

Difficult for Wakf to question belief on Ram’s birthplace: SC

Ramjanmabhoomi a creation of 19th century, mere belief not enough: Board

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THE SUPREME Court on Monday told the Sunni Central Wakf Board that it will be “very difficult” for the Board to question the belief of Hindus in Ram’s birthplace given that even a Muslim witness had attested to significance of Ayodhya for Hindus.

“You are challenging the belief of Hindus (on Ram’s birthplace)... That will be very difficult for you to question because even a Muslim witness says Ayodhya is to Hindus what Mecca is to Muslims,” Justice D Y Chandrachud, who is part of a five-judge Constitution bench hearing the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute case, told senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, who appeared for the Sunni Wakf Board.

Dhavan replied: “But where is Ramjanmabhoomi? It’s simply a creation of the 19th century.” He added that mere belief is not enough to claim title and accord juristic personality to the place.

Reiterating that Ram deserves respect, Dhavan said, “If both Ram and Allah are not respected, then this nation, which has more diversity than any other, will splinter apart.”

The bench headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi, and also compris-



ing Justices S A Bobde, Ashok Bhushan and SA Nazeer, is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010, verdict of Allahabad High Court ordering a three-way division of the disputed area.

Questioning the temple side’s claim that Ramjanmabhoomi had divinity attached to it and is also a juristic personality, Dhavan said, “Ramjanmabhoomi as a juristic personality was a special purpose vehicle to get rid of the past temple and build a grand temple for future by and through the (Ramjanmabhoomi) Nyas, and to get rid of the shebait and put management of the temple in sociopolitical hands of the Sangh Parishad.”

Dhavan had earlier conceded that idols of Hindu deities were worshipped in Ram Chabutra on the outer courtyard, and that the Nirmohi Akhara had shebait rights to it.

A shebait under Hindu law is entrusted with the task of main-

taining and preserving an idol and its property.

Pointing to problems if land was to be treated as a juristic personality, Dhavan said merely because a land had divinity attached to it will not make it immune from acquisition.

Dhavan also questioned the Hindu side’s reliance on discovery of a ‘parikrama’ path around the now-demolished mosque as proof that something which they regarded as divine existed there. “All witnesses (who spoke about it) have given different descriptions of parikrama,” he submitted. “Some say it was in south, some say in west, some say it was all around...claim that the place was divine will not stand when witnesses have given different versions of the parikrama.”

He said Muslims offered daily prayers at the site till December 22-23, 1949, and until then there was no idol in the “inner area”.

The submission was apparently in response to the court pointing out on September 19 that oral evidence had come on record that there was an idol at the ‘garbh grih’ (sanctum sanctorum), believed to be the birthplace of Ram below the central dome of Babri Masjid even before 1949, and that Hindus had prayed to it.

According to the Board, idols

were allegedly placed inside Babri Masjid by alleged trespassers on the night intervening December 22-23, 1949.

Dhavan said, “There’s a difference between saying no prayers (were held) and saying it was abandoned. Once a mosque, always a mosque. This is not abandonment — at best, it was not used.”

He said there is “no proof” of any Hindu structure at the site other than the Ram Chabutra. “We were in possession, we had title,” he asserted.

He contended that the law of limitation would also apply to deities, and that the legislature ought to have made if it wanted to make an exclusion. He said every idol cannot be a juristic person and referred to examples to illustrate this.

Intervening, Justice Bobde said that “there can be a deity without an idol” and referred to Chidambaram, where the sky is worshipped.

Dhavan replied, “Something must be there to convert a belief into a religious practice.”

Dhavan also challenged the Shia Wakf Board’s challenge of a 1946 decision by which the Shia board’s claim over Babri Masjid was rejected, and said they “slept over” their right and wondered how they can now say the law of limitation will not apply to them.

On climate change, India not just talking but has plan: PM



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STRESSING THAT “time for talking is over” and that the “world needs to act now”, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday said India has come to not just talk about the seriousness of the issue of climate change but also present a practical approach and a roadmap.

“We believe that an ounce of practice is worth more than a ton of preaching,” Modi said at the global climate action summit organised by the UN Secretary General. US President Donald Trump, who was widely expected to skip the summit, came in for a brief while when Modi was speaking, and left soon after.

In his speech, Modi outlined his government’s plans, and said: “We are going to increase the share of non-fossil fuel and by 2022, we plan to increase our renewable energy capacity to much beyond 175 GW, and later till 450 GW.”

He said: “In India, we have made plans to make our transport sector green through e-mobility... India is also working to considerably increase the pro-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at UN headquarters on Monday. Reuters

portion of biofuel blend in petrol and diesel. We have provided clean cooking gas to 150 million families.”

Referring to one of his government’s flagship initiatives, Modi said: “We have launched the Jal Jeevan mission for water conservation, rainwater harvesting and for the development of water resources. India is going to spend approximately \$50 billion on this in the next few years.”

On the solar initiative led by India and France, he said: “Almost 80 countries have joined our International Solar Alliance campaign. India and Sweden together with other partners are launching the leadership group within the industry transition track. This initiative will provide a platform for governments and the private sector with opportunities for cooperation in the area of technology innovation. This will help to develop low carbon pathways for industry.”

‘This level of engagement has never been attempted’

INDIA’S PERMANENT Representative to the UN SYED AKBARUDDIN speaks to SHUBHAJIT ROY on the focus of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit and India’s approach. Excerpts:

What is the main focus of the Prime Minister’s visit to the UN, especially since this is his first visit after 2015?

First, I must tell you that this level of engagement has never before been attempted. By conservative estimates, there will be meetings with as many as 75 countries if you look at engagements by the PM, External Affairs Minister and the Minister of State.

If you look at the last visit during the UN General Assembly in 2014, there was a General Assembly statement, a few bilateral engagements and some multilateral (meetings) like the G-4 and BRICS meetings, and that’s it.

This time, our approach has been fundamentally altered. This is an opportunity to engage with the international community, and the opportunity is unparalleled. These are proper meetings with leaders from 75 countries, not pull-asides or brush-asides.

How did this plan shape up?

