

India Steel 2019 - Exhibition and Conference begins tomorrow in Mumbai

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India Steel 2019 Exhibition and Conference will be held in Mumbai from 22nd to 24th January, 2019. The three-day event organised by Ministry of Steel will help chart out the future growth path of the steel industry. The event will witness the participation of the companies across the industrial spectrum ranging from MSMEs to the biggest names in the Indian and international steel sector. The event provides an opportunity for all the stakeholders to deliberate and identify ways to contribute towards building a robust roadmap for the further growth of the steel sector. The presence of international technology providers is an added attraction for the Indian companies to interact with

them for technology upgradation or technology transfer. The products, technologies and the best practices of steel production around the globe will be on display at the exhibition. Over 250 exhibiting companies from 15 countries, over 200 International hosted buyers and large number of delegates are expected to hold business meetings during this event. More than 10,000 business visitors both from India and abroad are expected to visit. Ministry of Steel organises the India Steel Exhibition and Conference once in two years. Over the years, the event has become the most preferred platform for buyers, sellers, technology providers, manufacturers, traders, importers,

investors and other allied organizations and institutions from steel sector to interact and develop business. India has become the second largest producer of crude steel during 2018. The country is also the largest producer of sponge iron in the world and the 3rd largest steel consumer in the world after China and USA. The National Steel Policy 2017 announced by Ministry of Steel envisages production of 300 million tonnes by 2030-31. The Government has also announced a policy for providing preference to domestically manufactured iron and steel products in government procurement. The India Steel-2019 is part of series of initiatives to develop a globally competitive steel industry in line with NSP-2107.

NIA detains man from Jaipur airport

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A man was detained by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) at Jaipur airport, police said Monday. Mohammad Hussain, a resident of Kuchaman city of Rajasthan's Nagaur district, was detained on Tuesday evening after he arrived here from Dubai. There was a lookout notice against him and on information by the immigration officials, a team of NIA detained him under the unlawful activities prevention act on Sunday evening and took him to Delhi," a senior police official said. The officer declined to divulge further details.

CJI Gogoi recuses himself from hearing plea challenging interim CBI chief Rao's appointment

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Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi Monday recused himself from hearing the petition challenging the appointment of M Nageshwar Rao as the interim chief of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The CJI cited that he is part of the high-level committee that will meet on January 24 to appoint the new CBI chief. Rao's hearing is scheduled for the same day. Rao's appointment was challenged by NGO Common Cause. The petition states that the appointment of Nageshwar Rao was "not made on the basis of recommendations of the high-powered selection committee". The petition wants a full-time director appointed. It also seeks that the procedure laid down in Section 4A of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, amended by the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 should be followed for the appointment of the CBI director. The petitioner alleged that "Government... has attempted to stifle the independence of the institution of the CBI by appointing the Director of the CBI in an arbitrary and illegal manner" and that "the lack of transparency in the process of appointment prevents any meaningful public scrutiny and allows the government to exercise undue influence in the process especially at the stage of short-listing of candidates, thereby undermining the institution of the CBI". After the removal of former CBI chief Alok Verma by the committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Rao was named as the interim chief of the agency for the second time. Verma was transferred as Director General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards, an offer which he refused and subsequently resigned from the Indian Police Services (IPS) instead.

'Citizenship bill not applicable to Nagaland': CM Neiphiu Rio writes to Rajnath Singh

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has written to Home Minister Rajnath Singh, saying the citizenship bill is not applicable to the state as it is protected under Article 371 (A) of the Constitution. A Cabinet meeting, chaired by Rio, on Friday asserted that the state is protected under provisions of Article 371 (A) and the Inner Line Permit (ILP) as per Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, (BEFR) of 1873, a release issued by the Chief Minister's Office said Sunday. The article deals with special provisions with respect to Nagaland. It states that no act of Parliament with respect to religious or social practices of the Nagas, Naga customary law and procedure, administration of civil and criminal justice involving

decisions according to Naga customary law, ownership and transfer of land and its resources, shall apply to the state unless the Legislative Assembly by a resolution so decides. The Cabinet deliberated on the matter in view of the citizenship bill being passed by the Lok Sabha on January 8 and its consequent impact on Nagaland and other north-eastern states. The state Cabinet, during the meeting, also decided to appeal to the Centre to have wider consultations with all north-eastern states to ensure that rights of indigenous people are fully protected. The Cabinet decided to reaffirm all provisions of Article 371 (A) and to strengthen the implementation of the ILP as per BEFR of 1873 that will also be taken up in the next session of the state assembly. The release stated that as

per the Cabinet decision, the chief minister has also written a letter to Home Minister Rajnath Singh, conveying the concern and apprehension of the people of Nagaland regarding the bill, the release said. The letter says the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, even if enacted, will not be applicable to Nagaland in view of the Article 371 (A) that guarantees the Nagas their way of life un-interfered by any Parliamentary enactment, unless the Legislative Assembly by a resolution so decides, it said. The citizenship bill provides for according Indian citizenship to the Hindus, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan after six years of residence in India, instead of 12 years currently, even if they do not possess any document.

