer majority.

The 440-page report appreciated the government decision to give Indian nationality to non-Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan on the ground that they were being persecuted in those countries.

Low demand behind half of thermal power plants shutting down

A total of 119 thermal units across mostly India's northern and western heartland were faced with "reserve shutdown," a technical term for a unit shut down due to lack of demand, while another 14 units on account of developers not managing to ink power purchase agreements (PPAs — or commercial contracts) with electricity distribution utilities.

Grid managers point to this being indicative of tepid industrial and commercial load.

While the cumulative capacity of units under forced shutdown was over 65,133 MW, the worrying aspect is that most of these units have been shut for days, sometimes months, according to data of units monitored by the Central Electricity Authority's (CEA) Operation Performance Monitoring Division updated till November 7.

Additionally, there are well over a dozen thermal units that are down, according to official data, due to technical reasons, the most common being "water wall tube leakage." According to an official in the CEA, this, normally, takes just days of repair. But the fact that these faults, in

Indian in space: 12 shortlisted, many out due to dental defects

Russian team headed by an aviation specialist...he was the top-most expert in the Russian team. We sat with them and assessed what we had done and unfortunately, only seven of the 16 could clear their assessment. The possible reason is that we came out with a lot of incidental findings which we thought were not very important as far as flying was concerned," said Group Captain MS Nataraj, the chief selection officer for the astronauts at IAM.

"Most of the people who were rejected by the Russians had dental problems which could have created problems in the space flight," he said.

"They were extremely particular about the teeth. Things we thought were okay, they did not think were okay. It may be because they had to abort a mission due to a toothache. When you sit with a flight surgeon who has a PhD in aerospace medicine and a cosmonaut with 562 days under his belt, he knows better," the commandant of IAM, Air Commodore Anupam Agarwal, said.

According to space agencies like Europe's ESA, "astronauts need good teeth because acceleration forces and vibrations during a space flight can be very strong" and "ill-fitting fillings could become loose or fall out, and the atmospheric pressure change may be painful when cavities are present".

At least one Russian cosmonaut — Yuri Romanenko, commander of the Soyuz 6 mission in 1978 — is reported to have en-

dured two weeks of unbearable toothache during a mission.

Under a cooperation agreement signed in 2018, Russia is helping India with its first human space mission — specifically, selection and training, and supply of technical equipment like support systems for the Gaganyaan crew module.

Apart from dental problems, other aspects like minor hearing and visual shortcomings were also used to sort the candidates.

With the Russians not clearing nine of the initial 16, a fresh batch of 36 test pilots was picked by the IAF to fill the five remaining slots and complete the dozen that will undergo advanced training over two years.

Wiser from assessing factors the Russians had flagged, IAM experts picked 15 from the second batch of 36 and sent their records to the Russians. This time, as many as 12 were cleared from whom IAM chose five.

While all the 60 test pilots who were a part of the selection process were at the top of the fitness grade in the IAF, they were subjected to further rigorous physical tests by the IAM.

The physical assessment involved eight activities of which six were athletics, including a 60m sprint and a 5-km run, swimming 25m in 20 seconds and a continuous 200m swim.

The candidates also underwent rigorous psychological and psychiatric testing. "What we did in 1982 served as a very good template to start. A document we put together in 2012 was also suitably modified. We got a doc-

ument from ISRO as well," IAM's Group Captain Vipin Sharma said.

There are four levels in selection for the Gaganyaan mission, he said.

"The first level is the candidate's physical prowess and medical history; level 2 involves medical tests and psychological tests; level 3 involves complex aero medical stresses and grading of the physiological responses; and, level four is the final selection of the individual from the cohort of people who are fit to be astronauts," Sharma said.

"This activity started in the institute in July... level one and a part of level 2 are over. We have the next part starting after the individuals return," he said.

"The human space programme has taken up every waking moment and a lot of sleep moments as well. We are involved in a large number of things which involves a human going into space. This has been divided into a 16-part vertical. We are in the process of finishing the first part of the task which was selection of astronauts. Our understanding is that the remaining 15 parts are going to be tougher," the IAM commandant, Agarwal, said.

"The selected astronauts are going to come back after completion of their generic astronaut training in Russia and the next step is difficult, which is mission-specific training. There are many more major tasks like consultancy for crew module

design, onboard life support system and crew health monitoring system in space flight," the director general of medical services for IAF, Air Marshal M S Butola, said.

"Never forget that some of the most advanced countries have attempted human space programmes and they faced challenges and had to abandon it because they could not succeed. We have to succeed and succeed in our first attempt as we are the only country attempting to send a human to space in the first live launch," he said.

Since Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the plan for India's first manned space mission on Independence Day, multiple agencies have been working to prepare for the 2022 or even 2021 mission.

For instance, ISRO has to ensure that its GSVL Mk III rocket which is designated to launch Gaganyaan, is safe for human space flight. ISRO will carry out two unmanned test flights with the crew module to rehearse the mission before the actual launch.

In 1982, IAM selected four from 40 prospective cosmonauts after which Air Commodore Ravish Malhotra and Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma were sent for advanced training with the Russians. IAF test pilots are considered the best candidates to be astronauts due to their ability to stay calm, take rational decisions amid extreme conditions, and familiarity with air and space systems.

In Valley, buses start plying and shops stay open for longer hours

transport, and business remained shut for all these months," said Sheikh Ashiq, President of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), the largest elected business body in the Valley.

"There was no shutdown call by anyone, it was voluntary. Whatever happens in the coming days, it has to come from people," Ashiq said. Uncertainty, he said, continues to loom large. For instance, just two days ago, shutters came rolling down Wednesday over a rumour of a killing. The markets were shut in Lal Chowk within a few minutes.

Mohammed Yaseen, a businessman in Srinagar, said till a few days ago, he used to open shop early in the morning and wrap up business by 10 am. "But ever since it started snowing and mornings became very cold, we decided to open shop around 9 am and close by mid-day," he said.

Keeping shops open for just half-a-day itself is a way of showing protest, according to Yaseen. "It is true we have extended working hours, but there is uncertainty. No one knows what will happen in the coming days."

In North Kashmir's Baramulla district, Ishfaq Ahmad, a businessman said it was not possible to open shop early in the morning in winters. "Now mostly, you see shops opening around 9 am. They remain so till afternoon." Many businessmen faced financial issues and were forced to extend business hours.

On Srinagar roads, public transport, and taxis and mini-

buses have started operating. In other parts of the Valley, though, only private transport is plying. "For three months, I stayed home. Nobody asked us to stay away from the roads. But it was a conscious decision. But then, I have to pay instalments. Banks don't stop charging interest," said Bashir Ahmad, a taxi operator in Srinagar.

While some commercial cabs have started operating on major Valley routes, members of taxi-stands in Srinagar said they planned to resume services soon. "We are forced to think about getting back to work. Since the last three months, everyone is at home and it is becoming difficult for drivers to feed families and also pay EMIs," said Mohammed Rafiq, Vice President of Taxi Stand Number 2 in Lal Chowk. He said they were planning to open the gates from Monday.

A senior administrative official in Srinagar told The Indian Express that the situation is gradually improving. "We are monitoring the situation very closely," he said. "But of late, things have improved and we expect further improvement."

Following the lifting of restrictions by the government, the first signs of normalcy were visible with street vendors in Srinagar setting up makeshift stalls in the Polo View area and Hari Singh Street under police protection. With these street markets drawing people out of their homes, Srinagar's busiest flea market on Hari Singh Street witnessed two grenade attacks, in which two people died and left dozens of civilians injured.

In October, authorities published full front-page advertisements in local dailies, asking shopkeepers and business houses to resume "normal" business activities.

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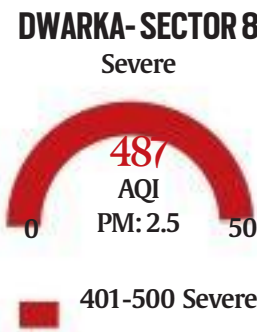
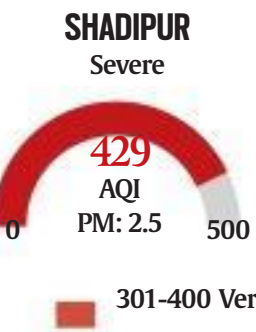
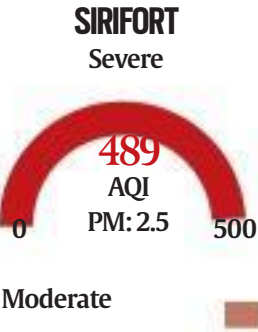
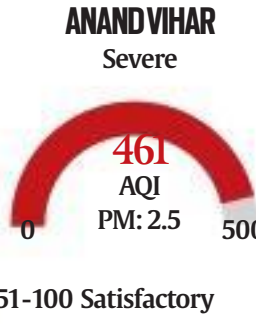
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‘Half-baked odd-even’: SC says pollution rising despite scheme being implemented

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THE SUPREME Court Friday called out the odd-even scheme of the Delhi government, calling it “half-baked” in its current form, as pollution levels in the capital had only spiked, despite its implementation which was causing transportation difficulties to people.

“A half-baked odd-even scheme... either you have a full odd-even and give no exceptions... instead you allow two- and three-wheelers which cause more pollution,” Justice Deepak Gupta told senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the Delhi government.

Rohatgi said studies had shown that it had helped reduce pollution levels by 5-12%, and added that the city will collapse if two-wheelers too are stopped from plying.

The bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra quizzed CPCB Member Secretary Prashant Gargava on the effectiveness of the odd-even scheme in the national capital.

“Are we getting benefited by it?” Justice Mishra asked the official, who replied “not more than 3-4 percent”. He added that of the figures for vehicular pollution, cars contribute only 3%.

Justice Mishra then turned to Rohatgi and said “odd-even may not be the actual solution”.

Appearing for the Union Environment Ministry, Additional Solicitor General A N S Nadkarni too cited CPCB data and said the odd-even scheme was not helping reduce pollution levels.

Rohatgi said the actual cul-



Praveen Khanna

Visitors at Rajghat. Air quality remained in the ‘severe’ category Friday; (right) a motorist is challaned during the odd-even scheme



prit was stubble burning and that it offsets whatever gains are achieved by odd-even.

Justice Mishra pointed out that the pollution levels will further spike when the fog increases and added “then odd-even will not help you”.

The CPCB official said that the immediate solution lay in preventing garbage burning and dealing with the hotspots identified in NCR.

Justice Mishra said “pollution levels are increasing despite odd-even, whatever be the reason”.

The court also expressed concern over the continuing stubble burning despite its November 6 order to take action to control these and asked Chief Secretaries of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi to appear before it on November 25.

Gambhir skips pollution meet, faces heat

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

CRICKET AND jalebis entered the Delhi pollution debate Friday, as the AAP launched an attack on East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir for skipping a key meeting of a parliamentary committee on the capital’s air crisis.

Gambhir was in Indore as a commentator for the India-Bangladesh cricket fixture. A photo shared by former Indian cricketer V V S Laxman Friday showed him and Gambhir having jalebis — something the AAP latched on to. “Our Hon’ble MP claims he skipped a meeting on air pollution in order to earn a liv-



A photo tweeted by V V S Laxman of him & Gambhir

ing. In the same breath, he says he pledges his salary as an MP for his constituency. Going in circles like a jalebi to defend the indefensible,” Atishi said, referring to Gambhir’s note on Twitter. Gambhir’s note — shared

alongside the tweet, “*Agar mujhe gaali dene se Dilli ka pollution kam hoga to AAP jee bhar ke gaali dijiye* (If Delhi pollution reduces by abusing me, AAP can feel free to) — read: “I have not entered politics to make money but I do have a family to support. I believe in hard-earned money and not using public funds to further political ambitions. Making my commercial engagements... an issue to mask the incompetence and political greed of their leader is the saddest thing the party, which claims to represent honest people, can do.”

Gambhir wasn’t the only one missing from the meeting — DDA vice-chairman Tarun Kapoor and all three MCD commissioners

were among other notable absentees. Among four Parliamentarians of the 29-member committee who turned up was AAP’s Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh. The Lok Sabha Secretariat sent notices to the members and officers on November 8, requesting them to attend the meeting, held at the Parliament Annex.

Kapoor and North MCD commissioner Varsha Joshi were attending a conference on urban mobility organised by the Urban Affairs Ministry in Lucknow. SDMC commissioner Gyanesh Bharti was “attending a budget meeting of the Corporation”, a senior official said, while EDMC commissioner Dilraj Kaur did not respond to calls for a comment.



No odd-even if air improves, final call on Monday: Kejriwal

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CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal Friday said that with agencies predicting a dip in pollution levels in the capital, there may not be a need to extend the odd-even scheme, in force from November 4-15.

However, he added if the air quality does not improve as per forecast, the government will re-view the situation Monday morning and take a call on whether or not to extend the scheme.

“I would like to thank the people of Delhi for their voluntary participation and cooperation. Around 200-350 challans were issued every day on an average, which is very less in a city of 2 crore. Going by the forecast for the next two-three days, air quality is likely to improve. We don’t want to cause unnecessary inconvenience to people. We will monitor the situation to-

morrow and day after. If air quality improves, then odd-even is not required. Otherwise, on Monday we will take a final call...now the main reason behind pollution in the city is stubble burning,” the Chief Minister said.

While the combined effect of Delhi’s base pollution levels, impact of stubble burning and prevailing weather and wind conditions have kept the air severely polluted for the past four days, India

Meteorological Department officials said the situation is set to improve, mainly owing to increased wind speed and a change in wind direction from northwesterly to northerly from Saturday. “As a result, the impact of farm fires on Delhi’s air will reduce significantly,” said an IMD official.

There was expected to be a significant improvement in Delhi’s air quality Friday but a western disturbance caused light drizzle, aiding the accumulation of pollutants.

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PROJECT DETAILS						
1. Coloniser/Developer	SignatureGlobal (India) Private Limited					
2. Project Approval	Licence No. 69 of 2019 dated 26.06.2019, Building Plan Approved on 11.10.2019 Memo No. ZP-1336/JD(RD)/2019/25351, Haryana RERA Registered No: 68 of 2019 dated 14.11.2019					
3. Location	Sector 63A, Gurugram, Haryana					
4. Provisions Project Area	714 no. of apartments available out of total 714 number of units in the housing scheme spread over 5 acres. As per Policy, 5% of total apartments are available for management quota and 95% of total apartments are for public. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq.ft. and One Anganwadi-cum-creche of 2000 sq.ft.					
5. Apartment Details, Allotment Rates & Payment Terms						
Apartment details						
Category (Type)	No of Units	Carpet Area sqft(approx)	Balcony Area sqft(approx)	Allotment Rate of Apartment (all inclusive)*	With application Booking amount 5%	on allotment 20%
2BHK TYPE-01	170	573.538	90.590	23,39,447	1,16,972	4,67,889
2BHK TYPE-02	168	590.664	88.265	24,06,789	1,20,339	4,81,358
2BHK TYPE-03	170	578.134	76.424	23,50,748	1,17,537	4,70,150
2BHK TYPE-04	170	577.413	88.405	23,53,855	1,17,693	4,70,771
2BHK TYPE-02(MQ)	2	590.664	88.265	24,06,789	1,20,339	4,81,358
3BHK TYPE-05(MQ)	34	645.463	100.525	26,31,852	1,31,593	5,26,370

(ii) Balance 75% of the amount in six equated 6 monthly installment spanning over a period of three years. No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Rules, 2017.

6. Parking	Two-wheeler parking with each apartment
7. Broad Specifications of the Apartment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooring: Rooms Vitrified Tiles, Kitchen Vitrified / Ceramic Tiles, Toilet Anti-Skid Ceramic Tiles, Balcony Anti-Skid / Matt Finish Ceramic Tiles, • Windows: M.S. Sections as per IS Codes / Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Doors Frame: Red Merandi / Mild Steel/ Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Wall Tile: Ceramic Tiles till 4 Feet / 7 feet high & Oil Bound Distemper Above. Kitchen Counter Top Green Marble / Granite • Wall: Oil Bond Distemper • Sanitary fitting: ISI marked CP Fittings, W.C & Washbasin • Electric Fitting: ISI Marked. Structure: RCC Frames Structure designed for SEISMIC forces as per latest IS code and NBC Recommendations.
8. Applications Timelines	(i) Applications can be procured & submitted at: SignatureGlobal (India) Pvt. Ltd., Corp. Office - Ground Floor, Tower A, Signature Tower, South City -1, Gurugram, Haryana-122001, 0124-4908200 by paying an application form fee of Rs 1,000/- starting from date 16.11.2019. For more information, call 7053-121-121 (ii) Last Date of submission of Applications is 02.12.2019. (iii) The list of Distribution and Collection centers is available on www.signatureglobal.in (iv) Application Forms & Facility of applying Online is also available at www.signatureglobal.in .

