

Monsoon this year to be normal, withdrawal likely after Sept 15: IMD

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THE MONSOON season for the country will end on a positive note and be normal, with the withdrawal most likely to occur between September 15 and September 20.

According to officials of India Meteorological Department (IMD), the rainfall during the on-going month will be normal like August and July months, taking the season's total rainfall to normal.

"This month too, we are expecting to record above normal rainfall over the country. The monsoon this year will end up being normal," said D Sivanand Pai, head, Climate Research and Services (CRS) at IMD, Pune.

As far as September rainfall is concerned, all regions except north-east and north-west have recorded normal rainfall till September 11.

The rainfall departures in each of the homogenous regions on the day were Central India (+21.2 per cent), South Peninsula (+9.7 per cent), East and North

East (-19.5 per cent) and North West (-8.5 per cent). As on Wednesday, the All India rainfall stood 2.8 per cent above normal.

The weakening of El Nino during early July and the consistent shifting of the monsoon trough between south and central India regions hugely benefited the overall rainfall this season. The rainfall distribution was fairly spatially even over most parts. In fact, this season saw many events of flooding in states like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala.

However, the northeast region will end up remaining rainfall deficit, with meteorologists stating that most rain bearing systems formed in the Bay of Bengal traversed along Central India further either to the north or west.

As a result, the east and northeast regions that are otherwise wet areas during these four months were deprived of even normal rain in many areas.

Placing idols in mosque illegal usurpation: Sunni board to SC

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THE SUNNI Wakf Board on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that the alleged placing of idols of Hindu deities in the Babri Masjid in December 1949 was an "illegal usurpation" and sought to know whether it can create any right in favour of Hindus.

"December 22 (1949) was an illegal usurpation and using that December 22 to January 5, 1950 (when Babri Masjid was attached by the city magistrate), can your Lordships say it creates a right," senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for the Board and one of the appellants, M Siddiq, told a five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.

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 the Allahabad High Court for a three-way division of the disputed 2.77-acre site.

Dhavan, who had accepted



that idols of Hindu deities were being worshiped in Ram Chabutara on the outer courtyard of the disputed site and that the Nirmohi Akhara had shebait rights, said this did not give them any ownership rights.

The Akhara, which was granted one-third of the disputed land by the Allahabad HC, has said that the birthplace of Ram, "now commonly known as 'Janmabhoomi', belongs and has always belonged" to it.

The term 'belonging to', as per the Akhara, extended limitation period to file lawsuit, Dhavan told the bench. "The answer is that it (land) does not belong to them and 'Akhara' is not the owner of the property either under the English law on trusteeship or as a

'shebait'," he submitted.

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

The hearing, which started only after lunch, saw Dhavan trying to explain the concepts of continuing wrong and possession under civil law.

The arguments remained inconclusive and will resume on Thursday.

SC to hear plea for live streaming on Sept 16

The court also said that on September 16 it will take up a plea by social activist K N Govindacharya seeking live-streaming or recording of the on-going hearing in the case.

Govindacharya, in his plea filed through lawyer Virag Gupta, has urged the court to at least make provision for audio-recording of the proceedings if live-streaming it is not possible. The plea stated, "The common public, which is devotee of Lord Ram, is interested in knowing how an individual can represent Lord

Ram before the Supreme Court.... There are crores of persons, including the petitioner, who want to witness the proceedings in the matter but cannot do the same due to the present norms in Supreme Court. There are also others who wish to intervene and attend the proceedings but cannot do the same due to orders of this Court in the matter."

Govindacharya recalled that the Supreme Court had in its September 2018 judgment in the Centre for Accountability and Systemic Change vs Secretary General case ruled in favour of live-streaming in important constitutional matters. But that is yet to be implemented, he stated.

The Supreme Court, he pointed out, had said in the judgment that "sunlight is the best disinfectant. Live-streaming as an extension of the principle of open courts will ensure that the interface between a court hearing with virtual reality will result in the dissemination of information in the widest possible sense, imparting transparency and accountability to the judicial process."



Vokkaliga community members at a rally in Bengaluru on Wednesday. PTI

AFTER SHIVAKUMAR ARREST

Rally against 'injustice to Vokkaligas' in Bengaluru

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THE INCARCERATION since September 3 of senior Congress leader D K Shivakumar in a money-laundering case by the ED assumed caste contours on Wednesday with the dominant Vokkaliga community, to which the former minister belongs, taking out a large rally and protesting against alleged injustice to community members.

