

AAP releases 2nd list of candidates for 9 seats

AHMEDABAD, NOV 16 /-/- The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today released its second list of candidates for nine assembly constituencies for the upcoming Gujarat elections, nearly a month after announcing its nominees for 11 seats.

With this, the Arvind Kejriwal-led party has declared the names of candidates for 20 assembly seats out of the total 182 in the state, where elections will be held in two phases on December 9 and 14. The results will be out on December 18. As per the second list, the AAP has decided to contest from Gandhinagar (North), Botad, Katargam, Rajkot (East), Surat (East), Karanj, Palanpur, Gandhidham and Jammagar Rural, party spokesperson Harshil Nayak

said. Three of these seats - Rajkot (East), Palanpur and Jammagar (Rural) - are currently being held by Congress MLAs, while the remaining six are with the BJP.

The candidates finalised to

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contend from these seats are Gunvant Patel (Gandhinagar-North), Jilubhai Bavaliya (Botad), Nagajibhai Ambaliya (Katargam), Ajit Lokhli (Rajkot-East), Salim Multani (Surat-East), Jignesh Mehta (Karanj), Ramesh Nibhani (Palanpur), Govind Danicha (Gandhidham) and Parosh Bhandari (Jammagar-Rural). The AAP has also replaced its candidate,

declared in the first list, for the Bapunagar constituency after receiving complaints against him, Nayak said. Anil Verma, who was the party's candidate for Bapunagar, has been replaced by Anjad Pathan, he said. As per the list, the candidates come from varied backgrounds include businessmen, educators, social workers, a former corporator, lawyer and an academician.

The 11 seats that the AAP had earlier announced to contest are Bapunagar, Unjha, Rajkot (West), Danilimda, Lathi, Chhotia Udepur, Padra, Karjan, Pardi, Gondal and Kamrej. The party has said more candidates may be declared in the coming days even though it may not be contesting on all the 182 seats.



Goddess Padmavathi Devi of 'Paramapadanatha Venkateswara' on Pedda Sesha Vahanam during ongoing nine day Karthika Brahmotsavam on the second day of her celestial ride in Tiruchur on Thursday.

NGT asks Delhi schools, colleges to install rainwater harvesting system in 2 months

NEW DELHI, NOV 16 /-/- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) today directed all Delhi government and private schools as well as colleges to install rainwater harvesting systems in their premises within two months at their own cost.

A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar ordered that any institution that fails to install the rainwater harvesting system within the stipulated period shall be liable to pay environment compensation of Rs 5 lakh. The tribunal directed schools and colleges to approach a committee constituted by it. The committee will inspect the premises and grant permission to institutions for operating the system. The committee, comprising senior officials from the education

department of the Delhi government, Delhi Jal Board, public works department, representative of Central Groundwater Authority and others, was formed and asked to deal with the applications from schools and colleges.

"The committee shall meet twice a month and deal with the application of the schools and colleges expeditiously," the bench said. If it is not possible to install a rainwater harvesting system, the institution should approach the committee within a week from today. The committee will then inspect the premises. "Upon inspection, if it feels that there is no possibility of setting up such system, then the panel may issue exemption certificate," the bench said. According to the tribunal,

the institution that gets an exemption certificate shall be subject to environment compensation, which will be used for setting up rainwater harvesting systems in possible nearby areas, including parks. The green panel also directed the director of the Delhi education department and the Delhi Jal Board to issue notices to all such schools and colleges within three days from today. The direction came while disposing of a plea filed by Mahesh Chandra Saxena, who claimed to be associated with an NGO working in the field of groundwater conservation. He has claimed that government departments, educational institutions and residential societies have either not installed rainwater harvesting systems or have systems which are non-functional.

Goa CM for raising pay of legislators

PANAJI, NOV 16 /-/- Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar today made a strong case for increasing the salary of legislators in the state, saying they should be paid "reasonably well" as they work round the clock.

"I am going to increase the salaries paid to the MLAs from Goa Legislative Assembly. I am the only person who has bluntly said all the time that if MLAs don't get proper funds, they will have a reason to start corruption," Parrikar said. He was addressing a function on the National Press Day organised by

local journalists' union here. This would not mean that after being given a hike in salary every MLA would be clean but at least there would not be a reason for them to indulge in corruption, the chief minister said. He said the members of the legislative assembly are always under pressure to meet the increasing financial demands from the people, including donations.

