

## Human trafficking leads to breach of human rights: Vice President

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Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has said Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, without discrimination and it is the state's primary responsibility to protect and defend these sacrosanct rights. He was addressing the International Human Rights

Conclave organized by the National Human Rights Commission, NHRC, in New Delhi on Monday. Mr Naidu congratulated the NHRC for completing 25 years of protecting and defending the inalienable rights of human beings. The Vice President said number of complaints received by NHRC has increased from 469 in 1993 to

79,612 cases in 2017-18 from which 64,670 cases were disposed off. He said, this is indicative of growing awareness of rights among people and their growing faith in NHRC and their commitment to Human Rights. Mr Naidu said a strong, united action is needed to counter the menace of terror. He appealed to the United

Nations to come out with a determined action plan to tackle perpetrators of terror. The Vice President said Women's empowerment is the need of the hour. He said India has always treated it's women as 'Shakti Swarupinis'. Mr Naidu said wherever women are given responsibility, they are doing exceptional work.

## Petroleum Minister launches SATAT initiative to promote Compressed Bio-Gas as an alternative, green transport fuel

PIB Delhi

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship today launched an innovative initiative here, with PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) inviting Expression of Interest (EoI) from potential entrepreneurs to set up Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) production plants and make available CBG in the market for use in automotive fuels. The EoI are available on the websites of the OMCs and can be filled from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

Speaking on the occasion, the Petroleum Minister said that the Swachhta fortnight is being observed throughout the country, and this is a significant move in this direction. He said that the Gas is clean and cheaper mode of fuel and the Government has taken several steps to promote its production and usage. Sh Pradhan said that the Government is keen to set up 5000 CBG plants in next 5 years, and for this purpose, production offtake guarantee is being given for such plants. There will be no restriction on the technology choice and Government is incurring Rs 75,000 Crore capital expenditure for setting up infrastructure for City Gas distribution network. Besides the potential to boost availability of more affordable transport fuels, better use of agricultural residue, cattle dung and municipal solid waste, the CBG plants will provide an additional revenue source to farmers, and 75,000 direct job opportunities and lakhs of indirect jobs. He said that not only OMCs, but also other Gas distribution companies and other concerned departments should also take part in it. The Minister said that currently 42 lakh households are getting PNG supply, and there is a commitment to cover 2 crore households in 300 districts by the suppliers after the implementation of 9<sup>th</sup> round of CGD bids.

Titled SATAT, the initiative is aimed at providing a Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation as a developmental effort that would benefit both vehicle-users as well as farmers and entrepreneurs. This initiative holds great promise for efficient municipal solid waste

management and in tackling the problem of polluted urban air due to farm stubble-burning and carbon emissions. Use of CBG will also help bring down dependency on crude oil imports and in realising the Prime Minister's vision of enhancing farmers' income, rural employment and entrepreneurship.

**Background**  
Bio-gas is produced naturally through a process of anaerobic decomposition from waste /bio-mass sources like agriculture residue, cattle dung, sugarcane press mud, municipal solid waste, sewage treatment plant waste, etc. After purification, it is compressed and called CBG which has pure methane content of over 95%. Compressed Bio-Gas is exactly similar to the commercially available natural gas in its composition and energy potential. With calorific value (~52,000 KJ/kg) and other properties similar to CNG, Compressed Bio-Gas can be used as an alternative, renewable automotive fuel. Given the abundance of biomass in the country, Compressed Bio-Gas has the potential to replace CNG in automotive, industrial and commercial uses in the coming years.

There are multiple benefits from converting agricultural residue, cattle dung and municipal solid waste into CBG on a commercial scale:

- Responsible waste management, reduction in carbon emissions and pollution
  - Additional revenue source for farmers
  - Boost to entrepreneurship, rural economy and employment
  - Support to national commitments in achieving climate change goals
  - Reduction in import of natural gas and crude oil
  - Buffer against crude oil/gas price fluctuations
- The potential for Compressed Bio-Gas production from various sources in India is estimated at about 62 million tonnes per annum. Compressed Bio-Gas plants are proposed to be set up mainly through independent entrepreneurs. CBG produced at these plants will be transported through cascades of cylinders to the fuel station networks of OMCs for marketing as a green transport fuel alternative. The 1,500-strong CNG stations network in the country currently serves

about 32 lakh gas-based vehicles. The Working Group on Biofuels, set up under the National Policy on Biofuels 2018, is in the process of finalising a pan-India pricing model for Compressed Bio-Gas.

The entrepreneurs would be able to separately market the other by-products from these plants, including bio-manure, carbon-dioxide, etc., to enhance returns on investment.