More than 20,000 people from the Vokkaliga community, including prominent leaders from the Congress and JDS, participated in the rally held under heavy security in Bengaluru to protest alleged selective targeting of community members like Shivakumar, Cafe Coffee Day founder V G Siddhartha and former JDS chief minister H D Kumaraswamy by the ruling BJP using investigative agencies.

The rally, under the banner of World Vokkaliga Maha Vedike, brought traffic in a major part of Bengaluru to a halt even as community leaders warned of adverse reaction if community members are targeted unjustly.

"Nearly 25,000 participated in the protest rally conducted by Vokkaliga groups, there were no untoward incidents," the Bengaluru police commissioner said.

After the protest, L R

Shivaram Gowda, a former JDS MP; M V Rajeev Gowda, a Congress MP; Narayana Gowda of the pro-Kannada group Karnataka Rakshana Vedike; JDS MLC Narayanaswamy and Congress member H S Manjunath met Governor Vajubhai Vala and presented a memorandum opposing the targeting of community members by agencies.

"In the present political situation in the state and the country, people's representatives, political leaders and entrepreneurs from the Vokkaliga community are being targeted by the government using its agencies like the I-T department, ED and CBI for political vendetta and this goes against the democratic setup of the country," president of World Vokkaliga Maha Vedike Y D Ravishankar said.

Earlier, prominent Congress leaders including state president Dinesh Gundu Rao participated in the Vokkaliga community solidarity meeting in Bengaluru. Rao also accused the BJP government at the Centre of using the I-T department and ED to selectively target political leaders.

The Vokkaligas in southern Karnataka are arch political rivals of the Lingayats of north Karnataka — another dominant community — who are primarily allied with the BJP, with community leader B Yediurappa being CM at present.

Though prominent JDS

Vokkaliga leaders like former prime minister H D Deve Gowda and former CM H D Kumaraswamy were not present at the rally, there were indications of broad-based support from the JDS for the Vokkaliga rally.

"My party workers participated in the protest. I had a pre-scheduled engagement, otherwise I would have participated in the protests," Kumaraswamy said in his Channarayana constituency.

"Investigating agencies of the Centre or state should not be a puppet of the government. Shivakumar is being arrested and his family is tormented out of political vengeance," JDS spokesperson Ramesh Babu said while voicing support for the rally.

BJP ministers from the Vokkaliga community opposed the protests. "The ED arrested Shivakumar to probe a case of money-laundering. Congress giving the arrest a caste colour is high drama. BJP and Centre have no role in this. Investigating agencies are doing their job," Vokkaliga community leader and BJP Revenue Minister R Ashoka said.

"The corrupt must be brought to the streets and no one should come to the streets in support of the corrupt," BJP Tourism Minister and Vokkaliga community member C T Ravi said. "It looks like somebody wants to take undue advantage," Union minister D V Sadananda Gowda said.

In Andhra, rights group leader, others booked for meet on Article 370, J&K

FIR by BJP leader accuses participants of trying to incite communal hatred

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SEVERAL PEOPLE have been booked in Kavali town of Andhra Pradesh's Nellore district on a complaint of alleged attempt to disturb public peace and inciting feelings of hatred after they held a meeting to discuss the Centre's move to scrap special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and the situation in the Valley in its aftermath.

The organisers denied there was any attempt to disturb peace and accused BJP leaders of filing police complaints to "stifle opposing voices".

The FIR names V S Krishna, coordination committee member of Human Rights Forum, Andhra Pradesh; K Bhaskar, president of Progressive Democratic Students Union; Mohammed Afzal, a religious leader; and others for organising the meeting on September 8.

BJP president of Kavali town Bellamkonda Malyadri lodged the police complaint on Tuesday.

The organisers were booked under IPC Sections 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 505 (intent to incite any class or community of persons to commit any offence against any other class or community), 153(A) (promoting or attempts to promote disharmony or feelings of enmity on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, caste, community, etc) read with 34 (acts by several people in furtherance of common intention).

An official at Kavali Police Station said, "We received a

complaint stating that the speakers said things which incite feelings of hatred between communities. We have procured videos of the speeches and will investigate the matter."

Last week, the police had declined permission to Human Rights Forum to hold a meeting on Article 370 in Adoni and Kurnool, in Kurnool district, stating that it may disturb peace.

V S Krishna of the rights outfit said, "This was our ninth meeting in AP. We just discuss abrogation of (special status to J&K under) Article 370 and its effects on Kashmiri people. We don't disturb peace or create a law and order situation."

