'All norms followed in neutrino project'

Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Jitendra Singh, said all statutory norms were being followed in the implementation of the Indiabased Neutrino Observatory project. He said the site was not in an ecosensitive area. He was answering a question from MDMK leader Vaiko in the Rajya Sabha whether the locals had been consulted.

Pakistan apprehends 18 Indian fishermen

PORBANDAR The Pakistan Maritime Security Agency on Wednesday apprehended 18 Indian fishermen and seized three fishing boats off the Gujarat coast, the Porbandar Fishermen Boat Association said on Thursday. The PMSA apprehended the fishermen near the international maritime boundary line in the Arabian Sea off Jakhau coast of Kutch district. PTI

₹100 crore for setting up women help desks

NEW DELHI The Home Ministry has sanctioned ₹100 crore from the Nirbhaya Fund for setting up women help desks in police stations across the country. "These desks would focus on making the police stations more womenfriendly, as they would be the first point of contact for any woman walking into a police station," a Home Ministry statement said.

Nine dead, 25 injured in road accident in M.P.

At least nine persons were killed and 25 injured when their bus rammed a parked truck on a highway in Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh on Thursday. "The Sidhi-bound private bus rammed the truck around 6 a.m. on Gudh Road in Rewa," said SP Abid Khan. The injured have been shifted to the district government hospital, he added.

WEATHER WATCH

Firepower by India, for India

Defence deals worth **₹33,000 crore** have been placed with the Ordnance Factory Board and Bharat Electronics Limited in the last two months, according to the Ministry of Defence

IN PIPELINE: A contract for modernisation of airfield infrastructure, to be executed through Indian vendors, is set to

be signed soon

Sky high: An Akash

missile being tested at the

Integrated Test Range,

MAKE IN INDIA: MoD has signed over 180 contracts, valued at over ₹1,96,000 crore, with Indian industry since 2014, while a few are set to be signed



₹6,300

crore

Supplier: Ordnance

built by OFB under

license from Russia

Factory Board T-90 tanks are

> Supplier: Bharat **Electronics**

464 T-90S/ SK tanks

Akash has been indigenously developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation



March to Rashtrapati Bhavan planned on December 9

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Students of Jawaharlal Nehru University, in a University General Body Meeting (UGBM), adopted a resolution for complete academic suspension, including all evaluative requirements such as examinations and assignments, till a complete rollback of the inter-hall administration (IHA) manual is mandated.

The students said they resorted to this step due to the attitude of the JNU administration, headed by Vice Chancellor M. Jagadesh Kumar, towards the crisis.

"The administration as well as the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has refused to do anything other than engage in perception optics and deion (JNUSU) said.



Students protesting near the HRD Ministry in New Delhi on November 29.

The union in a statement said the JNU administration was responsible for the academic lag and must compensate by not dragging the matter any further.

"Students are ready to return to their classes as soon as they have clarity," the INUSU said.

Semester examinations from December 12 and the administration has warned students that they will be struck-off the rolls of the University if they fail to appear for the examinations and submit other course work by the end of the semester.

'Fees must fall'

The UGBM also decided to intensify the "fees must fall" movement with other universities across the country,

"The JNUSU has also decided to go on a Shiksha Bachao Padyatra from JNU to Rashtrapati Bhavan on Decembe 9 and we invite students of all universities and institutions to join us and raise their issues of privatisation and exorbitant fee hike," the JNUSU said.

The JNU administration, however, said the semester examinations will be con-

Diamantaire Niray Modi now a fugitive economic offender

Government can confiscate all his properties

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

A special Prevention of Money Laundering Act court here on Thursday declared diamond trader Niray Modi. an accused in the Punjab National Bank scam case, a fugitive economic offender.

Nirav Modi is the second person to be declared a fugitive economic offender, under the new Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, after liquor baron Vijay Mallya. Now, the Union government can confiscate his assets.

The Act was introduced to deter fugitive economic offenders from evading the



Nirav Modi is the second person to be declared a fugitive economic offender, after liquor baron Vijay Mallya. • AFP

process of law in India by staying outside the jurisdiction of Indian courts.

On January 10, 2018, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) filed an application before Special Judge V.C. Barde to declare Nirav Modi a fugitive economic offender. In response to the ED's petition, Nirav Modi said the motivation for prosecution by the PNB was to avoid its liability to its co-bankers and stave off criticism of its poor performance.

The court said Nirav Modi knew of the due dates for payment of his liabilities when he left the country (on rial on record suggested that the respondent Nirav Modi had left the country to dodge the penal consequences of the acts he had committed till 2017, it said.

Begin proceedings The court will now begin the proceedings to confiscate his assets. It served notice to all parties and adjourned the

matter to January 10. Counsel for the ED Hiten Venegavkar said the declaration would empower the court and the ED to confiscate properties of Nirav Modi in the country and abroad and would help in the extradition proceedings pending before a United Kingdom court. Nirav Modi is in judicial custody in London.

JNU students seek rollback of IHA manual, to boycott exams

NEW DELHI

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Protest over 'irregularities' in examination

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AHMEDABAD

A massive student protest has erupted across Gujarat following charges of irregularities in the recent examination to recruit non-secretariat clerks secretariat assistants.

Thousands of students reached the capital Gandhinagar, demanding cancellation of the test. The police baton-charged the protesters in front of the office of the Gujarat State Subordinate Services Board (GSSSB) that conducted the exam. Dozens of students were injured. More than 800 students were detained for staging protests without permis-

The government has admitted that it has received complaints from five districts. It has ordered the filing of a First Information Report (FIR), but has ruled

Most Sudan blast victims are from T.N., U.P., Bihar: embassy

Officials are reaching out to families to fly the bodies home

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Most of the Indians hospitalised or reported missing after the LPG tanker blast at a ceramics factory in Sudan belonged to Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, and authorities are trying to ascertain the identities of the victims, officials said on Thursday.

