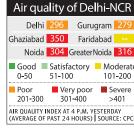


Vice President Venkaiah Naidu awarded Delhi youth Ayush N. Chandra, who has a hearing disability, with National Award for **Employment of the Person** With Disability 2019 in Role Model Category for Hearing Impairment, at Vigyan Bhawan on Wednesday on the event of International Disability Day organised by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Mr. Chandra (23) has been raising awareness about issues faced

### Minister's election dismissed

the election of Union Ministhat he had given false information in his poll

The plea by Arun Kumar, who claims to be a voter of Chandni Chowk constituency, alleged that the BJP leader had indulged in corrupt practices by not disclosing the real cost of an apartment in Dwarka bought by his wife. The Centre had claimed that no grounds were made out for challeng-



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Exhibition: "Shaher", a solo painting show by Anil Tato at Convention Centre Foyer, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Exhibition: "Confident Humility", a

Singh Dua at Gallery Foyer, Lalit Kala Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, Mandi House, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Exhibition: A solo art show by

Pramod Kumar Gautam at Triven Gallery, Triveni Kala Sangam, Mandi House, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Exhibition: "Madness & Glory", a

solo exhibition of mixed media art-works by Ayesha Seth Sen at Natya Taragini Performing Arts Centre, Sector 6, Pushp Vihar, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. **Exhibition:** "Mysterious Lines", a solo show of paintings by artist Dheeraj Yadav, at Art Konsult Gallery, Hauz Khas, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. (Mail your listings for this column at cityeditordelhi@thehindu.co.in)

# Compare JNU hostel fees with other central universities: MHRD

Ministry asks high-power committee to discuss issue with the Vice-Chancellor

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Centre has asked a panel set up to resolve the ongoing stand-off at Jawaharlal Nehru University to compare its current hostel fee structure with those of other central universities, especially those located in the national Capital. The panel was also asked to discuss the issue with JNU Vice-Chancellor.

The Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry sent a letter to the three members of its high-power committee on Tuesday, a week after the panel submitted its report with recommendations on ways to resolve the crisis.

The panel, which comprises former University Grants Commission (UGC) chairperson V.S. Chauhan,



The panel had submitted its report on the JNU stand-off last week. ■FILE PHOTO

current UGC Secretary Rajnish Jain and All India Council for Technical Education chairperson Anil Sahasrabudhe, had submitted its report after a week of consultations with student representatives, hostel presidents, teachers and university deans. Vice-Chancellor M. Jagadesh Kumar did not meet the panel members during that process.

In its letter, the HRD Ministry referred to the panel's report, which has not been made public despite repeated demands from INU's student leaders and teachers' association. "In order to examine the matter further, it is requested that the committee may please get the comparative analysis of the hostel charges of JNU [after the second rollback was announced] vis-avis other central universities particularly located in New Delhi," said the letter.

"The committee is also requested to discuss with the Vice-Chancellor, INU, to get the administration's perspective of the entire issue," added the letter. The panel was asked to provide the Ministry with these inputs "at the earliest".

The students' agitation, which has involved mass marches, a lathi-charge by the police and a planned bovcott of examinations, revolves around the JNU administration's decision to hike hostel fees.

Monthly room rent was hiked from ₹20 for a single room to ₹600, and from ₹10 to ₹300 for a double sharing room, apart from introducing new service and utility charges of about ₹2000 per month.

The university revised the hike twice in the wake of protests, halving service and utility charges for all students and offering a 75% reduction for those below the poverty line. However, the students have demanded a complete roll-back of

## HRD Ministry seems to have abandoned own initiative: JNUTA

'Refusal to meet teachers' delegation was callous attitude'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers' Association (JNUTA) on Wednesday said that the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has "shockingly' appeared to have "abandoned" its own initiative to find a resolution to the crisis in INU through dialogue and discussion with all stakehol-

The teachers are on a daylong dharna on the campus demanding an immediate resolution to the JNU crisis before "irreparable damage" is done to the interests of students.

