

IN BRIEF



**Perarivalan seeks action against Raj Bhavan PIO**  
CHENNAI  
A.G. Perarivalan, a life convict in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, has moved the Tamil Nadu Information Commission seeking disciplinary action against the Public Information Officer of the Raj Bhavan for "deliberately" not furnishing information sought under the RTI Act.

**NCC is an investment in nation building, says Bedi**  
PUDUCHERRY  
Paying encomiums to National Cadet Corps for its role in nation building, Lieutenant Governor Kiran Bedi on Monday said, "NCC is the national investment to build the nation." Interacting at the Raj Nivas with NCC cadets from Puducherry, she said the NCC played a role in developing leadership quality.

**Woman set ablaze by stalker in Wardha**

WARDHA  
A 25-year-old college teacher was set ablaze by her stalker on Monday in Maharashtra's Wardha district. The victim, Ankita Pisude, suffered 40% burn and inhalation injuries, a Wardha police official said, adding that the woman was admitted to a hospital in Nagpur and was in a critical condition. PTI

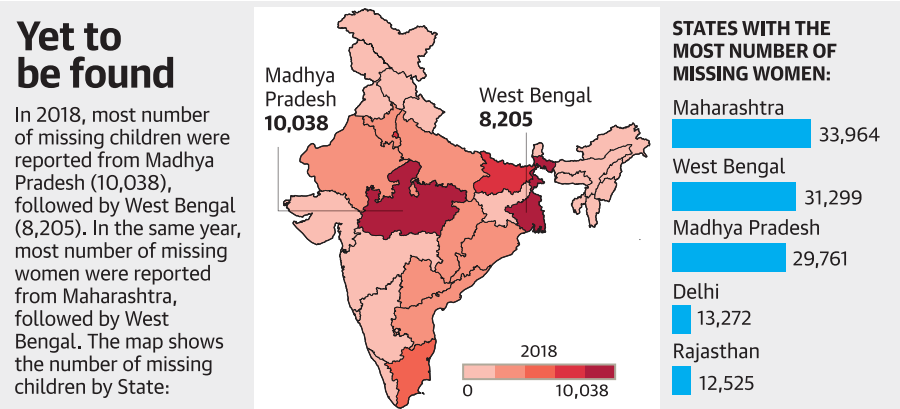
**1,700 kg of marijuana seized in Odisha**

BERHAMPUR  
The Odisha police on Monday seized over 1,700 kg of marijuana from a mini-truck in the Digapahandi area in Ganjam. The contraband was being smuggled from Paralakhemundi in Gajapati district to Puri. The vehicle driver, Biswaranjan Biswal of Balakati near Bhubaneswar, was arrested.

# Most missing women from Maharashtra, M.P.

States record highest number of missing children and women cases in 2016, 2017 and 2018

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NEW DELHI  
The highest number of women and children who go missing in the country are from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh respectively, according to a study by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). The two States recorded the highest number of cases of missing children and women among all other States in the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.



**Yet to be found**  
In 2018, most number of missing children were reported from Madhya Pradesh (10,038), followed by West Bengal (8,205). In the same year, most number of missing women were reported from Maharashtra, followed by West Bengal. The map shows the number of missing children by State:

higher than in other areas. "The need for the study arises because of the fact that incidents of missing women and children are not uniform across the country. Some parts of the country report higher incidents and such areas could be one of the source, transit or destination [sites] for child /women trafficking," NCRB said. According to the report, the States where the highest number of women went missing in the three years are Maharashtra, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. In

2016, as many as 28,316 women went missing in Maharashtra, followed by 29,279 in 2017, and 33,964 in 2018. In West Bengal, the number of missing women in 2016, 2017 and 2018 was 24,937, 28,133 and 31,299, respectively. Madhya Pradesh recorded 21,435, 26,587 and 29,761 missing reports of women in the three years. In 2016-18, a total of 63,407, 63,349 and 67,134 children were reported missing across the country. The maximum number of missing reports were recorded in Maharashtra and West Bengal in 2016, 2017 and 2018. The study said that in Madhya Pradesh, Indore reported the highest number of missing children, with 596 in 2017 and 823 in 2018.

