

## SAMAJWADI OUT; YOGI RENAMES UP SCHEMES



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed the removal of the word 'Samajwadi' from various development schemes running in Uttar Pradesh, saying 'Mukhyamatri' should be used in its place.

## 'NO SHORTAGE OF CURRENCY, COINS'



The government on Friday set the record straight on cash circulation, saying there is no shortage of notes and coins except some sporadic and occasional incidents of shortage.

## 15 KILLED AS US HITS SYRIAN AIRBASE



The US fired 59 Tomahawk missiles on a Syrian airbase in response to an alleged chemical weapons attack which killed nine civilians and six Syrian soldiers, drawing angry responses from Syria and its key ally Russia.



MS DHONI REPRIMANDED FOR 'DRS' JOKE?

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### IN BRIEF

**SC REJECTS KARNATAKA'S REVIEW PLEA ON RELEASE OF CAUVERY WATER:** The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a Karnataka government plea seeking review of its September 20, 2016 order asking it to release 6,000 cusecs of Cauvery water per day to Tamil Nadu till September 27, saying it has become "infructuous" as several subsequent orders were passed.

**NO PROPOSAL TO END SAHAYAK SYSTEM IN ARMY, SAYS GOVT:** No proposal for doing away with the Sahayak system in the Army is under consideration, the government on Friday said, notwithstanding several jawans strongly coming out of the colonial-era provision.

**INDIA REJECTS ONTARIO ASSEMBLY MOTION ON SIKH RIOTS:** The Legislative assembly of Ontario has passed a motion extending the official recognition to the 1984 riots as Sikh "genocide" in India, which has strongly rejected the proposal terming it as "misguided".

**COLLISION OF AI, INDIGO FLIGHTS AVERTED AT DELHI AIRPORT:** A near collision of an Air India and an IndiGo aircraft was averted at the IGI airport, New Delhi on Friday.

**ISRAEL SIGNS USD 2 BN MISSILE DEAL WITH INDIA:** Israel has signed a nearly USD two billion deal with India to supply advanced missile defence systems, bolstering bilateral military ties, under a contract said to be the largest in Israel's defence industries' history.

**THREE SOLDIERS KILLED AS AVALANCHES STRIKE LADAKH:** Army on Friday found bodies of three soldiers who were missing after multiple avalanches struck their post in Batalik sector of Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir.

**AKSHAY KUMAR BEST ACTOR, 'KASAV' NAMED BEST FILM AT NATIONAL AWARDS:** Bollywood star Akshay Kumar won the best actor award for his portrayal of a patriotic naval officer in "Rustom", while Marathi movie "Kasaav" about depression was declared the best feature film at the 64th National Film Awards on Friday.

**NOT AWARE OF MOVE TO MAKE GILGIT-BALISTAN PROVINCE, SAYS PAK ENVOY:** Pakistan's envoy to India Abdul Basit on Friday said he is not aware whether Gilgit-Balistan was being announced as the country's fifth province, even though the region is part of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

**TRUCK CRASH INTO STOCKHOLM STORE IS TERROR ATTACK:** A large beer truck crashed into an upscale department store in central Stockholm on Friday, killing at least two people, according to Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven, who called the crash a terror attack. One person was arrested.

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### WEATHER

Max: 33.4 Deg C Min: 26.0 Deg C

### MARKETS

Sensex: 29,706.61 Nifty: 9198.30

### CURRENCIES

Dollar: 64.3928 Pound: 80.2592 Euro: 68.5590 Yen: 58.1900

### BULLION

Gold: 28,775 Silver: 42,630

# '19,000 children rescued from trafficking'

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**Panaji:** A total of 19,000 children were rescued from getting trafficked during the last six months from 30 railway stations across the country, Union Minister Maneka Gandhi said here on Tuesday. All these children were rescued by the railway authorities with the help of NGO Childline, said Gandhi, who was in Goa to participate in the ongoing Goafest 2017.

Started by Maneka Gandhi in 1998, Childline operates on a helpline number 1098. Within an hour, the help is reached to the victim. Child kidnapping and sexual trafficking in railways is gradually come down.

Gandhi said that women being harassed on twitter should post their

complaints using the hashtag #AntiTrolledHelp and #Helpmewcb or mail grievances directly to her. These complaints, said Gandhi, would be forwarded to the National Commission for Women (NCW). The organisation would also monitor instances of trolling and online abuse of women.

