

# Sonia to chair CEC meeting for Jkhand polls on Nov 9

NEW DELHI: With just 24 days to go for the Jharkhand Assembly polls, a meeting of the Congress Election Committee (CEC) will be held on November 9 at the residence of interim party President Sonia Gandhi to discuss the names of the candidates, party leaders said on Wednesday. A party leader in the know of things said that the meeting on Saturday will be chaired by Sonia Gandhi, who will discuss the probable candidates for the Jharkhand Assembly elections with the CEC members.

## Filling up vacancies in CIC, SICs

# SC asks Centre, 9 states to file status report

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New Delhi

The Supreme Court Wednesday asked the Centre and nine states to file a status report on filling up of vacancies in the central and state information commissions in compliance with its earlier orders.

A bench headed by justices S A Bobde gave the directions after RTI activists Anjali Bhardwaj and others submitted that the earlier apex court orders have not been complied with.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for Bhardwaj and others, said

the Centre and state governments had not put the names of selected and short listed candidates on their website as directed by the apex court.

He said the vacancies are yet to be filled by the Centre and states in the Central Information Commission (CIC) and State Information Commissions (SICs). The apex court had in February passed a slew of directions on filling up vacancies in the CIC and SICs and said the process of appointments must start one to two months before a post falls vacant.

The court had said the post of Chief Information Commissioner is on a

higher pedestal and the appointment process for a CIC should be on the "same terms" as in the process of a chief election commissioner.

Taking note of the provisions in the RTI Act, it had said besides bureaucrats, eminent citizens from other walks of life should also be considered for the post of information commissioners in the CIC.

The plea by Bhardwaj, Commodore Lokesh Batra (retired) and Amrita Johri have claimed that over 23,500 appeals and complaints are pending with the CIC as posts of information commissioners are lying vacant.

## AYODHYA CASE

# Will respect SC verdict, says Jamiat Ulama Hind

Appeals to Muslims to abide by it

AGENCIES  
New Delhi

Exuding confidence that the Supreme Court verdict in the Ayodhya case will be based on "evidence and not faith", prominent Muslim body Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind on Wednesday said it will respect the top court's ruling in the matter, and also appealed to Muslims to abide by it.

Jamiat chief Syed Arshad Madani, at a press conference, also claimed that its mediation offer that Muslims will give up the claim on the 'Ram Chabutra' provided the Hindu parties give up their claim over the three-dome portion and its courtyard area did not succeed as the Hindu parties, involved in the case, refused to budge, and claimed the entire land, including where the Masjid once stood.

"Be it Ram Lalla or the Nirmohi Akhara, they did not climb down and stuck to their stand. Mediation did not succeed," Madani said.

The Babri masjid case is not mere a case of land dispute but a test case of the supremacy



cy of the law, Madani said.

"We believe SC will decide on the basis of law and not on faith," he said. "Every justice-loving person wants the case should be adjudicated on the basis of hard facts and evidence not on the basis of faith and belief," he said, adding that the supreme court also made it amply clear that it is a title suit case only.

The Babri Masjid has always remained as a mosque and is a mosque under the Shariah law and will remain till the day of judgment "even if the government or any power on the earth tried to change the status of the mosque by using its might", he said.

He said the case is based on historical facts and evidence that the Babri Masjid was constructed without demolishing any temple or any other place of worship.

"Therefore, any individual

## Centre cautions UP gov't

As the Supreme Court is expected to deliver its judgment in the Ayodhya land dispute case next week, Union Home Ministry has cautioned the Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government to ensure all security preparedness in the temple town, which would be turned into virtual fortress to thwart any untoward incident posing a threat to the law and order situation. Citing intelligence inputs on terror threat, the Ministry has alerted the Uttar Pradesh government through a circular issued last week on the orders of Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, directing maximum deployment of police force on the ground and keep tabs on rumours on social networking sites and through SMS when the apex court would announce its verdict.

or organisation has no right to surrender the mosque in the hope of getting any alternative," he said.

However, whatever the verdict of the Supreme Court, the Jamiat will respect the ruling, he asserted, while appealing to Muslims to abide by the verdict.

