

# Accept Akhara’s shebait rights, but not its tall claims, says Waqf board

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THE SUNNI Wakf Board on Thursday told the Supreme Court that while they conceded the Nirmohi Akhara’s claim for ‘shebait’ rights in Ayodhya, it was not willing to accept its “tall claims” about it being there from centuries ago.

A shebait, under Hindu law, is entrusted with the task of maintaining and preserving an idol and its property.

Appearing for the Wakf Board and M Siddiq, who are appellants in the matter, Senior Advocate Rajeev Dhavan told a five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi that a distinction has to be made between the “credible and not credible” parts of the statements by the Akhara’s witnesses. The Nirmohi Akhara is one of the three parties to the title suit.

The bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer, is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of Allahabad High Court ordering a three-way division of the disputed 2.77 acres.

On Thursday, Dhavan tried to bring out alleged contradictions in the statements of the Akhara’s witnesses. Intervening, Justice Chandrachud referred to Dhavan’s statement that he was not opposed to shebait rights claimed by the Akhara and asked, “On the one hand, you admit their shebait rights. On the other, you say their evidence is



mostly based on folklore etc. If that is folklore, shouldn’t this also be so?”

Dhavan replied that he will distinguish between the “credible” and “not incredible” parts of the statements.

“Somebody said Nirmohi Akhara came into being 700 years ago, some said 250 years ago... A witness said Lord Ram was there 12 lakh years ago... But I cannot get away from the fact that there are records that Nirmohi Akhara was there in 1855-56 and a suit was filed in 1885,” he said.

The senior counsel said that even as he accepted that Nirmohis are ‘shebait’ of Ram Chabutara in the outer courtyard, some parts of their statement were not credible. “The tall claims like they were there from time immemorial have to be rejected,” he said.

The hearing in the matter will resume on September 11.

In a significant development in the case, the Sunni Wakf Board had on Wednesday accepted before the Supreme Court that there existed idols of Hindu deities in the outer courtyard of the disputed site and that they were being worshipped by Hindus.

# Kerala HC acquits 8 given life term in Muthoot murder case

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 5

SETTING ASIDE a lower court’s verdict, the Kerala High Court Thursday acquitted eight persons who were sentenced to life term over the road rage murder of young businessman Paul Muthoot George in 2009.

George was the executive director of the then Rs 20,000-crore Muthoot Group — one of the leading Non Banking Financial Companies in the country.

The High Court observed that the CBI, which probed the case, could not categorically prove that the accused had committed the murder. The court

## Former Chinese soldier gets Indian visa

**Nagpur:** Former Chinese soldier Wang Qi (80), who has been living in Madhya Pradesh since 1969 and had travelled to China in October 2018 but was unable to come back due to visa troubles, was granted a visa on Thursday. *The Indian Express* had reported last week that Qi had been stuck in China since October 2018.

Qi was arrested by Indian forces in 1963 after the Sino-India war. He was released in 1969. He was first granted a visa to travel to China in 2017.

Qi’s son, Vishnu regretted that his father was given only a 6-month visa. “Earlier, it was for over a year,” he said. **ENS**

also did not admit the CBI contention that the murder was pre-meditated.

In 2015, the CBI court had found 13 persons guilty. While nine had been awarded a life term, the remaining four, who were found guilty for destroying evidence, had been sentenced to three years in jail. Eight of the nine awarded the life term had moved an appeal in the High Court.

According to the prosecution, George, then 32, was travelling along the Alappuzha-Changanassery road on the night of August 22, 2009. He was accompanied by two wanted men, Om Prakash and Puthanpalam Rajesh, who allegedly had links with CPI(M) leaders.

### INITIATIVE AFTER HURTFUL WHATSAPP POST

# Maharashtra mosque gathering cuts across religious lines

VIVEK DESHPANDE  
NAGPUR, SEPTEMBER 5

A LARGE number of people belonging to other religions visited the Chhoti Masjid in Chandrapur on Thursday amid an atmosphere of brotherhood and camaraderie, as part of a programme called ‘Masjid Sab Ke Liye’.

The programme was organised by the local Muslim community following a hurtful post in a WhatsApp group of lawyers. A lawyer had posted that arms were recovered from several mosques in Kashmir following the scrapping of Article 370.

