

8 AP IAS ordered to do community service



Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Thursday directed eight IAS officers to spend some time with the residents of welfare hostels once every month for a year, and spend from their pockets to arrange for a sumptuous meal for the students. The IAS officers include Gopal Krishna Dwivedi, M. Girija Shankar, B. Rajasekhar, V. Chinna Veera Bhadrudu, J. Shyamala Rao, Y. Sri Lakshmi, G. Vijay Kumar and M.M. Naik. They were asked to send photographs of their visits to the hostel every month to the registrar (judicial) to keep a record. A single-judge bench of Justice Battu Devanand had earlier in the day sentenced the officers to undergo simple imprisonment for two weeks and pay Rs 1,000 each in a contempt of court case for not carrying out its orders. The officials tendered an unconditional apology to the court, which then gave them community service. Justice Devanand was hearing a writ petition filed by the parents and students of Mandal Praja Parishad Primary School at Thiruvolu of Chedikada mandal in Visakhapatnam district in 2020. The petitioners said that a village secretariat was being constructed on the school premises, which would spoil the atmosphere of the school.

Halal boycott campaign gathers pace, 5 from Bajrang Dal arrested over Shivamogga 'attacks'

Five Bajrang Dal workers were arrested in Bhadravathi in Karnataka's Shivamogga district on Thursday in connection with two incidents of assault over the sale of halal meat, the police said on Friday. Shivamogga Superintendent of Police B M Laxmi Prasad said a group of 10-15 men, including the accused, went to a butcher's shop around 12.30 pm on Wednesday and asked for non-halal meat. When owner Syed Ansar's relative Tousif asked them to go away, the accused allegedly assaulted the two.

About an hour later, the accused went to a nearby hotel in the Old Bhadravathi area and confronted hotelier Osama Hunain over the sale of halal meat, said the police. The accused allegedly attacked both Hunain and his friend Aditya, who had tried to intervene.

The police identified the accused as Vadivelu, Shrikantha, Savayi Singh, Krishna, and Ramu alias Gunda. Sources in the police said all five had been released on station bail. On the same day as the Shivamogga arrests, two right-wing workers visited a market in Bengaluru's Chamarajpet area to urge people not to buy halal meat. As they were distributing pamphlets, local people confronted the two and sent them back. This latest Hindu right-wing campaign comes in the wake of the hijab controversy and a growing ban on Muslim traders from setting up stalls on temple premises or at temple fairs.

Delhi High Court allows reopening of Nizamuddin Markaz during Ramzan

JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH, WHO WAS HEARING A PLEA BY THE DELHI WAQF BOARD SEEKING A DIRECTION TO OPEN THE MOSQUE FOR THE HOLY MONTH, CLARIFIED THAT NO "TABLIGHI ACTIVITIES" AND LECTURES CAN TAKE PLACE ON THE PREMISES AND ONLY PRAYERS CAN BE OFFERED.

NEW DELHI : The Delhi High Court on Friday allowed the re-opening of certain areas of Nizamuddin Markaz, where the Tablighi Jamaat congregation was held in March 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic and has remained shut since then, to enable devotees to offer prayers during the month of Ramzan.

Justice Jasmeet Singh, who was

hearing a plea by the Delhi Waqf Board seeking a direction to open the mosque for the holy month, clarified that no "Tablighi activities" and lectures can take place on the premises and only prayers can be offered.

"It is directed that for Ramadan, namaz and religious prayers shall be permitted to be offered on the ground floor and four floors at Masjid Bangle Wali. This arrangement is only for the one month of Ramzan culminating with Eid Ul Fitr," ordered the court.

"Religious prayers and namaz (are allowed) but no Tablighi activities. Let's not dilute it. There will be no lectures. Prayers can be made. But no lectures," the court stated. It added that the instant permission was in continuation of the March 16 order which imposed various conditions for the reopening of the premises for the



occasion of Shab-e-Bharat. The court further directed the installation of CCTV cameras at the entry, exit and stairs of each floor of the premises and said that it shall be the responsibility of the Markaz management to ensure that the cameras are fully functional during the period of Ramzan. For the occasion of Shab-e-Bharat, the court had removed the 100-person limit on one floor and said it has been agreed that the man-

agement of the mosque will ensure that COVID-19 protocols and social distancing will be followed while allowing devotees to enter the mosque to offer namaz.

