

BJP should hold elections with ballot papers: Uddhav Thackeray

MUMBAI, MAY 15 /-/- Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray today challenged the BJP to hold elections through ballot papers to clear doubts over the use of electronic voting machines (EVMs). As votes for the Karnataka elections were counted and the BJP seemed set to emerge the single largest party, Maharashtra Narmeen Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray agreed with Uddhav Thackeray. "This is a victory for the Electronic Voting Machine," he tweeted. Uddhav Thackeray pointed out that the BJP was losing bypolls but winning assembly elections. "If you (BJP) trust yourself, hold elections through ballot papers once," Uddhav Thackeray said, reacting to the Karnataka election results.

"When so many people are asking for it, it will clear apprehensions (on the use of EVMs) once and for all," Uddhav Thackeray told reporters. Elections come and go, he added when asked about the Karnataka elections being the first major poll battle after Rahul Gandhi became Congress president. "Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. One should keep working," he said. The Sena leader congratulated the BJP for its success in Karnataka polls and hoped that people of that state would now witness 'acche din'. Former Maharashtra Minister Pravin Chavan said the Congress and the Janata Dal (S) could together form the next government in Karnataka. (PTI)



President Ram Nath Kovind with First Lady of India Savita Kovind, Maharashtra Governor C Vidyasagar Rao, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Union Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu launching 12 Chambers in Services during the inauguration of the Global Exhibition on Services-2018 in Mumbai

Safdar Nagori, 17 SIMI cadres sentenced to 7-yr in Kerala

KOCHI, MAY 15 /-/- A special NIA court here sentenced 18 SIMI members, including its leader Safdar Nagori, to seven years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) today, after they were found guilty of organising an arms training camp for the members of the banned outfit in Kerala in 2007. Special NIA court Judge Kausar Edappagath also sentenced the convicts to varying terms of imprisonment under different sections of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), the Explosive Substances Act (ESA) and section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

They were sentenced to one-year RI under section 10 and five-year RI under section 38 of the UAPA, one-year RI under section 4 of the ESA and seven-year RI under section 120-B, IPC. Of the convicts, 13 were also found guilty under section 20 of the UAPA (punishment for being a member of a terrorist organisation/

gang) and sentenced to seven years of RI. The court imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh each on the 13 convicts found guilty under various sections, including section 20 of the UAPA. A fine of Rs 50,000 each was slapped on the remaining five, who were found guilty under other sections. The judge said the sentences would run concurrently and set-offs would be allowed. Fourteen of the convicts, who have been in judicial custody for more than seven years, will get the benefit of set-off allowed by the court. A defence lawyer said, Under section 428 of the Cr.Pc, the period of detention undergone by an accused during investigation or trial will be set-off against the period of his imprisonment. The court had yesterday acquitted 17 others in the case.

The case was registered by the Kerala police against members of the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) for organising an arms training camp at Thangalpara in Wagamon in December, 2007. According to the chargesheet filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the participants at the "secret training camp" had engaged themselves in physical training, firing practice, training in explosives, motorcycle racing, rope climbing, besides classes on "jihad" in India. The court had rejected the NIA's charges under the accused under IPC sections 122 (collecting arms with intention of waging war against the Government of India), 124-A (attempts to spread disaffection towards the government) and 153-A (spread enmity between communities).

Besides Nagori (48), the others sentenced today were - Sadull, P A Shibily, Mohammed Ansar and Abdul Sathar (all from Kerala), Hafeez Hussain, members of the Students Islamic Movement of India Asadulla, Shakeel Ahmed and Mirza Ahmed Baig (Karnataka); Aamil Parwaz and Kamaruddin Nagori (Madhya Pradesh); Muffi Abul Bashir (Uttar Pradesh); Danish and Manzar Imam (Jharkhand); Mohammed Abu Faisal Khan (Maharashtra); and Alam Job Afridi (Gujarat). Sadull, Hafeez Hussain, Safdar Nagori, P A Shibily, Mohammed Ansar, Abdul Sathar, Aamil Parwaz, Nadeem Sayed, Dr H A Asadulla, Kamaruddin Nagori, Shakeel Ahmed, Mirza Ahmed Baig and Mohammed Ansar were also found guilty under section 20 of the UAPA. Nagori, the founder member of the SIMI, is believed to have been radicalised after the Babri Masjid demolition in December, 1992. Son of a policeman from Madhya Pradesh, his name had first surfaced in the police records in 1998 for alleged activities. (PTI)

