

### Why CIC order on environment cost not enforced: HC

**NEW DELHI, JAN 31** /-/- Delhi High Court today sought response of Delhi government on why it has not complied with a 2011 CIC order to display information of the environmental cost, including the number of trees felled, of each development project in the city. Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva issued notice to Delhi government departments of forest, wildlife, environment and urban development and sought their replies on a plea seeking implementation of the August 5, 2011 order of the Central Information Commission (CIC). The matter was listed for further hearing on March 3.

The petition was filed by a lawyer who has claimed that when he had in 2013 sought, under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, the reason for non-implementation, he was informed by the forest department that the CIC order was not complied with as it "was not traceable on account of a fire accident" in April 2012.

The department, however, had said that all concerned divisions have been asked to comply with the order of the Commission, advocate Aditya Prasad had said in his petition.

Thereafter, in 2015 when he again sought details of implementation under RTI, he was told that the divisional office has not received the CIC order. Prasad has contended that since the current environmental situation in the city was deteriorating day by day, the authorities were displaying a "lackadaisical attitude" by "willfully disobeying" the order of the CIC.

CIC, in its order, had directed the departments to publish on their websites from September 1, 2011 onwards, the environmental cost, including number of trees felled, of the projects along with details of compensatory plantations.

Information to be displayed also included details of permissions given for felling and pruning trees along with number of trees cut, application of pesticides, reasons for approval and location, among others.

As per the petition, the department also had to display details of complaints received on the tree helpline, together with details of number of trees cut, location, status of complaint and status of prosecution undertaken, if any.(PTI)

# Mehbooba's remarks on Article 370 rock JK Assembly; BJP sees red

**JAMMU, JAN 31** /-/- Jammu and Kashmir Assembly was today rocked by a chain of protests, walk-outs and two adjournments over Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti's remarks that those working to scrap Article 370 will be doing a big "anti-national" act as BJP demanded that her comments be expunged. During the Zero Hour, BJP MLA Rajiv Jasrotia drew the attention of Speaker Kavinder Gupta and the House towards the remarks made by Mehbooba in the state Assembly yesterday. "I want to draw your attention towards the chief minister's remarks. Some want autonomy, some self rule and BJP has its own ideology. BJP has the core issue of abrogating Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and we are not anti-

nationals," Jasrotia, who is an MLA from Hiranagar, said. He demanded that her remarks should be expunged as those opposing Article 370 are not anti-nationals. As the Speaker agreed to the demand, the members of NC and Congress were up on their feet in opposition, terming the move as illegal. NC member Ali Mohammad Sagar, flanked by other opposition members, asked the Speaker, "How can you do it (expunge the CM's remarks). You are making a mockery of this House." The members walked into the Well of the House, raising anti-government slogans, and demanded that the government should resign over this issue. PDP members also staged a walkout over the expunging of the remarks. Protests, sloganeering and

noisy scenes forced the Speaker to adjourn the House for 15 minutes. Earlier in the morning, Independent MLA A from Udhampur, Pawan Gupta was marshalled out of the Assembly when he created an uproar and protested against Mehbooba's remarks. BJP MLA Ravinder Raina had also raised the issue soon after the House began this morning, claiming that Article 370 is defrauding the people of Jammu and Kashmir and its abrogation is the core ideology of BJP. "BJP does not have full majority if the BJP gets two-thirds majority, it will scrap Article 370. Let there be a discussion in the House over Article 370," Raina said. In a clear message to ally BJP, the CM had yesterday

said anybody weakening Article 370, which grants special status to the state, will be doing the "biggest anti-national act". "There are some forces within this country who think that by scrapping Article 370, the issue of Kashmir will be resolved and everything will be alright," she said. BJP's stated position is that Article 370 should be scrapped for total integration of Jammu and Kashmir with India. "There is a conspiracy being hatched against our culture and state. Those who speak against Article 370, they don't know that the Article 370, which is our special status, is in our character because of which we have dismissed the two ideological narratives of two-nation theory and also religion, and have shaken hands with India," Mehbooba said.(PTI)