Lawyer Rajat Nair, appearing for Delhi police and the central government, opposed the grant of permission to offer prayers on the fourth floor and said that mosque was only restricted to the ground floor which is borne out of the site plan. "If there are more floors, there is more space... If there is a reason (to oppose the opening of the fourth floor), tell us. The more surface area, the better it is. More area is always conducive," the court remarked.

The judge stated that as per the joint inspection report, the fourth floor was part of the masjid area and the present observations are the only

prima face and subject to adjudication. Central government lawyer also said that no "Tablighi activities" and lectures can be permitted in the Markaz and only prayers are allowed. Senior advocate Sanjoy Ghose, appearing for the petitioner, and senior advocate Rebecca John, representing the management of the Markaz, urged the court to permit the offering of prayers on the fourth floor as well. The application for reopening the Markaz was filed in the Board's 2021 petition which has sought the reopening of the premises on the ground that even after unlock-1 guidelines permitted religious places outside containment zones to be opened, the Markaz -- comprising the Masjid Bangle Wali, Madarsa Kashif-ul-Uloom, and attached hostel -- continues to be locked up.

Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov arrives in India; to meet PM Modi, Jaishankar today

NEW DELHI : Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov arrived in India on Thursday on a two-day official visit, his first trip to the country since Moscow launched its invasion of Ukraine last month.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Lavrov will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday. However, a media advisory issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Lavrov's engagements in New Delhi has no mention of his meeting with Modi.

MEA Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi posted a video of Lavrov's arrival with the caption: "Welcoming the Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov as he arrives in New Delhi for an official visit."

People familiar with the prepa-



rations for Lavrov's visit said India's purchase of discounted Russian crude oil and putting in place a rupee-ruble payment system for bilateral trade are expected to be the key focus of his talks with Jaishankar.

India is also likely to press for a timely delivery of various military hardware as well as components of the S-400 missile systems by Russia. The Russian foreign minis-

ter arrived in India after concluding a two-day visit to China. Lavrov's visit to India coincides with that of US Deputy National Security Adviser Daleep Singh and British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss.

Last week, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited India. EU Special Envoy for the Indo-Pacific Gabriele Visentin visited New Delhi this week.

Unlike many other leading powers, India has not yet criticised Russia for its invasion of Ukraine and it abstained from the votes at the UN platforms in condemning the Russian aggression. However, last Thursday, India abstained on a resolution pushed by Russia on the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, which was seen as reflective of its neutral position on the conflict.

India has been pressing for the resolution of the crisis through diplomacy and dialogue. Modi has held conversations over the phone with Russian President Vladimir Putin on February 24, March 2 and March 7. The prime minister has spoken to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy twice.

Last week, Jaishankar said in Parliament that India's position on the Ukraine conflict has been "steadfast and consistent", and that it has been seeking immediate cessation of violence.

Covid-19: 1,335 new cases, 52 deaths reported in last 24 hours; active cases stand at 13,672

COVID-19 VACCINES HAVE CHANGED THE COURSE OF THE PANDEMIC. THE TOTAL ACTIVE CASES OF COVID IN INDIA HAVE DECLINED TO 13,672.

NEW DELHI : With 1,335 new coronavirus infections and 1,918 discharges reported in a day, India's active cases dipped to 13,672, according to the Union Health Ministry. The death toll climbed to 5,21,181 with 52 fresh fatalities, the ministry data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases comprise 0.03 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate remained at 98.76 per cent, the ministry said. The overall total tally of COVID-19 cases stand at 4,30,25,775.



A reduction of 635 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours. The country's daily Covid positivity rate was recorded at 0.22 per cent and the weekly positivity rate at 0.23 per cent. A total of 78.91 crore Covid tests have been conducted so far, with 6,07,987 tests conducted in the last 24

hours. Notably, Covid-19 vaccines have changed the course of the pandemic. In total, 1,84,31,89,377 doses have been given so far.