Sr lawyer Mukul Rohatgi appointed as eminent jurist in Lokpal panel: Govt

NEW DELHI, MAY 15 /-/- Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi has been appointed as an eminent jurist in the selection committee for appointment of anti-graft ombudsman Lokpal, the Centre told the Supreme Court today. Attorney General K K Venugopal told a bench headed by Justice Ranjan Gogoi that a decision was taken on May 11 to appoint Rohatgi as an eminent jurist in the selection committee which is chaired by the Prime Minister. Rohatgi was appointed the Attorney General of India after the Narendra Modi government assumed office in May 2014. He resigned from the post in June 2017. The post of eminent jurist in the Lokpal selection panel was

lying vacant since the death of senior advocate P P Rao on September 11, 2017. The committee comprises of the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice of India, Lok Sabha Speaker, the leader of the largest opposition party and an eminent jurist. The bench, on hearing the submissions, posted the matter for hearing on July 2. It was hearing a contempt petition filed by NGO - Common Cause, which had raised the issue of non-appointment of the ombudsman despite the apex court's verdict of April 27 last year. The Centre had on April 17 told the apex court that a recommendation for induction of an eminent jurist in the selection committee for the ap-

pointment of Lokpal was made at a recent meeting of the panel chaired by the Prime Minister and approval was awaited. The apex court had observed that since the steps for the appointment had already been taken, there was no need to pass any further order at this stage. Venugopal had told the bench that at the April 10 meeting of selection panel, the recommendation for induction of an eminent jurist in the committee has been made and approval of the said recommendation is presently pending. Senior advocate P P Rao was earlier appointed as an eminent jurist in the committee but the post fell vacant after his death last year. The apex court, in its last year's verdict, had said there was no

Veteran journalist Mark Tully bags RedInk Award

MUMBAI, MAY 15 /-/- Veteran British journalist and former BBC India correspondent Sir William Mark Tully has been chosen for this year's RedInk award for Lifetime achievement in journalism. The RedInk awards for excellence in journalism are instituted by the Mumbai Press Club. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Union Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu will present the award to Tully on May 18 in Mumbai, the Mumbai Press Club said in a statement. The lifetime achievement award to Tully is the recognition of his long and outstanding contribution to Indian journalism, it said. Tully worked with the BBC for 30 years before resigning in July 1994. He held the position of Chief of Bureau, BBC, Delhi, for 20 years. Meanwhile, Faye D'Souza, the executive editor of Mirror Now channel, has been selected as the winner of the RedInk award for 'journalist of the year'. The statement said that D'Souza's "passionate and honest" style, with which she handled subjects like corruption, political opportunism, price rise and communalism, made her and her programme 'The Urban Debate' a subject of "appointment viewing". Apart from these two awards, the RedInk awards for excellence in journalism are given in 13 competitive categories to 32 journalists after a process of selection by a jury appointed for each category. The awards will be presented to the winners at a ceremony here on May 18. (PTI)

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VACANCY NOTICE No.1-51/Appt/Proj/AMPP/ZIKV/RMRC/IB/202
Dated : 14/05/2018

A walk-in interview/written test is proposed to be held on 31st May 2018 at 10:00 am to fill up the following posts on consolidated salary, under the ad-hoc projects as detailed below. Candidates who fulfil the requisite qualifications, may appear for the walk-in interview/written test. The candidate should submit the prescribed application form available in the website of ICMR- REGIONAL MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE (www.rmrc.res.in), Dollygunj, PORT BLAIR together with self attested copies of all the certificates relating to educational qualification, date of birth, working experiences etc., on the day of the walk-in interview/written test. Candidates are also required to bring their original certificates for verification. The registration process will start at 10:00 am. The exact time of interview/written test will be intimated to the candidates on 31st May 2018 after completion of the registration process.

