

IN BRIEF



Ex-Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar dead
NEW DELHI
Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar passed away on Wednesday at the Army's Research and Referral Hospital in Delhi. He was 79. Admiral Kumar was the 16th Chief of Naval Staff and oversaw Naval operations during the Kargil conflict of 1999.

NDTV wins award for Kathua coverage
NEW DELHI
NDTV has won the IPI India Award for Excellence in Journalism, 2019, for its coverage of the rape and murder of a young girl in Kathua and the aftermath, anchored by Nidhi Razdan. NDTV was unanimously selected by a jury headed by former Attorney General of India Soli Sorabjee.

ED attaches ₹5.11-crore assets of gem exporters
NEW DELHI
The Enforcement Directorate has attached assets worth ₹5.11 crore in connection with a money laundering case involving Vipul Gems and others. The properties and ₹1.31 crore in fixed deposits belong to Shanti Kumar Chordia, Umrao Mal Chordia and Nayantara Chordia.

Haryana govt. transfers Khemka, 14 others
CHANDIGARH
The Haryana government on Wednesday transferred 14 IAS officers, including bureaucrat Ashok Khemka, who has been posted as Principal Secretary of the Archaeological department. Mr. Khemka has been transferred nearly 50 times in his career.

'Schools will start the day with exercises'
CHENNAI
Soon, students in Tamil Nadu will start their day with 15 minutes of physical exercise, State School Education Minister K.A. Sengottaiyan has said. A circular will be issued shortly. The Minister urged Chief Educational Officers in all districts to take the idea forward.

Australia to return 3 idols to India in January

Return of artefacts underscores the world's debt to India's magnificent culture, history and legacy, says Australian PM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI
Three culturally significant artefacts – a pair of 'Dwarapala' (door guardians) from Tamil Nadu and one 'Nagaraja' (serpent king) from either Rajasthan or Madhya Pradesh, purchased from idol smuggler Subhash Kapoor – will be returned to India by the Australian government during Prime Minister Scott Morrison's visit to India in January 2020.

A joint media statement from Mr. Morrison, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women Marise Payne and Paul Fletcher, MP and Minister for Communi-

ties Cyber Safety and the Arts, read: "The artefacts which were held by the National Gallery of Australia (Gallery), were purchased in good faith, but extensive research undertaken by the gallery has led to its decision to voluntarily return these artefacts to India."

While the Dwarapalas from Tamil Nadu are said to be from the 15th century, the Nagaraja, dated 6th to 8th century, is from Rajasthan or Madhya Pradesh.

'Deep relationship'
"Like India, we understand the value of our ancient cultures and artefacts," the Aus-



Historic links: Three artefacts, a pair of 'Dwarapala' and a 'Nagaraja', will be returned to India. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

tralian Prime Minister said. "The return of these artefacts is the right thing to do. This is another demonstration of the deep relationship

between Australia and India." Both India and Australia are party to the UNESCO 1970 Convention on the

Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transport of Ownership of Cultural Property.

'Strong ties'
Ms. Payne said, "The strong ties Australian and Indian institutions have made in recent years have helped develop important professional relationships. The return of these artefacts also underscores the world's debt to India's magnificent culture, history and legacy."

Mr. Fletcher said that the historic artefacts play a significant role in modern society by allowing communities to acknowledge and

celebrate their shared history and culture. "The National Gallery of Australia recognises this, and is committed to the ethical collecting of cultural material and best practice collection management. I commend the Gallery for resolving these legacy issues," he said.

The release further added that criminal law proceedings are underway in India and the United States against former New York art dealer Subhash Kapoor, from whom these artefacts were purchased. The Australian government does not have any role in these proceedings.

CIC not asked about RTI amendments

PRISCILLA JEBARAJ
NEW DELHI

The Central Information Commission was not consulted regarding the Right to Information Amendment Act, 2019 or the Rules of the Act, an RTI application shows.

