

## ICYC protest against Modi govt's Rafale deal

**NEW DELHI, AUG 30/-** Hundreds of Indian Youth Congress (IYC) workers today staged a protest against the Centre over the Rafale fighter aircraft deal here. Leaders and activists from several state units have gathered outside All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters and is scheduled to take out protest march towards residence Prime Minister's residence later in the day. While addressing a gathering, IYC leaders alleged the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government "misled" the nation by quoting "illogical and imaginary data". "Rafale deal is the biggest scam. Why is the central government not forming Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to probe the deal?", IYC president Keshav Chand Yadav asked. In view of protest march, heavy police deployment has been made near the Congress headquarters at Akbar Road. Police have barricaded the area to stop IYC leaders and workers from marching towards the PM's residence. Around fifty workers were detained and taken to Mandir Marg and Tughlak Road police stations, police said. The Congress, which has launched a frontal attack on the government over the Rafale issue, is undertaking a pan India campaign to apprise people "on the deal." (PTI)

## 48 govt employees found absent from duty in Kishtwar, salaries stopped

**JAMMU, AUG 30/-** Forty-eight government employees were found absent from duty during a surprise inspection in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, prompting the authorities to stop their salaries, officials said today. Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Angeez Singh Rana constituted teams under the supervision of Additional Deputy Commissioner Kishori Lal Sharma which conducted a surprise inspection. An official spokesman said, the teams conducted surprise checks in various government offices, schools, health care centres etc and found several officers were unauthorisedly absent from duty. The assistant executive engineer and junior engineer of the Dachhan Public Health Engineering Office were also found absent, the spokesman said. Termining the unauthorised absence of employees as disservice to the society, Rana, immediately issued orders to stop their salaries, he said.

## NAWO drumming up support for Women's Reservation Bill

**NEW DELHI, AUG 30/-** A group of women's organisations have decided to urge female voters to snub political parties which are ignoring the Women's Reservation Bill. In a statement, the National Alliance for Women's Organisations (NAWO), comprising over 100 women's rights groups, said the marginal representation of women in Parliament and legislative assemblies is a matter of grave concern. Unless we have more women in Parliament and in legislative assemblies, our issues will be ignored time and again. A mere 12 per cent representation of women in India's Parliament is one of the lowest in the world. The Women's Reservation Bill was developed in order to facilitate women's political participation by reserving 33 per cent of all seats in

the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies for women. "It's high time the women of India understand the gravity of the situation and do something about it. The rampant stories of crimes against women in India says a lot about where our country is heading in terms of development. We need many more women in decision making positions to address such serious concerns on a war footing," said Dr Ranjana Kumari, director of Centre for Social Research which is part of NAWO.

The alliance recently released a charter of demands at a national event in Delhi, one of the major demands was passage of the Women's Reservation Bill. It had earlier conducted a massive campaign, as part of which more than 5,000 letters were sent to the Prime Minister's residence demanding passage of the bill. The 22-year-old bill has been impeded in each of its outings in Parliament, before it was passed by the Rajya Sabha in 2010. At the time, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) along with the Samajwadi Party had opposed it.

The Lok Sabha has never voted on the bill and it lapsed after the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha in 2014. Despite constituting 49 per cent of the country's population, the marginalisation of women in politics is extremely apparent in this year's Economic Survey of India.

Data shows that there are only 62 women parliamentarians in Lok Sabha out of the total number of 543, with women's representation at 11.8 per cent. Rajya Sabha fares marginally better, with 31 women

parliamentarians out of a total of 243 MPs with a representation of 12.7 per cent.

As per the latest study on women in Parliament, India ranks 103rd among other countries in terms of representation. "The Bill is vital for realising women's rights under the Constitution of India and for addressing the widespread gender inequality throughout the country. The Women's Reservation Bill, which is currently a live bill that has been passed by the Rajya Sabha can be taken by the present government with a two-third majority."

"The point of this bill is to give women ground to fight elections where women will fight women only, so that the winner will be a woman," the organisation said in a statement. (PTI)



Members of Akhil Bharatiya Adivasi Sena raising slogans during a demonstration in support of their various demands, in New Delhi

## Centre monitoring surveillance data for potential outbreak of diseases in Kerala

**NEW DELHI, AUG 30/-** Following devastating floods in Kerala, the Union health ministry said today that there are indications about the spread of diseases, including acute diarrhoea and dengue, and asserted it is coordinating with the state in monitoring the cases.

The floods in Kerala killed more than 400 people since the onset of Monsoon on May 28 and hit the state's economy badly. The health ministry said the Centre is sending 30 specialist doctors, 20 general duty medical officers and 40 Malaya a l a m - s p e a k i n g nurses, who will reach Kerala tomorrow after the state requested so today.

