of former Haryana CM

The Enforcement Directorate

on Wednesday recorded the

statement of former Harvana

Chief Minister Bhupinder

Singh Hooda in connection

with the alleged Gurugram

land scam case. Mr. Hooda

appeared before the agency

in Chandigarh. The ED probe

is based on an FIR registered

acquisition of 1,417 acres in

Officials under scanner

for ₹500-cr. NH scam

Several administrative

by the CBI, alleging

irregularities in the

Gurugram.

NEW DELHI

Cool cat



Out of the wilderness: A two-day-old leopard cub was rescued by forest officials from Yewoor hills in Thane on Wednesday, after morning walkers alerted them. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SC against spike in air traffic over Taj

Gives nod for extra airport terminal

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL

The Supreme Court on Wednesday prima facie agreed to the Airports Authority of India's (AAI) request to build an extra terminal at Agra airport, but forbid any increase in air traffic to the detriment of the world heritage site of Taj Mahal, other monuments and the people living in the area.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India S.A. Bobde directed the Centre to consider an alternative site in case of any anticipatory increase in air traffic to and from the airport.

'Involve the Railways'

It also asked the Centre to consider providing "more excellent trains like the 'Palace on Wheels', to ferry tourists and passengers' from the new airfield to the protected Taj Trapezium Zone in Agra.

The court asked the Centre to involve the Railways to tackle the anticipated increase in tourists and "bear in mind the fact that it

WEATHER WATCH

will serve nobody's interest to have the area polluted with a resultant damage to

'File report'

monuments.

The court asked the Centre to file its report within three

the people and the heritage

"In the meanwhile, the interim prayer for restraining the Centre from allowing increase in air traffic will be considered after the Union of India files its response by January 2020," the court

It, however, reiterated in its order that "it will be difficult to permit an increase in the air traffic."

The hearing was based on a plea made by the AAI to build an additional terminal at the existing Agra Airport.

However, the court took into account the "sound objection" made by advocatepetitioner M.C. Mehta that the authorities intend to allow an increase in air traffic with it. This would prove hazardous to the environment,

'No major retrenchment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

As per the inputs received from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), there isn't any massive retrenchment of employees in the IT sector, Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment Santosh Kumar Gangwar has said in a written reply to the Rajya

this fiscal," he said.

"The IT sector, both globally and in India, is witnessing unprecedented, technology-driven changes. These demand new sets of skills and are opening opportunities for newer job roles," Mr. Gangwar said in his reply.



oilseeds began in October and will end by February.

han Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan, was announced with great fanfare in September 2018, as an effort to ensure that farmers growing pulses, oilseeds and copra actually get the minimum support prices

they are promised for their crops each year.

Govt. procured only 3% of pulses,

oilseeds proposed for this season

Apart from initiatives to allow cash payment to farmers or procurement by private traders, PM-AASHA's main feature was a price support scheme whereby Central agencies would procure pulses and oilseeds directly from farmers.

'Holistic approach'

The Centre had budgeted ₹15,053 crore over two years to implement the scheme apart from an additional government credit guarantee of ₹16,550 crore for agencies undertaking procurement.

"The government is working with a holistic approach...Increasing MSP is not adequate and it is more important that farmers should get full benefit of the announced MSP," said a Cabi-

net statement at the time of launch.

The main crops covered under the scheme this season are moong, urad, arhar, groundnut and sovabean.

The late arrival of the monsoon means that harvests and crop arrivals also began slightly later than expected, especially for arhar or tur dal, so procurement is likely to continue, though tapering, until February. However, procurement is still lagging badly in most States.

The highest sanctioned procurement is in Maharashtra, where 10 lakh tonnes of sovabean procurement were sanctioned, apart from 58,000 tonnes of moong and urad dal.

However, barely 1,709 tonnes have been procured in the State, including just 14

fraudulent compensation

officers have come under the **Enforcement Directorate's** scanner in connection with a ₹500-crore scam of alleged claims for the land acquired to widen the NH-74 in Uttarakhand's Udham Singh Nagar. The scam was detected over two years ago.

