

Has question on birth of a prophet, Jesus come up in any court, asks SC

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FACING THE task of adjudicating on the birthplace of Ram, the Supreme Court on Wednesday asked if any question regarding the birth of “a prophet” or Jesus had ever been raised in any other court in the world.

“Has a question like the present one (on the birth of Ram) been raised about the birth of a prophet or whether Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in any court anywhere in the world,” Justice S A Bobde asked **Senior Counsel K Parasaran, who appeared for the deity Ramlalla.** The counsel replied that he would “check up”.

Justice Bobde is part of a five-judge Constitution Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan



Gogoi and including Justices D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Abdul Nazeer, which is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of the Allahabad High Court in the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute case.

Parasaran said “History books establish the fact that there was a temple at the site”. He said there are references to Ayodhya being the birthplace of Ram in other literature like the Valmiki

Ramayana. “It is the unshakeable faith of believers that this is the birthplace of Ram. That itself is the greatest evidence,” he said.

Parasaran quoted from the Allahabad HC judgment which referred to the March 1886 decision of the Faizabad District Judge FEA Chamier, dismissing an appeal filed by Mahant Raghubar Das claiming right over a part of the disputed site.

The HC, Parasaran said, went on to add that “from the judgment of the learned judge deciding the first appeal, it appears that he visited the spot on 1703.1886, and, in the light of what he noticed on spot inspection, he recorded certain facts in the judgment, namely the masjid built by Emperor Babar stands on the border of town Ayodhya west and south and is clear of habitations. He expressed

his anguish that it is most unfortunate that a masjid should have been built on a land especially held sacred by Hindus but as that event occurred 358 years ago he found it too late in the day to reverse the process and said that the parties should maintain status quo”.

The judge “was not a Hindu”, the senior counsel said.

Justice Bobde asked if the idols at the site — which were later attached by the receiver on December 29, 1949 — were carbon dated. Parasaran replied in the negative.

Earlier in the day, the bench cut short the arguments of the counsel representing the Nimrohi Akhara, noting that he was unable to produce records to substantiate the Akhara’s claim over the disputed 2.77 acres of land.

“Since when you existed is one question. But show us the evidence, like revenue records etc, to prove that you exercised your right,” Justice Chandrachud told Senior Advocate Sushil Kumar Jain, as the latter submitted that the HC had found that the Akhara had been in existence since at least 1734.

Jain told the bench that he did not have all the records as there was a dacoity in 1982. He said the records he was relying on were already cited in the HC judgment.

But the bench reminded him that this was the first appeal and told him to “show the original records”. As he struggled with his reply, the bench said it would hear the appeal filed by Ramlalla, and he should, meanwhile, document and produce the records he was relying on to establish his case.



Rescue work underway in Kolhapur on Wednesday, Courtesy: NDRF

Flood situation worsens in west Maharashtra, 1.5 lakh evacuated

SUSHANT KULKARNI
PUNE, AUGUST 7

THE FLOOD situation in Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara districts of western Maharashtra worsened on Wednesday, forcing authorities to evacuate over 1.5 lakh people. Road connectivity in most parts in the region remained disrupted on Wednesday, affecting the movement of essential services.

Sixteen people have reportedly lost their lives in Satara, Pune, Sangli, Kolhapur and Solapur — the five districts of Pune Division — in the last five days. Water levels have risen in Panchganga and Dudhganga rivers in Kolhapur, Krushna river in Sangli and Krushna and Koyna rivers in Satara following heavy rain.

National Disaster Response Force, Army, Navy and Coast Guard have joined rescue efforts.

“From Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara districts, over 1.2 lakh people have been shifted to safer places in the last two days. The number of people evacuated in the

whole of Pune division is 1.5 lakh. Most dams in the division are filled to capacity and if rain in the catchment areas continues, as predicted by the IMD, the unavoidable discharge of water from dams may again lead to a flood-like situation,” Pune Divisional Commissioner Deepak Mhaisekar said on Wednesday.

