

IN BRIEF



CBI books Rotomac owner Vikram Kothari

NEW DELHI
The CBI has booked Kanpur-based Rotomac Exim (P) Limited, its owner Vikram Kothari, son Rahul and others for allegedly cheating Allahabad Bank of ₹36.84 crore. The bank lodged a complaint against the accused persons after it failed to recover dues.

Doctors have no right to go on strike: Madras HC

CHENNAI
The Madras High Court on Friday said no government employee, including doctors, had a right to go on strike and the law had been settled well in T.K. Rangarajan vs. Government of Tamil Nadu (2003) case. However, the court quashed the memos and transfer orders issued to select government doctors who led a strike last year, and said the Tamil Nadu government's action smacked of "mala fide" intention.

CGST official booked for disproportionate wealth

NEW DELHI
The CBI has booked Assistant Commissioner of CGST and Central Excise, Deepak Pandit, his wife and sons for amassing wealth disproportionate to their known sources of income. He is currently posted in Mumbai and is a relative of filmmaker Ashok Pandit, said an official.

Delhi water fails to clear ISO norms

BIS files report on samples collected randomly

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

None of the drinking water samples randomly collected from across Delhi conforms to the ISO standards of purity in one or more requirements, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) informed the Supreme Court on Friday.

Of a total of 11 domestic piped drinking water samples, one was collected from Union Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Pawan's 12, Janpath residence. That, too, failed on the parameters of odour and aluminium and coliform contamination.

"It was found that all the drinking water samples drawn from Delhi were non-conforming in one or more requirements as per IS 10500:2012 [specification for drinking water]," concluded a 64-page report filed by the Department of Laboratory Policy and Planning Department of the BIS, represented by advocates Vipin Nair, Karthik Jayshankar and Anshuman Bahadur.

On January 13, the court ordered the pollution control board and the BIS to



Samples were drawn from various locations across Delhi and 20 other cities.

conduct a random check of water quality in Delhi and submit a report in a month. The BIS report said it drew samples from various locations across Delhi and 20 other State capitals under an integrated scheme.

On Friday, the court deputed another joint inspection by the Central Pollution Control Board, the BIS and the Delhi Jal Board. The Delhi government said potable water in the national capital is safe. The court, however, asked the BIS to suggest measures to improve water purity and asked it for reports on the samples taken from the other cities.

"Coliform contamination occurs when faecal matter gets mixed with treated water... Ultimately, consumers face dangerous gastrointestinal diseases, like dysentery, as a result of this contamination," said Mr. Nair.

Summer to be hotter than usual, says IMD

Above normal heat wave conditions likely in some areas

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The summer months from March to May are poised to be hotter than normal, a forecast by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Friday.

The forecast indicates that the MAM (March-May) season averaged temperatures are likely to be at least half a degree hotter than normal over northwest, west and central India and some parts of south India.

The season averaged maximum temperature is likely to be warmer than normal in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Rajasthan, east and west Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, sub Himalayan West Bengal, Gujarat, Saurashtra and Kutch, Konkarn and Goa, central Maharashtra, Marathwada, Vidharbha, north interior Karnataka, coastal Karnataka, Rayalaseema and Kerala.



Rising mercury: The forecast indicates that the March-May season is likely to be hotter. FILE PHOTO

Above normal heat wave conditions are also likely in the core heat wave zone during the season (March-May), the weather department said.

Key to timely monsoon

The core heat wave zone covers the States of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Telangana and parts of Maharashtra and coastal Andhra Pradesh.

A hot summer, experts say, is a key factor to a timely monsoon. However, the impact of a warming ocean and its impact on the monsoon is likely to be more apparent around April when the IMD issues its first forecast for the monsoon.

The southwest monsoon in 2019 (June to September) delivered rainfall 10% above average in the country – the highest in 25 years. In 1994, the rainfall was 110% during the June-September period.

Before that, over 10% above average rainfall was witnessed in 1990 (119%).

Hardik Patel gets interim protection from arrest

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday granted Congress leader Hardik Patel interim protection from arrest till the next hearing on March 6 and slammed the Gujarat police for "sitting on" its investigation into an unlawful assembly case in connection with the Patidar quota stir in 2015.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for the police, objected to the grant of interim protection. The police said there had been no threat to the personal liberty of Mr. Patel in the past five years.

