

Guj. Exodus of migrant workers continues; CM hits out at Rahul

AHMEDABAD, OCT 9 /- Hindi-speaking migrants continued to flee Gujarat Tuesday after attacks on them in several parts of the state, even as the ruling BJP and Opposition Congress engaged in blame game. Police, meanwhile, intensified patrolling in areas near industrial estates and places where migrant workers stay. Since the rape of a 14-month-old girl in Sabarkantha district on September 28 and the arrest of a labourer hailing from Bihar for the crime, six districts, most of them in north Gujarat, have seen sporadic incidents of violence against Hindi-speaking people. In a series of tweets, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani asked whether Congress president Rahul Gandhi will take action against his party's own members who incited violence against the migrants in Gujarat.

The BJP has been blaming Congress MLA Alpesh Thakor and his outfit Gujarat Kshatriya Thakor Sena for the outbreak of violence against Hindi-speaking people in the state. "Congress first incites violence against migrants, Congress President tweets to condemn this violence. Does the Congress President not have any shame?" Rupani said in a tweet. "The Congress President is against the violence in Gujarat, he needs to take action against his own members who incited violence against the migrants in Gujarat. Tweeting is not the solution, taking action is! But will he

act?" he further tweeted. Rupani said his government is "working hard to ensure trust and confidence among all citizens that they are safe and secure in Gujarat." "However, Congress President needs to be ashamed of tweeting this when his own party is inciting violence against migrants," he further said on the micro-blogging site. rahul had on Monday said that targeting migrant workers in Gujarat is "completely wrong" and he is totally against it. Taking to Twitter, he had said the root cause of violence is the closure of factories and unemployment in Gujarat due to which both the system and the economy are reeling. Thakor also said Tuesday that targeting of migrants is wrong and he is "totally against it", while trying to refute the BJP's allegations against his outfit.

"Most of the attackers are from Thakor community. But this allegation is an effort to suppress the popularity that I have gained with my outfit in 16 states. I am being defamed. Not a single case has been filed against either me or my people. Our truth will win," he told reporters. After the rape of the 14-month-old Thakor community girl allegedly by a Bihar migrant worker in Sabarkantha, Thakor had blamed a "non-Gujarati" for the rape in the public. A video in which Thakor is purportedly seen making aspech against migrant workers has

gone viral and is considered to be responsible for the violence against Hindi-speaking population. "These people who have come from outside, they commit crime, they beat up common villagers and they go back to their state. Such people have jobs here in Maruti and other companies but our people do not have jobs here," Thakor said while addressing a gathering in Bhacharji town of Mehsana district of North Gujarat. "Even if you consider they are Indians and give them 20 per cent jobs... but Gujaratis are being thrown out of such factories, Gujaratis are dying due to starvation," he said in the video probably shot by a mobile phone.

Meanwhile, Hindi speaking factory workers continued to flee the state by taking trains and buses, which were running jam-packed. There were also reports of bus fares being raised in view of the increased demand coming in from some places. Some people said they were scared and alleged that they were threatened to flee or face consequences. "Some people came to our area last night and asked me to leave the place immediately and go back to my home state or they will thrash me," a migrant worker told reporters at the Ahmedabad railway station. Shyam Singh Thakor, president of the Uttar Bhartiya Vikas Parishad, an outfit of north Indians in Gujarat, said the situation has become nor-

mal but people who had decided earlier to leave the state continue to board buses and trains. He said more than 60,000 Hindi-speaking migrant labourers have fled the state so far. "The environment of threat and fear has ended and peace has returned. People are no longer being threatened and they are resuming work in factories," Thakor said. "More than 60,000 people have left Gujarat, and those who are leaving now are only those who had decided earlier to go back home. There is no more compulsion and threat to them to leave the state," he said. Police continued to patrol industrial areas of the affected districts to instil confidence among people.

In Vadodra, hundreds of police personnel carried out a flag march in industrial areas having several big and small factories being reported from Mehsana. "Additional police force has been deployed in industrial areas for the security of Hindi-speaking migrants. No untoward incident has been reported in these areas," Vadodra Police Commissioner Anupam Singh Gehlot said. Earlier, over 450 people were arrested and 56 FIRs registered after sporadic incidents of violence were reported from Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar and other areas in north Gujarat. (PTI)

Elderly Maoist couple surrenders

HYDERABAD, OCT 9 /- An elderly couple, veteran members of the banned CPI (Maoist), surrendered before police here Tuesday citing "political differences" and health reasons, police said.

