

## Doctors remove 72 coins from man's stomach

**NASHIK, DEC 2 /-** A 50-year-old tribal from Maharashtra's Palghar district has been successfully operated upon on Thursday by doctors to remove 72 coins that the man had swallowed over a long period due to certain mental illnesses, doctors said.

Dr Amit Kele, who led the team of doctors that operated on Krishna Somalaya Sambar, said that Sambar was suffering from a rare case of metallophagia, an

impulse to swallow metallic objects. Sambar is a resident of Thoratpada in Talasari taluka of Palghar. Sambar approached the medical team on Thursday and following an X-ray, the doctors proceeded to operate upon him. The doctor added that the endoscopic surgery lasted for three and a half hours and that Sambar's condition was now improving. He would soon be discharged from hospital, Kele added.

Kele today. The doctor added that this was causing Sambar problems like vomiting and indigestion. Sambar approached the medical team on Thursday and following an X-ray, the doctors proceeded to operate upon him. The doctor added that the endoscopic surgery lasted for three and a half hours and that Sambar's condition was now improving. He would soon be discharged from hospital, Kele added.

## AIADMK to write to EC to disqualify Pody MLAs 'holding office of profit'

**PUDUCHERRY, JAN 20 /-** The AIADMK today said it would seek disqualification of ruling Congress and DMK legislators in Puducherry who are holding office of profit, in view of the Election Commission's (EC) decision to disqualify 20 AAP MLAs in New Delhi on similar grounds. Addressing the party's legislature wing leader A Anbalagan said the office of profit has fallen on 20 AAP MLAs in New Delhi with EC sending its recommendations to the President, suggesting their disqualification. "The development in New Delhi is directly applicable to Puducherry where the legislators belonging to the ruling Congress and its ally the DMK are holding office of profits' such as chairmen of government-owned undertakings and Parliamentary Secretary," he alleged. Anbalagan said AIADMK will go to the EC in 15 days time to the MLAs "to relieve themselves of posts of chairmen and Parliamentary Secretary so as to remain only as legislators with no intention to disturb them." The party would send a petition to ECI after the lapse of 15 day-deadline, he

added. While one Congress legislator is the parliamentary secretary to chief minister V Narayanasamy, two DMK legislators are also holding office of profit. Congress had been appointed chairmen of statutory bodies here. The Election Commission had on Friday recommended the disqualification of 20 MLAs of Aam Aadmi Party for holding office of profit, setting the stage for their ouster from the New Delhi Assembly. Questioning the move to associate Puducherry BJP president V Saminathan with the inauguration of a Passport office in Karaikal, the AIADMK leader said, "Narayanasamy had not registered protest against inclusion of the name of BJP president in both the official invitation and also the plaque erected at the venue of the function." External affairs minister Susama Swaray had unveiled the plaque of the Post Office Passport Seva Kendra in Karaikal yesterday. Anbalagan also claimed that there were several lapses in the protocol to be adopted in a government function.



AIADMK leader A Anbalagan (left) and other party members are seen at a press conference in Puducherry.

## NGGOA's Baratang branch revived

**PORT BLAIR, JAN 20 /-** A meeting of government employees and teachers was held at Baratang recently, which decided to revive the Baratang Branch of the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association. Addressing the meeting, Mr. S. Sreelakshmi, general secretary, talked about the recent developments and activities of the association. He expressed serious concern over the indifferent attitude of the Central Government towards the genuine demands pertaining to Government employees all over the country. Mr. R. Surendran Pillai, assistant general secretary of the Association also addressed the meeting. The meeting elected Mr. R. PSingh and Mr. Biswaji Biswas as vice president and secretary of the branch respectively. Other office bearers and executive members were also elected in the meeting. Smt. Santa Raj proposed vote of thanks.

# Andhra passes bill for 5 per cent quota for Kapu community

**AMARAVATI, DEC 2 /-** The Andhra Pradesh Assembly today unanimously passed a legislation providing five per cent reservation for the Kapu community in government jobs and educational institutions. Meeting a long-pending demand of Kapus, the government has included the community in the backward classes by creating a separate category 'F'. In the absence of any opposition party YSR Congress, which is boycotting the session, leaders of ruling TDP and its coalition partner BJP participated in the debate on the bill. Backward Classes

welfare minister K Atchannaidu tabled the bill. Chief minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and other members spoke on the bill. It was later passed unanimously with a voice vote. Naidu said his government had fulfilled a promise made to Kapus in 2014 elections. He assured the House that steps will be taken to ensure that the benefits of development and welfare schemes reached Kapus. The state cabinet had earlier accepted recommendations of the Manjunatha Committee, which examined the demand of Kapus and suggested earmarking five per cent for them. Set up by the government last year, the committee studied the socio-economic conditions of Kapus across the state and submitted its report to the government. As this legislation will take the overall quantum of reservation in the state to over 50 per cent, the cap fixed by the Supreme Court, the state government will request the Centre to amend the Constitution and include the legislation in Schedule IX to insulate it from any court ruling. The existing reservation for various castes is 50 per cent. It is 25 per cent for backward classes, 15

per cent for Scheduled Castes, six per cent for Scheduled Tribes and four per cent for minorities. The bill was passed at a time when YSR Congress Party is boycotting the legislature session to protest lack of action by the speaker to disqualify its legislators who crossed over to TDP in the last three years. Political observers say the move by the TDP will effectively counter YSR Congress chief Y S Jagannathan Reddy, who is currently on a state-wide padyatra and criticising the ruling party for failing to fulfil its poll promise.