The Sangli-Kolhapur stretch of Mumbai-Bengaluru highway, which connects Pune, Satara, Sangli and Kolhapur in Maharashtra with Nipani and Belgam in Karnataka, had to be closed on Tuesday due to flooding. The key highway remained inundated between Pune and Kolhapur and between Belgam and Kolhapur, cutting off Sangli, Kolhapur and Satara.

“The state transport service in Kolhapur and Sangli remains suspended. Services in Pune are being restored. In Sangli, the main bus stand is inundated. We have urged people not to travel on the Mumbai-Bengaluru highway. Those who have already started their trips should stop at Pune or

Satara,” Mhaisekar said.

According to the data received, all 12 talukas in Kolhapur, four of 11 in Satara and four out of 10 in Sangli received excessive rain and were the worst-affected in the region. The flooding also affected power connectivity to 2.5 lakh people in five districts of Pune division as over 10,800 transformer units were submerged.

While power connections in Pune district were being restored on Wednesday, the situation in Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara remained the same. Acrisis of drinking water arose in most parts. Officials said while water tankers were being provided, adequate tests needed to be conducted before restoring supply.

A statement from Army said that as on Wednesday, 16 columns and 12 engineer task forces, comprising almost 1,000 personnel, have been employed in the affected areas of Maharashtra and Karnataka. The NDRF said it has deployed 15 teams in the affected areas of Maharashtra and the Navy said five rescue teams had been mobilised for Kolhapur and Sangli.

Bihar govt order to ensure ration to AES-hit families

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, AUGUST 7

AGAINST THE backdrop of the deaths of over 150 children, mostly from impoverished families, due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES), the Bihar government has now issued instructions to District Magistrates to ensure that families of AES victims and those susceptible to the syndrome get ration. Doctors had attributed the AES deaths to malnutrition, besides heat and humidity.

The missive issued by additional secretary Bharat Kumar Dubey said, “There is an urgent need to avail ration to AES-affected and susceptible families in different things without fail”. Authorities were directed to ensure that families covered under Food Security Act get ration.

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(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking) CIN No. UA40109UP2001SGC025867/2358
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CORRIGENDUM-II TO E-TENDER NOTICE
This office e-tender specification no. CCP-II/4/2019-2020, invited previously, for supply of 33 KV post Insulator is hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 17:00hrs. of 20.08.2019. Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on 21.08.2019 at 15:30hrs.
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(Power Wing)

Corrigendum No: 1 Notice Inviting E-Tender
N.I.T No: 542P/18/Vol. I Dated: 03.07.2019
Name of Office: Chief Engineer/Transmission System, Planning & Design (TS)
Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, BBMB, Chandigarh-160002, Tele Fax - 0172-2654468
Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Assembly, Testing before dispatch, Supervision of erection, Testing & Commissioning of 11 no. 36 KV Vacuum Circuit Breakers for 220 KV sub-station, BBMB, Hisar

Last date and time for receipt of request for issue of tender documents	05.09.2019 upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last Date & Time of submission of bids	16.09.2019 upto 11:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Bids	16.09.2019 from 15:00 Hrs. onwards

For cost of specification, Earnest money Deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website www.bbmb.gov.in & <https://bbmbeproc.abcpocure.com>

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

Tender Notice
E-Tender No.: ALD-Sig-59-2019-20 Dated: 05.08.2019
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Coordination/ North Central Railway/ Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following works up to 12:00 hrs on the opening date of E-tender mentioned therein. The details of the Tender is as under:-

Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx cost of work	Earnest Money ₹
59	"Sectional Signalling Maintenance Contract in this section of DSTE/ East/ALD for One Year"	3520932/-	₹ 70400/-

Cost of tender form : ₹ 3000/- Date of closing tender: 28.08.2019
Availability of tender form: Tender forms shall be available on www.irops.gov.in **Time date & place of opening of tender:** Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Allahabad on or after pre determined date at 12:30 hrs. 1149/19(I)

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE
The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites open e-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:-