In July, when asked why the government had not held any public consultation on the amendments, the Centre had told the Rajya Sabha that the changes in the Act were "between the Government and the officers, not the public." The CIC response now shows that the affected Commissioners were not consulted either. Several State Information Commissioners told *The Hindu* that they had not been consulted.

Tenure reduced

The amendments to the transparency legislation were enacted in July, and gave the Centre the power to determine the tenure, salary and perks of the State and Central Information Commissioners. The Commissions are the final courts of appeal under the RTI Act. The Rules to the RTI Amendment Act were notified in October, and reduced the tenure of the Commissioners from five to three years, while also downgrading their status and allowances.

During the debate on the RTI Amendments Bill in the Rajya Sabha on July 25, Samajwadi Party MP Javed Ali Khan had asked why there had been "no consultation with intellectuals, the public representatives and the RTI activists." In response, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions said the understanding was that the public was not affected by the autonomy or independence of the RTI per se. "It is only dealing with the tenure, terms and conditions of the functionaries."

Punjab CM, son acquitted in multi-crore corruption case

Amarinder Singh's son-in-law also among 31 accused

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and 30 others accused in the multi-crore Ludhiana City Centre corruption case were on Wednesday acquitted by a court in Ludhiana.

Sessions Judge Gurbir Singh, while accepting the closure report moved by the State Vigilance Bureau, stated that no case of corruption had been made out against any of the accused.

Besides Capt. Amarinder, his son Raninder Singh and son-in-law Raminder Singh were also accused in the case.

'No evidence'
There was no evidence against any accused, the court ruled, adding that former chairman of the Improvement Trust Parmjit Singh also did not indulge in corruption, though he may be accused of disobeying the orders of his senior.



Amarinder Singh



Raninder Singh

"The court has accepted the closure report of the Vigilance Bureau and discharged all 31 accused in the case," said advocate Ravinder Abrol, who represented the case on behalf of the State.

In August 2017, the Bureau filed the closure report in the case. Ten years earlier, it had filed the FIR against the Punjab Chief Minister and others for alleged corruption.

It stated that by favouring a Delhi-based company for the proposed city centre project, the State exchequer suffered a loss of ₹1,144 crore.

The Ludhiana City Centre

project was announced and rolled out during Capt. Amarinder's previous term as Chief Minister between 2002 and 2007.

'Political victimisation'
Capt. Amarinder, who appeared before the court on Wednesday, told journalists that the verdict was a victory for him and others in their fight against what was a brazen act of political victimisation.

The truth had prevailed and their stand against the politically-motivated charges had been fully vindicated, he said. He had full confidence in the law, the Punjab Chief Minister said.

India a major gold smuggling hub: report

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

International non-government organisation IMPACT, in its latest report, has said that India has become one of the largest gold smuggling hubs in the world.

Gold, possibly tied to conflict, human rights abuses and corruption in Africa and South America, is entering legal international markets through India, said the Canada-headquartered organisation in a statement.

The NGO said it had uncovered how the country imported about 1,000 tonnes of gold per year – a quarter more than the official figures indicated.

"Actors across India's gold industry are failing to do proper checks on where gold comes from to ensure it's not financing conflict and human rights violations," according to Joanne Lebert, IMPACT's executive director. The report said that one-third of the world's gold passed through India, identifying three primary factors for smuggling: tax breaks, falsified origin documents and complicit allies.

The report said that refined gold was being smuggled into India primarily from the United Arab Emirates, while key traders and refiners in Africa's Great Lakes region, with links to India, were identified as being part of the illicit gold trade.

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, through his lawyer and senior advocate Kapil Sibal, argued in the Supreme Court on Wednesday that the actual idea behind his incarceration in the INX Media case is "to keep him in custody as long as possible."

"Why did they not question me all this time in judicial custody? Now they are claiming they want to question him, knowing the case is in this court," Mr. Sibal argued before a three-judge Bench led by Justice R. Banumathi.

Mr. Chidambaram has appealed against a Delhi High Court decision denying him regular bail in the ED's charge of money laundering slapped against him in the INX Media case. Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, also speaking for Mr. Chidambaram, pointed out that the latter has been in jail for 99 days.