Accusing the Narendra Modi government of committing a "Constitutional outrage" in J&K, he said, "The communications blockade has further alienated Kashmiris. Any discussion on Kashmir unfortunately never involves Kashmiris...it (Kashmir) is just referred to as if it is a piece of real estate."

He said, "Every day the Centre says things are normal in Kashmir. So why is there still a lockdown? If it is being done for the good of Kashmiris why is their voice not heard anywhere? Why is the opinion of Kashmiris suppressed by this lockdown? In a democracy all these things need to be discussed. We cannot just go by the narrative of the government that everything is fine when no one is allowed to go there to find out what is happening."

He also said, "BJP leaders all over are opposed to any discussion on Article 370 and are still filing opposing voice by filing these police complaints."

Nitish is captain of NDA in Bihar, says Sushil Modi

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PATNA, SEPTEMBER 11

AMID THE sparring between some JD(U) and BJP leaders over continuance of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's leadership, and the Opposition BJP's posers to the BJP on the issue, Deputy CM and senior BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi has backed "captain" Nitish.

"Nitish is the captain of the NDA in Bihar and will remain its Captain in the 2020 Assembly elections. When the captain is hitting fours and sixes and defeating rivals by innings, where is the question of any change?" Sushil Modi said on Wednesday.

His remarks came two days after BJP MLC and former Union minister Sanjay Paswan advised Nitish to "move to the Centre and leave Bihar to the BJP and second-rung JD(U) leadership". Paswan also expressed displeasure at the JD(U) not supporting the BJP on the NRC.

Senior BJP leader and former Union minister C P Thakur had supported Paswan, saying that "now the BJP should be given a chance to rule the NDA coalition".

Sushil Modi's defence of Nitish's leadership — the second time in two months — comes even as the war of words between leaders of the alliance partners has begun to intensify. Sources said the state BJP had always been divided, with one camp supporting Nitish's leadership for 2020 and another for the BJP leading the NDA.

RJD vice-president Shivanand Tewary, who had recently said that his party can accept Nitish as Grand Alliance

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Damage control amid political posturing

AS THE seniormost BJP leader and Deputy CM of Bihar, Sushil Kumar Modi has been trying to do damage control by defending Nitish Kumar. Sushil Modi has always stood for him, even inviting the ire of the BJP top leadership by calling Nitish "PM material" in 2012. Ahead of Assembly elections, it is now time for early posturing by both alliance partners. While the BJP feels it is time to assert itself, after the NDA won 39 of 40 Lok Sabha seats in Bihar, the JD(U) is banking on Nitish.

leader if he quits the NDA, said: "If some senior BJP leaders have started questioning Nitish's leadership, one can guess where it is coming from. The BJP-JD(U) relationship could be further strained as the BJP has now started to prevail over Nitish, who had to play second fiddle to PM Narendra Modi in the Lok Sabha polls."

CBI arrests Talwar aide in fund misuse case

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THE CBI on Wednesday arrested a close aide of corporate lobbyist Deepak Talwar in connection with a case of alleged misuse of funds by his NGO Advantage India.

Talwar is also facing a probe by the CBI and Enforcement Directorate for allegedly influencing dubious deals between Air India and foreign aircraft manufacturers leading to massive losses to the exchequer.

The agency has arrested Yasmin Kapoor who allegedly handled day-to-day operations of companies linked to Talwar, sources said. The CBI suspects that Kapoor played an active role in diverting funds received by Advantage India. Sources said Kapoor will be produced in a special CBI court on Thursday.

The case relates to allegations of misutilisation of foreign contribution, which were received under the CSR scheme for carrying out educational and social activities in India.

"The funds were allegedly received mainly from a foreign-based company to the tune of Rs 90.72 crore in the bank accounts of a Delhi-based private firm/NGO registered under the Foreign Contribution

(Regulation) Act, 2010 for carrying out social welfare activities in the field of education," a CBI spokesperson had said after registration of FIR in November 2017.

Cong on Nirmala: Ola-Uber remark shows immaturity

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THE CONGRESS on Wednesday took on Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for her remarks that young people's propensity to prefer radio taxis over buying cars is among the reasons that has contributed to the slowdown in the automobile sector, saying that she blames everyone except the ruling BJP for the handling of the economy.