According to the Ministry data, more than 5.21 lakh deaths have been reported so far in the country including 1.47 lakh alone from Maharashtra. More than 70 per cent of the deaths occurred due to comorbidities.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

Commercial LPG price increases by Rs 250; will cost Rs 2,253 from today

New Delhi: The prices of 19 kg commercial LPG have been increased by Rs 250 per cylinder effective from Friday. This is the second hike in a month. With this, the 19 kg commercial cooking gas will now cost Rs 2,253. The commercial LPG was increased by Rs 105 on March 1. However, there has been no increase in the prices of domestic gas cylinders today. Last week, the price of domestic cooking gas (LPG) was hiked by Rs 50 per cylinder. A 14.2-kg LPG cylinder is costing Rs 949.50 in Delhi from March 22 onwards.

Notably, fuel prices continue to rise with petrol and diesel rates rising by another 80 paise per litre each on Thursday, netting an increase of about Rs 6.40 a litre in nine revisions in 10 days so far. Yesterday, staging a protest against the fuel price hike, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi demanded the BJP-led Centre to bring the rising fuel prices under control. Congress MPs led by Rahul Gandhi on Thursday staged a protest at Vijay Chowk on Thursday against the fuel price hike. Senior party leaders Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Mallikarjun



Kharge, Abhishek Singhvi, KC Venugopal, Shakti Sinh Gohil and others were present at the protest. The Congress leaders protested with cutouts of LPG cylinders and placards having the slogans

'Rollback fuel price hike'. To take on the BJP-led central government on the issues of inflation and fuel price hike, Congress has decided to launch a nationwide programme 'Mehngai Mukh Bharat Abhiyan' against price

rises under which it will organise rallies and marches across the country from March 31 to April 7. There had been a pause in the revision of fuel prices since November 4 last year, which was broken on March 22, following the crude oil going upwards in the wake of the Russian military operations in Ukraine. Prices are set to be raised further given the sharp jump in crude oil prices in the international markets. It will have a cascading impact on the prices of other items and lead to inflationary pressure and hurt growth. It will have a cascading

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| FORM A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT (Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016) | |
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| FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF IMP POWERS LIMITED | |
| RELEVANT PARTICULARS | |
| 1. Name of corporate debtor | IMP POWERS LIMITED |
| 2. Date of incorporation of corporate debtor | 24-03-1961 |
| 3. Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered | ROC AHMEDABAD |
| 4. Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor | L31300DN1961PLC00232 |
| 5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor | Survey No 263/3/2/2, Sayli Village, Umakuin Road, Silvassa (UT), Dadra & Nagar Haveli 396230 |
| 6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor | 29th March 2022 (Uploaded on NCLT Portal on 31st March, 2022) |
| 7. Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process | 25th September 2022 |
| 8. Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional | Mukesh Verma IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01665/2019-2020/12522 |
| 9. Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board | B1506, Sunteck City Avenue 2 Goregaon West, Mumbai 400104 ip.mukeshverma@gmail.com |
| 10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional | AVM Resolution Professionals LLP Nucleus House, Saki Vihar Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400072. ip.cirp@gmail.com |
| 11. Last date for submission of claims | 14th April, 2022 |
| 12. Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional | Name the class(es) NA |
| 13. Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class) | 1.NA 2.NA 3.NA |
| 14. (a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at: | Web link: https://www.ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads Physical Address: AVM Resolution Professionals LLP Nucleus House, Saki Vihar Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400072 |
| Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the IMP POWERS LIMITED on 29-03-2022. | |
| The creditors of IMP POWERS LIMITED are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 14-04-2022 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10. | |
| The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means. | |
| A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No. 13 to act as authorised representative of the class [NA] in Form CA. | |
| Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties. | |
| Date: 30-03-2022 Place: Mumbai | |
| MUKESH VERMA Interim Resolution Professional IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01665/2019-2020/12522 | |