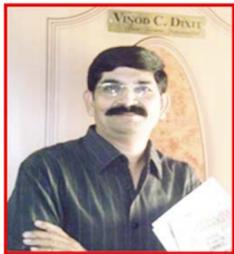


# Stop giving alms to Beggars



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It is estimated that there are around 500,000 beggars in India -- half a million people! And, this is despite the fact that begging is a crime in most states in India. Have we ever thought - Why are so many people begging? Aren't there any organizations to help them? Sadly, there is more than meets the eye when it comes to begging in India. There is a general perception that people beg not out of choice but out of compulsion. Begging is widely seen as the fallout of acute poverty, burdens of age, physical handicap and lack of employment opportunities.

In general, beggars can be categorized into two types. Those who have no choice and are forced to do it, and those who have mastered the art of begging and make a substantial amount of money from it.

While the poverty is real, begging is quite often carried out in organized gangs. For the privilege of begging in a certain territory, each beggar

hands over their takings to the gang's ring leader, who keeps a significant share of it. Beggars have also been known to deliberately maim and disfigure themselves to get more money.

In addition, many children are abducted in India and forced into begging. The statistics are alarming. According to the Indian National Human Rights Commission, up to 40,000 children are abducted every year.

The whereabouts of more than 10,000 of them remains unknown. What's more, it's estimated that 300,000 children across India are drugged, beaten and made to beg every day. It's a multi-million dollar industry that's controlled by human trafficking cartels. Police do little to address the problem, because they often assume that the children are with family members or other people who know them.



Apart from this, there are inconsistencies in the law on how to deal with child beggars. Many are too young to be punished.

Quite a bit of welfare work



in India has been directed at reducing begging, including provided beggars with jobs, with varying degrees of success. The most common problem is that the beggars are so used to begging that they actually prefer not to work. In addition, many of

important monuments, railway stations, religious and spiritual sites, and shopping districts. In big cities, beggars will often be found at major traffic intersections as well, where they approach vehicles while the lights are red.

Some states in India have a larger number of beggars than others. According to the latest government census results, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh have the most beggars. Child begging is particularly prevalent in Uttar Pradesh, while there are more beggars with disabilities in West Bengal. The number of beggars is also relatively high in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Assam, and Odisha. Instead of punishing the beggars, the court prefers to punish those who run begging rackets and force women and children into begging.

them make more money from begging than what they would if they did work.

Begging is most prevalent anywhere that there are tourists. This includes



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the Speaker, Lok Sabha, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, the Union Minister for External Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj and other dignitaries paid tributes to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, on his birth anniversary, at Parliament House, in New Delhi on July 06, 2018.

## Successful flight testing of Crew Escape System - Technology Demonstrator

ISRO carried out a major technology demonstration today, the first in a series of tests to qualify a Crew Escape System, which is a critical technology relevant for human spaceflight. The Crew Escape System is an emergency escape measure designed to quickly pull the crew module along with the astronauts to a safe distance from the launch vehicle in the event of a launch abort. The



window from its pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota today. The test was over in 259 seconds, during which the Crew Escape System along with crew module soared skyward, then arced out over the Bay of Bengal and floated back to Earth under its parachutes about 2.9 km from Sriharikota.

The crew module reached an altitude of nearly 2.7 km under the power of its seven specifically designed quick acting solid motors to take away the crew module to a safe distance without exceeding the safe g-levels. Nearly 300 sensors recorded various mission performance parameters during the test flight. Three recovery boats are being exercised to retrieve the module as part of the recovery protocol.

first test (Pad Abort Test) demonstrated the safe recovery of the crew module in case of any exigency at the launch pad. After a smooth countdown

of 5 hours, the Crew Escape System along with the simulated crew module with a mass of 12.6 tonnes, lifted off at 07.00 AM (IST) at the opening of the launch

## Girish Pillai Takes Charge as New Member Traffic, Railway Board

Shri Girish Pillai has taken over as the New Member Traffic, Railway Board on 01st July, 2018. Prior to this, he was General Manager, West Central Railway, Jabalpur from 01st September 2016 to 30th June, 2018. He is an Indian Railway Traffic Services (IRTS) officer of 1980 Batch. He joined Railways in January, 1982. Shri Girish Pillai has done M.Sc. (Maths) & M. Phil. from Delhi University. During his long career, Shri Girish Pillai

has held several important assignments in the Ministry of Railways including- Additional Member (Tourism & Catering) and Infrastructure, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, Advisor (Infrastructure) Railway Board, Chief Operations Manager, Western Railway, Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Division, Western Railway, Executive Director (Perspective Planning), Railway Board, Chief Passenger.



The Minister of State (I/C) for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shri Raj Kumar Singh calling on the Prime Minister of Bhutan, Mr. Tshering Tobgay, in New Delhi on July 06, 2018.

## Page 3 Lifestyle exhibition for festival Collection at Rajpath Club Ahmedabad



**Ahmedabad :** Page3 Lifestyle exhibition is its kind of exclusive lifestyle exhibition hosted by orchid events and exhibitions at Rajpath Club Diamond hall, S. G. Highway Ahmedabad from 6th to 8th July 2018 Lifestyle exhibition 2018 will be there for three days for amдавadi shopping lovers.

