

Indian Army team to bring back remains of World War I soldiers

DEHRADUN, OCT 30 /- A team of the Garhwal Rifles will travel to France in November to identify and bring back the remains of its two soldiers killed during the First World War, an Army official said. The decision came after the French government recently found the remains of four soldiers, including two unnamed Indian soldiers, at a construction site near Laventie, about 70km from Dunkirk, in France. "The French government has found remains of two soldiers along with their regimental insignia having 39 number engraved on it. This makes us believe that the two soldiers could be of the Garhwal Rifles regiment, 'Lt. Colonel Ritesh Roy of Garhwal Rifles said. Notably, during the time of World War I the now Garhwal Rifles regiment was known as 38 Garhwal Regiment. According to Roy the other two remains found from the site were of British and German soldiers. "We have already informed the Indian government and top Army officers about the situation and a team from our regiment will be visiting France to identify the remains. "It is confirmed that the remains belong to the Garhwal Rifles regiment soldiers and they will bring it back with full army honour," he added. The British government honoured the 39th Garhwal Rifles by renaming it as '39 Royal Garhwal Rifles'. However, it was changed back to its original name after India's independence. Over 650 soldiers of the Garhwal regiment lost their lives during World War I.

Soon only end-to-end immigration checks on Dhaka-Kolkata train

NEW DELHI, OCT 30 /- Immigration and custom checks at border points for passengers of Dhaka-Kolkata Maitree Express will soon be done away with, ending a major inconvenience, senior railway officials of India and Bangladesh said. Just like in international flights, checks will continue only while boarding and deboarding a train at Dhaka Cantonment and Kolkata stations, reducing the journey time from around nine hours to around six-seven hours. The Indian and Bangladesh governments have finally decided to end two rigorous and time-consuming immigration checks at Darshona (Bangladesh side) and Gede (Indian side), conceding a major demand of passengers from both sides, the officials said.

Passengers had to deboard along with their luggage at these two points for checks which took anywhere between two to three hours. Officials said that the passengers will not be able to deboard the train anytime during the journey. The end-to-end immigration check is likely to be launched by the prime ministers of the two countries this November, the officials said. "The checks will now be done at Kolkata and Dhaka. It will solve a lot of issues that passengers have while dealing with such checks which cause delay as well. Md Habibur Rahman, Assistant Director General (Operations) of Bangladesh Railway, told PTI, adding the new system will be officially launched next month.

Officials in Indian Railways told PTI that while there will be no checks at Darshona and Gede anymore, the train will halt for technical checks by security forces of either country at these stations. During the halts when the train under carriage will be checked, officials said, the passenger coaches will be under lock and key, thus restricting any passenger movement.

Currently India and Bangladesh have four operational rail links between West Bengal and Western Bangladesh. These are Petrapole-Benapole, Gede-Darshona, Radhikapur-Birail and Singhabad-Rohanpur.

News in Brief

Illergalliquor

JAMMU: A restaurant-owner was arrested for selling liquor illegally in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, police said on Monday. Acting on a tip-off, a police team conducted a raid yesterday at the restaurant and arrested its owner for serving liquor to his customers, they said. The arrested person, identified as Payar Singh, was running his restaurant at the Lorry Adda in Reasi. Police said a case has been registered and investigation is underway.

Parking fees

NEW DELHI: The issue of Delhi, hospitals and commercial establishments in south of malls charging parking fees from the public today came under the scanner of the Delhi High Court which sought the local authority's stand on it. A bench of Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice C Hari Shankar issued a notice to the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) and sought its response to a PIL which alleged that charging of parking fees by these establishments was in violation of the civic body's notification.

T for transgender

NEW DELHI: Transgenders will now have the option of identifying themselves as the third gender with the Railway Board modifying reservation forms to provide the option 'T', besides 'M' (Male) and 'F' (Female). The Railway Board in a letter to all zonal railway divisions, booking and cancellation forms will be modified from the current option of 'Transgender (Male/Female)' to just 'T'.

Truck lifter gang

KAPURTHALA: The police today claimed to have busted a gang of truck lifters by arresting two of its members after an exchange of fire near Surkhpur village in this district. On a tip-off, the police intercepted two men riding a motorcycle, who then fired at the police personnel. Jalandhar range DIG Jaskaran Singh said. The police personnel fired four rounds in retaliation and nabbed both the accused after a chase, he said.

JNU missing student

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court today allowed the CBI's plea seeking advancing of hearing on its application on poly-graph test on nine students in connection with JNU student Najeeb Ahmed who has been missing for over a year now. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal posted the matter for November 10 and sought the response of nine students of Jawaharal Nehru University (JNU) on the central probe agency's application. Najeeb, a first-year MSC Biotechnology student, has been missing from the Mahi Mandavi hostel in JNU since October 16, 2016.

Drug peddler

JAMMU: A man has been arrested with over 2,150 pieces of intoxicant capsules and tablets in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district today, the police said. On an information, the police intercepted Raman Choudhary, a notorious drug peddler, at Vijaypur in the district, an officer said. As many as 2,010 capsules and 140 tablets were seized from him, he said adding the accused was arrested. A case has been registered in this regard and a probe is underway, the police said.