Health minister J P Nadda reviewed the flood relief measures with senior officials of the ministry today. Senior officials of the health ministry informed Nadda that the government was closely monitoring the disease surveillance data for potential outbreak of epidemic-prone diseases.

"A rising trend is indicated in cases of leptospirosis, acute diarrhoeal disease and dengue, and they (the officials) are coordinating with state to monitor the cases," an official statement said. The Centre has supplied 73 MT of emergency drugs, 1,000 Ijv Adrenaline vials, 2.25 crore chlorine tablets (one tablet for chlorinating 20 L of water), 80 MT of bleaching powder, and 414k units of sanitary napkins to the state, besides 1,000 litres of cyphenothrin 5 per cent, 500 kg of diflufenuron 25 per cent

and 250 litres of malathion (tech). As per the additional request received from the state, 58 items of essential drugs and consumables weighing about 120 MT, and 40 ultra low volume fogging machines are also being sent to the state, the statement said. The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences, Bengaluru, has already deployed a 40-member psycho-social teams - psychiatrist, psychologists and psycho-social worker - one team for each of the 14 districts for rapid psycho-social assessment and community based psycho-social care, the statement said.

The ministry has also deployed 12 public health teams, each comprising one public health specialist, one microbiologist and one entomologist to assist the state health department. Nadda also spoke to Kerala Health Minister K K Shailaja and assured her of the continued support of the Centre for flood relief measures. Addressing a specially convened one-day session of the state assembly to discuss the unprecedented flood situation, Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan said today that 483 people have lost lives in the state since the onset of monsoon on May 28 and 14 were still missing.

Vijayan said the state's economy had been badly hit and the loss could be much more than the state's annual plan outlay for the year, which stood at nearly Rs 37,248 crore.

## Togadia announces march for Ram temple

**FAIZABAD/AYODHYA, AUG 30/-** Former VHP leader Pravin Togadia today announced a march from Lucknow to Ayodhya on October 21 to gather support for the Ram Mandir movement. He visited Faizabad and Ayodhya today and met those connected with the movement.

Addressing a press conference in Faizabad, Togadia said, "Respecting the sacrifices of Hindus for the cause of Ram Janmabhoomi, we will move towards Ayodhya from Lucknow on October 21 to build pressure on the Union government to bring resolution in Parliament for the construction of Ram Mandir. Lakhs of Kar Sevakas will join us."

Togadia, who visited Ayodhya in June, had earlier demanded the BJP government to legislate a law within four months for constructing a temple at the disputed site. He was joined by about 200 activists of his newly formed 'Antar-rashtriya Hindu Parishad'. Togadia, who enjoyed a 'Z' category security cover till a couple of months ago, was seen without any security today. (PTI)

## Parents to be requested to keep vigil on wards on Momo: ICSE

**KOLKATA, AUG 30/-** With reports of Whatsapp messages inviting youngsters to play an online game 'Momo' changed, the Association of Heads of ICSE schools, West Bengal, has called upon all member schools to urge parents to keep a tab on their children. The Association's West Bengal unit general secretary Nabarun Dey told PTI today, they did not receive any report about students of any school having received such message, nor had the Association been given any 'Advisory' by the CID or the police till date on the issue. However, going by media reports "two days ago we have asked the member schools to undertake sensitisation drive among children and their parents about the danger, inherent of certain online games like 'Momo' and 'Blue Whale'."

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Earlier 'Blue Whale' and now 'Momo', he said. Asked to elaborate on the sensitisation drive, he said, "we have asked the schools to tell the students during the assembly before classes every day that they should keep away from certain online games. We have also asked the schools to ask the parents to ensure they keep a tab on what games their wards are playing at home," Dey said.

Dey also the Principal of Central Modern School, Baranagar, said the sensitisation programme had already started in his institution. There are about 150 ICSE-affiliated schools in the plains and 30 schools in Darjeeling, Kurseong and Kalimpong in the hills. The state CID had earlier said all the numbers where the messages were sent to the people in the state to play the Momo Challenge were based abroad and an investigation had been initiated into it. (PTI)

## Separatist-sponsored strike disrupts life in Kashmir Valley

**SRINAGAR, AUG 30/-** Life in Kashmir came to a standstill today due to a complete shutdown called by separatists against the legal challenge in the Supreme Court on the validity of Article 35A, which bars people from outside Jammu and Kashmir from acquiring any immovable property in the state. The situation across the valley is peaceful with no untoward incident reported from anywhere so far, officials said.