Our role in previous years was different. Now, UN is a place where many small and medium countries come with whom one can engage. Every year, India engages with countries of G-20, BRICS, East Asia and neighbours in some form or the other. But, India is not engaging enough with the rest of the world, so here’s an opportunity...So, we are going to have the first leaders’-level engagement with Caribbean countries under the rubric of CARICOM. We have common (interests) in cricket, commonwealth and culture, but only official meetings have taken place. So, the PM will engage with 14 of



these countries. Similarly, we are going to have a meeting with leaders from Pacific islands. PM met them in Fiji and then, in Jaipur in 2015. Four years have passed, so it’s time to re-connect with leaders of 12 of these countries.

So, what’s the thematic focus of India’s engagement at the UN this time?

Look at the UN agenda, it is not only about peace and security: nothing is moving in peace and security, with China, US, Russia. The climate of cooperation is not there...The cooperation at the UN and the global level is happening in the fields of climate change, health, Sustainable Development Goals, Financing for Development. India will be among the top 6 countries to lead in these sectors so we are active on this agenda.

Also, peace and security doesn’t have a natural constituency in India. I mean, how many people

‘Ayushman Bharat a historic step towards affordable healthcare’

SHUBHAJIT ROY
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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Monday said that India has taken “historic steps” including the world’s largest health insurance scheme — Ayushman Bharat — to provide access to affordable health care services to all and banning of e-cigarettes. Besides, greater awareness through Clean India campaign and immunization campaigns have also contributed to health promotion.

Addressing the first ever high-level meeting on Universal Health Coverage here, Modi said, “World welfare begins with people’s welfare, and health is an important component of it. And in line with this global principle, India is laying great emphasis on health.”

He said that health does not simply mean freedom from diseases. “A healthy life is every person’s right”. The onus for ensuring this is on governments, he added.

To ensure affordable healthcare, he said that India has rolled out the world’s largest health insurance scheme- Ayushman Bharat. Under this scheme, 500 million poor have been given the facility of free treatment worth up to 500,000 rupees annually (more than USD\$7000). There are more than 5000 Special Pharmacies, where more than 800 varieties of vital medicines are available at affordable prices.

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INX MEDIA CASE

Chidambaram tells court: Allegation of influencing witnesses nothing but conjecture

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 23

FORMER UNION Minister P Chidambaram Monday opposed the CBI’s claim in the Delhi High Court that he was the “main conspirator” in the INX Media case, saying he has “not received any payment” into any of his “bank accounts or by any other manner”.

Strongly opposing CBI demand to not grant him bail, senior advocate Kapil Sibal told Justice Suresh Kumar Kait that “allegation of influencing witnesses and tampering with evidence are bereft of any particulars and are nothing but conjectures...”

“The said allegations are predicated on possibility, apprehension and or potential,” Sibal said, adding that the “liberty of a citizen cannot be interfered with merely on the basis of possibility or apprehension or potential and in the absence of any substantive and cogent material in support of such allegations”.

Sibal further argued that there is no loss to the public exchequer in this case. “No public funds were involved in this case and it also not a case of bank fraud or taking money out of the country or defrauding depositors or stealing money from a company. On the contrary, Rs 305 crore has come into INX Media (the investment company) as FDI, well within the approval percentage of 46.216 % of equity. Out of this Rs 305 crore, Rs 26 crore was invested in an Indian subsidiary company (namely INX News) based on FIPB approval,” Sibal argued.

Probing charges of corruption

in the INX Media case, the CBI had arrested Chidambaram on August 21. The next day, he was remanded in CBI custody for 15 days and is now in judicial custody in Tihar jail till October 3.

Referring to the CBI’s allegations of the office of the finance minister being allegedly misused with brazenness and impunity, Sibal said “as per normal procedure, the FDI proposal of INX Media was processed by several officers in the FIPB unit”. “Thereafter, it was put up to the FIPB (comprising of six secretaries), which after due consideration, made its recommendations to the Ministry of Finance. In the Ministry, the case was once again examined by several officers (from the Under Secretary all the way up to the Additional Secretary) of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA). Thereafter, the case was put up to the Secretary, DEA, (who had previously considered and recommended the case as Chairman of the FIPB) who once again signed the file and put it up to the competent authority (Finance Minister) on May 28, 2007,” Sibal told the court.

Sibal argued that no single officer can take a decision on any proposal. “It is a collective decision of six Secretaries, assisted by several officers in the FIPB Unit and the Department of Economic Affairs. Therefore, it is preposterous to allege that any person, such as Mr Chidambaram’s son Karti Chidambaram, could have influenced any official of the FIPB, including all six senior Secretaries to the Government of India,” Sibal said.



Former PM Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi after meeting Congress leader P Chidambaram at Tihar Jail, in New Delhi on Monday. Tashi Tobgyal

SONIA, MANMOHAN MEET CHIDAMBARAM IN JAIL

All decisions recorded in files, hope courts will render justice: Manmohan

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FORMER PRIME minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday met senior Congress leader and former Union minister P Chidambaram for the first time since his arrest in the INX Media case. The senior Congress leaders met Chidambaram at Tihar Jail, where he has been lodged since September 5.

Expressing concern over Chidambaram’s continued detention, Singh commented on the INX media case for the first time and fully backed the former finance and home minister. “In our system of government, no decision can be taken by any single person. All decisions are collective decisions recorded in files. A dozen officers, including six Secretaries to the govern-

ment, examined and recommended the proposal. Minister Chidambaram approved the unanimous recommendation.”

“If the officers are not at fault, it is beyond our comprehension how the Minister who simply approved the recommendation can be accused of committing an offence. If the Minister is liable for approving a recommendation, the whole system of government will collapse,” Singh said in a statement issued after the meeting.

“We are confident, and we sincerely hope, that the courts will render justice in this case,” Singh said.

The two leaders were accompanied by Chidambaram’s son and Lok Sabha MP Karti Chidambaram said he was honoured that the two leaders visited him. “I am honoured that Sonia Gandhi and Manmohan Singh called on me today. As long as the

Congress party is strong and brave, I will also be strong and brave,” he tweeted. The meeting lasted for the full allotted time of around half-an-hour, party leaders said. They said Gandhi told Chidambaram that the party “fully” stands behind him and will fight the case politically.

Chidambaram also took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his “everything is fine in India” remark at the Howdy Modi event in Houston, saying, “Bharat mai sab achha hai. Except for unemployment, loss of existing jobs, lower wages, mob violence, lockdown in Kashmir and throwing Opposition leaders in prison.”