Mr. Sibal contended that

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY KOTTAYAM
(Institution of National Importance under an Act of Parliament)
Vadavoor P.O. Palakkad, Kottayam (Dist), Kerala-686655
No: Admn/04/HRZ/NTK/2019-20-4
Date: 26.11.2019
Walk in Interview
A walk in interview for the following position of this institute will be conducted on 4th December 2019.
Position: Adhoc Faculty in Computer Science and Engineering (on Contract for six months - extendable)
Emoluments: Rs. 57,500/- (Consolidated per month)
Venue: Office of IIT Kottayam, Vadavoor - 686 635
Reporting Time: 10.00 AM
Please refer to the detailed advertisement at www.iitkottayam.ac.in for further details. Registrar

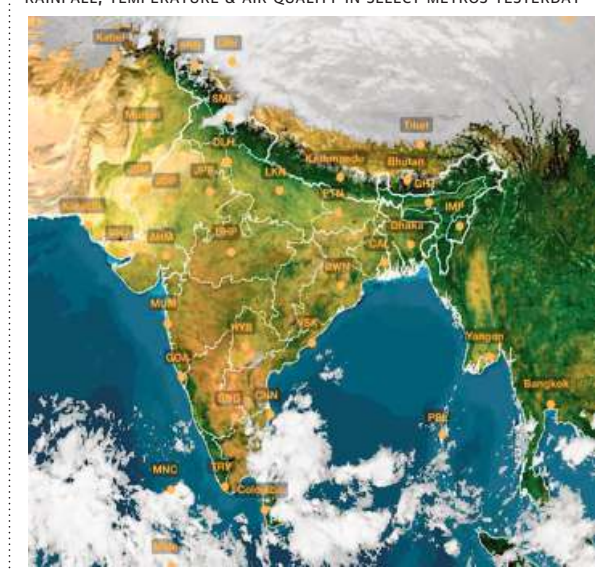
MISSING
Name: Anwar Shaji
Address: Puthenpurackal, Sanyasiyoda P.O, Pulimood Bhagam, Pampadumpara Village
Last seen on 19.11.19 at Nedumkandam, Idukki District along with two girls and a 26 years old youth, who all are missing. Please inform the whereabouts of the person which can help to find out him.
Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kattappana : 9497990058
Inspector of Police, Cumbummettu : 9497947168
Cumbummettu Police Station : 04868279250
(563/F2/2019/I&PRD)

LOOK OUT NOTICE
The girl shown in the above photograph is Miss. Akshaya, D/O Omanakuttan, Block No. 600, Chottupara P.O, Karunapuram (V), Idukki (Dist). And she is missing from Chottupara, Idukki (Dist), Kerala on 19.11.2019. In this regard a case in Nedumkandam Police Station Crime No. 490/19 U/S 57 of KP Act is registered as per the complainant of her father Omanakuttan and the investigation is still going on. The missing girl is not traced so far. If you receive any information about the missing girl kindly inform the nearest Police Station or in any mobile number given below.
1. Nedumkandam Police Station : 04868 232045
2. Deputy Supdt. of Police, Kattappana : 9497990058
3. Station House Officer, Nedumkandam : 9497987084
4. Sub Inspector of Police, Nedumkandam : 9497980380
Sd/- Inspector of Police & SHO
(564/F2/2019/I&PRD) Nedumkandam Police Station, Idukki (Dist), Kerala