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3. An applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case, he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice of retaining only one flat.
Allotment Criteria: 1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of coloniser concerned.
2. After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued.
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2. Project Approval	Licence No. 73 of 2019 dated 04.07.2019, Building Plan Approved on 30.09.2019 Memo No. ZP-1339/AD(RA)/2019/24562 Haryana RERA Registered No: 69 of 2019 Dated 14.11.2019					
3. Location	Sector 95, Gurugram, Haryana					
4. Provisions Project Area	738 no. of apartments available out of total 738 number of units in the housing scheme spread over 5.1125 acres. As per Policy, 5% of total apartments are available for management quota and 95% of total apartments are for public. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq.ft. and One Anganwadi-cum-creche of 2000 sq.ft.					
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2BHK TYPE -03	130	594.829	74.401	24,16,517	1,20,826	4,83,303
2BHK TYPE -04	170	592.860	85.703	24,14,292	1,20,715	4,82,858
2BHK TYPE -05	40	586.573	83.055	23,87,820	1,19,391	4,77,564
3BHK TYPE -06(MQ)	37	636.206	105.724	25,94,824	1,29,741	5,18,965
2BHK TYPE -07	21	548.889	99.589	22,45,351	1,12,268	4,49,070

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BRIEFLY

UGC nod for 4 new depts at Jamia

New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia is introducing four new departments for which the University Grants Commission has approved 28 teaching positions. The new departments are Foreign Languages, Hospital Management and Hospice Studies, Design & Innovation and Environmental Sciences.

Two held for card cloning in Chhatarpur

New Delhi: Two men were arrested from Chhatarpur while allegedly attempting to set up cloning equipment in ATM kiosks Thursday. Police said the duo allegedly cloned more than 300 ATM cards across Delhi, MP, UP and Maharashtra. According to police, the accused learned the scam through software engineers they met on social media.

Four held for ‘gangraping’ woman

Noida: Four people were arrested Friday in connection with the alleged gangrape of a 21-year-old woman in Noida. Police said the woman was allegedly led to a deserted area by a peon of a private company who knew her and called her to “discuss a job opportunity”. When he molested her, the woman screamed for help, and two men rushed to the spot, police said. They chased away the peon, but then called two others and allegedly raped her, police said. **ENS**

‘Family murder was robbery gone wrong’

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FARIDABAD, NOVEMBER 15

POLICE IN Faridabad have concluded that a 29-year-old gym trainer allegedly killed a doctor and three members of his family in a robbery gone wrong. This, despite initial scepticism from investigators on his motive since he had carried a knife and change of clothes to the victims' home.

On Friday, police said Mukesh had confessed to killing the family because he had run into a Rs 5 lakh debt due to online gambling.

The victim, doctor Praveen Mediratta (65), ran an X-ray diagnostic clinic from his house. According to police, Mukesh, who knew the family since he was their son's gym trainer, went to the house around 10:30 pm thinking the doctor and his wife would be asleep.

Anil Kumar, ACP, Crime, said: "Mukesh knew their son works the night shift and the couple would be alone. But on the day of the incident, Mediratta's daughter and son-in-law had come to visit him. When Mukesh went to

the house, he saw Mediratta in the living room." Police said the accused told the doctor he needed to get an X-ray done.

According to police, Mediratta felt suspicious but took Mukesh to his basement where the clinic is. As the doctor realised Mukesh hadn't come for an X-ray, the accused stabbed him with a knife he was carrying, said police.

Police said he then went to the doctor's bedroom, where his wife was sleeping. "He took a gold chain, earrings and ornaments worth Rs 2 lakh, but at one point the doctor's wife woke up. He told us she started screaming for help, so he slit her throat. Hearing the woman, her daughter stepped out of her room and went to check on her. Mukesh slit her throat as well and then went inside her room and killed her husband," said ACP Kumar.

Mukesh told police he carried the knife for safety inside his gym bag, where he always carried an extra pair of clothes.

"We weren't sure the house had been robbed but he told us he had taken some jewellery," an officer said.

Delhi govt advisory body ties up with J-PAL

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

A KEY Delhi government advisory body has signed an agreement with J-PAL (Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab) South Asia, co-founded by Nobel laureates Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee, for real-time monitoring of public services.

The partnership between the Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDC) and J-PAL is aimed at improving quality of services, identifying

service delivery issues, and motivating frontline staff to perform duties better, the government said in a statement.

As a pilot, the researchers will study the beneficiary experience in ration shops under the public distribution system (PDS) and mohalla clinics. The beneficiaries will be selected randomly across Delhi for the phone-based survey. In 2015, the Delhi government had relied on the research work of Banerjee and Duflo in designing its 'Chunauti' programme, aimed at improving learning levels in schools.

As students toughen stand, JNU V-C seeks teacher help to quell protests

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

ON A day the Jawaharlal Nehru University Vice-Chancellor appealed to teachers for their “co-operation” in ending the protests on campus, the JNU Students' Union decided to “reclaim” the administrative block, making it the nerve centre of their protests.

V-C M Jagadesh Kumar in his appeal also asked teachers to “convince students that the changes in hostel charges are not only reasonable but vital for the financial viability of our hostels”.

“I write to you to seek your cooperation in maintaining a peaceful academic atmosphere in JNU campus. The persistent agitations and protests by a section of students have adversely affected the university's normal academic and research activities,” he said.

“Such persistent protests involving occupation of the Administration Building, defacing of walls and floors and indulging in brawls with security guards and breaking open doors have maligned the image of JNU seriously,” he added.

Kumar said the administration would “like to engage in a dialogue and discussion, but the



JNU students outside the V-C office Friday. *Amit Mehra*

process and form of any such interaction cannot be dictated through coercion and illegal methods”.

The JNUSU meanwhile held a meeting Friday with Student-Faculty Committee members and decided to have continuous mobilisation at the administrative block. “At each time, some students should be here. We cannot surrender the administrative block,” JNUSU general secretary Satish Yadav announced at the protest meeting, where students narrated their “plight” over the hostel fee hike.

One such student, Soumyatarini Mishra, said: “I come from a poor family. When I was joining MA, people told me ‘why are you studying, you should earn’. I earned money so I could study. By asking me to pays Rs 7,000 a month as hostel fee, you are killing my dreams...”

Statue at centre of row covered for a year

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE YET-TO-BE unveiled statue of Swami Vivekananda, covered from head to toe in a cloak and in news for defacement of its pedestal, has been standing near the administrative block of the Jawaharlal Nehru University for almost a year. The idea of having a life-sized statue of Swami Vivekananda was first publically declared in July 2017. At the time, it was not decided where it would be constructed.

In an Executive Council (EC) meeting on June 30 that year, it was decided that the varsity be given a “more pleasing look”.

“For a more pleasing look, it has been decided by the competent authority that a statue of suitable height and size of a historically important person like Swami Vivekananda... may be erected with proper elevated platform, stone pathways, benches, lights and interconnected works, including public utilities, etc,” the EC stated.

Rector III Rana Pratap Singh had told *The Indian Express* that

the suggestion came from the engineering department.

In January 2018, the then JNU Students' Union president N Sai Balaji filed an RTI, seeking details on the total cost of constructing the statue and the source of funding. The varsity reportedly responded that “no JNU funds are being used”.

Replying to another RTI by Balaji, JNU's Deputy Registrar (Finance) in May 2018 said “no request regarding construction of Vivekananda statue at ad block was received from the engineering department”.

In November-December 2018, construction of the statue began at the administrative block. On December 3, 2018, JNU Registrar Pramod Kumar said “one of (JNU's) alumni” was “voluntarily managing all the expenses involved in making and installation of the statue”. He did not share any further details.

JNU authorities did not say why the statue has not yet been unveiled for almost a year. Calls and texts sent to Registrar, V-C and Rector seeking this information were met with no response.

BSES team beaten up by power thieves

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A TEAM of BSES Yamuna Power Limited officials was allegedly beaten up by locals during an inspection in North East Delhi's Maujpur late Wednesday night. A BSES spokesperson said the officials, who were accompanied by policemen from Jafraabad police station, were beaten up with sticks when they started collecting evidence of electricity theft in the area.

The accused have been arrested and an FIR has been registered against them at Jafraabad police station.

In the FIR, BSES employee R S Sharma said, “We found one house in Maujpur where electricity theft was taking place and as soon as officials started videotaping it, the owner of the house, Surender, and his accomplices started beating up the team members with sticks.”

In the FIR, Sharma said he too was beaten up with sticks when he intervened. “The police personnel who had accompanied us tried to protect us and rushed us to the hospital,” he said.

A BSES spokesperson said that the accused were using the stolen electricity for “illegal manufacturing activity and illegal e-rickshaw charging”.

At AIIMS, scan QR code to pledge your organs

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

TO SPREAD awareness about organ donation and meet the huge gap in demand and supply, AIIMS has developed a QR code that is on display in waiting areas and wards to make it easier for people to pledge their organs.

“By pledging, the person is not forced to donate organs. But when a person pledges, he talks about it to his family. This way, the family knows about organ donation and at the time of death, they can take a decision easily... We have put the QR code



Union ministers Dr Vardhan and Rijiju at Friday's event

in every waiting area, taking the movement in campaign mode,” Dr Aarti Vij, professor and in-charge of Organ Retrieval Banking Organisation (ORBO) at AIIMS, told *The Indian Express*.

According to AIIMS data, in India, around 1.5-2 lakh patients require kidney transplant annually, but only 7,500-8,000 receive it. Around 75,000-80,000 patients require liver transplants annually but only around 1,800 such surgeries are performed.

ORBO has already started a single-window approach to facilitate organ donation, tissue donation and whole body donation along with brain death donor registry.

On Wednesday, Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan also felicitated families of organ donors at a function organised on the campus. Families of 38 multi-

organ donors, five donors who pledged to give up their bodies for medical education and eight tissue donors were felicitated.

“One donor can save the life of 7-8 patients and enhance the quality of life of 40-50 patients. We need to motivate individuals, families and organisations to pledge to donate organs after death, and to spread awareness about importance of organ donation,” said Dr Vardhan.

Expressing concern over the huge gap between the demand and supply of organs, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju underlined the importance of creating awareness about the issue.



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CM Arvind Kejriwal at Friday's conference. Praveen Khanna

'Free cleaning of septic tanks at more than 800 unauthorised colonies'

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THE DELHI Jal Board (DJB) has decided to procure 80 trucks — to be pressed into service to clean septic tanks at more than 800 unauthorised colonies housing a population of around 45 lakh — where sewer lines have not reached, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced Friday.

DJB CEO Nikhil Kumar told reporters that out of the capital's 1,797 notified unauthorised colonies, 430 have sewer lines. The work for installing sewer pipelines in another 400 colonies is in progress, while the rest are dependent on septic tanks which are mostly cleaned by informal workers without any safety gear, leading to deaths and injuries, Kumar said.

The trucks, for which tendering will be carried out within a month, will be procured under the 'Mukhyamantri Septic Tank Safai Yojana', Kejriwal said.

The scheme will ensure the safety of sanitation workers and proper septic waste management to prevent contamination of river Yamuna, he added.

The announcement follows

the Union Cabinet's approval to regularise unauthorised colonies. The Cabinet decision awaits the nod of the Parliament and a mapping exercise by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), which are among the many conditions that are to be fulfilled before awarding ownership rights to residents of these colonies.

"We often hear about unfortunate incidents involving sanitation workers who are deployed to clean septic tanks. The private agencies involved in the maintenance and cleaning of the tanks do not have a valid licence to do so. They carry out such activities in an unauthorised and illegal manner and do not provide any safety equipment to workers, hence putting their lives at risk. The waste collected from septic tanks is often disposed of into the drains across the city, causing ground-water contamination and water pollution," Kejriwal said.

Under the scheme, people will be able to book services of the trucks by dialling a dedicated helpline.

The DJB, which is the city's nodal agency on water resources, will provide safety equipment to workers deployed for the cleaning of septic tanks, an official statement said.

TIS HAZARI CLASH

No coercive action against two suspended cops, says High Court

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE DELHI High Court Friday ordered 'no coercive action' against two suspended Delhi Police officials who were booked on attempt to murder charges in connection with a clash between lawyers and police at Tis Hazari court complex earlier this month.

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar asked the Home Ministry, Delhi Police, Bar Council of India (BCI), Supreme Court Bar Association, Delhi High Court Bar Associations, Bar Council of Delhi and the respective bar associations of all district courts to file replies on the plea of protection from arrest filed by the two personnel.

"Issue notice upon the respondents (total 13 in number). You file your replies within four weeks from today. In the meanwhile, no coercive action shall be taken against these applicants (the two assistant sub-inspectors)," the bench said, listing the matter for further hearing on December 23.

The High Court has already given protection to lawyers from coercive action in connection with FIRs lodged against them.

Following the November 2 clash which erupted over a parking dispute, the High Court had on November 3 taken suo motu cognizance of the incident and ordered a judicial inquiry. It had also ordered action against police personnel involved.

The two ASIs, through their counsel Rajdipa Behura, sought protection against arrest in connection with three FIRs filed against them till "conclusion of the judicial inquiry" into the incident.

"The two have been placed under suspension since November 3 and are currently



Over 20 cops and eight lawyers were injured in the violence outside Tis Hazari court on November 2

facing hardship due to the same," Behura said, adding that the magisterial court's November 11 order be quashed and the proceedings related to the FIRs be stayed till then.

The Delhi Police is supposed to file a status report in court on its investigation into the clash by November 20.

Behura submitted that there have been meetings to call off the lawyers' strike, but advocates have sought that the two cops be arrested before they resume work.

"My request is that there should not be any insistence of my (the ASIs') arrest till pendence of the judicial inquiry," she said, adding that "this doesn't reflect nicely on both professions. Litigants are the ones who are suffering because of the strike, which is also not in the interest of the society".

Senior advocate Mohit Mathur, appearing for the Delhi High Court Bar Associations, opposed the same and contended that there cannot be a parity between protection granted to

lawyers against whom FIRs were lodged and the two police officers who allegedly fired gunshots.

"We have been complaining about police inaction. I don't know how this apprehension of arrest has arisen for these police officers," Mathur said.

Work to resume

Meanwhile, the Delhi District Bar Coordination Committee has decided to suspend their strike.

The two ASIs' arrest has been the main demand of all bar associations which had gone on strike.

The decision to suspend the strike came after a meeting between members of the coordination committee took place Friday. "We respect the order of Hon'ble High Court so the abstinence from work is suspended, work to be resumed from Saturday. We thank all the members for cooperation. Our fight for Advocates Protection Act will continue," said Mahavir Sharma, chairman of the coordination committee.

Finding lawyer to represent them no easy task for police

MAHENDER SINGH
MANRAL
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

FOR THE last 10 days, a special team of Delhi Police had been tasked with looking for an advocate to represent the two suspended assistant sub-inspectors who got some respite from the High Court Friday.

The team approached several senior lawyers but in vain. Their search ended just two days ago, after a standing counsel for the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Rajdipa Behura, agreed to appear for them.

Behura has been an additional standing counsel for the Delhi Police in the past as well.

A source close to her said, "She was approached and she took it up as everyone deserves a fair hearing and can't be denied their rights... whether other lawyers before her refused to take up the case is not known to her."

The two assistant sub-inspectors (ASIs) were suspended after the High Court, on November 3, sought action against them and ordered a judicial enquiry.

On November 7, the special team was formed by Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik.

"A team of two additional DCPs and several inspectors was formed to look for an advocate to appear on their behalf," a senior officer said.

The team members met sev-

After Rajdipa Behura agreed, on Thursday evening, a security plan was made for her and a team of the crime branch was asked to escort her from her house in Noida to the court on Friday morning

eral lawyers, including former public prosecutors of Delhi Police, but no one agreed to come on board since the lawyer fraternity is pitted against police over this incident.

"Some of them initially said yes, but backed out later due to pressure," an officer said.

Sources said that two days ago, a senior officer recommended the name of Behura, daughter of a retired Supreme Court judge.

"She agreed and the team promptly handed over all files. On Thursday evening, a security plan was made for her and a team of crime branch was asked to escort her from her house in Noida to the court on Friday morning. She reached the High Court at around 9 am, where another team of New Delhi district was already stationed to escort her. After the hearing, a team accompanied her home. Security has been tightened outside her home as well as at her office in South Delhi," the officer said.

Jumping buildings, baby leopard strikes panic



It jumped inside a factory in Faridabad and was rescued

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
FARIDABAD, NOVEMBER 15

A TWO-YEAR-OLD leopard strayed into the industrial area of Sarurpur in Faridabad, sending locals into panic Friday. Police said that the leopard came from the Aravallis and was seen jumping from one building to another by residents, before he jumped inside a factory.

Police said one of the local boys saw the leopard rolling on the ground near a tree on Thursday night but he did not inform anyone as he was unsure. On Friday morning, around 9 am, a woman was standing outside her house with her son when she saw the leopard. "I thought I saw a tiger and screamed... the animal looked at me and ran inside the factory," the woman said.

"We received a call around 9 am about a wild animal roaming in the area, so we immediately informed the wildlife department and headed to the spot. We found that the leopard had climbed the wall of a factory and jumped inside but got stuck there. We took a metal sheet and covered its entry point on the roof and locked all exits," said a police officer.