A Bench led by Justice U.U. Lalit responded that it was exactly because the police did nothing for the past five years in the case that the court decided to step in. "You have done nothing for the past five years. What is the evidence gathered?" the court asked the police.



Hardik Patel

The hearing was based on appeal filed by Mr. Patel, the Patidar movement chief, challenging a Gujarat High Court decision refusing him anticipatory bail in the case that relates to the violence during the Parishad rally at Vastrapur in Gujarat.

In the HC, the police had argued that there were 10 cases against Mr. Patel and he had absconded for nearly a month fearing arrest.

The apex court indicated that the grant of interim protection for seven days' time – enough for the State to file a response to Mr. Patel's appeal – was reasonable.

Curfew, no Internet in Meghalaya after clashes

A Khasi Students' Union leader died in clash

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Curfew was imposed in East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya and internet services suspended across six districts from 10 p.m. on Friday following the death of a Khasi Students' Union (KSU) leader in a clash with non-tribal people over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and introduction of the inner-line permit system restricting the entry and stay of non-locals in the State.

The State capital Shillong is within the purview of the curfew till 8 p.m. on Saturday.

"Curfew has been clamped due to apprehension of serious deterioration in law and order in Shillong and adjoining areas," East Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner M. War Nongbri said.

Tension gripped the district after a meeting on the citizenship law and inner-

line permit organised by the KSU in the Shella area went wrong. The police said differences between the KSU leaders and the non-tribal people of the area led to a clash in which a KSU member sustained critical injuries.

He died at a health centre in Sohra, or Cherrapunjee, later in the evening.

Officials said the curfew and ban on mobile Internet services have been imposed to prevent misuse of social media for fanning communal hatred.

"Service providers have been asked to limit the messaging service to five SMSes per day," the State's Home (Police) Department Secretary C.V.D. Diengdoh said.

The six districts where Internet services have been restricted are East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, South West Khasi Hills, Ri Bhoi, East Jaintia Hills and West Jaintia Hills.

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 Saturday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning and gusts likely at a few places over Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, west Uttar Pradesh, northeast Rajasthan, west Madhya Pradesh, west Vidarbha, south interior Karnataka and Kerala. Heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan and Himachal Pradesh.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	...	36.0	14.0	Kozhikode	...	36.0	26.0
Ahmedabad	...	35.0	19.0	Kurnool	...	35.0	24.0
Aizawl	...	22.0	7.0	Lucknow	...	28.0	15.0
Allahabad	...	29.0	14.0	Madurai	...	36.0	23.0
Bengaluru	...	31.0	18.0	Mangaluru	...	35.0	25.0
Bhopal	...	31.0	17.0	Mumbai	...	32.0	17.0
Bhubaneswar	...	31.0	16.0	Mysuru	...	34.0	21.0
Chandigarh	...	25.0	17.0	New Delhi	...	27.0	17.0
Chennai	...	33.0	25.0	Patna	...	27.0	15.0
Coimbatore	...	34.0	23.0	Port Blair	...	31.0	24.0
Dehradun	...	24.0	11.0	Puducherry	...	32.0	23.0
Gangtok	...	16.0	8.0	Pune	...	34.0	13.0
Goa	...	36.0	24.0	Raipur	...	29.0	16.0
Guwahati	...	27.0	13.0	Ranchi	...	27.0	13.0
Hubballi	...	33.0	22.0	Shillong	...	18.0	8.0
Hyderabad	...	31.0	17.0	Shimla	...	17.0	7.0
Imphal	...	19.0	10.0	Srinagar	...	10.0	6.0
Jaipur	...	29.0	18.0	Thiruvananthapuram	...	35.0	24.0
Kochi	...	3.8	33.0	Tiruchi	...	35.0	23.0
Kohima	...	22.0	8.0	Vijayawada	...	33.0	22.0
Kolkata	...	28.0	18.0	Visakhapatnam	...	31.0	23.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing Yesterday

CITIES	SO ₂	NO _x	CO	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	CODE
Ahmedabad	74	115	27	192	154	...
Bengaluru	13	68	84	...	113	...
Chennai	40	23	100	...	74	...
Delhi	19	46	39	...	251	...
Hyderabad	13	30	26	...	70	...
Kolkata	15	69	14	...	218	...
Lucknow	6	57	75	...	170	...
Mumbai	29	89	34	...	228	...
Pune	78	32	92	...	166	...
Visakhapatnam	9	54	45	...	79	...