## Reconsider decision to scrap Tipu Jayanti, HC tells Karnataka

BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court today asked the BJP government in the state to reconsider its decision to scrap Tipu Jayanti, the birth anniversary celebrations of 18th-century Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan. The verdict came on a petition filed by a group of activists against the decision taken by the BS Yediyurappa government soon after it took over from the Cong-JDS coalition earlier this year. "By way of an interim order, we direct the state government to reconsider its decision adopted on July 30. We direct the state government to take an appropriate decision in this regard two months from today," a bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreenivas Oka and Justice SR Krishnakumar said.

The court also observed that the decision to scrap Tipu Jayanti was "taken in a single day" at a time when the BJP government did not even have a cabinet in place. "It should not look like as the decision was taken arbitrarily," it said. Tipu Jayanti is celebrated on November 10.

Tipu Jayanti celebrations during the former Congress-Janata Dal Secular coalition government's rule had given rise to fervent protests from BJP leaders, who termed it as a form of minority appeasement.

## Tharoor-headed Parl panel to take up WhatsApp snooping case

AGENCIES  
New Delhi

A parliamentary standing committee headed by Congress leader Shashi Tharoor will take up the WhatsApp snooping case in its next meeting on November 20, sources said on Wednesday. Tharoor, who heads the parliamentary standing committee on information technology, said in a letter to his panel members that alleged use of the technology for snooping on Indian citizens was a matter of "grave concern" and it would be discussed at the committee's next meeting on November 20.

Facebook-owned WhatsApp on October 31 said Indian journalists and human rights activists were among those globally spied upon by unnamed entities using an Israeli spyware Pegasus.

In the letter, sources said, Tharoor urged the committee members that as a dem-



ocratic representative, "we must ensure adequate safeguards to prevent any misuse of the executive's powers in an unauthorised manner or for extraneous purposes." Underlining that the Supreme Court of India has clearly recognised the fundamental right to privacy, Tharoor said there is need to analyse the legality, legitimacy and necessity of any action that infringes on this right.

He said the standing committee members from both the ruling party and the Opposition must work together to safeguard the fundamental rights of the citizens.

Besides the parliamentary panel on information technology, the panel on Home Affairs will also take up this issue of "snooping" in its next meeting.

## Time to punish officers: SC on stubble burning

AGENCIES  
New Delhi

Top officials of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi were roasted today by the Supreme Court for their failure to control the wave of pollution that has gripped most of north India. Accusing the officials of failing to plan ahead or take action and blaming it all on farmers, the court said, "The time has come to punish officers".

As the government's representative, the Chief Secretaries bore the wrath of the court. Much of the court's wrath fell on the Chief Secretary of Punjab, who was told that it was his failure.

## Man offloaded from flight for doing yoga

AGENCIES  
Chennai

A seemingly "mentally unstable" air passenger was on Wednesday offloaded from a Colombo-bound carrier, after he caused "inconvenience" to others by performing yoga and exercise on board, police said.

He paid no heed to the crew's repeated requests against doing so.

The man had come from Varanasi to the city to proceed to Colombo, they said.

After the passenger creat-

ed 'inconvenience' to others, he was offloaded with the help of CISF who later handed him over to the police, they said, adding, a part of his ticket cost was also refunded by the private airline.

Since there was no formal complaint against the passenger, he was not arrested but was in the process of being handed over to the Srilanka Deputy High Commission here, they added.

He had in his possession both Srilankan and US passports, police said.



A herder guides camels as he arrives to take part in annual Pushkar Camel Fair, in Pushkar, on Wednesday PTI

## News Digest



Children from a government primary school being treated at a hospital as they fell ill after consuming mid-day meal at their institution, in Chitradurga district, on Wednesday PTI

## No permanent friends or enemies in politics: Deve Gowda

BENGALURU: A day after stating that he wants the B S Yediyurappa-led BJP government in Karnataka to complete its term, JD(S) patriarch H D Deve Gowda on Wednesday said there were no permanent friends or enemies in politics. In what is being perceived as JD(S) softening of stand on the BJP, Gowda, not wanting mid-term polls, on Tuesday had said he wants the government to complete its term as it would give him time to build his party. Is Yediyurappa an enemy? Siddaramaiah and I have fought in the past, but we also shared a stage in Shivamogga and Ballari recently.

