

Women to get water management training in Rajasthan's Alwar

JAIPUR, OCT 11 /-/- A new project was launched by an NGO to engage women in water management in Rajasthan's Alwar district, an official statement said today. The Centre for Social Research would train the elected women representatives and women of rural self help groups to maintain water bodies, water conservation and water harvesting mechanisms. "Women should be involved in water management extensively. It is an effective strategy to achieve women empowerment in the country and ensure better development outcomes at the grassroots level," Ranjana Kumari, the director of the Centre for Social Research said in a statement here. Capacity building training programmes on water conservation and management in Kali Khol and Bakhtpur Gram Panchayats will be carried out under the project which was launched recently. This will be followed by training sessions for women self help groups to carry forward the restoration, repair work or installation of a new common water source in villages. These water sources will be maintained as a common property by the SHG groups with community support. Activities like pond deepening and embankment will be carried out, the NGO's release added.

Sikh women exempted from wearing helmets in Chandigarh

NEW DELHI, OCT 11 /-/- Sikh women in Chandigarh have been exempted from wearing helmets, the Union home ministry said today. The decision has been taken following a representation to Union home minister Rajnath Singh from Sikh bodies. The home ministry has advised the Chandigarh administration to follow the notification issued by the Delhi government giving an exemption to Sikh women from wearing protective headgear (helmet) while driving two wheelers in the Union Territory of Chandigarh, a home ministry statement said. The Delhi transport department through its notification issued on June 4, 1999 carried out the amendment in Rule 115 of Delhi Motor Vehicle Act 1983, making it optional for women "whether riding on pillion or driving motorcycle to wear protective headgear". The rule was further amended, vide notification August 28, 2014 as in the Delhi Motor Vehicle Rule 1993, in Sub-Rule 115 for the word "women", the word "Sikh women" shall be substituted. The announcement came hours after Akali Dal leader and former deputy chief minister of Punjab Sukhbir Singh Badal met the home minister to press for the demand.

Hindu organisations shut down 400 meat shops in Gurgaon

GURGAON, OCT 11 /-/- The Shiv Sena and another Hindu organisation claimed to have forcibly shut around 400 meat and chicken shops at different locations here on Wednesday, demanding that they remain closed during Navratri. Chief of Shiv Sena's Gurgaon unit Gautam Saini told news agency PTI that around 300 members of different Hindu organisations assembled at the Lord Shiva temple located at the Old Railway Road on Wednesday morning and headed to different places to close meat shops. Locals claimed a group of Sena workers assembled at Palam Vihar on Wednesday and forcibly shut down meat markets in Suraj Nagar, Ashby Nagar, Sector 5 and 9, Pataudi Chowk, Jacobpura, Sadar Bazaar, Khandsa Anji Mandi, Bus Stand, DLF area, Sohna and Sector 14. They said 50 per cent of the shops are already closed amid fears of clashes as such exercise is launched every year. Navratri since the BJP came to power in 2014 at the Centre and in Haryana. State president of Hindu Sena Ritu Raj said, "The Hindu organisations will continue their effort throughout Navratri. The next target is new Gurgaon where there are a large number of meat shops." Major meat shops in the area are used to cater their shops. However, the Sena and other Hindu outfits have threatened to close them down too, sellers alleged.

Communal clash in Bahraich over installing Durga idol; 6 cops hurt

BAHRAICH, OCT 11 /-/- Six policemen were injured when they tried to intervene in a clash between members of two communities over installing a Durga idol in the Sisayee Salon locality here, police said today. The incident occurred on Wednesday when some people tried to install the idol of Goddess Durga in the Risiya police station area without permission of the authorities concerned. Additional superintendent of police (rural) Ravindra Kumar Singh said, People from the other community objected to it, leading to a clash. The police officers were deployed in the area, and the crowd was under control. District magistrate Mala Srivastava and SP Sabharaj Singh also visited the area. Orders were issued earlier against installation of idols, especially at disputed places, without permission, the ASP said.

Mayawati to hold election rally in Chhattisgarh on Saturday

RAIPUR, OCT 11 /-/- The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) which has forged an alliance with the Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J) for the next month's Chhattisgarh Assembly elections, will launch an election campaign on October 13. BSP supreme and former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mayawati will address a mega rally in Bilaspur town on Saturday. BSP's Chhattisgarh unit president O P Bajpayee said Thursday. JCCJ chief Ajit Jogi will also be present during the rally. Bajpayee added, As per the poll alliance agreement, the BSP will contest 55 seats, while the JCCJ will fight 55 seats for the 90-member Assembly. Jogi has been named the chief ministerial candidate of the coalition. "After her (Mayawati's) visit, names of the candidates, who will contest the 55 seats as per the poll alliance with JCCJ, will be finalised," Bajpayee said.