The post prompted another member of the group, lawyer Farhat Baig, to talk to community leaders, including Imams, for allowing non-Muslims to city mosques to remove their misgivings. Community leaders welcomed the idea.

“Over 175 people belonging to all castes and religions participated in the programme that was suffused with an atmosphere of brotherhood and camaraderie,” Baig told *The Indian Express*.

Baig is founder-member of Muslim Educational, Social and Cultural Organisation that had taken the lead in organising the programme. Interestingly, the young lawyer who had posted the controversial content, also participated in the programme.

The accused persons were members of a supari gang, who were going from Changanassery to Alappuzha in two vans to attack someone in Alappuzha. However, one of their vehicles developed a hitch.

While they were repairing the vehicle, the car in which George and his friends were travelling hit a two-wheeler parked near the van which was being repaired.

However, George drove away without attending to the two-wheeler’s rider.

This provoked the gang’s leader, K Jayachandran, who asked his colleagues in the other vehicle to follow the car.

The other gang members tracked down George’s car later that night. They got into a scuf-

fle with George and subsequently, one of the gang members, K Satheesh, stabbed him. The two wanted men accompanying George fled the scene.

The case was initially probed by the state police. But George’s family moved the High Court, which handed over the probe to CBI. Both the investigating agencies had concluded that there was no conspiracy behind the murder, which according to the police was an outcome of an accidental roadside scuffle.

The murder had snowballed into a major controversy after it was found that the wanted men, Om Prakash and Puthanpalam Rajesh, were allegedly close to the son of then home minister Kodyiyeri Balakrishnan, a CPI(M) Politburo member.



Nearly 175 people visited Chhoti Masjid in Chandrapur on Thursday. *Express*

“We kept his identity secret. I only introduced him to the mosque Imam, Mufti Walilullah. The young lawyer expressed regret and also apologised. We said we were, in fact, thankful to him since that actually served as an inspiration behind Thursday’s programme,” Baig said.

The visitors were taken around the mosque and explained how it functions. Namaz was also performed in front of them. Walilullah told the gathering that mosque is where Muslims pray for the well-being of humanity and peace. There is no place for arms here, he said.

Social activist Bandu Dhotre said on the occasion that it is the need of the hour to organise such programmes all over the

country. Another speaker Manish Tiwari said India had been a multi-religious country since ancient times and attempts to divide people along religious lines must be done away with. BJP leader and Brijbhusan Pazare also praised the initiative.

The participants included people belonging to all prominent political parties. Also in the gathering was social activist Baliraj Dhote, who was arrested last week for “offensive” posts against BJP-RSS and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The community has decided to make it a monthly feature with visits by other communities in the first Thursday of every month. The next programme is to be held at city’s Jama Masjid.

## MP asks Centre to direct Gujarat to follow Sardar Sarovar filling schedule

**Bhopal:** After accusing the Gujarat government of disregarding the schedule for filling the Sardar Sarovar reservoir, Madhya Pradesh on Thursday sought the Centre’s intervention. Chief Minister Kamal Nath on Thursday wrote to Union Water Resources Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat urg-

ing him to call a meeting of the Narmada Control Authority.

According to schedule, Nath said, the reservoir was to be filled up to 134 mts by August 31, 135 mts in September and up to 138.68 m by October 15.

However, the CM said, the water level stood at 135.47 mts by Wednesday noon. **ENS**

# MP Congress MLAs target health minister, backtrack

MILIND GHATWAI  
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 5

THE POWER struggle in the ruling Congress appeared to worsen as two party legislators accused Health Minister Tulsi Silawat, a confidant of former Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, of seeking money for transfers and postings of officials. They later claimed they had been misled or misquoted.

Ambah MLA Kamlesh Jatav and Gohad MLA Ranveer Jatav were quoted by local newspapers accusing Silawat of being corrupt. They alleged that the minister, an MLA from Sanver, was routing the money through his son, who is based in Indore.

Kamlesh Jatav told *The Indian Express* that he was upset with the minister for not accepting a request to cancel the transfer of a man who earned only Rs 8,000 and to fill vacancies in hospitals and smaller health centres in his constituency. He claimed he did not accuse the minister of taking money.

“When transfer requests are made, he directs the employees

to Indore, where his son asks money,” the media quoted Jatav saying. On Thursday, he claimed he had been misled. He said several people came to him with requests and told him it did not happen because the minister demanded money.

