

# Parocham

## LEGAL NEWS-

### Private FM can't to taken as air news.

Private FM and community radio service operators in India, unlike their counterparts in foreign countries, will not get a chance to air news and current affairs programmes in the near future and the government's monopoly is set to continue.



In an affidavit filed on the direction by the Supreme Court in a PIL on the issue, the Centre has said it was not possible to grant them permission saying that several anti-national radical elements within the country and also abroad can misuse it for propagating their own agenda.

The SC is hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by the NGO Common Cause in 2013, seeking a direction to the Centre to allow private radio stations and community radios to broadcast news, arguing that radio is a more accessible medium for the masses, particularly the poor.

"MHA is of the view that Community Radio Service operators and Private FM operators may not be allowed to broadcast news and current affairs programmes. Broadcast of news by these stations/channel may pose a possible security risk as there is no mechanism to monitor the contents of the news bulletins of very such station", an MHA affidavit filed in the court said.

"All these stations, channels are run mainly by NGO/other small organizations and private operators, several anti national radical elements within the country can misuse it for propagating their own agenda. Community radio stations also air programmes involving chats with NRIs and local population settled abroad. These stations may be exploited by foreign / radical organizations to broadcast radical views of some of these NRIs, as due to paucity of funds, the radio stations would not be able to afford authentic news sources", it said.

The NGO's lawyer Prashant Bhushan had argued that not everyone can afford to open a private TV channel, but people can open community radio stations and FM channel.

Holding that broadcasting of news bulletins and current affairs programmes on radio are at present "the exclusive preserve of AIR and are outside the ambit of private FM radio stations", the MHA said in case of a policy departure, there are several pitfalls to guard against, bearing in mind the sensitive nature of such broadcast.

### Justice KS Radhakrishnan, who delivered the landmark judgment banning bull-taming sport jallikattu.

Justice KS RadCourt in relation to the PETA award he received in 2015.



The Madurai bench issued the notice to Justice Radhakrishnan, Secretary to President of India, Ministry of Law and Justice and People For Ethical Treatment of Animals in a PIL filed by Salai Chakrapani seeking a direction to Justice Radhakrishnan to return the PETA 'Man of the Year' award given to him in 2015. In the petition, Justice Radhakrishnan submitted that the Madurai Bench failed to appreciate the constitutional protection guaranteed to the judgment passed and to judges.

"The Constitution provides greater protection of Judges for the actions carried out by them in their judicial capacity. Article 124(4), 121 and Article 211 of the Constitution provides protection for the procedure to Judges of Supreme Court and High Court. It clearly shows the level of independence and autonomy awarded to the Judiciary," it said.

He also cited Section 3 (1) of the Judges (Protection) Act of 1985, which says that no court or any forum can initiate civil or criminal proceedings against judges on acts done in the course of his judicial functions. The petition also stated that some prayers in the writ petition were not maintainable against him, as he no longer holds office as a judge, and is merely a private citizen of the country and, therefore, not subjected to the writ jurisdiction of high court. "The Petitioner in order to make the Writ Petition maintainable, initially made the Secretary to the President of India as a Party but later that Party was deleted. The Ministry of Law and Justice has no role in the Writ Petition but was made party so as to see that a Notice is issued to the Petitioner". He also submitted that the petition was filed almost three years after the jallikattu judgment (Animal Welfare Board of India Vs A Nagaraja), almost two years after he was felicitated with the PETA award and three months after the dismissal of review petition in the case by a Supreme Court bench in which he was not a member. He was facilitated with the PETA award after nine months of his retirement. He also mentioned that the Judgment attained finality as the review is dismissed by a speaking order.

### SC to hear PIL files above the age limit student preparing NEET.

A Public Interest Litigation has been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the upper age limit and other new restrictions introduced by the government for candidates appearing for the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) this year.



The Supreme Court is likely to hear the petition in February 17.

The PIL is filed by students who have been denied the opportunity of appearing in the medical entrance test due to changes in its eligibility criteria. The admission notice for

NEET 2017 dated 31.01.2017, by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), specifies that (i) the upper age limit of candidates seeking admission in MBBS/BDS seats shall be 25 years as on date of examination (ii) the number of attempts which a candidate can avail at NEET/National eligibility Cum Entrance Test (UG) shall be limited to three uniformly for all the candidates. The petitioners alleged that students/candidates above 25 years as on the date of examination, who had been preparing for past several months/years, have now been left in lurch at the last moment.

According to the petitioners, this arbitrary state action infringes Article 14 of the Constitution of India.

