

IN BRIEF



Bedi holds consultations with fiscal policy experts

PUDUCHERRY Lt. Governor Kiran Bedi held consultations with fiscal policy experts deputed by the Ministry of Home Affairs to take stock of the stressed financial situation in the Union Territory. Concerns over loss-making PSUs were raised.

Father of rape victim shot dead in U.P.

FIROZABAD The father of a rape victim was shot dead in Firozabad district of Uttar Pradesh and the family suspected the accused in the rape case to be behind the killing, police said. His daughter was raped six months ago and a man identified as Achaman Upadhaya was made the accused in the case, SSP Sachin Patel said. PTI

Driver of bus involved in mishap at Ganjam held

BERHAMPUR The driver of the bus that touched an 11 kv live wire in Odisha's Ganjam district on February 9, causing the death of 10 persons, was arrested by the police on Tuesday. The arrested driver had jumped out of the bus to escape when he found that the top of its goods carriage had come into contact with a high voltage power cable.

HC seeks govt. stand on plea to ban acid sale

NEW DELHI The Delhi High Court on Tuesday sought the State government's stand on a plea by an acid attack survivor, who has alleged that the chemical was easily available despite the Supreme Court's directions to regulate its sale. She also alleged that the statutory rules which regulate the sale of acid were not being implemented by the authorities. PTI

Agri zone may not affect ongoing T.N. projects

Officials say government only intends to bar fresh attempts at exploration of gas, minerals

CHENNAI Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami's announcement on Sunday last that the Cauvery delta region would be declared 'Protected Special Agricultural Zone' (PSAZ) may not affect various ongoing projects in the districts, including hydrocarbon exploration. Mr Palaniswami had said no "new projects such as the hydrocarbon project" would be allowed in delta districts. The primary intention of the government is to prohibit any "fresh" attempts at exploration of gas and minerals in the Cauvery delta re-



A file picture of an exploratory well near Neduvasal.

gion, senior bureaucrats indicated. "This is wet-land ecology and such explorations would affect agriculture severely. Moreover, such explorations would also lead to seawater intrusion." Since the ongoing projects

in the Cauvery delta have already obtained necessary permission from the authorities concerned, they may not be affected by the announcement," informed sources said. The proposed ₹50,000 crore investment in Cuddalore by Haldia Petrochemicals would be allowed since "the unit is outside" the Cauvery delta core region. Besides, it is only replacing another private player. would cover the entire Nagapattinam, Tiruvallur and Thanjavur districts. The remaining five districts would be covered only partially. The declaration was to primarily to stop "local exploitation of underground minerals and gas." That way, refineries could be allowed since they would only use imported oil, officials explained. Though the contours of the policy are yet to be outlined, sources hinted that infrastructure projects such as laying of roads and railways and construction of bridges would not be affected.

CM yet to clarify The Chief Minister has so far not clarified about the fate of the ongoing projects in the region. The proposed PSAZ

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18:00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu. Heavy rain/snow likely at isolated places over Kashmir.

Table with 3 columns: CITY, RAIN, MAX, MIN. Lists weather data for 20 cities including Agartala, Ahmedabad, Aizawl, Allahabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Gangtok, Goa, Guwahati, Hubballi, Hyderabad, Imphal, Jaipur, Kochi, Kolkata, Mysuru, New Delhi, Patna, Port Blair, Puducherry, Raipur, Ranchi, Shillong, Shimla, Srinagar, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli, Vijayawada, and Visakhapatnam.

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Table with 2 columns: CITIES, SO2, NO2, CO, PM2.5, PM10, AQI. Lists air quality data for 10 cities including Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pune, and Visakhapatnam.

Recruitment Notice Nalanda University Rajgir - District Nalanda - 803 116 - Bihar - India No NU / Librarian / 2019 -20 Recruitment Notice Nalanda University, an avant - garde international university under the aegis of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India invites application for the post of Librarian on contract basis for a term of 03 years. The prospective candidate should have hands - on experience in E library and resource management using digital technology for information storage, retrieval, dissemination and network access in libraries with digital + physical holdings. The last date of submission of application is February 26, 2020 For qualification, experience and other details please visit the web site www.nalandauniv.edu.in

Cleaning of drains & septic tanks claims 110 lives in 2019

NEW DELHI The number of people who died while cleaning sewers and septic tanks in the country increased by almost 62% from 68 in 2018 to 110 in 2019, according to a reply given by the Social Justice and Empowerment (SJE) Ministry to the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.



