

# VP M Venkaiah Naidu confers National Teachers' Awards in New Delhi



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Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu today gave away the National Awards to 45 Teachers in New Delhi on the occasion of Teachers' day. The award is given as public recognition to meritorious teachers working in primary, middle and secondary schools.

The awards which were instituted in 1958 carry a Silver medal, a certificate, and fifty thousand rupees. This year's awardees have been selected under revised guidelines to ensure transparent and fair selection. Speaking on the occasion the Vice President said the teachers must make their instruction learner-friendly and must know each child well and respond to their learning needs. He said, children have different learning styles and teachers have to adopt different teaching methods to maximize learning. Mr Naidu said the teachers should make students learn through activities and this is the basic principle which has been detailed by educationists like Gurudev Tagore, Aurobindo and Mahatma

Gandhi. The Vice President called upon the teachers to transform the country's classrooms into centres of instructional excellence with the quality education. He said it is because of teachers that the system of education is moving steadily towards greater heights of excellence. In his address, Human Resources Development Minister Prakash Javadekar said, 45 teachers were selected for felicitation on the basis of good performance. He said the initiative is being welcomed by everyone. He said, Government is not only focusing on quality education for the student but also quality training for teachers. Meanwhile, on the eve of Teachers' Day 2018, Prime

Minister Narendra Modi interacted with teachers who have been conferred the National Award. In order to highlight their role in imparting education and bringing a positive change in the society, PM Modi took to Twitter and highlighted the contribution of all those teachers who have tried to utilise their ability and helped students in their lives to fulfil their dreams by training them in their respective fields. Shri Khangembam Indrakumar Singh from Manipur, worked hard to spread the message of the importance of primary education. He has also worked on special residential programmes to help students pick up key concepts. He is an inspiration to students and other teachers.

## Marksheet & certificate lost

I, the undersigned have lost my marksheet and Certificate for my class 10 examination conducted by the BOSEM bearing roll No. Roll no: 1206 of 1977, which was issued by the BOSEM on the way between Chanchipur to Kwakeithel on August 29, 2018. Finders are requested to hand it over to the undersigned.

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S/o H. Tamphajao Singh  
Haoreibi Mayai Leikai, Imphal West

# Activists arrested for evidence on their link with Maoists, Maharashtra Police to Supreme Court

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The Maharashtra Police on Wednesday filed a response in the Supreme Court on the arrest of five activists in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon violence case and asserted the arrests were made based on "coherent evidence linking them with banned CPI(Maoist)". They also accused the activists of planning to carry out violence, planned ambush against the country and the security forces.

"Activists have not been arrested because of their dissenting opinion, there is sufficient material to dispel this impression," the police added.

The activists Varavara Rao, Arun Farreira, Vernon Gonzalves, Sudha Bhardwaj and Gautam Navalakha, were arrested after an FIR was lodged following a conclave — "Elgaar Parishad" — held on December 31 2017 that had later triggered violence at Koregaon-Bhima village.

The apex court had earlier ordered that the five human rights activists would be kept under house arrest till September 6 observing that



dissent was the "safety valve" of democracy. While granting relief to the activists the court did not consider the vehement opposition of Maharashtra government.

The state government had challenged the locus of the petitioners, Thapar and four others, seeking relief on their behalf, and calling them "strangers".

A Pune-based man, who had lodged an FIR in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon violence that led to the arrest of five human rights activists, moved the Supreme Court on Tuesday seeking that he be made a party in the plea filed

by historian Romila Thapar and four others.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud said it would hear the plea on September 6 when the petition filed by Thapar and four others will come up for hearing.

The plea filed by Tushar Damgude sought that he be made a party in the pending case as it was he who had lodged the FIR in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon violence last year. The state had challenged the petitioners' locus, dubbing them as "strangers".

The plea, by Thapar, economists Prabhat Patnaik and Devaki Jain, sociology professor Satish Deshpandey and human rights lawyer Maja Danuwalla, has sought an independent probe into the arrests and their immediate release.

Prominent Telugu poet Varavara Rao was arrested from Hyderabad, while activists Vernon Gonzalves and Arun Farreira were nabbed from Mumbai, trade union activist Sudha Bhardwaj from Faridabad in Haryana and civil liberties activist Gautam Navalakha was arrested from New Delhi.

# 2019 LS polls: TMC, BJP prepare for cyber slugfest

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With an eye on the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the opposition BJP in West Bengal have decided to revamp their IT cells and enhance social media presence to take on each other in virtual space.