Police said that officials from the wildlife department came with tranquiliser guns. Rajkumar, one of the officers with the wildlife department, said a personnel fired a tranquiliser shot at the leopard: "It fell unconscious. We will take him back to our facility and free him in the forest."

Property tax hike among SDMC budget proposals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE SOUTH Delhi Municipal Corporation commissioner Gyanesh Bharti in a budget meeting Friday proposed an increase of one percent in property tax on residential properties in three categories of colonies. However, as per officials, the proposal may not see the light of day with the political wing of the body likely to quash it in view of elections.

The South civic body has also proposed that a Waste-to-Energy plant be installed at Waste to Wonder park, 15,000 LED lights be put up at dark spots, and an engineered landfill site be constructed in Okhla.

The focus of the budget, however, remained largely on sanitation, with the civic body announcing purchase of mechanical road sweepers for narrow lanes and extension of waste segregation to more wards. Currently, the waste segregation is being implemented in 40 wards.

The commissioner also proposed 10 new automated multi-level parking at different places. The civic body, in its last year budget, had made a similar promise. Several parking projects pending for over a decade in areas like New Friends Colony and Bhogal are yet to be made completely operational.

The corporation has once again pushed for completion of Poornima Sethi Hospital which presently functions as a poly clinic.

Among other announcements, the corporation said a physiotherapy centre will be opened in East of Kailash and a health centre at Katwaria Sarai.

It also proposed setting up a cremation centre in Dwarka Sector 29 for cremation of dogs.

Provision for open gym in parks, financial assistance to RWAs under Public-Private partnership scheme, sprinkler irrigation systems in over 100 parks, installation of play apparatus in schools were among the other proposals made by the South body commissioner.

At IIT-D exhibition, one-touch solutions for everyday concerns

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

ONE-TOUCH solutions to get rid of household scrap, updates on Metro train delays and checking indoor air quality — these are among the apps developed by students of Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-D) and on display at 'Building Better Interfaces' exhibition on the campus Friday.

Among the apps featured at the one-day exhibition was

'Swapico', which promises to send a scrap collector to the doorstep with just a click. "There are issues with kabadiwallas. You may not find one according to your time, or sometime they use faulty weighing scales. Once a person downloads the app and schedules a pick-up time, either we go personally, or identify kabadiwallas and get them to work with us," said Mukul Chhabra, a student of Electronics & Communication Engineering, one of the developers of the app.

The app has been functional

since February, and the service is currently functional only in South Delhi.

Another app, DMRC Connect, provides information of delays in Metro services and acts as a platform for commuters to submit their grievances. However, the app has not been rolled out.

Abhijeet Mishra of Computer Science and Designing has made PAQsys, a device which monitors indoor air pollution: "The device shows the amount of volatile organic compounds, users can get all details on the app."

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PLAYING SAFE

THE CONGRESS central leadership has pulled up its Maharashtra leaders for speaking out of turn on the common minimum programme which is being worked out with the Shiv Sena. The high command is also not happy that a meeting held by leaders of the NCP, Congress and Shiv Sena to discuss the CMP was made public. Although the Congress high command has given an principle go-ahead for exploring the possibility of a tie-up with the Sena, the party still seems to be in two minds. What is interesting is that there is acute lack of trust on Sharad Pawar as well. The common refrain among leaders is that one cannot anticipate what he says and what he does. Pawar is to meet Congress chief Sonia Gandhi on Sunday and top leaders believe the picture will become clear after the meeting.

REACHING OUT

THE BJP is upset with the behaviour of Shiv Sena, one of its oldest allies and an ideological partner, and the developments in Maharashtra seemed to have had its impact on the party leaders while finalising its strategies for Jharkhand. The party also seems to be making all efforts to keep the other alliance partners in good humour. When Chirag Paswan was made the president of the LJP replacing his father Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, both BJP chief Amit Shah and working president J P Nadda rang up Chirag to congratulate him. This is despite the fact that the LJP is fighting the Jharkhand elections alone.

OFFICE WORK

UNION CONSUMER Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister Ram Vilas Paswan will get a completely renovated office soon. Recovering from a fracture in his leg which he sustained during the Chhath puja celebrations earlier this month, Paswan is nowadays working from home. This window is now being used to renovate his office. To give his office a facelift, officials are busy dismantling the previous set-up to give an aesthetic change to Paswan's sprawling first floor office at Krishi Bhawan. Incidentally, K V Thomas, Paswan's predecessor in the UPA government, had carried out extensive renovation work in this office, which had caused discomfort to a minister who used to sit on ground floor.

INX MEDIA CASE

Delhi HC denies bail to Chidambaram

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE DELHI High Court on Friday rejected the bail plea of Congress leader and former Union minister P Chidambaram, who is in Tihar jail in connection with the INX Media money laundering case.

Pronouncing his order, Justice Suresh Kumar Kait observed that "economic offences constitute a class part and need to be dealt with a different approach in matters of bail". He said "prima facie, allegations are serious in nature and petitioner has played active and key role in the present case".

"It cannot be disputed that entire community is aggrieved if the economic offenders who run the economy of the state are not brought to book as such offences affect the very fabric of democratic governance and probity in public life. No doubt, bail is right and jail is exception, but, if bail is granted in such cases, a wrong message goes to the public at large," the order said.

The court, however, said its observations are only with regard to the bail application and not con-

clusive. Therefore, they shall not prejudice the case of Chidambaram in any manner, it said.

The CBI arrested Chidambaram on August 21. The next day, he was remanded in CBI custody and on September 5, he was sent to judicial custody in Tihar jail. The judicial custody was extended several times. On October 16, he was arrested by the ED and remanded in police custody. Later he was sent to judicial custody in Tihar jail, which will now expire on November 27. In the CBI case, the high court denied him bail, but the Supreme Court granted him relief on October 22.

The high court also denied him relief on medical grounds and observed that material collected in the money laundering case by the ED is distinct, different and independent from that of CBI case.

The INX Media case pertains to alleged irregularities in the Foreign Investment Promotion Board clearance to INX Media when Chidambaram was the Finance Minister. The CBI and ED have accused Chidambaram and his son Karti of taking kickbacks from INX Media owners Peter Mukherjee and Indrani Mukherjea.

Govt withdraws draft forest law that triggered protests

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

AHEAD OF the Assembly elections in Jharkhand, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar on Friday announced the withdrawal of a draft of amendments to Indian Forest Act 2018. Javadekar, who was accompanied by Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, said the "draft" was simply an exercise by bureaucrats to "study the issue".

"There was an exercise by some officers, to create a study because 11 states have brought their own Acts. So what can be the common grounds...some officers and experts created a zero draft, which was not a government draft, but it was created because you have a practice of think tanks. So they circulated it to stakeholders. This was taken as a government document, therefore there was hue and cry due to misgivings. Impressions were given as if the government wants to amend the Forest Act and do away with the pro-tribal provisions," he said.

Javadekar said that over the past three days, he and Munda met representatives of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram — an RSS affiliate — and decided to "completely withdraw" the "so-called draft" so that there is "no doubt in anyone's mind that this government is not against, or not taking away



Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar and Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda address the media in Delhi on Friday. *PTI*

EXPLAINED Move comes ahead of election challenge

THE CENTRE'S move comes ahead of polls in Jharkhand, which has an Scheduled Tribes population of 8,645,042 and where the ruling BJP faces a tough fight. The party is yet to announce its seat-sharing arrangement with AJSU, its oldest ally in the state and another ally LJP has announced that it will go it alone. On the other side, the Congress, JMM and RJD have forged an alliance and sealed the seat-sharing deal. Also, Jharkhand polls would be a crucial test of BJP after it could not perform in Haryana and Maharashtra as per expectations.

any rights of the tribals".

"The rights of the tribals will be protected fully and they will be the main stakeholder in forest

development and their livelihood. Let me make it very clear that we are withdrawing, to do away with any misgiving. At this

point of time, any thought of amending the Indian Forest Act is completely out of the question," he said.

"Modi government is known as tribals' friend and they too have always stood by us. They play a part in preservation, conservation and development of forests and are the important stakeholders of forest development," the minister said.

Tribal Affairs Minister Munda said, "The draft of the Forest Act that had been circulated at the level of officers has been withdrawn and will not be discussed in the future. I welcome this move because there were a lot of misgivings which had been spreading."

Several proposals in the draft had triggered an uproar, with activists alleging that the proposed amendments seek to establish the forest department's stranglehold over forest resources.

The amendment proposed a new category of forests — production forests, meaning forests with the specific objective of production of timber, pulp, pulpwood, firewood, non-timber forest produce, medicinal plants or any forest species to increase production in the country for a specified period. The draft also proposed more powers to forest officials.

The draft had been put on hold after protests broke out and activists and tribals alleged that tribals and forest dwellers would lose their rights if it was implemented.

Draft CMP ready, Sena, Cong, NCP shift focus to power-sharing formula

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 15

AFTER FORMULATING a draft common minimum programme (CMP), the Shiv Sena, Congress and NCP have now shifted focus to the power sharing formula between them in Maharashtra.

Even as a final decision on whether the three parties can join hands to form a non-BJP government is pending, sources told *The Indian Express* that preliminary talks regarding the likely power-sharing arrangement are being carried out at the state level.

Sources added that the initial proposal being discussed is regarding proportionate distribution of key ministerial portfolios between the three parties. While 42 ministerial berths are up for grabs, sources said the preliminary talks are regarding distribution of nine key portfolios — home, finance, revenue, cooperatives, public works, water resources, urban development, rural development and agriculture.

The Congress, which won lesser seats as compared to NCP and Sena, has been insisting on an equitable power distribution model on the ground that each party needs the other to come to power. In the Assembly polls, Sena won 56 seats, NCP 54, and Congress 44.

The NCP, on the other hand, is eyeing home, cooperatives, and finance portfolios, and has been bargaining hard on the ground that it has only two seats less than Sena, which is expected to lead the formation if it comes into existence.

For a consensus on key portfolios, a proposal to group these departments in lots of three in the order of importance and annual



Maharashtra Congress chief Balasaheb Thorat meets party leaders on Friday. *Prashant Nadkar*

budgets and dividing them proportionately was discussed at the meeting, a source said. For instance, if the home portfolio goes to one party, the revenue portfolio will be held by another, and urban development will be held by the third party. Similarly, key departments driving the state's rural economy — agriculture, cooperatives and rural development — will be proportionately distributed between the three parties.

On Thursday, the first joint meeting between the three parties in Mumbai saw the emergence of a draft CMP, meant to thrash out differences on governance issues. It is learnt that the three parties also held initial talks regarding distribution of portfolios.

The three parties have come to an agreement that the only way to provide a stable non-BJP formation is for all of them to join the government. "Efforts are being made to ensure that no party feels

that it has lost out," a source said.

The three parties, meanwhile, continued to present a united face, with NCP spokesperson and Mumbai party president Nawab Malik announcing that representatives from the three sides would come together on Saturday to submit a memorandum to Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, demanding immediate relief for farmers hit by unseasonal rain. "After imposition of President's Rule, the government has virtually come to a standstill. Farmers are suffering. Several applications for medical aid from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund are pending," he said.

Indicating that initial talks between the parties at the state level have been completed, state Congress president Balasaheb Thorat said on Friday that "future course of action will be indicated by Delhi". Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Sharad Pawar are likely to hold further deliberations

in this regard on November 17-18.

Thorat also hinted that the leadership of the three parties are yet to take a final call on power sharing. Stating that the talks so far had been constructive, he said, "I can say that you won't have to wait much longer for an elected government in the state."

Pawar on Friday said "talks are focused on providing a stable government that can last the full five years". He said he cannot give a deadline for government formation, but ruled out the "possibility of mid-term polls." NCP's Malik said the CM post would go to Sena if the three parties came together. "We are being asked if the CM will be from Sena. The fallout between BJP and Sena has been over the CM post. The latter was humiliated. So, our responsibility would be to honour their self-respect." Pawar remained non-committal. "If somebody asks for the CM's post, we would then think over it."

'BJP talks about alliances but NDA seems decimated'

R P N SINGH, All India Congress Committee's Jharkhand in-charge, tells **MANOJ CG** that the party is confident of winning the state polls in alliance with JMM and RJD, while most of the BJP's allies are going on their own. Excerpts



The battle lines have been drawn in Jharkhand. Your alliance is final and seat-sharing is sorted. How confident are you?

The BJP kept attacking our alliance. They kept asking questions. Now we have strategically announced our alliance — JMM, Congress and RJD — and it is the only alliance in place. The BJP keeps talking about alliances but it seems the NDA is completely decimated all over the country.

From Uttar Pradesh to Maharashtra, and now we are seeing that unfolding in Jharkhand. The JD(U) and LJP are nowhere in the alliance. They are fighting separately. There is a huge problem on the AJSU front. Even if some alliance in a loose way is formed...the reality is that the BJP can't keep its house in order.

Why did you not include Babul Marandi's JMM in your alliance? Will it not lead to vote division?

We continued reaching out to him. We were in talks with him, as also our alliance partners, but he has made up his mind to contest alone. We tried our level best; it did not work out.

The Congress is playing second fiddle to JMM. Is that a signal that the party is not the prime player in Jharkhand?

If you look at Jharkhand politically, in the Assembly we were not the prime player. We are this time in an alliance where no one gave us more than 22-23 seats (out of 81). We are contesting in 31 seats. It is a process of building the party. We contested the nagar palika and nagar nigam elections independently, and we did extremely well in that.

Our performance in Lok Sabha elections (in Jharkhand) was also extremely encouraging. Regardless of the BJP wave in North India, the Congress did quite well. We only managed to win one but lost one seat by just 1,400 votes, which we have challenged in court...there has been a momentum in favour of the Congress.

Three former state Congress presidents, Ajoy Kumar, Sukhdeo Bhagat and Pradeep Balmuchu have left the party.

They were all workers. People are made leaders by the party and when they left the party, they are back to being workers. So the post is important

because the party makes you something. I do not want to speak about individuals, but everything was offered to these people.

In the event of a hung verdict, would you be willing to do business with AJSU or

Marandi's JMM?

Our alliance is extremely confident of forming the government because BJP and AJSU were in power for five years and they are equally to blame for the kind of mess Jharkhand is in, and the anger the people feel.

How will the Ayodhya verdict play out on ground?

We must salute the people of the country. They have accepted it very well...I think that is an issue which has finally been closed by Supreme Court.

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SC refuses to allow Koda to contest Assembly polls

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE SUPREME Court on Friday refused to allow former Jharkhand Chief Minister Madhu Koda to contest the Assembly elections.

A bench of Justices N V Ramana and V Ramasubramanian sought a response from the Election Commission (EC) on Koda's plea challenging his disqualification in 2017 for not filing election expenses. The poll panel had disqualified Koda from contesting elections for three years.

At the outset, the counsel appearing for Koda said it has been two years since he has been disqualified and the top court should allow him to contest the upcoming polls. "You yourself are responsible for the delay. You should wait for another one year. We cannot allow you to contest the elections at this stage. We need to hear the other side (EC)," the bench said and issued a notice to EC.

On November 13, the apex



court agreed to hear Koda's plea challenging the EC's decision after his counsel said the last date for filing nomination for the assembly polls is November 18.

In 2017, the EC disqualified Koda from contesting elections for three years for failing to file details of expenses in the 2009 Lok Sabha polls when he won from Singhbhum as an Independent. He has also been convicted in a coal block allocation scam case and sentenced to a three-year jail term.

Rly hikes food prices, fare of premium trains to go up

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE TICKET prices of Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto Express trains will see a 3-9 per cent hike as Railways has jacked up the prices of the food it serves on these trains as part of the fares.

The price of food items served on other mail/express trains, where passengers have to buy the food on board, has also been hiked.

While hiking the prices, the Railways has in many cases cut down the quantity of food items stipulated to catering vendors in the various menus. For the Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto trains, the increase in prices is significantly high, in many cases double. In the case of mail/express trains where



Railways said tariff of Rajdhani has been revised after 6 years

food is sold to passengers, minimum quantities of many of the food items required to be served, too, have seen a reduction.

The changes are in accordance with requests from IRCTC and recommendations of the Menu and Tariff Committee set up by the

Railway Board, according to an order from the Railway Ministry.

"The tariff of Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto trains has been revised after six years since the last revision in 2013 while the tariff of standard meals for mail/express trains after seven years since the

last revision in 2012," a ministry statement said. "With a view to arrive at realistic prices, a committee was nominated by the Railway Board to examine and recommend the revision in menu and tariff of these services. The committee scientifically examined all aspects of costing keeping in mind the objective to provide good quality and hygienic food to the travelling passengers on Indian Railways," the statement said.

Under the existing system, passengers in many premium trains have the option to opt out of the food offered and will not have to pay catering charges.

"To continue giving good quality food, catering charges need to be revised," Minister of State, Railways Suresh Angadi told reporters.

For premium trains, the fare hike to be borne by the passenger will vary, depending on duration of the journey and how many meals have been served to her.