## Bus fare hike in TN draws flak from political parties

**CHENNAI, JAN 20 /-** The bus fare hike in Tamil Nadu drew all round flak from political parties, including the main opposition DMK, which accused the government of being 'sadistic' and giving a 'thunderbolt' to the people. The parties demanded that the fare be immediately rolled back. The Tamil Nadu government on Friday night hiked the fare of buses under the State run transport corporations and private entities approximately by 20 to 54.54 per cent, after a six year gap, saying it was inevitable. DMK working president MK Stalin today accused the Palaniswami-led government of being 'sadist' and said the steep hike to the tune of Rs. 3,600 crore to increase revenue from non-fare modes like operating courier services, motels and advertisements on buses. Stalin also flayed the government for effecting a nearly 100 per cent hike in salaries for MLAs and

now going in for an increase in bus fare, a view echoed by PMK chief Ramadoss. The PMK said statewide protest demonstration would be held on January 25, seeking immediate roll back of hike. He said Omni bus operators already charge higher fares and that they planned to further increase it. The hike was to facilitate profiteering by private operators, he alleged. Side-lined AIADMK leader and RK Nagar MLA T V Dhinakaran also demanded that the hike be withdrawn. "People will not accept the bus fare hike. The government should withdraw the hike," he told newsmen. Dhinakaran loyalist and former state transport minister Senthil Balaji said the hike was not justifiable now, given that there was a decline in industrial growth and no employment generation. CPM state secretary G Ramakrishnan said the party would stage dharnas and hold protest demonstrations

across Tamil Nadu on January 22 against the bus fare hike. Seeking an immediate rollback, he said the government's announcement of forming a committee to look at restructuring the infrastructure in future was a 'big betrayal' of people. The government while hiking the bus fares last night, also announced a fund for accident compensation and prevention, besides a panel to go into restructuring of fares in future. Effective today, the fare has been hiked for buses across categories viz mofussil, city, ordinary, express, deluxe, bypass-not-stop, ultra deluxe, airconditioned and Volvo modes, an official release said. While the minimum hike is in mofussil ordinary category, where the fare of Rs 15 for 10 km will now go up to Rs 16 (six per cent hike), the highest is in Volvo buses, where the fare of Rs 35 for 30 km will now go up to Rs 51 (54.54 per cent hike). (PTI)

## UP gov't mulls withdrawing Muzaffarnagar riots cases against BJP leaders

**MUZAFFARNAGAR, JAN 20 /-** The Uttar Pradesh government has sought information on the possibility of withdrawing criminal cases pending in a court here against BJP leaders in connection with 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots, according to a letter to the district magistrate by a senior state official. The cases were filed against UP minister Suresh Rana, former Union minister Sanjay Balyan, MP Bharatendu Singh, MLA Umesh Malik and party leader Sadvi Prachi. In the January 5 letter to the district magistrate, special secretary, Uttar Pradesh, in the department of justice, Raj Singh has sought information on 13 points, including whether the cases could be withdrawn in public interest. The letter also sought the opinion of the Muzaffarnagar senior superintendent of police.

taining to the cases against them have been mentioned in it. The accused are facing charges under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including violating prohibitory orders, deterring public servants from discharging their duties and wrongful restraint. The accused had allegedly participated in a 'mahapanchayat' and incited violence through their speeches in the last week of August 2013. The communal clashes in Muzaffarnagar and adjoining areas in August and September 2013 had claimed more than 60 lives while over 40,000 people were displaced. In the two riot cases, 22 activists, including Rana, are facing trial in which a special investigation team (SIT) has filed charge sheets.

## Pregnant woman gang-raped in UP

**BADAUN, JAN 20 /-** A 32-year-old pregnant woman was allegedly raped by some unidentified men here when she had gone to relieve herself in the field in Kachua village police said today. The incident took place at around 5 am on Friday. The accused had allegedly tied her hands and feet and also stuffed a cloth in her mouth. Senior superintendent of police (SP) Chandraprakash said. The SSP said that when the woman did not return home after a long time, her family members started searching for her.

## ANDAMAN TAMIZHAR SANGAM PHOENIX BAY, PORT BLAIR NOTICE

The Andaman Tamizhar Sangam has proposed to convene a General Body Meeting at 10.00 am on 28th January 2018 at Andaman Tamizhar Sangam Hall. The following are the agenda for the meeting.

### Agenda

1. To inform the financial status / developments.
2. Regarding election for the new executive committee.

All life members are requested to kindly attend meeting by 9.45 am, along with the membership card.

Secretary,  
Andaman Tamizhar Sangam.

## ABVP member death: Situation in Kannur under control, say police

**KANNUR, JAN 20 /-** The situation in Kannur district, where a BJP-sponsored hartal was being observed today to protest against the killing of an ABVP member, was under control and no untoward incident has been reported so far, police said. A member of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), Shyam Prasad, was yesterday allegedly hacked to death by a three-member gang in the district when he was going to his house at Koothuparamba on his motorcycle. Tight security arrangements were made, with police personnel from other districts being deployed in strength in vulnerable pockets.

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Last date and time of submission of tender: - 28-01-2018 and 15:00 Hrs.  
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The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website [www.tendervizard.com](http://www.tendervizard.com) / CPWD or [www.cpwd.gov.in](http://www.cpwd.gov.in).  
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