



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi welcomes the President of the French Republic, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, at Hyderabad House, in New Delhi on March 10, 2018.

### Ashwini Choubey inaugurates the 41st Annual Day function of NIHFV

Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare was the Chief Guest at the 41st Annual Day function of the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFV), here today. Shri Choubey also released the Hindi journal of the Institute - "Dhaarna" at the function. Shri B D Athani, DGHS, was also present at the function. Addressing the gathering, he said that NIHFV is the apex institute for teaching and training in the field of public health, and is fully supporting the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in many important

projects. He further stated that the Institute, as a think tank, has the potential to match any of the best international institutes of public health in the world. Speaking at the occasion, Shri Choubey said that the Government has announced two major initiatives in health sector, as part of Ayushman Bharat programme aimed at making path breaking interventions to address health holistically, covering both prevention and health promotion components. Under this 1.5 lakh Health & Wellness Centres will bring healthcare system closer to the homes of people. These centres will

provide comprehensive primary health care, including that for non-communicable diseases and maternal and child health services. Shri Choubey further stated that the second flagship programme under Ayushman Bharat is National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS), which will cover over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries) providing coverage.

### Hungama Times- a perfect Musical Band for done Bollywood songs



Hungama Times established in 1986 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat India, under leadership of Mr. Rushiram More, Rushiram More himself has good experience of delivering singing performance Hungama Times have good experience of delivering large number of quality Orchestra shows, Navratri Ras Garba programme, Bollywood & folk group dance to government, public and private sector Jain groups, Lions and Rotary groups, valuable corporates and also to professional group. Hungama Times is focused orchestra group to deliver good quality show of Hindi and Gujarati filmi songs and ras graba for Navratri festival in India and in abroad. Hungama Times has worked with many Bollywood stars and playback singers as since long they are in this musical field. Recently group has performed in lions international, Ahmadabad in Holi celebration. Rushi more, Rekha more, Jitendra hada, Venket, Atiti raval, Dhaval parmar, Suhan patel and Ravi patel are the best performers on the stage.

### Coaches Shaan, Himesh and Palak to rock the stage with their contestants this weekend



& TV's flagship show 'The Voice India Kids' which started with a bang has now reached its final leg. Over the course of time, the show witnessed the journey of musical prodigies with miraculous voices. The show got its top 6 contestants - Shekhar Mukhiya, Guntas Kaur (Kanpur), Mohammad Faazil (Jaipur), Shruti Goswami (Guwahati), Manashi Nath (Udumari) and Neelanjana Ray (Alipurduar) who have managed to win hearts of viewers across nation. And now it's time for the nation to choose the one VOICE that touched their heart and struck a chord! In the penultimate episode this weekend, the TOP 6 contestants will be seen crooning their favourite chartbusters alongside their beloved coaches. The mentors will share the stage with their very own contestants reminiscing the journey they have had, happy to see kids perform so confidently like professionals. While all the kids and their mentors are happy with the progress they have made in music, there is a sadness in the air as the show witnesses its Finale. Coach Palak commented, "Firstly, I want to tell you all that I am one of the biggest fan of coach Shaan and before coming here I use to admire his singing but after coming here I got an opportunity to know him a bit more on a personal level and it is an honour for me to be a part of a coaching panel along with him. It was an exciting experience to see him perform live." (19-8)

## People must wake up to the danger of smoke to themselves and passive smokers



Graphic health warnings using a mixture of pictures and words are part and parcel of every country's policy on cigarette marketing. The 40 per cent warning on one side proved ineffective as ven-

sumers would not see the warnings. Cigarette manufacturers share the kitty with vested interest, hence their interest is well protected with simple modifications to fool the general public. It is agreed that the bigger warning can create an impact when a smoker buys a cigarette pack. But how do we resolve the issue when smokers buy one or two cigarettes and the packet is being opened by the shop owner who sells cigarettes for business. It is the youth who are the most vulnerable group as far as the consumption of tobacco is concerned. Most of them begin smoking as a fad and even as a rite of passage. According to The Cigarette Package Health Warnings: In-



136th position in the list of 198 countries that warn smokers about the hazards of smoking through graphic pictures on cigarette packages.

Can't we implement the ban on the companies manufacturing these tobacco products of intoxication. One would find (particularly smokers) like all laws in India, nothing will be implemented. Indians just do not have the psyche to obey laws. They believe that rules are meant to be broken. Smokers are unmindful of the consequences of passive smoking.

Various provisions that we implement time and again clearly states that People can smoke on roads or in their homes but not in any other place. It smells something else totally against enforcing the

rule strongly across the country as law enacted smoking is banned only for outside propaganda. Here, the Govt. is happy that it has a law, police is happy that it can earn more money, the cigarette companies are happy that they don't have to bother, the finance ministry is happy as there is no affect on taxes and the health minister is happy that he could do atleast one thing in his tenure - so what matters if it is not implemented.

Under such circumstances, it clearly shows that the anti-smoking Act will go up in smoke. But I feel that People must wake up to the danger of smoke to themselves and passive smokers & fully support to our Police commissioner as announced.



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### Performance Review of Public Sector Banks

Government has recently announced a Public Sector Banks (PSBs) Reforms Agenda for responsive and responsible banking, which encapsulates a synergistic approach for ensuring prudential and clean lending, better customer service, enhanced credit availability, focus on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and better governance. Government has asked Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to assign the Reforms Agenda theme-wise to their Whole-Time Directors for monitoring and evaluate their performance in implementing the assigned Reforms Agenda. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework to maintain sound financial health of banks. It facilitates banks in breach of risk thresholds for identified areas of monitoring, viz., capital, asset quality and profitability, to take corrective measures in a timely manner, in order to restore their financial health. Thus, it is intended to encourage banks to eschew certain riskier activities and focus on conserving capital to strengthen them. The framework is not intended to constrain normal operations of the banks for the general public. RBI has placed eleven PSBs, viz., Dena Bank, Central Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, UCO Bank, IDBI Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Indian Overseas Bank, Corporation Bank, Bank of India, Allahabad Bank and United Bank of India, under the PCA framework.