The increase reflects the money that vendors get from IRCTC for serving the set menu decided by Railways. In the case of ordinary mail/express trains, the vendors get to charge passengers directly. In mail/express trains a-la-carte food items will not be sold anymore and only meals will be allowed. Railways has not increased the rate of Janta Meal of poori aloo, which sells at Rs 20.

Railways will also introduce "snack meal" at Rs 50. IRCTC will decide the snack meal menu later. "The revised catering tariff shall be effective from March 29, 2020," said the ministry statement.

Governor hits back at Mamata: Some people using tongue loosely

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 14

HITTING BACK at Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's remark that some people have become mouthpiece of the BJP, West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday said some people are using their tongue too often and very loosely.

"Some people are using their tongue too often and very loosely. There is no need to play every ball in the game of cricket. I would continue to serve the people of the state," Dhankhar told reporters.

Taking a veiled dig at Dhankhar, Banerjee on Thursday said, "There

are some people who are behaving just like a BJP mouthpiece. They want to run a parallel administration. Central government is an elected body and the state government is also an elected body. Federal structure must work as per our Constitution. It should be allowed to work. The central government works as per constitutional provisions and the state government must work in a similar manner," Banerjee said.

Responding, the Governor said, "No one should make a comment without properly understanding my statements."

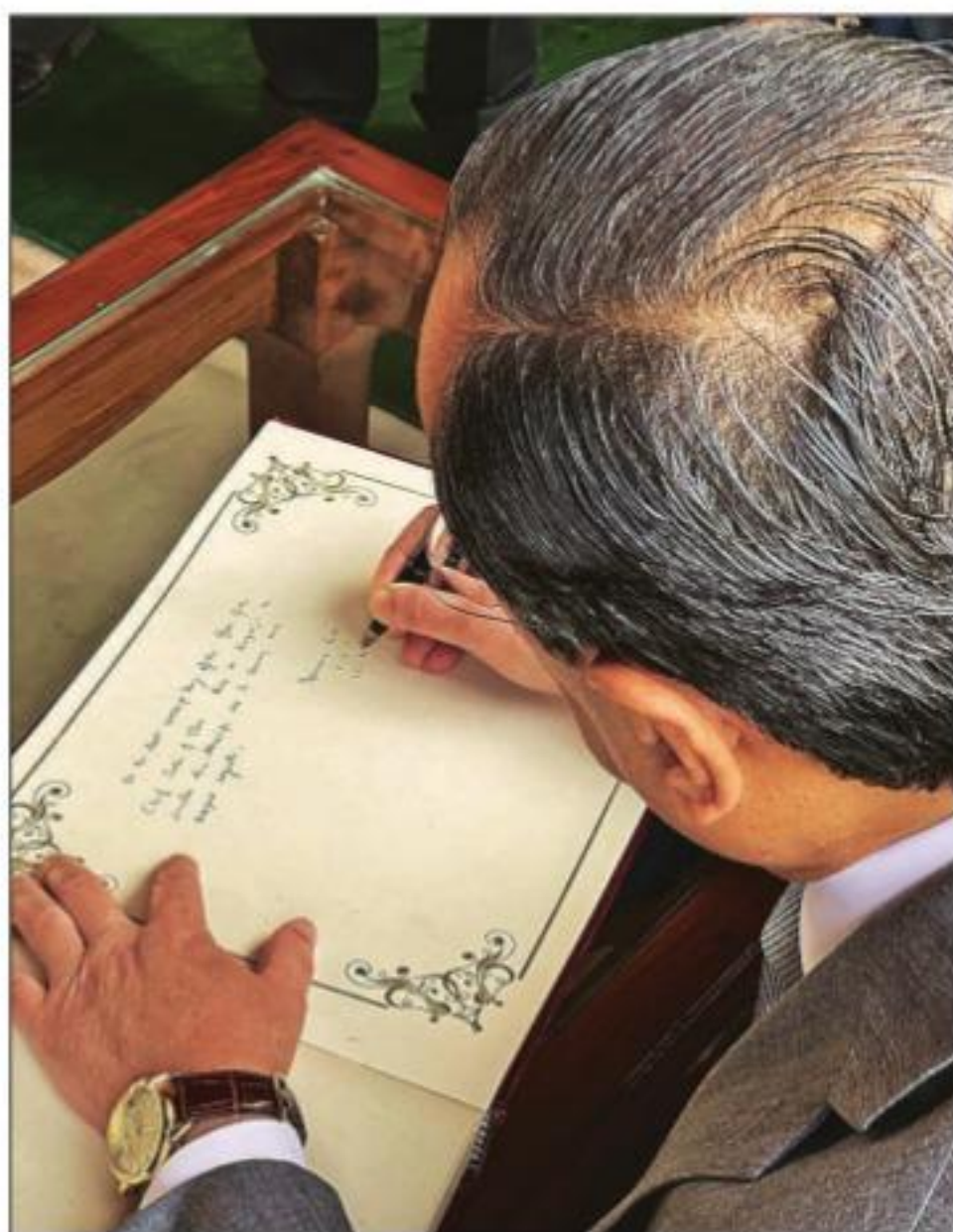
The Governor also slammed the state government for not responding to his request for a heli-

copter to travel 600 km on Friday. Earlier this week, the Governor requested for a helicopter to travel to Farakka in Murshidabad district. However, according to a Raj Bhavan statement, the state government did not respond till Thursday. "Whenever I get a communication from the chief minister, I respond within 24 hours," he said.

Dhankhar visited Farakka on Friday morning to attend a programme at SNH College. The statement said the request for the chopper was made well in advance but there was no response from the administration.

The TMC had questioned the need for a helicopter for the Governor's travel.

Savarkar a true social religious reformer, says Venkaiah



CJI Gogoi signs the entry book at Raj Ghat Friday. Neeraj Priyadarshi

"Veer Savarkar was no ordinary man. He was a visionary social reformer, a forward-looking liberal, an iconoclast in many ways and an eminently practical strategist who wanted to free India from the colonial rule, if necessary, by violent armed resistance," he said.

SEDITION CASE
Give Shehla
10-day notice
before arrest:
court to police

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A COURT on Friday directed the Delhi Police to issue a 10-day pre-arrest notice to Shehla Rashid if the need arises to arrest her in the alleged case of defaming the Army, while disposing of her anticipatory bail application. On August 18, Rashid posted a series of tweets, alleging excesses by the forces against children and youths in the Valley. Mentioning two of the tweets, advocate Alakh Alok Srivastava, the complainant has said, “She is deliberately and intentionally spreading fake news with the intention to incite violence...” On Friday, Additional Sessions Judge Satish Kumar Arora said, “Keeping in view the nature of allegations and also considering the submissions of IO (investigating officer) that the investigation is at a preliminary stage, anticipatory bail application is disposed of with directions to the IO that if need arises for the arrest of the applicant/accused, she be issued a ten days pre-arrest notice.”

NAGA PEACE TALKS

Govt interlocutor says concerned over hill, valley people relationship

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NAGALAND GOVERNOR R N Ravi, who is the government's interlocutor for peace talks with Naga insurgent groups, on Friday met leaders of the United Naga Council (UNC) of Manipur at Kohima and exhorted them to bridge the gap between the hill and valley people of the state. Ravi expressed concern over deterioration of “traditional brotherly relations” between these two communities in Manipur, stating that the vexed issue cannot reach its logical conclusion without taking all neighbours into confidence. In an official statement re-leased on Friday, Ravi said he met the leaders of the apex body of Naga tribes of Manipur in his endeavour towards a comprehensive resolution of the Naga issue with due regards to the

All is well, weddings not called off, trains are packed: Railways MoS on economy

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
TUNDLA (UP), NOVEMBER 15

INDIA'S ECONOMY is “doing very well” and the indicators are visible — weddings are not being called off, and trains and airports are full, Union MoS for Railways Suresh Angadi said Friday. Responding to a question from *The Indian Express* on the state of the economy, Angadi said “common people are happy” but some are trying to “damage the name” of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this issue. “The state of the economy is very good. *Airport full hai, koi seat nahin milta, railway station mein ticket nahin milta, woh full hai...Kisi ka shaadi nahin rukta hai, kisi ka kaam nahin rukta hai* (Airports are full, there is no seat available, tickets are not available at railway stations, they are full...no one's wedding is called off, no one's work is affected),” he said. “The common people...they are more happy. Only few people are creating (the issue) to damage the name of (the) hon-



Union MoS for Railways Suresh Angadi in Tundla, UP on Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

ourable PM, who is more popular in the world,” the BJP MP from Karnataka said. The Minister's comments come in the backdrop of the overall GDP growth forecast decreasing to 5.6 per cent and factory output contracting by 4.3 per cent, the lowest in eight years.

Asked about these numbers, Angadi said it was part of a “three-year cycle” in every economy. “Every three years, there is a phase...cycle rehta hai (it is a cycle)...you look at every three years, the economy of every country, there is up and there is down,” he said. Striking an upbeat note,

Angadi said the “monsoon is good, harvest is good”. “In the entire country, economy is doing very well...Prices have not gone up. You tell me, where is the problem?” he said. Angadi also said that India was poised to become a \$5 trillion economy and a manufacturing hub through the flagship

Make in India initiative. On Friday, the Minister inspected the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) line, between Badhan and Khurja via Tundla, which will soon be commercially operational. “After the DFC is operational, logistics cost in India will go down from 14 per cent to 8 per cent...In the coming days, India is going to be a manufacturing hub... Every state has Make in India. We can go for export also... We can make small ancillary units for export,” he said. Around 400 freight trains were part of trial runs over the 194-km DFC stretch. Being built with World Bank assistance, the corridor will connect Ludhiana in Punjab to Dankuni in West Bengal. The Western DFC, being built with Japanese loans, is from Dadri to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust. Both the DFCs are expected to be fully operational by 2021 after which around 70 per cent of freight trains will shift to these lines, freeing up capacity in conventional lines. The total cost of the project is Rs 81,459 crore.

Cong targets PM Modi over Rafale deal again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 15

CONTINUING To target Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the multi-crore Rafale fighter jet deal, the Congress on Friday demanded that the CBI lodge an FIR in the matter. Calling the BJP's jubilation “premature”, Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan said the “saffron party had celebrated without going into the details” of the SC's latest verdict. The BJP had launched an offensive against the Congress Thursday for celebrating after the Supreme Court dismissed review petitions against the top court's December 14, 2018, verdict which said that there was no occasion to doubt in the decision-making process in the procurement of 36 Rafale fighter jets.

In its judgment Thursday, the Supreme Court also said that “the judgment sought to be reviewed, would not stand in the way of the first respondent in Writ Petition (Criminal) No 298 of 2018 from taking action on Exhibit P1-complaint in accordance with law and subject to first respondent obtaining previous approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act.” Chavan, however, took recourse to a paragraph of the same judgment, which states that the “judgment of the court in Rafale case would not stand in the way of the investigating agency and taking action...”, and demanded that the CBI should lodge an FIR in the matter. Chavan also reiterated Congress's demand for a probe by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) into allegations raised in the matter. He also reminded that the review petitions had been filed by former BJP ministers Arun Shourie, Yashwant Sinha and Prashant Bhushan, and not the Congress.



Prashant Bhushan and Arun Shourie at a press conference in New Delhi. Praveen Khanna

Bhushan, Shourie call for CBI probe into Rafale fighter jet deal

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

A DAY after the Supreme Court dismissed review petitions seeking a probe into the Rafale deal, advocate Prashant Bhushan and former Union minister Arun Shourie called for a CBI probe into the purchase of 36 Rafale fighter jets by the government. They claimed that the separate judgment authored by Justice K M Joseph mandates that the CBI launch a probe.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court bench headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi turned down petitions seeking a review of its 2018 decision on the matter. It stated that there were no grounds for the CBI to initiate a probe into allegations of impropriety or irregularity in the deal. Justice K M Joseph, who along with the CJI and Justice S K Kaul made the bench, in a separate and concurring judgment said though the review had been dismissed, it will “not stand in the way” of the CBI from taking action on the document after obtaining previous approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act. Bhushan and Shourie contended at a press conference that the SC has “acknowledged that the judgment notwithstanding, the CBI is still required to comply with the direction issues in

Lalita Kumar vs Government of Uttar Pradesh on time-bound inquiry and investigation into the matter leading to registration of FIR for which the first step the CBI is required to take is seek approval of the very government against” whose Prime Minister the complaint has been made. Bhushan said “we hope now the CBI will move” as the judgment by CJI Ranjan Gogoi and Justice S K Kaul “has not said anything to the contrary”, and this makes the concurring judgment binding. Shourie said the “self-restraint of the SC” along with Section 17A makes for a “dangerous combination” and gives the government “*khulli chhoor*” (absolute freedom) in matters of national security. A senior Defence Ministry official disagreed with the assessment of Bhushan and Shourie, and told *The Indian Express*, “Both the judgments state that an FIR cannot be filed now.” A probe by the CBI, the official added, “will be in express violation” of the SC verdict and “there is no scope for further inquiry”. Shourie, Bhushan and former Union minister Yashwant Sinha had moved the Supreme Court in October 2018 demanding an FIR on the Rafale deal. After the SC in December decided there was no case to doubt the decision-making on the deal, the three sought a review in January.

Abdul Jabbar, face of Bhopal gas leak protests, dies

Bhopal: Abdul Jabbar, a leading figure in the fight for justice for victims of the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy, died late on Thursday at a private hospital. He was 62. Known as Jabbar Bhai, he was himself a victim of the industrial disaster and suffered health effects due to the gas leak from the Union Carbide India Limited's Plant. He was ailing for the last few weeks and was under treatment. “He waged a continuous battle for justice for those affected by the gas tragedy. He played an important role in providing employment and rehabilitation to survivors,” said Chief Minister Kamal Nath. **ENS**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
SEE SECTION U/s 82 Cr. P.c.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused namely **Devkant Sharma, S/o Sh. Shyam Babu Sharma, R/o H.No. G-9/200A, Ratiya Marg, Sangam Vihar, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence of **FIR No. 64/16 u/s 498-A/406/34 IPC, P.S. Krishna Nagar, Delhi**, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the accused **Devkant Sharma**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Devkant Sharma**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant), Processing U/s 82 Cr. P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Devkant Sharma, FIR No. 64/16 u/s 498-A/406/34 IPC, P.S. Krishna Nagar, Delhi**, is required to appear in this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **18.12.2019**.

By Order

Sh. Harshita Vatsayan
Metropolitan Magistrate
Mahila Court No. 01, Room No.14, Shahdara
DP/1268/SHD/19-(Court Matter) District, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

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For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, UT of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders (in Two Cover System) for Providing of Const. Power to U/C AUMS at Rakhi Barotian Vijaypur under Langushing Projects are hereby invited from Self Help Groups/ A Class electrical Contractors of J&K having Valid Registration Certificate for the year 2019-20 and meeting eligibility criteria as per term, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this tender document.

S. No.	Name of Work	Schema Code	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money/ Security Deposit	Date & Time of Downloading of Bidding Documents	Last date of e-Bid Submission	Time and Date of Opening of tender
1.	Completion of Balance works for Providing of Const. Power to U/C AUMS at Rakhi Barotian Vijaypur under Langushing Projects.	LUP-1295	1000/-	84000/-	14.11.2019	25.11.2019	27.11.2019

1.For Self-help Groups the EMD amount shall be 50% of listed EMD 9C0R/FDR/ 2.Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully, submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications. 3.The tender document is available at website <http://tenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bids online upto the date time mentioned in the table below:

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1.	Sale of Bid Document (Start)	14.11.2019 18.00
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3.	Clarifications start date	14.11.2019 18.00
4.	Clarifications end date	18.11.2019 18.00
5.	Replies to Clarifications	18.11.2019 14.00
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7.	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	14.11.2019 18.00
8.	e-Bid submission (end) time & time	25.11.2019 18.00
9.	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date & time	27.11.2019 14.00
10.	Online Financial e-bid opening date & time	Will be communicated to the technically qualified Bidders only.
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Summit on innovations in public healthcare to begin today

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE SIXTH National Summit on Innovations in the Public Healthcare System is scheduled to start on November 16 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The two-day summit will share some of the most innovative efforts undertaken by states in public health, and will help explore which programmes are scalable at the national level, and which could be adopted by other states. Some programmes to be showcased include delayed cord clamping (DCC) in Gujarat. DCC is the practice of clamping the placenta cord of a newborn a few minutes rather than seconds after birth, allowing more placental blood to flow into the newborn, thus increasing the infant's blood volume.