The National Policy on Biofuels 2018 emphasises active promotion of advanced bio-fuels, including CBG. The Government of India had launched the GOBAR-DHAN (Galvanising Organic Bio-Agro Resources) scheme earlier this year to convert cattle dung and solid waste in farms to CBG and compost. The scheme proposes to cover 700 projects across the country in 2018-19. The programme will be funded under Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) component of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) to benefit households in identified villages through Gram Panchayats. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has notified Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of Rs. 4 crore per 4,800 kg of CBG per day generated from 12,000 cubic metres of biogas per day, with a maximum of Rs.10 crore per project.

Compressed Bio-Gas can be produced from various biomass/waste sources, including agricultural residue, municipal solid waste, sugarcane press mud, distillery spent wash, cattle dung and sewage treatment plant waste. The other waste streams, i.e. rotten potatoes from cold storages, rotten vegetables, dairy plants, chicken/poultry litter, food waste, horticulture waste, forestry residues and treated organic waste from industrial effluent treatment plants (ETPs) can be used to generate biogas.

Going forward, Compressed Bio-Gas networks can be integrated with city gas distribution (CGD) networks to boost supplies to domestic and retail users in existing and upcoming markets. Besides retailing from OMC fuel stations, Compressed Bio-Gas can at a later date be injected into CGD pipelines too for efficient distribution and optimised access of a cleaner and more affordable fuel.

## Medical Camp cum Lecture

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Moreh, Oct 1,

Moreh Battalion Assam Rifles under the aegis of Headquarter 26 Sector Assam Rifles organised a medical camp cum lecture on "Let's Make Manipur a Drug Free State" at Chongiang village on 30 September 2018 from 1000 hours to 1300 hours. The event saw participation of 100 villagers from Chongiang, Chalson Tengnoupal and Tibongmol. The villagers include 40 males, 30 female and 30 children. The villagers were medical assistance and free medicines were distributed. The villagers of Chongiang, Chalson Tengnoupal and Tibongmol were distributed with 01 Volley Ball net and 02 Volley Ball each after the event.

## Revenues collected in September shows an upward trend as compared to August, 2018

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The total gross GST revenue collected in the month of September, 2018 is **Rs. 94,442 crore** of which CGST is **Rs. 15,318 crore**, SGST is **Rs. 21,061 crore**, IGST is **Rs. 50,070 crore** (including **Rs. 25,308 crore** collected on imports) and Cess is **Rs. 7,993 crore** (including **Rs. 769 crore** collected on imports). The total number of GSTR 3B Returns filed for the month of August up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 is **67 lakh**. The total revenue earned by Central Government and the State Governments after settlement in the month of September, 2018 is **Rs. 30,574 crore** for CGST and **Rs. 35,015 crore** for the SGST.

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## Assam Rifles Flag off National Integration tour for students

IT News  
Thoubal, Oct 1,

As part of the Assam Rifles' ongoing outreach programme to foster the spirit of National Integration, across the entire swathe of the country, a tour comprising of 24 school students from various schools of Thoubal district of Manipur is being organised from 01 to 16 October 2018.

The flagging off ceremony for the same was held today at Khongjom headquarters of the Thoubal Battalion of Assam

Rifles. The participants interacted with Brigadier Amit Kabthiyal, Sena Medal & Mr P Brojen Singh, MLA Wangjing Tenthia AC. They shared their experiences with the students and motivated them to work hard and contribute actively in the Nation Building process.

They also exhorted them to be responsible citizens and serve the cause of the society and the Nation. During the course of their tour the participants will visit various cultural and historical places in New Delhi

& Pune and will also be meeting the Honourable President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The National Integration Tours are educational and motivational tours for youth of Manipur with an aim to provide an insight into the rich heritage of the country as well as various developmental and industry initiatives that are underway. This initiative will expose them to various career options and enable them to interact with renowned personalities.

## 10 rulings Justice Dipak Misra will be remembered for

Courtesy: India Today

Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra retires tomorrow and if an emergency situation does not arise, today is the last working day for him at the Supreme Court. Following the convention, **Justice Dipak Misra** today occupied the bench with CJI-designate Justice Ranjan Gogoi in the Court Number 1.

Justice Dipak Misra's 13-month tenure - he assumed office on 28 August 2017 - as the CJI was eventful, punctuated by a series of landmark judgments, two unusual midnight hearings, clash with the government and an unprecedented press conference by four senior judges of the Supreme Court.

But Justice Dipak Misra would be best remembered for having expanded the ambit of fundamental rights and emphatically reiterating the supremacy and independence of judiciary. His **gavel** thundered loud in the Supreme Court.