"It also violates Article 19 (1) (g) of the Constitution of India, which guarantees a right to practise a profession, trade or business", the petition stated.

### New laws made by MP High court.

Lloyd Law College along with Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy (MILAT) and South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation in Law (SAARCLAW) organized Second Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon SAARC



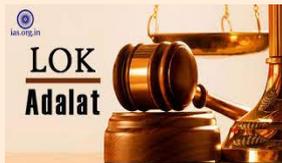
Mooting Competition & Law Student Conference from 10th to 12th February 2017. Hon'ble Justice Arjan Sikri, Judge, Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest and Hon'ble Justice K.T. Chitrasiri, Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka was the Guest of Honour of the Valedictory Function.

Day 1 of the competition was marked by registration of the participants. Day 2 witnessed Preliminary Round I, II and Quarter Finals and Day 3 was reserved for Semi Final and Final Round. The competition named after the father of modern legal education in India, Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, aspires to take his vision of excellence in the field of legal education and professional development across SAARC countries. Of the 12 teams, Bangladesh 1, Nepal 3, Sri Lanka 2 and India 5, 2 teams competed in the Final Round. And, a total of 25 paper presentations on the topic 'Justice to the Indigenous People' took place. A team each from Nepal and India qualified for the finals. The Runners-up team was Kathmandu School of Law, Nepal and the Winner team was

Sastra University, India. Prizes were also given for the Best Oralist Male and Best Oralist Female. The 3 best paper presenters were also awarded. Justice Sikri in his Valedictory Address congratulated the students for being a part of such a competition. He said that mootings enhances advocating skills, infuses professional ethics, increases knowledge of law, incorporates drafting skills and teaches time management. He also added that many a time good oratory wins the case. He said he is happy to see the young lawyers joining judiciary services and appreciated them for their reading skills and competence to grow. Talking about skills to be learnt as mooters he said that 'If the appearing lawyer gives good assistance, the quality of the judgment increases'. K.T. Chitrasiri, Judge, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, congratulated the organizers. He also mentioned about the indigenous people in Sri Lanka and the present conditions in his country. The conference concluded with the following announcements: 2nd Best Memorial- Kathmandu School of Law; 1st Best Memorial- Gujarat National Law University; Best Oralist Male- V

### 3.5lakh cases were solved by Lok Adalat.

National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has organized the National Lok Adalat Today throughout the country in all courts at all levels from the Taluk Courts to High Courts.



NALSA informed that the exercise has resulted in a great success due to the efforts put in by the State Legal Services Authorities across the country as well as the High Court Legal Services Committees. As per the NALSA press release more than 3.5 lacs cases as per the figures received till

5.00 PM, which include 1.9 lacs pending and 1.6 lacs pre-litigation cases, have been settled. The total value of the settlement amount reached today is Rs. 1185 crore.

The nature of cases which were taken up in the National Lok Adalat today ranged from Criminal Compoundable, Bank Recovery, under Section 138 NI Act, MACT, Family/Matrimonial Disputes, Labour Disputes, Land Acquisition, Electricity & Water disputes and Civil etc.

"It is evident that the National Lok Adalat has greatly benefitted the common man and it has been achieved not only because of the Legal Services Authorities/Committees but also because of the cooperation of the State Governments and local administration as well as the financial institutions which include Banks and Insurance Companies. The aim is to reduce pendency as well as prevent additional litigation swathing the courts, where settlements are possible", states the release.

Chief Justice of India Justice JS Khehar is the patron of NALSA and Justice Dipak Misra is its executive Chairman.

### Shop can't charge extra VAT on discounted items.

The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission recently ruled that shops cannot charge extra VAT on items sold on discounted price, observing that the MRP on the product includes all taxes, and hence it was not open for the trader to impose VAT again on the discounted price. The question to be considered by the Commission was whether the Petitioners had indulged in



unfair trade practice by charging VAT on the discounted merchandise, despite having announced a discount of "FLAT\* 40%" on selected merchandise, which in actual terms works out to less than 40% of the MRP. Answering the question in positive, the Bench comprising Justice D.K. Jain (President) and Mrs. M. Shreesha (Member) observed, "In our opinion, the advertisement in the above form is nothing but an allurements to gullible Consumers to buy the advertised merchandise at a cheaper bargain price, which itself was not intended to be the real "bargaining power" and, therefore, tantamounts to unfair trade practice, as found by both the Fora below." The Commission was hearing Revision Petitions filed by Woodland franchises in Chandigarh and Delhi, which had refused to refund the VAT charged to a customer on discounted merchandise. They had submitted that having charged VAT strictly as per the provisions of the State VAT Act and Legal Meteorology Act, they could not have indulged in unfair trade practices. Relying on Section 2(d) of the Consumer Goods (Mandatory Printing of Cost of Production and Maximum Retail Price) Act, 2014, the Commission held that the rebate was on the MRP, which included all taxes and cess. It thereby upheld the order of the District Forum, which had directed the Petitioner to refund to the Complainant an amount of Rs. 119.85 illegally charged as VAT, besides paying Rs. 5,000 as compensation for mental agony and harassment, and Rs. 2,000 as litigation costs.