According to various studies, this is more conducive to the healthy development of the brain of a newborn. It also increases the infant's iron stores, a crucial outcome in a country grappling with anemia, says senior health ministry officials. The DCC has already been chosen for replication nationally, with former National Health Mission director Manoj Jhalani — who has since joined the World Health Organization, South-East Asia Regional Office — having written to the states to explore incorporating the practice in their respective programmes. The Basti Dawakhana of Telangana, built along the lines of the Mohalla clinics of Delhi that aim to bring preventive and promotive healthcare to the neighbourhood to promote health and wellness, too are on their way to

be nationally scaled. Another innovation to be summit is the mobile phone app called ImTeCHO (Innovative Mobile-phone Technology for Community Health Operators) in Gujarat, which is built on the principles of the Mother and Child Tracking System. It sends messages and daily schedules to accredited social health activists (ASHAs) so that they have the information of every pregnant woman due for a pre-natal check-up or every new baby due for a immunisation shot under their watch. This acts both as a reminder to the workers on the ground and as an important aid for their supervisors to keep watch on their progress. Kerala's Mission Aardram, which aims at creating a people-friendly health delivery system, will also be showcased at the

FROM PAGE ONE Sabarimala flip-flop

ending up with just one seat out of 20 in the Lok Sabha polls. This time, the two-month annual Sabarimala pilgrimage season starts Saturday, and Hindu groups have again warned of protests if the bar on women is not adhered to. With local body polls coming up in a few months, CPM leader and Devaswom Board (Temple Affairs) Minister Kadakampally Surendran said it would be better to maintain the status quo that prevailed before last year's verdict until the larger bench delivers a final order. “Everyone should cooperate with the government to make the pilgrimage a smooth affair. There are grey areas in the latest decision of the Supreme Court,” he said. Asked about the government ensuring the entry of young women last year, Surendran said: “Last year, there was a verdict before us. Now, the situation has changed. This year, the government is not going to take young women to the temple. Sabarimala is not a place for exhibiting activism. If anyone (young women) wants to go to Sabarimala, let them come with an order from the Supreme

Court,” he said. CPM central committee member and Law Minister A K Balan echoed the view after a meeting of the party state secretariat, which is learnt to have weighed against taking young women to the temple. “The government will not give protection for young women who attempt to trek to the hill shrine. If someone arrives to make the situation worse, the government will not allow it,” Balan said. Last year, scores of young women, including activists, attempted to visit the temple, although only two are known to have officially entered the shrine with police protection. The protests, meanwhile, caused heavy losses for the Travancore Devaswom Board, which runs the temple, with a Rs 200-crore fall in revenue, as devotees largely kept away fearing violence. On Thursday, the Supreme Court concluded that its September 28, 2018 judgment lifting age restrictions on the entry of women may impinge on the affairs of other religions too and will require a more detailed examination.

SC on ArcelorMittal

by the CoC. The apex court also said agreed with the bank's submissions that the “equality for all” approach, as held by NCLAT would encourage banks to opt for liquidation of companies rather than their resolution under IBC. As banks earn profit by earning interest on money lent with low margins, it would not be right to give them the same treatment as operational creditors, the apex court said. “It also clarifies the long-held position of priority of financial creditors in distribution of sale proceeds in enforcement or liquidation. The effect of this finding will be that financial creditors will have priority over operational creditors,” said Kumar Saurabh Singh, Partner at Khatian & Co. The option of forming sub-committees which can negotiate with resolution applicants for better offers should also be respected, the apex court said. The SC judgment, experts said, is an important course correction in the re-establishment of the narrow path that tribunals must tread. “The noise-to-signal ratios after the last NCLAT order could have made the IBC incomprehensible to investors in the market,” said Sudipta Routh, partner at IndusLaw. What is also confirmed by this judgment is that in matters of approval of a resolution plan or distribution of funds among creditors, the final decision will always lie with the CoC and adjudicating authorities like the NCLAT should not interfere, Singh said. The dilution of the provision which mandates resolution within 330 days — or liquidation — also reasserts the purpose of the code, experts said. The government should now suitably amend the law so as to give more clarity on the duration of the resolution, they said. Friday's judgment, which sets the ball rolling for ArcelorMittal's takeover of Essar Steel, comes after a long wait for Lakshmi Niwas Mittal. The 69-year-old steel baron of Indian origin, who left India in 1976 to expand his father's steel business in Indonesia, has been wanting to set up a business in India since 2005. With the judgment in, ArcelorMittal said it would look forward to closing the acquisition soon.

CBI searches Amnesty

“As part of the Nobel Prize-winning movement, Amnesty India holds itself to the highest evidentiary standards. Over four million Indians have supported Amnesty India's work in the last six years and around 100,000 Indians have made financial contributions. Our work in India, as elsewhere, is to uphold universal human rights and build a global movement of people who take injustice personally,” it said. A CBI official said the searches were based on a FIR registered on November 5 against Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd (AIPL), Indians for Amnesty International Trust (IAIT), Amnesty International India Foundation Trust (AIIFT), Amnesty International South Asia Foundation (AISAF) and others. “The Home Ministry complaint said FCRA and IPC laws were contravened by the entities by receiving foreign contributions from Amnesty International UK

through AIPL even though prior registration or permission was denied to AIIFT and other trusts under FCRA,” the official said, adding that the alleged contravention reported totalled Rs 36 crore. According to the Home Ministry complaint, AIPL is a for-profit company, and London-based Amnesty International worked through four companies — named by the CBI in the FIR. The complaint alleged that a payment of Rs 10 crore, classified as FDI, was remitted to Amnesty India from the London office without taking the Home Ministry's approval. Another Rs 26 crore, the complaint stated, had been remitted to Amnesty India “primarily from the UK-based entities”. While forwarding the complaint, the Ministry directed the CBI to involve the Income Tax department and Enforcement Directorate in case violation of relevant laws was detected during the investigation.



NORTH

HC rejects bail blea of rape-accused BSP MP

Allahabad: The Allahabad High Court on Friday rejected the bail application of parliamentarian Atul Kumar Rai, who is accused of raping a college girl. The BSP MP from Ghosi parliamentary constituency had surrendered in court on June 22. An FIR was registered against the accused MP on May 1 in

Varanasi after the victim, a resident of Ballia district, approached the police. The court rejected the bail application noting that the MP had several criminal cases pending against him. Rai has claimed that he was being falsely implicated by his political opponents in t he case. **PTI**



Assam Jatiyabadi Yuva Chatra Parishad (AJCP) activists at a protest rally against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in Guwahati on Friday. *PTI*

SOUTH

2 arrested for boy’s death after falling into sambhar vessel

Amaravati: Two days after a six-year-old boy died after falling into a vessel with hot sambhar at a school in Andhra Pradesh’s Kurnool district, authorities have found several violations in the school management and arrested its managing director Vijaya Kumar Reddy and correspondent Nagamalleswara Reddy based on a complaint from

the students father, police said. Nandyal sub-divisional police officer Chidananda Reddy said no care was taken during meal distribution in the school, as a result of which the LKG student Purushottam Reddy died on Wednesday. Collector G Veerapandian has appointed a three-member committee to conduct an inquiry into the incident. **PTI**

EAST

Odisha to compensate 8,000 families for fishing ban

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha government has decided to compensate 8,000 fishermen families who would bear losses due to fishing ban, imposed from November 1, for the protection of the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles, an official said. The restriction on fishing activity will be in force till May 31, 2020 and the state would provide Rs 7,500

to each family during the period, the official said. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Sandeep Tripathy said the ban on fishing by the trawlers with 30 HP or more has been imposed up to “20 kms inside the sea, particularly in Olive congregation area and their buffer zones in three river mouths — Dhamara, Devi and Rushikulya”. **PTI**

WEST

Bank manager, two others booked for cheating woman

Jalna: An offence has been registered against three people, including the manager of District Co-operative Bank’s Partur branch, for allegedly cheating a woman of Rs 2.88 lakh, police said Friday. In 2008, the complainant deposited Rs 2.93 lakh in the name of her children at the bank, an official said. When she went to the bank to with-

draw the amount, the manager told her only Rs 5,000 were left in the account, he added. Later, the complainant found out that her brother Bhagwan Dadarao Khot, in connivance with branch manager Ashok Haribhau Kavatkar and accountant-cashier Ramesh Bhutekar, had usurped Rs 2.88 lakh from the account, he said. **PTI**

JUSTICE NARIMAN DISMISSES ED PLEA AGAINST SHIVAKUMAR

Read dissenting verdict on Sabarimala, our orders are not to be played with: SC

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A DAY after dissenting with the majority view in the Sabarimala case, Justice Rohington F Nariman of the Supreme Court had a terse message for those flouting its orders.

“For your edification and edification of government... read the dissenting verdict that we gave in the Sabarimala case yesterday... Tell the officials that our judgments are not to be played with... Kindly instruct your officials to read what the judgment of this court is on Article 141. It’s important,” Justice Nariman told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta after dismissing the Enforcement Directorate’s plea against the bail granted to Karnataka Congress leader D K

Shivakumar in a money-laundering case.

The bench was apparently irked after senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi and A M Singhvi pointed out that the ED in its plea had “resurrected” Section 45(1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, which had been struck down by the Supreme Court last year. Singhvi also contended that the agency had copied parts of its petition from the petition filed in the case of former Union minister P Chidambaran as it referred to the accused as former home minister.

As Mehta — who appeared for the ED — tried to explain, Justice Nariman cut him short and said “this is not the way to deal with citizens’ rights”.

The Sabarimala remarks — unconnected with the matter

being heard — took everyone in the courtroom by surprise. Mehta responded that all orders of the court are taken seriously.

On September 28, 2018, the Supreme Court had in a 4:1 decision lifted age restrictions on the entry of women to Sabarimala temple. This led to protests and many petitions were filed seeking review of the judgment.

On Thursday, a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi in a 3:2 ruling decided to keep the review petitions pending, saying they raised several questions that needed to be considered by a larger bench.

Disagreeing with the majority view, which sought to club the Sabarimala matter with issues of Muslim, Parsi and

Dawoodi Bohra women, Justices Nariman and D Y Chandrachud had said that the only “narrow question” before the bench was whether the Sabarimala ruling should be reviewed. Writing for both, Justice Nariman also took a stern view of the protests, and said that compliance with its orders was not an option, and told the Kerala government that “organised acts of resistance to thwart the implementation of this judgment must be put down firmly”.

The judges said “bonafide criticism of a judgment, albeit of the highest court of the land, is certainly permissible, but thwarting, or encouraging persons to thwart, the directions or orders of the highest court cannot be countenanced in our Constitutional scheme of things. After all, in India’s tryst with des-

tiny, we have chosen to be wedded to the rule of law as laid down by the Constitution of India. Let every person remember that the ‘holy book’ is the Constitution of India, and it is with this book in hand that the citizens of India march together as a nation, so that they may move forward in all spheres of human endeavour to achieve the great goals set out by this ‘Magna Carta’ or Great Charter of India”.

The judgment said that by Article 141, the law declared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all courts, which includes tribunals, within the territory of India.

The ED had approached the court against the October 23 order of the Delhi High Court order granting Shivakumar bail in the money-laundering case.



RAJNATH VISITS ARUNACHAL

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Arunachal Pradesh’s Tawang on Thursday for the ‘Maitree Diwas’ celebrations to boost civil-military friendship in the region. China on Friday objected to Singh’s visit of he northeast state, which Beijing claims to be part of South Tibet. *PTI*

3 J&K former CMs may remain in detention, hints minister

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 15

A DAY after Lt Governor G C Murmu said that Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir may be held soon, Union Minister of State in the PMO Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday hinted that three former chief ministers of the erstwhile state may remain under detention for some more time.

Singh said this was the first festive season in Jammu and Kashmir in 30 years that not a single incident had taken place. Without naming anyone, he added, “Now you people say that it could be possible as those three people were under detention. This means things will be alright if they stay in detention. Then let them remain in detention.”

Singh made these remarks in his inaugural address at a regional conference on Replication of Good Governance Practices in the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh.

NC MP Farooq Abdullah, his son Omar Abdullah and PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti have

been under detention in Kashmir since the Centre decided on August 5 to scrap special status and bifurcate the state of J&K into two Union territories. All three have served as chief ministers.

In his address, Singh asked participants not to be judgemental. “We have to change the narrative so that we can achieve good governance and development and reach those who do not know what they do not know. Unfortunately, there is a section of people in this periphery who do not know what they have been deprived of. And now we have a new dispensation and new order who will be reporting to the Centre and we know it”

Claiming that for the first time there has been decisive action against militancy, Singh said, “I am sure this will be the last phase of militancy in this region...”

He added, “It is the responsibility of all of us to cooperate with the two Lt Governors and two administrative set-ups... And please do not be judgemental... You will realise that whatsoever happens will be good.”

PCI committee to visit J&K on December 7

New Delhi: The fact-finding committee of the Press Council of India is slated to travel to Jammu and Kashmir on December 7 to assess the situation there, PCI chairman CK Prasad said Friday.

The need for the committee came up because the PCI had impleaded itself in a petition filed by *Kashmir Times* Executive Editor Anuradha Bhasin in August, in which she had asked for removal of restrictions on communications.

The PCI had stated in its petition that it should be heard as the case “concerns the rights of the journalists/media for free and fair reporting” and “national interest of integrity and sovereignty”. Following this move several members of the Press Council had objected to the petition, saying that they were not consulted.

After this it had decided to send a fact finding committee to assess the situation in the two new UTs and report back. **ENS**

UTTARAKHAND

Tell Dalits, tribals about injustice by Cong, NC in J&K: Nadda to booth workers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, NOVEMBER 15

BJP WORKING president J P Nadda on Friday asked booth workers of Uttarakhand to reach out to Dalits and tribals, and tell them that the Congress and National Conference had done injustice to them in Jammu and Kashmir.

Nadda said people from these sections have rights and would be able to contest elections in future because the Narendra Modi government had nullified the provision of Article 370 that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

He said there was no political reservation for tribals in J&K even though Ladakh has a tribal population. Nadda said that Gujjars and Bakarwals are tribals, but no Lok Sabha or Assembly seat was reserved for them because of Article 370. “After abrogation of Article 370, delimitation of constituencies will be done and for the first time a patriotic tribal from J&K will be elected for Lok Sabha and the state Assembly,” Nadda said.

Nadda said that those who came to India from West Pakistan in 1947 and settled in different parts of the country outside J&K became part of mainstream. He pointed out that I K Gujral, Manmohan Singh and LK Advani came from West Pakistan, and two of them became Prime Minister and Advani became Deputy PM. “But those who settled in J&K could not contest election of even councillor, had no voting rights in MLA elections. Now, after abrogation of Article 370, any refugee who came in 1947 and is living in J&K will have the right to contest elections,” Nadda said.

Cong slams Centre over detention of Mufti, Omar, and Farooq

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE CONGRESS on Friday targeted the government over the continued detention of former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Ministers Farooq Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah and signalled that it will raise the issue in Parliament when the new session begins on Monday. The party asked whether Abdullah, MP from Srinagar, will be allowed to attend Parliament.

The Congress also slammed the government for not lifting several restrictions, like the curbs on Internet, imposed in the Valley. “The Prime Minister is going around the world saying all is well. And in Kashmir, telephones are not ringing, there is no electricity and hospitals are not functioning properly. If all is well, why are mainstream leaders like Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti still in custody,” Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera told reporters. “It is like operation is successful but the patient is dead...is this the solution that you have found?” he said.

The Congress alleged that the Centre had left no stone unturned in “internationalising Kashmir” and questioned the decision to allow a delegation of European parliamentarians to visit Kashmir while not allowing Indian MPs to go there.

“When Farooq Abdullah sings Ram Bhajan or says Bharat Mata ki Jai, he does not think what the response of separatist forces will be...You have forgotten his decades-long service to the country. You have put them in the same category as separatists... Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti were ministers at the Centre...they had taken their oaths under the Constitution of India,” he said.

He said the BJP government’s Kashmir policy has resulted in foreign countries raising questions on India’s internal matters for the first time. “How did they gather courage to ask questions on our internal issues...that is our question to you,” Khera said.

COMMITTEE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS, TAKE SUGGESTIONS TODAY

Chhattisgarh moves closer to journalist protection law, releases draft

DIPANKAR GHOSE
RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 15

A COMMITTEE set up by the Chhattisgarh government in February to finalise a law for the protection of journalists is set to begin its three-day visit to the state on November 16 to take suggestions on board. The committee headed by Justice Aftab Alam, a retired Supreme Court judge, has prepared a draft of the Chhattisgarh Protection of Mediapersons Act that has now been made public for suggestions.

However, the draft has drawn flak from activists, who pointed out that control over action under the law still largely remains with the local

administration, which is often behind the threats to journalists.

The committee includes Justice Aftab Alam, Justice Anjana Prakash, a retired judge of the Patna High Court, senior Supreme Court advocate Rajuram Chandran, Advocate General of Chhattisgarh High Court, DGP, Principal Secretary (Law Department), Chief Minister’s Media Advisor Ruchir Garg, Dainik Deshbandhu Chief Editor Lalit Surjan and Nagpur-based senior journalist Prakash Dubey as members.

A senior government official said, “Discussions will be held in Raipur, Bastar and Ambikapur. The meetings have been set up in a way that there

is time for journalists and journalist unions as well as common people separately. These suggestions will then be considered by the committee.”

The draft envisages a “Register of Mediapersons” for which an “Authority for the Registration of Mediapersons” will be set up, including senior journalists and officials of the Department of Public Relations.