Kerala Muslim women forum to move SC seeking right to offer prayers in mosques

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCT 11 /-/- Drawing inspiration from the Supreme Court verdict permitting women of all age groups into the Sabarimala temple, a Kerala based Muslim women's right group is gearing up to approach the apex court, demanding the entry of women in all mosques across the country. NISA, a progressive women's forum, will soon move the top court. The group will not just seek permission for women to offer prayers in the mosques, but also fight for appointing them as imams (clerics). The outfit, which has been campaigning for gender equality within Islam, also wants to curb the practices of polygamy and 'nikah-halala', a community law that allows a Muslim woman to remarry her former husband only after marrying another person and consummating the wedding with him. NISA president V P Zuhra told news agency PTI that there are no records stating that the Holy Quran and Prophet Muhammad had opposed women entering mosques and offering prayers. Zuhra also hailed the top court verdict lifting the ban on the menstruating women from offering worship at the Sabarimala. Lord Ayyappa there is "historic". "Like men, women also have the constitutional rights to offer worship according to their belief. So, like in Sabarimala, we want the entry of women in all mosques, cutting across denominations," said Zuhra, one of the earliest petitioners against triple

Godman Rampal, 26 followers held guilty in 2 murder cases

HISAR, OCT 11 /-/- A self-styled godman of Satlok Ashram at Barwala in Hisar was convicted Thursday along with 26 of his followers by a sessions court here in two separate cases of murder and other offences, including wrongful confinement of his victims at his hermitage. ASJ Chaliya pronounced his judgement after nearly four-year-long trial of the 27 accused in a makeshift court inside the Hisar district jail, where 67-year-old Rampal and his followers

have been lodged since their arrest in November 2014. After holding the accused guilty in two cases, the judge slated October 16 and 17 respectively to pronounce the quantum of sentences for them in the two cases. The two cases against Rampal and his followers were lodged at Barwala police station on November 19, 2014. The first one (FIR No 429/2014) was lodged on the complaint of one Shivalpuri Mithapur near Badrapur in Delhi, while the second one (FIR No 430/2014) was lodged by Suresh of Jakhora village of Lalitpur district in Uttar Pradesh. Both of them had complained of their respective wives' murders inside

Rampal's ashram, where, they had said, the two women were held captive and later killed. Besides the murder charges, the Barwala police had also invoked offences of wrongful confinement and criminal in the two FIRs. As the police proceeded to arrest Rampal held up inside his ashram, his followers and devotees, numbering over 15,000 surrounded the sprawling, 12-acre ashram to prevent the godman's arrest. The ensuing violence by the godman's followers had laid to death of six persons - two women and an infant. The Hisar district administration, meanwhile, has made elaborate arrangements to ensure there is no law and order

problem in the district after the pronouncement of sentences to the godman and his followers. The police and civil administration officials said more than 4,000 police personnel, besides those of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) and paramilitary forces have been deployed at various places in the district to ensure that no untoward incident takes place. The police and paramilitary forces also took out flag march in various parts of the city on Wednesday evening. Prohibitory order under section 144 of the CrPc has already been imposed by district magistrate Ashok Kumar Meena, effective till October 17 at least.



Police using water cannon to disperse Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha workers staging a protest march to the residence of Devasom Minister Kadakampally Surendran against the Sabarimala women's entry issue, in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday.

Army starts skill development course for Kishitwar youths

Jammu, Oct 11 /-/- The Indian Army has launched a skill development programme for the youths of mountainous district of Kishtwar to help them become self-employed and economically independent, an officer said Thursday. The Army took the initiative for the youths of remote villages of the district in collaboration with National Skill Development Council and started a plumbing course Tuesday at "Youth Employment Guidance Node" at Kishtwar, he said. The three-month-long course, which started for a batch of 30 youths would end on January 9, 2019, he said, adding the youths would be awarded certificates from the institute after completion of the course. Launched in collaboration with NSDC, the course is designed to equip youths with adequate knowledge, technical skills and attitude necessary for plumbing, he said adding the youth would be imparted training by professionally competent instructors of the Army and those affiliated to NSDC.

State Notes

Karan Singh's son joins BJP

NEW DELHI, OCT 11 /-/- Former PDP MLC Vikramaditya Singh, the son of ex-Union minister Karan Singh, joined the Congress today in presence of senior party leaders. After joining the party, Vikramaditya said he was disillusioned with the PDP in Jammu and Kashmir as "Raileed" to fulfill its promises and "betrayed" the people of the state. Vikramaditya had joined the Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Party (JKPDP) at the instance of Mufti Mohammed Sayeed and was nominated as a member of the state Legislative Council in 2015.

