

## **'Saksham Pedal Delhi 2018' organised**



'Saksham Pedal Delhi 2018' was organised by PCRA in partnership with ONGC and other Oil PSUs under the aegis of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. Over 6,000 participants from across the country, including national and international cyclists, participated in it.

## नौकरी का झांसा देकर ठगी करने वाले गैंग का मास्टरमाइंड धरा

नई दिल्ली | सेना, रेलवे और ओएनजीसी में नौकरी दिलाने के बहाने ठगी करने वाले गैंग के मास्टरमाइंड योगेंद्र उर्फ बंटी (39) को गिरफ्तार कर लिया है। वह मूलरूप से दादरी (हरियाणा) का रहने वाला है। उसकी गिरफ्तारी पर 50 हजार रुपए का इनाम रखा हुआ था। यह गैंग पिछले कुछ साल से सक्रिय था जो बेरोजगार युवकों को नौकरी का झांसा देकर अपना शिकार बनाता था। नौकरी के इच्छुक युवकों को फिजिकल टेस्ट से लेकर इंटरव्यू तक करवा देता था। 11 अक्टूबर को क्राइम ब्रांच ने एक सूचना पर हरिद्वार में रेड डालकर उसे पकड़ लिया।

## RWAs urge CM to reduce VAT on fuel prices in Delhi

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**NEW DELHI:** Days after dealers of petrol and diesel stations in Delhi announced to go on strike on October 22, a number of residents' welfare associations (RWAs) and civil society groups have come out in support and urged chief minister Arvind Kejriwal to reduce VAT on fuels.

Raising the issue of air pollution, some residents said the steep petrol prices in Delhi have forced them to buy low quality and polluting variant of the fuel from neighbouring cities. "Due to price difference of about Rs 2-3/ litre, Delhiites living near borders are being forced to buy fuel from neighbouring states of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana which still is on Bharat Standard (BS) IV as compared to less polluting BS VI, which is available only in Delhi," Manish Chawla, a resident of Anand Vihar, said.

The Central government had slashed the rate of petrol and diesel by ₹2.50 per litre on October 4. This was followed by reduction of Value Added Tax (VAT) by various states, including Haryana and UP.

The Delhi Petrol Dealers Association (DPDA) has already decided to observe a closure on October 22 to protest the fuel prices. "If the difference in prices continues, there will be a drop of 50% in sale of diesel in Delhi and 25% in petrol in this quarter," said a member of DPDA.

Residents also pointed out how inadequate public transport network adds to the problem.

## **Oil India Limited makes two Hydrocarbon discoveries**

Oil India Limited (OIL) has made two Hydrocarbon discoveries in Dibrugarh and Tinsukia district in the Upper Assam Basin during the second quarter (Q2) of the financial year 2018-19, in the wells West Lohali -1 and Dhakuwal-1. The well West Lohali-1 encountered one sand in Barail formation of Oligocene age. On testing, a 13 m Barail sand at a depth of 2,357 m, produced gas at the rate of 1,15,000 scmd. The well Dhakuwal-1 encountered two zones in LK+TH formation of Eocene age. On testing, a 15 m LK+TH sand at a depth of 3,875 m, produced gas at the rate of 1,00,000 scmd with 22 m<sup>3</sup>/d condensate.

## Fuel excise duty cut 'credit negative' for India: Moody's

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The excise duty cut on petrol and diesel is credit negative for India as it will reduce government revenue and increase fiscal deficit by 0.1 per cent to 3.4 per cent of GDP in the year ending March 2019, according to Moody's Investors Service. Also, the earning of public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) would be "negatively affected" as they also absorbed Rs 1 per litre cut in their pricing, Moody's said.

The government had recently cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 1.5 a litre, sacrificing Rs 10,500 crore revenue in the current financial year.