Despite repeated attempts, Silawat was not available for comments.

The Gohad MLA also accused Minister of Cooperatives, Govind Singh, of being involved in illegal sand mining and claimed that he is backed by former CMD Digvijaya Singh. Last week, Govind Singh accused the MLA of being involved in illegal mining. On Thursday, the Gohad MLA said his outburst stemmed from Singh’s allegations.

While Congress legislators and ministers continued to spar, Independent MLA from Burhanpur, Surendra Singh Shera, said if the leaders continue to behave this way, he would be forced to withdraw support to the government. Meanwhile, posters demanding that Scindia be named PCC chief came up in Bhopal on Thursday.

# MP illegal liquor trade: Audio clip to be probed

MILIND GHATWAI  
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 5

THE CONGRESS government has ordered an inquiry into a purported audio recording of an excise officer’s phone conversation with a whistleblower about a minister and two Congress legislators allegedly taking money from a liquor contractor in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh.

The recording, purportedly of Dhar excise officer Sanjeev Dubey and Anand Rai, one of the whistleblowers in the Vyapam scam, surfaced after Forest Minister Umang Singh ar accused former chief minister Digvijaya Singh of blackmailing the Kamal Nath government and patronising illegal liquor trade and sand mining.

Principal Secretary (Commercial Tax) Manu

Shrivastava told *The Indian Express* that an inquiry has been ordered to find if the audio clip is genuine.

In the 74-second recording, Dubey alleges that a contractor is paying Singhar and Rajyavardhan Singh Dattigaon (Congress MLA from Badnawar) but is not ready to pay more money to Hiralal Alawa (Congress MLA from Manawar).

After the clip went viral on Wednesday, Chief Minister Kamal Nath summoned the minister and the two MLAs, and later ordered Dubey’s removal from the district.

When contacted, Rai neither confirmed nor denied that it was his voice in the audio. Singhar, Rajyavardhan and Alawa denied the allegations. They said they had asked questions in the Assembly in February and demanded Dubey’s removal.

# Eat Right India campaign to pitch for healthy food

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 5

HEALTH MINISTER Dr Harsh Vardhan on Thursday unveiled the Eat Right India campaign, which he said would take the message of healthy food choices “up to the panchayat level”.

“It is not just about cost of food, a packet of chips is not the only cheap food available, there are healthier options available for Rs 5... When a kid understands the problems of a packet of chips, he will make the right choice. That is what we are aiming at,” Dr Vardhan said.

### MATERNITY SCHEME IN JHARKHAND

# 155 of 202 applicants did not receive benefits, says survey

ABHISHEK ANGAD  
RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 5

AS MANY as 155 women out of a sample size of 202 who applied for Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) did not receive their maternity entitlement, according to a survey conducted in six blocks of Jharkhand in June 2019.

Launched in 2017, PMMVY provides for maternity benefits of Rs 5,000 in three installments, but only for the first child.

The survey on the applicants was conducted by economist Jean Dreze and his teammates Shakina Dhorajiwala and Pallavi Pratibha in Basia and Raidih in Gumla, Manika in Latehar, Peterwar in Bokaro, Shikarpada in Dumka, and Sonua on West Singhbhum. In each block, the team claimed to have visited a “sample of anganwadis”, with a total of 116 anganwadi centres in 42 gram panchayats, and interviewed pregnant and nursing women from the anganwadi workers’ list.

“In Jharkhand, where 45% of the children are stunted and 48% are underweight (NHFS-4), maternity entitlements are espe-

cially important for the health and well-being of the children and mothers. However, in the sample of 232 women — in which 30 had not applied — less than one-fourth received any installment money. Of those who applied for all three installments (172 out of 202), only 8% received the amount,” said Dreze. Amitabh Kaushal, Principal Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Women and Child Development said that more than 70 per cent of the targeted women had benefited, and questioned the sample size.

“Out of the target of 3.9 lakh, 2.9 lakh beneficiaries have been registered under the scheme, 2.41 lakh women got their first installment, 2.2 lakh women got their second installment and 1.2 lakh got their third installment. A total of Rs 92.5 crore has been disbursed,” he added.

Speaking about the challenges faced by the women to avail of the benefits, Dreze said they have to fulfil conditions such as early registration of pregnancy, ante-natal check and immunisation of the child. “They also have to fill a long application form at the local anganwadi for each installment,” he said.