"The report of the highpower committee [HPC] constituted by the MHRD has not been placed in the public domain and neither has the Ministry made clear what steps, if any, it has taken. This is the situation more than a week after the submission of the report, despite the scheduled end of the semester approaching. The creation of a conducive environment for normal academic activity is nowhere in sight," the JNUTA said.

'V-C behaved like goon'

The teachers' wing also said that the JNU Vice-Chancellor (V-C), after illegally pushing through an exorbitant hike in hostel charges, refused to engage in any dialogue on the matter and descended to the level of a "street goon" by threatening to cancel the studentship of thousands of students.

The teachers said that the MHRD must have the courage to own up to the responsibility of having created an atmosphere in JNU that is completely inimical to the

purposes for which the university exists. "Its deafening silence on why the process initiated by the formation of the HPC has been put in cold storage is nothing short of a scandal. Its refusal to even meet the JNUTA delegation to discuss this issue is clear evidence of their callous attitude," JNUTA president D.K. Lobiyal said.

He added that if the MHRD "doesn't act and act quickly to put a check on a destructive INU V-C" and ensure immediate withdrawal of the fee hike, it too will have to bear the responsibility for the grave crisis that emerged in the university.

The JNUTA also said that it has written to Members of Parliament to raise the situation in INU in Parliament and with the MHRD and demand answers from the Mi-

## Administration getting letters from students against agitation: JNU

Registrar appeals to students to immediately call off protest

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The JNU administration on Wednesday said that it has been receiving several messages and letters from students of the university who are expressing their "anguish" over the "persistent agitation, lock-down of the administrative building and forced closure of some schools by the agitators".

Registrar of the university, Pramod Kumar, in a note to the agitating students, appealed to them to immediate ly call off their agitation in the best interest of "thouf schools and centres are prevented from holding the exam, strict action will be taken as per

situation.

sands of students" who are "eagerly waiting" to complete their academic requirements and are facing obstruction due to the ongoing

university rules

The Registrar said that end semester examinations will be held from December 12, as per schedule, and asked all students who want to write their end semester examinations to report at their respective schools and centres.

"If schools and centres are prevented from holding the examination, strict action will be taken against such persons as per university rules," the notice read.

The JNU administration had earlier warned students that if they did not fulfil their academic requirements of the semester, they would be struck off the roles of the university and would no longer be students of the university.

## Sedition case: HC rejects prosecution sanction plea

Court says it is for Delhi government to decide on whether to grant approval

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday declined to direct the city government to grant sanction for prosecution of former JNU Students' Union president Kanhaiya Kumar in a sedition case.

A Bench of Chief Justice D.N. Patel and Justice C. Hari Shankar said it was for the Delhi government to decide as per existing rules, policy, law and facts of that case on whether to grant approval for prosecution.

'Personal interest'

While disposing of the petition, the high court said it appeared that the petitioner,



or Garg, has some personal interest in the FIR lodged against Mr. Kumar and others in relation to the JNU sedition case of 2016. Mr Garg, in his plea, had

sought issuance of guidelines "for expeditious disposal of criminal cases of serious nature where there is involvement of the influential persons as accused". The High Court said there

are adequate number of judgements by the various courts on the issue and hence there was no reason to direct the government for such guidelines over and above the existing law. The police had filed a

chargesheet against Mr. Kumar and others, including former JNU students Umar Khalid and Anirban Bhattacharya, saying they were leading a procession and supported seditious slogans raised on the university campus during an event on February 9, 2016. Mr. Garg, in his plea, had

said that a "speedier outcome of the cases would act as deterrence to the community as well as prevention of crimes".

He also said that the Delhi government was not complying with the law of the land "as large number of cases are not being investigated on account of administrative

"This approach of the government seems to be sending message to the citizenry that the law can be differently applied to different citizen due to their proximity to the political establishment," the petition said.

# Spots identified for CCTVs to stop illegal sand mining

Requests sent to officials to check practice on Yamuna banks, pollution body tells NGT

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Locations have been identito stop illegal sand mining along the Yamuna here, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) told the National Green Tribunal on Wednesday.

The committee told the green panel that nine of these locations are in the North East district, five in South East district, three in Central district and six in the North district of the national capital.