*SOURCE: SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY IN THE LOK SABHA ON FEBRUARY 11, 2020

National survey SJE Minister of State Ramdas Athawale replied to the question asked by Bharatiya Janata Party MPs Anil Firojia, Mohanbhai Kalyanjibhai Kundariya and Lallu Singh about the incidents of manual scavenging, which is banned under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013. The reply said a total of 14,559 manual scavengers

had been identified by Municipalities and Gram Panchayats in 13 States from 2013-2014 till January 31, 2020. Apart from that, a national survey was conducted in 194 districts in 18 States where 48,345 manual scavengers were identified till January 31, taking the total to 62,904. While saying "there have been no reports regarding death of persons due to manual scavenging", the Minister's reply stated that the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis had received reports about the death of people cleaning sewers and septic tanks. These cases were reported from 18 States and Union Territories, while 13 States and UTs submitted "nil reports".

SC's order on quota in promotions challenged

Bhim Army chief seeks review

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI Bhim Army chief Chandra Shekhar Aazad on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court for a review of its February 7 judgment reiterating the settled law that an individual cannot claim reservation in promotion as a fundamental right. The judgment by a Bench led by Justice L. Nageswara Rao is based on a series of Constitution Bench verdicts, from the Indira Sawhney case in 1992 to M. Nagaraj judgment in mid-2000s. However, Mr. Aazad has argued in his review petition that the February judgment would "act as a tool in the hands of the oppressors to further oppress and exploit the SC, ST, OBC and the economically weaker sections, causing further

marginalisation within society, thereby defeating the endeavour to bring equality between the citizens of this country by the framers of our Constitution particularly those of Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar." "Not a mandamus" The Supreme Court had observed that State governments were not bound to make reservations. Even the courts cannot issue a mandamus directing the States to provide reservations. "There is no fundamental right which inheres in an individual to claim reservation in promotions. No mandamus can be issued by the court directing the State government to provide reservations," the Court had observed in its February 7 verdict.

Army veteran who opened fire on family shot dead by daughter

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MATHURA (U.P.)

An Army veteran was shot dead by his daughter after he opened fire at her and his wife, seriously injuring them at their home here, police said on Tuesday. Chetram, 45, was shot

dead by his daughter when he tried to fire at his son after an argument with his wife late on Monday. "While Chetram, a retired soldier, died on the spot, his wife and daughter are battling for their lives at a hospital," police said.

Maharashtra realty panel sparks a row

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

The Maharashtra government sparked off a controversy by including real estate developers Shahid Balwa and Vinod Goenka - who were accused and later acquitted in the 2G spectrum scam - in a committee to review issues of the real estate sector. The committee was set up following a meeting of industry representatives with Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray. The MVA government later denied having included the two on the panel.

Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) Notice Inviting Bids for Design, Manufacture and Supply of Pumps for Recovery & Utility Area, Supply of Stainless Steel Pipes & Fittings, and Supply of Carbon Steel Pipes & Fittings.

National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) Call for Admission (2020 - March /April Batch) for Advanced Diploma in BigData Analytics (16 Weeks) and Advanced Diploma in Artificial Intelligence (12 Weeks).

Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET) Notice Inviting Tender for Sealed Tenders are invited under Two Bid System (Part-I - TECHNICAL-COMMERCIAL BID & Part-II - PRICE BID) at C-MET, Hyderabad for the supply, installation, commissioning and demonstration of the following items/equipment under time bound sponsored project.

National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology, Calicut (NIELIT) Call for Admission (2020 - March /April Batch) for Advanced Diploma in BigData Analytics (16 Weeks) and Advanced Diploma in Artificial Intelligence (12 Weeks).

Bharat Coking Coal Limited (A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited) Notice Inviting E-Tenders for Supply of Submersible Pumps sets of various duty parameters against Open Domestic Tender (Cum Reverse Auction) No-BCCL/PUR/119136/Submersible Pumps/19-20/OTE-RA/68.

Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC) Notice Inviting E-Tenders for Design & Construction of Civil, PEB, Structural Steel, PH and other allied works for SGTMF Project at NFC, Hyderabad.

Brahmapur Development Authority (BeDA) National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 194 / BeDA(Engg.). Dt.10-02-2020. Details of the bidding process and terms and conditions.

Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC) Notice Inviting E-Tenders for Assistance for Preparation of drawings/schemes for Architectural, Structural Sections & Supervision for Ventilation jobs for various works of AAS Project in NFC at Hyderabad.

Appointment and Recruitment Notices from Nalanda University and Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGENCO). Includes details for a Librarian position and recruitment for maintenance works.