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20.09.2019	24.09.2019	25.09.2019 from 11:00 am	25.09.2019 upto 02:00 pm	
27.09.2019	02.10.2019	03.10.2019 from 11:00 am	03.10.2019 upto 02:00 pm	

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# Modi extends \$1bn for Russia’s Far East

ACT FAR EAST Says India will cooperate in the region’s development

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NEW DELHI: India on Thursday announced a \$1 billion line of credit for Russia’s Far East, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying New Delhi will march beside Moscow to implement President Vladimir Putin’s vision for developing the resource-rich region.

Modi made the announcement while speaking as chief guest at the Eastern Economic Forum in the Far Eastern port city of Vladivostok, a day after he held an annual summit with the Russian president and the two sides signed a raft of deals in areas ranging from energy to defence.

“Friends, to participate in the development of the Far East, India will give a line of credit of \$1 billion. This is the first time India is giving a line of credit to a specific region in a country,” he said.

Noting that India’s Act East policy had helped the country engage East Asia, Modi said: “Today’s announcement will be the take-off point for Act Far East and I firmly believe this step will add a new chapter in our economic diplomacy.”

India wants to march shoulder-to-shoulder in Russia’s “visionary journey” to develop the Far East, which offers “historic opportunities” for his government’s plans to make the



■ Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Vladivostok, Russia, on Thursday.

country a \$5-trillion economy by 2024, he told the gathering that included Putin, Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed and Mongolian President Khaltmaagin Battulga.

As part of preparations for his visit, Modi said, several union ministers, chief ministers of four states and 150 Indian businessmen travelled to the Far East and met their counterparts to boost trade. This resulted in the signing of some 50 business agreements worth \$5 billion, and Indian firms are interested in areas such as energy, healthcare, skill development and mining, he said.

Vladivostok could serve as a springboard to markets in North-east Asia and the Far East could unite the Eurasian Union and an “open, free and inclusive Indo-

Pacific”, Modi said. India is working for a rules-based order that respects sovereignty and territorial integrity and without any interference in the internal matters of countries, he added.

Answering a question following about sanctions imposed on oil trade, Modi said there was a debate on how such measures affect the global economy.

“I understand there is a big debate on this across the world—that how much the country on which sanctions are imposed is affected. That is one thing, but because of the impact on other countries and, the world economy, there is deep concern and a debate on that across the world,” he said. Modi, who arrived in Russia on Wednesday for a two-day visit, is the first Indian PM to visit the Far East region.

## SC takes note of ‘tall claims’ by Nirmohi Akhara witnesses

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday took note of allegations of Muslim parties that many witnesses of Nirmohi Akhara made “tall claims” in their testimonies and asked them whether they still accept that it has rights over the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri masjid land at Ayodhya.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi considered the submission of senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for Sunni Waqf Board and others including original litigant M Siddiq, that there were “discrepancies” and “contradictions” in statements of witnesses examined by the Akhara.

“Somebody said Nirmohi Akhara came into being 700 years ago, some said 250 years ago... A witness said Lord Ram was there 12 lakh years ago... But, I cannot get away from the fact that there are records that Nirmohi Akhara was there in 1855-56 and a suit was filed (by Mahant Raghubar Das) in 1885,” the senior advocate told the bench. A witness, who had testified in over 200 cases, believed that there was “no harm in telling a lie” if a place has been forcibly taken away, he said.

“Despite these contradictions, you still maintain that they (Nirmohi Akhara) have established their shebaiti (managing) rights,” the bench asked.

“I accept that Nirmohis are ‘shebaitis’ of Ram Chabutara in outer courtyard. Some part (of statements of testimonies) is not credible. The tall claims are not correct,” he said.

# In 5 days, 2 states collect ₹1.4 cr in traffic fines

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NEW DELHI: Traffic police in Haryana and Odisha alone have issued over 4,400 challans and fined violators of traffic rules ₹1.4 crore since the new penalties came into effect from Sunday under the amended Motor Vehicles Act, according to Union road transport and highways ministry data.

In Haryana, 343 challans were issued and ₹52,32,650 collected until September 5. As many as 4,080 challans were issued in Odisha, where 46 vehicles were

seized and ₹88,90,107 collected until September 4. As many as 63 clauses of the newly-amended law pertaining to heavier penalties for traffic violations came into effect from September 1.