Govt. to run school caught in ashram row AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat government on Wednesday decided to take over the management of the Delhi Public School (DPS) Ahmedabad East till the end of the academic year to ensure that more than 800 students of the school are not affected. The institution is embroiled in controversy after it leased out its premises to godman Nithyananda's ashram.

Release ₹7,825 crore due to T.N.: Stalin to Centre

CHENNAI DMK leader M.K. Stalin on Wednesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to release ₹7,825 crore due to Tamil Nadu by way of GST and other dues. In a letter to the Prime Minister, he said the finances of Tamil Nadu was in doldrums and the amount was necessary to improve the

in IT sector'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Centrally-funded

However, only 1.08 lakh

tonnes have been procured

so far, according to data

placed in the Lok Sabha on

Tuesday. In fact, of the ele-

ven States that opted for the

scheme this season, pro-

curement has not even start-

ed in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya

The PM-AASHA or Prad-

The Union Environment Mi-

In a notification on No-

vember 21, the Uttarakhand

government said that in

areas recorded as "deemed

forest" only tracts 10 hec-

tares and above and having

Centre likely to challenge

Pradesh and Odisha.

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"According to the National Association of Software and Service Companies, the IT sector directly employs around 41.4 lakh people, with an addition of around 1.7 lakh people [to the workforce] in the financial year 2018-19, and continues to be a net hirer in

omecl.in for details.

Uttarakhand forest notice It will contest 'deemed forest' tag a canopy density of greater than 60%, would be considered forest. The freedom to define which tracts of forest qualify as forest has been

nistry is likely to challenge a recent notification by the Uttarakhand Forest Departthe prerogative of States ment on its definition of a since 1996. However, this "deemed forest". Deemed only applies to forest land that has not already been forests, which comprise about 1% of India's forest historically classified as land, are a controversial "forest" in revenue records, subject as they refer to land or categorised so by the gotracts that appear to be a vernment as "protected" or "forest", but have not been "reserve forest". notified so by the govern-The notification appears ment or in historical

to extend this definition even to tracts already recorded as forest in revenue records. "We will be writing to the State. There is a hearing in the Supreme Court on this," Siddhanta Das, Director General (Forest) said.

Wearing helmet to be made optional in Gujarat

'People don't go long distances on 2-wheeler'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat government on Wednesday decided to make wearing helmets optional within city limits. The use of helmets has been made voluntary within limits of municipal corporations and municipalities. The decision was approved at a meeting of the State cabinet.

"We received many complaints regarding mandatory helmets within the city areas. So we decided to make it optional only within the city areas," Transport Minister R.C. Faldu said.

He said that one needed to wear helmet while heading outside city while driv-

don't cover long distances on two-wheeler. **Slashing fines** Earlier, the Gujarat government was the first to slash hefty fines stipulated in the

new Motor Vehicle Act 2019.

In September this year, the

Vijay Rupani-led govern-

ing on national or State

highways, or even village

roads. According to him,

usually in the city, people

ment had announced a 50% cut in fines for not wearing helmets after the new Act came into force. Under the new Act, the fine for not wearing a helmet is ₹1,000 while the State

government reduced it to

financial health of the State. **INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND**

looking for a Director. This position will fall vacant as the term of the present Director will be coming to an end in January 2020.