1. Name of work and location	Construction of Washable Apron at Platform No. 8, and other misc. works at newly constructed Electrical locom shed at Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in connection with Development of additional Train handling facilities at TKJ, SZM, DEE, SSB, GZB, NZM & TKD
2. Completion period of the work	6 (Six) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter.
3. Approx. cost of work	Rs. 168.88 Lakh (Rupees One hundred Sixty eight lakh & eighty eight thousand only)
4. Earnest money amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 2,34,400.00 (Rupees Two lakh thirty four thousand four hundred only)
5. Date, Time for submission of e-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11:30 hrs on 30.08.2019 on IREPS website i.e www.irops.gov.in The bidders can only participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11:30 hrs on 30.08.2019.
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in Above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e www.irops.gov.in from 16.08.2019 to 30.08.2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No. 220-Acs/1/1136/Washable Apron/NZM, Dt.: 06.08.2019 2543/2019
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REAL TIME GOVERNANCE SOCIETY (RTGS)
Government of Andhra Pradesh
Block 1, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur

Request for Proposal - Call Notice for
1. Real Time Governance Society invites Request for Proposals (RFP) for "Selection of suppliers for supply of equipment to the Village volunteers in the State of Andhra Pradesh".
(i) Equipment set 1: Finger Print Scanner + Iris Scanner
(ii) Equipment set 2: Handheld Device + GSM SIMs
2. The main objective of this RFP is to select eligible supplier(s) for supply of above mentioned equipment to Village/Ward Volunteers and Village/Ward Secretariat functionaries in Andhra Pradesh, along with support for a period of 3 years. Time Schedule of Proposal related various events:

Description	Date and Time
Release of Request for Proposal (RFP)	Thursday, August 8th 2019 11:00 hrs
Last Date for Submission of online Questions by bidders	Monday 12th August 2019, 5:00 pm hrs
Pre-Bid Conference	Tuesday 13th August 2019, 11:00 hrs o/o 4th Floor, Commissioner Panchayat Raj, Tadepali, Guntur (DI)
Date of Issue of Clarifications	Thursday 15th August 2019, 5:00PM hrs
Last Date for Submission of bids	Wednesday 28th August 2019, 3:00PM hrs
RFP Document Cost	Rs. 5,00,000 (in words five lakhs only)

Issued by
Real Time Governance Society (RTGS)
On behalf of Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department ("PRRD") and Commissioner, Municipal Administration and Urban Development ("MAUD"), Government of Andhra Pradesh
The complete set of bid documents is available online on the below mentioned websites from 08-Aug-2019 at 2.00 P.M. IST onwards.
(i) <http://www.rtgsp.gov.in/> - RTGS website
(ii) <http://www.approcurement.gov.in> - AP eProcurement website
DIPR No.82PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2019-20 Dt:07.08.2019 Sd/- CEO, RTGS

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Katra

Abridged Notice Inviting Tender
For and on behalf of the Chairman, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Sealed Tenders are invited on the prescribed format, duly affixed with Revenue Stamps worth Rupees Six only for the Supply of Chunni Superior Hand Made & Machine Made F.O.R. at Non-Engineering Store, Banganga, Katra by or before **29.08.2019 upto 03.00 P.M. IST.** The Tender Documents containing detailed Terms and Conditions and Tender Format can be had from the Central Office of the Shrine Board, Katra against Cash payment of Rs. 300/- (Non-transferable and Non-refundable) on any working day and same can be downloaded from our website: www.maaishnnodevi.org

No.: Co/Pur/NE/307/5014
Dated: 07.08.2019

Sd/- (Amit Vermani), KAS,
Dy. Chief Executive Officer,
Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Katra.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI
4th Floor Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi: 110 001
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1953 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993.

In the matter of O.A. No. 535/2018
AXIS BANK LTD. vs. Applicant
Mr. Aakaar Singh Bhatia & Defendants To
D-1 Aakaar Singh Bhatia S/O Amar Singh Bhatia H.No. 5A/106, 2nd Floor, NIT Faridabad, Faridabad, Haryana-121001.
Also At:- HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company Ltd., SCO 3/32, Sec 15, Part 2, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal **07.08.2019** at 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 05th day of July 2019.