Senior Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi said: "This remarkable, unbelievable statement by the Finance Minister of India reflects the inefficiency, immaturity and inexperience — the three I's, as Shri (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi would say of the BJP in governance. The gross overstatement made by the Finance Minister is a grave joke on the economy, on the country. Why? Because the dip in GDP is the real new normal for this government."

He said the "logic of the Finance Minister on economic slowdown, if applied to 10 questions in 10 sectors, 10 issues, will make it comical, though of course it is tragic for the nation."

Sitharaman had on Tuesday said: "The automobile and components industry has been affected by BS-VI (Bharat Stage VI) [norms] and the mindsets of millennial, who now prefer to have Ola and Uber rather than committing to buying an automobile."

alleging that his wife, who was Hindu before marriage, was illegally detained by her parents.

In that case, Dwivedi said, a three-judge bench of the top court had upheld the right of a person to choose a partner of his or her choice.

To this, the court said, "...We are not averse to even living-together relations but we have to be concerned about her.... We have a duty to protect her."

As senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, representing the woman, said there is "no need to portray women as vulnerable and in need of protection from someone", the court did not relent and said it was only trying to secure her future in view of contradictions highlighted by the petitioner.

Justice Mishra said, "We are not against interfaith or inter-caste marriages.... But what if the husband leaves the girl after some time? We just want to know his bona fides. We have a duty. (The) rest is her destiny."

Turning to Dwivedi, Justice Mishra remarked, "Be a loyal husband."

Justice Shah added, "Not just a great husband — be a great lover and a loyal husband."



Nirmala Sitharaman and Abhishek Singhvi

Singhvi on Wednesday asked whether, in similar vein, landlords and the millennial generation, who by similar logic would rent homes than buying them, are responsible for the downturn in the real estate sector, and whether the money "overspent by spendthrift overspending homemakers leading to an imbalance in the economy's balancesheet".

Singhvi said the slowdown in GDP growth is "not our fault, is not the Finance Ministry's fault, not the Prime Minister's, government's fault...it is because researchers who keep recalculating these figures, whether in the Budget or in the Economic Survey, keep changing methodologies and keep confusing us".

The Congress party took a jibe at the government in on Twitter, stating, "Despite their promise of protecting wealth creators, the government's disastrous policies have wiped away Rs 12.5 lakh crore of investor wealth in the last 100 days. Unlike the FM's excuses, these are the real reasons for it: Demonetisation, GST, Tax Terrorism."

OTP is a randomly generated

number and sent to registered cell-phone numbers and email addresses for validation of transactions online.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D N Patel observed that the petitioner, advocate Amit Sahni, did not show anything to the effect that OTP is mandatory for online purchases made in India. "It appears that OTP is not always required within India. It all depends on the facts and circumstances of the case," the bench said.

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NATH NEPHEW'S ED CUSTODY EXTENDED

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Wednesday extended by five days the ED custody of Ratul Puri, nephew of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, in a money laundering case related to AgustaWestland chopper scam. Special judge Arvind Kumar allowed the Enforcement Directorate to quiz Puri for five more days. He was arrested by ED on September 4 and his custody was ending Wednesday. The case was lodged following alleged irregularities in purchase of 12 VIP choppers from Italy-based Finmeccanica's British subsidiary, AgustaWestland.

YASIN MALIK COULDN'T BE PRODUCED

JAMMU: Militant-turned-separatist leader of the banned Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), Yasin Malik could not be produced before a TADA court here on Wednesday. The court on September 7 had issued non-bailable warrants against Malik and others allegedly involved in the killing of four Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel in Kashmir way back in 1990 when the armed insurgency had broken out.

HC JUDGE TO HEAD PANEL ON ANDHRA GOVT TENDERS

AMARAVATI: Justice B Siva Santhara Rao of the Andhra Pradesh high court was Wednesday appointed by the state government as the head of the State Judicial Commission to scrutinise public tenders for all infrastructure works of ₹100 crore or more before awarding contracts. The judges recommendations would be binding on the government, according to the legislation enacted in the Legislature during the Budget session on July 26.

Akhara doesn't own disputed site, SC told

AYODHYA CASE Constitution bench was hearing the case on 21st day

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NEW DELHI: The disputed Ram Janmbhoomi-Babri masjid land at Ayodhya "never belonged" to Nirmohi Akhara either under the law on trusteeship or due to its right as 'shebait' (devotee) of deity Ram Lalla, Muslim bodies told Supreme Court Wednesday. A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, which heard the land dispute case on the 21st day, was told by senior lawyer Rajeev Dhavan, counsel for Muslim parties, that Akhara cannot overcome the legal hurdle that its 1959 lawsuit to reclaim alleged possession over the site was time-barred under the limitation law.

