

# Over 11,000 stone pelters arrested in last 2 years in J&K, govt tells Assembly

JAMMU, JAN 18 /- As many as 11,290 stone pelters have been arrested during last two years in Jammu and Kashmir and were later released on bail, the state assembly was told today. In a written reply to the question of BJP MLA Sat Sharma in Legislative Assembly, chief minister Mehbooba Mufti said: "3773 FIRs have been registered



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## Punjab CM accepts resignation of minister Gurjit Singh

NEW DELHI, JAN 18 /- Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh today accepted the resignation of power and irrigation minister Rana Gurjit Singh, who had come under fire from the opposition for his alleged involvement in sand mining auctions. Amarinder said he discussed the issue of resignation, which the minister had submitted 10 days ago, with Congress president Rahul Gandhi today and then decided to accept the same. "The resignation of Rana Gurjit Singh has been accepted," he told newsmen here after his meeting with Gandhi. The chief minister said he would now forward the resignation to the governor for necessary action. Amarinder said he also discussed with the party chief the issue of reorganising the Punjab Congress as also the expansion of his Cabinet.

Gurjit Singh, an MLA from Kapurthala, in his resignation letter, said though he was associated with his family business for the past 10 years, the controversy surrounding it in recent months had left him with no option but to resign in the interest of the party. The minister had tendered his resignation after being accused of illegally bagging sand mining contracts. It was alleged that he acquired sand and gravel mining contracts through "benami" transactions in the names of his hook and office staff. The chief minister said a restructuring of the Punjab unit of the party, especially in the context of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, would take place soon.

# UP CM for modern education in madrasas, Sanskrit schools

LUCKNOW, JAN 18 /- UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath today said closing madrasas was not a solution and pitched for providing modern education not only in Islamic institutions but also in Sanskrit schools to face competition. Adityanath said the country was not able to utilise energy of those "misguided" in Rashtra Nirman (nation building) and stressed that quality education was the solution. "We can think about modernisation of madrasas. Closing them down is not a solution but timely improvements should be considered. I also ask Sanskrit schools that

## Bombay HC notice to cops on plea of seizure of woman's 56 pet cats

MUMBAI, JAN 18 /- The Bombay High Court today issued notices to the Pune Police on a plea filed by a woman, claiming that they had illegally seized her 56 pet cats. A bench of Justices B R Gavai and B P Colabawalla directed the police to respond within three weeks to the woman's allegation that last year they had

against stone pelters in the state during last two years in which 11,290 persons were arrested and later released on bail. Mehbooba said that with regard to the withdrawal of the cases against the stone pelters, the government has granted amnesty to the first-time stone pelters during the period between 2008 and 2017. The amnesty is subject



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## UP schoolboy attack: Principal arrested; suspect wanted a holiday, say officials

LUCKNOW, JAN 18 /- The principal of a school, where a class boy was allegedly attacked with a sharp-edged weapon by a girl, was today arrested even as officials said the suspect wanted a holiday in the event of a schoolmate's death. Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath visited the trauma centre here and talked to doctors, inquiring about the well-being of six-year-old Ritik, who was attacked in the toilet of Brightland School in Triveni Nagar locality by his senior, in a chilling reminder of the murder of class II student Pradyuman Kumar in a Gurgaon school last year. The boy was stated to be out of danger. The school's principal Rachit Manas was arrested by the police in

## Bhopal MP pays fine, apologises for helmet-less motorcycle ride

BHOPAL, JAN 18 /- Bhopal Member of Parliament Alok Sanjay paid a fine of Rs 250 and apologised for riding a motorcycle without wearing a helmet at a rally here. On Monday, while participating in the "Ekam Yatra", a statewide mission to collect metals for the installation of a 108-feet tall statue of Adi Shankaracharya at Omkareshwar, Sanjay along with Bhopal Central MLA Surendra Nath Singh was seen riding a motorbike without wearing a helmet. The matter was brought to the notice of the traffic police after an individual sent the MP's photograph to the WhatsApp number of the traffic police. After paying the fine, Sanjay apologised in a tweet and promised not to repeat the act in future. "During Ekam Yatra, I rode a

## MP home minister denies that he opposed playing of 'Ghoomar' song from 'Padmavat'

BHOPAL, JAN 18 /- Madhya Pradesh home minister Bhupendra Singh said today that he did not oppose the playing of "Ghoomar" song from the controversial film "Padmavat" and claimed his remarks on the issue were "misconstrued". Singh on Wednesday courted controversy for his reported remark that the popular song

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connection with the incident that took place on January 16. "He has been arrested for negligence and hiding evidence. He did not inform the police of the incident," senior superintendent of police (SSP) Deepak Kumar said. The SSP said the knife used by the 11-year-old girl, who was his senior in the school and was studying in class 7, has also been recovered and she will be produced before the juvenile justice board. "The hair recovered from the victim has been sent for forensic examination," Kumar said. District magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma said that prima facie it appeared that someone might have told the girl that a holiday could be announced by the school authorities only if there was

facilitate counselling of youth and allay their misgivings and motivate them to contribute in development of the state. The youth clubs have also been established at police station levels to facilitate them with information technology and indoor games to keep them away from the menace of terrorism, she added.