Purusotham alias MK (68), and his wife K Vinodhini, (63), who were arrested in March 1991 only to be released in exchange for release of an abducted Youth Congress leader three months later, carried a cash reward of Rs 2 lakhs and five lakhs. The two were looking after the Agitation Propaganda Committee, a publishing unit of the CPI (Maoist), Hyderabad Police Commissioner Anjam Kumar told reporters.

Purusotham was a headmaster of a primary school here before joining the Communist Party of India and married Vinodhini, also a teacher, a year later. She also joined the PWG, which later became CPI (Maoist), after marriage and both became underground cadre and recruited around 60 others and sent them to forest for training, the Police Commissioner said. The duo was arrested in March 1991 in Visakhapatnam but released in May that year in exchange for release of a youth Congress leader, Kumar said. The couple later looked after the Agitation Propaganda Committee by printing "political documents" of the banned outfit. From 2005 to 2014, the outfit had directed Purusotham to stay in Chennai. Even though Purusotham was "committed cadre", he felt that he was not used appropriately and his contributions were ignored by the CPI (Maoist), the commissioner said. Purusotham cited his wife's health and "internal differences" within the outfit and wanted to join the mainstream and lead peaceful life. Hence both decided to surrender, he added. (PTI)

Govt to commemorate 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev

NEW DELHI, OCT 9 /- The 550th anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the first Sikh Guru and founder of the faith, will be commemorated by the government next year with events across the globe, Union Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma said Tuesday. The decision was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by Home Minister Rajnath Singh. "There will be special programmes in the country as well as in different parts of the world to commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji," Sharma told reporters after the meeting. The government has already decided to commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev as "universal brotherhood year" and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations will hold special functions worldwide through Indian missions.

The National Implementation Committee (NIC), headed by the home minister, also decided to commemorate the centenary of Jalliwala Bagh massacre, 200th birth anniversary of Satguru Ram Singh and birth anniversary of 'Rajmata' Vijaya Raj Scindia next year, Sharma said. "All required funds will be provided by the central government," he said. Those who attended the NIC meeting included Finance Minister Piyush Goyal, Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badi, former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal besides others. (PTI)

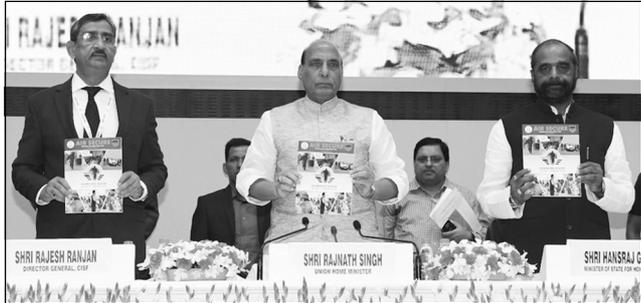
MEA launches initiative to hold limb fitment camps in various countries

NEW DELHI, OCT 9 /- An inspiration for all. He led the world in its struggle for freedom from colonialism, inequality, poverty, discrimination and abuse, from human failings. "With the launch of India for Humanity," we seek to celebrate the values and values espoused by him (Mahatma Gandhi) - compassion and inclusiveness of every human being in society and service of mankind. "Swaraaj said. Foreign policy is not merely about fostering better relations between countries, but it is also about sharing what "we have launched" here, he said. "It is about reaching out to people in other countries to see whether we can make a difference to their lives. It is about raising our values and values of our peoples lives. It is about coming together to collectively find solutions to problems that plague our world," Swaraaj said. It is important not to forget that behind every policy that is made, behind every step that is taken and behind every initiative that is launched, there is a human being at the end who will and should stand to benefit, she said. "Since our government took charge, we have tried to inculcate a sense of caring, personal touch and compassion in our foreign policy by reaching out to stakeholders both in India and abroad, especially those who may have otherwise had difficulty to get themselves heard and their needs addressed," she said. She also invited other countries to participate in this programme and make it a success. After the event, asked about sexual harassment allegations against a minister in her ministry, Swaraaj did not reply. (PTI)

Cong needs to talk to SP and BSP for alliance: Akhilesh Yadav

CHHATARPUR (MP), OCT 9 /- Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav Tuesday said that the Congress would need to speak to the Bahujan Samaj Party as well in order to form an alliance between the three outfits. Speaking at a press conference in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatrapur Tuesday, Yadav claimed that his party wanted an alliance with the Congress but the latter "felt" the SP was "weak". He said that it was the Congress' responsibility, as a larger political outfit, to bring smaller parties under one umbrella. "We wanted an alliance with the Congress but the oldest political party felt that we are weak. Now, an alliance can be formed only when the Congress talks to the BSP along with SP," Yadav said.