Akhara, which was granted one-third of the disputed 2.77 acre land by the Allahabad high court, has said, "The 'Janmasthan' now commonly known as 'Janmabhoomi' belongs and has always belonged to it." The term 'belonging to', as per 'Nirmohi Akhara', extended limitation period to file lawsuit, Dhavan told the bench also comprising justices SA Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and SA Nazeer. "The answer is that it (land) does not belong to them and 'Akhara' is not the owner of the

SC TO HEAR LIVE TELECAST PLEA

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court said Wednesday that it would hear next Monday the plea of former RSS ideologue K N Govindacharya seeking live telecast or recording of the hearing in the Ram Janmbhoomi-Babri masjid land dispute case. A five-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, was told by senior advocate Vikas Singh, the counsel for Govindacharya, that the plea needed to be heard. "We will hear this on September 16," said the bench, which also comprised Justices SA Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer. **PTI**

property either under the English law on trusteeship or as a 'shebait', said the senior lawyer, appearing for Sunni Waqf Board and others including original litigant M Siddiq. Muslim bodies said Akhara filed the lawsuit in 1959, almost nine years after the disputed site was attached by a court-appointed receiver on January 5, 1950 following alleged placing of idols under the central dome of the building by some miscreant on December 22-23, 1949. The lawsuit should have been filed within three years of the alleged cause of action which arose in 1950 and hence, the 1959 lawsuit of 'Akhara' was time-barred, they said. Dhavan opposed the submissions of 'Akhara' that its lawsuit

was not time-barred as the cause of actions, such as taking over of the possession by the receiver and the denial of right to worship, were of the nature of "continuous wrong". "Let us not interpret continuing wrong and possession in such a manner that they lead to concomitant rights (naturally associated) rights (in favour of Akhara)," Dhavan urged. "What was the continuous wrong which magistrate (who ordered attachment of the site) committed. There was no obligation on the Magistrate to do certain things. Magistrate was following the law. You cannot say that you give it to me," Dhavan said. The high court judgement has said that one cannot sue the magistrate, he said.

MUZAFFARPUR ASSAULT CASE Decision on reuniting victims today

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court will on Thursday pass orders on the issue of reuniting victims of Bihar's Muzaffarpur shelter home with their families. As many as 44 minor girls had been sexually abused at the shelter home over a period of time and the issue first came to light following an audit by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) report in May last year.

Taking cognisance of a report filed by TISS, a Supreme Court bench had asked the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and the Bihar government to file their response by Thursday. The top court had in July directed TISS to prepare a rehabilitation plan for the victims. TISS was told to interact with the families of the victims and ascertain whether they can be reunited. The field work would be carried out under TISS's project called "Koshish". The permission was granted to TISS after the state informed the court that the victims, at present lodged in different child-care institutions, have started showing aggressive behaviour, with some indulging in inflicting self-harm. The SC order came on Bihar's application requesting the court's permission to hand over the custody of 44 children to their families. The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested 21 suspects, including the kingpin Brajesh Thakur, in connection with the case.



● Gautam Khaitan

VIP chopper case: Top court attacks Khaitan's lawyer for delaying response

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday criticised the advocate for Gautam Khaitan, an accused in the AgustaWestland case, for seeking time to file a response to the government's petition on the applicability of the black money law with retrospective effect. Taking exception to the demand to adjourn the case, a bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra said: "You are trying to avoid the bench. This conduct is deprecating." "Justice can't be purchased like this. Looks like you want to avoid this bench. We are averse to such a practice. It won't work in this court", Justice Mishra added.

Khaitan's lawyer P V Kapur said he needed "four weeks time to file a response to the Centre's petition challenging the Delhi high court order" which held that the Black Money law cannot be applied retrospectively. Justice Mishra was not convinced with the argument. "You people are lawyers and you are supposed to protect the law. The matter is scheduled for final hearing next week on Wednesday." Khaitan is an accused in the AgustaWestland VIP chopper deal case and he was booked under the Black Money Act by the income tax department and Enforcement Directorate. The case pertains to alleged irregularities in the purchase of 12 VIP choppers from Italy-based Finmeccanica's British subsidiary, AgustaWestland. The deal ₹3,600-crore AgustaWestland was scrapped in 2014 over alleged breach of contractual obligations and charges of payment of kickbacks for securing the deal.

