

NEWSIN brief

Lalu denied bail on corruption charges

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The High Court in eastern Indian state of Jharkhand yesterday rejected the bail plea of jailed politician Lalu Prasad Yadav who is serving a five-year sentence in connection with a corruption case.

The 66-year-old Rashtriya Janata Dal chief, and former chief minister of Bihar state, was convicted for corruption in September this year in a 17-year-old case involving embezzlement of Rs 970 crore spent in fictitious fodder and medicines for animals.

Abyei opts for South Sudan

AFP, Juba

Residents of contested region Abyei chose overwhelmingly to join South Sudan in an unofficial referendum, election officials said yesterday, amid warnings the poll could inflame tensions in the volatile region.

The fate of Abyei is one of the most important and sensitive issues left unresolved since South Sudan became an independent state in 2011, ending two decades of civil war in Sudan.

M23 rebels last stronghold falls

AFP, Kinshasa

DR Congo troops yesterday captured the last stronghold of M23 rebels in the troubled east of the country, raising hopes of a return to the negotiating table.

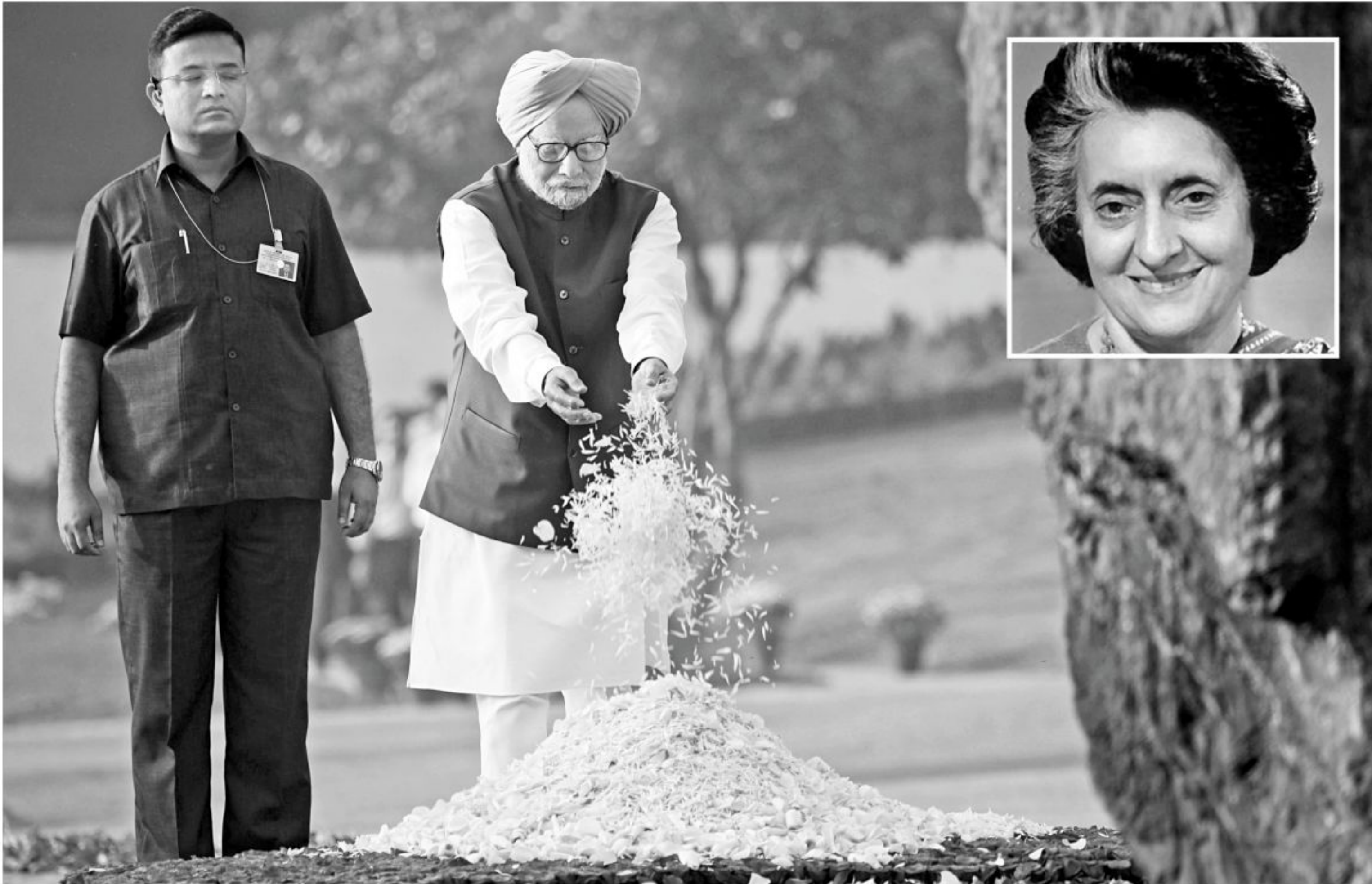
Bunagana, the rebels' main base located in the lush green hills near the border with Uganda, "is completely under our control", government spokesman Lambert Mende told AFP, adding that the final battle for the town had begun early in the morning.