The Indian Embassy has issued a detailed list of the Indians who were reported missing, hospitalised, or survived the blast at the Seela Ceramic Factory in the Bahri area in Khartoum on Tuesday that killed at least 23 people. Eighteen Indians were among the dead.

"Six have been identified

and the Embassy is contacting families in India to send back their mortal remains," the Indian mission tweeted.

It said efforts are on to identify other victims. "The bodies have burnt beyond recognition. We are trying to establish their identity," an Indian official told PTI over phone from Khartoum. The official said one more person died on Thursday and identified the victim as Niraj Kumar Singh from Bihar.

More than 130 people were injured. Seven Indians have been hospitalised and 16 still missing.

Among those missing are Ramakrishanan and Venkatachalem from Tamil Nadu: Ram Kumar, Amit Tiwari

and Nitish Mishra from Bihar, Jishan Khan, Mohit Kumar, Hari Nath and Pradeep Verma from Uttar Pradesh, and Pawan and Pradeep from Haryana.

Intezar Khan from Delhi, Bahadurbhai Somabhai Pagi from Gujarat and Rajasthan's Jaideep are also reported missing.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said 60 Indians were employed in the factory and 53 of them were understood to be present at the factory and the residential area at the time of the accident. "We are working with the Sudanese authorities to facilitate the identification of the deceased at the earliest," he said, expressing his grief.

'No request for Nithyananda's extradition'

We have not received information from any agencies: MEA

STAFF REPORTER BHUBANESWAR

said on Thursday that it has not received any request to seek the extradition of controversial self-styled godman Nithyananda, who had fled India following allegations of kidnapping and abusing minor girls.

"Agencies normally re-

further information, if required.

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port to MEA about fleeing ofthis case, the person who has apparently absconded is a fugitive. We have to be informed by agencies concerned that the person is living in a particular country. Based on the request for extradition from agencies, we approach foreign govern-

Khadi and Village Industries Commission

Ministry of Micro, Small, & Medium Enterprises,

ments and inform them fenders. Our role is to act on about criminal antecedents Ministry of External Affairs the advice of the agencies. In of the person," MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said here. "We have not received information from any agencies. Once we receive that, we will be happy to cooperate," said Mr. Kumar. The MEA officials were here as part of their engagement with the regional media.

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

Forecast for Friday: Dense fog very likely in isolated pockets over Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, south Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura

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Aizawl		–	–	Lucknow		26.1	9
Allahabad		26.8	9.8	Madurai		31.6	23
Bengaluru				Mangaluru			
Bhopal		26.6	13.0	Mumbai	1.2	32.3	25
Bhubaneswar		28.6	16.5	Mysuru		27.5	17
Chandigarh		23.4	9.3	New Delhi		23.6	7
Chennai		30.5	25.4	Patna		26.8	10
Coimbatore		29.6	19.8	Port Blair		30.3	26
Dehradun		22.6	8.5	Puducherry	2.3	29.2	21
Gangtok		15.1	8.7	Pune		27.2	20
Goa		32.7	24.5	Raipur			
Guwahati				Ranchi			
Hubballi		27.0	19.0	Shillong		27.0	6
Hyderabad		27.8	19.0	Shimla		16.4	6
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Jaipur		26.4	11.1	Thiruvananthapuram	1.4	30.5	24
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(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

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Chennai	07		.31	119			6.00 p.m., Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall
Delhi	17	.92	108	457	.444		air quality index (AQI) score
Hyderabad	18	.66	.41	259			of 432 indicating a
Kolkata	14	.75	.32	256	.178		dangerous level of
Lucknow	33	.36	.53	360			pollution. In contrast, Eloor, Kerala recorded a healthy
Mumbai	22	.43	.41	142	.121		AQI score of 45.
Pune	87	.19	.42	157	.119		
Visakhapatnam	09	.45	.34	153	.120		

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI) 502: 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

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.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eves 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

Amnesty India seeks time to furnish response to ED

NGO was served with notice for alleged violation of FEMA

sending the reply, which will

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Amnesty International India Private Limited, to which the Enforcement Directorate had earlier served a showcause notice for alleged violation of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) involving ₹51.72 crore, has sought more time to furnish its response.

"Accordingly, we have extended the deadline for

be examined by the authority concerned before taking any further action. FEMA provides for a penalty of up to three times the amount involved in the violation," said an official.

Export of services The ED had earlier said that

the alleged violation was covered under the Borrowing and Lending Regulations,

for rendering civil society activities in India by getting remittances from parent body, Amnesty International-U.K., in the garb of export of services. The agency had carried out searches on the Bengaluru premises of the organisation last year. It was alleged that Amnesty India, for its NGO activities, had received funds from Amnesty International-U.K. through commercial channels.

Teacher killed outside school in Punjab

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

A woman teacher was shot dead outside a private school at Kharar town in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district of Punjab on Thursday. The victim's five-yearold daughter was with her at the time of the incident.

Saranjit Kaur, in her early thirties, was attacked by an assailant while she was parking her two-wheeler outside the school, the police said.

"The prime suspect is Harvinder, the husband of the victim, and we have launched a manhunt to trace the accused. The victim had filed a police complaint against Harvinder of marrying her by playing fraud," said Harmandeep Singh Hans, Superintendent of Police (Investigations). "We are also looking for another person who helped the assailant abscond after the incident," he added.



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Tentative Date of Interview	January, 2020					
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