Chidambaram moves HC against judicial custody

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● P Chidambaram

NEW DELHI: Former Union minister and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Wednesday challenged in the Delhi high court an order by a trial court remanding him to 14 days' judicial custody, and sought regular bail in connection with the INX Media case. The plea, filed through advocates Arshdeep Singh and Akshat Gupta, said that the order of the trial court was "contrary to the settled law relating to judicial remand of an accused". It said the "judge has not appreciated that the liberty of an individual is involved". The former home minister was sent to Tihar jail on September 5 after the Central Bureau of Investigation moved an application saying that he be sent to judicial custody because he could tamper with evidence. The INX Media case relates to alleged irregularities in the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance given to

the broadcaster for receiving foreign investment to the tune of Rs 305 crore in 2007, when Chidambaram was finance minister. CBI registered an FIR on May 15, 2017. Chidambaram's plea said that it was a "clear case of political vendetta" wherein a decision taken by members of the FIPB Unit and the FIPB Board (consisting of six secretaries of the government of India) had only been approved by him in his capacity as then finance minister. It also said that the grounds cited by the CBI in seeking judicial custody of Chidambaram had

not been supported by any material and were based on mere apprehensions and presumptions of the Investigating agency without any basis in law and facts. While challenging the trial court order, Chidambaram also applied for regular bail, contending that he had been neither named in the first information report (FIR) nor was he an accused in the case. "There is no allegation against the petitioner in the body of the subject FIR. Further the allegations in the subject FIR pertain to the grant of an FIPB approval in 2007-2008, for which the subject FIR came to be registered after a period of almost 10 years based on alleged 'oral source' information," the plea said. The plea also contended that Chidambaram had fully cooperated in the investigation and joined the probe as and when he had been called by the investigating agency. The matters are likely to be heard on Thursday before justice Suresh Kait.

CHHATTISGARH COUPLE

Woman's safety sole concern, not against interfaith marriages: SC

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Be a loyal husband... Not just a great husband. Be a great lover and loyal husband.

SC BENCH

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked a Muslim man to file an affidavit to prove his bona fides if he wanted to live with his Hindu wife, after the woman's parents alleged that she was lured into the marriage. The court stressed that its concern was the woman's safety, not her religion. "We are only concerned only about her [the woman's] future. We are not against inter-religious or inter-caste marriage," justice Arun Mishra said. "We have a duty; rest is your destiny," he added, before remarking, "Be a loyal husband." At this, justice MR Shah, the other member of the bench added, "Not

just a great husband. Be a great lover and loyal husband." The court also agreed to hear the woman, who filed an intervention application because her parents did not make her a party in the case. The couple, from Chhattisgarh, were married in 2018 after the man converted to Hinduism to be accepted by the woman's family, according to woman's parents. They claimed that the man later reconverted to Islam, and moved the top court against

the Chhattisgarh high court's order allowing their daughter to live with her husband if she wanted to. This is the second round of litigation involving the couple and the woman's parents. Last year, a bench led by the then Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra, said the woman should live with her parents after she expressed her inclination. A petition was then filed by the man on the grounds that the two were married. The woman stayed with her parents until the police allegedly came to their house and took her away, according to her parents. The case went to the high court which said the woman expressed willingness to live with her husband. This was challenged by the parents in the top court.



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2. Sealed bids should reach at 3rd Floor, FSSAI, FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi - 110 002 on or before 20 Sept, 2019 latest by 1300 Hrs along with earnest money deposit of Rs.18,00,000/- (refundable) by way of Bank Draft/Pay Order/FDR in favour of Sr. Accounts Officer, FSSAI, payable at New Delhi.
3. FSSAI reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason.
davp 17163/11/0008/1920 Asstt Dir (GA)

No. A.12022/45/2014-E.IV
Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
Appointment for the post of CMD, ECGC Ltd., Mumbai
It is proposed to fill up the post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD), ECGC Ltd., Mumbai under the Department of Commerce in the pay scale of Rs. 67000-79000/- (HAG) (Pre-revised)/Level-15 of the Pay Matrix (7th CPC). ECGC Ltd supports the Indian Export Industry by providing cost effective insurance and trade related service. Details are available at www.ecgc.in.
The job description, eligibility criteria etc for the said post are available on the web site of the Department of Commerce (<http://commerce.nic.in>) under vacancy section and Department of Personnel & Training (<http://persmin.gov.in/dopt.asp>) under "vacancies in autonomous organisations".
Applications of suitable candidates, who are willing and also fulfill the eligibility criteria for the post may be sent (in duplicate) in the prescribed format to the Shri Amitabh Dwivedi, Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce, Room No. 224, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi-110011 within **one month** from the date of publication of the advertisement in **Employment News**. Incomplete applications or those received after the prescribed date are liable to be rejected.
davp 05101/11/0007/1920



