

Shia Board stakes claim over 1/3rd land share, says ready to give it to Hindus

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THE SHIA Wafk Board on Friday staked claim over one-third share of the disputed land in Ayodhya, contending that the September 30, 2010 order of Allahabad High Court on a three-way division had only said that the share be given to Muslims, and not specifically to Sunnis.

Advocate M C Dhingra, appearing for the Shia Board, told a five-Judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi that it had filed an appeal in the apex court



against the March 1946 decision of Faizabad civil court upholding the Wafk Commissioner's decision to list it as a Sunni Wafk.

Dhingra told the bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer, that the Shia Board never claimed any adverse possession of the site and was not contesting claims of the Hindus. He said the Shia side was ready to give its share of land to Hindus.

Advocate Hari Shankar Jain, representing the Hindu Mahasabha, recalled the history of invasions by Mughal emperors and said "Babar had invaded

of worship till 1855. After the British came, they played (the) communal card and incited Muslims to assert their right to worship at the site and fixed railings at the site."

"Invaders came here to establish the might of Islam and conquer pagans who were idol worshippers...invaders were completely fanatical," he contended.

Jain said the temple was a war booty to the invaders and Islamic law allowed distributing war booty.

Senior Advocate P N Mishra, appearing for Sri Ramjannabhoomi Punarudh Samiti, contested the claim of

the Sunni Wafk Board that it was a mosque. He said there were bells on the premises of the Babri Masjid which showed it could not have been a mosque, as bells are forbidden in mosques under Islamic law.

Mishra said the law of adverse possession cannot apply to a mosque, as Islamic law specifically prohibits usurping land of others. Even if building is constructed by usurping land of others, it cannot be treated as mosque, he said.

Mishra said that even according to Muslims, there was only intermittent use of the mosque and no continuous use, so title cannot be claimed.

Revamp on cards, Sonia meets leaders from Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

A FORTNIGHT after she returned as Congress president, Sonia Gandhi has begun an exercise to revamp the AICC secretariat and some state units. Many in the party, however, argued that a mere tweak here and there would be meaningless, and that the party should be focusing on getting its messaging right, especially on issues of ideology and nationalism, to effectively counter the BJP.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visits flood-affected areas in his Lok Sabha constituency of Wayanad. PTI

GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS

Govt plans drive to restrict plastic use

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FOLLOWING UP on the Prime Minister's call on August 15 to eliminate single-use plastic in the country, a committee headed by Narendra Modi on Friday decided that a major initiative on restricting the use of plastic and handling of plastic waste will be kicked off on October 2, marking the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

A meeting of the Executive Committee under the chairmanship of the PM, for the commemoration of Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, was held at the Parliament Library Building. It was attended by the Ministers for Home, Defence, Finance, HRD, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Culture, and the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha.

Eight eminent Gandhians, who are members of the Committee, were also present.

A Jan Andolan to eliminate use of plastic will be kicked off with the birth anniversary celebrations, and various ministries will take up different initiatives from next month.

Between September 11 and October 2, the government has planned a plastic use and waste awareness campaign across 4,000 towns and 6 lakh villages. The Centre, along with states, will prepare plans and implement collection and disposal of plastic waste in tandem with the awareness campaign.

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'shramdaan' for plastic waste will be organised in all gram panchayats, urban local bodies, schools and highways. The Committee also decided that a 'grand function' will be held at Sabarmati riverfront, which runs along Sabarmati ashram in Ahmedabad, during which a commemorative coin and postage stamps will be released.

The October 2 campaign will in turn kick off a larger campaign till Diwali (October 27) on the segregation, transportation and recycling/disposal of waste. The matter will be highlighted at the UN conference on September 24.