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picture of the wounded boy went viral on social media and TV channels, district inspector of schools (DiOS) Mukesh Kumar Singh issued a notice to the school seeking clarification as to why legal action should not be initiated against it. "The school has not provided information to our office regarding the incident after registration of the FIR. A clarification has been sought from the school," Singh said. Seven-year-old Pradyuman of Gurgaon's Ryan International School was found dead with his throat slit by a sharp-edged weapon in the school's washroom in September last year in which a 16-year-old student has been charged with committing the crime.

## Kamal Haasan says he shares vision of Kalam for a 'good Tamil Nadu'

CHENNAI, JAN 18 /- Veteran star Kamal Haasan today said he intended to launch his political tour of Tamil Nadu on February 21 from the residence of late President APJ Abdul Kalam at Ramanathapuram, which is also the hometown of the actor. The top actor said he too shared the vision of Kalam who dreamt of a "good Tamil Nadu." By launching his political tour from the residence of the late leader, he would be moving forward towards that goal, the actor said, Wednesday. "I think it is a good vision," Rajinikanth, when asked about forging ties with Kamal, had said on Wednesday that "only time will be able to tell that. Let us see in due course of time." Kamal, to a question on spiritual politics, however, said Rajinikanth and he will be pursuing their own respective political line of thoughts. The actor had spoken about spiritual politics while announcing his political bid. According to him it meant a politics beyond caste, creed and religion and one that focused on good governance sans corruption.

## Two JDS legislators resign from Karnataka Assembly, joins BJP

BENGALURU, JAN 18 /- JDS MLAs Manappa Vajjal and Dr Shivraj Patil today resigned from their assembly membership and joined BJP, ahead of assembly poll in Karnataka this year. Vajjal and Patil, representing Lingasugur and Raichur constituencies, submitted their resignation letters to Assembly secretary S Murthy as Speaker K B Kolihwad was not available at his office. "As Speaker was not available in his office, both of them have submitted their resignation letters to me stating that they are voluntarily resigning. I will send it to the Speaker," Murthy told newsmen. The leaders alleged that they were being "sidelined" in the JDS. Vajjal and Patil joined BJP in the presence of BJP state unit chief B S Yeddyurappa, Union Ministers Piyush Goyal and Ananth Kumar and party General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka Muralidhar Rao. Welcoming them to the party, Yeddyurappa said there was "big list" of legislators from JDS and Congress who wanted to join BJP and this was a beginning. "This also reflects that people across the state are favouring BJP...their (Vajjal and Patil) joining will strengthen the team in Raichur region" he told newsmen.

## Madhya Pradesh achieves complete door-to-door garbage collection target

BHOPAL, JAN 17 /- The Madhya Pradesh government has claimed to have become the first state in the country to fully achieve the target of the door-to-door garbage collection in around 51 districts. "Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to achieve the 100 per cent door-to-door garbage collection target in urban bodies," urban development and housing minister Maya Singh said at a "Swachha Bharat Abhiyan 2018" review meeting held on January 15. Singh said the door-to-door garbage management was carried out after the state got rid of "ill practices" like open defecation in urban areas, a government release issued today quoted the minister as saying. The minister also said that works like solid waste management at landfill sites and processing through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode are being carried out in urban areas. Singh directed concerned officials to file a weekly report on the progress of works related to solid waste management centres. She said the work of garbage collection should continue on holidays as well. Urban administration principal secretary Vivek Agrawal said the Swachhata Sarvekshan (survey) 2018 was underway in Madhya Pradesh like in other parts of the country. He said the survey was completed in 26 urban bodies in the first phase so far while in the second phase rest urban bodies across 51 districts will be covered. "A nodal officer has been appointed in each of the 51 districts in the state for monitoring the door-to-door garbage collection," the principal secretary added.