Party leaders said Chidambaram and Singh discussed economic issues, including the corporate tax cut. The leaders also enquired about Chidambaram’s health, they said.

Saradha scam: Rajeev Kumar seeks anticipatory bail

Kolkata: Two days after Alipore district sessions court rejected his prayer, former Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar’s wife on Monday filed an anticipatory bail petition on his behalf before the Calcutta High Court in Saradha chit fund scam.

The plea is likely to be moved by Kumar’s lawyers before a division bench of the High Court on Tuesday.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) claimed that Kumar is not cooperating with it in the probe and has been evading appearance before its team on frivolous grounds.

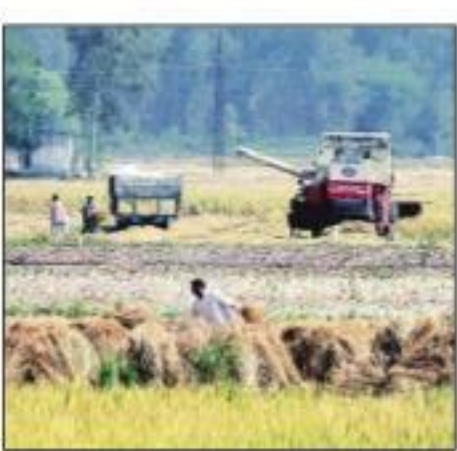
The counsel of the senior IPS officer, who is currently the Additional Director General in CID, said he has taken leave from September 9 to 25. ENS

Stubble burning can be controlled if farmers are compensated: Punjab

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STUBBLE BURNING in Punjab can be controlled completely if farmers are compensated for management of paddy straws, the state’s agriculture secretary KSPannu told The Indian Express Monday. Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh would also seek compensation for farmers for stubble management in a letter he was writing to the Centre Monday, he said.

“This can control (stubble burning) 100%. The government of India can give a bonus of Rs 100 per quintal while procuring paddy... to those farmers who do not burn (the straw),” he said.



Stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana impacts Delhi-NCR’s air quality. Archive

Around October every year, farmers in Punjab, Haryana and other North West Indian states set fire to paddy residue in order to clear their fields to sow fresh

wheat crops.

This is said to harm quality of soil and air by releasing pollutants, including carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter, which can also impact health. Stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana is also known to have an impact on Delhi-NCR’s air quality.

Announcing the Delhi government’s winter action plan on September 13, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said smoke released from crop burning in the two states veers over to Delhi around November 1, creating smog over the city and turning it into a “gas chamber”.

The minimum support price at which the Centre would buy Grade ‘A’ paddy this year is set at

Rs 1,835 per quintal as of July 2019. This has increased by Rs 385 since 2015-16 and Rs 65 from the previous financial year.

Total paddy procured from Punjab in 2018-19 was 169.17 lakh metric tonnes. If Rs 100 per quintal bonus was paid to all farmers in the state the previous financial year, the Centre would have given an incentive of nearly Rs 1,700 crore.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2018, the Punjab CM had made a request similar to the one he is expected to make in Monday’s letter. He had said nearly 15 million metric tonnes of paddy straw was being burned annually in the state, despite strict measures taken to control it.

Cong slams Modi for endorsing Trump poll campaign at Houston

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THE CONGRESS on Monday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of violating Indian foreign policy’s “time-honoured convention” of not interfering in domestic elections of another country by “actively campaigning” for US President Donald Trump at the ‘Howdy, Modi’ event in Houston.

The opposition party said Modi was in the US as India’s Prime Minister and not as a “star campaigner” in the US elections.

Addressing the media, senior Congress leader Anand Sharma said: “Our relationship with the United States have throughout been bipartisan, vis-à-vis Republicans and Democrats.

Your actively campaigning for Trump is a breach of both India and America as sovereign nations and democracies. Mr Prime Minister, you have violated the time-honoured principle of Indian foreign policy of not interfering in the domestic elections of another country.

“This is a singular disservice to the long-term strategic interests of India.”

Sharma said Modi should have honoured the convention that “we do not take a partisan position in domestic electoral politics” of another country. “It should not be seen that India is taking positions or sides, and the Prime Minister using that platform to exhort and raising that slogan on ‘Abki Baar, Trump Sarkar’ was better avoided,” the

Congress leader said.

Sharma said India has engaged with both a Republican administration and Democrat administration in the past. “It was a Republican administration under President Bush — and we had Prime Minister Manmohan Singh — when we successfully negotiated the Indo-US nuclear deal, but when the US elections came Prime Minister Singh, and for that matter the Indian leadership, did not take a partisan position to support or endorse the Republicans,” he said.

“When Barack Obama took over as US President, we carried forward that engagement as effectively as we had done with the previous Republican administration,” the Rajya Sabha member said.

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World not doing enough on climate change: PM

'TIME TO ACT' Calls for behavioural change, asks nations to join disaster resilience coalition

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NEW YORK: The international community needs to act immediately on climate change as the steps taken so far by countries to overcome this serious challenge are not enough, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told a United Nations summit on Monday.

Addressing the Global Climate Action Summit organised by UN secretary general Antonio Guterres, Modi called on countries to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure launched by India, which will be a loose collective of countries with capacity in handling post-disaster infrastructure development.

"Various efforts are being made by different countries to fight climate change but we must accept that if we have to overcome a serious challenge like climate change, then what we are doing at the moment is just not enough," Modi said.

He added: "The time for talking is over, the world needs to act now."

Modi listed his government's efforts to cut single use plastic, increase renewable energy capacity to 175 GW by 2022, and conserve water through the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The need, he said, is a comprehensive approach that "covers education, values and everything from lifestyle to developmental philosophy".

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PM MODI AT UN SUMMIT

PM Narendra Modi has called for a "global people's movement" to bring about a behavioural change to deal with climate change

CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT

"We must accept that if we have to overcome a serious challenge like climate change, then what we are doing at the moment is just not enough," Modi said at the UN summit

"The time for talking is over. The world needs to act now... What we need is a global people's movement to bring about behavioural change," he added.