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EMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Thunderstorm accompanied with light-

ning very likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

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CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MI
Agartala		26.7	13.3	Kozhikode		34.0	24.
Ahmedabad		29.8	19.4	Kurnool	1.6	31.7	22.
Aizawl		–	–	Lucknow		26.1	9.
Allahabad		26.8	9.6	Madurai	0.5	31.6	22.
Bengaluru	–	26.0	18.9	Mangaluru		35.5	22.
Bhopal	–	26.6	14.3	Mumbai		34.7	23.
Bhubaneswar	–	28.6	18.0	Mysuru		27.5	18.
Chandigarh	–	22.8	7.7	New Delhi		24.0	7.
Chennai	0.5	30.5	26.4	Patna		25.2	11.
Coimbatore	0.2	29.6	20.6	Port Blair		30.5	26.
Dehradun		22.6	7.5	Puducherry	0.6	30.2	23.
Gangtok		15.1	6.6	Pune		28.1	19.
Goa		32.7	24.5	Raipur		29.2	18.
Guwahati		27.7	13.2	Ranchi		22.4	10.
Hubballi		27.0	20.0	Shillong		17.6	4.
Hyderabad		27.5	20.6	Shimla		17.1	7.
Imphal		24.1	8.3	Srinagar		–	
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Visakhapatnam 29.8....23.4..-....27.2....17.0 (Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing							١
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khapatnam	.10	.39	33	. 117	.109		

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

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.

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

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Addendum / Corrigendum to the advertisement No.05 dt. 22.11.2019, No.06 dt. 22.11.2019 & No.07 dt. 22.11.2019 for Recruitment of Executives in OMECL.

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ncorporated in "Eligibility Criteria" and "Selection Methodology" in respect of the candidature of OMC/OMECL employees, applying for any post in OMECL. Candidates may visit OMECL website

एचएलएल लाइफ्रकेयर लिमिटेड HLL Lifecare Limited CIN: U25193 KL 1966 GOI 002621 #26/4, HLLBHAVAN, Velachery-Tambaram Main Road, Pallikaranai, Chennai-60010 TENDER NOTIFICATION - MANPOWER SUPPLIER

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SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED "A MINI RATNA COMPANY" E-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No: SECL/BSP/CMC/e-Tender/365, date 25.11.2019, Tender ID 2019_SECL_156935_1, Location of work: Tehsil: Gharghoda, Dist Raigarh, State: Chhattisgarh, Estimated Cost: Rs. 34,52,20,650 (Excluding GST), Description of Work: Hiring of Pay Loader for coa loading and tippers for transportation from at/from stock yard o Jampali OCM to Karichhapar Railway siding for a total quantity of 43.80 Lakh Te. for a period of 1095 days at the rate of 4000TPD.Place Jampali, Tahsil-Gharghoda, Dist.-Raigarh, State-CG. Start date & time for submission of bid: 28.11.2019 at 10.00 hrs. Last date & time fo submission of bid: 24.12.2019 at 05.00 hrs, Date & time for opening o bid: 27.12.2019 at 11.00 hrs

GM(CMC),SECL Bilaspu Note: For details and submission of bid please visit website www eprocure gov.in, and e-procurement portal of CIL https:/ coalindiatenders.nic.in & www. secl-cil.in. In Case of any Misprinting Error, details as per website document will be considered as final.

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NIT No: SECL/BSP/CMC/e-Tender/366, date 25.11.2019, Tender ID 2019 SECL 156936 1. Location of work: Tehsil: Ghardhoda, Dist Raigarh, State: Chhattisgarh, Estimated Cost: Rs. 25,32,51,600 (Excluding GST), Description of Work: (A) Hiring of loading equipment pay loaders for mechanical transfer of coal at proposed stock yard no.1 in to tippers and; (B) Hiring of tippers for transportation of coa from proposed coal stock yard no. 1 to Karichhapar Railway Siding with minimum 4000 TPD for a total quantity of 43,80,000 te with lead slab of 8-9 km (Average lead 8.6 km) by civilian agency for a period of 1095 days at Bijari OCP, Raigarh Area Place-Bijari, Tahsil-Gharghoda Dist.-Raigarh, State-CG. Start date & time for submission of bid 28.11.2019 at 10.00 hrs, Last date & time for submission of bid 24.12.2019 at 05.00 hrs, Date & time for opening of bid: 28.12.2019 a GM(CMC).SECL Bilaspu

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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES Bengaluru - 560 001

No: CAH/VMS/Silos/Short Term Tender/2019-20

Date: 04-12-2019 TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary

Services, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru hereby invites Short Term Tenders through e-Procurement (Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from eligible tenderers, for purchase of Liquid Nitrogen Storage Tanks (Silos) for the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services through e-Procurement for the year 2019-20 with a validity period upto one year. Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further

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accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit through e-Procurement Portal from 04-12-2019 to 17-01-2020 till 16.00 hours.