Shops, business establishments and educational institutions were closed across the Valley while all kinds of transport remained off the roads due to the strike called. The Joint Resistance Leadership (JRL) has called for a

two-day strike today and tomorrow as Supreme Court is scheduled to hear a PIL challenging the validity of the Article 35A tomorrow. Authorities have imposed restrictions in some parts of the city as a precautionary measure for maintaining law and order, the officials said.

The officials said security forces have been deployed in strength at vulnerable places in the city and elsewhere in Kashmir for maintaining law and order.



STAND FOR KERALA: NSS volunteers of Prof Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University donated to CM relief fund for Kerala flood relief in Hyderabad

## Constituency development funds to be operational in J-K without time limits

**SRINAGAR, AUG 30/-** In a significant decision, Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik has directed that the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) scheme shall continue to be operational in the State without any time limits.

"Legislators shall continue to recommend works under the Constituency Development Fund scheme subject to availability of balance CDF funds in their respective constituencies and in tune with the guidelines of the scheme, the Governor said last evening while reviewing the progress of developmental works. During thereview, Malik was informed that in view of the non-utilization of substantial amount of CDF directions were issued to the Deputy Commissioners to continue sanctioning works under the said scheme till 30 September 2018. The Governor, however, instructed that new timeline shall not apply anymore in future and works could be sanctioned as long as funds exist. Malik observed that unhindered continuation of the CDF scheme was essential to ensure that the elected representatives respond to the developmental issues expeditiously. In another major decision, the Governor directed that all such public projects completed through state funding could be inaugurated by the public representatives. Observing that it would be inappropriate for any complete public project executed through state resources to remain unutilized for want of formal inauguration, Malik directed that the elected representatives be requested to inaugurate all such projects in their respective constituencies and dedicate them to the people for early use. The state assembly has been placed in suspended animation since 19 June this year following fall of PDP-led coalition government. Former BJP withdrew its support. Presently Governor NN Vohra had put a timeline for release of funds to works in progress under the CDF scheme. (PTI)

ing tributes to Vajpayee by reciting his poems and organising poetry events, the BJP chief said, describing it as 'Kavyayajal'. The second event will start from September 17, the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and will continue till the birth anniversary of party ideologue Deen Dayal Upadhyaya on September 25, he said. A week-long social work activities will be organised at 20,000 places, in which medical camps, vaccination of children and cleanliness drives will be carried out in slums.

## BJP to organise events in memory of Vajpayee

**NEW DELHI, AUG 30/-** The BJP will organise two major events across the country to mark one month of the passing away of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, party president Amit Shah said today. Party workers will host poetry events at 4,000 places across all legislative assemblies and parliamentary constituencies on September 16, during which audio recordings of Vajpayee's poems will be played, Shah said.

This event is being organised for pay-

### KIDS CORNER

It's not if...  
... but when!

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### WordWheel

No. 368

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or anticlockwise. Solution 365: INITIATE

### 5x5

Insert the missing letters to complete ten words - five across the grid and five down.

S	O	A	T	H
A	A	T	T	R
A	E	T	V	R
E	E	T	R	R

OUR SOLUTION TO PUZZLE 262  
(Other combinations may be possible.)

Reference: C.O.D. 1996

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"After I was born, my mother was caught trying to leave the hospital without me. They charged her with failing to remain at the scene of an accident."

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### WORD BUILDER

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How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once? No foreign words or ones beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one five-letter word.

TODAY'S GOALS:  
Good - 6 Excellent - 9 Amazing - 14  
SOLUTION 266: able, age, alb, ale, bag, bagel, bagel, bag, bag, gable, gal, gale, gal, gal, lag, la, leg, leg

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**No. 4-6/TR/DHS/Condemn/2014-15/3063**  
**A&N Administration**  
**Directorate of Health Services**

### CORRIGENDUM

Port Blair dt. 29/08/18

The last date of submission & Opening of bid/Auction for the disposal of condemned vehicles vide e-Tender Notice No. 4-6/TR/DHS/Condemn/2014-15/2694 dated 01/8/2018 Tender ID: DHS 292 which was published in the Daily Telegram dated 12/08/2018 is hereby extended as under due to administrative reason.

- Last date & time for submission of tenders/bids online: 05/09/2018 upto 14:00 hrs.
- Date & Time of Auctions: 05/09/2018 at 15:30 Hrs.
- Date & Time of Opening of Bid : Soon after the Auction on 05/09/2018 at 15:30 Hrs.

The other terms and conditions mentioned therein shall remain unchanged.

3004/18 Nodal Officer (Transport)/DHS