The PM said that by 2022 "we will increase our

renewable energy capacity to much beyond 175GW and we are committed to take it further to 450GW." "Need, not greed has been our guiding principle"

FOR DISASTER RESILIENCE

He invited UN member states to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure launched by India. The coalition will be a grouping of about 30 developed and developing nations that will aim to work for infrastructure resilient to climate and disaster



ANGRY GRETA

"This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back at school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you come to us young people for hope. How dare you? You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words." >>P14

DONALD TRUMP STOPS TO LISTEN

US President Donald Trump made a surprise appearance. With the lights down and the programme under way, he spent 15 minutes at the summit, listening to PM Modi and German Chancellor Angela Merkel

Trump silent on Pak as terror base, says can mediate on J&K

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NEW YORK: A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi targeted Pakistan in his presence for backing terror against India, US President Donald Trump on Monday deflected a direct question on Pak-based terror and again offered to mediate on the Kash-

mir issue if both countries wanted him to.

During a meeting with Prime Minister Imran Khan on the margins of the UN General Assembly, Trump, when asked by a reporter on whether he endorsed India's assertion that Pakistan is the "hub of terrorism", said he had always pointed to Iran being the "number one" terror state.

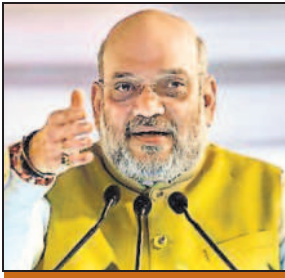
Asked about the possibility of mediating between India and Pakistan and on the Kashmir issue, Trump said: "If I can help, I would certainly do. It will be dependent on both of these gentlemen [Modi and Khan], one without the other doesn't work if you're going to do mediation or if you're going to do an arbitration". >>FULL REPORT ON P8

Shah proposes common card for data of citizens

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NEW DELHI: India's next decadal headcount in 2021 will be carried out on a mobile application, Union home minister Amit Shah said on Monday, as he floated the idea of a unique multi-purpose identity card for citizens that could double up as a voter identity document, permanent account number or even passport.

Speaking at a ceremony in New Delhi, the minister also said that updating the national population register (NPR), which will happen simultaneously with the census, will be completely digital and help in fighting crime, plugging subsidy leakages and promoting gender equality.



Why can't we have just one card for all utilities like Aadhaar, passport, bank account, driving licence, voter card?... all data should be put together
AMIT SHAH, Union home minister

"Why can't we have just one card for all utilities like Aadhaar, passport, bank account, driving licence, voter card? There should be a system that all data should be put together in a single card," Shah said after laying the foundation stone of a new building of the Registrar General of India in the national capital.

The minister clarified that the government had no scheme at present to introduce a multipurpose identity card. "But this is a possibility," he added.

The census mobile app will comprise about 60 questions, from the amenities available in a household, source of drinking

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Tough to question Hindu belief on Ayodhya: SC judge

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court said on Monday that it will be very difficult to question Hindu faith that Ayodhya was the birthplace of Lord Ram even as it decided to sit until 5pm, an hour beyond the scheduled time, for the next three days to hear arguments in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute case.

The CJI-headed bench was responding to arguments by advocate Rajeev Dhawan, appearing for the Sunni Central Waqf Board and other Muslim parties, that only belief could not be the basis of claiming title. >>P9

CM unveils plan to install 210,000 new street lights

NEW DELHI: The Delhi government will begin a new exercise to install up to 210,000 new street lights across the city, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal announced on Monday in what he called was a crucial new step to make the national capital safer, particularly for women.

The Mukhyamantri Street-light Scheme will be rolled out from November 1 and initially include ₹100 crore funding.

"There were serious problems in getting permission from MCDs to place a pole. So, these street lights will not be poles. They will be installed outside residences and periphery walls of neighbourhoods," Kejriwal said. >>P3

Woman falls out of auto fighting cellphone snatchers in CR Park

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NEW DELHI: Two men on a motorcycle snatched the phone of a woman travelling in an autorickshaw on a busy road in south Delhi's Chittaranjan Park on Sunday evening, leaving their 26-year-old target with serious injuries as she fell out of the vehicle while trying to fight back.

Police officials are yet to determine the identities of the sus-

pects, who cut through slow moving traffic to escape the spot. Joy-mala Bagchi, who works as a journalist with news agency ANI, suffered a jaw bone fracture and other injuries to her face and elbow.

The incident was only the latest in a spate of street crimes that have put a spotlight on the Capital's inability to tackle law and order issues. On an average, 18 snatchings have taken place on Delhi's roads till August this

year. Late last week, a couple fell off their scooter after being chased and attacked by snatchers in central Delhi's Connaught Place area in the morning. On Tuesday, a 54-year-old woman was injured in her head after two suspects snatched her gold chain while she waited for a bus near Delhi Zoo.

According to the victim in Sunday's incident, the autorickshaw she was in also toppled over as she fell out. >>P2

MEGA REPATRIATION

Thomas Cook collapse leaves 600K in the lurch

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LONDON: British travel firm Thomas Cook collapsed on Monday, leaving some 600,000 holidaymakers stranded and sparking the UK's biggest repatriation since World War II.

The 178-year-old debt-plagued group, which had struggled against fierce online competition for some time and blamed Brexit uncertainty for a recent drop

in bookings, declared bankruptcy after failing to secure £200 million (\$250 million, 227 million euros) from private investors. The UK-based group is not connected to Thomas Cook India, which it owned at one point but exited seven years ago.

Monday's bankruptcy, which followed a lengthy period of chronic financial turmoil after a disastrous 2007 merger deal, left some 600,000 tourists stranded worldwide

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Passengers wait for their flights at the international airport on the island of Corfu, Greece, on Monday.

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Difficult to question Hindu faith on Ayodhya: SC judge

TITLE SUIT Bench to sit an hour beyond its scheduled close for three days to hear arguments

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court bench hearing the Ram Janma-bhoomi-Babri Masjid title suit said on Monday that it will be very difficult to question Hindu faith that Ayodhya was the birth-place of Hindu god Ram even as it decided to sit until 5pm, an hour beyond the court’s scheduled time, for the next three days to hear arguments in the case.

The five-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, was responding to arguments by senior advocate Rajeev Dhawan, appearing for the Sunni Central Waqf Board and other Muslim parties, that only belief could not be the basis of claiming title.

“You are challenging the belief of Hindus. That will be very difficult for you to question because even a Muslim witness has said that Ayodhya is to Hindus what Mecca is to Muslims,” said justice DY Chandrachud, one of the judges on the bench.