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.
NO_x: 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.

'Alternative medicine systems must undergo rigorous testing'

COVID-19 will encourage research: expert

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Alternative medical systems such as homeopathy could be tested for potential cures, provided they conform to protocols of clinical trials, Gagandeep Kang, director, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, said on Friday at a function organised by the Department of Science and Technology on National Science Day.

Her comments assume significance amid the CO-



Gagandeep Kang

VID-19 pandemic across the world and the advisory issued by the Ministry of AYUSH on January 29 advocating homeopathic, unani and ayurvedic panacea for its preventive treatment.

Ms. Kang is the first Indian woman to be elected as a fellow of the Royal Society of London. In response to a global question on whether home-

opathy could boost immunity, she said: "Irrespective of the methodology followed, there's now a well-established protocol to determine if a treatment works and any potential therapy or medicine has to undergo rigorous testing." The COVID-19 epidemic would encourage international collaborations, sharing of data and consolidation of resources to research for better vaccines, she added.

Meanwhile, President Ram Nath Kovind, who was the chief guest at the function, said that India's R&D workforce was only 15% women compared to a global average of 30%.

Balakot strike a paradigm shift: IAF chief

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The use of the Air Force in sub-conventional domain was a "taboo" in the past and the Balakot air strike was a "paradigm shift", Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhauduria said at a seminar. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the strike was a "singular event" of military precision, which taught the leadership to "think strategic than tactical".

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
Government of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

Introducing A New and Comprehensive Portal for New Companies

INTRODUCING

SPICe+
(Replacing the existing SPICe)

As part of Government of India's Ease of Doing Business (EODB) initiatives, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has notified and deployed a new Web Form christened 'SPICe+' (pronounced 'SPICe Plus') replacing the existing SPICe form.

SPICe+ would offer 10 services by 3 Central Govt. Ministries & Departments. (Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Labour & Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance) and One State Govt. (Maharashtra), thereby saving as many procedures, time and cost for Starting a Business in India and would be applicable for all new company incorporations w.e.f 23rd February 2020.

As an integrated Web Form, SPICe+ has two parts -

PART A FOR NAME RESERVATION FOR NEW COMPANIES

PART B OFFERING A BOUQUET OF SERVICES: (i) Incorporation (ii) DIN allotment (iii) Mandatory issue of PAN (iv) Mandatory issue of TAN (v) Mandatory issue of EPFO registration (vi) Mandatory issue of ESIC registration (vii) Mandatory issue of Profession Tax registration (Maharashtra) (viii) Mandatory Opening of Bank Account for the Company and (ix) Allotment of GSTIN (if so applied for)

- A new and user friendly Dashboard on the Front Office has been created for company incorporation application (SPICe+ and linked forms as applicable).
- The new web form would Facilitate On-screen filing and real time data validation for seamless incorporation of companies.
- Registration for EPFO and ESIC shall be mandatory for all new companies incorporated w.e.f 23rd February 2020 and no EPFO & ESIC registration nos. shall be separately issued by the respective agencies.
- Registration for Profession Tax shall also be mandatory for all new companies incorporated in the State of Maharashtra w.e.f 23rd February 2020.
- All new companies incorporated through SPICe+ (w.e.f 23rd February 2020) would also be mandatorily required to apply for opening the company's Bank account through the AGILE-PRO linked web form.

Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology (IBAB)
(established by the Department of IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka)
BioTech Park, Electronic City, Phase-1, Bengaluru - 560 100.