The draft suggests the creation of a Committee for Protection of Mediapersons within 30 days of the Act coming into force. It is in the ambit of this committee to “deal with complaints of harassment, intimidation or violence, or unfair prosecution and arrests of mediapersons”. According to the draft, the committee will

EXPLAINED

Why the law is being drafted

IN CHHATTISGARH, especially in Bastar, journalists have often claimed to have been targeted by the government machinery, intimidated, harassed and unlawfully arrested. For the last few years, local journalists have rallied around the demand for a journalist protection law.

include a police officer not below the rank of the Additional DGP, Head of the Department

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY *Notice Inviting Tender*

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Lucknow invites Open tender through E-tendering system on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tendr in Single packet systems from Advertising Agencies in prescribed proforma to permit three years contract of Sole advertising rights for commercial publicity at Various Station of Lucknow Division, payment of EMD and Tender Fees is paying through net Banking payment gateway. Details of stations & Tender notice No., Reserve Price, EMD and Cost of bid document are as under:-

Sl. No.	Tender Notice No.	Station	Description of works	Estimated Value for 01 year (Reserve Price in Rs.)	Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.) through online payment	Cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable) (In Rs.) through online payment
1	29-2019-MBP- SOLE RIGHT	Mohibulapur	Sole right advertisement of Mohibulapur Station.	₹ 3,19,318/-	₹ 19,200/-	₹ 1,000/-
2	30-2019-STP- SOLE RIGHT	Sitapur	Sole right advertisement of Sitapur station.	₹ 5,64,447/-	₹ 33,900/-	₹ 2,000/-
3	31-2019-LMP- SOLE RIGHT	Lakhimpur	Sole right advertisement of Lakhimpur station.	₹ 2,11,870/-	₹ 12,800/-	₹ 1,000/-
4	32-2019-BRK- SOLE RIGHT	Bahraich	Sole right advertisement of Bahraich station.	₹ 2,57,047/-	₹ 15,500/-	₹ 1,000/-
5	33-2019-JKNI- SOLE RIGHT	Jharkhandi	Sole right advertisement of Jharkhandi station.	₹ 1,81,637/-	₹ 10,900/-	₹ 1,000/-
6	34-2019-BLP- SOLE RIGHT	Balrampur	Sole right advertisement of Balrampur station.	₹ 2,50,013/-	₹ 15,100/-	₹ 2,000/-

• Date and Time of Closing of Tender Upto 14:00 hrs. on 18-12-2019, • Date and Time of Tender Opening Upto 15:00 hrs. on 18-12-2019, • Validity of Tender: 45 days.
• Period of Contract: 03 years, • Website address: www.ireps.gov.in.
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About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955 Do not smoke Bidi/Cigarette in train.

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DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION, SUNDARGARH

(1st floor, DMF Office)
District Rural Development Agency,
Sundargarh - 770001.
Tel/Fax No. 06622-273846;
E-mail - dmsundargarh@gmail.com

Letter No. 760 / (DMF) Dated the 14/11/2019

RFP NO:- DMF/SNG/2019-20/05

The Collector-cum-Chairperson, District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Sundargarh, Government of Odisha invites technical and financial proposals from reputed implementing Agency / Firms of National and International repute for “**Selection of Agency for Establishment of Comprehensive Call Center at Sundargarh**” under DMF fund as detailed in the Scope of Work in this DTCN. The interested and eligible Firms with valid Registration Certificate as a Company, as detailed in DTCN, may apply for the same in OFF-LINE mode.
(For details visit www.sundargarh.nic.in)

1	Name of work	“Selection of Agency for Establishment of Comprehensive Call Center at Sundargarh”
2	Method of selection	QCBS
3	Joint venture / Consortium	No
4	Contacting authority	Chief Executive Officer, DMF, Sundargarh
5	Availability & Downloading of tender documents from the Website	16.11.2019 (11.00 A.M.) to 07.12.2019 (05.00 PM) Website : www.sundargarh.nic.in
6	Last date of bid submission	07.12.2019 till 5:00 PM
7	Cost of Bid Document	Rs.10,000/- to be submitted in shape of DD in favour of Chief Executive Officer, DMF, Sundargarh to be drawn at Sundargarh.
8	EMD	Rs.1,00,000/- to be submitted in shape of DD in favour of Chief Executive Officer, DMF, Sundargarh to be drawn at Sundargarh.
9	Submission of queries if any	Latest by 30.11.2019 (5.00 PM)
10	Opening of Technical & Financial Proposal	10.12.2019 at 11:00 AM
11	Validity of Proposal	90 days from the date of submission
12	Mode of submission	Through Speed Post / Registered Post (Indian Post) and no other means.
13	Address	Chief Executive Officer, District Mineral Foundation, Sundargarh (Odisha) - 770001 Email : dmsundargarh@gmail.com ; Tel: 06622-273846

Collector-cum-Chairperson DMF, Sundargarh.

उत्तर प्रदेश जल विद्युत निगम लिमिटेड
(उ.प्र. सरकार का उपक्रम)
कार्यालय अधिराणी अमियन्ता, ओबरा जल विद्युत गृह, ओबरा (सोनभद्र)

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online e-tenders are invited in two parts Namely Part-Ist (Technical Bid) and Part-IInd (Price Bid) up to 14:00 Hrs. on 12.12.2019 for the following work as listed below from the contractors having requisite work experience and financial capabilities. The tender documents can be downloaded from and uploaded on e-procurement website www.etender.up.nic.in. The tenderers will have to pay a non-refundable fee as the cost of tender documents before schedule time of opening of the tender Part-Ist inform of demand draft issued by nationalized bank of India in favour of Executive Engineer HOPS Obra, Sonbhadra (U.P.) Payable at Obra. Part-I Shall contain the pre-qualifying details, along with duly signed documentary evidences, technical & commercial terms and conditions, scanned copy of Earnest money in the form of FDR/TDR/CDR etc(Fixed) only in favour of Executive Engineer HOPS Obra, Sonbhadra (U.P.) Payable at Obra as well as demand draft towards tender fee. Part-IInd shall contain price bid only. Tenderers are requested to get themselves registered with U.P. Electronics corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow so as to obtain digital signatures for the participation. Undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof. The bids of the firms without Demand draft towards the cost of tender document and without Earnest Money deposit will not be opened. In the event of date specified for bids opening, being declared a holiday then bid shall be opened on next working day at schedule time.

1. Last date and time for submission of e-bids (Technical and Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in	12.12.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs
2. Last date and time for submission of Hard original documents of tender fee and earnest money along with copy of all other required certificates and documents in the undersigned office.	13.12.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs
3. Date and time of opening of e-bids (Part-Ist)	16.12.2019 at 14:00 Hrs
4. Date and time of opening of e-bids (Part-IInd)	Shall be intimated Later
5. Venue of opening Bid	Office of Executive Engineer, HOPS, Obra, Distt.-Sonbhadra (U.P.)

1. Tender Specification No: T-06/HOPS/2019-20
Name of Work : General Cleaning Work of 3x33MW capacity Hydel Obra Power Station, Obra, Sonbhadra (U.P.)
Earnest Money : Rs. 12,000/-, **Estimated Cost :** Rs. 5,98,000.00
Tender Cost : Rs. 1180/- including Taxes.

2. Tender Specification No: T-07/HOPS/2019-20
Name of Work : Round the clock Operation & Routine Maintenance of 2x20 Ton AC plant along-with Operation & routine Maintenance of DPH and switching ON/OFF exterior lights for one year at 3x33 MW Capacity HOPS, Obra, Sonbhadra (U.P.)
Earnest Money : Rs. 12,500/-, **Estimated Cost :** Rs. 6,21,000.00
Tender Cost : Rs. 1180/- including Taxes.

3. Tender Specification No: T-08/HOPS/2019-20
Name of Work : Hiring of 04 Nos. Taxi permit four wheel light vehicle Bolero/ Sumo/Xylo etc. (Diesel) with drivers round the clock for one year under EE Hydel Obra Power Station, Obra.
Earnest Money : Rs. 21,000/-, **Estimated Cost :** Rs. 10,48,000.00
Tender Cost : Rs. 1239/- including Taxes.

4. Tender Specification No: T-96/HOPS/2019-20
Name of Work : Hiring of 01 No. Bus (minimum capacity 18 seats) round the clock for one year for transportation of shift and maintenance staff working at HOPS under Executive Engineer HOPS Obra, Sonbhadra.
Earnest Money : Rs. 11,000/-, **Estimated Cost :** Rs. 5,25,000.00
Tender Cost : Rs. 1180/- including Taxes.

(एमकेओ गौतम)
अधिराणी अमियन्ता

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Nishu Kumari, D/o: Ravindra Kumar Singh, R/o: H.No. D-60, Pandav Nagar, Delhi, Aged: 14 years**, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Mandawali, Delhi since 10.07.2016 vide FIR No. 285/16 U/S 363 IPC, Dated 10.07.2016, has been lodged at P.S. Mandawali, Delhi.

Her physical description is as under:

**Nishu Kumari**

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5' feet, **Face:** Long, **Physique/Build:** Thin, **Clothing:** Pink colour top & Blue colour Jeans pant.

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

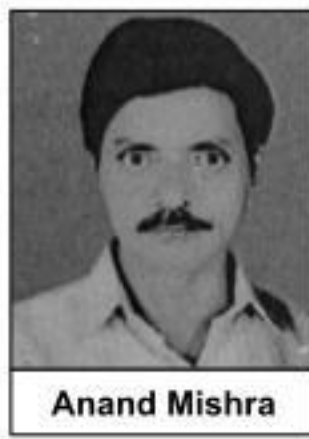
S.H.O**P.S. Mandawali, Delhi.**

DP/7114/ED/19.

Ph.: 011-22720808, 22720030, 8750870627

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Anand Mishra S/o Lt. Sh. Gopi Narayan R/o H.No.A-202, Near Radha Krishan Mandir, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi, **Aged-48** Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 16.10.2019 from the area of P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi vide **DD No.09-A dated 19.10.2019** lodged at Police Station Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Anand Mishra**

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'6", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Clothing:** Pink coloured Shirt, Grey coloured pant and Black coloured slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641

Sd/-

FAX No. : 011-24368639

SHO, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi

DP/764/ON/19

Tel.: 011-27811415, 27811738

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Virender S/o Diwan Singh R/o: House No. G-5/281, Near Mother Dairy, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **F.I.R. No. 541/16 u/s 379/411/427 IPC** registered at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Virender** could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Virender** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Virender** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **23.01.2020**.

By Order**Ms. Richa Sharma,****Metropolitan Magistrate, (North)**

DP/778/ON/19

(Court Notice)

Room No. 306, Rohini Courts, Delhi**Appeal for Identification**

General public is hereby informed that one male **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 40 Years, **Height:** 5', **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Without Clothes, **Place of Recovery:** Found dead on 05.11.2019 from footpath HC. Sen Road Near Gandhi Maidan Parking, Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 27-A, dated 05.11.2019** has been lodged at Kotwali Police Station, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO**PS. Kotwali, Delhi**

DP/617/N/19

Ph.: 011-23977100, 23953442

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IFB No.GCE/TEQIP-III/2019/421

Date: 15.11.2019

CORRIGENDUM

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PROCUREMENT OF SEM (SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE)
This is in reference to Tender Notice No.GCEK/TEQIP-III/2019/364 Dated 25.09.2019 published on 26.09.2019 for procurement of equipment Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM). The Pre-Bid Meeting was held on **15.10.2019**. As decided by the Expert Committee after the Pre-Bid Meeting suggestions from various firms, some changes have been made in the specification of SEM of the Tender Document.

For revised specification, please visit the website link <http://www.gcekr.ac.in/tenders/>. The Last Date for the submission has also been extended up to **05.12.2019** till **10:00 AM** and Tender Opening time will be at **12:00 Noon** on the same day. Tender opening meeting will be organized in the Office of HOD, Mechanical Engineering, Government College of Engineering, Keonjhar at **12:00 Noon** on **05.12.2019**. Sd/-
Principal

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age:** 40 years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'4", **ID Mark:** A tattoo mark on his right arm, was wearing Red & Blue Jacket & Bare feet, was found dead at Company Bagh, Chandni Chowk, Kotwali, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 28-A, dated 28.10.2019**, has been lodged at **P.S. Kotwali, Delhi**.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO**P.S. Kotwali, Delhi**

DP/622/N/19

Ph.: 011-23977100, 23921740

‘STARVATION DEATHS’**Govt calls for postmortem after each death at Bru camps in Tripura****DEEPTIMANTIWARY**
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

FOLLOWING REPORTS of starvation deaths from Bru refugee camps in Tripura, the Centre has asked the Tripura government to ensure that every death — irrespective of the cause stated by the family of the deceased — is followed by a postmortem.

Sources said the Centre believes that reports of starvation deaths are being exaggerated by the refugees as they do not want to leave the camps and go to Mizoram.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has stopped ration allowance for Bru refugee camps from October as they were supposed to have shifted to Mizoram following an agreement signed between community leaders, the Centre and the governments of Tripura and Mizoram. However, after the reports of starvation deaths, the Tripura government has again started providing rations to the refugees.

“The ration supply was stopped because adequate arrangements were made in Mizoram in accordance with the package agreed to in the final settlement. The people must go back to Mizoram. However, since the refugees are alleging starvation deaths, it has been decided that every dead body will be sent for postmortem so that actual cause of death can be ascertained. These would include natural deaths as

well,” a central government official said.

Sources in the Tripura government said that based on the claims of the refugees, ration supply has been started and the deadline for repatriation to Mizoram has been extended to November 30. “But we believe that these claims of starvation deaths are being made to put pressure on the government to let these camps continue. That is why we want a post-mortem for every dead body. People are reluctant to shift to Mizoram. Some have genuine fear of persecution. Others are used to living here and do not want to begin a new life in Mizoram. There is also an element of local politics. Earlier, they would not even report normal deaths so as to continue getting the rations in the name of the deceased,” said a state government source.

Six members of the Reang or Bru community have reportedly died in relief camps in Tripura since October 1, after the Centre decided to stop food supplies and cash dole. They were among 32,000 Brus living in these camps since 1997, when they fled their homes in Mizoram. While community members have claimed that these were starvation deaths, the administration has denied the claims.

In June 2018, community leaders from the Bru camps signed an agreement in Delhi with the Centre and the two state governments, providing for repatriation in Mizoram. But most

camp residents rejected the terms of the agreement as “insufficient”. Only 5,000 have gone back and the ongoing ninth phase has succeeded in sending back only about 700 of the remaining 32,000. The camp residents say the package does not guarantee their safety in Mizoram. They have demanded resettlement in cluster villages, among other things.

After a series of meetings over repatriation failed to make headway, the government suspended food supplies. It offered a final package, which expires on November 30: Rs 25,000 for each family that accepts the package and gets ready to be repatriated within two days. This did not find any takers either.

Rations were stopped twice in the past, including in October 2018. These decisions came right before a phase of repatriation was about to start.

Bru or Reang is a community indigenous to Northeast India, living mostly in Tripura, Mizoram and Assam. In Tripura, they are recognised as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group. In Mizoram, they have been targeted by groups that do not consider them indigenous to the state. In 1997, following ethnic clashes, nearly 37,000 Brus fled Mamit, Kolasib and Lunglei districts of Mizoram and were accommodated in relief camps in Tripura. Since then, 5,000 have returned to Mizoram in eight phases of repatriation, while 32,000 still live in six relief camps in North Tripura.

Express reporter wins award for reports on medical malpractices**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15**Kaunain Sheriff M**

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M, principal correspondent with *The Indian Express*, has won the national award named after Dr Mangalam Swaminathan, a former journalist and art lover. Sheriff has been chosen for the National Award for Excellence in Medical Malpractices Investigation.

Announcing the first awards of the foundation, R Balashankar, Chairman and Managing Trustee, said, “The Indian Express serial stories on Johnson & Johnson by Kaunain Sheriff has caught national attention and international expose and made a big change in the practice of medical behaviour and cost in the country,” he said.

In August last year, *The Indian Express* first reported on how the US pharma giant buried key facts on the faulty hip implant surgeries and kept the regulator in the dark. The stories also revealed that over 3,600 patients with faulty hip implants remained untraceable, and that at least four deaths have been reported from among those who underwent surgeries using these devices.

The award ceremony will be held on November 29 in New Delhi.

**Tora Agarwala after the award ceremony in Chennai.****PoleStar award for Express reporter for feature on Hima**

New Delhi: Tora Agarwala, Assistant Editor with *The Indian Express*, has won the PoleStar Award for the ‘Best Good News Feature’.

Agarwala was given the award for her report ‘Hima Das, the girl who chases time’ at the 21st Annual PoleStar Awards, which were conducted in Chennai on Friday.

The chief guest of the event was S Ramadorai, former chairman, National Skill Development Corporation. Arun Jain, founder of PoleStar Foundation and Chairman and Managing Director, Intellect Design Arena Limited, was also present along with other dignitaries from industry, media and academia.

