

### Fadnavis-farmers meeting a 'match fixing': Congress leader

MUMBAI, MAR 12 /- / A meeting between Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and a delegation of agitating farmers here today over their demands was nothing but a sort of match fixing, a senior Congress leader said. The Congressman, who was part of the meet, alleged leaders of the Opposition were made to wait out for an hour, while

both parties (the government and the All India Kisan Sabha representatives) held a closed-door meeting after lunch. "Not just the Opposition, even the ministers were kept waiting outside when the farmer organisation's representatives and the chief minister met for around 2 hours in the latter's ante-chamber. "This has raised suspicion

that the whole meeting was a sort of match-fixing," said the senior leader, who did not wish to be identified. The Kisan Sabha, affiliated to the CPI(M), led the protest march to Mumbai from Nashik, about 200km away, in support of their demands which included an unconditional loan waiver and transfer of forest land to tribal cultivators who have been

tilling it for years. Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil of the Congress raised questions over senior CPI leader and former MIA Narsaiya Admani's act to urge Fadnavis not to announce the details of the meeting in public. Adani had claimed the Opposition may bring a breach of privilege motion if the CM

speaks outside the House about the meeting details, he said. The state legislature is currently on a budget session. "I and Ajit Pawar (senior NCP leader) assured him that we were ready to give him in writing that we will not bring such a motion. However, he remained adamant on his stand," Vikhe Patil said, speaking to select media persons.(PTI)



Farmers listen to a speaker at a rally organised by All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) in Mumbai—REUTERS

### Jaitley files nomination for Rajya Sabha polls



LUCKNOW, MAR 11 (PTI) Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley today filed his nomination papers for the Rajya Sabha election from Uttar Pradesh. Jaitley filed his nomination papers at the Tandon Hall of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly complex

in the presence of UP BJP chief Mahendra Nath Pandey deputy chief ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dinesh Sharma. UP cabinet ministers Shrikant Sharma and Anupama Jaiswal, and party leader Hero Bajpai.

Apart from Jaitley, the other Rajya Sabha candidates announced by the BJP from Uttar Pradesh are Ashok Bajpai, Vijay Pal Singh Tomar, Sakal Deep Rajbhar, Kanta Kadam, Anil Jain, Harmath Singh Yadav and GVL Narasimha Rao. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was not present during Jaitley's nomination as he was in Varanasi and Mirzapur for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit. Today is the last day for filing of nomination for the Rajya Sabha election. Voting, if needed, will be held on March 23.

### PDP, BJP workers clash in Jammu, 5 injured

JAMMU, MAR 12 /- Five people were injured today during a clash between PDP and BJP workers at an agitation in Rajouri for a separate Nowshera district in Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP and PDP are allies in the Mebomba Multi government sector. Five people were reported injured in an assault by some people in Nowshera belt (Rajouri district), a senior police officer said. Sarpanches Bhadur Singh and Sukhdas Singh, Chhotu Ram Choudhary, Narinder Kumar alais Mangu and Om Parkash were injured, he said. They were admitted to the sub-district hospital in Jammu after treatment at Rajouri. The police have registered a case and the matter is being investigated, the officer said.

BJP MLA Ravinder Raina in a statement alleged that PDP workers had assaulted his party's leaders in Nowshera and "critically" injured them. The incident took place during a "peaceful procession" agitation. PDP leader Om Prakesh Choudhary assaulted Bhawanji Mandal president Badhur Singh and BJP district chief Narinder Kumar Raina alleged. They were admitted to the sub-district hospital, Nowshera, and later shifted to GMC Jammu, he said.