The Technical Bid of tenders will be Opened on 19-01-2020 at 11.00 A.M. onwards in the presence of tenderers or their authorized representative who choose to attend in the Office of the Commissioner, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Sir M. Vishveshwariah Mini Tower, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560 001.

Sd/- Deputy Director & Member Secretary _{I/R.O.No.1822/2019-20} Tender Inviting Authority



DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES

No: CAH/VMS/LN2Container/Short Term Tender/ 2019-20 Date: 03-12-2019

Bengaluru - 560 001

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Nagarabhavi PO, Bangalore 560 072.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** GLOBAL TENDER ENQUIRY

Procurement & Consultancy Services Division of HLL INFRA TECH SERVICES LTD. (A Govt. of India Enterprise) for and on behalf of MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE - GOVT. OF INDIA invites e-tenders from eligible and qualified bidders for Supply of medical equipments as

SI No	NIT reference	Item/Dept.	Pre-bid Meeting Date & time	Last Date and Time for online submission
1	HITES/PCD/PMSSY- IV/08/MOT/19-20 dated 05-12-2019	Procurement of Modular Operation Theater (MOT)	13-12-2019, 11:00AM	03-01-2020, 01:00PM

 Interested bidders are advised to download the complete Tender Enquiry document from the websites https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/, http://hllhites.com/tenders or http://www.lifecarehll.com/tender complete details

Prospective bidders are advised to browse the above websites regularly before submission of their bids as any further amendments will be published in these



CONSTRUCTION OF OPEN VEHICLE PARKING PLACE NEAR PLANT AREA AT BRBNMPL, MYSURU - Tender No 077/MYS/CIVIL/2019-20 - Estimated value: ₹30.00 Lakh

REPAIR OF CHEJJA AND EXTERNAL PLASTERING CRACKS IN TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS AT NOTE MUDRAN NAGAR, MYSURU -Tender No. 086/MYS/CIVIL/2019-20 - Estimated value: ₹28,50 Lakh SUPPLY OF MS TINS OF CAPACITY 2.5 KG FOR INF MANUFACTURING UNIT AT BRBNMPL, MYSURU - Tender No 091/MYS/IMU-05/2019-20 - Estimated value: ₹58.63 Lakh

SUPPLY OF SEMI-SKILLED MANPOWER FOR UNPACKING SHIFTING OF BOXES AND MISCELLANEOUS WORKS AT GENERAL STORES OF BRBNMPL, MYSURU - Tender No 092/MYS/MMD/2019-20 - Estimated value: ₹ 30.50 Lakh. **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF HEALTH CENTRE AND**

PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICES AT BRBNMPL, MYSURU Tender No. 096/MYS/MMD/2019-20 - Estimated value: ₹48.25 Lakh SALE OF ASSORTED SCRAP ITEMS "ON AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" FROM BRBNMPL, MYSURU ON ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT BASIS -Tender No. 102/MYS/MMD/2019-20 - Estimated value: ₹25.45 Lakh. SUPPLY OF MS OFFICE PROFESSIONAL PLUS 2019 SNGL OLP

Estimated value: ₹48.30 Lakh. ast date of submission of all the above tenders is 08.01.2020 by 1430. hrs. For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit our website www.brbnmpl.co.in. Further extension or amendment/s, i any will be uploaded on our website only.

NL AT BRBNMPL, MYSURU – Tender No. 103/MYS/MMD/2019-20

General Manager

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