"Requests have been sent by the DM [North East] to the principal chief engineer stallation of CCTV cameras to prevent sand mining at the various locations on the bank of Yamuna," the DPCC

It also told the tribunal that the District Magistrate of Yamuna Nagar in Haryana has informed that as per a report from the executive engineer of the Water Services Division in Jagadhri and the mining officer of Yamuna Nagar, there is no

blockade or pipeline up to a distance of 17 km from the Tajewala barrage. The tribuno illegal sand mining is taking place up to a distance of 17 km from the barrage.

The NGT had earlier formed a committee on a plea filed by a Delhi Jal Board official alleging sand mining along the Yamuna.

The tribunal had earlier said that order of the NGT is binding as a decree of court and non-compliance will draw punitive action including prosecution, in terms of the National Green Tribunal

It was hearing a plea filed fied to instal CCTV cameras [projects] of the PWD for in- nal was also informed that by Delhi Jal Board Chief Officer Anil Kumar Singh alleg ing that 17 km downstream from the Tajewala barrage, a blockade is being built. He had claimed that the blockade was on the main river course, downstream of the confluence of the rivers Somb and Yamuna.

This will obstruct the flow of the rivers and is being done to undertake illegal sand mining, the plea had said.

# AQI to dip to 'severe' tomorrow

Delhi's air quality on Wednesday was close to 'very poor'

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Research (SAFAR). a chief pollutant - was 150.4

ug/m3, more than 2.5 times the safe limit of 60ug/m3, as per Indian standards, in Delhi and NCR at 9 p.m., accordsaid.

Delhi's Air Quality Index (AOI) on Wednesday was 296, five points short of "very poor", according to the 4 p.m. bulletin by the CPCB that is the average of the past

ing to the Central Pollution

Control Board (CPCB).

which is very less compared to the contribution of 44% earlier this season, SAFAR

The AQI is likely to margi nally deteriorate to the middle-end of the very poor catonight tegory bv [Wednesday]. It is likely to deteriorate further to the higher end of 'very poor' category by Thursday. The AQI has been forecast to touch 'severe' category for some regions of Delhi on Friday. Overall AQI may still remain within 'very poor' category," SAFAR said on Wednesday.

"No lady, who had been

raped recently by the em-

ployer, would again join him

because it would send a

clear signal to the employer

that she was ready and will-

ing in that kind of activity.

Such return would make be-

lieve an employer that the la-

dy was desirous of indulging

in sexual activities with

him," Additional Sessions

Judge Umed Singh Grewal

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#### two-day session of the Delhi Legislative Assembly which concluded here on Tuesday. Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly, Vijender

BJP accuses AAP govt. of

suppressing voice of Oppn.

Gupta, alleged that the gothe Opposition to raise its voice against its "failure" with regard to giving owner-

water.

expected that it being the last session of the Assembly, the government would allow a healthy discussion on important public interest matters. But it was the strategy of the government to suppress the voice of the Opposition at any cost," Mr. Gupta alleged.



by people with disabilities, in

India and abroad. Plea against

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday dismissed a petition which had challenged ter Harsh Vardhan alleging

ing Mr. Vardhan's election.

The air quality of the city inched closer to 'very poor' category on Wednesday, chiefly owing to slower winds. The air pollution is expected to increase on Thursday and touch 'severe' category in parts of Delhi on Friday, said government-run monitoring agency System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and

On Wednesday, the average level of PM 2.5 - deadly respirable particles, which is

24 hours.

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A Delhi court has acquitted a

man of the charge of alleged-

ly raping his house help on

the grounds that the victim

"approached the police after

three months" and she con-

tinued working there even

The court noted that after

lodging of the FIR, when she

was medically examined by

the doctors, she did not

name her employer as the

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The "dictatorship" of the

AAP-led Delhi government,

the BJP Opposition alleged,

was "at its worst" during the

vernment "did not allow"

NEW DELHI

after the alleged incident.

NEW DELHI

The contribution of stubble burning in neighbouring States to Delhi's pollution was 8% on Wednesday and is likely to be 9% on Thursday,

Rape accused acquitted

due to delay in FIR