The government will provide special remission to jail inmates from October 2 to January 30, 2020, Gandhi busts will be unveiled in 54 countries, all iconic buildings across the country will be lit up on Gandhi Jayanti, light and sound shows will be held at India Gate in Delhi, Rajkot and Guwahati, 1,50,000 cyclists will cycle across India as a part of the celebrations, and a Gandhithemed national handicrafts fair will be held from October 1 to 15. In addition, 1 lakh students will be roped in to assemble solar lamps.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik during a function for the promotion and development of Yoga. Anil Sharma

'Need to link ancient knowledge of curing serious illness with modernity'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Friday said India has rich literature, dating back to thousands of years, on the cures for serious illnesses but the country has had little success in linking this ancient knowledge with modernity. But work is underway through the Ayush Ministry for five years to change this approach by validating the ancient research in laboratories and presenting it in a way medical science can understand, he said.

Drawing attention to the changing eating habits, Modi said the food now off the table of many Indians is being adopted by several people in the world. In this context, he said cereals like jowar, bajra (millet), ragi were once a part of diet of Indians but they gradually vanished as eating these grains became synonymous with the "poverty tag".

"The attitude of forgetting our tradition and adopt it in a new way when someone else says it, has to be changed," the Prime Minister said.

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"In the last five years, we have tried to change this. We prepared a scientific basis of it by validating it in laboratories. We presented it in a way the medical science can understand," he said at the Yoga Awards ceremony here.

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Calling for revival of this nutritional wealth, he said the country must work towards having a "millet revolution" which can be produced for the whole world.

The Prime Minister said 1.5 lakh healthcare and wellness centres are being built, of which Ayush is also a critical component. "We also have the target of building 12,500 Ayush centres, of which 10 have been inaugurated in Haryana today. Our endeavour is to establish 4,000 such centres this year which means every block would have one such centre," he said.

The centres, inaugurated by Modi via video-conferencing, are in Panchkula, Ambala, Kaithal, Karnal, Jind, Hisar, Sonapat, Gurugram, Faridabad and Nuh.

Plan to monetise Defence land assets discussed at meet with Finance panel

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 30

GIVEN THE mandate to figure out whether "adequate, secure and non-lapsable" funds could be allocated for defence and internal security, members of the 15th Finance Commission met with officials of the Defence Ministry for the first time on Friday, and the idea to "monetise" the ministry's assets across the country was among the issues discussed, it is learnt.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was present at the meeting. Multiple sources told *The Indian Express* that ministry officials informed the Commission about the chronic shortfall of funds. Ministry officials are also



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during a meeting with the chairman of the 15th Finance Commission, N K Singh. PIB/PTI

learned to have told members of the Commission about various options being explored to plug the funds gap.

The Defence Ministry owns 17.54 lakh acres of land across the country, making it India's

biggest owner of land, and there is a line of thinking within the ministry that these can be used to monetise in order to reduce the gap between funds allocated and funds required, sources said.

According to the Directorate

General Defence Estates, which is part of the Defence Ministry, only 1.57 lakh acres out of the total land the ministry owns is within the country's 62 cantonments, leaving 15.96 lakh acres outside. Even Parliament's Public Accounts Committee and the Comptroller and Auditor General has in the past pulled up the ministry for not being able to effectively manage its land assets.

Sources said assets such as the 39 British-era military farms were part of the discussions on ways to monetise such estates. The ministry is also learned to have informed the Commission about its funds projections for 2020-25, the period for which the Finance Commission is working on.

take into consideration "all suggestions that would help increase overall capital space of the ministry, bring about predictability, and help the ministry in its defence preparedness," according to a statement issued by the Defence Ministry.

Changing the terms of reference of the 15th Finance Commission, the President had issued an order on July 29. The modified terms stated that it "shall also examine whether a separate mechanism for funding of defence and internal security ought to be set up, and if so, how such a mechanism could be operationalised".

The meeting went on for nearly an hour, and could be the only one of its kind since it is supposed to submit its report by November-end.