Cops hurt after villagers pelt stones at Muzaffarnagar

MUZAFFARNAGAR, OCT 11 /-/- Angry villagers today pelted stones on a police team which had gone to arrest a person accused of harassing a girl here, injuring five policemen, officials said. A case has been registered against 100 people under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Law. Superintendent of Police (rural) Alok Sharma said, Police booked seven people for allegedly beating family members of the victim who protested the harassment in Budhana town of the district. Security has been tightened and additional police personnel have been deployed in the area.

Hurriyat activist shot dead by unidentified gunmen

SRINAGAR, OCT 11 /-/- A separatist activist was shot dead by some unidentified gunmen in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir today, a police official said. Molvi Tariq Ahmad Ganai, an activist of the Hurriyat Conference, was shot at and injured by the gunmen at Meemander in the district, he said. Ganai was rushed to a hospital, where he succumbed to injuries, the official added.

5 tribals killed as van plunges into gorge

COIMBATORE, OCT 11 /-/- Five tribals, including a woman, were killed and 12 others injured, when the van they were travelling in fell into a 50-foot deep gorge at Kadamparai in the district, police said today. All the 18 passengers from the Mavadappu tribal settlement were returning home from Kottur when the incident occurred late on Wednesday night, they said. Preliminary inquiry revealed that rash driving by the driver, who also sustained injuries, led to the accident. A case was registered, police said.

Double life term for raping girl in TN

THANJAVUR, OCT 11 /-/- A court here has awarded a double life term to a 64-year-old man for raping a girl, who contracted a sexually transmitted disease (STD) following the incident in 2012. Mahila Court judge Balakrishnan sentenced Ramayan to double life imprisonment Wednesday and also slapped a fine of Rs 2,500 on him. According to the prosecution, Ramayan, a farmer from Orathanadu, had befriended the 11-year-old girl and raped her. The girl was admitted to a government hospital here after she fell sick and a medical examination revealed that she was raped and had contracted an STD. A case was registered against the convict under the Protection Of Children From Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and he was arrested.

Wife of senior Telangana Cong leader joins BJP

HYDERABAD, OCT 11 /-/- In a shot in the arm for BJP in Telangana, social worker Padmini Reddy, wife of senior Congress leader C Damodar Rajanarasimha, joined the party here today. Rajanarasimha was the deputy chief minister in undivided Andhra Pradesh when N T Rama Rao was chief minister. Welcoming her into the BJP fold, state BJP president K Laxman said Padmini Reddy had made a name for herself with her social work in Medak region and also among women. Laxman said the Madhya government appointed a woman, who is married into a Telugu family, as the country's Defence Minister (Nirmala Sitharaman) and made another woman leader as the Lok Sabha Speaker (Sumitra Mahajan).

Padmini Reddy joined the party as she appreciated the good work done by the NDA government, he said. Laxman said the NDA government has taken several measures for the benefit of women, including launching schemes like 'Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana' and enhancing maternity leave. Padmini Reddy joining the party would strengthen the BJP, he said. All the members of the TRS government did not distribute Rs 2,800 crore loans to a single woman Self-Help Group (SHG) under a low-interest scheme, Laxman said his party, if elected to power, would undertake a loan waiver for SHGs. On Padmini Reddy joining BJP though her husband is a senior Congress leader, he said "people's freedom is available to women in the political arena."

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Gen Allard's sculpture to be installed in Amritsar

CHANDIGARH, OCT 11 /-/- Punjab chief minister Charanjit Singh today the tourism and cultural affairs department to finalise the modalities for installation of a sculpture of legendary French General Jean Francois Allard in Amritsar. General Allard headed the cavalry 'Fauj-e-Khas' of Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja Ranjit Singh. The chief minister issued the directive during a meeting with a French delegation comprising Henri Prevost Allard, the deputy mayor of

Saint Tropez in charge of tourism and the in-charge of General Allard, as well as council president of Sikhs de France Ranjit Singh. Notably, Henri Allard is the fourth generation of General Allard's lineage. The initiative would help thank the delegation for the same. The knowledge of late General's courage, Singh said. A befitting tribute to the great military strategist, the sculpture would serve as a link in further strengthening the ties between Saint Tropez and Punjab, France and India, then

Punjab chief minister said. The delegation extended an invitation to the chief minister to be the guest of honour at the annual gathering at Saint Tropez in June next year, to propagate the legacy of India-French military history. Singh thanked the delegation for the same but expressed his inability to attend due to his busy schedule in the forthcoming parliamentary elections. Responding to the request of the delegation, Singh, however, agreed to attend the function to be held in Delhi in December this year

for formal announcement of the annual gathering. The chief minister presented to the delegation members his book 'The Last Sunset', which chronicles the rise and fall of the Sikh empire besides the events leading up to Anglo-Sikh Wars and the exile of Maharaj Duleep Singh. It may be recalled that a sculpture of Maharaja Ranjit Singh was installed at Saint Tropez, the birth place of General Allard, in 2016 to promote a sense of goodwill, bonhomie and friendship between the two countries. (PTI)