# EC orders closure of 5 distilleries in poll-bound Punjab

**CHANDIGARH, JAN 31** /-/- The Election Commission today ordered closure of five distilleries in Punjab until the assembly elections are over, days after more than one lakh bottles of liquor were seized in one of the biggest seizures of alcohol in Bathinda. "The Commission has ordered closure of five distilleries. The production and dispatching of liquor in these distilleries have been stopped till the elections are over," Punjab Chief Electoral Officer V K Singh told reporters here. The five distilleries and bottling plants, which have been shut down, are BCL Industries in Bathinda, Patiala Distillers and bottlers in Patiala, Adri Brownson Breweries, Kiri Algana in Gurdaspur, Distilleries, Mook in Sangru and Pernod Ricard Gholumajra in Mohali, an official said. Singh said that liquor in huge quantity had been recovered in several parts of Punjab including Pathankot, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana and Jalandhar ahead of assembly polls. "The source of supply of (legal) liquor to vendors from where the seizure was made have been established and five distilleries have been stopped temporarily. Liquor trade is regulated and no one can take out even one bottle without permission," said Singh. After the code of conduct came into force, the Election Commission launched a crackdown on the illegal supply of liquor for luring voters during Punjab assembly polls. In one of the biggest seizures of alcohol in Punjab, the state excise department on Saturday recovered over one lakh bottles of liquor in Bathinda district, brought from multiple states like Haryana, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh. Besides, 1,000 cases of liquor in Hoshiarpur and 2,100 cartons from Pathankot were also recovered. Liquor distribution slips were also recovered in Jalandhar and Samrala in Ludhiana. The haul of illegal liquor was made after the Election Commission ordered statewide drive to check distribution of liquor during high-stakes assembly polls in Punjab.

# Amulya Patnaik takes charge as Delhi Police chief

**NEW DELHI, JAN 31** /-/- Amulya Kumar Patnaik today formally took charge as commissioner of Delhi Police, taking over from Alok Kumar Verma, who has been appointed as the CB1 director. As commissioner of Delhi Police, Patnaik will have one of the longest tenures as the head of the force. Patnaik, who is 57-years-old, will retire in January 2020, thereby allowing him to serve as the top cop of the force for almost three years. A 1985-batch officer of AGMUT cadre, Patnaik, was earlier posted as the Special CP (Administration). Patnaik is also a recipient of the President's Police Medal for distinguished service and the Police Medal for Meritorious Service.(PTI)



Jaat community people staging a dharna against reservation in Jind on Tuesday.

# TN tables bills to circumvent NEET

**CHENNAI, JAN 31** /-/- In a bid to continue in Tamil Nadu the present system of admitting students to MBBS, BDS and post graduate medicine and dentistry courses, two Bills were today introduced in the State Assembly apparently aimed at circumventing the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test. In Tamil Nadu, admission to MBBS and BDS is being done on the basis of 12th standard marks, which is the qualifying examination, and admission to PG courses in medicine and dentistry is done on the basis of an entrance exam and experience. Moving the Bills, Health Minister C Vijayabaskar in his Statement of Objects said admission to MBBS and BDS courses are done in the State as per the TN Admission in Profession Education Institutions Act, 2006 adding admission to UG courses are on the basis of 12th Standard marks. The Centre has amended the Indian Medical Council Act and the Dentists Act to conduct a uniform entrance exam (NEET) at the UG and PG level, he noted. "The bulk of students who

would appear for the uniform entrance exam in Tamil Nadu come from rural areas and facilities for them to access coaching classes to equip themselves for the examination are not available," he said and cited paucity of funds and economic conditions of students. "It has been opined that the uniform entrance exam have become a traumatic experience for the parents and children as it appears to determine at one stroke the future of the child." Plus two exam itself was a "severe burden on students," he said and added that it was very much an entrance test to get admitted to higher level professional courses obviating, hence, the need for any separate uniform entrance examination, which would be an additional burden on students. "The syllabus, methodology and the content of the uniform entrance exam (proposed by the Centre) is based on the syllabus prescribed for Higher Secondary Course of the CBSE which is different from the syllabus of the Tamil Nadu