Strangely enough there is far more violence against women in the west of India than in the east, said Gandhi. She also proposed to address this issue by launching a pilot campaign Women's Police Chowki in Haryana. The primary work of Women's Police Chowki is to address issues like domestic violence and child sexual abuse. The programme will soon be launched in other States too.

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Union Minister for Women and Child Development

message against sexual harassment of children in schools "E-box" has been embarked. E-box runs effectively to

help children to report any form of violence. This medium has already solved 170 cases along with the climactic complaints like - 70 girls made to take off their panties by a teacher to check who had their periods, female students beaten up by male teacher etc. Sexual harassment at workplace is introduced to take control over such crucial issues.

It is easier to kill a child in hospital than smothering her at home. So, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao has been made compulsory even as she rued that it faced administrative problems in Bihar and Jammu and Kashmir.

A lot of emphasis is also given to Pre Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) too, she said adding that the maternal leave is also extended to 26 weeks. **More on Pg 2**

### MINISTER SPEAKS

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- These complaints will be forwarded to the NCW.
- The primary work of Women's Police Chowki is to address issues like domestic violence and child sexual abuse.
- In schools "E-box" runs effectively to help children to report any form of violence.

## AI lifts ban on Shiv Sena MP Gaikwad, unions protest

**New Delhi:** Shiv Sena MP Ravindra Gaikwad, who fell afoul of domestic airlines for assaulting an Air India employee, inviting a blanket ban on his air travel, can fly again, with the national carrier today lifting the restriction after he expressed regret.



In a sudden climb-down after combative Shiv Sena members disrupted Lok Sabha proceedings, the tough-talking MP from Maharashtra's Osmanabad, had written a letter to Union Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju on Thursday expressing "regret" over the "unfortunate incident". He had also virtually given and undertaking that there would be no repeat of the unsavoury incident and sought lifting of the ban.

An Air India spokesperson said the move follows a written order from the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

The spokesperson said, "AI is committed to ensuring its employees are not assaulted or misbehaved with. We will take strong action to preserve dignity of our employees."

### Centre in process of preparing no-fly list for unruly fliers

**New Delhi:** The Centre is in the process of establishing a "national no-fly list" for unruly passengers in the aftermath of Shiv Sena MP Ravindra Gaikwad assaulting an Air India staffer onboard a plane. **PTI**

Aviation sources said that with the AI revoking the ban, private airlines may follow suit. The revocation of the ban came despite two AI union of the cabin crew and pilots deprecating any move to lift the restrictions imposed on air travel of the MP before he tendered an "unconditional apology" for assaulting R Sukumar, a sexagenarian duty manager of the State-run airline.

"Unless he tenders an unconditional apology to AI employees, and undertakes in writing to abide by the Chicago and Tokyo Conventions & Rules of the Air and follow all cabin safety and public behaviour norms. **PTI**

## QUENCHING THE SEA THIRST FINALLY

Pic: Atish Naik



A special student of Disha Charitable Trust, Panaji enjoys swimming on a specially designed wheelchair for differently abled persons during the ongoing Beachfest 2017 at Candolim beach on Friday.

## CCP passes annual budget of Rs 42.37 cr, hikes sanitation tax for residential units

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**Panaji:** The Corporation of The City of Panaji (CCP) on Friday passed the budget for the fiscal 2017-2018 with a revenue deficit of Rs 5.67 crore, while counting on the government grants of Rs 9.11 crore to achieve surplus.

The total budget was of Rs 42.37 crore in receipt side and Rs 48.04 crore on the expenditure side. Presenting the budget, CCP Mayor Surendra Furtado said that though there were no increase in taxes, only sanitation tax (garbage tax) has been hiked for residential units from Rs 365 to Rs 500 per annum. While, the sanitation tax for small offices has been reduced from Rs 500 to Rs 300 per month.

Another salient feature of the budget is that the CCP has also increased the provision for trade licences from Rs 1.60 crore to Rs 2.50 crore. Furtado



The opposition corporators argue with CCP mayor Surendra Furtado during the meeting on Friday. Pic: Atish Naik

said that several establishments were operating in the capital city without obtaining trade licences. Also there are cases wherein people have been found carrying out the trade without renewing his/her old licence causing revenue loss to the Corporation.