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Puri demolition drive hits hurdle as Math chief refuses to vacate

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 30

THE EVICTION and demolition drive undertaken by the Puri district administration around Jagannath Temple hit a snag on Friday after the Mahanta (chief) of one of the *maths* (monasteries) being demolished refused to move out of the premises and continued to sit in protest.

As per a state government decision, structures within 75-metre radius of the temple in Puri, specifically Meghnad Pacheri (boundary wall), are being demolished.

On Wednesday, the administration started bringing down

Emar Math, located in the south-eastern corner of Jagannath Temple. However, the drive stopped on Friday after Mahanta Rajgopal Ramanuj Das sat in meditation in the premises, ignoring requests to vacate the place.

The *math* belongs to the Ramanuj sect and is believed to be one of the oldest and richest maths in Puri.

Speaking to news channel OTV over phone, Das said the administration had only discussed about demolishing unused and dilapidated structures. Das reportedly declined the Puri administration's offer to provide him an alternative cell for meditation.

posed by priests, residents and business establishments.

On August 23, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced Rs 500 crore for various infrastructure projects in Puri, and measures to be taken for the demolition.

A statement from the CMO read: "Terrorism is a major problem all over the world. Terrorists have no religion, but they target religious places. It is important that recommendations for the security of Sri Mandir be implemented. I know that some families will be affected. However, a sacrifice is necessary for Sri Mandir's security. Cooperate with us thinking this is in service of Mahaprabhu (Jagannath)."

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Internal tussles amid changed landscape

SONIA GANDHI'S meetings with party leaders from Delhi, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh have not evoked much interest among party functionaries outside these states even as the party struggles to define itself in the changed political landscape. Amid the deliberations in UP, many leaders admitted in private that the need of the hour is bring clarity on issues like ideology and nationalism and figure out the right message.

cuss organisational revamp and the way ahead for the party. The Congress wants to replace Raj Babbar and appoint a new PCC president in UP.

WITH INPUTS FROM MILIND GHATWAI IN BHOPAL

Cong slams govt over slip in GDP growth

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THE CONGRESS on Friday hit out at the government after the GDP growth slipped to a six-year-low of 5 per cent in the April-June quarter. The main opposition party said its forewarning about the economy slipping into a major crisis has been confirmed.

Senior Congress leader Anand Sharma also slammed Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for her assertion that the government is taking steps to clear the path to achieve the goal of a \$5 trillion economy.

"The Finance Minister's statement is astonishing and also hilarious... Anyone with rudimentary understanding of the economy would know that Indian economy must grow continuously at 9 per cent till 2025 to be \$5 trillion from \$2.7 trillion today..." he said.

He said the Finance Minister should "stop making boastful claims" and inform the country about the roadmap of the recovery of the Indian economy.

"What we have said about the grave economic crisis in the country has been confirmed. The PM and FM remained in denial, questioning the wisdom of the economists and the motives of the Congress. We are concerned about the collapse, loss of jobs, sharp decline in factory output, negligible capital investments and the huge mismatch in the budget," he said.

Congress communication department head Randeep Singh Surjewala said the dismal GDP data reflects "financial mismanagement" and the fact that "a spate of economic emergency prevails and pervades the entire economy".

"The myopic BJP government is pre-occupied in shoddy headline management and cover up job, instead of addressing the structural issues ailing the economy. This is a classic case of quacks turning into surgeons," he tweeted.



FIR AGAINST CHHATTISGARH EX-CM AJIT JOGI
AFTER PANEL REJECTS HIS TRIBAL CLAIM

WEST BENGAL ASSEMBLY PASSES BILL, MAKES
MOB LYNCHING PUNISHABLE WITH DEATH



CBI carries out
'surprise raids'
at 150 sites, govt
depts under lens

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: CBI on Friday carried out "surprise checks" at 150 locations across the country as part of their special drive on curbing corruption in government departments. The checks are being conducted in coordination with vigilance officers of concerned ministries and government departments.