Justices SA Bobde, Ashok Bhushan and SA Nazeer are the

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JUSTICE DY CHANDRACHUD, Supreme Court judge

other members of the bench that is hearing appeals against a 2010 Allahabad high court verdict that trifurcated the 2.77 acre disputed plot in Ayodhya between the Nir-mohi Akhara, representatives of the child deity Ram Lalla and the Waqf Board.

The bench heard arguments until 5pm on Monday and decided to do the same for the next three days. An official said the reason behind the move was to make up time lost Friday, when the court sits for only half a day.

Last week, the bench expressed hope that the hearing of the land dispute case would be over by October 18.

“Let us make a joint effort to conclude the hearing by October 18. If need be, the court could sit on Saturdays and even extend hearing in the case daily by an

hour,” the bench had said. Gogoi retires on November 17 and if the arguments end on October 18, it gives the judges roughly a month to write the judgment.

On Monday, Dhawan countered Justice Chandrachud’s oral observations and said there was “simply no evidence” of Ramjan-mabhoomi, or Ram’s birth place.

He contested the concept placed before the court by Ram-janmabhoomi Nyas, which heads the Ram temple movement, that a piece of land with divinity attached to it could be held to be a juristic person.

Statements of witnesses on the presence of a “parikrama” (circumambulation) path around the disputed structure had contradictions, Dhavan said, arguing that different witnesses gave varying description of the path.

These contradictions, he added, negated the divinity claim.

“There’s a difference between saying no prayers were held and saying it was abandoned. Once a mosque, always a mosque. This is not an abandonment. At best, it was not used,” Dhavan added.

He reiterated that Muslims prayed daily at the site on December 22-23, 1949 and there was no idol in the “inner area” then. On the intervening night of December 22-23, idols of Ram were allegedly placed under the central dome and found the next morning.

“We were in possession. We had the title,” he submitted. There was no proof of anything else but the existence of Ram Chabutra at the disputed site, he told the bench. He said that every idol could not be a juristic person.

At this, justice Bobde said there could be a deity without an idol and cited the example of the Chidambaram temple in Tamil Nadu where the sky is worshipped. But Dhavan argued some act needed to be carried out to convert a belief into a religious practice.

Sonia, Manmohan visit PC in Tihar jail

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NEW DELHI: Congress president Sonia Gandhi and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh drove to Tihar jail in the national capital and met party colleague P Chidambaram on Monday, a visit which indicated that the party stood firmly behind the former finance minister.

Chidambaram, 74, was arrested on August 21 by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for alleged corruption in the grant of Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance to INX Media. “The visit by Gandhi and Singh to Tihar jail was to send a strong message that the party stands firmly behind Chidambaram,” said a Congress functionary who did not want to be named. The Congress describes the arrest of Chidam-



■ Congress president Sonia Gandhi and former PM Manmohan Singh arrive at Tihar to meet P Chidambaram on Monday.

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baram as “political vendetta” by the BJP.

In a statement, Singh expressed concerns over Chidambaram’s detention and insisted that the former finance minister approved a “unanimous” recommendation by a dozen officials, including six secretaries to the government, after examining files in the INX Media

matter. “If the officers are not at fault, it is beyond our comprehension how the minister who simply approved the recommendation can be accused of committing an offence...,” Singh said. “We are confident, and we sincerely hope, that the courts will render justice in this case,” he said.

After the meeting, Chidambaram, whose family tweets on

his behalf, posted, “I am honoured that Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Dr. Manmohan Singh called on me today. As long as the Congress party is strong and brave, I will also be strong and brave.”

Jail officials said Gandhi and Singh reached Tihar around 9am and spoke to Chidambaram for about half an hour. Chidambaram has been allotted a single high-security cell inside Tihar.

In the Delhi high court, Chidambaram’s counsel, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, said on Monday that there was no allegation against the former finance minister about trying to influence anyone related to the matter and there was no loss to public exchequer. In a rejoinder, Chidambaram said the CBI’s allegation that he misused the high public office of the finance minister was completely “untenable” and “wholly misconceived”.

face to face

BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA, Congress leader

‘I am not a leader of only Jats, but of all the people’

A head of elections in Haryana next month, Congress named former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, 71, as its legislative party leader, and appointed a new state unit chief. Hooda spoke to **Aurangzeb Naqshbandi** about the leadership changes and the challenges they face. Edited excerpts:

Has the leadership change come very late?

It is better late than never. We have to look forward and not back. Both Seljaji and I have addressed workers in all the 10 Lok Sabha constituencies and saw a lot of enthusiasm among the workers. After Lok Sabha elections, our workers were demoralised and they saw no hope but that has changed now.

What has changed since May when the BJP returned to power? Not only the Congress, but the entire Opposition was wiped out. What makes you hopeful now?

That was not true for Haryana only. Entire north India was hit by the wave. But the issues in Lok Sabha and assembly [elections] are different. For example, in Odisha, the people gave a huge mandate to the Biju Janata Dal but gave a good number of Lok Sabha seats to the Bharatiya Janata Party



(BJP). The people are very intelligent and decide accordingly. The BJP government in Haryana has proved to be a total failure. They made 154 promises before the 2014 [assembly] elections but till date have not fulfilled any. Farmers are not paid the promised adequate minimum support price... They are feeling betrayed, cheated.

Has chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar successfully broken the Jat monopoly in Haryana?

You are wrong. I am not a leader of Jats only, but of all the people. All castes supported me. We, as Congress, do not exploit castes to get votes. No political party can survive if it takes along only one caste. If that was the case, then no party can be beaten.

How deep is the divide between Jats and non-Jats in Haryana? This is a myth. There is nothing like it because in our society everybody is dependent on each other. The [Jat] agitation took place in Haryana

because the BJP government promised reservation to Jats in presence of PM Narendra Modi but failed to fulfil it.

Politics is about perception. If the BJP says Hooda is facing so many cases, how will you counter that?

... I am not worried about the cases. I am not afraid of false and politically motivated cases and I know I have done nothing wrong.

What will you offer the people which the BJP cannot?

My performance as the chief minister speaks for itself. That time, farmers, government employees... in general were happy. On the other hand, the BJP has failed miserably. I had fulfilled every single point in 2005 and 2009 manifestos. You take the 2014 BJP manifesto, please show even one fulfilled promise.