Fidel Castro meets Indian vice president

AFP, Havana

Cuban revolutionary icon Fidel Castro met with Indian Vice President Hamid Ansari on Wednesday, India's ambassador to Cuba said.

The Indian diplomat said Ansari wanted to personally pay his respects to an icon of social justice while on an official visit to Havana. Ansari also is to meet with the Cuban president's designated successor, Vice President Miguel Diaz-Canel.



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh scatters flower petals as he pays his respects at Shakti Stahl, the memorial for former Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi, *inset*, in New Delhi, yesterday, on the 29th anniversary of her death. Indira Gandhi who was Indian prime minister from 1966-77 and from 1980-1984, was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards in 1984, four months after she ordered troops into the Golden Temple in Amritsar to flush out Sikh militants fighting for an independent state.

PHOTO: AFP

Patna serial blasts suspect flees from custody

PTI, New Delhi

Mehrar Alam, a suspect in Patna serial blasts, has escaped from NIA custody yesterday, Indian police said.

Mehrar Alam was being questioned in Muzaffarpur, some 70km from Patna, when he reportedly escaped from the custody of the National Investigation Agency (NIA). NIA has filed an FIR after his escape.

The man who has escaped is suspected of being a close associate of Tehseen Akhtar, who is one of the six men listed as an accused for the terror attack, and is allegedly a top commander of terror group Indian Mujahideen. He has not been located so far by the police.

Serial low-intensity blasts rocked Patna on Sunday, before and during Gujarat chief

minister and BJP's prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi's rally at the historic Gandhi Maidan in the city. One blast took place in the railway station and others took place in and around Gandhi Maidan.

The blasts killed six people and injured over 80.

Earlier, Muhammad Afzal, a kin of another blast suspect Ujjair Ahmad, was arrested from IGI airport in Delhi. He had come to the airport to see off his wife when he was detained by security agencies and taken for questioning, sources said.

NIA sleuths had arrested Ujjair Ahmad on Wednesday in connection with the blasts case besides an associate of suspected Indian Mujahideen member, Imtiaz Ansari, who is accused of triggering Sunday's first blast at the Patna railway station.

India to build world's tallest statue

AFP, Ahmedabad

Construction was set to begin in India yesterday for the world's tallest statue, which will stand twice the size of the Statue of Liberty and be made out of melted-down metal and farming equipment.

The tribute to Sardar Patel, the first home minister of independent India who was nicknamed "Iron Man", is set to rise 182 metres (600 feet) from a rocky river island in western Gujarat state.

Once completed it will be the world's biggest, more than four times higher than the statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro.

Opposition leader Narendra Modi, the prime ministerial candidate for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), was to lay the foundation stone on Thursday, Patel's birthday.

He has called on farmers to donate a piece of iron for the "Statue of Unity" which will stand atop a huge stone plinth.

The total cost of the project is estimated at 25 billion rupees (\$300 million) and will be funded with public funds and private donations, state officials say.

Don't take oral orders from leaders

Indian SC to bureaucrats

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's Supreme Court yesterday said bureaucrats should not act on verbal orders given by their political bosses and sought an end to frequent transfers and suggested a fixed tenure to insulate them from political interference.

Civil servants should only act on basis of written communications issued by political executives, a bench of the apex court said.

The bench said parliament must enact a law to regulate postings, transfers and disciplinary action against bureaucrats.

It said that giving a fixed minimum tenure to a civil servant will not only promote professionalism and efficiency, but also good governance.

Passing the verdict on a PIL filed by 83 retired bureaucrats seeking its directions for insulating the bureaucracy from political interference, the apex court asked the federal and all state governments and federally-administered territories to issue directions within three months for providing fixed tenure to civil servants.

China's last county finally linked by road

AFP, Beijing

The last county in China to be accessible by modern land transport was finally linked up to the rest of the country yesterday with a new road that has taken decades to build, state media said.

The 19,000 people of deeply isolated Medog in southeastern Tibet, where the mighty Brahmaputra river -- known as the Yarlung Zangbo in China -- winds its way between towering Himalayan peaks, have until now had to depend on horses for land travel and trade.

Be like Mahatma Gandhi

Tourists invited to live like him in his ashram

AFP, Ahmedabad

Tourists searching for peace and simplicity can for the first time check into Mahatma Gandhi's most famous ashram in India. But don't expect modern comforts. And chastity is required.

For 1,000 rupees a night, tourists can sample the lifestyle of India's famously ascetic independence leader by staying at the first ashram he established, set up in 1915 in the western state of Gujarat.

Guests at the ashram can try their hand at spinning, visit local communities, pray and meditate, all while wearing khadi -- hand-woven cloth -- during their stay.

But they must adhere to Gandhi's 11 vows that he promoted including non-violence, no possessions, use of local goods, working for daily food, self-restraint, including chastity, and control of diet.

They are also encouraged to follow Gandhi's austere daily routine, such as waking at 5am and undertaking domestic chores.