Expecting salary grants of Rs five crore from the government, the CCP has kept a provision of Rs five crore for developmental works in various wards. Of these Rs 50 lakh has been kept for electricity works,

Rs 10 lakh for public works committee and Rs 20 lakh for market maintenance.

The renewal licence fee for mobile handcars has been increased from Rs 1000 to Rs 2000 per annum besides hiking the fees for rickshaws which is now fixed at Rs 20 per square metre.

The sopo fee from market is also increased from Rs 10 to Rs 15 per square metre while, the provision for signboard licences is also increased from Rs 1.50 crore to Rs 2.50 crore.

During the meeting, it was

decided to write to the Director of Municipal Administration (DMA) to return the developmental files submitted by the CCP and to tendear the works through CCP funds.

Stating that the government developmental funds had decreased from Rs 50 crore in 2012-2013 to Rs 15 crore, the CCP Mayor said that it was now decreased to Rs five crore. But of these Rs five crore, about Rs 2.8 crore had been deducted by the DMA and deposited in the court towards land acquisition for the crematorium.

During the meeting, the corporators expressed their concern over the failure of the CCP to recover pending dues from the pay-parking and dry waste contractors.

The mayor also informed that the standing committee has engaged the services of ex-servicemen assisted by two CCP staff to recover the pending house tax arrears expeditiously.

## 'Pending mutation cases will be put on fast-track mode'

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**Panaji:** Revenue Minister Rohan Khaunte on Friday said that nearly 9000 pending mutation cases will be completed within a period of three months starting from May 1.

Speaking to reporters during the launching of e-government services in the revenue offices, Khaunte said that all the pending mutation cases will be put on fast-track mode and that all the taluka offices have been intimidated by the district collectors.

If required, government offices will remain open on Saturday also so as to ensure that all pending mutation cases are cleared during the three-month drive. According to the Minister, there are nearly 4000-4500 mutation cases which are pending in both the districts.

He said that the government will simplify the mutation process by implementing the amend-

ed Act and clear all the pending cases whereby additional

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Revenue Minister

challans will also be generated and fees will be paid before the Sub-Registrar's offices. The applicant need not go to the mamlatdar offices, he added.

"We will also introduce the concept wherein mutation will be done between the buyer and the seller only," Khaunte said adding that the same will be done before the Sub-Registrar's offices followed by completion of the process before the mamlatdar offices. **More on Pg 3**

### FLIP SIDE

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Only if we were cows, not bulls!

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLD HAS EXCITED NAVDEEP PAVANE

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**Mapusa:** For Navdeep Pavane, the gold medal in floorball at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria, has been like an icing on the cake.

Until the Austria Games, Navdeep had never won a gold despite participating in numerous competitions. This top podium finish as a member of Special Olympics Bharat squad has really excited him and is eager to continue in the same vein at the next opportunity.

"I'm very happy. I participated in other major tournaments, and also won a lot, but never a gold medal. This

is a great achievement, not everyone gets this opportunity to win gold. We worked very hard and we have got the reward. I thank my parents for giving me the support," said Navdeep.

Navdeep hails from Bambolim, and is currently studying in Sanjay School, Porvorim. When he was young he was a very hyper student so everyone would stay away from him. He also has an elder brother and a sister and is currently in the Std X and also learns regular subjects.

He plays a number of games and has participated in the Nationals in cricket.

In the end he had to choose one sport. Between his favourites, regular



Navdeep Pavane

cricket and special floorball, he chose the latter, and is here with a gold medal around his neck. He has the honour of meeting Indian greats Saina Nehwal and Mary Kom.

"The boy has power and good technique," his coach Mahadev Shinde mentioned before adding, "In the final, he put to use all that was taught and we won because of him. He also has good observation, is a good marker, and uses his opponent's technique against them."

The family has always rallied round Navdeep. "I'm very proud of my son, the full family is proud of him, I never dreamt that he would win a gold medal, I didn't think they would even reach this far, but he proved us all wrong," said Sarita, Navdeep's mother.

### ATHLETE PROFILE

**Name:** Navdeep Pavane  
**Age:** 18  
**Place:** Bambolim  
**School:** Sanjay School, Porvorim  
**Sport:** Floorball  
**Hobbies:** Cricket  
**Achievements:** Gold in floorball

The young lad also has ambitions to become a cricketer. "I want to become a cricketer as I know I have the capability and the certificates will definitely help me.

If I don't get into cricket then I will become an engineer."