Yadav said that his party once had eight MLAs in the MP Assembly and its vote share was also good. The SP has tied up with the Gondwana Gantanta Party (GGP) in Madhya Pradesh for the forthcoming Assembly polls and talks were underway with the BSP as well for a tie up, Yadav said. The former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister expressed concern over north Indian migrants fleeing Gujarat over the past few days following attacks after a labourer hailing from Bihar was arrested on the charge of raping a 14-month-old child on September 28. Yadav parried questions on the demand by certain groups that reservations be provided on the basis of economic status rather than caste. (PTI)



Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh flanked by Minister of State for Home Affairs Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, and DG, CISE Rajesh Ranjan releasing a publication at the inauguration of the International Aviation Security Seminar-2018, in New Delhi

Vice Prez suggests social service for students to get degrees

BENGALURU, OCT 9 (PTI): Vice President M Deenadayalu Tuesday suggested that educational institutions make it mandatory for students to undertake social service or service in armed forces or voluntary organisations like NSS, Scouts & Guides for being conferred with degrees. Participating in social service or enrolling in such services would help them inculcate the feeling of oneness, nationalism and social consciousness, he said. He suggested the educational institutions incorporate modern science classes in schools. Speaking at the valedictory of the birth centenary celebrations of former legislator and former Scouts and Guides national commissioner V P Deenadayalu Naidu, he urged students to

draw inspiration from the "visionary leader" M Deenadayalu Naidu was a freedom fighter, former mayor of Bengaluru, a legislator, who later became the national commissioner of Bharat Scouts and Guides from 1992 to 1995. Lauding the Scouts and Guides for their role in shaping a force of disciplined and self-reliant youth, Naidu said "Living for the society and share and care is at the core of Indian philosophy. The Scouting movement inculcates such habits. That's why I want to suggest to various governments that Bharat Scouts movement or NCC or airwing, navy or NSS, one of the courses must be made compulsory for anybody to get a degree. You need a disciplined society, you need social con-

siousness in society. You need people who can think above caste, creed, sex and religion," he said. Naidu stressed that the values given to Scouts and Guides were essential to build a good leadership in this context, healled upon voters to elect people who have character, calibre, capacity and conduct, "which has unfortunately replaced by caste, community, cash and criminalities." We should understand the seriousness of the situation because leaders, if they do not have character, calibre, capacity and conduct, if they do not follow discipline, dynamism, dedication, devotion, then how will you get service? That's why you need to follow these standards today. That is the lesson we have to draw from Deenadayalu

Naidu," he said. Speaking about the present day leaders, Naidu referred to the Supreme Court's concerns about the rising number of individuals with criminal records entering legislative bodies in the country. He said the Apex court has opined that the time has come for Parliament to enact a law to ensure that those facing serious criminal cases do not enter the political arena. The court had recalled the opinion of the Law Commission that persons against whom serious criminal charges have been framed should be barred from contesting polls, he pointed out. "The Supreme Court has to tell us this because we are not bothered as we are by caste, creed, sex, religion, region, community and all sorts of

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WordWheel

No.26

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or anticlockwise. Solution No.25: TRIANGLE

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NCDRC asks consumer to pay cost for filing frivolous appeal

NEW DELHI, OCT 9 (PTI) The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) has asked a complainant to pay Rs 500 as cost for filing "frivolous" and "vexatious" appeal, misusing the statutory processes which are provided for protection of consumer interest. Uttamkumar Samanta, the complainant who is a P.D holder, had sought nearly Rs 1 crore compensation from a telecom operator for disconnecting his internet service. "It is thus appropriate and albeit necessary to give stern advice of caution to the complainant through a monetary deterrent to desist from misusing the statutory processes provided for a consumer," said a bench of NCDRC Presiding Member S M Kantikar and member Dinesh Singh. Samanta had purchased a post paid internet service for Rs 5,500 from a Vodafone store on May 7, 2013, and on May 10 the service was suddenly disconnected due to which he "suffered irreparably". The apex consumer commission noted that Samanta had paid an aggregate of Rs 5,500 whereas he sought compensation of Rs 99,50,500 which was on the face of it "disproportionately high" and the component-wise break-up of the total compensation was again "unreasonable and excessive". "It is also to be seen that the time and resources of this Commission have been wasted in such manner and for such excessive purpose," the bench said. It also said that Samanta was a well educated person, holding a doctorate who prepares tonnes and tonnes of paper, in a misplaced and irrational approach towards consumer justice. NCDRC also invited Samanta to desist from misusing the statutory processes provided for a consumer, said a bench of NCDRC Presiding Member S M Kantikar and member Dinesh Singh. Samanta had purchased a post paid internet service for Rs 5,500 from a Vodafone store on May 7, 2013, and on May 10 the service was suddenly disconnected due to which he