"The MLAs are constantly under pressure to generate finances to meet the demands like donations. The politician in current

situation has to be 24 hours on duty so he hardly gets time to devote to his business. That is why they should be paid reasonably well," Parrikar said. He said people usually hold individual politicians accountable and not political parties, which often result in elections throwing up fractured mandates.

"Those who have lost this accountability have always lost the election. I feel bad to admit this but people accept corruption but not arrogance. Whoever has shown the trend of

Firing on fishermen in sea: TN CM seeks Centre's intervention

CHENNAI, NOV 16 /-/- Tamil Nadu chief minister K Palaniswami has taken up with Prime Minister Narendra Modi the issue of alleged firing on two fishermen by the Indian Coast Guard and sought his intervention to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

Palaniswami said six fishermen from Rameswaram had ventured out for fishing in a mechanised boat on November 13. It is reported that while fishing within our territorial waters, about four nautical miles from the shore near Olakkudam around 3.15 pm, an Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship 'Rani Abaka' asked the fishermen to stop their boat for inspection and fired at the fishing vessel," the chief minister said in his letter to the Prime Minister, a copy of which was released to the media here on Wednesday. While one fisherman, Pitchai, was injured in his left hand, another man Johnson was injured in his left shoulder, Palaniswami said.

J&K DGP considers drug menace as bigger challenge than terrorism

JAMMU, NOV 16 /-/- Jammu and Kashmir DGP S Vaid said that drug menace was a "bigger challenge" than terrorism in the state and that contrabands were being "pumped from across the border".

This year, the police have arrested 667 people in 542 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act for drug peddling and smuggling, an official data said. "The drug menace is a bigger challenge than terrorism. When I joined, I had announced an all out war against drugs and the people running it," Vaid told news agency PTI. The officer said that the police alone cannot fight the menace and there was a concern about narco-terrorism.

"There are a lot of drugs and narcotics being pumped into J&K from across the border. It is very clear who is pumping drugs and who is taking it into this state," he said without naming Pakistan.

"I am trying to convince everybody, including the police force, about the bad affects. It (drugs) has the potential to destroy the socio-economic fabric of the state, but there is difficulty on the legal

aid and de-addiction fronts," Vaid stated. "It may be recalled that 1 kg of heroin was recovered in Uri and 20 kg in Jammu. Roughly 100 kg recovered here came from across the border," the DGP mentioned, adding that everybody needs to make efforts to save the current and future generations from this menace.

Of the 667 people arrested in 542 cases, 214 were arrested in 163 cases in the Kashmir region and 453 in 379 cases in the Jammu province, the data said. The data said that as many as 12 alleged drug peddlers were arrested under the Public Safety Act (PSA) in Jammu and Kashmir this year as compared to 27 in 2016. It said that as many as 822 people were arrested in 608 cases of drug peddling and narcotic smuggling in 2016, and this year 568.94 kg of marijuana was seized, five times more than the seizure made during this period last year in the Jammu region.

In 2015, 24.3 kg of cannabis was seized and 107 kg in 2016. In the case of poppy straw, this year 5,610 kg was seized against 3,268 kg in 2016 and 1,846 kg in 2015, it said. There was a significant drop in the amount of brown sugar seized.

State Notes

Hardcore criminal held under PSA in Jammu

JAMMU, NOV 16 /-/- A hardcore criminal has been held under the Public Safety Act (PSA) and sent to Kot Bhalwal jail in Jammu district, police said today. According to police, the accused was involved in about a dozen criminal cases in different police station areas of Jammu and Samba districts. "One hardcore criminal, Manoj alias Moja, was detained in R S Pura yesterday after being booked under PSA," a police officer said. The wanted criminal was detained under the PSA after a dossier prepared by the police against him was approved by the district magistrate of Jammu, the officer said.

TN CM's gesture to photojournalist

CHENNAI, NOV 16 /-/- Tamil Nadu chief minister K Palaniswami today gave a cheque for Rs. 50 lakh to a photojournalist for his cancer treatment. Palaniswami handed over the cheque to P Madhavan and his family members at the Secretariat in the presence of information minister Kadambur C Raju and officials, an official release here said. Madhavan, working for Tamil daily Dinakaran was given financial aid under a scheme for medical assistance to journalists. "The upper limit of Rs. one lakh under the scheme was relaxed," and the photojournalist was sanctioned Rs. 3.50 lakh as a special case, the release said.