Organiser of PAGE 3 Mrs Payal Joshi "This exhibition is unique in its own type. for the first time in Ahmedabad exclusive collection for Mens & womans spl for festival & wedding. every Visitor get exclusive designs for their shopping from exclusive national & international designers This Exhibition has exhibitors from all over India like, Kolkata, Jaipur, Bangalore, Punjab, Surat, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Delhi, Bihar Nagpur, Mumbai etc.. This exhibition has the latest designer Festive & Wedding's

exclusive Collection with price range starts from as little as Rs.200/- . so its suits every pocket"

It provides platform to all exhibitors to launch their product as they can conduct market research as well as evaluate market competition. It showcases exclusive festive & Wedding collection of designer garments, western wear, silk sarees, bandhni, home decor, kurties, dress materials, men's wear, kids wear, antic, fashion imitation jewellery, handicraft sarees, wall decor, handicrafts, lucknavi chicken, purses, accessories, health & wellness, fashion accessories, gruh udhyog snacks, organic soaps, organic products, clay products, crochet bags, terracotta, gift items, chocolates, leather items, artificial flowers, kitchen safety, hair accessories, etc. (19-10)

## New Chairman CAT Justice Reddy calls on Dr Jitendra Singh

Justice L Narsimha Reddy, who has taken over as the new Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), called on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh here today and discussed a wide range of issues related to the functioning of CAT as well as appointments to existing vacancies in the tribunal.

Dr Jitendra Singh expressed the hope that Justice Narsimha Reddy, who

has a long experience of being a Judge in one of the leading High Courts of India, namely the Hyderabad High Court, and has also served on the Patna High Court, will be able to enrich the functioning and efficiency of CAT through his vast experience and commitment. Describing CAT as an important organ in Government of India, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the CAT was constituted in 1985 and the motivation behind setting it up was that officers and employees working in the Government would have an easier option to register their issues, including grievances and disputes, and will be able

to seek redressal without having to run from one court of law to the other. He said, the Government is aware of the immediate need to fill up the vacant posts in different benches of CAT across the country and said due process has already been set in motion for this purpose.

Justice Narsimha Reddy, after his meeting with the Union Minister, said that the priority before him is to clear off the pendency of the cases. He said, he will try his best to live up to the objective of getting justice for all the officials and members serving in administration, to the best of their satisfaction.

## ICAT releases First BS-VI engine certificate

ICAT has completed the first BS-VI certification for a heavy duty engine model for M/s Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicle Limited. The engine has been developed and manufactured indigenously by Volvo Eicher in India. The successful completion of the compliance test of the engine, much ahead of the implementation date of 1 April, 2020, gives sufficient time for product stabilization in terms of making it more robust and cost competitive for the end consumers.

The pro-active approach from the Government of India

has made the country leapfrog from the conventional BS-IV to directly adopt BS-VI emission norms as the next level for regulatory framework in India. The BS-VI emission standards are much more elaborate in their scope and integrate substantial changes to existing emission standards ensuring cleaner products to the consumer. Besides the more stringent limits on the gaseous emission components, the particulate matter (PM) limits have also been significantly reduced along with the

introduction of particle number (PN) limits.

The International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) is a division of NATRIP implementation society (NATIS), under the administrative control of Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Government of India. ICAT is the first of new world class centers established under the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) with the main objective of carrying out Research & Development besides.

## First Cyber Forensic van of Delhi Police launched

The Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir said that Cyber frauds can be curtailed if the citizens are more aware and responsible while making digital transactions. He was speaking at "Cyber Safety and Digital awareness programme for senior citizens" organized by Delhi Police here today.

Lauding the initiative of Delhi Police to organizing such awareness programme specially for the senior citizens who are the soft targets of cyber crimes, he said that Ministry of Home Affairs is planning to launch an online cyber crime portal where people can file complaint online regarding such crimes. He also said that every citizen should also remain vigilant and aware with police being on guard to reduce the rate of cyber crimes. He said that in most of the cases criminals are caught by the police but the priority of the victims is always to recover their lost money. Hence the most important is to recover the money from the accused, he emphasized. Talking about the role of the Ministry of Home Affairs he said that the Ministry has earmarked Rs

25,000 crore for Police modernization and to deal with increasing rate of cyber crime in the country. Appreciating the efforts made by Delhi Police in organizing this programme for senior citizens he said that he is happy to see such a large number of senior citizens attending the programme which shows their trust in Delhi Police. On the occasion, he also launched the first Cyber Forensic van of Delhi Police for on-the-spot police investigations at crime scene. The Van has been developed

keeping in mind the need for a portable/mobile system in view of increasing number of digital crimes. It will be available on call in all districts/units on 24x7 basis.

Delhi Police Chief, Shri Amulya Patnaik while addressing at programme said that Delhi Police has established Cyber Cells in 14 districts of Delhi working under the command of a Special Cyber Unit at Headquarter level. He said that it is our priority area and we have already trained about 800 Police officers specially to deal with cyber crimes.

## Water storage level of 91 major reservoirs of the country goes up by two percent

The water storage available in 91 major reservoirs of the country for the week ending on July 05, 2018 was 32,847 BCM which is 20% of total storage capacity of these reservoirs. This percentage was at 18% for the week ending on June 28, 2018. The level of water storage in the week ending on July 05, 2018 was 100% of the storage of corresponding period of last year and 96% of storage of average of last ten years.

The total storage capacity of these 91 reservoirs is 161,993 BCM which is about 63% of the total storage capacity of 257,812 BCM which is estimated to have been created in the country. 37 Reservoirs out of these 91 have hydropower benefit with installed capacity of more than 60 MW. The northern region includes States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan. There are six reservoirs under CWC monitoring having total live storage capacity of 18.01 BCM.

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