### Budget session adjourned till March 9.

As the first part of the Budget Session comes to rest, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Ananth Kumar said in terms of utilisation of time, the productivity of the Lok Sabha, with seven sittings, and the Rajya Sabha, with eight sittings, stood at 112.65% and 96.74%, respectively. The Union Budget for 2017-18 was presented on

February 1, followed by general discussion on the Union Budget in both the Houses. As for the legislative business transacted during the first part of the budget session, two Bills - Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Bill, 2017 and Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017, were passed by both the Houses. Five Bills were introduced in the Lok Sabha namely Finance Bill, 2017; Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017; Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Bill, 2017; Indian Institutes of Management Bill, 2017; and Repealing and Amending Bill, 2017.

Two Bills were passed by the Lok Sabha and one Bill by the Rajya Sabha. The Budget Session commenced on January 31 and, subject to exigencies of government business, will be adjourned sine die on April 12. Both the Houses were adjourned on Thursday, for recess of 27 days, to reassemble on March 9 to enable department-related standing committees to examine the demands for grants relating to various ministries/departments. The minister appreciated the cooperation received from all the members of both Houses in running the business smoothly and hoped that the second part of the Session would also receive such cooperation from all the Members of Parliament. The President addressed both Houses assembled together in terms of Article 87(1) of the Constitution on January 31, and informed the Parliament of the causes of its summons. The Motion of Thanks on the President Address in the Lok Sabha was moved by Mahesh Sharma and seconded by Virendra Singh. In the Rajya Sabha, it was moved by Ravi Shankar Prasad and seconded by Vinay P Sahasrabudhe. It was discussed and adopted by the two Houses during first part of the Session.

### Panama Papers: Supreme Court to hear plea seeking CBI investigation

A bench led by Justice Dipak Misra was asked to direct the CBI to lodge FIRs and conduct probe into the alleged offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act and Prevention of Money Laundering Act. (PTI)



The Supreme Court today will hear the plea seeking a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the Panama papers expose case, in which many Indian industrialists and celebrities have been named. The petition was filed by Supreme Court advocate Manohar Lal Sharma, seeking an apex court-monitored probe against the Indian offshore account holders and stock market regulators. A bench led by Justice Dipak Misra was asked to direct the CBI to lodge FIRs and conduct probe into the alleged offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act and Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), a non-profit organization based in Washington, obtained a cache of 11.5 million records detailing the offshore holdings of a dozen current and former world leaders, as well as businessmen, criminals, celebrities and sports stars. The case is currently being monitored by a multi-probed agency headed by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) chairman Atulesh Jindal and attended by officials from the investigative unit of the CBDT and its Foreign Tax and Tax Research division, the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The group was constituted, on the directions of the Prime Minister, to look into all cases of Indians setting up offshore entities in tax havens. A Munich-based daily, Sueddeutsche Zeitung, was offered the data through an encrypted channel by an anonymous source. The data contained documents from a Panama based law firm, Mossack Fonseca. Founded by Juergen Mossack, the firm has offices across the globe and is among the world's biggest creators of shell companies.

### Jolly LLB 2 producer akshay Kumar summon For bata dialogue.

Taking cognizance of a criminal complaint filed by footwear manufacturing company Bata, Saket district court has summoned producers and director of Bollywood movie Jolly LLB 2, along with actor Akshay Kumar, owners of multiplex brands and owners of Hotstar.com.