On the first day in New Delhi, 39,000 drivers were fined for various offences, including violations like triple riding, tampered number plates, and pressure horns.

According to the ministry, a total of 3121 challans have been issued by the Uttar Pradesh transport department so far, 1499 challans in Chandigarh and 1400 challans issued in Jharkhand till

September 4.

On Monday, a man in Gurugram was fined ₹23,000 for riding a motorcycle without wearing a helmet and also for not carrying important documents.

In Odisha’s Bhubaneswar on Wednesday, an auto-rickshaw driver was slapped ₹47,500 fine for driving without a valid permit, licence and registration.

Amid criticism over the new penalty rates, Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said the Centre will not roll them back. “A time should come that no one gets penalised and fol-

lows traffic rules. These high provisions penalties are to encourage adherence to traffic laws,” Gadkari said. He added there is no plan to raise the limit on fines.

States like Congress-ruled Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Punjab have also expressed reluctance in notifying the new rules. The Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled Gujarat, too, has said the new fines were not “feasible”.

“States have no choice but to adopt the law. They are working for the notification for compounding offences,” an official said on condition of anonymity.

## ASSAM NRC FINAL LIST

# Pratik Hajela booked for ‘discrepancies’

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GUWAHATI: The Assam police on Thursday said it has registered two cases against National Register of Citizens (NRC) state coordinator Prateek Hajela and other unidentified officials for alleged “discrepancies” in the final NRC list published on August 31.

Nearly two million people have been left off the list as part of an exercise to check illegal immigration.

The police said a businessman and indigenous Muslim students organisation — All Assam Goriya-Moriya Yuva Chatra Parishad (AAGMYCP) — filed separate FIRs against Hajela in Dibrugarh and Guwahati.

Guwahati police commissioner Deepak Kumar said, “We

have registered a case on Thursday under sections 167, 506 and 34 of the IPC after a complaint from an organisation.”

In its complaint, the indigenous organisation alleged that “even when people had correct documents NRC coordinator Prateek Hajela intentionally excluded the names of Goriya, Moriya and many indigenous sons of the soil”.

In Dibrugarh, the police registered a case against Hajela and other NRC officials on the complaint of businessman Chandan Mazumdar, who was upset over his exclusion even as his mother made it to the list.

Responding to the FIRs, an NRC official said, “The inclusion or exclusion of names was the prerogative of the local officers who scrutinised the documents.”

## TWO YRS AFTER DISMISSAL

# Transwoman may get Navy job back

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NEW DELHI: Almost two years after she was dismissed from the Indian Navy for undergoing a sex reassignment surgery, Sabi Giri is one step from getting reinstated in the force.

The 27-year-old transwoman, who was a sailor, said the Navy has agreed to take her back on a lower division clerk level starting November—if she clears an exam. An official at the Navy confirmed the development.

“I am so happy to have my job back. I won’t be a sailor anymore but at least I will have my pay and all my benefits,” said Giri from Patna. Since her controversial dismissal in October 2017, Sabi has been living with the trans community and getting by with traditional methods of entertaining at weddings.

A Navy official said on condition of anonymity that the LDC-level position was the only alternative available in the case. “She couldn’t have gone back to the ship. So the tradesman job is the best thing to do. I am confident she will clear the exam and then she can come back,” the official added.

The tradesman post refers to a specialised workforce, such as fitters, mechanics or clerks, that can be utilised anywhere.



■ Sabi Giri

Sabi earlier served with the marine engineering wing at the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam. She moved to the administrative wing after her surgery that she underwent in a hospital in Mumbai while on a 22-day leave in 2016. When she was dismissed in 2017, the Navy cited existing service rules and regulations for the decision.

“The existing service rules do not permit the sailor’s continued employment owing to his altered gender status, medical condition and resultant employability restrictions,” read a statement issued by the Navy at the time of her dismissal. Giri had altered her gender status from the one she was recruited for at the time of induction, the Navy had added.

Giri challenged the decision in the Delhi high court. “They first offered her a contractual job. She completely rejected it,” said her lawyer Amritananda Chakravorty, “That’s not just because of

## DISTURBED AREA TAG EXTENDED

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GUWAHATI: The Assam government has extended the disturbed area tag for the state under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act for another six months on Thursday over apprehension of extremists exploiting the situation arising out of the National Register of Citizens exercise, officials said.