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Global Tender Notice (E-Procurement Mode Only)
E-tenders are invited for following items from reputed manufacturers directly or through their accredited agents in India.
Sl. No. Description Display and sale of Tender Documents Last Date & Time for submission of Tender through online
1. Supply of various sizes of OTR Tubes Biplasy, Cut Resistant, Tyres with suitable 0 Rungs required for NMDC Limited, BIOM, Kirandul Complex, Bachel Complex of Dantewada (Dist) Chhattisgarh (State), Donimalai Complex of Bellary (Dist), Karnataka (State) and Diamond Mining Project, Panra of Madhya Pradesh (State)-India 27-11-2019 23-12-2019 (2.30 pm IST)
2. Crowd Motor (01 No.) suitable for 182M Bucyrus Shovel for NMDC Ltd., BIOM Kirandul Complex, Dantewada (Dist) Chhattisgarh (State) 28-11-2019 30-12-2019 (2.30 pm IST)
Prospective bidders may visit our websites: www.nmdc.co.in; CPP Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in>; <https://mstcecommerce.com> and may download the tender documents. Any corrigendum to the above tender notice will be uploaded on our website only.
Jt. General Manager (Materials)

WEATHER WATCH



Forecast for Thursday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning very likely at isolated places over Kerala, Mahe, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	...	30.1	17.5	Kozhikode	...	34.8	24.2
Ahmedabad	...	31.8	19.5	Kurnool	...	31.6	21.2
Aizawl	...	23.6	11.4	Lucknow	...	28.1	14.5
Allahabad	...	31.3	16.7	Madurai	...	31.2	24.6
Bengaluru	...	25.0	20.0	Mangaluru	...	37.2	23.0
Bhopal	...	29.3	15.6	Mumbai	...	34.0	21.4
Bhubaneswar	...	29.7	18.2	Mysuru	20.0
Chandigarh	...	15.2	22.2	New Delhi	...	27.4	14.5
Chennai	...	30.9	25.7	Patna	...	28.3	16.8
Coimbatore	...	30.0	22.6	Port Blair	...	31.2	26.3
Dehradun	...	0.3	25.0	Puducherry	...	43.6	30.4
Gangtok	...	15.7	10.7	Pune	...	29.3	14.9
Goa	...	34.0	23.0	Raipur	...	31.0	18.2
Guwahati	...	29.4	16.8	Ranchi	...	28.6	14.0
Hubbali	...	29.0	18.0	Shillong	...	20.2	9.6
Hyderabad	...	28.9	18.4	Shimla	...	9.0	13.5
Imphal	...	24.9	9.3	Srinagar	4.7
Jaipur	...	27.4	17.8	Thiruvananthapuram	...	34.1	24.3
Kochi	...	32.8	25.4	Tiruchi	...	1.0	31.4
Kohima	...	20.0	9.6	Vijayawada	...	31.1	20.8
Kolkata	...	29.9	19.7	Vishakhapatnam	...	30.4	23.4

Pollutants in the air you are breathing
CITIES SO₂ NO₂ CO PM_{2.5} PM₁₀ AQI CODE
Ahmedabad..... 123 132 30 ... 98 107 ...
Bengaluru..... 02 43 42 72 ... 83 ...
Chennai..... 11 02 07 ... 90 ...
Delhi..... 07 48 30 200 ...
Hyderabad..... 19 52 29 176 ...
Kolkata..... 16 84 29 312 280 ...
Lucknow..... 09 18 81 401 ...
Mumbai..... 15 85 17 215 170 ...
Pune..... 81 15 64 173 122 ...
Visakhapatnam..... 12 36 41 152 115 ...

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)
SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.
NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.
CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.
PM_{2.5} & PM₁₀: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Film on skateboarder qualifies for Oscars

Story about a 10-year-old prodigy

VIVEK NARAYANAN CHENNAI

It's half-past-five on a Saturday afternoon, and the fishermen of Mamallapuram are busy mending their nets. A few metres away from the shore, in Karungulamman Street, a grinding noise begins and resonates through the beach.

The sound, it turns out, comes from a little girl in shorts and a T-shirt, scooting her way across a small skating rink, set up outside the community centre at the hamlet.

2020 shortlist

Meet Kamali, doing what she does best – deftly manoeuvring her skateboard. Kamali is the almost famous 10-year-old skateboarder from Mamallapuram. A short film on her life and that of her single mother Suganthi, titled Kamali has qualified for the 2020 Oscars awards shortlist.