## SC to hear plea seeking pension, compensatory job for cops

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Wednesday agreed to hear a plea seeking pension and compensatory appointment for policemen dying on duty as in the case of government servants. A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi posted the matter for hearing on November 13 after advocate M L Sharma, appearing on behalf of a widow of a police officer, mentioned the matter seeking urgent listing of the case saying that not treating a policeman's death similar to that of a government servant is injustice. The plea said that in the absence of police, no one, including court, ministers and the society will have any power to control law and order.

## Modi, Shah using 'trishul' to attack opponents: Ramesh

GUDWAHATI: Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Wednesday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah of using the "trishul" of Enforcement Directorate, CBI and Income Tax to attack their opponents. "Modi and Amit Shah have found a new instrument - the trishul - against their opponents", Ramesh said addressing a press conference here. "What are the three points of the trishul. They are ED, CBI and Income Tax. They keep using the three points to poke their opponents", asserted the former union minister. The Rajya Sabha MP said his Congress opposes it and the party will continue to do so guided by the Constitution.

## Ex-SDM among 3 arrested for Rs 240-cr land fraud

NEW DELHI: A former SDM and two revenue officials were arrested here on Wednesday by the Delhi government's anti-corruption branch in a Rs 240 crore land fraud case. The trio had in 2018 had allegedly transferred a piece of government land, measuring around 35,000 sq yards, in West Delhi's Tatarpur village to private parties, the branch's officials said. Those arrested are former sub-divisional magistrate Ramesh Kumar, the then tehsildar Surender Kumar and a revenue official Manjeet Singh, a senior officer of the anti-corruption branch (ACB) said. The SDM had taken voluntary retirement in July 2018, a month after the inquiry was initiated, he said.

## Serial killer who poisoned 10 to death held in Andhra

AMARAVATI: A serial killer has been arrested for allegedly poisoning to death ten people, including his relatives, using cyanide and making good with their money and gold in the last 20 months in Andhra Pradesh, police said. Vellanki Simhadri of Eluru, arrested on Tuesday, committed the heinous crimes in Krishna, West Godavari and East Godavari districts in the last 20 months, West Godavari district Superintendent of Police Navdeep Singh Grewal said. Simhadri, who worked as a watchman in an apartment complex in Eluru, had ventured into real estate business but dropped out as it was not profitable.

## Honey-trapped soldier held for passing info to Pak agent

JAIPUR: The Rajasthan Police's intelligence unit on Wednesday arrested a soldier, who was honey-trapped by an agent of Pakistan's ISI, for allegedly sharing confidential and strategic information about the Indian Army with her, officials. The soldier, Vichitra Behra, was posted in Rajasthan's Pokhran and was under surveillance. He, along with another soldier, was detained on Tuesday over suspicion of espionage, they said. It was observed that Behra was in contact with the female Pakistani agent through Facebook and WhatsApp and was passing on confidential information about the Indian Army to her, a top intelligence officer said. He said the accused soldier was sharing information in exchange for money.

## 'Daughter' of jailed Dera chief released from jail on bail

PANCHKULA: A court on Wednesday granted bail to Honeypreet Insan, a close aide and adopted daughter of jailed Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, in a case of violence in Haryana's Panchkula in 2017 after the self-styled godman's sentence. She was subsequently released from Ambala central jail. Her bail comes as another major relief to Honeypreet as four days ago a local court dropped sedition charges against her and 35 other accused. Forty-one people were arrested and five accused, including Aditya Insan, were declared proclaimed offenders by a court last year. Honeypreet, Aditya Insan and Pawan Insan were booked by the police on charges of sedition, inciting violence and being involved in a conspiracy to help the Dera chief escape after his conviction by a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court on August 25, 2017, on two counts of rape of female disciples in 1999.

## Banners hailing Sidhu, Imran as 'real heroes' of Kartarpur surfaces



AGENCIES  
Amritsar

Several hoardings that surfaced here across the holy city, describing Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu and Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan as "real heroes" for turning the Kartarpur Corridor project into a reality, were brought down hurriedly on Wednesday by some unknown persons and municipal workers.

The hoardings, which surfaced on Tuesday, credited the cricketer-turned-politicians for making the project, giving Sikh devotees an easy access to the Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara across the border in Pakistan, a reality.

The hoardings, carrying Sidhu's picture alongside Khan, read in Gurmukhi, "Sidhu and Imran Khan are the real heroes for making the Kartarpur corridor project a reality... the credit goes to them."