"Overall, excise duty cuts are credit negative because they will reduce government revenue collection," it said. PTI

# Clean Ganga: Just 25% of ₹20,000 cr released, no takers for CSR projects

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While the government and many others profess commitment to the holy Ganga — keeping it “aviral and nirmal” as campaigners like late GD Agarwal had been demanding — the government records narrate a different tale.

According to documents accessed under the Right to Information (RTI) by Ropar-based activist Dinesh Chadha from the Ministry of Water resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, the Narendra Modi-led government released just about Rs 5,500 crore from 2013-2014 till June 30, 2018, for the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).

The government has promised to spend about Rs 20,000 crore for rejuvenation of the national river. The apathy towards Ganga gets further highlighted with another piece of information accessed by Chadha. The NMCG through its website had requested companies to serve the holy river by adopting CSR projects — ghat construction, cleaning of ghat,



## ANOTHER ACTIVIST ON FAST RUSHED TO AIIMS

- Two days after Ganga activist GD Agarwal died at AIIMS in Rishikesh, another person fasting for conservation of the river was rushed to the institute early on Saturday
- Sant Gopaldas, 36, had been fasting for 110 days. He stopped drinking water three days ago. The administration has given permission to AIIMS to take any measures they deem fit to save Gopaldas' life, including force-feeding

IEC activities, bio-remediation of nalas and drains Ganga gram, crematoria, river surface cleaning using trash skimmer, solid waste management and tree plantation, etc — but as per the RTI, no company adopted any project, at least till July 30, 2018.

The list of individual contributors to the CGF does not include any of the “politicians who play politics on the name of Ganga”, says Chadha. But with a contribution of

Rs 1 crore, Dr Simon John, Delhi Diocese of Believers Church, is the highest contributor among the 1,523 resident Indians who together gave about Rs 2.36 crore.

Meanwhile, around Rs 255 crore was collected by the CGF under the CSR till July 27, 2018. Though the document do not reveal how much of it was actually utilised, a Parliament reply in March stated that till January 31, 2018, the Rs 221.75 crore collected under the head had

## RTI REVELATIONS

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remained unutilised.

In March, Minister of State for Water Resources Satyapal Singh told Parliament that “as on date no fund has been utilised by the Namami Mission for Clean Ganga under the CGF”. Gujarat contributed Rs 8.36 crore to the CGF between March 13, 2015, and March 31, 2016; 145 NRIs contributed Rs 24.92 crore and 224 private companies Rs 25.76, with Bank of America contributing the highest Rs 4 crore.

## RWAs urge reduction in VAT on petrol, diesel

Several resident welfare associations and civil society groups in Delhi have urged Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to reduce VAT on petrol and diesel in the city, claiming the residents were suffering due to price hike.

The central government had slashed the rate of petrol and diesel by Rs 2.50 per litre on October 4, VK Arora, the convenor of Delhi Residents Forum said.

This was followed by reduction of Value Added Tax (VAT) by various states including neighbouring Haryana and Uttar Pradesh bringing relief to their residents.

“We urge the Delhi government to reduce VAT on petrol and diesel in the national capital and bring the fuel prices down,” Arora said.

With the festival season on, secretary of Mahila Pragatisheel Association (MPA) Ritu Bhatia said the residents

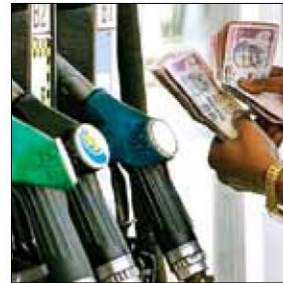


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are being forced to use private vehicles in the capital due to lack of affordable and efficient public transport.

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**Bio-fuel from plastic waste soon: Minister**

NEW DELHI

A plant to convert plastic waste into bio-diesel will be made operational by January-end at the Indian Institute of Petroleum in Dehradun, said Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan at an International E-Waste Day event on Saturday. This bio-fuel can be used in any diesel vehicle, an official said. PTI