The commissioner and Assam Chief Secretary Alok Kumar refused to comment on registration of the case against 1995 batch IAS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre.

secretary of the Home and Political Department Ashutosh Agnihotri confirmed the development.

A second government, official familiar with the development, said the extension is based on a review of the law and order situation in the state, is sought because “the publication of NRC being a sensitive matter may lead to situations which may be exploited by extremist organizations”.

On Thursday, NGO Assam Public Works (APW) lodged an FIR against Hajela and two persons, declared as foreigners in 2016 and included in the NRC list.

## Arrest of a few will not serve justice to Lankesh: Kanhaiya

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BENGALURU: Former Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union president Kanhaiya Kumar on Thursday said justice in the Gauri Lankesh murder case would be served by putting some people behind the bars.

He was addressing an event to mark the second death anniversary of journalist Gauri Lankesh, who was shot dead outside her house on September 2017.

Kumar, who was closely associated with Lankesh, said Lankesh was against the idea of ownership and, hence, nobody could stake a claim to her.

He said a journalist had, earlier in the day, asked him if he was satisfied with the progress in the case. “There can never be full justice. Justice isn’t just about nabbing the criminal. Mahatma Gandhi didn’t get justice, those who raised his murderer were never nabbed. Similarly, Gauri will also not get justice because some people were jailed,” he said.

Speaking at the event, Lankesh’s sister Kavita Lankesh made an appeal to the state government to expedite the trial in the murder case.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**CORRIGENDUM**  
File No. CIID/SLR/Tender/2019  
(Through IREPS portal)  
NIT for leasing of SLR/SLRD parcel space published in various English & Hindi newspapers scheduled to be opened on 11.09.2019 through IREPS portal i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) therein, RI compartment of train no. 12286 ex NDLS to SC (Tender No. SLR-RI-12286-July-19) is withdrawn due to technical reason.  
Other information of NITs shall remain unchanged. 2859/19  
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**MINISTRY OF STEEL**  
**TENDER FOR DEVELOPING DASHBOARD**  
**OF MINISTRY OF STEEL, GOVT. OF INDIA**  
JPC will engage an IT firm for developing dashboard of Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India. Tender form will be available at **RJPC, 301-306, Aurobindo Place, Hauz Khas, New Delhi - 110 016 from 10.30 AM to 3.30 PM** on all working days from **September 6 - 12, 2019 @ Rs. 500/-**. Last Date of Submission of Tender : **13.09.2019 till 11.00 AM**.  
**SM (DB&AS) /C & /C (HR&A)**

**Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
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**TENDER ENQUIRY NO. - TSQ-1103/ITD-I/2019-20**  
Tenders are invited through e-tendering under three part bid system for carrying out survey, design, fabrication, testing, supply, laying of foundation, erection of 66 KV transmission line with Panther Conductor on monopole Structures along with cross arms, stringing and sagging of conductor/earthwire and supply of all accessories for conductor/earthwire (Conductor and Earthwire will be supplied by PSPCL at its own cost.) and commissioning of 66 KV line as per scope at Part-8 of Tender specification, on Turnkey basis  
**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
1) Start date for downloading of tenders From the date of publication  
2) Last date of downloading of tender 15.10.2019 upto 11.30 A.M  
3) Last date & time for bid submission 16.10.2019 upto 11.00 A.M  
4) Date & time of opening of bid 16.10.2019 at 11.30 A.M  
Detailed NIT and Specification may be down-loaded from PSPCL e-tendering website [www.pspcl.abcpurchase.com](http://www.pspcl.abcpurchase.com)  
It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, No CORRIGENDUM will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL website [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) and [www.pspcl.abcpurchase.com](http://www.pspcl.abcpurchase.com)  
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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of AYUSH**  
**National Dhanwantri Ayurveda Award 2019**  
Applications/nominations are invited from Ayurveda experts for the National Dhanwantri Ayurveda Award, 2019. The award has been instituted by Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India to be conferred on Ayurveda experts possessing qualifications included in II, III, IV schedule of IMCC Act, 1970 and having profound contribution to the field of Ayurveda. The awardees shall be felicitated with the award on the occasion on 4th Ayurveda Day to be celebrated on Dhanwantri Jayanti (Dhanteras) falling on 25th October 2019. The details may be accessed on <http://ayush.gov.in/>.  
The applications/nominations in the prescribed format along with necessary supported documents should reach the Ministry on the e-mail ID: [awards-ayush@gov.in](mailto:awards-ayush@gov.in) by **05.30 PM, 27th September, 2019**. Applications received only through e-mail within the prescribed time & date shall be entertained for the award.  
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**TENDER NOTICE**  