Kabul chokes on dirty air as temperatures plunge

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Kabul residents have long run the gauntlet of suicide attacks and bombs. This winter, however, they face another deadly threat: air pollution. For weeks a thick layer of toxic smog has blanketed the sprawling city as cold air traps pollution caused by people burning coal, wood, car tyres and even garbage to stay warm. The choking contamination peaks in evenings and early mornings when temperatures plunge below zero. Dangerous particulate matter, including toxins like sulphate and black carbon, hang in the air like a thick curtain, reducing visibility and making breathing difficult. Residents complain the air is getting worse — a view supported by doctors who report a sharp rise in respiratory illnesses. "In previous years 30 to 40 percent of our patients were suffering from acute respiratory infections, but this year it has jumped to 70 or 80 percent," said Akbar Iqbal, a doctor in the intensive care unit (ICU) of the Indira Gandhi children's hospital in Kabul. "I believe the cold and

pollution are the main causes." A seasonal lack of rain and snow in Kabul, coupled with a fast-growing population, fumes-belching vehicles, and proliferation of diesel-fuelled generators, are contributing to the deteriorating air quality. A former official at the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) described this winter's pollution as "deadly". "This can cause stunting and mental development problems in children as well as miscarriages and can lead to many forms of cancer," said Abdul Hadi Zhemien, who until recently was the spokesman for NEPA. Kabul's air pollution exceeds the World Health Organization's (WHO) safe levels on any given day in winter. Recently the city of five million people has ranked among the most polluted in the world, according to the AirVisual network. The air quality index reading is often above 300, while at night it can top 600. Recent snow and rain offered some respite, but readings still remain well above the WHO's limits. Any reading over 100 is considered unhealthy. Long-term exposure to air pollution can cause strokes,

heart disease, lung cancer and respiratory illnesses, WHO said. Authorities have turned to media to educate people on air pollution and encourage the use of face masks, even though they often provide poor protection. "On the most polluted days we advise people to stay indoors... when the pollution level is at its highest," said Mohammad Kazem Homayoun, NEPA's chief for Kabul. In a country where most people are illiterate and healthcare is limited, the information is unlikely to help many. Doctors are also falling victim to the toxic air. Sohrab Noori, head of the ICU at Wazir Akbar Khan hospital — where the number of admissions for respiratory-related problems has increased — said he had developed a "winter cough" for the first time. "I think it's an allergic reaction to the air pollution," Noori said as he walked past patients hooked up to oxygen cylinders. "If it (air pollution) continues in the long term, in two to three months we might have a big health crisis.

Calendar released



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Wife of Chief Minister, Nongthombam Ongbi Hiya Devi and wife of Manipur Legislative

Assembly Speaker Yumnam Ongbi Joybala Devi yesterday released a Calendar for the Prabyu Emporium, Singjamei Chingmathak at Classic Grande, Chingmeirong yesterday. Retired Project

Manager of the Directorate of Handloom & Textile, Industries department, Manipur P. Meenakumari Devi and RK Meme Devi also attended the calendar releasing function.

Polling for first phase of Telangana Panchayat election begins

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Polling began for the first phase of the panchayat elections in Telangana amid tight security. This is the first ever polls for panchayats after the formation of the state in 2014. Polling began at 7 a.m and will end at 1 p.m even as counting will be taken up from 2 p.m. Though 4,479 panchayats were scheduled to go the polls

in the first phase, the election was declared unanimous in 769 panchayats, and elections to another nine were cancelled due to other reasons. As many as 12,202 candidates are contesting for sarpanch posts in 3,701 panchayats while 70,094 candidates are in the fray for 28,976 wards, a senior official of the State Election Commission had earlier said. Though the elections are held without any involvement of

political parties and party symbols, all major political parties have thrown their weight behind their sympathisers concerned. About 55,000 police personnel were deployed for overseeing security arrangements during the poll process. Telangana Additional DG (Law and Order) Jitender told Agency. The second and third phases of the polls will be held on January 25 and 30.

Fugitive Tycoon Mehul Choksi Surrenders Indian Passport in Antigua to 'Avoid Extradition'

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Diamantaire and PNB scam accused Mehul Choksi has surrendered his Indian passport to Antigua, apparently to avoid extradition to India, where he is wanted for loan fraud. Choksi, 59, has also submitted \$177 with his passport (Z-3396732) to the Indian High Commission in Antigua. The move comes after the foreign ministry had said that the jeweller could not have dual citizenship. He has now given his new address as Jolly Harbour Marks Antigua, officials said. Antigua is hearing India's case for the businessman's extradition.

Choksi, the chairman of the Gitanjali Group who has taken refuge in Antigua, is one of the prime accused in the Rs 13,500-crore Punjab National Bank fraud along with his nephew Nirav Modi. The ED in October had attached both their assets in

India and abroad worth Rs 218 crore. Both left India in the first week of January, weeks before the scam was reported to the CBI. The Interpol has issued a red corner notice (RCN) against Choksi after a request from the investigating agency.

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