The shoe company alleged that a dialogue in the movie shows the brand in a bad light. Previously, in an order of Delhi High Court dated January 24, it was recorded that advocates for both the film's makers and complainant company had agreed to remove the word 'Bata' from the film after the footwear manufacturer filed a suit alleging trademark infringement. It was also agreed upon by both parties that the makers would modify the trailer of the film accordingly by January 23. However, on the criminal complaint filed by Bata, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Saket South District, Sandeep Garg stated that a prima facie case of defamation is made out against the accused in the order dated February 8, 2017. It observed:



"From the pre-summoning evidence adduced by the complainant, a prima facie case for commission of offence under Sections 500 (punishment for defamation), 120B (punishment for criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code is made out and there are sufficient grounds for proceeding against all the ten accused." Bata's counsel Senior Advocate Neeraj Grover submitted that the accused had no cause or justification to use the company's name in a dialogue of their movie Jolly LLB 2 without any reason, but to cause deliberate injury to the brand and to show Bata in an extremely bad light. The dialogue in question is in a scene in the movie where an advocate says "Varna kya.... Bata ka joota pehan kar, tuchhi si terrioc ki shirt pehan kar, sala hum se zabaan lada rahe hain." The subtitle for this in the official version of the clip is- "Who are you to argue with me in your CHEAP SHOES and shabby

clothes". Neeraj Grover also argued that millions of people have already watched the movie's trailer, which contains the "defamatory dialogue". This, he argued, has hurt the image of the brand as even their employees are being told by their relatives that "they work for a cheap brand". Ever since its trailer was released, the satirical comedy film has faced stiff opposition from the legal community and the judiciary was quick to intervene. The Aurangabad bench of Bombay High Court ordered four cuts in the movie and directed the CBFC to issue a fresh certificate.

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**The Madras High Court directed the authorities concerned to shut down all restaurants and hotels that are functioning without adequate parking facilities.**

The first bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice M Sundar passed the order on a PIL filed by one Raghu seeking to cancel the licences of the hotels and restaurants which do not have parking places. The court then posted the matter for further hearing to March 24 and directed the authorities concerned to file a joint progress report at least three days before the hearing date.



The bench said, "We make it clear that if there are no adequate parking spaces available, authorities shall forthwith shut down the restaurants/eteries and only when they provide parking space, would they be entitled to function."

Recording the submissions of senior counsel A Sirajudeen, the bench noted that a joint progress report filed by authorities revealed the fact that hotels had not complied with its earlier directive to identify vacant parking spaces in their vicinity and introduce valet parking system. Perusing the report filed today, the bench said, "It shows that the restaurants and hotels are taking everyone for a ride, either there is no parking facility whether by valet parking or otherwise, or the spaces are inadequate." "Notices have been issued under Section 279 of the Chennai City Municipal Corporation Act, 1919, and replies are stated to have been submitted which are under consideration and the zonal officer of the corporation will pass suitable orders," the bench said.

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**President Donald Trump suffered a legal blow on Thursday when a federal appeals court**

refused to reinstate his executive order temporarily banning people from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the US.

A three-judge panel of the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously ruled



that the Trump administration failed to offer any evidence that national security concerns justified immediately restoring the ban, which he launched two weeks ago. Shortly after the court issued its 29-page ruling, Trump tweeted: "SEE YOU IN COURT, THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION IS AT STAKE!" He told reporters his administration ultimately would win the case and dismissed the ruling as 'political.' The 9th Circuit ruling, upholding last Friday's decision by US District Judge James Robart to suspend the order, does not resolve the lawsuit. It relates only to whether to lift an emergency halt to Trump's order put in place by a lower court. Trump, a Republican who took office on January 20, faces long odds in getting the ban restored while litigation over his executive order proceeds. To ultimately win, the Justice Department will have to present evidence that people from those countries represent a domestic threat, legal experts said. In its ruling on Thursday, the 9th Circuit said the government had so far failed to show that any person from the seven countries had perpetrated a terrorist attack in the US.

Trump's January 27 order, the most divisive action of his young presidency, sparked protests and chaos at US and overseas airports on the weekend after it was issued. It was challenged by the states of Washington and Minnesota, which argued it violated constitutional protections against religious discrimination. The Justice Department, which spoke for the administration at oral argument on Tuesday, said it was reviewing Thursday's decision and considering its options

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**New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to give an urgent hearing on a plea seeking direction for framing of a policy to promote and propagate the national anthem, national flag and national song.**

A bench headed by Chief Justice J.S. Khehar declined the prayer for urgent hearing. Advocate Ashwini Upadhaya, who mentioned the matter before the bench, urged that the plea be tagged with the matter pending with the apex court and scheduled for hearing on 14 February.



The apex court had on 30 November last year ordered cinema halls across the nation to mandatorily play the national anthem

before screening of a movie and the audience must stand and show respect.

A bench of justices Dipak Misra and Amitava Roy had observed that the "time has come when citizens must realise they live in a nation and are duty-bound to show respect to National Anthem which is a symbol of constitutional patriotism and inherent national quality".