How will you counter the BJP’s narrative on nationalism and the abrogation of Constitution’s Article 370?

I supported the abrogation of Article 370, which had already been diluted. Now, it is no issue. We will keep the focus on the slowdown in the economy and the BJP government’s failures. Before 2014, Haryana was number one in sports, but now top in unemployment. Law and order has worsened.

I-T notices to Lavasa’s wife over ‘tax evasion’

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NEW DELHI: The income tax department has issued notices to Novel Singhal Lavasa, wife of election commissioner Ashok Lavasa, for alleged tax evasion. Two officials aware of the developments said on Monday.

The notices seek explanations from Novel Singhal Lavasa about her income-related details when she was the director of about a dozen private companies between 2015 and 2017, the offi-

cials said. An I-T department official confirmed that the notices had been sent, but declined to elaborate on their contents.

Reacting to the I-T department’s move, Novel Singhal Lavasa said she responded to all notices received since August 5 and was cooperating with the department. “It is stated that I have paid all taxes due towards me and disclosed all income earned by me from pension, and all other sources as per Income Tax law,” she said in a statement. “It is clarified that having served

as a Class I officer with the State Bank of India for 28 years and having acquired vast experience in Banking and Development, I continue to be engaged in various professional activities, including as independent director in a few companies,” she added.

The officials quoted above said the I-T department has sought more documents from her. The department has been examining her I-T returns to ascertain if her income escaped assessment in the past or some-

thing has been concealed from authorities.

Ashok recently made headlines when he disagreed with the EC decisions during this summer’s Lok Sabha polls to clear some charges of violations of the Model Code of Conduct, which regulates candidate, party and government behaviour during the elections. He recused himself from meetings on the matter after the poll watchdog refused to record his dissent in its orders.

He declined to comment on the I-T notices sent to his wife.

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Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused (1) **Shakir** (2) **Ms. Shabnam** (3) **Sageer** of **FIR No. 181/19** is required to appear in this court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.10.2019**

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Family feud of 7-time JD(U) MP with two ‘wives’ reaches SC

New Delhi: Uma Devi, who had been living with seven-time JD(U) Rajya Sabha MP Mahendra Prasad as his ‘wife’ for the last 45 years along with his legally wedded wife, approached the Supreme Court on Monday, days after the Delhi high court directed that she be shifted out of his official residence.

The HC passed the order on September 20 directing that Uma Devi be shifted on a petition filed by the MP’s estranged son who alleged his mother, Satula Devi, is being kept in illegal confinement in the house. The court had passed the order after interacting with the MP and the two women on a habeas corpus petition filed by his son.

The HC had asked the crime branch of Delhi Police to conduct probes and police filed the report after examining all family members. During the interaction, police found that the 80-year old MP was suffering from occasional amnesia and said that Uma Devi has been his wife for the last 45 years. In her statement, Uma Devi said she had been staying with the MP since 1973 as his ‘wife’ although she knew that Satula Devi is his legally wedded wife.

Uma Devi challenged the HC order in the SC, saying she has been the “sole care-giver of the MP” for several years”. A bench headed by Justice N V Ramana accepted the plea of senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for her, to grant an urgent hearing before she is thrown out of the house. **TNN**

Validity of minor marriage: SC to interact with Muslim girl, kin

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday directed to interact with a 16-year old Muslim girl, her husband and father before adjudicating on her plea that the Allahabad HC order declaring her marriage is void.

A bench headed by Justice N V Ramana directed the UP government to produce the girl, who is living in a shelter home on the HC direction, before the SC along with her father on October 1 and asked her husband to be also present. It directed the state to take the girl out of shelter home and take care of her.

The court was hearing an appeal filed by the minor girl challenging the HC’s decision to send her to a women’s shelter home after terming her marriage invalid because she was not of legal marriageable age.

In India, the legal age of marriage is 18 years for girls and 21 years for boys under the Special Marriage Act, 1954, and Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. But the SC in Shafin Jahan case recognised that a Muslim marriage was valid if the following conditions were met — both individuals professed Islam, both had reached puberty, there was an offer and acceptance in the presence of two witnesses, giving of ‘mehr’, and absence of a prohibited degree of relationship. **TNN**

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Belief of Ram Janmabhoomi as deity tenuous, SC told

It’s RSS Scheme To Destroy Mosque, Build Temple: Muslim Parties

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AYODHYA HEARING

New Delhi: Muslim parties seeking title over the 2.77 acre disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land in Ayodhya told the Supreme Court on Monday that Hindu parties had cited “tenuous” evidence to prop up Ram Janmabhoomi as a deity with the motive to destroy the mosque and build a temple over the disputed land.

Arguing before a bench of CJI Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer, senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan said filing of the suit by deity Ram Lalla and propping up Ram Janmab-

hoomi as deity in addition to Ram Lalla in 1989 was a Sangh Parivar gameplan to destroy the mosque and build a temple through the Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas, which was set up in 1985.

“The entire claim of Hindu parties is that they have been worshipping Ram Janmabhoomi as a deity since centuries with the faith that Lord Ram was born there.

They have provided no evidence as to when such a belief manifested Ram Janmabhoomi into a deity and conferred on its the status of a juristic person. Without evidence on manifestation, consecration and continuous worship, no entity could attain deity status to acquire juristic person status. A deity must have some form, either man-made or natural,” Dhavan argued.

The bench asked, “Is it necessary for an entity to manifest in some shape for the purpose of worship by devotees to attain status of a deity? Is divine manifestation required for worshipping a deity? There can be a deity without it having the form of an idol. In Chidambaram temples, empty space is wor-

shipped. How does one consecrate an empty space as consecration (prana-pratishtha) is done only for a idol?”

Dhavan then went on to fault the filing of the suit by the deity through next friend Deoki Nandan Agrawal. He said the idols were surreptitiously placed under the central dome of the mosque on the intervening night of December 22-23, 1949, the date which should be taken as the beginning of limitation period for filing the suit. But the suit was filed after 40 years in 1989 without even a whisper as to how Nirmohi Akhara, which had filed the suit in 1959, was derelict in its ‘se-vait’ duties to confer locus standi on the next friend.