### Redevelopment of Railway Stations under AMRUT Scheme

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been recently entered into between Ministry of Railways (MOR) and Ministry of Urban Development (MOUD) for integrated planning of redevelopment of railway stations in the cities included in the 'SMART Cities' and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme and the following 10 Railway stations have been identified to be redeveloped under the 'SMART Cities' scheme:

Tirupati, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Nellore, Madgaon, Lucknow, Gomtinagar, Kota, Thane New, Ernakulam Jn. and Puducherry. Station redevelopment projects are complex in nature and require detailed techno-economic feasibility studies and statutory clearances from local bodies. Therefore, no time frame for completion of the projects can be indicated, at this stage.

Redevelopment of stations under 'SMART Cities' and 'AMRUT' schemes is planned through leveraging of commercial development of vacant land/air space in and around stations. Therefore, no funds have been earmarked for the purpose. Such projects shall generally be cost neutral to Railways.

This information was made available in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

### President of India receives First copy of book 'Fulfilling Babu's Dreams

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, received the first copy of the book 'Fulfilling Babu's Dreams - Prime Minister Modi's Tribute to Gandhiji' from Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, who formally released it at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (March 9, 2018). Dr Bindeshwar Pathak, noted sanitation activist, was also present.

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that this book underscores an important aspect of India's developmental process - linking sanitation with broad mass participation, making it a

### RM Calls for Citizens' Empowerment at AFMS Function Celebrating International Women's Day

Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman has said that debate about empowerment should not always be the gender based argument, whether individual can perform being a woman or a man. Therefore, the whole narration on Women's Day is to look at it in this context. She was addressing a function on women in uniform of Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) to celebrate the spirit of 'Womanhood' at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt today.

Highlighted the stellar role, power and potential of women officers in AFMS and felicitated three senior retired lady AFMS officers, she further said, "I think there are areas in which men should be posted, not so much to fight them, but for making them understand that well you may not be good in this you may be good at something else. So blanket rejection of male or female can completely be avoided. That's why I think whenever we talk, it should be citizens' empowerment.

International Women's Day, celebrated globally on 08 March marks the indomitable

spirit of a woman. Lady officers have been an integral part of AFMS since Independence as doctors, dentists and nursing officers. They have stormed the conventional male bastions through sheer determination, grit and merit.

DGAFMS Lt Gen Bipin Puri delivered the welcome speech and lauded the role of women officers as health care providers and care givers. Ex DGMS (Air) Air Marshal (Retd) P Bandopadhyay gave an inspiring talk on the role of women in AFMS down the years. The session was chaired by Ex DGMS (Navy) Surg Vice Admiral (Retd) Punita Arora the first lady three star General of the AFMS. The event was attended by delegates comprising of senior serving and retired lady AFMS officers from across the country. It was followed by a panel discussion on role of lady officers in field/operational areas. Overall, the event celebrated the tenets of gender sensitisation and parity, equal opportunities, respect and shared responsibilities for building a brighter future for women in the AFMS.

### We will continue in the liquor trade

Ahmedabad: Senior police officers who had gathered in Sardarnagar for a reform programme on the occasion of Women's Day were shocked and embarrassed when after the event, some women got up and said, "Ame to daru no vyavsay j karishun (We will continue in the liquor business)."

Fear that the situation would spiral out of control, senior police officers including additional commissioner of police, Sector 2, Ashok Yadav, left without speaking to waiting mediapersons.

Yadav, during his speech, urged the women to stay away from the illegal liquor trade at Chharanagar in Sardarnagar, saying that liquor has destroyed many families.

Yadav warned that police would make every effort to throttle the liquor trade in the

area and would take stern action against those involved in brewing or trafficking liquor. "Yadav urged the audience to inform police if someone brews liquor in their area," said a senior police official.

Just as Yadav finished his speech, a few women at the gathering stood up and shouted that they would continue to sell liquor. The embarrassed cops had to quickly leave the venue.

Senior police officials said just one or two women shouted out the words, but the rest of the audience supported them. "They later told us later that there are a few among us who do not want to live a honest life and create trouble for others. We are going to take stern action against those who continue to sell liquor," added a senior police official.

### Union Home Minister reviews FCRA and e-Visa schemes

Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh here today reviewed the progress of schemes being implemented by the Foreigners Division of MHA with a view to improve the efficiency and transparency of various services being provided to Indian and foreign nationals.

Shri Rajnath Singh appreciated the fact that the e-Visa scheme, introduced in the year 2014 for Tourism category, has been extended to cover Business and Medical categories also and this facility is now available for nationals of 163 countries for entry into India through 25 International Airports and five Sea Ports in the country. Integrated Online Visa System under the Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) project has been operationalised in 163 out of 178 Indian Missions

abroad. Biometric enrolment has been implemented in 115 Indian Missions. This system facilitates easy sharing and monitoring of visa data on real time basis across various immigration offices. A scheme to provide various visa services online to foreign nationals is also under implementation.

Shri Rajnath Singh noted the fact that the revamped FCRA website is more user friendly, transparent and ensures hassle-free interaction of the user with the Government. The website ensures that all FCRA services are available through online mode only. For better coordination of the incoming Foreign Contributions (FC), the banks have been integrated with the FCRA System. Union Home Secretary Shri Rajiv Gauba, besides Senior Officers of MHA, MEA and Security Agencies were present.

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