New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com



NOIDA SPORTS TRUST
11.09.2019
Request for Proposal (RFP) to Engage coaches/Sports Academies for various disciplines at Noida Stadium Sports Complex
New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) invites RFP to engage coaches/sports academies for the following disciplines in Noida Stadium Sports complex, Sector 21A, Noida:
• Karate (Job Number-16/Sports/2019-2020)
• Boxing (Job Number-17/Sports/2019-2020)
• Art/Craft (Job Number-18/Sports/2019-2020)
• Kabaddi (Job Number-19/Sports/2019-2020)
• Kushti (Job Number-20/Sports/2019-2020)
• Yoga (Job Number-21/Sports/2019-2020)
• Athletics/Fitness (Job Number-22/Sports/2019-2020)
Interested illegible bidders can submit the RFP along with the mentioned documents. RFP can be downloaded from the website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com. Last Date of Submission is 30/09/2019 (15:00 hrs.) Amendment/Modification in document, if any, shall be uploaded only on website.
Email: sc.ishra@noidaauthorityonline.com
CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA



Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation
E-Procurement Notice
CORRIGENDUM
This is with reference to the advertisement regarding Tender Notice issued on 27.07.2019 in various newspapers i.e. Hindustan Times, The Hindu, Amar Ujala & Daily Bhaskar inviting sealed bids for "Design and Installation of Light, Sound and Multimedia Show having "WOW" effect at Town Square, Mall Road, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. Including Operation & Maintenance for Five Years". Due to unavoidable circumstances the key dates are amended and may be read as under:-



Sr. No.	Description	Present Dates	Revised Dates
1.	Date of Online Publication	20 June 2019; 1800 Hrs	20 June 2019; 1800 Hrs
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	20 June 2019; 1830 Hrs upto 15th Sept. 2019; 1700 Hrs	20 June 2019; 1830 Hrs upto 29th Sept. 2019; 1700 Hrs
3.	Pre-Bid Meeting		
4.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	28 June 2019; 1800 Hrs upto 16th Sept. 2019; 1030 Hrs	17th Sept. 2019; 1800 Hrs upto 30th Sept. 2019; 1030 Hrs
5.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	16th Sept. 2019; 1030 Hrs	30th Sept. 2019; 1030 Hrs
6.	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid	16th Sept. 2019; 1100 Hrs	30th Sept. 2019; 1100 Hrs


Director,
Tourism & Civil Aviation,
Block No.28 SDA Complex,
Kasumpti, Shimla-9




KRIBHCO
KRISHAK BHARATI COOPERATIVE LIMITED
PRE QUALIFICATION OF VENDERS FOR ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE BUILDING



KRIBHCO invites application for pre-qualification of contractor for annual maintenance of (a) firefighting & fire alarm system and water supply system (b) Centralised HVAC system (c) electrical Substation and Electrical Works, installed at KRIBHCO BHAWAN, NOIDA. Interested parties can download the application form from public tender section of website www.kribhco.net. A Separate application form is required to be submitted for registration for each type of work. The contractor must have permanent office set up in NCR region for being eligible as registered contractor. The application document along with requisite documents is to be submitted to M C Dimri, General Manager (Materials), Kribhco Bhawan, A-10, Sector-1 Noida, Pin -201301 within 21 days of publication of this press advertisement. Existing Contractor must also apply afresh application for registration. In case of any clarification Shri S.L. Meena, Chief Manager (Project) may be contacted on phone no. 0120-2549329 anytime between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM or through e-mail smeena@kribhco.net



पिंपरी-चिंचवड महानगरपालिका, पिंपरी, पुणे-411018
स्थापत्य उद्यान विभाग
ई निविदा सुचना क्र. स्थापत्य/उद्यान/47/05/2019-2020
पिंपरी चिंचवड महानगरपालिकेकडून खालील नमुद केलेल्या कामासाठी ई टेडरिंग पद्धतीने परसेट रेड निविदा मागविण्यात येत आहे.
1) निविदेचा दर भरताना एकूण निविदा रकमेतून रॉयल्टी रक्कम व मटेरियल टेस्टिंग रक्कम वागळून आलेल्या रकमेवर निविदा दर भरवा.
2) प्रचलित दराने G.S.T. बिलात अदा केली जाईल त्यामुळे G.S.T. वागळून दर द्यावेत.