SC asks father of Kerala woman to produce her on November 27

NEW DELHI, OCT 30 /- The Supreme Court today directed the father of a Kerala woman, who had converted to Islam and married a Muslim man, to produce her before it on November 27. A bench, comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud, asked senior advocate Shyam Divan, representing the father of the woman, to ensure that she is produced that day for interaction with the bench, which is likely to ascertain her mental state and whether she had given free consent to the marriage. The National Investigation Agency, represented by Additional Solicitor General Maninder Singh, said there was a well-oiled machinery working in the state and they are indulging in the indoctrination and radicalisation of the society in the state whereas many as 89 cases of similar nature have been reported.

Divan, appearing for woman's father K M Ashokan, claimed the alleged husband of his daughter is a radicaliser and a member of organisations like Popular Front of India (PFI) are involved in radicalisation of the society. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for her husband Shafiq Jahan, opposed the NIA's submission and that of the woman's father. The woman, Jahan, had moved the apex court after she married Jahan. It was alleged that the woman was recruited by Islamic State's mission in Syria and Jahan was only a stooge. Jahan had on September 20 approached the apex court seeking recall of its August 16 order directing the NIA to investigate the controversial issue of conversion and marriage of a Hindu woman with him.

Meanwhile, the Kerala government had on October 7 told the Supreme Court that its police had conducted a "thorough investigation" into her conversion and subsequent marriage to Jahan and did not find material warranting the transfer of the case to the NIA. Jahan had moved the apex court after the Kerala High Court annulled his marriage, saying it was an insult to the independence of women in the country.(PTI)

Why can't people stand up for national anthem: Kher

PUNE, OCT 30 /- Veteran actor Anupam Kher today said if people can wait at the restaurants, stand in the queues in front of theaters or party venues, why cannot they stand for 52 seconds for the national anthem in the cinema halls. Kher was here to receive the Pramod Mahajan Memorial Award. Along with Kher, Shayara Bano, the original petitioner in the triple talaq case, was to receive the award, constituted in the name of the late BJP leader. Kher, during his speech, lambasted those against mandatory playing the national anthem inside the cinema halls before the start of the film. "Some people are of the opinion that standing up for the national anthem should not be made mandatory, but for me, standing up for the national anthem shows the upbringing of that person," he said. "We stand up in respect in front of our father or teacher, similarly getting up

for the national anthem shows respect towards our nation." He added, "If people can wait at the restaurants, stand in the queues in front of the cinema halls or at the party venues, why cannot they stand for 52 seconds for the national anthem in the cinema halls. Kher, while remarking on the issue of 'wardapaasi', said, "At the age of 15, I learnt how to deal with failures. These award winners, people cannot scare me," he said. He said his father had taught him how to deal with failures after he could not clear his examination at the age of 15. The Pramod Mahajan Memorial Award are given by city-based organisation Muktaachand, run by BJP MLA Medha Kulkarni. Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar handed over the awards. Poonam Mahajan, a BJP MP and the daughter of late Pramod Mahajan, was also present at the event.(PTI)

Y C Modi is new NIA Director-General

NEW DELHI, OCT 30 /- Y C Modi, a 1984 batch Assam-Meghalaya cadre IPS officer, today took over the reins of the country's premier anti-terror organisation - the National Investigation Agency - as its new Director-General. Y C Modi succeeds Sharad Kumar whose tenure saw the agency probing some high-profile cases such as the Bodhgaya Temple blast, explosions during the Patna rally of the then BJP's prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi, the Pathankot airbase attack, ISIS links and the Jammu and Kashmir terror-funding case. "Many important cases such as the UNLF (United National Liberation Front) case, Dilisukhnagar (Hyderabad) blast case, ISIS conspiracy cases and FICN (Fake Indian Currency Notes) cases resulted in conviction," the statement said.

Yogesh Chander Modi joined the NIA as officer on special duty on September 22. He has worked with the Central Bureau of Investigation for 10 years in two stints (2002-2010 and 2015-2017) where he handled special crime and economic offences besides anti-corruption cases. He has also worked with Cabinet Secretariat between 1991 and 2002 which included a foreign posting. Before joining the NIA on promotion, Modi was working as Additional Director, CBI, New Delhi. "He was awarded with the Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 2001 and the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service in the year 2008," the statement said.(PTI)



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Tushar Gandhi opposes reopening of Mahatma's assassination case

NEW DELHI, OCT 30 (PTI) Tushar Gandhi, the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, today moved the Supreme Court opposing a plea seeking reopening of the 70-year-old assassination case of the Mahatma. A bench of Justices S A Bobde and M M Shantanagoudar questioned the locus of Tushar Gandhi in the case. Senior advocate Indra Jaising, appearing for Gandhi, said she will explain the locus if the court moves ahead with issuing of notice. The bench said there were several ifs and buts in the case and will like to wait for the locus of the court moves ahead with issuing of notice. The apex court had on October 6 appointed senior advocate Sharan as amicus curiae to assist it in the matter. The bench had raised a volley of questions including how evidence should be collected now to order further investigation into the case which had led to the conviction and execution of Nathuram

Vinayak Godse and Narayan Apte on November 15, 1949. Gandhi was shot dead at a point blank range in New Delhi on January 30, 1949 by Godse, a right-wing advocate of Hindu nationalism. Phadnis has sought reopening of the probe on several grounds, claiming it was one of the biggest cover-ups in the history. He has questioned the 'three bullet theory' relied upon by various courts of law to hold the conviction of accused Godse and Apte, who were hanged, and Vinayak Damodar Savarkar who was given the benefit of doubt due to lack of evidence. He has also claimed that there could be a third assassin other than the two convicted persons and sub-

Autonomy forms core of relationship between J&K and Centre: CPM MLA

SRINAGAR, OCT 30 Autonomy has been provided to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution of India and forms the core of the relationship between the state and the Centre, CPI(M) MLA from Kulgam, M Y Tarigami, said today. He also said that "fiddling with Article 35 A of the Constitution" was not acceptable. "J&K need to India under the guarantees provided by the Constitution of India. It is the Constituent Assembly which incorporated Article 370 in the Constitution providing a constitutional basis for the relationship of J&K with the Union," Tarigami said in a statement here.

Autonomy guaranteed under this constitutional provision is the "core of the relationship" between state and the Centre, he added.

The CPI(M) leader expressed surprise that the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi had characterised the demand for more autonomy to J&K as "encouraging national disintegration". "It is surprising that those at the helm of affairs in New Delhi have characterised any demand for more autonomy to J&K as encouraging national disintegration," he said. Tarigami said the government's demand for more autonomy to J&K, could not maintain this position. "After 1953, steadily the process of centralisation and erosion of autonomy began. Article 370 was subverted and misused to eliminate most aspects of the autonomy. The constitution application to J&K order of 1954 took off sub-

SAINIK SCHOOL PURULLIA ADMISSION NOTICE-2018-19				
As per the information received from the Principal, Sainik School, Purullia, (West Bengal) the All India Sainik School Entrance Examination for admission to Class VI and IX in Sainik School for the session 2018-19 will be held on 07 th January, 2018(Sunday) from 0800 hrs to 1400 hrs at Tagore Govt. College of Education, Port Blair.				
Admission To Class VI & IX for Boys only				
Eligibility	Class VI	Born between 02 Jul 2007 to 01 Jul 2008 for the session 2018-19		
	Class IX	Born between 02 Jul 2004 to 01 Jul 2005 and studying at least in class VIII in a recognized school		
Prospectus	Category	General/Defence	SC/ST	
	*By Post	Rs. 400+40=440/-	Rs. 250+40=Rs. 290	
	*By Hand	Rs. 400	Rs. 250	
*Draft/PfO to be made in favour of Principal, Sainik School Purullia payable at Purullia. Money Orders not acceptable.				
Application forms are also available through internet on school website www.sainikschoolpurullia.com and will be accepted only on deposition of charges/fees in respect to category by Demand Draft/ IPO only. Fees/Charges for Forms procured from Internet: For General/Defence Personnel - Rs. 400/- For SC/ST - Rs. 250/-				
Old Question Papers	Class VI	Rs. 25.00 per set		
	Class IX	Rs. 50.00 per set		
Reservation	West Bengal	67% seats (15 for SC, 7.5% for ST, 25% for Defence/Ex-Defence and rest for General)		
	Other State	33% seats (15% for SC, 7.5% for ST, 25% for Defence/Ex-Defence and rest for General) Reserved seats for children of Defence Category if lying vacant will be filled up by the children of Coast Guard personnel.		
Sale of Prospectus/Admission Form	Class VI/IX	16 Oct to 30 Nov/17		
Last Date for receipt of application	Class VI/IX	05 Dec 2017		
Date of Entrance Examination	Class VI/IX	07 Jan 18 (Sunday)		
Medium of Exam	Class VI	Bengali/Hindi/English		
	Class IX	English only		
Exam Centres	Sainik School Purullia, Kolkata, Burdwan, Siliguri & Port Blair			
Exam Pattern	OMR Based Exam will be conducted w.e.f. session 2018-19			
Exam Pattern	Class-VI			
	S.No	Subject	No. of Question	Total Marks
	(a)	Maths	50	150
	(b)	General Knowledge (Sc & Sst)	25	50
	(c)	Language	25	50
(d)	Intelligence	25	50	
	Total	125	300	150
Class-IX	Class-IX			
	S.No	Subject	No. of Question	Total Marks
	(a)	Maths	50	200
	(b)	English	25	50
	(c)	Intelligence	25	50
	(d)	General Science	25	50
(e)	Social Science	25	50	
	Total	150	400	180
Address for correspondence	The Principal, Sainik School Purullia, PO: Sainik School, Dist: Purullia, West Bengal-723104, Tel No. 03252-202004 (Enquiry), e-mail-sspurullia1962@gmail.com Website-www.sainikschoolpurullia.com			
N.B. Candidates who have appeared in the test once earlier are not eligible to apply again.				
Principal				