### 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 Tuesday:** Dense fog very likely in isolated parts over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0	24.9	8.0	Kozhikode	0	34.4	24.4
Ahmedabad	0	27.8	14.3	Kurnool	0	33.4	20.9
Aizawl	0	17.4	7.9	Lucknow	0	21.9	7.7
Allahabad	0	25.3	6.4	Madurai	0	34.4	21.0
Bengaluru	0	29.2	17.2	Mangaluru	0	33.0	23.2
Bhopal	0	24.4	9.5	Mumbai	0	28.8	18.8
Bhubaneswar	0	26.9	18.0	Mysuru	0	31.9	16.9
Chandigarh	0	20.4	03.2	New Delhi	0	21.4	06.1
Chennai	0	30.6	22.6	Patna	0	23.2	08.0
Coimbatore	0	32.8	21.0	Port Blair	0	30.6	24.9
Dehradun	0	21.8	05.3	Puduchery	0	31.2	21.2
Gangtok	0	10.2	04.0	Pune	0	32.7	15.9
Goa	0	31.2	21.3	Raipur	0	22.1	15.4
Guwahati	0	24.2	7.2	Ranchi	0	24.2	17.0
Hubballi	0	31.0	19.0	Shillong	0	13.7	01.9
Hyderabad	0	30.7	19.4	Shimla	0	13.1	02.5
Imphal	0	20.6	03.9	Srinagar	0	09.5	5.0
Jaipur	0	22.4	08.8	Thiruvananthapuram	0	32.8	23.7
Kochi	0	31.6	23.8	Tiruchi	0	33.1	21.0
Kohima	0	16.0	06.4	Vijayawada	0	31.5	21.4
Kolkata	0	24.0	11.5	Visakhapatnam	0	28.5	23.0

# Borewell deaths: SC seeks response from Centre, States

Authorities are negligent about safety measures, says plea

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NEW DELHI  
The Supreme Court on Monday sought a response from the Centre and States on measures taken to prevent children from falling into abandoned or open borewells.



A Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra issued notice on a petition filed by advocate G.S. Mani seeking the court to ask the governments at the State and Central levels to file a report on the action taken against errant officials whose neglect led to the tragic deaths of children trapped in borewells. Mr. Mani's petition

Court directions in 2010. He annexed several news reports of borewell deaths in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra over the years. **Deplorable negligence** The petition said the deplorable negligence which led to the death of the two-year-old in Tiruchi brings to the forefront dangers of abandoned and open borewells. He contended that the Tamil Nadu government had failed to take any precautionary measure despite the court directions nine years ago. There was a total failure, Mr. Mani said.

# Five sentenced to life in Ayanavaram abuse case

Court holds in camera proceedings  
**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
CHENNAI  
A special court on Monday sentenced five sexual offenders to life imprisonment after they were convicted on charges of grave offences, including aggravated penetrative sexual assault, on an 11-year-old girl with hearing impairment at an apartment complex in Ayanavaram in 2018. Four of them - Ravikumar, 58, a lift operator; Suresh, 34, plumber; Abishek, 25; and Palani, 42, a security staff - will have to undergo imprisonment for the remainder of their natural life, or until death, while Rajasekar, 42, a house-keeping staff, has been sentenced to life imprisonment. On Saturday, the special court convicted 15 of the 17 offenders. P.Gunasekaran was let off and another died during the trial. **Tight security** Amid tight security, the convicts were brought to the court complex located in the Madras High Court premises on Monday. R.N. Manjula, special judge for exclusive trial of cases under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, held in camera proceedings and pronounced sentences on the convicts in the presence of the special public prosecutor and defence counsel.

# If tap water meets BIS norms, RO systems will be banned

Proposed regulation is not the final word and the Environment Ministry will await comments from the public for 30 days

**JACOB KOSHY**  
NEW DELHI  
The Union Environment Ministry has published a draft notification that effectively prohibits users from installing membrane-based water purification, mainly reverse osmosis, systems in their homes if the water has been sourced from a supply that meets the Bureau of Indian Standards' (BIS) drinking water norms. "Installation or use of MWPS [Membrane-based Water Purification System]

shall be prohibited, at the point of use or at the point of entry for purification of supplied water which is subjected to conventional flocculation, filtration and disinfection process or is from any sources which are in compliance with acceptable limit for drinking water prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standard 10500:2012," the Ministry said in the notification, made public on Monday. The proposed regulation is not the final word and the