अ. क्र.	कामाचे नाव	एकूण निविदा रक्कम	रॉयल्टी व मटेरियल टेस्टिंग रक्कम वागळून निविदा रक्कम	रॉयल्टीची रक्कम	मटेरियल टेस्टिंग चार्जेस	बयाणा रक्कम	अनामत रक्कम	कामाची मुदत (महिने)	निविदा फॉर्म की GST सह (पत न मिळवणारी)
1	वाकड येथील आरक्षण क्र. 3/18, येथे उद्यान विकसीत करणे	7,46,75,432	7,28,15,451	15,35,662	3,24,320	3,73,377	37,33,772	24	22,523
2	प्र.क्र.19 मधील श्रीधरनगर उद्यानातील नुनरीकरण करणे	62,38,186	61,11,454	93,531	33,200	62,382	3,11,909	12	3,147
3	प्रमाण क्र.16 रावेत येथील पेट क्र.32अ मधील मोकळ्या जागेत उद्यान विकसीत करणे.	5,82,82,169	5,65,42,582	15,91,377	1,48,210	2,91,411	29,14,108	18	22,523
4	प्रमाण क्र. 20 येथील पु. ल. देशपांडे आणि सेंट एंथोनी उद्यानाचे नूतनीकरण करणे व इतर उद्यानाची स्थापत्य विषयक कामे करणे	1,66,37,620	1,62,56,419	2,12,290	1,68,910	1,50,000	8,31,881	18	4,637
5	प्रमाण क्र.11 शरदनगर येथील मोकळ्या जागेवर उद्यानासाठी व सी.डी.सी. प्लॉट उद्यानासाठी आवश्यक स्थापत्य विषयक कामे करणे.	49,92,839	48,61,153	98,486	33,200	49,928	2,49,642	12	2,397

निविदेचे वेळापत्रक (अ.क्र. 01 ते 04 साठी)

ई-निविदा उपलब्ध कालावधी	:-	दिनांक- 12/09/2019 ते 09/10/2019
निविदा स्विकृती अंतिम दिनांक व वेळ	:-	दिनांक- 09/10/2019 दुपारी 3.00 पर्यंत
र.रु.1.50 कोटी चे वरील कामांसाठी निविदा पुर्व बैठक दि. व वेळ	:-	दिनांक- 30/09/2019 दुपारी 3.00 पर्यंत
निविदा पुर्व बैठक ठिकाण		अतिरिक्त आयुक्त कार्यालय, पिं.चिं.मनपा, पिंपरी - 411018
निविदा उघडणेचा दिनांक	:-	दिनांक. 11/10/2019 सकाळी 11.00 वा. (शक्य झाल्यास)

निविदेचे वेळापत्रक (अ.क्र. 05 साठी)

ई-निविदा उपलब्ध कालावधी	:-	दिनांक-12/09/2019 ते 26/09/2019
निविदा स्विकृती अंतिम दिनांक व वेळ	:-	दिनांक- 26/09/2019 दुपारी 3.00 पर्यंत
निविदा उघडणेचा दिनांक	:-	दिनांक-30/09/2019 सकाळी 11.00 वा. (शक्य झाल्यास)

कोणतेही कारण न देता निविदा पूर्णतः किंवा अंशतः मंजूर अथवा नामंजूर करण्याचा अधिकार मा.आयुक्त यांनी स्वतःकडे राखून ठेवला आहे. निविदा संचाची विक्री <https://mahatenders.gov.in> या संकेतस्थळावर ई-निविदा सुचनेत नमुद केलेल्या तारखेनुसार सुरू राहिल. सविस्तर निविदा व निविदेदावतची इतर माहिती खालील संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध आहे. (1) www.pcmcindia.gov.in (2) <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

समर्थी ई निविदा प्रणाली वापरणाऱ्यात काही तांत्रिक अडचण निर्माण झाल्यास NIC यांचेकडील ई-मेल support-eproc@nic.in अथवा Help Desk Number 0120-4200462,0120-4001002, 0120-4001005,0120-6277787 या दुरुधनीवर संपर्क साधावा.

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