Board," he noted. "Hence to meet such challenges of the Tamil Nadu students, the government has taken a policy decision to continue the present procedure of admission to MBBS and BDS courses on the basis of the 12th standard marks," he said. As regards, PG admissions, it is being done after excluding 50 per cent seats reserved for all India quota based on entrance examination and experience. "Fifty per cent of seats in each speciality of the PG Courses is allocated to doctors in government service," he said adding on selection. The government doctors are required to serve the government till superannuation and non-service doctors to serve the State for not less than two years to provide quality health care to the people. Under the circumstances, if the Uniform entrance exam is held by the Centre for admission to PG courses, the "scheme presently followed by the State would be thrown out of gear and the avowed objective of providing quality health care to the rural and needy would be defeated," (PTI)

# Jat stir enters third day, remains peaceful

**CHANDIGARH, JAN 31** /-/- The ongoing Jat quota agitation in Haryana today entered its third day and no untoward incident was reported from anywhere, officials said here. Amid elaborate security arrangements, the Jats held dharnas at several locations which remained peaceful, they said. The call for the fresh stir has

been given by some Jat outfits, especially those owing allegiance to All India Jat Aarakshan Sangharsh Samiti. The members of the community have been staging peaceful dharnas at Ramayan village near Haryana railway track, Jolitha village on Sonapat-Gohana road, Jassia village on Rohtak highway,

Rasalwala Chowk in Jhajjar, Umraheri village near Panipat-Shamli road and at some other places. Internet services had been suspended in the vicinity of dharna sites to check spread of rumors. Authorities here also imposed prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPc in some areas of the sensitive districts, banning

gathering of five or more people. Paramilitary forces are out in sensitive areas while heavy police force has been deployed to maintain strict vigil. During a similar stir a year ago, there were 30 deaths and widespread destruction of property. This time, Haryana has been put on maximum alert, officials said. Rapid Action Force has

been deployed at Munak canal in Sonapat district to ensure uninterrupted water supply to the national capital. The agitators had damaged the canal during last year's stir. Notably, Rohtak and some of its neighbouring districts, including Sonapat and Jhajjar had been worst-hit by the violence.

# Special cinema package begins in Kochi today

**KOCHI, JAN 31** /-/- A cross-border production by two filmmakers who never once met in person during its three-year shoot will be the first film shown in a special cinema package that begins tomorrow at the ongoing third edition of the Kochi Muziris Biennale. The critically acclaimed Indo-Pak feature Lyari Notes (2016) a documentary on the budding music scene in the titular Karachi suburb will be screened as part of the Cinema from the Sub-Continent film package conceptualised by the Kochi Biennale Foundation. The screening, which begins at 6.30 pm on Wednesday at the Pavilion in Cabral Yard, is a part of the Foundation's Artists Cinema programme.

Films in the special package will be screened intermittently throughout the Biennale, according to a release here. Directed by Miriam Chandu Menachery from Mumbai and Maheena Zia from Karachi, the film is structured as a coming-of-age story, following the lives of four girls, Aqsa, Mehroz, Javeria and Sherbano, who live in multi-ethnic, volatile Lyari.