It had said that "love and respect for the motherland are reflected when one shows respect to the National Anthem as well as to the National Flag". The court had barred printing of the anthem or part of it on any object and displaying it in such a manner at places which may be "disgraceful to its status and tantamount to disrespect". It had also barred playing or displaying an "abridged version" of the anthem.

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**The law ministry has cleared the files for appointment of five Supreme Court judges**

This had been forwarded them to the Prime Minister's Office which will shortly take the President's assent before they are notified, likely to be done within the next week.

The SC currently has 23 judges. With the fresh appointments recommended by the SC collegium, the apex court will have 28 judges, still three short of the sanctioned strength of 31.



The judges cleared for appointment to the SC include chief justices of Rajasthan high court Naveen Sinha, S K Kaul of Madras HC, Dipak Gupta of Chhattisgarh HC, M M Shantanagoudar of Kerala HC and Justice S Abdul Nazeer, a judge of Karnataka High Court.

The law ministry has also cleared the SC collegium's recommendations for appointment of eight chief justices for various high courts and forwarded the files to the PMO. According to sources, the SC collegium had first sent a list of seven judges to be elevated as Chief Justices of various High Courts.

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**Supreme Court ask for life detector test for missing of JNU student.**

The Delhi High Court on Friday said that it had asked the city police to explore methods like lie-detector tests for those who are connected with the disappearance of the JawahNehru University (JNU) student Najeeb Ahmed, as all other leads have failed to yield any result so far.

Najeeb, 27, has been missing since October 15 last year, following an altercation with Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) students at his hostel the night before. Later, Najeeb's mother Fatima Nafees had moved a habeas corpus plea in the court seeking help to trace her son. The latest order comes despite the fact that information gained from brain mapping, narco analysis and lie detector (polygraph) tests are not acceptable in Indian courts. A few years ago, the Supreme Court had ruled that such tests violated individual rights and said the police cannot use the tests or



probe any leads arising from them unless suspects willingly volunteer to take the tests.

"The student had gone missing in October (2016), it is February now. Nearly four months have gone by and none of the leads is going anywhere. We asked for polygraph tests as the other leads have not yielded any results," said a Bench comprising Justices G S Sistani and Vinod Goel. The Bench was hearing an application by one of the nine students, who are suspects in the case, seeking the recall of the High Court's December 14 and December 22, 2016, orders asking the police to conduct lie detector tests on them. According to the application, these orders prejudiced the probe and had violated their rights under Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution.

Court.

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**Man has no claim over assets inherited by sister from husband, says Supreme Court**

The Supreme Court has ruled that a woman's brother could neither be part of his sister's matrimonial family nor claim right over property inherited by his sister from her husband.



A bench of Justices Dipak Misra and R Banumathi ordered Durga Prasad, who had claimed to be part of the family of his widowed sister to inherit tenancy rights over a prime property in Dehradun, to vacate the premises within four weeks or face contempt of court. The property was rented out to

one Hem Ram Sharma in 1940. After Sharma's death, his son Baldev inherited the tenancy rights. On Baldev's death, his wife Lalita became the tenant. Lalita died in 2013. The deceased had no children and died intestate (without a will). Her brother Durga Prasad claimed tenancy rights on the ground that he was part of the family and also a legal heir as he had been living with his sister in the rented premises and running a medical business with her.

#### Certificate would be issued to tax payers.

In continuation of the initiative of the government to acknowledge the contribution of tax payers by paying taxes towards nation building and promptness in filing of Income Tax Returns, Central Board of Direct Taxation (CBDT) has issued the third round of Certificates to nearly 3.74 lakh tax payers.



With this, the total number of certificates issued by CBDT now stands at approximately 23 lakh. Individual tax payers may take note that such certificates of appreciation are only sent by e-mail in

various categories on the basis of the taxes paid by them for the Assessment Year 2016-17 where taxes have been paid in full, tax payers have no outstanding tax liabilities, the return is e-filed within the prescribed due date and verified through Digital Signature or Electronic Verification Code (EVC) or submission of signed ITR-V to CPC Bangalore.

The categories for individual taxpayers are:

- \* Platinum- taxpayers who have contributed Rs. one crore and above as tax
- \* Gold- taxpayers who have contributed between Rs. 50 lakh and Rs. one crore as tax
- \* Silver- taxpayers who have contributed between Rs. 10 lakh and Rs. 50 lakh as tax
- \* Bronze- taxpayers who have contributed between Rs. one lakh and Rs. 10 lakh as tax

Taxpayers are advised to verify and update their email address and mobile number on the e-filing website to receive electronic communication. It may be noted that taxpayers can provide up to two email and two mobile numbers in their profile. Therefore, it is strongly advised that taxpayers should provide their personal and regularly used email and mobile number as their primary email.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

**Union Government not in favor of new law for CBI:** The Union Government has turned down the recommendation of Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee to come up with a new law for the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The parliamentary committee has recommended replacing Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946 which governs CBI. Government stated that it might impinge on the federal structure of the Constitution.

