

Man, who consumed poison at BJP office in protest, dies

DEHRADUN, JAN 9 /--/A man, who had consumed poison before Uttarakhanda Agriculture Minister Subodh Uniyal last week after he suffered losses allegedly due to demonetisation and GST, today died during treatment in Dehradun, hospital sources said.

Prakash Pandey, a resident of Haldwani, the largest city in the Kumaon region, had recounted his story to Uniyal during a Janata Darbar programme at the BJP office in the state capital on Saturday.

Pandey had introduced himself as a transporter dur-

ing the event. He told the minister that he was struggling to repay his loans after demonetisation of a bulk of currency and the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax hit his business. He said he had to consume poison as his attempts to draw the attention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and BJP chief Amit Shah through letters failed. When BJP workers realised Pandey had consumed poison, they rushed him in the minister's car to Doon Hospital, from where he was later referred to Max Hospital in Dehradun.

Pandey today succumbed in the Intensive Care Unit of Max Hospital, the hospital sources said.

Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said he was sad to learn about Pandey's death. "We have just been informed that Mr Pandey passed away at Max Hospital. It is extremely sad to hear this. Doctors attending him tried hard to save him," Rawat said Pandey was on life support, but could not be saved "as he had taken more than the fatal dose of poison," he told reporters. Former



Wavel Ramkalawan, Leader of Opposition of Seychelles calling on President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi

V-P flags student suicide issue, pitches for mind sport

NEW DELHI, JAN 9 /--/ Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu today flagged the issue of suicides by students unable to cope with stress, and pitched for memory training which, he said, would make studies a pleasurable experience and not a "stressful nightmare".

He also batted for extending due encouragement to mind sport in the country on the lines of physical sport.

"We have been frequently coming across reports of suicides by stu-

dents, who are unable to cope with stress. I get extremely anguished whenever I read such news reports as all those deaths of youngsters are avoidable...time has come for institutions, governments and the society at large to prevent such suicides," he said.

He said memory training will make "studies a pleasurable experience rather than stressful nightmare".

"If students can learn and master memory tech-

niques, they can work smarter. This will actually enable students to get better grades and leave them with more time for other extracurricular activities," the Vice President said.

He made these remarks while addressing a delegation of the World Memory Sports Council for India here. The mind sport contingent has returned after bagging the fourth place at the World Memory Championships held last month in Shenzhen, China.

"No doubt, physical

Stay on Max hospital licence cancellation extended by a month

NEW DELHI, JAN 9 /--/ An appellate body hearing the Max hospital twin death case today extended by a month the stay on a Delhi government order cancelling its licence last month, authorities said.

The stay will be in effect till February 8, the next date of hearing, they said.

The licence cancellation case pertains to the birth of a premature twin at the hospital in Shalimar Bagh on November 30 last year.

Both the babies were declared stillborn by the hospital, one of them wrongly, and handed over to the family allegedly in a polythene bag. While the family was on its way to perform the final

rites, they found that one of them (a baby boy) was still alive. The case triggered an outrage, prompting the AAP government's Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) to cancel the hospital's licence on December 8 for alleged medical negligence. The upscale hospital group on December 13 had filed an appeal in the Financial Commissioner's court against the cancellation of the licence, which stayed the order and set January 9 as the date of next hearing.

"The appellate body has set February 8 as the next date of hearing. So, the stay order stands extended by a month for the hospital," Director General in the DGHS, Kirti Bhushan, told PTI.

The hearing began this morning and went on for almost 30 minutes, he said.

The Max Healthcare group also said in a statement today. "The relief granted to Max Hospital, Shalimar Bagh earlier, will continue till the next date of hearing, which is February 8." Following the stay order, the Max Hospital had resumed its operation on December 20.

"Max Hospital, Shalimar Bagh continues to serve over 15,000 patients in its OPD, 3,000 patients in IPD per month including those from the economically weaker sections of the society," the group today claimed. Meanwhile, the Delhi Police yesterday filed

a status report on its probe into the death of twin babies at Max hospital before a court here, which has directed that the investigation be conducted expeditiously.

During investigation, police claimed to have found that in the death register of the hospital, only the time of birth of the two infants was mentioned but not the time of their death, despite both being handed over in two separate tightly wrapped packages.

Max Healthcare in a statement yesterday had, however, claimed that "both the birth and death time entries were made in the specific registers which have already been provided as part of the investigation."

TMC to continue to expose Aadhar-related problems: Derek O'Brien

NEW DELHI, JAN 9 /--/ TMC Mamata Banerjee led Trinamool Congress (TMC) said today that it would continue to "expose" various Aadhaar card-related problems and carry on its fight against the central government's move in and outside Parliament.

In a statement, TMC MP Derek O'Brien said that his party would be "persistent" in its protest against Aadhaar card. "From now on in Parliament to questions in Question Hour and Mamata Banerjee's public declarations, the Trinamool Congress has exposed Aadhaar card problems. We won't stop. The All India Trinamool Congress has fought war on Aadhaar beyond just tweeting about it - early, consistent, persistent. In Parliament and outside it," he said.