Full report on www.toi.in

Zakir may soon get fugitive eco offender tag

Mumbai: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday moved an application before a special court here seeking to declare controversial Islamic preacher, Zakir Naik, a fugitive economic offender.

Naik, believed to be in Malaysia, is facing the charge of allegedly laundering money to the tune of Rs 193 crore.

The ED filed the application before the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) seeking that Naik be declared as a fugitive economic offender under Fugitive Economic Offenders Act. The court said it would hear the application on September 30.

Last week, the court issued a fresh non-bailable warrant (NBW) against Naik in a 2016 money laundering case. **PTI**

Pilots forgets his papers, flyers stuck for an hour

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Bengaluru: Passengers aboard an Indigo flight, 6E 9002, from Bengaluru to New Delhi were stranded in the aircraft for more than an hour at the apron on Monday after the pilot forgot to bring his certification with him. The pilot realised he’d forgotten the documents as the flight was about to take off, said passengers. Passengers were started to suddenly hear the pilot apologising on the intercom for not bringing key documents with him.

The flight, scheduled to depart at 11:05am, finally left at 12:08pm and landed in Delhi at 2:37pm. Several passengers missed crucial appointments, while many missed connecting flights.

Citizenship bill will be passed in Nov: Himanta

BB Goswami | TNN

Not one Hindu will have to leave: RSS

Silchar: Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said here on Monday that the Centre would reintroduce the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in Parliament in November and “make sure it is passed”. “Our aim is to ensure security for Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Christians and Parsis. Till these people are secure, there will be no NRC across the country,” Sarma said while addressing BJP workers in Karimganj and Silchar. “Our government will first bring the amendment bill and then the NRC will be introduced across the country.”

The Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to grant automatic eligibility for citizenship to migrants fleeing religious persecution in Ban-

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday sought to allay concerns over exclusion of people from the NRC in Assam, asserting that not a single Hindu will have to leave the country. “Mohan Bhagwatji has clearly said that not a single Hindu will have to leave this country. He said that Hindus, who came to India after being tortured and persecuted in other nations, will stay,” an RSS leader said. **TNN**

gladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan, had lapsed earlier this year after the government failed to table it in the Rajya Sabha. The BJP leader said that in its present form, the Assam NRC was not acceptable to his party.

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WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
Walk-in-interview for the temporary engagement of Seventeen (17) Junior Research Fellows (JRFs) and 02 Research Associates (RA) in different projects is to be held from **15/10/2019 to 17/10/2019** at IIRS, 4 Kalidas Road, Dehradun. The detailed advertisement about the posts and eligibility is available on IIRS website www.iirs.gov.in. Interested candidates are required to visit the website for details.

Administrative Officer (GA)

**विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग**
University Grants Commission
(मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
(Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India)
बहादुरशाह जफर मार्ग, नई दिल्ली-110002
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002

F. No. 60-1/2017 (SA-III)
3rd September, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES/INSTITUTES USING NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL (NSP)
All the stakeholders are hereby informed that NIC/NSP will delete the email IDs and mobile numbers of all user institutions currently registered/stored in NSP. All first level verifying authorities (Institute Nodal Officers) will be asked to re-verify their credentials through District/State Nodal Officers for 2019-20. The instructions and a common online form for verifying credentials and to reset the password, is available on the NSP in its login page. The user needs to take a printout of the form and get it duly certified by the head of the Institution/competent authority. The certified form along with required documents (if any) will then be submitted to State/District Nodal Officer, for 2019-20, for resetting the password.
It also needs to be ensured that not more than one institution is registered against one mobile number.

Sd/-
(Prof. Rajnish Jain)
Secretary

davp 21205/11/0019/1920

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

ZOSARB, 13th Floor, Bank of Baroda Building, 16 Sansad Marg, New Delhi -110001, Ph.: 011-23441330, Mobile- 9584317482, E mail- armdel@bankofbaroda.com

Sale notice for sale of movable / immovable properties
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable / Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6, 8 & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable / immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on **"As is where is"** **"As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** basis on 17.10.2019, for recovery of below mentioned dues to the Bank. The Reserve price and EMD is displayed against the details of respective properties as under:-

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower / Guarantor | Description of the property & ownership | Date of Demand Notice U/s 13 (2) | Reserve Price (Rs.) | Date and time of E-auction | Authorized officer and contact number |
|---------|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| | | | Outstanding Amount | EMD Bid Increase Amount | | |
| 1 | Borrower/Guarantors M/s Vipul Enterprises Mr Sunil Kumar Arora - Guarantor Mr. Vipul Arora – Guarantor & Partner Mr. Varun Arora – Guarantor Mrs. Vandana Arora – Guarantor Mr Ram Lal Khetan – Guarantor & Partner M/s Swatex Excel Pvt Ltd Guarantor Mr Nitish Khetan Guarantor & Partner Mr Sanjay Sharma Guarantor & Partner Mr Madan Gopal Agarwal Guarantor & Partner | Freehold Industrial Land & Building situated at khasra no 446/9/3 and KH no 159/4/3 situated at Village Kheri, Kala AMB, Tehsil-Nahan, District-Sirmour (H.P) standing in the name of M/s Vipul Enterprises, admeasuring 40.8 bigha, Bounded by: - North- Open Land, South : Road, East- M/s Swatex Packaging Industry, West: Open Land Interested Bidder has to BID for Plant & Machinery & Land & Building consolidately / together. | 03.03.2017 Rs. 6,80,95,298.18 + interest from 01.03.2017 + other expenses etc till date. | Factory land & building Rs. 3,00,000,00/- Plant & Machinery Rs 58,00,000/- + GST as applicable Total Rs 3,58,00,000/- + GST as applicable on P&M ₹ 35,80,000/- ₹ 1,00,000/- | 17-10-2019 from 01.00 P.M. to 02.00 P.M. 00950200000743 BARB0CONNAU (5TH Character is to be read as 'zero') Last date for submission of EMD along with documents : 15-10-2019 upto 4:00 PM | Sh. Yash Pal Chawla Mob: 9584317482 |
| 2 | Borrower/Guarantors M/s Swatex Packaging Industry Mr Sunil Kumar Arora (Proprietor) & Guarantor Mr. Vipul Arora - Guarantor Mr. Varun Arora - Guarantor Mrs. Vandana Arora - Guarantor M/s Swatex Packaging Pvt Ltd - Guarantor M/s Swatex Excel Pvt Ltd - Guarantor | Freehold Industrial Land & Building situated at khasra no 10/3 comprised in khata- khatauni no 187min/202 min (old-no 155/166min) situated at mouzakheri, Hadbast no 137 Village Kheri, Kala AMB, Tehsil - Nahan, District - Sirmour (H.P) standing in name of Swatex Packaging Industry admeasuring 8-Bigha & 13- Biswa, Bounded as : North- Open Land, South - Road, East - M/s S.G Engineers, West - M/s Vipul Enterprises Interested Bidder has to BID for Plant & Machinery & Land & Building consolidately / together | 03.03.2017 Rs. 3,99,81,628.25 + interest from 01.03.2017 + other expenses etc. till date. | Factory land & building 1,55,000,00/- Plant & Machinery Rs 15,00,000/- +GST as applicable Total - Rs 1,70,00,000/- +Gst as applicable on P&M ₹ 17,00,000/- ₹ 1,00,000/- | 17-10-2019 from 01.00 P.M. to 02.00 P.M. 00950200000743 BARB0CONNAU (5TH Character is to be read as 'zero') Last date for submission of EMD along with documents : 15-10-2019 upto 4:00 PM | Sh. Yash Pal Chawla Mob: 9584317482 |