## Swedish skier killed in avalanche at Gulmarg

SRINAGAR, JAN 18 /- A Swedish skier died while another was rescued by police today after an avalanche struck the Gulmarg skiing resort of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. "An avalanche struck near second phase Gondola cable car on Affarwat peak in Gulmarg in which two skiers got trapped," a police spokesman said. One skier, identified as 36-year-old Fredrik From Sweden, has died, the spokesman said, adding another Swedish national, Bengt Jansson was rescued by ski rescue team of the police. The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg is spread over areas in the higher reaches of the Kashmir Valley witnessed a fresh bout of snow on Wednesday night, though intense cold abated due to an overcast sky. There were reports of precipitation in these areas in the higher reaches of Kashmir. The administration in Kashmir on Wednesday issued an avalanche warning in seven districts of the valley. The warning existed for avalanche-prone areas in Anantnag, Kulgam, Budgam, Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora and Ganderbal districts of Kashmir division for 24 hours from 5 pm yesterday. The MET office forecast more dry weather in Kashmir till January 22. Meanwhile, the minimum temperature at most places in the valley and the Ladakh region increased last night owing to cloudy sky.

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## EASTERN RAILWAY

e-Tender Notice No.: WLL/08/2017-18, date: 11.01.2018. e-Tender Opening Date: 14.01.2018. e-Tender Closing Date: 15.01.2018. Chief Engineer/WM, Eastern Railway, Luluah for the following work. Name of the work with its location: Tender for 1433 Electric Traction (ET) Coaches (300 nos. AC Coaches & 200 nos. TL Coaches) at C & W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Luluah, Pin-711204. Approximate value of the work: ₹ 1,10,18,879.40 (inclusive of GST/tender fees as applicable). Earnest money to be deposited: ₹ 2,05,100. Advertisement closing date: 21.02.2018 to 21.02.2018. Date and time of closing of tender: 21.02.2018 at 15:00 hrs. Date and time for opening of the tender: Opening on 21.02.2018 at 15:00 hrs. Website particulars from where tender will be available: Complete set of tender documents is available on the Indian Railways e-procurement website www.irreps.gov.in at live tender of Mechanical Department (Eastern Railway/CW-S/LLH-Mechanical). Tender Notice posted location: Dy.CEE(W)/W/Shop's Office Notice Board. (MISC-302/2017-18) ABC. Following e-Tenders are invited online by the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah from tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required Financial capabilities including those Registered with Ingestion/CWID/SEBES or any other public sector undertaking for the following work: Under: DEN/Arbn/WH/JS No. 1. NIT No.: 190, 2017-18. Description of work: Howrah- Replacement of wall at Riverside of the Divisional Railway Colony under Earnest Money: ₹ 3,71,540. SI.No.: 2. NIT No.: 181, 2017-18. Description of work: Repair to Insulator of 25KV OHL No. 179, 180, 181, 182, 185, 186, 218, 219, 220, 385, 386 & 387 at Tidal Bagan Railway Colony under Earnest Money: ₹ 1,10,300. Closing date and time of tender: 28.02.2018 at 14:00 hrs. The details of tender is available at website: www.irreps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above tenders. No manual offer will be accepted. (M/WS-302/2017-18) ABC. Tender Notices are also available in Eastern Railway's Website www.indianrailways.gov.in

## NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

Appendix 'A' to GE (P) (Navy & CG) Kolkata Letter No. 8636/B/1 (E&C) dated 18.12.2017. GE (P) (Navy & CG) Kolkata, Military Engineer Services, P-7, Domodar Complex, Naval Transit Accommodation, 3, Garden Reach Road, Kidepor, Kolkata-700 023 on behalf of President of India invites applications for e-tender for the following work. For details refer website www.eprocurements.gov.in. Please note that subletting of work will not be permitted.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost at per material	Period of completion	Tender ID
(a)	PROVISION OF HOT WATER GEYSERS AT NAVAL SELECTION BOARD DIAMOND HARBOUR, UNDER CONTRACT (NCOG) KOLKATA.	Rs. 12.15 Lakhs	180 days	2018_MES_17137.201

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CORRIGENDUM TO e-TENDER  
No.: 9118/0090 Dated:13/01/2018. The following corrigendum is carried out in respect of the Tender No.: 9118/0090, due on 23/01/2018 for procurement of "Gear Box Case Mchrgn Complete for WAP-5, C/M Drg No.: 1210-01,113-04A, etc." for the year 2018-19. SL. NO.: [01], PARTICULARS: Due date of Tender No.: 23/01/2018. TO BE READ AS: 06/23/2018. Principal Chief Materials Manager C/M/Chittaranjan