Short Description	Design, Manufacture, Testing Inspection, Packing and Delivery of ISI marked, Multi Core, LT, XLPE insulated, PVC sheathed, Aluminum Conductor, unarmoured cable, as per IS: 7098 (Part-I) 1988 (with latest amendments/revisions if any) and as per PSPCL specification No. QO-1298/ PO/C&S of following sizes & Quantity:-	
S No.	Size(mm <sup>2</sup> )	Quantity (Km)
1	4Cx25mm <sup>2</sup>	950

  

Start date for down loading of Specification/tender documents from <a href="https://pspcl.abcpurchase.com">https://pspcl.abcpurchase.com</a>	04 September, 2019
Last date for down loading of Specification/tender documents from <a href="https://pspcl.abcpurchase.com">https://pspcl.abcpurchase.com</a>	09 Oct, 2019 (upto 11.30 AM)
Last date for Bid Submission	10 Oct, 2019 (upto 11.00 AM)
Bid Opening date	10 Oct, 2019 (11.30 AM)

  
For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to <https://pspcl.abcpurchase.com>.  
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PSPCL, Patiala

**HIMACHAL PRADESH**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**  
The Executive Engineer Division HPPWD Tanda at Nagrota Bagwan Distt Kangra H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HP PWD for the works as detailed in the table.  

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of Bid
1.	C/O 120 Nos Type-III Otrs for Nurses staff at Dr RPGMC Tanda (SH- C/O 72 Nos Type-II Otrs (12 Nos Block) including water supply and sanitary installation and rain water harvesting system)	13,08,04,160/-	26.09.2019	5,00,000/-	15.10.2019

  
The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in)  
Executive Engineer, H.P.P.W.D. Division  
Tanda at Nagrota Bagwan  
(On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh)  
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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD**  
**E-Tender Notice No. DYCECIJHS201907**  
Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction-I), North Central Railway, Jhansi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open tender on prescribed forms on line (E-Tendering). Tender offer can be submitted on line up to **15.00 hours of 25.09.2019**, on website <http://ireps.gov.in>. The details of the tenders are as under:  

Tender No. & Description of Work	Approx. Cost	Earnest money	Cost of Tender form
E-Tender Notice No.: DYCECIJHS 201907 dtd. 03.09.2019: "Supply driving and withdrawal of connection with sheet Piling in Construction of RUB at Level Crossing No. 346 at Km 107/9-13-15 on JHS-BIN Section in connection with JHS-BIN 3rd line."	₹ 261.50 Lacs (App.)	₹ 2,80,800/-	₹ 10,000/-

  
Completion period: 06 (Six) Months including harvest & monsoon period, Date of opening: 25.09.2019, Validity: 45 days. Note: For complete details and submission of tender please see Indian Railway's website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>  
North central railways [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in) @ CPONCR

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**(Department of Higher Education)**  
**Technical Section - I**  
**Appointment of Director, IIT Indore & IIT Mandi**  
Applications are invited for appointment to the post of Director of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at Indore & Mandi. The Director of an IIT is the academic and administrative head of the Institution. He/she is expected to have a minimum of 5 years' administrative experience and leadership qualities to head an Institute of National importance. The candidate/person should be a Ph.D. with first class or equivalent at the preceding degree, preferably in a branch of Engineering. In exceptional cases, candidates with Science, Mathematics or Management degrees may be considered. He/she should have an outstanding academic record throughout and a minimum of 10 years teaching experience as a Professor in a reputed Engineering or Technology Institute or University and should have guided Ph.D. students. The applicant should preferably be less than 60 years of age on the last date of receipt of the applications. The post carries a fixed pay of Rs. 2,25,000/- (Revised) per month, with allowances as per rules.  
2. Interested individuals may apply giving their detailed resume in the prescribed format clearly bringing out research, teaching, industry-academia collaborations and administrative achievements, alongwith a two-page justification in support of their candidature, a two-page vision statement for the institution and contact details of at least two distinguished individuals well acquainted with their work. The application typed in the prescribed format along with enclosures may be sent by Registered/Speed Post to The Under Secretary (TS.1), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Room No. 428 "C" Wing, Shastr Bhawan, New Delhi -110 001 so as to reach the Ministry on or before 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. The detailed advertisement and the format of application is available on the website ([www.mhrd.gov.in](http://www.mhrd.gov.in)).

**ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES**  
ANSARI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110 029  
**ADVERTISEMENT NO. 02/2019-(FC)-Contract**  
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi will conduct walk-in interview on **23rd September, 2019** for the following faculty posts on **CONTRACTUAL BASIS** for a period of one year or till such time the alternate arrangements are made, whichever is earlier:  

Sr. No.	Name of the post	UR	SC	ST	OBC	Total	Date of Interview
1.	Assistant Professor of Neurology (N.S. Centre, Main)	01	--	--	01	02	23.09.2019
2.	Assistant Professor of Medicine (Main)	--	01	--	02	03	
3.	Assistant Professor of Lab. Medicine (Main)	01	--	--	01	02	

  
**Salary:- Assistant Professor: Rs. 1,00,000/- per month (consolidated)**  
**Upper Age Limit:** 50 (Fifty) years. However, relaxable for Government Servants, Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes up to 5 years and 3 years in the case of Other Backward Class candidates. No age relaxation to SC/ST/OBC against Unreserved posts.  
**The date of Walk-in-interview i.e. 23.09.2019 will be the date for considering upper age limit and essential qualification & experience as per Recruitment Rules for the post.**  
The application form along-with prescribed qualification/experience & terms and conditions are available on the Institute's website [www.aiims.edu](http://www.aiims.edu) under the head "Notices" & "Recruitment" respectively. Interested candidates, fulfilling all the eligibility criteria, may report for walk-in-interview along-with the application in prescribed Proforma with duly attested copies of certificates/testimonials with regards to qualifications & experience and also bring original certificates/testimonials etc. by **8.30 AM on 23.09.2019** in the (Committee Room adjacent to the office of the Director, AIIMS, New Delhi) for verification. The candidates reporting after 9.00 AM, will not be allowed to appear in the verification/walk-in-interview.  
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website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)  
**FORWARD E-AUCTION NOTICE**  
The On-Line Forward E-auction for the sale of various types of Scrap Material of PSPCL on "As-is-Where-is" and "As-is-What-is" basis will be conducted as under:-  

Auction Notice No.	Name of Office	Date of E-Auction	Material
EA/38/LDH-19	Disposal Committee (North)	03.10.2019	Damaged Distribution & Power T/Fs, HT/LT Alum Coils scrap, ACSR scrap, PVC/XLPE Cables Scrap, Central Store material, TRV/ TRW material, Machinery, Vehicles and other misc. items etc. and Scrap material related to Thermal/Hydro Plants & Civil Mtc. etc
EA/35/PTA-19	Disposal Committee (South)	04.10.2019	
EA/39/LDH-19	Disposal Committee (North)	10.10.2019	Used/Dirty T/Fs Oil, Lubricating Oil & Battery/Cells Scrap etc. and various types of vehicles related to Projects & operation organization
EA/37/PTA-19	Disposal Committee (South)	11.10.2019	Damaged Distribution & Power T/Fs, HT/LT Alum Coils scrap, ACSR scrap, PVC/XLPE Cables Scrap, Central Store material, TRV/ TRW material, Machinery, Vehicles and other misc. items etc. and Scrap material related to Thermal/Hydro Plants & Civil Mtc. etc
EA/40/LDH-19	Disposal Committee (North)	17.10.2019	
EA/38/PTA-19	Disposal Committee (South)	18.10.2019	
EA/41/LDH-19	Disposal Committee (North)	24.10.2019	
EA/39/PTA-19	Disposal Committee (South)	25.10.2019	
EA/42/LDH-19	Disposal Committee (North)	31.10.2019	

  
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For more details on registration procedure and detailed terms & conditions of e-auction, please log on to PSPCL website [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) OR <https://www.indiaengineering.com/pspcl>.  
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