Date and time of inspection of properties - 11.10.2019 From 11.30 am to 02.30 pm
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank's website i.e. www.bankofbaroda.com.

Last date and time of submission of bid- as indicated against the respective properties
Note: No bid shall be accepted less than or equal to reserve price

THE SALE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS & CONDITIONS AS DESCRIBED BELOW:
1. The e-auction is being proposed on the basis of "symbolic possession" on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" & without recourse basis. It should be the responsibility of bidder to inspect and satisfy themselves about the assets and specifications. This e auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank.
2. The Auction-cum-sale shall be conducted through e-Auction mode, through the official portal of <https://bob.auctiontiger.net>.
3. Care has been taken to include adequate particulars of Secured Assets in the Schedule hereinabove. The Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
4. The intending bidders are advised to go through the portal <https://bob.auctiontiger.net> for detailed terms and conditions for e-Auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-Auction sale proceedings and contact the respective Authorized Officers for the concerned property/ies as mentioned hereinabove.
5. The Secured Assets shall not be sold below or equal to the Reserve Price. Auction shall commence at one increment above the Reserve Price and bidders shall be free to bid among themselves by improving their offer with minimum incremental amount stated hereinabove.
6. Earnest money deposit (EMD) shall be deposited through NEFT/RTGS fund transfer/ Demand Draft (payable at Delhi) on or before 15.10.2019 from 10.00AM to 4.00 PM to the designated account, the details of which are given in the above table, where 5th character of IFSC Code is '0' (Zero).
7. The intended bidders who have deposited the EMD should upload the following documents on or before 15.10.2019 on official portal <https://bob.auctiontiger.net>, as per the columns/fields available on the portal.
a) Proof of deposit of EMD.
b) Duly filled Bid form
c) Self attested true copy of Identity Card containing Photograph and Residential Address and PAN card of the intending bidder, issued by Govt. of India. Original of the document should be made available for verification by the concerned Authorized Officer.
d) Request for issuance of Login ID and Password for participating in the bidding process.
8. Interested bidders can create their login ID and password on the portal <https://bob.auctiontiger.net>. If the intended bidder requires any assistance in creating login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bid process etc., may contact M/s e-Procurement Technologies Ltd., B-704-5 Wall Street-II, Opp. Orient Club, Nr. Gujarat College Road, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad, contact person Mr. Ram Sharma – 06351896834 E-mail- Delhi@auctiontiger.net, rampasad@auctiontiger.net, Nitish Jha – 7982880393, Help Line No.079-61200595/520/548. Help line email id – support@auctiontiger.net. For uploading on online web portal <https://bob.auctiontiger.net> and for any property related query you may contact respective Authorized officers. Contact details as mentioned above, during office hours on any working day.
9. Only those bidders holding valid user ID and Password and confirmed payment of EMD through NEFT /RTGS/DD shall be permitted to participate in the on line e-auction.
10. The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and he reserves the absolute right to accept or reject any or all bids. Further, the Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone or cancel or adjourn or discontinue the Auction or vary the terms of the Auction at any time before conclusion of the Auction process, without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
11. In case any bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the Auction, the closing time shall automatically get extended for another 5 minutes.
12. If no other bid is received upon closure of the bidding process, the Bidder who has quoted highest amount (not below or equal to the reserve price) shall be declared as successful bidder. Successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the purchase amount immediately or not later than the next working day (including earnest money already paid) from knocking down of bid in his/her favour, failing which amount of EMD shall be forfeited.
13. Mere deposit of 25% of the Sale Price shall not entitle the successful bidder to get the sale confirmed in his favour. Sale shall be subject to terms and conditions of E-auction and confirmation by the secured creditor to that effect.
14. After deposit of amount in terms of Sr.no. 12 here in above, the successful bidder shall deposit, with the Authorized Officer, the balance Sale Price within 15 (Fifteen) days of sale confirmation by the Authorized Officer, or such extended period as agreed upon by and solely upon the discretion of Authorized Officer. If he fails to deposit the amount so, the amounts already deposited by him shall be forfeited and the defaulting bidder shall neither have claim on the property nor on the deposited amounts. The Authorized Officer shall be free to exercise any one or more rights available to him in terms of Section 13(4) of the Act, in respect of the property.
15. If the dues of the Bank together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank are tendered by/on behalf of the borrowers or guarantors, at any time on or before the date fixed for sale, no sale will be conducted.
16. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser.
17. The Sale Certificate shall be issued in the same name in which the Bid is submitted.
18. The Bank has made the best efforts to disclose the encumbrances known to it. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the government or anyone else in respect of properties E-Auctioned. The intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries and conduct their own due diligence regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues, third party dues/claims etc.
19. The bidders should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions.
20. The Bank or its authorized officials may bid any one or more properties if deemed fit.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR
The abovementioned borrower/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest in full before the date of auction failing which the properties will auctioned/sold and balance dues if any, will be recovered with interest and costs from borrower/guarantors.

Date : 24-09-2019, Place : New Delhi Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda