

## Cong used farmers as vote bank, betrayed them: Modi

**MALOUT (PB), JULY 11 /-** Prime Minister Narendra Modi today accused the Congress of betraying the farmers and using them only as a vote bank to further the interests of "one particular family". Addressing a rally in Punjab's Malwa belt, he said despite toiling hard, farmers had lived a life of despair for decades because of the policies of Congress-led governments. Modi said the NDA government has now taken several steps for the benefit of farmers, which was making the Congress and its allies lose sleep. The prime minister said the NDA government was trying to restore respect to farmers and soldiers, and was committed to doubling farmers' income by 2022. The rally showcased the recent Cabinet decision to hike the minimum support price of kharif crops, fulfilling the poll promise of ensuring that farmers make 50 per cent above their input costs.

In a veiled attack on the Gandhi

family, Modi said the only the concern had was "for one particular family". "I know why for years you could fetch only 10 per cent profit on the cost of inputs incurred by you, he said. "Farmers are the soul of our nation, they are our 'amanda'. But the Congress always betrayed them and told lies to them. The Congress used them as a vote bank," he said. He said that the NDA government at the Centre was working towards changing this scenario.

"We had promised to double the income of farmers by 2022 and efforts are being made in this direction for the past four years," he said. The Kisan Kalyan Rally (farmers' welfare rally) was attended by several leaders from the Shiromani Akali Dal and the BJP, including Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, former Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal, Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal and Union Minister

Harsimrat Kaur Badal. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh later dismissed the rally as just "fluff" which had disappointed farmers who attended it. Modi spoke a few lines in Punjab to strike a chord with the farmers at the rally. He is defending the borders and or ensuring food security, Punjab has always inspired the country, he said. The prime minister said the decision on the MSP had tackled a big concern of the farmers. Now a farmer is assured that after the hard work he puts in, he will reap its fruit, he said. "It is not acceptable to the Congress that the farmers can sleep peacefully and progress, and this has disturbed their sleep," he said. "The Congress is unable to comprehend that it could not take this decision for 70 long years. It is not something that was not discussed before or such a demand was not raised earlier or that farmers did not hold agitations, he said. "The

Congress is not able to accept this fact that our government has taken such a decision on which they were sitting over for years together, he said. He said the Congress had made several announcements in the past for the farmer, but held only one dream - to benefit one "particular family". The entire nation knows this truth very well," he said. He said the NDA government had also fulfilled the promise of One Rank One Pension (OROP). "Those who did not have time to implement OROP for the last 40 years, those who did not have time to give due rights to farmers for the last 70 years are today misleading the farmers," he said. He said Malout connected Punjab with Rajasthan and Haryana. "I am happy that farmers in large numbers from Rajasthan and Haryana have reached here. In a way, Malout is witnessing a kumbh' of farmers today," he said. (PTI)

## About 23 million children in age group of 15-18 years working in India: CRY

**NEW DELHI, JULY 11 /-** About 23 million children between 15-18 years of age in India are working, of whom 19 million have dropped out of school, according to a study conducted by a leading NGO. The report by Child Rights and You (CRY) said about 9.2 million youngsters in the age group of 15-18 years are married and 2.4 million girls in the age group are mothers. The report, which looks at the status of Indian children between the ages of 15 and 18 years, laid emphasis on the need to reach out to all stakeholders, including legislators, policy makers and decision makers, who deal with children of this age group.

The report also said that about 23 million children between 15-18 years of age in India are working under the protection of the Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act that allows 15-18-year-olds to work in non-hazardous occupations. But 19 million out of the 23 million children drop out of education due to various factors, including inability to manage both work and education. The total number of children in the age group of 15-18 years is 100 million.

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Participants attending the rally on the occasion of World Population Day

## Court gives last chance to cops to file ATR on plea against Mani Shankar Aiyar

**NEW DELHI, JULY 11 /-** A Delhi court today granted a last opportunity to police to file an action taken report on a BJP leader's plea seeking lodging of a sedition case against suspended Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar for allegedly using derogatory remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Metropolitan Magistrate Vasundhara Azad directed the Delhi Police Crime Branch to file the report by September 20, the next date of hearing. The police had on the last date of hearing told the court that BJP leader Ajay Agrawal's plea has been transferred to the crime branch. Agrawal, who had contested the last Lok Sabha election against UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi from Rae Bareilly, has sought lodging of a sedition case against Aiyar for hosting Pakistani officials, alleging that it had "posed a threat to national security". The plea said a meeting was held at the

south Delhi residence of Aiyar last year which was attended by a former foreign minister and the High Commissioner of Pakistan, among others. In his plea, Agrawal has claimed that "derogatory" words were used against Modi at the meeting held on December 6, 2017, which was also attended by former prime minister Manmohan Singh and former vice president Hamid Ansari. The court had earlier directed Agrawal, the petitioner and an advocate, to submit copies of the documents in the court, based on which the police would file an ATR. The petitioner has sought the court's direction to the police to book Aiyar and others present, under conspiracy and sedition charges, and investigate the matter. He had said the Ministry of External Affairs and the Home Ministry were not informed about the meeting despite India's strained relations with Pakistan. (PTI)

## Centre opposes plea in apex court challenging penal law on adultery Says decriminalisation threat to sanctity of marriage

**NEW DELHI, JULY 11 /-** The Union government today told the Supreme Court that the sanctity of marriage would be "weakened" if the penal law on adultery which only punishes a married man for having extramarital sexual relations with another married woman is scrapped. This submission was made by the ministry of home affairs (MHA) in an affidavit to the apex court while seeking dismissal of a plea challenging the validity of section 497 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) on the grounds that it does not make men and women equally liable for the crime of adultery. Asserting that section 497 "supports, safeguards and protects the institution of marriage", the Centre also referred to a Justice Malimath Committee report on reforms in the criminal justice system which had suggested making section 497 gender-neutral. "It is submitted that striking down section 497 of IPC and Section 198(2) of the CrPC will prove to be detrimental

to the intrinsic Indian ethos which gives paramount importance to the institution and sanctity of marriage. The provisions of law, under present view, have been specifically created by the legislature in its wisdom, to protect and safeguard the sanctity of marriage, keeping in mind the unique structure and culture of the Indian society," the affidavit said. The affidavit said the Law Commission of India was currently examining the issues and they have identified certain focus areas and formed sub groups to deliberate on such areas. "It is submitted that the final report of Law Commission is awaited regarding the amendment to section 497 of the IPC. The Malimath Committee in its report has held that the object of this section is to preserve the sanctity of the marriage... The decriminalisation of adultery will result in weakening the sanctity of a marital bond and will result in its laxity," it added.

## Govt in Ambani's pocket: Kejriwal on Jio institute row

**NEW DELHI, JULY 11 /-** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal today slammed the government over the selection of Jio Institute for the "Institution of Eminence" status, saying it is in Ambani's pocket. "Earlier congress government was in Ambani's pocket, now the Modi government is in Ambani's pocket. Has anything changed?" Kejriwal tweeted in response to former BJP leader Yashwant Sinha's tweet on the issue. Sinha in a tweet had said, "Jio Institute has not even been set up. It is not in existence. Yet, Govt grants it eminence tag. That is the importance of being M Ambani." The government yesterday granted "Institution of Eminence" status to IIT-Delhi, IIT-Bombay and the Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Space (IISc) in the public sector, and Manipal Academy of Higher Education, BITS Pilani and Jio Institute in the private sector. The selection of the yet-to-be-established Jio Institute as one of the six "Institutions of Eminence" drew sharp criticism from various quarters with many questioning the process of selection and the motive behind it. The HRD Ministry had yesterday clarified that the tag was conditional and it would get only a letter of intent for now. (PTI)

## 7-judge constitution bench to revisit 12-year-old verdict on SC/ST quota in govt jobs

**NEW DELHI, JULY 11 /-** The Supreme Court today refused to pass any interim order against its 12-year-old verdict that had dealt with the application of the 'creamy layer' for reservations to SC and ST categories in government jobs. The court, which is a seven-judge bench, said it will be examined by a seven-judge bench. A bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices A M Khanwilkar and D V Chandrachud said it cannot hear the matter only for the purpose of interim relief as a reference has already been made to the constitution bench. "You see, a reference has already been made for hearing the matter by a larger bench. A seven-judge constitution bench needs to be constituted to consider M Nagaraj verdict which was heard by a five-judge bench," the bench said. The M Nagaraj verdict of 2006 had held that the 'creamy layer' concept cannot be ap-

plied to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for promotions in government jobs like 20 earlier verdicts of 1992, Indra Sawhney and others versus Union of India (popularly called Mandal Commission verdict) and 2005 E V Chinniah versus State of Andhra Pradesh which had dealt with creamy layer in Other Backward Classes category. Attorney General K K Venugopal, appearing for the Centre, said the matter required urgent consideration by a seven-judge constitution bench as lakhs of jobs in Railways and the services were stuck due to confusion over various judicial pronouncements. Senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for one of the petitioners, contended that a lot of confusion has occurred due to conflicting judicial pronouncements given by different benches of apex court and high courts. He

said that one of the orders says there would be "status quo" as far as reservation in promotion of SC/ST employees are concerned, while another order by a bench headed by Justice Kurian Joseph in a similar matter held that the pendency of a petition before a court shall not stand in the way of the Centre taking steps for the purpose of promotion. The AG said he supported senior advocate Dhavan on this point as there are several aspects which needed to be looked into and conflicting orders were causing confusion. The top court took into account the Centre's submissions that the entire process of promotions had come to a standstill due to the orders of various high courts and the top court had also ordered "status quo" in a similar matter in 2015. It had held that the Centre was not "debarred" from making promotions. (PTI)

## Developmental work at Amritsar under Northern Railway system

**KOLKATA, JULY 11:** In connection with the Non-Interlocking/Developmental work at Amritsar Yard, following arrangement in train running in Northern Railway system has been made. 13049 Howrah-Amritsar Express scheduled to leave Howrah between 17.7.2018 & 29.7.2018 will remain partially cancelled between Najibabad & Amritsar and will be terminated at Najibabad. 13050 Amritsar-Howrah Express scheduled to leave Amritsar between 19.7.2018 & 31.7.2018 will remain partially cancelled between Amritsar & Najibabad and will be originated from Najibabad. 13005 Howrah-Amritsar Mail scheduled to leave Howrah between 17.7.2018 & 29.7.2018 will remain partially cancelled between Saharanpur & Amritsar and will be terminated at Saharanpur. 13006 Amritsar-Howrah Mail scheduled to leave Amritsar between 19.7.2018 & 31.7.2018 will remain partially cancelled between Amritsar & Saharanpur and will be originated from Najibabad. 12979 Chief-Amritsar Jallianwalaabag Express scheduled to leave Sealdah between 20.7.2018 & 27.7.2018 will remain partially cancelled between Delhi & Amritsar and will be terminated at Delhi. 12380 Amritsar-Sealdah Jallianwalaabag Express scheduled to leave Amritsar between 22.7.2018 & 29.7.2018 will remain partially cancelled between Amritsar & Delhi and will be originated from Delhi.

## Aims of 74th Constitution Amendment Act, remains unfulfilled: NITI Aayog official

**JAIPUR, JULY 11 /-** Twenty five years after the passing of the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992, aimed at strengthening democracy at grass root level through local bodies, only 11 states have managed to devolve municipal functions to Urban Local Bodies, a NITI Aayog official said. Municipal bodies are dependent on state for funds and decision making and Rajasthan is among the states which have not been able to devolve the requisite functions to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), said NITI Aayog Director Sanjay Kumar Singh. The NITI Aayog official

made the remark in his address to a national conference on 25 years of 74th Constitutional Amendment Act, and also known as Nagarpalika Act, the legislation came into force on June 1, 1993 and was aimed at supplementing the inadequate Constitutional provision for Local Self Government. Associate professor from National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), Dr Debolina Kundu said the ULBs should have financial autonomy and there should be ways of revenue generation to make them self-sufficient. CUTS International Director George Cheriyvan said the objectives of the 74th Constitutional Amend-



Rashtriya Lok Dal activists protesting against price hike of essential commodities in Lucknow

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