By Order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

tripura to build an extended runway of the Agartala airport, Deb told reporters on the sidelines of a media briefing.

This, he said, would allow the airport, which is being developed into an international airport, to operate large aircraft. The Agartala airport is undergoing an upgradation at the cost of Rs 438 crore.

“A lot of Bangladeshi people visit Tripura and other states of India via Agartala every year. They can benefit if we build a

long runway. The airport is being upgraded. Since it is close to the border, we have requested for a piece of land, less than 1 km inside the neighbouring country, to build an extended runway. This project will benefit people from both nations,” Deb said in reply to a question.

The development of Tripura's lone functional airport is a part of Airport Authority of India's (AAI) Rs 3,400-crore initiative to develop airports across different

states of the Northeast. Tripura is located near Bangladesh and its airport lies very close to the barbed wire fence which separates the two countries. Hence, the additional piece of land across the border has become a necessity. According to reports, a technical proposal from the Centre in this regard is yet to be made. A verbal proposal, however, was put forward at a meeting of officials of both countries at Delhi in March, it is learnt.

Despite NGT order, ministry yet to fix rules to ban lead in water pipes

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

MORE THAN two years after it was directed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to notify rules banning the use of lead in PVC (polyvinyl chloride) pipes for water supply within four months, the Union Environment Ministry is yet to issue a notification on the issue.

In its second status report filed last month, the ministry told the tribunal that the draft notification was approved by the Environment Minister and forwarded to the Law Ministry. “The Law Ministry has tentatively vetted the notification to ensure desired compliance. The redrafted notification is currently under submission to the Ministry of Law and Justice for final vetting,” according to the report. The original petitioner, Jan

Sahyog Manch, argued that these pipes used for water supply pose a health hazard because lead, one of the most dangerous metals, leaches into water. A previous order by NGT states that PVC pipe manufacturers conceded that there is “some leaching of lead from inner walls of PVC pipes in the initial period,” but “reduces with time”.

Lead makes PVC pipes more durable, according to experts.

Current petitioner Ajay Kumar Singh, who is also a lawyer, accused the Environment Ministry of delaying the notification. “For the past two years, the ministry has formed a committee, consulted with all stakeholders, issued a draft notification, sent it to the Law Ministry and again drafted the rules. This indicates that the ministry is colluding with a lobby of manufacturers in delaying the notification,” Singh told *The Indian Express*. Environment Secretary C K

Mishra was not available for a comment.

A representative of All-India Plastic Manufacturers' Association said phasing out of lead will take more time, as other alternatives such as tin and calcium zinc as heat stabilisers have to be imported. The representative argued that the switch will significantly increase manufacturing cost of PVC pipes — a claim dismissed by NGT and the petitioner.

“Most manufacturers are already exporting lead-free pipes to countries where the heavy metal is banned. This means they have the technology for easy transition,” Singh said. The US and China banned lead-containing PVC pipes for drinking water in 1986 and 2006, respectively. The European Union phased them out in 2006.

At least 50 per cent of PVC pipes are used for water supply in India, said an industry source.

British officers conspired with League to ensure NWFP didn't go to India: Pranab

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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BRITISH CIVIL servants conspired with the Muslim League to ensure that the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) did not go with India, former President Pranab Mukherjee said on Wednesday.

“There were two elections held in 1937 and 1946. Despite the province being Muslim-dominated, the Congress won a large number of seats. (But) British civil servants conspired with the Muslim League to

ensure that support was transferred from the Congress to the League. The League started gaining strength, and the Congress started losing support in just a couple of months — between February, when the elections were held, and August,” he said.

He said these reports were taken to Jawaharlal Nehru, “but he did not take it seriously — (he) dismissed them as exaggeration”.

The former President was speaking at the launch of the book ‘India's Lost Frontier: The Story of North West Frontier Province of Pakistan’, written by former Textiles Secretary Raghendra Singh.