But barely a day after the hoardings came up in the city,

some unknown person along with Amritsar Municipal Corporation workers removed them.

On November 9, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Kartarpur Corridor at Dera Baba Nanak.

The hoardings, hailing Sidhu and Khan as real heroes of the corridor project, had been put up in the city by former cricketer's staunch supporter and municipal councillor Harpal Singh Verka, whose picture too adorned the hoardings.

Verka said he put up hoardings at various prominent locations including Ranjit Avenue, Mall Road and Amritsar East Assembly constituency, from where Sidhu is an MLA.

Talking to mediapersons on Wednesday, Harpal Singh said Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan had extended the invitation to his friend Navjot Singh Sidhu during the former's swearing-in ceremony in Pakistan earlier, when Sidhu suggested Khan to open the Kartarpur Sahib corridor for Sikh devotees.

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#### EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

(INR in lakhs except as stated)

PARTICULARS	QUARTER ENDED			HALF-YEAR ENDED		YEAR ENDED
	30.09.2019 Unaudited	30.06.2019 Unaudited	30.09.2018 Unaudited	30.09.2019 Unaudited	30.09.2018 Unaudited	31.03.2019 Audited
Total revenue from operations	58,800.22	33,099.41	28,722.48	71,899.63	55,583.37	1,17,060.96
Net profit for the period (before Tax, exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	1,554.75	1,200.40	1,645.99	2,755.15	3,052.04	5,565.97
Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	1,554.75	1,200.40	1,645.99	2,755.15	3,052.04	5,565.97
Net profit for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	1,198.97	965.31	1,125.55	2,164.28	2,164.67	4,464.13
Total comprehensive income for the period [comprising profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	1,202.10	968.43	1,127.49	2,170.53	2,168.30	4,476.56
Paid-up equity share capital - Face value INR 5 each	1,172.65	1,172.65	1,172.65	1,172.65	1,172.65	1,172.65
Other equity (as shown in the audited balance sheet of the previous year)						54,963.06
Earnings per share of INR 5 each (Not Annualised)						
Basic - INR	5.11	4.12	4.80	9.23	9.23	19.03
Diluted - INR	5.11	4.12	4.80	9.23	9.23	19.03

Notes:

- The above consolidated financial results of the Group have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 6 November 2019.
- Pursuant to approval of scheme of amalgamation by Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Pure N Sure Food Bites Private Limited (PNSFBPL), a wholly owned subsidiary, has been amalgamated with the Holding Company effective 1 April 2019. The amalgamation of PNSFBPL did not have any impact on the consolidated financial results of the Group.
- The Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors of the Holding Company at its meeting held on 9 August 2019 have granted 3,47,000 Stock Appreciation Rights ("SAR") to eligible employees of the Group under Prataap Employees Stock Appreciation Rights Plan 2018 ("ESAR") approved by the shareholders in Annual General Meeting held on 28 September 2018. Accordingly, the Group has recognised an expense amounting to INR 60.10 lakhs, for the quarter ended 30 September 2019 included under employee benefit expenses towards SAR granted.
- Pursuant to the Taxation Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 ("Ordinance") issued by Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) on 20 September 2019 which is effective from April 1, 2019, domestic companies have the option to pay income tax at 22% plus applicable surcharge and cess (new tax regime) subject to certain conditions. The Group is in the process to evaluate the options available in the Ordinance. Pending evaluation, Group has not given any effect of the Ordinance in the financial results.
- The Key unaudited standalone financial information are as under:

PARTICULARS	QUARTER ENDED			HALF-YEAR ENDED		YEAR ENDED
	30.09.2019 Unaudited	30.06.2019 Unaudited	30.09.2018 Unaudited	30.09.2019 Unaudited	30.09.2018 Unaudited	31.03.2019 Audited
Total revenue from operations	34,293.88	29,083.35	28,722.48	63,377.23	55,583.37	1,09,234.33
Profit before tax	1,592.45	1,254.29	1,644.21	2,846.74	3,049.20	5,652.39
Profit after tax	1,206.90	985.28	1,123.80	2,192.18	2,161.86	4,461.23

6 The above is an extract of the detailed format of unaudited consolidated financial results for the quarter and half-year ended 30 September 2019, filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited consolidated financial results for the quarter and half-year ended 30 September 2019 are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.yellowdiamond.in.

For Prataap Snacks Limited  
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