O'Brien's linking of Aadhaar with mobile phone

ISRO eyes its 100th satellite

BENGALURU, JAN 9 /--/ India will launch ISRO's 100th satellite along with 30 others in a single mission on January 12 from Sriharikota, an milestone event in the country's space history. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said it was "back in the game" with the launch, the first Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) mission after the unsuccessful launch of the navigation satellite IRNSS-1H in August last. "The 31 spacecrafts, including weather observation Cartosat-2 series satellite, will be launched by PSLV-C40," ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC) director M Annadurai said today. Stating that 28 of the satellites were from abroad, the official noted that the launch of three Indian satellites during the mission would mark the roll out of the hundredth satellite from ISRO. "When the last satellite is ejected out it will become the hundredth satellite...the first century will have done it. It is the maiden century. So PSLV-C40 marks maiden century of Indian satellite...we are eagerly waiting for that," he said. Speaking to reporters on sidelines of an exhibition on ASTROSAT here, Annadurai said, "With PSLV-C40 we are back in the game". PSLV-C40 will launch the 710 kg Cartosat-2 series satellite for earth observation and 30 co-passengers (together weighing about 613 kg) at lift-off on January 12 at 09:28 am, ISRO said. It will be launched from the first launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, about 100 kms from Chennai. The co-passenger satellites include one micro and nano satellite each from India. Three micro and 25 nano satellites from six countries namely Canada, Finland, France, Republic of Korea, UK and USA, make up the other payload.

Referring to the PSLV-C39 failure, Annadurai said ISRO had understood it and repeated tests had been conducted to ensure that such problems did not recur. This took slightly more time for PSLV-C40 launch.

On August 31, India's mission to launch its backup navigation satellite IRNSS-1I on board PSLV-C39 failed after a technical fault on the final leg following a perfect launch.

ISRO then said the heat shield did not separate on the final leg of the launch sequence and, as a result, IRNSS-1H got stuck in the fourth stage of the rocket.

The total weight of all the 31 satellites carried on board PSLV-C40 is about 1,233 kg.

According to ISRO, Cartosat-2 series satellite launch is a follow-on mission with the primary objective of providing high resolution scene specific spot imagery.

It carries panchromatic and multi-spectral cameras operating in Time Delay Integration mode and is capable of delivering high resolution data.

This will be the third satellite in the Cartosat-2 series.

On plans for the year, Annadurai said Chandrayaan-2 was in the final stage of testing and integration of the orbiter, lander and rover, and was expected for launch this year. Also, IRNSS-1I, a follow-on satellite will be the first satellite whose assembly, integration and testing will be fully done by private industry, he said, adding "we are enabling the private industry". On GSAT-11, a six tonne class communication satellite, he said, was at the final leg of testing, and the launch target was April. (PTI)

Google Doodle celebrates Har Gobind Khorana's 96th birthday

NEW DELHI, JAN 9 /--/ Search engine giant Google today paid homage to Indian-American Nobel Prize winning chemist Har Gobind Khorana through a colourful doodle on his 96th birthday anniversary.

Known for his pioneering work on DNA and for constructing first synthetic gene, Khorana, along with two other scientists, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1968 for research on nucleotides and genes. Born in 1922 in Raipur, now in Pakistan, Khorana, from an early age, was passionate about science which grew stronger with time as scholarships propelled the budding scientist through his scholastic journey. Helped by the award of a Government of India Fellowship, Khorana moved to England in 1949, where he studied for a PhD degree at the University of Liverpool. The scientist's interest in proteins and nucleic acids took root while his stay in Cambridge from 1950 till 1952. After moving to Vancouver in 1952, he started his research on DNA under Gordon M Shrum of University of British Columbia.

It was through his research at universities in England, Switzerland, Canada, and finally at the University of Wisconsin that he and two fellow researchers received the coveted Nobel Prize in 1968. "Together they discovered that the order of nucleotides in our DNA determines which amino acids are built. These amino acids form proteins, which carry out essential cell functions," Google said in a post. After this achievement, fewer than five

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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST FOR PORT BLAIR
AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD VALID TILL 1730 HRS OF **10/01/2018**

ISSUE TIME: 1730 Hrs IST DATE: 09/01/2018

Rain or thundershower likely to occur at few places.

Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 10/01/2018

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date :	30.1	Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST):	0542
		Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST):	1711
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date :	25.6	Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm:	000.0
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST	076	Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm:	000.0
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST	080	Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 18 upto 0830 hrs of date) in mm	85.5

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DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare headed by Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav, M.P., Rajya Sabha is presently examining the subject "Medical Devices: Regulation and Control", in this process the Committee will inter-alia examine the adequacy of the current regulatory and legal framework of medical devices; quality control and standards of medical devices in line with best international practices; concerns with respect to notified Medical Devices Rules, 2017 and changes required to be made therein; reforms required to be carried out in the regulatory oversight of medical devices in order to encourage compliance to safety standards and boost the medical devices sector; requirement of international certification for procurement, etc.

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