

**PM meets
all-woman crew of
INSV Tarini**



NEW DELHI, MAY 23 /- The first all-woman Indian Navy team to successfully sail around the globe called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi today, a statement from his office said. The Prime Minister congratulated the naval officers on the success of their mission. It said, "The expedition, Navika Sagar Parikrama, was the first-ever circumnavigation of the globe by an all-woman crew from India. During the interaction, the officers made a presentation on various aspects of the mission, their preparation, training, and experiences during the journey. The Prime Minister congratulated the crew on the success of their mission. He encouraged them to share and write about their unique experiences during the journey," the statement said.

The team returned to Goa recently after circling the globe in eight months on board the naval vessel, INSV Tarini. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba was present on the occasion. The vessel was skippered by Lt. Commander Vartika Joshi. The crew comprised Lt. Commanders Pratibha Jamwal and P Swathi and Lieutenants S Vijaya Devi, B Aishwarya and Payal Gupta. (PTI)

**Police opposes
suspected IM
member's bail
plea in SC**

NEW DELHI, MAY 23 /- The Delhi Police today strongly opposed in the Supreme Court the plea filed by a suspected Indian Mujahideen (IM) member, who was deported from Saudi Arabia in 2012, seeking bail in connection with a case relating to setting up of an alleged illegal arms factory here. The police and a bench comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar and Navin Sinha that they would file their response on the plea by accused Fasih Mahmood, who has challenged the Delhi High Court order denying him bail in the case. "I am strongly opposing it. This is not a normal matter," the counsel representing the police told the bench. The court granted two weeks' time to the police to file their response on the plea and asked the petitioner to file a rejoinder to the reply within a week thereafter. The apex court said the matter will be listed for hearing after three weeks.

On April 17, the high court had dismissed the bail plea of Mahmood, who is alleged to be an aide of IM co-founder Yasin Bhatkal, observing that there was no valid reason to grant him the relief considering the gravity of offence and serious allegation against him. The high court has also noted that accused has already been denied bail earlier by the high court as well as the apex court. The Special Cell of Delhi Police has alleged that a huge quantity of arms and ammunition were recovered from an illegal arms factory located in Meer Vihar area here. It has also claimed that Bhatkal and others, including Mahmood, were part of the conspiracy to carry out terror strikes in the country. The accused has denied all the allegations. Mahmood, a mechanical engineer by profession, was alleged to be one of the key members of the IM's dreaded Darbhanga module which had carried out various terror strikes in the country since 2008. (PTI)

**Perceived as kingmaker,
Kumaraswamy is now the king**

BENGALURU, MAY 23 /- "I will be the king and not the kingmaker," H D Kumaraswamy had said in the run up to the Karnataka polls. His words proved prophetic as the 58-year-old Vokkaliga leader today wore the crown despite his JD(S) finishing a poor third in the electoral battlefield. On the margins of Karnataka politics for a decade, Kumaraswamy, the third son of JD(S) supremo and former prime minister HD Deve Gowda, was widely tipped to play a supporting role in government formation, but nobody gave him even an outside chance of landing the chief minister's chair. As the counting of votes progressed on May 15, and it became clear that there would be no straight winner in the three-horse race for power, fate smiled on Kumaraswamy.

A badly bruised Congress, which failed to form its governments in Goa, Manipur, goes the proverbial way of being the single largest party, moved in and out of power, but would not unconditionally prop up a JD(S) government despite the party having only 37 MLAs, less than half the Congress's strength of 78. Kumaraswamy quickly lapped up the opportunity and staked claim to form the government. Governor Vajubhai Vala, however, swore in BJP's B S Yeddyurappa to form the government as the leader of the single largest party in the 224-member Assembly, whose effective strength is 221. Vala's decision could only delay Kumaraswamy's ascension to the Karnataka throne, as Yeddyurappa, facing an imminent defeat during the trust vote, resigned within three days of being sworn in. By a quirk of fate, 'Kumaranna', who served as the chief minister for 20 months in 2006-07 at the head of a JD (S)-BJP government, and his party, have been catapulted to the forefront of efforts for cobbling together a broad-based anti-BJP front ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

A galaxy of leaders, including... descended on Bengaluru to fetter the leader, who until a few days ago was perceived would be just an also-ran. Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown, goes the proverb. The BJP, Kumaraswamy has managed to be back at the helm of affairs in Karnataka, managing the contradictions in the coalition may not be a smooth sailing for him after the JD(S) and Congress fought a bitter electoral battle in the state, particularly in the old Mysuru region.

Kumaraswamy had conceded yesterday that running the coalition government for the next five years would be a "big challenge" for him. The first task for him would be a smooth expansion of his Council of Ministers, as the Congress would want to have a big share in the ministerial pie as it has more than double the number of MLAs as the JD(S) has. The BJP, with its 104 MLAs would be a formidable opposition, and would do everything to keep the government on its toes.