The PoleStar Foundation was set up in 1998 to recognise excellence in journalism in India.

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Bihar State Milk Co-operative Federation Ltd.
DAIRY DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX, P.O. - BIHAR VETERINARY COLLEGE, PATNA-800014 (BIHAR)
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NIT No : Comfed-Engg-4132 Date : 04.11.2019

1. Name & address of advertiser: Managing Director, Bihar State Milk cooperative Federation Ltd., Dairy Development Complex, PO-BV, College, Patna 800014. 2. Date of issue of e - tender notice: 20.11.2019 (Wednesday) 3. Period for down loading the tender document : From 21.11.2019 (Thursday) to 11.12.2019 (Wednesday) up to 17.00 hours through above website. 4. Date & time of pre bid meeting : 30.11.2019 (Saturday) at 11.00 noon at COMFED Hqr, Dairy Development Complex, P.O. - B.V. College, Patna - 800014. 5. Last date & time for uploading tender Documents by the bidders: 13.12.2019 (Friday) up to 17.00 Hours on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in 6. Last date, time & place for submission of original instrument of EMD & cost of tender: 16.12.2019 (Monday) up to 15.00 Hours at COMFED Hqr, Dairy Development Complex, P.O.-B.V. College, Patna-800014. 7. Date, time & place of opening of Techno commercial bid : 16.12.2019 (Monday) up to 15.30 Hours on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in 8. Date & time of opening of price bid : Date & time will be communicated later subsequent to approval of techno commercial bid Place - www.eproc.bihar.gov.in 9. Validity : 180 Days (One hundred eighty days). 10. Details of work :

Sl. No.	Name of the work/ item	Estimated cost	Cost of tender document (Non refundable)	Earnest money to be deposited (In ₹)	Bid processing fees to be paid through on line (Non refundable)	Completion period
1	Supply, Installation, Testing & commissioning and mounting of 10 KL Liquid Nitrogen Tanker Barrel on chassis -02 Nos as per technical specification. (The size & Model of suitable Chassis to be indicated by successful bidder. Chassis is in scope of COMFED.)	₹ 50.00 Lakh	₹ 5,000.00	₹ 1,00,000.00	₹ 1000.00 + taxes	06 months & 15 days.

11. For participation in the above e- tender process the bidders are required to get themselves registered as per details given at www.eproc.bihar.gov.in so that the user ID, Password and digital signatures are issued to them.
12. Tender Document can be seen and purchased from web site www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.
The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Managing Director

MAGH MELA 2020

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Notice Inviting E-Tender- For Appointment of Agency to Provide Public Address System, Empanelment of Catering Services Agencies, Hiring of Boats and Selection of agency for Parking Facility Management at Magh Mela, 2020 by Prayagraj Mela Authority

The Prayagraj Mela Authority Invites Bids for Tender No. **10/MM 2019-20** for "Appointment of Agency to Provide Analog Centralized and Standalone Public Address Systems for Magh Mela 2020", Tender No. **13/MM 2019-20** for "Empanelment of Catering Services Agencies for Prayagraj Mela Authority", Tender No. **17/MM 2019-20** for "Hiring of Boats for Magh Mela 2020" and Tender No. **18/MM 2019-20** for "Selection of agency for Parking Facility Management at Magh Mela, 2020". The Request for Proposal Documents shall be made available from the Uttar Pradesh E- Procurement website <https://etender.up.nic.in> on 16/11/2019 for Tender No. 10/MM 2019-20, Tender No. 13/MM 2019-20 and on 18/11/2019 for Tender No. 17/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 18/MM 2019-20. Interested parties may download/upload their proposal from 1700 hrs 16/11/2019 till 1200 hrs 22/11/2019 for Tender No. 10/MM 2019-20, Tender No. 13/MM 2019-20 and from 1000 hrs 18/11/2019 till 1200 hrs 08/12/2019 for Tender No. 17/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 18/MM 2019-20 via Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). The bids received by interested parties shall be opened in the presence of the respective bidders at 1500 Hrs on 22/11/2019 for Tender No. 10/MM 2019-20, Tender No. 13/MM 2019-20 and at 1600 Hrs on 08/12/2019 for Tender No. 17/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 18/MM 2019-20. Details regarding the tender shall be made available on <https://etender.up.nic.in>

District Magistrate, Prayagraj**/Vice Chairperson,****Prayagraj Mela Authority**

Act against urban Naxals: Shah to CRPF HC grants Navlakha protection from arrest till December 2

Home Minister calls for decisive campaign against LWE in six months, focus on road connectivity

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Friday asked the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to not only fight terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and Maoist rebels in central India, but also go after "urban Naxals".

"The Home Minister directed the CRPF to carry out an effective and decisive campaign against Left Wing Extremism in the next six months. Action needs to be taken against the urban Naxals and their facilitators. The Home Minister emphasised that the road connectivity and medical infrastructure in LWE areas should be upgraded," a statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs said.

The statement comes in the backdrop of the arrest by

Maharashtra police of civil rights activists in connection with the Bhima Koregaon matter for allegedly supporting Maoists. Shah has on multiple occasions said that his government has no sympathy for "urban Maoists" who allegedly support subversive movements.

"Left-wing violence was initially considered as ideological and gullible people were misguided to kill others. I don't consider these urban Maoists as ideologists. These people are the supporters and propaganda agents of the Maoist elements unleashing terror in tribal region and using the poor tribal people. We have no sympathy towards them. We will deal with them sternly," Shah had said in the Lok Sabha during a debate on a Bill to amend the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act in July.



Amit Shah

The minister made his latest statements on his maiden visit to the CRPF headquarters at the CGO complex on Friday. Following the visit, Shah tweeted: Visited the @crpfndia headquarters in New Delhi. CRPF personnel have always lived upto their motto of 'Seva and Nishtha' by protecting our nation at different terrains. I salute the courage & bravery of CRPF personnel and their fami-

lies. We are proud of their exemplary valour."

Shah was apprised of the organisational structure of the CRPF and its special forces by force DG R R Bhatnagar in a presentation. A detailed presentation was also made on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, sources said.

"The Home Minister directed that effective action should be taken against the terrorists and Law and Order be maintained. He also directed that the Civic Action Programmes be carried out, besides organising sports and tours. The CRPF should also reach out to the villagers and assist them in obtaining the benefits of many central schemes which are applicable to them, he said. Proper Winter provisioning for the forces should be done and their welfare looked after. He also appreciated the perform-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 15

THE BOMBAY High Court on Friday granted activist Gautam Navlakha interim protection from arrest till December 2 when the court is expected to hear anticipatory bail pleas of Navlakha and activist and professor Anand Teltumbde, both charged under UAPA sections in the Elgar Parishad case.

Navlakha moved the High Court on Wednesday after a special court in Pune turned down his anticipatory bail application and refused to grant further interim protection from arrest.

Justice Prakash Naik observed on Friday that the cases of Navlakha and Teltumbde arise from the same offence and their petitions are being contested on the common issue of maintain-



Gautam Navlakha

ability and hence, it would be appropriate to hear them together.

"The applicant (Navlakha) needs to be protected due to apprehension of arrest. Until December 2, applicant should not be arrested," Justice Naik said.

While the court had asked if the matters could be preponed, Teltumbde's counsel Mihir Desai expressed difficulty in attending the hearing before December 2.

The court, therefore, listed both anticipatory bail applications on December 2.

Special public prosecutor Aruna Kamat Pai opposed the grant of protection from arrest to Navlakha and said judicial propriety demanded that he seek extension of the interim protection before the Supreme Court that granted him interim protection till November 12 while hearing his petition for quashing the FIR filed against him.

Navlakha's counsel Yug Chaudhry, who cited Teltumbde's case and sought interim protection on parity, said the argument of seeking interim protection before the Supreme Court "made no sense" because the proceedings before the Supreme Court had been disposed of and he had approached the High Court after the special court in Pune turned down his anticipatory bail plea.

Latest arrests in Kushinagar mosque blast case: Ex-Major, his grandfather

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 15

FOUR DAYS after an explosion occurred at a mosque at Bairagipatti village in Turpatti police station area of UP's Kushinagar district on Monday afternoon, a former Army Major and his grandfather — prime accused in the case — were arrested on Friday, taking the total number of arrests to six.

Main accused Qutubuddin Ansari and his grandson Dr Ashfaq, former Army Major (Medical Corps), had been on the run since the blast.

Ansari, a retired government official, was wanted for keeping explosives inside the mosque, which triggered the blast.

The police had arrested the mosque's cleric, Maulana Azeemuddin (28), who hails from West Bengal, and three local residents, Izhar, Aashiq and Javed, on Wednesday, for their alleged involvement in the incident. They were produced in a local court, which sent them to jail. On Thursday, the police obtained a permission to take them in its remand.

The four accused were taken in police custody for 48 hours starting Friday morning. The police are also searching for another local resident Munna who has also been named in the FIR lodged in the case.

Inspector General, Gorakhpur Range, Jai Narain Singh, said all six accused, including Ansari and Ashfaq, are presently being questioned.

Police said at first Azeemuddin had informed police that Ansari had kept a bag containing explosives in the mosque.

"During questioning, however, Ansari denied keeping the explosives in the mosque. When Azeemuddin was asked again during questioning, he changed his earlier statement and claimed he was not aware of who brought the explosives to the mosque. Ansari and Azeemuddin were also confronted, but nothing came out so far," said a police officer who is part of the investigation.

UP Police also checked the antecedents of Azeemuddin from West Bengal but did not find anything suspicious about him.

UP DGP Om Prakash Singh said it is too early to ascertain the motive behind the incident and that investigation is on.

The police are now waiting for forensic reports on the explosion fragments, which were picked up from the spot.

A police officer said Ashfaq was present at the mosque when the blast took place on Monday afternoon. The blast caused damage to the walls and glasses in the building.

"Dr Ashfaq retired from the post of Army Major (Medical Corps) two years back. He was last posted in Hyderabad," said Kushinagar Superintendent of Police Vinod Kumar Mishra, adding that Ashfaq's wife, who is also a doctor, is still in Indian Army and posted in Hyderabad.

When contacted, Bairagipatti village's pradhan Sachidanand Tiwari said Ansari and his family shifted to Mau district long time back. "Ansari and Ashfaq used to visit the village twice a month to look after their ancestral properties. Ansari used to hold meetings with locals and youths from outside at his house."

ALLEGATIONS OF MONEY-LAUNDERING

Kerala HC directs that ED be impleaded in case involving IUML leader

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 15

THE KERALA High Court on Friday directed that the Enforcement Directorate be impleaded in a petition seeking a probe into money-laundering allegations involving senior Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) legislator and former public works minister V K Ibrahim Kunju.

Kunju is already under the scanner of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB) in a corruption case related to the construction of a flyover in Kochi, which has become unfit for traffic within three years of its opening in 2016.

The HC's direction on Friday came after petitioner Girish Babu G alleged that during demonetisation, Rs 10 crore was deposited into a Punjab National Bank (PNB) account in Kochi, maintained by IUML mouthpiece Chandrika. The depositor Sameer as well as Kunju have been members of the director board of the daily. Besides, several crores of rupees (amount not

specified) were deposited into an account of the newspaper with SBI.

Babu has alleged that the illegal gains made by Kunju in corrupt dealings during construction works undertaken by PWD had been parked with Chandrika daily's accounts as benami deposits. Former PWD secretary TO Sooraj, who had been arrested in the flyover case, too had amassed illegal wealth and had used the same for purchasing properties.

The VACB on Friday verbally told the court that the agency has come to know about the transaction of Rs 10 crore to the account of Chandrika daily, but did not probe Kunju.

When the petitioner demanded that a thorough probe was required to expose the links between the dubious transactions and the flyover scam, the HC mentioned that there is an element of money-laundering in the case.

Subsequently, the court ordered that the Enforcement Directorate be impleaded in the issue and the petitioner was told to move an application in this regard.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

All concerned are informed that as per Rule 104 of CMVR, 1989 the eligibility criteria for the fitment of retro reflective tapes, rear marking plates and circular reflectors to the Transport Vehicles in the State is available on the website of the Department (www.haryanatransport.gov.in).

All the manufacturers and their subsidiaries as well as Authorised Distributors/ Dealers of retro reflective tapes, rear marking plates and circular reflectors having the type approval certificate from authorized testing agencies approved by the Government of India will submit the following details to the Transport Commissioner for communication of the same to all the Registering Authorities in the State:-

- Name of the Manufacturers and their subsidiaries/ Authorised Distributors/ Dealers.
- Name of the authorized testing agency.
- Type Approval Certificate with number and date along with its date of validity.
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Sd/- Transport Commissioner, Haryana.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ADVERTISEMENT NO. 02/2019(R-II)
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DR/01	B	Assistant Security Officer (A)	05	01	08	02	03	19 @	As on last date of receipt of application-18 to 27 years (Relaxation in upper age limit:- SC/ST : 05 years, OBC : 03 years).	₹ 35400 (Level-6) + admissible allowances
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DIRECTOR GENERAL NAVAL PROJECT NAVAL DOCKYARD, MUMBAI (DGNP (MBI) OUTSOURCING OF TECHNO-LEGAL CONSULTANT / ADVISOR ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS

- Applications are invited by Director General Naval Project, Mumbai [DGNP (MBI)] from individuals/firms for hiring as Techno-Legal Consultant/ Advisor for preparation and defence of two arbitration cases of DGNP (MBI) for which notice has been issued. The period of engagement shall be 24 months which may be extended on mutually acceptable terms and conditions.
- The advertisement, giving detailed Scope of Work and Qualification and Experience, has been published in the Government Employment News Paper dated 16 Nov 19.
- Interested & Eligible bidders may submit their technical and price bids in two separate covers (clearly super scribed as Technical Bid and Price Bid respectively) with complete information along with all supporting documents in closed envelope super scribed as 'Application for engagement as Techno-Legal Consultant/ Advisor in DGNP (MBI)', at the following address:
Director General Naval Project (MBI)
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Mumbai - 400023
- The last date of submission of Applications is **16 Dec 19** till 1500 hrs. Applications received thereafter whether by Post/Courier or by hand deliver or otherwise will not be entertained. For any query/clarifications Cdr Mahesh Mukhedkar, JD (DM) on 022-22751258/22751261 may be contacted.

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CANCELLATION / TEMPORARY CHANGE IN TERMINAL / EXTENSION OF TRAIN(S)

In order to further strengthen the existing infrastructure and for smooth train operations, Northern Railway will undertake the works of replacement of sleepers and repair of washable apron at P.F. no. 1 of Hazrat Nizamuddin Station. To execute these works, Northern Railway will take power and traffic blocks up to 18.11.2019. Consequently, the following trains will temporarily be affected as under :-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS	
Train No. & Name	Date of Cancellation (from originating station)
64420 Ghaziabad-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64419 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Ghaziabad EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64088 Hazrat Nizamuddin-New Delhi EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64093 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Shakurbasti EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64096 Shakurbasti-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64087 Hazrat Nizamuddin-New Delhi EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64090 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64092 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	upto 18.11.2019

TEMPORARY CHANGE IN ORIGINATING STATION OF TRAIN		
Train No. & Train Name	Train to originate from	Date from originating station
12190 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Jabalpur Mahakoshal Express	From New Delhi Railway Station instead of Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station	upto 19.11.2019

EXTENSION OF TRAIN

12189 Jabalpur-Hazrat Nizamuddin Mahakoshal Epxress will be extended to New Delhi Railway Station upto 18.11.2019. It will terminate its journey at New Delhi instead of Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station.

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Government of Tamilnadu
TAMILNADU MOTOR VEHICLES MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT, VELACHERY, CHENNAI-600 042

Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department is proposed to sell the following items, through e-auction conducted by M/s.MSTC Ltd., as per the schedule given below:

Sl.No.	Item	Auction Period
1.	Condemned vehicles	December - 2019 February - 2020 April - 2020 June - 2020 August - 2020 October - 2020
2.	Condemned Batteries & Waste oil	March - 2020 September - 2020
3.	Old scrap items (Iron, aluminium, ----- tinkering pieces & electrical)	April - 2020 October - 2020
4.	Old tyres (Radial) & two wheelers only	January - 2020 July - 2020

The details regarding the date of e-Auction and other conditions may be viewed in the websites of www.mstcecommerce.com & www.tenders.tn.gov.in during the period of auction.