Ministry will await comments from the public for 30 days, after which it may incorporate the changes before it becomes a law. The Delhi Jal Board, among others, claims that the water it supplies meets BIS norms. **NGT order** The Ministry has issued this order to comply with an order of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), which has prohibited the use of reverse osmosis (RO) purifiers in

places where total dissolved solids (TDS) in the supplied water are below 500 mg per litre. The Water Quality Association of India, which represents companies that make RO systems, had moved the Supreme Court for a stay of the NGT's order. The SC declined to intervene and the NGT had directed the Environment Ministry to issue a notification that restricted the use of water filters. The NGT had ordered a ban on RO filters on the

grounds that they wasted water and that, in the process of removing salts, they often deprived drinking water of essential salts. RO, while useful in reducing salts, does not tackle bacterial agents or trace chemicals, and manufacturers often claim that additional filtration is required to deliver potable water. "This is a work in progress... users will not be prosecuted for installing RO systems," Jigmet Takpa, Joint Secretary, Union Environ-

ment Ministry, told the *Hindu*. "However, this is part of a significant change we are implementing to regulate RO manufacturers and inform consumers that RO systems aren't needed always," he added. **Current regulations** Current BIS regulations consider 500 mg/litre-1,200 mg/l of total dissolved solids, which consists of salts and some organic matter, as acceptable though there is no lower limit.

# CBI books MPSC officials for exam irregularities

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI  
The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case against unknown officials of the Manipur Public Service Commission (MPSC) for alleged irregularities in the main examination conducted for posts in 2016. The probe has been launched following a Manipur High Court order on a petition.

# ED attaches assets in Rose Valley scam

Total attachment stands at ₹4,750 crore

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI  
The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth ₹70.11 crore, including the bank accounts of Multiple Resorts, St. Xavier's College (Kolkata) and Knight Riders Sports Private Limited, in connection with the Rose Valley Group ponzi scam. The total attachment in the case now stands at ₹4,750 crore. The bank accounts of Multiple Resorts, St. Xavier's College and Knight Riders Sports - attached under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act - have an overall balance of ₹16.20 crore. The ED has also attached 24 acres of landed property at Ramnagar and Mahishdal in Purba Medinipur, one acre of landed property at Jyoti Basu Nagar and a hotel in West Bengal, besides a flat at Dilip Chambers in Mumbai. The ED probe is based on the FIRs and chargesheets filed by the West Bengal pol-



Multiple Resorts, St. Xavier's and Knight Riders have a bank balance of ₹16.20 cr. **ice against the Rose Valley Group of companies and others. It is alleged that the companies fraudulently collected deposits of more than ₹1,520 crore from the public with the intention to cheat them by falsely promising high returns on their investment. An amount of ₹10,850 crore was repaid, but the remaining still remains outstanding. The group diverted and siphoned off the funds. Earlier, the ED had identified and attached properties having a tentative market value of about ₹4,680 crore. It had arrested the group's promoter, Gautam Kundu, in March 2015. He is still in judicial custody.**

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Ref. No.: NIMH/ENG/ET/2562/2019-20 Date: 01.02.2020  
**QUOTATION GUM AUCTION NOTIFICATION**  
Sealed quotations are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore for Demolition of Lakshmi Mittal Rest Home and Family Psychiatry ward in NIMHANS campus "ON AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". Quotations form will be issued from 11.02.2020 to 13.02.2020 upto 3:00 p.m. The cost of quotation form is Rs. 5,000/- + GST (Rupees Five Thousand + GST only) non re- fundable. Sealed quotations will be received upto 3:00 p.m., on 17.02.2020, and quotations will be opened on the same day at 3:30 p.m. if possible in the presence of the quotationers. The auction will be conducted after opening of quotation based on highest bid amount among qualified quotationers. The quotationer should enclose the EMD of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only) in the form of DD/PO/BC drawn in favour of the Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore otherwise quotation will not be considered. Above two demolition buildings can be inspected in consultation of Engineer-in-charge during the working hours. The successful quotationer/bidder shall have to pay the bid amount within three days from the date of intimation from this office. Any other details can be had from this office. For information, Please visit NIMHANS website: [www.nimhans.ac.in](http://www.nimhans.ac.in) Sd/-, Executive Engineer

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