The BJP, which dubbed the Congress-JD(S) alliance as "unholy", boycotted the oath-taking ceremony and observed an "anti-popular mandate day", sending a stern message that the bitter fallout of the split electoral verdict would continue to dog the state's politics for a long time to come. Seen as an "accidental politician", Kumaraswamy's rise to power in films. A fan of Kannada thespian Dr Rajkumar, he was attracted to cinema making and distribution, and produced several successful Kannada films, including the recently released "Jaguar", starring his son Nikhil Gowda.

The Centre, Karat said the recent developments in Karnataka underlined how "the Modi-Amrit Shah duo are bent upon subverting all institutions of democracy in their drive to establish total supremacy". Attacking the Centre, he claimed after four years of BJP rule, the economic situation in the country had further deteriorated and farmers' distress because of falling prices and growing indebtedness had grown. "The key link at this juncture is to gather the growing discontent against the BJP rule especially due to the worsening conditions and threats to the livelihood of the people," he said. Referring to protests called by the Jan Ektta Jan Adhikar Andolan, an umbrella body of over 100 mass organisations, Karat said other movements being organised by farmers and trade unions would culminate in a "mazdoor kisan" (worker-peasant) rally in Delhi on September 5. (PTI)

**If workers channel discontent, stage
will be set for electoral tactics: CPI(M)**

NEW DELHI, MAY 23 /- The CPI(M) today said if workers' movements are able to channel "discontent" against the Narendra Modi government, the Left will be able to work out electoral tactics to pool anti-BJP votes in every state for the next Lok Sabha election. In an editorial in the latest edition of party organ 'People's Democracy', former general secretary Prakash Karat said the country would see "more powerful united actions of working people" in the coming months. "Such united struggles and movements should be able to gather the discontent and channel it towards the alternative programme of the Left and democratic forces. If we succeed in this endeavour, the stage will be set for working out electoral tactics which will help to maximise the pooling of the anti-BJP votes in each state during the Lok Sabha election," the editorial said.

On the completion of the NDA's fourth year in power at

Heat wave to continue till May 27: IMD

NEW DELHI, MAY 23 /- The northern and central India may not see any respite from soaring mercury today expected the heat wave to continue till May 27. The IMD has also issued a red colour alert for Haryana, Rajasthan and west Uttar Pradesh until May 27. It has also issued an amber-colour alert for east and Madhya Pradesh, and the Vidharba region of Maharashtra. There are four types of col-

our codes signifying the level of caution -- green (which means no action), yellow (situation to be watched), amber (government agencies to be prepared for severe weather) and red (action needed by the agencies). "Heat wave conditions are very likely to occur at many parts of west Rajasthan, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi, at some parts of West Madhya Pradesh, Vidharba, Punjab and East Rajasthan and at

one or two pockets over north Gujarat region, Kerala, coastal Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and east Rajasthan. With that, it also predicted "very likely" heavy rains at isolated places of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya. (PTI)

**BSF troops to undergo
'happiness test' to gauge
wellness quotient**

NEW DELHI, MAY 23 /- Troops of the BSF country's largest border guarding force, will now undertake a "mandatory" test that will analyse the state of their happiness and wellbeing before deployment along the borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh, and in anti-Naxal operations. The force's headquarters here has prepared a multi-point wellness quotient assessment test (WQAT) tool that helps "identify stress precipitators and physical and mental health issues that need interventions." "The WQAT is a special tool designed to understand the happiness quotient and mental wellbeing of an individual and this has now been made a compulsory part of the annual medical test for the troops," a recent directive issued by the force, accessed by PTI, says.

The new policy measure has been introduced by BSF Director General (DG) K K Sharma after he got a major research project conducted by IIT-based experts with the help of force Inspector General (IG) Satwant A Trivedi, to analyse various triggers behind suicides and other stress factors suffered by troops and their possible solutions. The force has also published a 62-page booklet titled 'Happiness and Health: Endeavour towards holistic well being' chronicling the new standard operating procedures (SOPs) for under-tasks physical, psychological and socio-economic in-

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
Department of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

Invitation of Application for the NATIONAL AWARDS for outstanding services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse, 2018.

In continuation of the earlier advertisements dated 09.11.2017 and 20.12.2017 published in various News Papers, Applications are again invited for the National Awards for outstanding services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse under the category of **Best Panchayati Raj or Municipal Body working for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse**, due to lack of response in this category.

The application duly recommended and completed in all respects must reach to the Joint Secretary (SD), Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Room No. 616, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001 latest by 31/05/2018.