The "Live with Gandhi" programme was launched on October 2 to coincide with the 144th anniversary of the birth of Gandhi. Tourists have not yet made bookings, but Nischalavalamb Barot, a travel agent who helped develop the programme with the Gujarat Vidyapith University, stressed there were lots of inquiries.

Despite the many commemorations for Gandhi, Nischalavalamb said he hoped the ashram offered something different.

"This is the first time that we are

The vows of Gandhi

India's independence leader Mahatma Gandhi espoused virtues of non-violence, truth, peace and simplicity

SOURCE: AFP/GANDHIFOUNDATION.NET



attempting to understand the value and principles of a sustainable life, which Gandhi believed in and practised," he said.

However he stressed a stay at the ashram and following the Mahatma's lifestyle would not be an easy one.

Gandhi spun his own cloth and encouraged others to follow suit. He considered this an important part of his anti-colonial philosophy of self-reliance, known as "swadeshi".

Sudarshan Iyengar, vice-chancellor of the Gujarat Vidyapith University that manages the ashram, said he was confident that opening it to tourists would help promote Gandhi's ideals.


"This is a unique programme,

which will actually bring change in society gradually at an individual level and hopefully we will witness a sustainable future."

Gandhi went to stay at the bungalow, now called Kochrab Ashram, then owned by a lawyer friend after he returned to India from South Africa in 1915.

From this base, in a village on the outskirts of the city of Ahmedabad, he rejected material wealth and developed some of the ideas for which he became famous.

In one incident, he upset neighbours by inviting a low-caste man, a so-called "untouchable", to come and live at the ashram as part of his campaign against India's rigid and deeply ingrained caste system.



চট্টগ্রাম বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ

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Memo No. 01/PGCB Proc/RTS-2013/478 Date: October 30, 2013


Corrigendum-1

Tender Ref No : PGCB/PROC/RTS-2013/465 22-10-2013 [International Tender Notice]
Tender for: Supply and delivery of High Voltage Field & Laboratory Test Equipment.

The text under Tender Notice clause no.2 [Tender Security] "TK. 20,00000.00(Twenty Lac) only in the form of Pay order or Bank Draft in favor of Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited, from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh ." is replaced by following text : "US\$ 25,000 (United States Dollar twenty five thousand only) or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency in the form of Bank Guarantee from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favor of Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited."

Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Md. Ashraf Hossain
Company Secretary



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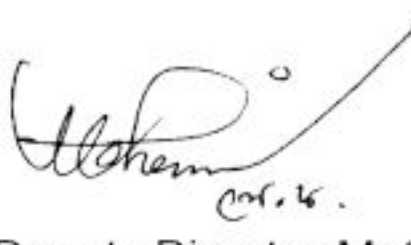
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Amendment of Tender Notice

1. The advertisement published in the Dailies regarding the following items is amended as under:

Tender No. & Dt.	Name of Items	Subject of Ammendments	For	Read
23.04.0000.167.65.6813.13.14 dt- 10-09-2013	Fuze Manufacturing Plant for 60 mm & 82 mm MORTER, 105 mm, 122 mm and 130 mm HOWITZER	Last date of selling tender form	28 October 2013 1300 hrs	19 November 2013 1300 hrs
		Date of dropping & opening Tender	29 October 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	20 November 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs
23.04.0000.167.63.6813.13.14 dt- 10-09-2013	Shell Body Manufacturing Plant for 60 mm & 82 mm MOR and Artillery Shell	Last date of selling tender form	28 October 2013 1300 hrs	19 November 2013 1300 hrs
		Date of dropping & opening Tender	29 October 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	20 November 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs
23.04.0000.167.53.6813.13.14 dt- 10-09-2013	Propellant Manufacturing Plant of 500 Ton/Year (2/1 & 3/1 Camphor Single Base, High Caliber Ammo)	Last date of selling tender form	28 October 2013 1300 hrs	19 November 2013 1300 hrs
		Date of dropping & opening Tender	29 October 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	20 November 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs
23.04.0000.167.62.6813.13.14 dt- 10-09-2013	Steel Case Type-56 Manufacturing Plant of 30 Million/ Year	Last date of selling tender form	28 October 2013 1300 hrs	19 November 2013 1300 hrs
		Date of dropping & opening Tender	29 October 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	20 November 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs
23.04.0000.167.57.6813.13.14 dt- 08-09-2013	Explosive Testing Laboratory	Last date of selling tender form	28 October 2013 1300 hrs	19 November 2013 1300 hrs
		Date of dropping & opening Tender	29 October 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	20 November 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs
23.04.0000.166.110.4856.13.14 dt- 06-09-2013	Hard Steel Ball or equivalent, Polystyrene or equivalent, HDPE or equivalent, Polyamide Vestamide-12 or equivalent	Currency	Local	Foreign
		Last date of selling tender form	11 November 2013 1300 hrs	25 November 2013 1300 hrs
		Date of dropping & opening Tender	12 November 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs	26 November 2013 Dropping-1200 hrs Opening-1205 hrs

2. Other terms & conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.



Deputy Director Material
For Commandant

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