Both the parties have been engaged in a bitter political war for the past few years and are now planning to extend it to the social media turf.

West Bengal has 42 Lok Sabha seats of which the TMC holds 34 and the BJP just two.

BJP chief Amit Shah has set a target of winning over 22 seats and the party hopes that social media will play an important role in its quest.

The TMC, for the past few months, has been strengthening the party's digital cell under the stewardship of Abhishek Banerjee, the party's youth wing president and nephew of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

TMC's national spokesperson Derek O'Brien and Abhishek are quite active on social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook and are at the

forefront in taking on the BJP in the digital space.

The party is all set to organize a Digital Conclave on September 10 at Nazrul Mancha, where Abhishek will address its IT cell members, ministers and youth workers.

"During this conclave, special instructions will be given to ministers to be more active on social media such as Twitter and Facebook to directly interact with the masses. Most of the BJP ministers are active on social media but in comparison only a few of our ministers and party leaders are active on social media. This has to increase," said a senior TMC leader.

The party has decided to train over 40,000 youths on the usage of social media to reach out to the masses across the 42 Lok Sabha constituencies of the state.

The party has set a target of creating 10,000 WhatsApp groups with 256 members in each of them to spread awareness on the developmental work of the state government and "anti-people" policies of the BJP government at the Centre.

"Till now, we have been able to create 3,000 WhatsApp groups and for each Lok

Sabha constituency, we have created a separate media page. We have 12-14 people monitoring media content, fake news and trolls from district level to booth level, said a member of TMC's Social Media IT cell.

Colonel (retd) Dipatanshu Chowdhury, who is a joint convener of TMC's Media cell, told PTI that the party is not only looking into the usage of Twitter, Facebook and WhatsApp but also other platforms such as Messenger, microblogging sites, e-mails, Pinterest and Instagram.

"Social media is going to play a very vital role in the next Lok Sabha polls. We are looking at the use of digital spectrum so that we can reach out to our target audience, especially youths and first time voters," he said.

Mamata Banerjee herself, during the TMC students' wing programme held recently, had asked the party's students and youth activists to become more active on social media to counter the BJP.

With TMC gunning for an all-out cyber war, the West Bengal BJP unit too is gearing up to retaliate. BJP chief Shah, during his visit in June this year, has spelt out the strategy to reach out to the masses, both physically and also via social media.

Shah had asked party workers to use social media as a tool to combat the TMC government in the state and propagate the pro-people policies of the Modi government.

He had also stressed on using social media to fight against the "rumours" spread by opposition parties and propagate developmental policies of the Narendra Modi government.

Amit Malviya, national in charge of BJP's IT, Website and Social Media Management

cell told PTI that BJP will leverage social media effectively to highlight the "colossal misgovernance" and "appeasement politics" of Mamata Banerjee in West Bengal.

"The party has a trained cadre base with presence down to the booth level. BJP also has a huge network of volunteers, which is aligned with the BJP's ideology and sees a better future for themselves and the state under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Malviya said.

On social media platforms, the party plans to highlight the "failures" of the TMC government at the state level and the pro-people policies of the BJP.

Speeches and political messages of party president Shah, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and state BJP president and other senior leaders will also be carried on the social media platforms and translated to Bengali so that it can be received by a bigger audience.

State BJP general secretary Sayantan Basu said the party is in the process of creating Facebook pages and WhatsApp groups at every booth of the state.

The purpose of these groups will not only be to highlight various state level issues but also create a public opinion on local issues through the use of social media.

"The work of creating Facebook page and whatsapp groups have already started. We hope to finish the job soon," Basu told Agency.

The state BJP unit is also on the lookout for new office space for setting up the revamped IT cell. In districts too, the BJP is planning to have separate offices for its social media and IT cell.

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## Obituary

My beloved husband, Shri Nongthombam Sanajaoba Singh of Oinam Mamang Leikai Uchekon, Ward No. 6, Tangleipung Maning, Bihunpur district left us all for heavenly abode on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> September, 2018.

I request all friends, relatives and friends of my husband whom I did not know to attend the Ashi Sanchei of my late husband on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 and also at the Shardha on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to join us in offering to the almighty for the departed soul.

With regard  
**Shrimati Nongthombam Pramodini Devi (Wife)**  
Oinam Mamang Leikai Uchekon, Ward No. 6, Tangleipung Maning, Bihunpur district.