### ESIC to open one super speciality hospital in each state: Gangwar

NEW DELHI, MAR 12 /- The government has taken a decision to open one super speciality hospital in each state under healthcare facilities run by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). "ESIC has taken a decision to set up one super speciality hospital in each state. At present, ESI Corporation is running two super speciality hospitals at Sanath Nagar, Telangana and Asramam, Kollam, in Kerala," Minister of State for Labour and Employment Santosh Kumar Gangwar said in a written reply in Lok Sabha today. Formed under the ESI Act, ESIC applies to premises with 10 or more number of employees. The employees with wages up to Rs.2,000 per month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits under the act. It covers over 8.98 lakh factories and establishments across the country that benefits about 3.19 crore family units. ESIC has over 12,40 crore beneficiaries. It has 151 hospitals and about 1,49,000 beds.

In a separate question if academic activities being suffered in ESI Medical College and Hospital in Kalaburgi (Karnataka) due to shortage of cadavers for research and education, Gangwar said "Yes". "It has been recently learnt that there is shortage of cadavers for research and education at ESI Medical College, Kalaburgi. The total intake of students is 100 MBBS admission annually. The college is making efforts to procure more cadavers," he said. The minister said ESI Medical Colleges have undertaken programmes for encouraging individuals to support cadaver donations. At present, ESIC has 18 medical colleges in seven states—West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, New Delhi, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Haryana and Andhra Pradesh.

In December 2014, government had said that ESIC was exploring possibilities to hand over its medical college projects to respective state governments as medical education is not the core function of the corporation. "The focus of ESIC is on providing primary, secondary and super-speciality medical care services to Insured Persons (IPs). Medical education is not the core function of ESIC. The ESIC is exploring possibilities to hand over the medical college projects to respective state governments," the then labour minister Bandaru Dattatreya had said in written reply in Parliament. (PTI)

### French prez enjoys boat ride on Ganga, rich heritage of Varanasi

VARANASI, MAR 12 /- / French President Emmanuel Macron today enjoyed a boat ride with Prime Minister Narendra Modi through the city, with a glimpse of the rich cultural heritage of the city. Macron, who had spent time at the Taj Mahal with his wife Brigitte yesterday, was given a traditional welcome with showering of flower petals, a Shehnai recital and chanting of mantras before he took a decked-up boat which ferried him, Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath between Assi and Dashwamedh ghats. People and school-leaders gathered in large numbers along the Ghats waving flags of India and France while artists enacted scenes from Ramleela and the episode of



first sermon by Lord Buddha to his five disciples. Right from the open auditorium of the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Trade Facilitation Centre to the ghats, artists put up an impressive show before Macron and Modi who walked hand in hand. After reaching the DDU centre from the LBS International Airport, Macron visited the handloom and handicraft exhibition at the textile museum and enjoyed Chitrakoot, a play based on Hindu scripture Ramcharitmanas which was staged in the open auditorium. It showcased the life of Lord Ram during his 14-year exile.

### Long march highlights country's agrarian crisis: Kishor Tiwari

NAGPUR, MAR 12 /- / The "seerchick" in response to the farmers' long march' has once again brought to the fore the agrarian crisis currently in the country. Kishor Tiwari, farm activist and chairman of the Vasant Rao Naik Sheti Swavalamban Mission said today. In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he urged the government to have a relook at its agrarian programmes in order to mitigate the distress of farmers. Drawing attention to what he called disturbing facts, Tiwari stated that despite schemes like loan waiver, farm credit, irrigation and electricity supply to pump sets, an "unaccountable and hostile" bureaucracy was failing to provide relief to farmers. He said that stringent norms introduced by the bureaucracy was keeping eligible farmers out of the relief network. Faulty policies of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and other financial institutions had also failed to keep to the deadline laid down by the government for these schemes, he said.