The National Awards would be given on 26th June 2018, on the occasion of 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

Application received after the last date and/or not recommended by the prescribed authority/persons will not be entertained. For details, kindly see our website www.socialjustice.nic.in

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No. TND08/PHED/2018/999
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DIVISION
A.P.W.D., PORT BLAIR**

Prothrupur, dated the 17th May, 2018

PRESS NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, PHED, APWD, Prothrupur on behalf of the President of India, invites separate sealed bids from the Contractors in Form C/PW for the Hydraulic Excavators Owners upto 05:00 PM on 11/06/2018 for the under mentioned work.

| Sl. No. | NTT No. | Name of work | Estimated cost put to Tender | Earnest Money Deposit | Time of Completion |
|---------|--------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 06/08/PHED/2018-19 | A/R & M/O water supply under Sub Division - I, PHED, APWD, Prothrupur during 2018-19. S/W: Supply of Hydraulic Excavator on as and when required basis. | ~13,04,940/- | ~36,099/- | 12 (Twelve) Months |

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer on payment of ₹. 500/- for purchase of tender documents should be in shape of demand draft of a schedule bank issued in favour of Executive Engineer. The last date of receipt of application to purchase tender forms will be 11/06/2018 up to 4:00 PM.

Other detail information can be seen on website www.aml.nic.in.

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Executive Engineer,
PHED, APWD,
Prothrupur
(For & on behalf of the President of India)



Former President Hamid Ansari, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah and others releasing a book 'Spy Chronicles RAW ISI Peace authored by AS Daultal Asad Durrani and Aditya Sinha, in New Delhi on Wednesday

'Govt to set up 4,072 mobile towers in Naxal-hit states'

NEW DELHI, MAY 23 /- As many as 4,072 mobile towers will be set up by the government in 10 Naxal-affected states to improve telecom network in such places. A meeting of the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Home Ministry's proposal here today, an official said.

In the first phase, which was completed about two years ago, 2,289 mobile towers were installed at a cost of Rs 3,167 crore in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and 26 in

mobile penetration in the Left Wing Extremism-affected and other areas facing security challenges, the official said. The operational expenses for running the towers will be part of the project cost.

Of the 4,072 mobile towers, 1,054 will be installed in Bihar, 207 in West Bengal, 179 in Uttar Pradesh, 136 in Maharashtra, 118 in Telangana and 26 in Madhya Pradesh.

The expenses are expected to be borne by the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) of the Department of Telecommunications. The objective of the USOF is to provide widespread and non-discrimina-

tory access to quality Information and Communications Technology (ICT) services at affordable prices to people in the rural and remote areas. Besides, the fund is aimed at providing effective and powerful linkage to the hinterland thereby mainstreaming the population of rural and remote parts of the country.

As of now, out of the 90 districts affected by the Maoists problem, 30 were termed as worst-hit.

Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba had said that 44 districts in the country are no longer under the influence of Maoists or have negligible presence and most of the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) is now confined only to 30 worst-hit districts. (PTI)

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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
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DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES

Port Blair, dated the 21st May, 2018.

e-TENDER NOTICE 5-12/8

On behalf of President of India, the Director of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Port Blair invites e-tenders from the reputed firms/suppliers/Authorized dealers/unemployed Coop. Societies for the Supply of Furniture Items for Fisheries Department, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Port Blair.

| Details | |
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| 1. Name of Work | e-tender for Supply of Furniture Items for Fisheries Department, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Port Blair. |
| 2. Type of Bid | Single Bid Systems. |
| 3. Mode of Submission | The scanned copies of documents/papers comprising the duly signed by the company authorized personnel (having authorization from the company management) must be submitted online in the website https://eproc.andaman.gov.in as well as physically to the tender box kept in the Directorate of Fisheries, Port Blair. |
| 4. Estimated Cost | 2,00,000.00 |
| 5. Earnest Money Deposit | 4,000.00 |
| 6. Date of Issue of Bid Document | The bid document will be made available on website https://eproc.andaman.gov.in 22/05/2018 to 27/06/2018 upto 15:00 Hrs. |
| 7. Last date of Submission of Bid | 27/06/2018 upto 15:00Hrs. |
| 8. Opening of Technical Bid | 28/06/2018 at 15:00Hrs. |
| 9. Performance Guarantee | 10% of the Contract value. |

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**NOTICE FOR INVITING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR
ICAR'S ALL INDIA ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR UG, PG & PH.D. ADMISSION**

Online applications are invited from eligible candidates for ICAR's 23rd All India Entrance Examination for Admission to Doctoral [AICE-JRF/SRF (PGS)-2018] and Postgraduate degree programmes (AIEEA-PG-2018) to be held on 22nd June-2018 and Undergraduate (AIEEA-UG-2018) degree programmes to be held on 23rd June-2018. The online application process will start from 18.05.2018 and last date of submitting online applications is 31.05.2018 (11:59 P.M.). For further details, please visit www.icar.org.in or www.aieea.net.

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