IBAB
Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology

Announces Admission to M.Sc. in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics

(A curriculum with strong emphasis on Computer Programming, Advanced Mathematics and Statistics, NGS Data Analysis, Systems Biology, Advanced Molecular and Cell Biology, Biochemistry and Immunology, Genome Editing Technologies, Chemoinformatics and Structural Bioinformatics and Drug Discovery, supplemented by individual hands-on training and research projects)

Course recognized and Degree Awarded by BANGALORE UNIVERSITY

Gateway to Industry and Academia with OVER 95% PLACEMENT RECORD

Placements in industry and academia (including PhD programs); details for each student of the last 3 graduating batches are available on the IBAB website.

Apply online. For details see our website www.ibab.ac.in**

Last Date for Receiving Online Applications** : 10 May 2020	Computerized Test ** : 24 May 2020 Personal Interview : 08 - 12 June 2020	Commencement of Course : Mid July 2020
--	--	---

Eligibility : Bachelor's Degree in any branch of Science / Technology / Medicine ** (Those appearing for Final Examination / Awaiting results are eligible to apply) ** See Website for further details : www.ibab.ac.in

A Limited Number of Scholarships are Available for Economically Weaker Candidates

Email: msc@ibab.ac.in Phone : 080-2852 8901 / 2852 8902 / 98458 10391

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
OFFICE OF THE MISSION DIRECTOR (NHM)
NAHARLAGUN

No. APRHM/2020/08 Dated Naharlagun the 26th February 2020

ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited from citizens of India for filling up of the following posts on Contractual basis initially for a period up to 2 years and extendable on yearly basis, based on the performance at a consolidated pay indicated against the post under NHM, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Naharlagun. The Details of Terms of Reference (TOR) can be downloaded from the NHM Official website www.nhrmarunachal.gov.in.

Sl.No	Name of post	No. of post(s)	Posting place
1	Pediatrician @ Rs. 1.8 lakhs/ month	02	DH/GH
2	Anesthetist @ Rs. 1.8 lakhs/ month	03	GH Ziro, GH Khonsa, GH Bomdila

General Terms & Condition.

- Willing candidates having requisite qualification as per Term of Reference (TOR) mentioned in the website / Advt. can apply in prescribe application form with self attested copies of all testimonial and 2 nos. recent passport size photograph and submit to the Office of the Mission Director (NHM) Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh C- Sector Naharlagun on or before 31st March 2020 at 4 PM and on top of the envelope, the applied post name should be mentioned in bold letter.
- Application received after the closing date & time will be not accepted.
- All those candidates who have applied before need to apply afresh.
- Candidates working in Govt./ Pvt. Sector will mandatorily require to submit NOC and character certificate from appointing authority.
- Reservation for APST candidates will be as per state Govt. norms.
- Name of Eligible candidates will be displayed in the office Notice board and website www.nhrmarunachal.gov.in.
- No individual call letters for viva-voce will be issued to any candidate.
- Mode of recruitment will be walk-in interview.
- No TA/DA will be admissible for appearing in the interview.
- The undersigned reserved the right to reject any or all application without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
(P.Parthiban) IAS
Secretary (H&FW) and Mission Director (NHM)
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

DIPR/ARN/8889-91/19

सी.एस.आई.आर - केंद्रीय विद्युत् रासायन अनुसंधान संस्थान
CSIR - CENTRAL ELECTROCHEMICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Karaikudi - 630 003.

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW NOTIFICATION No. PS-02/2020

Position & Stipend	Essential qualification	Age limit	Date, Time and Venue for interview
Project Assistant-I ₹.15,000/-p.m (consolidated) (01 Position)	Diploma in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) with 55% marks (50% marks for SC/ST)	28 Years	11.03.2020 (Wednesday) at 9.00 AM Central Electrochemical Research Institute, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu.
Project Assistant-II ₹.14,000/-pm + HRA (01 Position)	B.Sc. in Physics/Chemistry/Biotechnology/Energy Studies with 55% marks (50% marks for SC/ST)	28 Years	
Senior Research Fellow (P) ₹.31,000/-pm + HRA (1 Position)	M.Sc. in Chemistry with 55% marks and should have valid NET qualification and 2 years of research experience.	32 Years	

For further details, please visit www.cecri.res.in

प्रशासन अधिकारी / Administrative Officer