**China Becomes the World's Largest Solar Power Producer:** Besides being the World's most populous country, China is now also the World's largest producer of solar energy. The National Energy Administration (NEA) noted that the nation officially claimed the label after doubling up its installed Photo voltaic (PV) capacity last year. With the increased capacity China has surpassed Germany to become the World's largest producer of solar energy.

**Union Cabinet approves Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan for rural digital literacy:** The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan' (PMGDISHA) to make 6 crore rural households digitally literate by March 2019. PMGDISHA is expected to be one of the largest digital literacy programs in the world. This approval comes in line with the announcement made by Union Finance Minister in the Union Budget 2016-17. **Key Facts Under the scheme,** 25 lakh candidates will be trained in the FY 2016-17; 275 lakh in 2017-18; and 300 lakh in 2018-19. The outlay for this project is Rs. 2,351.38 crore to usher in digital literacy in rural India. To ensure equitable geographical reach, each of the 250,000 Gram Panchayats across the country will be expected to register an average of 200-300 candidates.

**Researchers develop battery powered by stomach acid:** Researchers from MIT have developed a small battery that runs on stomach acids and is capable of powering e-pills to monitor patient health. The small system can generate enough power to run small sensors or drug delivery devices that can reside in the gastrointestinal tract for extended periods of time. **Key Facts** For this battery, researchers used idea of very simple type of voltaic cell, lemon battery which produces electric current between the two electrodes stuck in a lemon due to its citric acid. To replicate it, the researchers attached zinc and copper electrodes to the surface of their ingestible sensor. The zinc emits ions into the acid in the stomach to power the voltaic circuit.

#### Arunachal Pradesh becomes first NE State to implement e-Cabinet Solution:

Arunachal Pradesh became the first state in the northeast to implement e-Cabinet solution for the state cabinet members. It is a powerful governance tool that will be used to streamline its decision-making process. Using this system, state cabinet members can access the cabinet notes before the meeting. **Key Facts** The e-Cabinet system is being implemented by the state department of Information Technology and Communication. Entire business of the Cabinet can be conducted using the e-Cabinet solution. It will help ministers prepare for cabinet meetings, conduct them and review minutes, entirely without paper

#### Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo Elected as Somalia's New President:

Somalia's Ex-Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi "Farmajo" Mohamed beat President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud in a surprise result. The vote was held at the heavily guarded airport complex in the capital Mogadishu, as the rest of the country is too dangerous. Traffic was banned and no-fly zone imposed over the city to prevent attacks by militant Islamists Salman Rushdie's Novel "The Golden House" Announced: The renowned Author Salman Rushdie's new novel titled "The Golden House" is slated to release in September 2017. The announcement was made by Penguin Random House. The book will be published in India by Penguin Random House, which acquired the subcontinent rights from the Wylie Agency. Salman Rushdie is a British Indian novelist and essayist.

#### Scientists develop terahertz transmitter capable of sending data 10 times faster than 5G:

Scientists from Japan have developed terahertz (THz) transmitter technology, a next generation system which can transmit digital data over 10 times faster than 5G mobile networks. It will pave transmitting digital data at a rate exceeding 100 gigabits per second (gbps) over a single channel using the 300-gigahertz band. **Key Facts** the THz band is a new and vast frequency resource expected to be used for future ultrahigh-speed wireless communications. The THz transmitter achieves a communication speed of 105 gigabits per second using the frequency range from 290 GHz to 315GHz.

#### UK's House of Commons passes Brexit Bill:

House of Commons, the lower house of British Parliament passed legislation on 8 February 2017, authorizing Prime Minister Theresa May's government to initiate Brexit talks with the European Union. The historic legislation witnessed 494 Members of the Parliament voting in favor of Brexit and just 122 against. Among the MPs who voted against the bill, 52 were labour MPs, the leading opposition party, who went against their party leader Jeremy Corbyn's orders of backing the bill.

#### First Smart Police Station Inaugurated In Andhra Pradesh

First smart police station of the country inaugurated by CM of Andhra Pradesh N. Chandrababu Naidu in the state. The Model Police Station in Andhra Pradesh in build like a corporate office building with plush interiors and green environment. The First Smart Police Station opened at Nagarampalem in the capital region Amaravathi. The Model Police Station will work on smart policing system that will make the police process much transparent.

## ARTICLES

### "STEALTH FROM THE CHAUVINISM"

"We should go right! That will bring us a bit more close to the nearest police station" said Akriti. She was on the run with Vaishali. Two men were following them; their movements seemed as if they had consumed all the alcohol from a bar. They were making sounds, shouting, hooting, but even after being so uncontrolled, they followed them perfectly. They did not miss even a turn in the confusing pathway the girls chose to run away from them.

"We never should've planned new year's eve" whispered Vaishali to herself, while on the most horrifying runs of their lives.

"I want no mistakes this year. The Bengaluru police have been humiliated a lot. For the past decade we've been recording numerous incidents. I want teams to be set up. Divide yourselves into committees, one should respond to all calls, one for filing complaints, a surveillance team, a ground team. Call all off-duty cops. I'm in no mood for a status quo ante" said the DGP angrily. He had been speechless many a times in front of the media. And this was one event which if secured, would gain him back his reputation. The round table conference ended. Senior members felt the chill when their senior was shouting at them. They dispersed, and headed to their departments.

"Come on bajuji, all my friends are going. I have never been to a New Year party before. And I am 19 now. I'm legal in all senses and mature too. Please let me go" pleaded Vaishali. The typical Brahman culture of the family did not allow her the teenage freedom which the other kids always had. But this time she put up a fight. And as always, the father succumbed to the emotional injuries and gave her permission. He said, "Look, I'm allowing you but there are certain rules to be followed. You.." "YES! I will call you as soon as I

reach, and also when I leave.” “ Also you ...” “ YES! I will not drink any alcohol and before you ask again I am going to wear a salwar kameez and the new jacket you bought me. I feel cold today. Anything else?” “No, my dear. Enjoy yourself” said her father. This very conversation made the father both proud and confident. ‘My daughter has grown up’, he realised.

“OK so dada this pink one or black one?” asked Akriti. “ The .... Black one .. should do..” answered Nikhil, her elder brother, who was deeply involved in some work on his laptop. He was preparing for his IPS exam. “You are not even looking” she exclaimed. “Because no matter what you will look fat, chhotu.” A peaceful conversation broke out into a pillow fight. A few moments later, they finally stopped. “Just be careful. You already know all the routes and nearest police stations from your party spot. And make sure you enjoy the party, not the selfies” he said. “Whatever...” came a sassy response.

“Okay Vaishali a few more metres and we will lead these hooligans straight into the trap” said Akriti. Drunken men following at around 11 in the night, was something one would never envisage. The men seemed to be trained molesters to them. They kept on chasing them. The girls were in no mood to give up. Soon they reached the police station. Only to find it empty. Not a single person visible for miles. Akriti went in to examine and found a talkie. The message was coming from the emergency frequency. It said, “ All personnel leave all tasks and report to M.G Road immediately.” They soon realised no cop is available to help for miles. A curfew situation had come to play. An army of drunk molesters had attacked several new year celebration spots. The things they did were inexplicable. Ones that shouldn't be mentioned. Vaishali then reminded her friend of the distress call. She did it. But now they had to plan out another escape route. They did that hastily. And made a mistake. They headed straight into a dead end. The sweating from the bodies and the chanting from the mouths were pacing faster and faster as the men approached them. Akriti threw a stone at them, but even in the complete drunken state they somehow dodged it. ‘Stay strong, stay strong..’ ; they said to themselves. The distance was closing. No means to escape. No means to fight. Useless to shout. Then suddenly they heard a siren. The amplitude increasing with time. The drunkards knew what this meant and ran as fast as they could.

A few moments later, Nikhil emerged on the scene with a fake siren. He had got the distress call. He was fully aware of the situation of the city. His sister hugged him as tight as she could. “I will never let any drunkard touch you ‘motu’..” he said. A week's time passed. The two guys were somehow caught. One was from a very rich family, had a degree from Cambridge, while the other was a struggling mechanic, born in a poor family, where he was on the epitome of wrong upbringing. It's the insanity which hangs on a man while he considers molestation, an insanity which not even the McNaughten Rules can define. It's an urge of subjugation on the physically weak, which is the essence of all injustice done to the fairer gender. The ones responsible to grow a life inside them and sustain humanity are way more above than us men. I apologize to every women, every mother, daughter, wife, sister for the inhumanity some of us men possess. Give us time. We will evolve. That inhuman slot on our side will be eliminated. Don't lose hope on the 'men'. We will be stalwarts towards protecting you. And the irony is- all I did was write...



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**LIVE IN RELATIONSHIP**

Live in relationship' is a living arrangement in which an unmarried couple lives together in a long term relationship that resembles a marriage. Such a relationship is also known as Common law marriage i.e. informal marriage or marriage by habit and repute. Live in relationships has emerged as a substitute for marriages. The number of people opting for live in relationships seems to be increasing especially in the metros. The change is evident from the court rulings which have recognized these relationships and have ushered in provisions to protect women from undue harassment as these relations guarantee very little in terms of security. This form of living together is not recognized by Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 or any other statutory law. While the institution of marriage promotes adjustment; the foundation of live in relationships is individual freedom. Though the common man is still hesitant in accepting this kind of relationship, the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 provides for the protection and maintenance thereby granting the right of alimony to an aggrieved live-in partner. The definition of live in relationships is not clear and so is the status of the couples in a live in relationship. There is no specific law on the subject of live

in relationships in India. There is no legislation to define the rights and obligations of the parties to a live in relationships. The government, however, has been taking various measures for the past few years (especially after the intervention from the judiciary) to protect the interest of female live in partners.

The first case in which the Supreme Court of India first recognized the live in relationship as a valid marriage was that of Badri Prasad vs. Dy. Director of Consolidation, in which the Court gave legal validity to the 50 year live in relationship of a couple. In the case of S. Khushboo vs. Kanniammal & Anr., the Supreme Court held that living together is a right to life. Live in relationship may be immoral in the eyes of the conservative Indian society but it is not "illegal" in the eyes of law. However in one of its judgment Alok Kumar vs. State, the Delhi High Court has held that live in relation is walk in and walk out relationship and no strings are attached to it. This kind of relationship does not create any legal bond between the partners. It further held that in case of live in relationships, the partners cannot complain of infidelity or immorality. In Varsha Kapoor vs UOI & Ors., the Delhi High Court has held that female living in a relationship in the nature of marriage has right to file complaint not only against husband or male partner, but also against his relatives. The Apex Court also said that in case the man dies then his partner would inherit his property. Since 2010 Supreme Court has ruled in favour of women declaring that women should get the rights as that of a wife, in case of live in couples. These rights include protection from domestic violence, the right to inherit property, the legitimacy of her children and the maintenance of woman after split. As in the interest of justice, equality and



good conscience the Indian judiciary has already been passed a number of judgments in favour of live-in relationship now it is only on the society to come forward and accept the concept of live- in relationship.

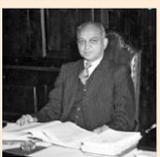
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**FACTS**

1. The first Deputy Prime Minister of India was Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who was also the Home Minister in Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.
2. In US, in order to recognise the illegal immigrants and solve major crimes, illegal immigrants if victim s of serious crimes in US can become a legal resident.
3. In present day Germany, giving a Nazi salute is a crime, punishable up to three years.
4. India has the lowest ratio in the world of Judges every one million people i.e. 15.
5. The original Constitution of India is handwritten in beautiful calligraphy in italic font by Prem Behari Narain Raizada and every page was decorated by Shantiniketan.
6. Before the constitution of India was finalized more than 2000 amendments were made in the draft while debates and discussion.
7. The northern white rhinoceros is so endangered that there are only seven left in the world.
8. The increased brain activities of the people with higher IQs may lead to depression.
9. Each king o55on playing cards represent a king in real life: - Spades- King David, Clubs- Alexander the Great, Hearts- Charlemagne, and Diamonds- Julius Cesar.

**LEGAL EGAL**

**H.J. KANIA:** Sir Harilal Jekisundas Kania was the first Chief Justice of India. He held his office from 26 January 1950 till 6 November 1951, dying in office



due to sudden heart attack. Born in a Hindu family on 3 November 1890, was raised in a family of officials, professors and barristers. He completed his BA from Samaldas College, Bhavnagar in 1910, followed by an LLB from Government Law College, Bombay in 1912 and in 1913 LLM from the same. He began his practice at the Bombay High Court in 1915. In 1930 he served as an acting judge and was appointed as an additional judge in 1931 both in the Bombay high Court. On 20 June 1946 he was promoted to associate judge of the Federal Court. On 26 January 1950 he was appointed as the Chief justice of India, succeeding Sir Patrick Spens.

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 “It is best, man is the noblest of all animal; separated from law and justice he is worst.” -Aristotle