Missing patient's body found near railway track

MUZAFFARNAGAR, NOV 16 /-/- A 48-year-old man, who had gone missing from a hospital three days ago, was found dead near a railway track at Begarapur village in the district, police said today. The body of the deceased was found on Wednesday near the railway track, they said, they said. According to the police, the victim was admitted to a Muzaffarnagar medical college for some treatment on November 12 and was missing from the hospital premises. "We have taken some people into custody for interrogation, and investigation into the incident is underway for further details," the police said, adding that the body has been sent for post-mortem.

Illegal liquor seized from UP-Haryana border

MUZAFFARNAGAR, NOV 16 /-/- A man was arrested and 200 cartons of illegal liquor allegedly being smuggled into Uttar Pradesh for supply in the upcoming local body elections, was seized from a check post here, the police said today. The police made the seizure from a truck coming from Haryana during a checking drive at the Yamuna Bridge on Wednesday, circle officer Rajesh Kumar Tiwari said. "The accused, a resident of Haryana, was arrested, while one of his accomplices managed to escape from the spot," the officer said, adding that a case has been registered in the matter. It is suspected that the liquor was being smuggled for distribution during the civic polls, starting November 22 in Uttar Pradesh, he said.

Farmer killed inside house

MUZAFFARNAGAR, NOV 16 /-/- A 55-year-old farmer was strangled inside his house in a village in Shami district, police said today. Three unidentified men entered Satpal's house last night in Chhadhwa village, said circle officer Rajesh Kumar Tiwari. The police said they injected his wife with a substance which made her lose her consciousness. The body was sent for post-mortem, Tiwari said. A case was registered against three unidentified men and the probe is on, he said. (PTI)

Ganga Kumar set to be Rajasthan's 1st transgender police constable

JODHPUR, NOV 16 /-/- Ganga Kumar is set to break the glass ceiling after the direction of the Rajasthan High Court to appoint her as the state's first transgender police constable.

Ganga, who appeared for the exam in 2013, has fought a long battle to claim her right to don the uniform. In its order on November 13, Justice Dinesh Mehta of Rajasthan High Court asked the city police department to provide the appointment to Ganga in six weeks from the date of the order along with the notional benefits from the year 2015. Terming it a case of "gender bias", he said

transgenders have equal rights and cannot be discriminated on grounds of gender. "I had no option then to move the high court for relief and I am happy that the court understood the plight of the third gender and directed the department to give my appointment," Ganga said.

A resident of Ikheri village in Ganga district of Rajasthan, Ganga had appeared for the police

recruitment examination in 2013. She passed the examination but her appointment with Jalore police was held up after she was found to be a transgender during the medical examination. She ticked 'female' in the application form as there was no third gender option. "I was very disappointed when despite clearing the examination, my appointment was held up by the police

department only because I am a transgender and the department could not reach any decision about my appointment with regard to my appointment," Ganga said.

He case finally went to the IGP (Jodhpur Range) for clarification. He latterly referred it to the police headquarter for his opinion but there was no conclusion.

The case finally went to the home department, where it remained undecided since 2015. Ganga now wishes for a government job for her transgender sister Geeta, who is currently pursuing post graduation and preparing for the Rajasthan Administrative Services.



Appendix 'A' to GE (P) (Navy & CG) Kolkata letter No. 86129/01/EN dated 16 Nov 2017

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

GE (P) (Navy & CG) Kolkata, Military Engineer Services, P-7, Dumdum Complex, Naval Transit Accommodation, 3, Garden Reach Road, Kidderpore, Kolkata-700 023 on behalf of President of India, invites application for e-tender for the following work. For details refer website www.deltrac.gov.in. Please note that subletting of work will not be permitted.

SL No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost at paper	Period of completion	Tender ID
(a)	PROVISION OF WHEELERS PARKING SHED IN BHAGIRATHI COMPLEX AT INS NETAJI BIKAS NAGAR (N&CG) KOLKATA	Rs. 13.60 lakhs	180 days	2017_MES-158225_1

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