He stated that all major crops, like cotton, soyabean, pulses and paddy were being sold at prices lower than the stipulated Minimum Support Price due to stringent norms laid down by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and the Cotton Corporation of India. He said the government's intervention in this matter was "poor". Tiwari asked the government to give attention to the holistic national policy for farmers recommended in the Swaminathan Commission report. The report had listed the unfinished agenda of land reforms, quantity and quality of water, technology fatigue, institutional credit and marketing as major causes for the agrarian crisis. The report has also suggested shifting agriculture into the Concurrent List as policy and developmental decisions on it were taken by both the Centre and the states. Tiwari said, in the letter, that Maharashtra had started working aggressively on core issues raised in the report related to land, water, bio-resources, credit and insurance, technology, knowledge management and markets. He pointed out that the ground reality was that these programmes had not reached the small and needy farmers. "Farming is largely an unorganised sector. No systematic institutional and organisational planning is involved in cultivation, irrigation, harvesting etc. Institutional finance is not adequately available and minimum purchase price fixed by the government does not reach the poorest farmers," he said. "Exploitation by traders and middlemen denies the farmer the best price for his produce. There is a need to promote farmers market where they can directly sell their produce at reasonable prices to the consumers," Tiwari said. (PTI)

### SC considers Centre's response on setting up of minority panel in J&K

NEW DELHI, MAR 12 /- / The Supreme Court today took note of the Centre's response that the Jammu and Kashmir government has indicated that it would consider the setting up of a state minority commission and disposed of a PIL alleging that the benefits accruing to minorities there were being taken away by majority Muslim community. A bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud, considered the submissions of Attorney General K K Venugopal that the state government will consider and examine the need and feasibility of setting up of the state minority commission. Venugopal read out the re-drawn minutes forwarded by the Office Memorandum (OM) of February 23, issued by the central government after the meeting held on January 12 between it and other stake holder states including the Jammu and Kashmir.

The state government of Jammu and Kashmir has, in principle, given indication that (i) will consider and examine the need and feasibility of setting up of a state minority commission at the relevant point of time as and when need arises based upon the critical study of the social and educational backwardness of the minorities spread across various regions of the state; (ii) the memorandum submitted by the Attorney General said that to cater to the special needs of minorities, a special project - Chief Minister Inclusive Development Initiative - has been formulated by the state government. "The said project will have focussed development effort for certain special communities and the society and will include upgrading of civic infrastructure such as health, education and water," he said referring to the OM.

The bench took note of the memorandum and disposed of the PIL filed by Jammu-based lawyer Ankur Sharma who has sought various reliefs including that the central law governing minority panels, be made applicable in the Jammu and Kashmir as well. "For the present, the steps taken by the respondents (Centre and state) would suffice," it said, adding that it cannot direct the state to make a law applicable. Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi and lawyer Shoeb Alam, appearing for Jammu and Kashmir, said the memorandum had made the stand of the state government clear. Earlier, the Centre had informed the court that it was still deliberating on a host of issues including whether Muslims, who are majority in Jammu and Kashmir, can be treated as minority to get benefits which are only available to minorities.

### Dabbawalas, Mumbai's provide food to protesting farmers

MUMBAI, MAR 12 /- / The famed 'dabbawalas' of Mumbai and the city residents came out to help the thousands of farmers, who walked for six days to reach here from Nashik to raise their various demands, by providing them food and water. The farmers walked up to the Azad Maidan in South Mumbai early this morning as part of their 'long march' for raising demands, including implementation of the Maharashtra government's loan waiver scheme. Subhash Talekar, the

spokesperson of Mumbai Dabbawala Association, said, "We thought about helping the farmers with food as they are our food-providers and have come from remote parts of the state." "We asked our men working between Dadar (in Central Mumbai) and Colaba (South Mumbai) to collect food and deliver it to our farmer brothers at the Azad Maidan," he said.

Dabbawalas, the tiffin-carriers known for their efficient delivery service, provided food to the protesters as part of their 'roti-ban' initiative. According to Talekar, the Mumbai roti-ban, of which the dabbawalas are an integral part, deploys GPS-tracked vans to collect excess food from eateries, hotels, public functions and households, so that it can be distributed to the poor and hungry people. Meanwhile, city residents were also seen offering 'Vada-pav' (a popular street snack), other food items and water to farmers last night. A Mumbai resident also posted on social media a picture of food and water being distributed to farmers.(PTI)

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