According to CBI, the joint surprise checks are primarily being conducted at such points and places where ordinary citizens or small businesses feel the maximum pinch of corruption in government machinery.

"This special drive will sensitise all stakeholders about possible avenues of corruption a common citizen faces, while seeking services from such departments. It also strives to identify and highlight points and places vulnerable to corruption," said a CBI spokesperson. The drive has been taken up as part of PM Modi's "ease of living and doing business" concept, said an official.

The departments covered on Friday include railways, coal mines & coalfields, medical/healthcare organisations, customs and Food Corporation of India. The list comprises departments such as power; municipal corporations, ESIC, transport, CPWD, directorate of estates, fire services, sub registrar of office, GST department, Port Trust, national highways, DAVP, Airport Authority of India, public sector oil companies, DGF, public sector banks, ASI, shipping corporation, BSNL, steel PSUs, mines & minerals and industries department-NCT.

Places where these checks were conducted are Delhi, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Guwahati, Shillong, Chandigarh, Faridabad, Sangrur, Srinagar, Chennai, Madurai, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune, Sholapur, Gandhinagar, Bhopal and Raipur.

Full report on www.toi.in

Chances brighten for verdict in Ayodhya case in November

Hindu Parties End Arguments, Muslim Side To Start On Mon

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New Delhi: Chances of the Supreme Court giving a final verdict in November in the 70-year-old litigation for ownership of the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land in Ayodhya brightened as all Hindu parties, which were awarded two-thirds of the disputed land by the Allahabad high court, have completed their arguments. The hearing had started on August 6.

Giving a patient hearing to counsel but not allowing them to repeat or reiterate each other's arguments, a bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer appeared to have achieved the unimaginable

Dhawan files contempt petition

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan on Friday filed a contempt petition in the Supreme Court against an 88-year-old Chennai-based former education officer in the HRD ministry for cursing him for appearing for Muslim parties in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case. His petition, settled by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, sought initiation of contempt proceedings against N Shanmugam for "threatening the petitioner for appearing for Muslim parties in the case". **TNN**

— completion of arguments on behalf of deity Ram Lalla, Nirmohi Akhara, All India Ram Janmasthan Punaruthan Samiti, two factions of Hindu Mahasabha, Shia Waqf Board and legal heir of Gopal Singh Visharad, who had first instituted a suit in 1951 after idols were installed inside Babri Masjid in December 1949.

The Allahabad HC had divided the disputed land equally among three parties,

with one-third going to deity Ram Lalla under the central dome of the mosque prior to its demolition in 1992, another third comprising the Ram Chabutra and Sita Rasoi to Nirmohi Akhara and the last third to Sunni Waqf Board.

With arguments on behalf of deity Ram Lalla and Nirmohi Akhara getting over on Day 16 of the proceedings, the main party left to advance arguments is Sunni Waqf Board represented by senior

advocate Rajeev Dhavan, who had protested against the five-days-a-week hearing schedule fixed by the SC.

With many in the court corridors wondering whether the bench would be able to conclude proceedings and deliver a judgment before the retirement of CJI Gogoi on November 17, the completion of arguments by parties awarded two-thirds of the disputed land brightens the chances of the court delivering the final verdict in November.

Dhavan had earlier said he would take 20 days to complete arguments. Even if Dhavan lives up to his assertion, it would still leave the SC with more than a month to firm up its verdict.

Muslim parties will start arguments on Monday.

Full report on www.toi.in

ED questions K'taka Cong neta DKS in Delhi for 4 hrs

New Delhi: Senior Karnataka Congress leader D K Shivakumar on Friday was questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for over four hours in a money laundering case, officials said.

Shivakuma and his supporters, arrived at the ED headquarters after the Karnataka HC refused to grant him and others interim protection from arrest in the case on Friday. He arrived around 6:30pm and left around 11:45pm.