**Two Midnight Hearings**  
Justice Dipak Misra was involved in two post-midnight hearings in the Supreme Court. The first instance was a petition moved by a group of lawyer-activists seeking stay on the execution order - the black warrant - for 1993-Mumbai bomb blast convict Yaqub Memon in July 2015. The Supreme Court heard the matter but refused to order stay on hanging.

The second midnight hearing in the Supreme Court was held in May this year after Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala invited BS Yeddyurappa of the BJP to form government despite the party having fallen short of majority and the JDS and the Congress announcing alliance. The Congress leaders moved the Supreme Court, which, however, did not order a stay on the swearing-in of Yeddyurappa. **National Anthem**  
A Justice Dipak Misra bench of the Supreme Court had made playing the national anthem in cinema halls mandatory in 2016. However, Justice Dipak Misra-headed bench amended the national anthem ruling a couple of times making it optional in cinema halls.

**Right To Reputation**  
Hearing petitions filed by politicians including Rahul Gandhi, Arvind Kejriwal and Subramanian Swamy in May 2017, Justice Dipak Misra held reputation of a person could not be allowed to be

crucified at the altar of the other's right of free speech. Justice Dipak Misra ruled, "The right to reputation is a constituent of Article 21 of the Constitution. It is an individual's fundamental right." The bench upheld the 156-year-old defamation law.

**Online FIR Mandatory**  
Within 10 days of taking oath as the CJI, Justice Dipak Misra gave a ruling to make working of police transparent and accountable to public. The Supreme Court ordered all the states to make all FIRs online within 24 hours of its registration. The bench held that uploading the FIR online would help the affected parties to move the courts for redress with suitable pleas.

**Gay Sex Not A Crime**  
The Supreme Court declared Section 377 of the IPC as unconstitutional. Section 377 made gay sex a criminal offence with a provision for jail term up to five years. CJI Dipak Misra held that Section 377 denied the fundamental right to choose without fear a partner and the basic right to companionship.

**Adultery Not An Offence**  
The last week of the tenure of CJI Dipak Misra was extraordinarily eventful as a series of landmark judgments were delivered by the Supreme Court bench led by him. It began with the Supreme Court holding Section 497 of the IPC as unconstitutional.

Section 497 defined adultery a crime. But it said that it was an offence committed by a man against a married man if the former established an adulterous relationship with latter's wife. The right to consent of the woman was vested in her husband. The Supreme Court struck down Section 497 for violating fundamental right to equality.

**Aadhaar Made Conditional**  
In a respite to the Narendra Modi government, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of Aadhaar. A bunch of petitions had been filed challenging Aadhaar on the grounds that the collection of biometric data of the citizens violated the fundamental rights of people and gave the government an overbearing power that could be misused.

The Supreme Court held the constitutionality of Aadhaar but ruled that the UIDAI project could not be made mandatory for any social welfare scheme and availing rights. However, Justice Dipak Misra bench ruled that the government notification for mandatory

Aadhaar-PAN linking was valid. **Sabarimala Open To All Women**

The 1965-rule of the Kerala government that legally barred women from entering the Sabarimala Temple was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court last week. This rule banned women of menstruating age from entering Sabarimala Temple.

CJI Dipak Misra-led bench said that women of all age are allowed to under the Constitution to enter Sabarimala Temple. Justice Dipak Misra held that religion is a way of life that is meant to link life with dignity.

**Supreme Court Goes Live**  
One of the last judgments of CJI Dipak Misra was live streaming of the proceedings of the Supreme Court. "Sunlight is the best disinfectant," Justice Dipak Misra wrote in judgment clearing the way for live streaming of the Supreme Court proceedings.

Justice Dipak Misra-headed bench held that live streaming of the Supreme Court proceedings would bring transparency and accountability to the judicial process and was a step to be taken in public interest. Besides, during the tenure of CJI Dipak Misra, a nine-judge bench of the Supreme Court declared the right to privacy a fundamental right last year.

**And, Controversies**  
However, two big controversies marred Justice Dipak Misra's tenure as CJI. Petitions were filed in the Supreme Court linking Justice Dipak Misra with the Medical Council of India scam.

Retired Justice Justti Chelameswar in January this year led three other senior judges including the CJI-designate Justice Ranjan Gogoi to hold an unprecedented press conference. The judges objected to the manner in which cases were being allocated to different benches in the Supreme Court.

Justice Chelameswar said, "The administration of the Supreme Court is not in order. Many things that are less than desirable have happened in the last few months/Unless this institution is preserved, democracy will not survive in this country."

Justice Dipak Misra did not make any comment on the press conference held by the four judges of the Supreme Court.