Kamali and six other boys from the hamlet have formed a team called Mahab Skaters and are practising hard to take part in Jugaad 2019, an international skateboarding tournament to be held in Bengaluru from December 6 to 8. The evening skateboarding session begins with the cleaning of the skating rink.

The kids then try out different moves and manoeuvres. Many a time, they fall while descending a slope, but they dust the dirt away and continue practising.

APPOINTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (HORTI) DEPARTMENT A.P. SECRETARIAT, VELAGAPUDI, GUNTUR
NOTIFICATION Dated: 28-11-2019
Government of Andhra Pradesh invites applications for the Post of Vice-Chancellor of Dr.YSR Horticultural University, Venkataramnagudem, West Godavari District for placing before the Search Committee constituted vide G.O.RT No.714 dated.04-11-2019 of Agriculture & Cooperation (H&S) Department.
Persons of the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment be appointed as Vice-Chancellor. Persons with distinguished academic background, with a minimum 10 (Ten) years of experience as Professor in Agriculture / Horticulture in a University system or 10 (Ten) years of Experience in equivalent position in a reputed research and / or academic administration may apply.
Applications with detailed bio-data highlighting achievements, academic and administrative experience may be sent on or before 21 (Twenty One) days by Registered Post to The Special Chief Secretary to Government of Andhra Pradesh, Agriculture & Cooperation (Horti) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi-522503, Guntur District.
The persons those who have applied earlier vide Notification dated 08-05-2018, need not apply again. If any additional information to be provided be submitted by the individual duly superscribing the cover as "Additional information for the post of Vice-Chancellor as per Notification dated 08-05-2018", on or before 21 (Twenty One) days from the date of this Notification by Registered post to the above said address.
Notification and Application format are available in www.drysrhu.edu.in
POONAM MALAKONDIAH, I.A.S.
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (H&S) DEPARTMENT

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION" Pro-Forma 10-01
Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under-noted section of the Southern Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz, ac, single phase overhead traction wires will be energised on or after the date specified against the Section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as "LIVE" at all times and no unauthorised person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Date
Energisation of Overhead Equipment on the newly laid track, as part of doubling (i) between Kadambur and Tattaparai Stations from OHE Mast Location No.607/32 (km/ch:607/853.00) to OHE Mast Location No.639/36 (km/ch:639/654.30) & (ii) between Vanchi Maniyachi Junction and Gangaikondan Stations from OHE Mast Location No.0/3 (km/ch:0/36.50) to OHE Mast Location No.16/8 (km/ch:16/158.50) at 25 kV, 50 Hz, ac single phase system on Madurai-Tuticorin Section in Madurai Division of Southern Railway.	31.01.2020

Pro-Forma 10-02
INTRODUCTION OF AC 25 KV TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"
It is notified for information of the public that in connection with introduction of 25 kV ac electric traction on the newly laid track, as part of doubling (i) between Kadambur and Tattaparai Stations from OHE Mast Location No.607/32 (km/ch:607/853.00) to OHE Mast Location No.639/36 (km/ch:639/654.30) & (ii) between Vanchi Maniyachi Junction and Gangaikondan Stations from OHE Mast Location No.0/3 (km/ch:0/36.50) to OHE Mast Location No.16/8 (km/ch:16/158.50) at 25 kV, 50 Hz, ac single phase system on Madurai-Tuticorin Section in Madurai Division of Southern Railway, height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear height of 4.67 m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wires.
Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.
The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows:
(i) Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the railway line.
(ii) Danger to the materials or equipment carried or for the vehicle itself.
(iii) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.
Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / OHE, for Chief Electrical Engineer / Construction Chennai Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.
No.E.320/RVNL/CRS
Dated : 25.11.2019

BOARD OF INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION, A.P. Nagarjuna Nagar, VIJAYAWADA - 520 008
Rc.No. 26/D1/2019-20 Date : 27-11-2019.
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V. Ramakrishna, I.R.S., Secretary

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