Officials said Shivakumar's statement has been recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). It is understood that the investigating officer of the case has asked him to depose again on Saturday.

"It is my duty to appear... I have to respect the law... I don't know why they (ED) have called me under the PMLA. But... I am ready to face them," the former Karnataka minister told reporters before entering the agency's office.

Earlier in the day, Shivakumar indicated that his



Cong leaders rally behind colleague

Several Congress leaders backed Shivakumar, with the party's Karnataka unit accusing BJP of turning central agencies into weapons of harassment. KPCC president Dinesh Gundurao said: "BJP has been misusing its power to silence political opponents". He said there was pressure on Shivakumar to join BJP. "These raids are happening as he did not oblige," Gundurao said. **TNN**

"instrumental role" in ensuring safe stay of Gujarat Congress MLAs in a Karnataka resort during the Rajya Sabha

polls in 2017, amid allegations that BJP was trying to poach them, was the reason for the I-T searches and the subsequent ED action against him.

The ED had in September last year registered a money laundering case against Shivakumar, Haumanthaiah, an employee at Karnataka Bhavan in New Delhi, and others. The case was filed based on a charge sheet (prosecution complaint) filed by the I-T department against him last year on charges of alleged tax evasion and hawala transactions worth crores of rupees.

The I-T department has accused Shivakumar and his associate S K Sharma of transporting huge amount of unaccounted cash on a regular basis through 'hawala' channels with the help of three other accused.

Unaccounted cash of approximately Rs 20 crore was seized during raids in New Delhi and Bengaluru in 2017 which were directly related to Shivakumar, the I-T department had said. **AGENCIES**

Israel wants to post personnel in India to screen Tel Aviv flyers

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New Delhi: Israel wants to add additional layers to its air-security and has requested India to allow trained Israeli personnel to put flyers to Tel Aviv through a behaviour analysis.

India, which usually gives its nod to such security measures from friendly countries on a reciprocal basis, is considering the request. "India is sensitive to security concerns of other countries and we usually allow specific requests on a reciprocal basis," said a source.

Air India (Delhi-Tel Aviv) and Israel's El Al (Mumbai-Tel Aviv) operate direct flights between the two countries. Israel wants its personnel on El Al to conduct a behaviour analysis of flyers on its flights from Mumbai.



BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS

A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) official—responsible for airport security—said Israel had conducted a training programme for its personnel for behaviour profiling in 2010.

"Since then we have been providing training in this field and using it. Almost all drug and cash recoveries are made by observing passenger behaviour," the official said.

CISF's Aviation Security Training Institute in Delhi on Friday conducted a course on "passenger profiling—behaviour detection and profiling" for National Security Guard personnel.

Sources said requests for additional security checks from certain countries are not uncommon. Passengers flying all direct flights to the US get on the aircraft through a special glass-enclosed boarding zone, to eliminate any possibility of going anywhere else after the check.

Shakha training could be helpful for guards: Goyal

New Delhi: Railway minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said sending private security guards for training in RSS shakhas will improve their mental and physical capabilities.

"I urge you to look at training in a big way... the training we get in RSS shakhas is far superior to some of the training some of these security guards get. That is not to suggest that you should send all these people to shakhas, but it will not be bad, they will learn something," he said at the Private Security Industry Conclave-2019. "They will improve both their mental and physical capabilities. I am only trying to mention that training is a very essential element in the work your industry does," he added. **PTI**

Comaneci awed by video of schoolkids' gymnastics skills

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New Delhi: Twitterati is looking for two unidentified school children whose skillfully somersaulted and cartwheeled like seasoned gymnasts in a 15-second video. The clip which went viral on social media on Thursday also caught the eye of gymnast legend Nadia Comaneci. Miss Perfect 10 of 1976 Montreal Olympics retweeted it with the words, "This is awesome."

The video was possibly first posted on TikTok before it went viral. The video

shows a girl and a boy, both pre-teens and dressed in school uniforms, perform the moves with ease.

The search for the two kids had begun on August 26 after Union minister Kiren Rijiju retweeted the video posted by one MV Rao.

"What a pretty picture! Future Gymnasts in making," Rao wrote on August 25. His tweet was shared by Rijiju, who asked for help in identifying the kids.

After Comaneci posted the video, Rijiju acknowledged it in another tweet, writing, "I'm happy that @nadiacomaneici0 tweeted it! As first gymnast who scored perfect 10.0 at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, and then, received six more perfect 10s to win three gold medals, it becomes very special. I've urged to introduce these kids to me."

Other Twitter users, too, replied on Comaneci's tweets. "Wow... Compliments from the Queen of gymnastics, former Olympian from Romania... Coming from you, these words will definitely inspire school going kids to take up such sports at an early stage," tweeted Jignesh Purohit.



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Technology has come to the rescue of the power sector which was on the verge of a crisis. An important contribution in this regard has been of the LED lights. This energy-efficient light has lightened up the power sector like never before and benefited millions of users owing to its

numerous benefits. Initiative like Make in India has given a considerable boost by bringing innovations and technology in the lighting industry.

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like Smart Cities and National LED Programme as well as the growing need of energy conservation have been behind the rise in demand for LED lights. Some of the advantages of an LED light is that it is energy efficient and is capable of outputting 135 lumens per watt; its lifespan is longer (the average LED lasts 50,000 to 1,00,000 hours or more compared to the traditional lighting solutions); and it contains no mercury or other hazardous substances.

"Compared to rural areas, there's a better awareness in cities regarding LED lights. It has become the first choice of people because it consumes less energy, has brilliant lifespan and is available at a low price.

These lights use over 75% less energy than the incandescent bulbs, and thus one can see a huge difference in the power bills. All these factors have led to the growth of the LED lights," says Arvind Shah, owner of a hardware store.

Today, LED lights are largely used in households, corporate offices, street lighting, electronic displays, factories and more. Even the Indian Railways, taking the environment-friendly step, has started using LED lights for railway stations across India.

According to a report by the leading global research-based consulting firm, the LED lighting market stood at US\$ 918.70 million in 2016 and is projected to grow at a CAGR of 24.66 per cent to reach US\$ 3.76 billion by 2022.

CHALLENGES

The major challenge is from Chinese manufacturers. "Chinese LED lights are of low quality but since they are available at a much lower price, there is a high demand for these products. This is a major challenge that Indian lighting industry has been facing

lately, and strong measures are required to curb its import," said Satish Majhatia, an industry expert.

FUTURE GROWTH

The revolution that LED lights have brought in the power sector is here to stay for a long time.

According to experts, the LED lighting industry will continue to grow considering the increasing adoption of these lights and several initiatives by the government to boost its use in India.

Moreover, owing to the programmes like Make in India, a lot of

innovations are happening in the field of LED lighting industry, which is constantly evolving. The latest feature in LEDs is controlled lighting which is further boosting the smart way of living. In addition to this, internet of things (IoT) is giving an edge to the

lighting industry where several devices can be linked with lights. Though the demand for LED lighting in India is largely seen in metro cities, it is expected to grow in Tier-II and Tier-III markets especially in street lighting and industrial lighting categories.



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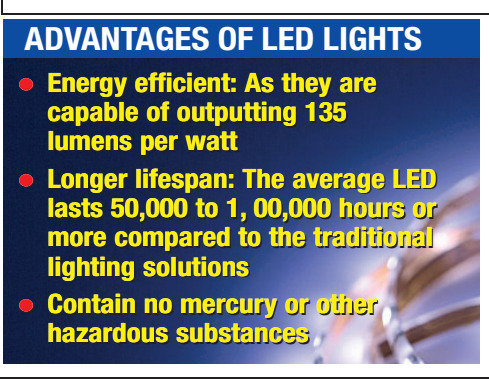
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