Sd/- K. Senthilvel,
Director (I/c)

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विज्ञप्ति

एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उत्तराखण्ड न्यायिक सेवा सिविल जज (जूजिडि) परीक्षा-2019 के अन्तर्गत मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु सफल अभ्यर्थियों को विज्ञप्ति संख्या: 243/25/E-2/CJ-JD/2018-19 दिनांक 04 अक्टूबर, 2019 द्वारा मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु परीक्षा शुल्क जमा करते हुए ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र सहित समस्त शैक्षणिक/आस्थापन संबंधी अभिलेख दिनांक 25 अक्टूबर, 2019 तक आयोग कार्यालय में उपलब्ध कराये जाने हेतु निर्दिष्ट किया गया था।

उक्त के क्रम में अभ्यर्थियों से प्राप्त अभिलेखों की सन्निरीक्षा उपरांत ऐसे अभ्यर्थियों की सूची जिनके अभिलेखों में कतिपय कमियां विद्यमान है, आयोग की वेबसाइट www.ukpsc.gov.in पर प्रसारित की जा रही है। उक्त अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा दिनांक 30 नवम्बर, 2019 (सायं 06:00 बजे) तक वांछित अभिलेख सविध, उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, हरिद्वार के कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत किया जाना अनिवार्य है, जिसमें फिफल रहने पर अभ्यर्थियों को मुख्य परीक्षा में प्रवेश प्रदान नहीं किया जायेगा तथा परीक्षा से अनर्ह घोषित कर दिया जायेगा।

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-Sd-
(राजेश्वर कुमार) सचिव

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) CGO Complex, New Delhi
National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs
Notice inviting Expression of Interest for empanelment of Training Partners from organizations having infrastructure as per training center guidelines of the Department
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), invites Expression of Interest (Eoi) from eligible organizations having infrastructure as per skill training center guidelines of this Department for "Empanelment to conduct placement linked skill training for Persons with Disabilities under National Action Plan under SIPDA".

The pro-forma of Eoi can be downloaded from the "Skill Development for PwDs" section of the website of the Department: www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in

Training Center guideline is also available under "Circular/ Notification" section of the same website. Interested organizations (Govt. organisations/Non Govt Organisations/Universities/ Private training organisations etc.) may submit their Eoi latest by 20th December, 2019 at the below mentioned address: The Under Secretary (Skill), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), 5th Floor, B Wing, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003, Email- disabilityskillnap@gmail.com

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13 FOURTH RAMNATH GOENKA LECTURE



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar delivers the Fourth Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture in New Delhi on Thursday, November 14. Praveen Khanna

‘How do you reconcile Howdy Modi and Mamallapuram? Look beyond dogma’

Excerpts from Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. [Full text on www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

IT is a great privilege to deliver the 4th Ramnath Goenka Lecture. As you all just heard, he had a well-deserved reputation for saying what needed to be said. It is in that spirit that I address you all today.

Albert Einstein is best known for his theory of relativity. Had he opted for a career in political science, he could have actually easily been famous for a theory of insanity. His definition of that state of mind was doing the same thing over and over again — and expecting different results. A corollary of that is to do the same thing in different situations — and then expect the same results. This is important to recognise at a moment in world politics when many of our long-held assumptions no longer hold true. If the world is different, we need to think, talk and engage accordingly. Falling back on the past is unlikely to help with the future...

If the landscape looks very different today, so do India's partners. The relevance of the US or China is far more than anytime earlier. The Russian relationship has defied odds by remaining incredibly steady. Japan has become an important factor in our calculations. The rediscovery of Europe is again underway, with France now a critical strategic partner. The Gulf has been bridged in an extraordinarily effective manner. ASEAN has grown closer, and Australia's relevance is more apparent. Africa is the focus of development assistance and opening of new Embassies. And as you would have noted from the recent UN General Assembly, our outreach extends from South America and the Caribbean to the South Pacific and Baltics. Closer home, there is an unprecedented investment in the neighborhood whose consequences are becoming apparent. Put together, the scale and intensity of our global engagement would be difficult to recognise for someone dealing with it even a few years ago.

The issues and relationships are different, so too is the argumentation. So, the first caution is to avoid obsessing about consistency, because it makes little sense in such changing circumstances. There is certainly a place for constants, but not to the extent of elevating them to immutable concepts. On the contrary, it is only by recognising change that we are in a position to exploit opportunities. The purposeful pursuit of national interest in shifting global dynamics may not be easy; but it must be done. And the real obstacle to the rise of India is not anymore the barriers of the world,

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Now, evidence strongly supports the view that India has advanced its interests effectively when it made hard-headed assessments of contemporary geopolitics. And even more so when it did not hesitate to break with its past. The 1971 Bangladesh war, the 1992 economic and political repositioning, the 1998 nuclear tests or the 2005 India-US nuclear deal are instructive examples. Indeed, it is only through a series of disruptions that India was able to bring about decisive shifts in its favour. In contrast, the pursuit of an apparently consistent course despite changing circumstances often led us to lose the plot. This was the case with engaging China in the 1950s as part of a larger post-colonial front, even as political differences

sharpened over a boundary dispute and a Tibet complication. The experience with Pakistan was similar, despite that country moving to greater reliance on terrorism. To some extent, this is a debate about realism and hard security. What it really suggests is a need for an un-sentimental audit of Indian foreign policy.

India's record includes dark moments like the 1962 defeat against China. Or tense ones like the 1965 war with Pakistan where the outcome hung in balance till the very end. And the more triumphal ones such as the 1971 victory which created Bangladesh. There are enough dichotomies in our past to generate a spirited debate on successes and failures. A misreading of geopolitics and economics upto 1991 stands out in contrast to the reformist policies thereafter. Two decades of nuclear indecision ended dramatically with the tests of 1998. The lack of response to 26/11 is so different from the Uri and Balakot operations. Whether it is events or trends, they all bear scrutiny for the lessons they hold. If we look back at this journey of independent India, the growth in its capabilities and influence should not conceal the missed chances and shortcomings. The roads not taken may often be an exercise in imagination. But equally, they are a sign of honest introspection...

How has Indian foreign policy evolved since Independence? Understanding that is done best by dividing into six broad phases, each a response to a different strategic environment. The first phase from 1946-62 could be characterised as an era of optimistic non-alignment. Its setting was very much of a bipolar world, with camps led by the United States and the USSR. India's objectives were to resist the constraining of its choices and dilution of its sovereignty as it rebuilt its economy and consolidated its integrity. Its parallel goal, as the first of the decolonised nations, was to lead Asia and Africa in a quest for a more equitable world order... For a few years, our position on the world stage seemed assured. The 1962 conflict with China not only brought this period to an end, but in a manner that significantly damaged India's standing.

The second phase from 1962-71 is a decade of realism and recovery... [India] looked beyond non-alignment in the interest of national security, concluding a now largely forgotten defence agreement with the US in 1964. External pressures on Kashmir mounted

in this period of vulnerability. The global context remained bipolar, but it now saw the emergence of limited cooperation between the US and USSR. South Asia happened to be a particular area of convergence and Indian diplomacy had to face the superpowers together, as it did in Tashkent in 1965. It was also a period when domestic challenges were particularly acute, ranging from political turbulence to economic distress. But for our purposes, what is important is that even though the stress levels were higher, we came through an anxious period without too much damage.

The third phase, from 1971 to 1991, was one of greater Indian regional assertion. It started with the decisive dismantlement of an India-Pakistan equivalence through creation of

Bangladesh, but ended with the IPKF misadventure in Sri Lanka. The larger environment by now was dramatically different, with the Sino-US rapprochement of 1971 upending the strategic landscape. The Indo-Soviet Treaty and the adoption of more pro-Soviet positions on international issues were India's response to this challenge. It was a particularly complex phase as the US-China-Pakistan axis which came into being at this time seriously threatened India's prospects... The collapse of USSR, its close ally, and the not unconnected economic crisis in 1991 compelled us to look again at the first principles of both domestic and foreign policy.

The dissolution of the USSR and the emergence of a "unipolar" world characterised the fourth phase. It encouraged a radical rethink in India on a broad range of issues. And it shifted focus to safeguarding strategic autonomy. If India opened up economically more to the world, its reflection was also evident in new diplomatic priorities and approaches. The Look East policy summarised the changed Indian approach to world affairs, which also saw adjustments in its position on Israel. This is a period where India reached out to engage the US more intensively, yet did so while protecting its equities in critical areas. This quest for strategic autonomy was particularly focused on securing its nuclear weapon option, but also visible in trade negotiations. By the turn of the century, enough had happened for India to now shift gear again and move to a higher level. After 1998, it was now a declared nuclear weapon power, had fended off Pakistan's military adventurism again in Kargil in 1999, generated enough economic growth to be of global interest, and managed well a United States that was focusing more on developments in Asia and the consequences of Islamic fundamentalism.

[The] fifth phase is one where India gradually acquired the attributes of a balancing power. It is reflected in the India-US nuclear deal as well as a better understanding with the West at large. At the same time, India could also make common cause with China on climate change and trade, and consolidate further ties with Russia while helping to fashion BRICS into a major forum...

A number of developments came together to change calculations by 2014, initiating the sixth phase. To begin with, China gathered more momentum and the terms of engagement it offered to the world progressively hardened... At the other extreme, the American trumpet sounded increasingly uncertain... For its part, Europe too turned increasingly inwards, not appreciating that political agnosticism would have its own cost... The full impact of the 2008 financial crisis and global economic rebalancing made itself felt in a variety of ways. As the world saw a wider dispersal of power and more localised equations, it was evident that multi-polarity was now seriously upon us. Clearly, this called for a very different approach than practising politics with a more limited set of dominant players...

So what does the past teach us?...

Overcoming many challenges, India consolidated its national unity and integrity... However, the fact remains that even after seven decades of independence, many of our borders remain unsettled. In the economic sphere, we may look good when benchmarked against our own past. It seems a little different when compared to China or South East Asia. So what really matters is to develop a sharp awareness about our own performance. And the lessons of that exercise can be captured in five baskets of issues.

The first relates to the need for greater realism in policy. International relations are very much a test of will. Swami Vivekananda perceptively described the world as a gymnasium where nations come to make themselves strong... The early misreading of Pakistan's intentions can perhaps be explained away by lack of experience. But the reluctance to attach overriding priority to securing borders even a decade later is much more difficult to justify. It was not just that the challenges of 1962 were unanticipated. It was more that a diplomacy focused on world politics did not give it the primacy it deserved. Somewhere, there was an implicit but deeply entrenched belief that India's high standing in world affairs was protection enough against global turbulence and competitive politics. It was, therefore, at some cost that we discovered that outcomes can be decided as much on the field as at conferences...

There was little awareness in the 1950s that we were dealing with a battle-hardened neighbour to the North. Or indeed of the strategic significance of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir... In 1972 at Shimla, India chose to bet on an optimistic outlook on Pakistan... It resulted in both a revanchist Pakistan and a continuing problem in Jammu & Kashmir. That it has taken us so long to link talks with Pakistan to cessation of terrorism speaks for itself...

The economic counterpart of these concerns constitute a second basket. If one considers all the major growth stories since 1945, a common feature was the extraordinary focus that they put on leveraging the global environment... Much of India's industrialisation and capacities in other domains were direct achievements of collaborations enabled by diplomacy. Steel, nuclear industry, higher education and computing are some examples. This held true even more for the post-1991 reform period and the shift eastwards of India's economic centre of gravity. The interconnection between diplomacy, strategy and economic capabilities is, however, not self-evident. As in security, it is important to distinguish between cause and effect. The economy drives diplomacy; not the other way around. Few would argue that the reforms of the 1990s and greater openness have served us well. But as we then extrapolated it onto free trade agreements with South-East and East Asia, the proposition has become more challengeable... The growing deficit numbers are a stark reality. More importantly, their negative impact on industry at home is impossible to deny. And

China, of course, poses a special trade challenge even without an FTA.

In this background, the recent debate about the RCEP offers lessons in foreign policy as much as in the trade domain. On the one hand, we should not go back to the old dogmas of economic autarky and import substitution. But at the same time, embracing the new dogma of globalisation without a cost-benefit analysis is equally dangerous. What we saw in Bangkok was a clear-eyed calculation of the gains and costs of entering a new arrangement. We negotiated till the very end, as indeed we should. Then, knowing what was on offer, we took a call. And that call was that no agreement at this time was better than a bad agreement...

Any quest to maximise options and expand space naturally requires engaging multiple players. Conceptually, this third basket is a given in Indian foreign policy since there is a basic consensus about nurturing our independence. While it has served us very well in the first decade of a bipolar world, we also discovered the associated danger of being left short on all accounts. As India saw in 1962, the best of both worlds is easier imagined than realised. In the periods thereafter, the distance from one pole was also not automatically compensated by the other. Sometimes, global circumstances required us — as in 1971 — to lean on one side, just as China itself did in 1950 and 1971. As a general rule, extracting more from the international system depends on the bigger picture and a zero-sum game cannot be an assumption... Hedging is a delicate exercise, whether it is the non-alignment and strategic autonomy of earlier periods, or multiple engagements of the future. But there is no getting away from it in a multi-polar world. This is a game best played on the front-foot,

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appreciating that progress on any one front strengthens one's hand on all others. In that sense, it is having many balls up in the air at the same time and displaying the confidence and dexterity to drop none. To the uninitiated or the anachronistic, the pursuit of apparently contradictory approaches and objectives may seem baffling. How do you reconcile a Howdy Modi, a Mamallapuram and a Vladivostok? Or the RIC (Russia-India-China) with JAI (Japan-America-India)? Or the Quad with the SCO? An Iran with the Saudis or Israel with Palestine? The answer is in a willingness to look beyond dogma and enter the real world of convergences. Think of it, not just as arithmetic but as calculus. This new game is a challenge for practitioners and analysts alike, but one that must be mastered to forge ahead.

... When we look at [the] fourth basket, it is evident that a low-risk foreign policy is only likely to produce limited rewards... But having noted that, the truth is that ascending up the global ladder did require taking big calls, whether conventional or nuclear, political or economic. Not all risks are necessarily dramatic; many just require the confident calculations and determined follow-up of day-to-day management but their aggregate impact can result in a quantum jump in global positioning. To a certain degree, we see that happening today.

The fifth basket is in a return to the diplomatic primer: reading the global tea leaves

right. The foreign policy of all nations is set against the backdrop of global contradictions. They reflect an assessment of opportunities and compulsions, and of risks and rewards. Even if we are to get our immediate situation right, a misreading of the larger landscape can prove costly. In our own case, going to the United Nations on Jammu & Kashmir clearly misread the intent of the Anglo-American alliance then and of the seriousness of the Cold War. Years later, our early awareness about growing Sino-Soviet differences did not mature on our expected timelines. In the 1960s, 1980s and again after 2001, we grossly underestimated the relevance of Pakistan to American and Chinese global strategy. This is not to suggest that India has not had its successes. Indo-Soviet and later Indo-Russian relations are a direct product of our global strategising. After 1991, so too has been the adjustment in our policy towards the United States. Both the Indo-Soviet Treaty and the India-US Nuclear Deal were outcomes of a larger reading of world. That is the case with correctives introduced in respect of the US in 1973 and China in 1976 to overcome the polarisation that had been created by the 1971 situation. Identifying the opportunities thrown up by the structure of world politics can also help mitigate risks... Today, an appreciation of world politics must include a proper understanding of Sino-US contradictions, of growing multi-polarity, of weaker multilateralism, of larger economic and political rebalancing, of greater space for regional powers, and of the world of convergences. Each of them is a factor in driving the policy initiatives of the present era...

While the previous phases of foreign policy each have a neat description, how do we categorise the current one. Part of the challenge is that we are still in the early phase of a major transition. The contours of even the near future are not yet clear. One solution is to anchor it on Indian aspirations and speak of our goal of emerging as a leading power. The problem is that others tend to take it as a statement of arrival rather than a goal on the horizon. Taking off from non-alignment, we could perhaps speak today of multi-alignment. It appears more energetic, more participative as compared to an earlier posture of abstention or non-involvement it certainly sounds very much more vigorous. The difficulty is that it also appears opportunistic, whereas India is really seeking strategic convergence rather than tactical convenience. Putting India First may be another way of capturing a strong and pragmatic policy outlook. But this suffers from a comparison with other nations, some of whom have chosen to be more self-centered. In India's case, nationalism has in fact led to greater internationalism. Advancing prosperity and influence may be a fair description but it is not exactly a catch word. Perhaps we need to accept that a single phrase may elude us for some time in the midst of global uncertainty...

Now this talk is about dogma and entrenched views are naturally strongest on the more perennial challenges. In the case of India, it will come as no surprise to any of you that this relates to Pakistan. Changes in thinking will trigger a debate and that has been the case for the past few years. That fact is that we had allowed the narrative to focus mainly on a dialogue, when the real issue was stopping cross-border terrorism. Dogma treats every new approach as an unjustified deviation. In the last five years, however, a different normal has developed and global conversations on cross-border terrorism have become more serious. Just look at the FATF as proof of that assertion. As we move decisively to combat separatism in Jammu & Kashmir, there is some talk today of its internationalisation and hyphenation of our ties with Pakistan. This is thinking from the past, reflecting neither the strength of India, the mood of the nation nor the determination of the Government. Uninformed comments abroad on our internal affairs is hardly internationalisation. And the reputational and real differences between India and Pakistan puts paid to any hyphenation effort. In reality, these fears are but a thinly disguised advocacy of inaction. Their intent, conscious or otherwise, is to legitimise a status quo that has now been overtaken by history.

The balance sheet for India's foreign policy after seven decades presents a mixed picture.