I) Name of the project : Phytochemical Investigation And Anti-Malarial Activity Evaluation Of Medicinal Plants Used By Indigenous Tribes Of A & N Islands.

a. Name of the Post - PROJECT ASSISTANT (PROJECT TECHNICIAN-II)
Number of post - ONE (GEN)
Salary - Rs.17,000/- per month (consolidated).

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Essential:
High school "or equivalent with five years experience in laboratory/Field work from a Government institution or recognized institute. Or certificate course of one year in related subject (laboratory/field).
Desirable:
Intermediate with science subjects and B.Sc. shall be treated as equivalent to 2 and 3 years experience respectively.

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- Age - 28 years.

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Number of post - ONE - (GEN)
Salary - Rs.31,000/- (Consolidated)

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Essential:
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- > Working experience in Microbiology/Biotechnology/Medical Entomology.
- > Knowledge of Computer Applications.
- Age - 30 years

Note: Interested candidates may go through the websites of ICMR (http://icmr.nic.in) or RMRC (http://rmrc.res.in) to acquire information on the areas of research and activities of the centre.

- > Age relaxation will be allowed to SC/ST/OBC candidates as per rules. Age is relaxable up to 5 years for Government servants in accordance with the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training from time to time in this regard.
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Battleground Palghar: Shiv Sena, BJP face-off in LS bypoll

MUMBAI, MAY 8 /-/- Bickering allies the BJP and the Shiv Sena are heading for an electoral showdown in Maharashtra's Palghar Lok Sabha constituency where bypoll will be held on May 28. The BJP won the Palghar (ST) constituency, adjoining Mumbai, in 2014, but the death of its sitting MP Chintaman Wanga early this year necessitated the by-election. The Shiv Sena has fielded Chintaman Wanga's son Shrinivas Wanga from the seat, while the BJP has nominated former Congress leader Rajendra Gavit, minutes after he joined the saffron party in a setback to the BJP. Shrinivas Wanga and other members of his family joined the Uddhav Thackeray-led party last week. Shrinivas Wanga today submitted his nomination papers to election officials. He was accompanied by senior Shiv Sena leader and Maharashtra Minister Eknath Shinde. On the other hand, Gavit, a former Congress MLA and minister, today joined the BJP in the presence of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and the party's state president

Raosaheb Danve. Later, Fadnis and Danve announced the nomination of Gavit, a tribal leader, as the BJP candidate from Palghar. Besides Palghar, another Lok Sabha constituency in the state, Bhandara-Gondia, will witness bypoll on May 28. The bypoll has been necessitated following the resignation of sitting BJP MP Nana Patole. Patole quit the BJP and also his Lok Sabha seat after accusing the NDA government of following the Kerala police against Gavit's joining the BJP. Fadnis said, "We were in touch with Rajendra Gavit for a long time, but he could not join the BJP before the October 2014 assembly elections." "Palghar is the BJP's seat and late Chintaman Wanga had worked hard for the party's growth in Palghar. It will be a tribute to Wanga if the BJP wins the bypoll," he said. The BJP has not yet decided its candidate for the Bhandara-Gondia Lok Sabha seat, the chief minister said. Commenting on further strain in the BJP-Sena ties over the Palghar Lok Sabha bypoll, Fadnis said, "What they did is very unfortunate. We did not field any candidate against

the Shiv Sena in the recently held by-election to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)." Chintaman Wanga was a popular figure and Shiv Sena leaders had earlier said that their party would support the BJP, if it fields someone from his family. Fadnis had also admitted a few days ago that some BJP leaders were in favour of fielding a member of the Wanga family from Palghar. "It looks like the BJP was not very keen on fielding someone from the Wanga family and hence, they approached us," a Shiv Sena leader said. Earlier, the Palghar by-election was seen as a cakewalk for the BJP assuming the party will get ticket to someone from the Wanga family. However, the contest got a new twist with Shrinivas Wanga entering the poll

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