Lugging guitars that are bigger than themselves, the girls make the often perilous journeys to a music school in the suburb. The commute is so dangerous that their instructor Hamza Jafri a musician famous for his hard-hitting political lyrics travels in an armoured vehicle. Covering the period from 2012-2015, the narrative intertwines personal story arcs with on the ground events in Pakistan general elections, the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Malala Yousafzai in 2014 and the attack on Army Public School in Peshawar later that year as seen through the eyes of the young protagonists. "The story is timeless and universal: on the search for a space of creativity and self-expression in the face of overt threats and violence. Such spaces are quickly shrinking around the world when confronted by ideologies and extremism of all hues said Riyas Komu, KBF Secretary. "The individual acts of seeking their outlet despite the risks are crucial acts of resistance and deserve not

only to be chronicled, but also communicated to diverse audiences on diverse platforms. The screening of Lyari Notes on the sidelines of the Biennale is one such attempt," he said. The making of the film was a story in itself with Menachery and Zia communicating via Skype chats, enlisting the help of Indian and Pakistani cine technicians and transmitting footage across the border by swapping hard drives. In between, Zia would film in Karachi when advised by the locals of Lyari that it was safe to do so and Menachery would edit in Mumbai. Going through a crowd-funding phase in December-January 2015, the film received about 100 contributors from across the world.(PTI)

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1126	33532(E)	70000 06728	CTS-MTB	Comprehensive Maintenance Contract for 04 Nos of lifts at AMS-1 & L-2, RCL, L-Land SMS-I Lab.	14/02/2017
1152	33753(E)	70000 07057	TRAFFIC	Thermal Welding of rail joints for 52 KG rail sections.	08/02/2017
1151	33864 (E)	70000 07041	CRM	Maintenance of Strapping machines of Various units of CRM and Manual Strapping in TM-1	07/02/2017
1147	33081(E)	70000 06965	CRM/MT	Rep/Reconditioning of Roll Force of of TM 2	07/02/2017
1151	33901 (E)	70000 07037	SP	CGT of Conveyors and feeder of Stock Bins.	15/02/2017
1149	33844 (E)	70000 06998	SP	Repair of Suction truck and Maintenance of Double cone valves in sinter plant.	15/02/2017
1151	33900 (E)	70000 07045	SP	Line Replacement in bunker of SB and evamping of bunker vibrators.	15/02/2017

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2.	33905 (E)	SMS-II	Capital Repair of Hood & Skirt Converter-1 in SMS-II	15/02/2017
3.	33630 (E)	CRM-III	Mant. of BAF Electric.	14/02/2017
4.	33997 (E)	SP	CGT and mechanical of sinter.	14/02/2017
5.	33998 (E)	SP	Load cell built changing in sinter M/C bldg & stock bins area and waste bin bunker repair.	16/02/2017
6.	33999 (E)	SP	Cleaning/Housekeeping of planning section in sinter plant (mechanical)	16/02/2017
7.	34000 (E)	SP	Modification Repair of chute structure and idler changing of SSB & SRT area with repair of auto gate.	16/02/2017
8.	34001 (E)	SP	CGT of coke crushers & flux screens including the conveyors Systems.	16/02/2017
9.	33838 (E)	S.L.MILL	Elect. maint of EOT cranes of ingot YD.S.M.	15/02/2017
10.	33959 (E)	ERS	Repair/revamping of 20kg Rotary Exciter of ACVS.	14/02/2017
11.	33939 (E)	S.L.MILL	Elect maint of EOT cranes & Its panel Fabrication.	14/02/2017
12.	32310 (E)	DNV	Maintenance and upkeep of cable tunnel.	15/02/2017
13.	33942 (E)	CO&BPP	Maintenance/Repair of pipelines (DPL, OODPL tunnel & structures in Battery area of CO&BPP.	11/02/2017
14.	33952 (E)	CO&BPP	Maintenance/Repair of pipelines (EPL, OODPL T tunnel) & structures in Battery area of CO&BPP.	11/02/2017
15.	33972 (E)	CRM	Repairing and painting of structures of zone-1 of CRM-I & II	11/02/2017
16.	33954 (E)	HMM	Maintenance of chutes, rail track gear boxes & drums in BF charging complex.	15/02/2017
17.	33955 (E)	HMM	Mechanical repair work of conveyor belt system in plant.	15/02/2017

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