

# How does AMU's minority status matter, asks SC

## 'Univ Continues To Be Of National Importance'

New Delhi: How does it matter for people whether the Aligarh Muslim University is a minority institution or not when it has continued to be an institute of national importance without the minority tag, the Supreme Court said on Thursday as it underlined that the intent of Article 30 of the Constitution is not to "ghettoise the minority".



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Article 30 deals with the right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions.

Grappling with the hotly debated issue of minority status of AMU, the apex court also deliberated upon what would be the impact on the 2006 Allahabad High Court

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since AMU was a central university, it cannot be considered a minority institution.

"Without the minority tag, the institution has continued to be an institution of national importance. How does it matter for the people whether it is a minority institution or not? It is only the brand name, AMU," observed the bench.

Advocate Shadan Farasat, appearing for one of the petitioners favouring minority status of AMU, said until the Basha judgement came, the varsity was considered as a minority institution.

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While hearing some pleas challenging the 2006 verdict, the apex court had in its order noted that the counsel for AMU undertakes that they will not implement 50 per cent reservation for Muslims in admission.

During the hearing on the vexed question for the third day on Thursday, Farasat said when it comes to women's education, the existence of minority status of AMU is very relevant and, if AMU ceases to be a Muslim minority institution, it may hamper the higher education of Muslim women.

The arguments in the matter remained inconclusive and would continue on January 23. PTI

# Situation in Rajouri-Poonch matter of concern: Gen Pande

New Delhi: The situation in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri-Poonch region is a matter of "concern" and enhancing deployment of troops, boosting intelligence apparatus and reaching out to local people are part of measures being initiated to contain terrorist activities in the area, Chief of Army Staff Gen Manoj Pande said on Thursday.



General Manoj Pande speaks to the press ahead of Army Day, in New Delhi on Thursday

At a press conference, he also said he has conveyed an unambiguous message to the soldiers and commanders that there will be "zero tolerance" to human rights violations and they must operate in a professional manner.

Three civilians were killed in Poonch last month allegedly during questioning by the Army in connection with an ambush of Army personnel by militants. Four Army soldiers were killed in the ambush.

"The situation in Poonch-Rajouri has been an issue of concern to us," Gen Pande said.

It is learnt that the terrorists operating in the Rajouri-Poonch area are very well-trained in carrying out terror attacks and ambushes.

The Chief of Army Staff said the Army is also looking at strengthening the ability to use technology to gather intelligence.

"We have enhanced our deployment and also reoriented some of the units," he said.

At the same time he said the troops have been told to operate professionally. "My guidance to soldiers and commanders is unambi-

guous - in terms of respect for human rights, there will be zero tolerance for any actions on that account," he said.

"We have clearly laid out guidelines spelling out what you (Army personnel) must do and what you must not do in those areas and for the soldiers to be able to (operate) in a professional manner," Gen Pande said.

He said there has been an increase in terrorist activities in Rajouri-Poonch region in the last five-six months.

"In the last five to six months, in Rajouri and Poonch, there has been an increase in terrorism. Terrorism in that area was eradicated in 2003 and peace was there till 2017-18," he said.

"Because of the situation in the valley getting normal, this is one area, our adversaries have been active in, in terms of abetting terrorism, encouraging proxy tanzems in operating in this area," he said. PTI

# IMD: Weather forecast for panchayats from next week

New Delhi: In a significant expansion of its coverage, the India Meteorological Department will provide panchayat-level weather forecast from next week, particularly to help small farmers plan farming better and cut down climate-induced losses, its chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said on Thursday.

The weather office will also launch the 'Har Har Mausam, Har Ghar Mausam' initiative and the National Framework for Climate Services on Monday when it kicks off year-long celebrations to mark its 150th anniversary. India's technological prowess has made it possible for the IMD to take its forecasting capability from the block to panchayat level, Mohapatra told PTI in an interview.

The aim is to connect with at least five farmers in every village across the country. The information will be available in 12 Indian languages, besides English and Hindi, he said. PTI

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD. INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) EOI Notice No.: BSL(P)/EOI/02/2024. For "Providing Suitable Solution for Trash Management at Pandoh Dam Reservoir along with its Design Fabrication and Installation".

UTAR PRADESH EXPRESSWAYS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (UPEIDA). RFP issued for Selection of Developers for Development of Way Side Amenities along Bundelkhand Expressway, Purvanchal Expressway, Gorakhpur Link Expressway on DBFOT basis.

TAMILNADU TEXTBOOK AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORPORATION, CHENNAI - 6. "EVK Sampath Maaligal" No.88, College Road, Chennai-600 006. Phone: 044 - 28275852, Fax No: 044 - 28224493, E-mail: jd.lnbesc@tn.gov.in.

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER. RC.No. 11740/PUR-1/2023 Date: 11/01/2024. Supply, delivery & installation of LAN Cabling in 6029 Schools in coordination with Telecom Service Providers (TSP'S) for Government schools in Tamil Nadu.

# Swachh survey: For 7th time, Indore named 'cleanest' city

New Delhi: Indore bagged the cleanest city of India title for the seventh time in a row while Surat came out a joint winner for the top rank in the Central government's annual cleanliness survey, the results of which were announced Thursday.

Navi Mumbai retained the third position in the 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023'. In the 'best-performing states' category, Maharashtra was named the cleanest state in the country, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

In the last annual survey, Madhya Pradesh bagged the cleanest state title.

Three cities of West Bengal - Madhyamgram (444th rank), Kalyani (445th rank) and Haora (446th rank) - occupied the bottom rankings.

Among the bottom three in the state category includes Rajasthan, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh. According to the survey results, Maharashtra's Sasvad got the cleanest city award among 3,970 cities with less than one lakh population. Chhattisgarh's Patan and Lonavala in Maharashtra got the second and third positions respectively while Nagaland's Pungro city is ranked the last in this category.

## Indore dist's Mhow named cleanest cantonment

Mhow: Mhow Cantonment in Indore district in Madhya Pradesh was declared the cleanest among 62 cantonments in the country in the Swachh Survekshan for 2023, results of which were declared on Thursday. In an event held in Delhi, President Droupadi Murmu presented the award to Director General of Defence Estates GS Rajeswaran, Mhow Cantonment Board chief Brig LK Bharadwaj, CEO Vikas Kumar. PTI

## ganj. Among the 88 Ganga towns, Chhapra is ranked the last.

In the category of cleanest cantonment boards, Madhya Pradesh's Mhow topped the chart while Deolali in Nashik and Ahmedabad were on other two spots. President Droupadi Murmu gave away the awards to the winners at an event held here. Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri attended the event.

According to the data, 4,477 urban local bodies participated in the Swachh Survekshan 2023 and 12 core citizen responses were received. 92,720 municipal wards, 61 cantonment boards, 88 Ganga towns and 18,980 commercial areas participated in the survey. The government claims it to be the world's largest cleanliness survey. PTI

SBI. Data Warehouse Department, State Bank of India, Global IT Centre, Sector 11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400614. CORRIGENDUM - 2. With reference to the notice No: SBI/GITC/Data Warehouse/2023/2024/48 dated 08.12.2023 for inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) for Procurement of Integrated Solution for Data Lake and Data Warehouse.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE. Office of the Executive Engineer (Mahadevpura - Lakes), Room No.306, 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only). Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer (Mahadevpura - Lakes), BBMP for the work mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

MSME-TOOL ROOM, HYDERABAD (CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF TOOL DESIGN) (A Government of India Society, Ministry of MSME) Balanagar 'X' Roads, Hyderabad-500037 (TS) INDIA. Expression of Interest For Empanelment of Expert Resource Person (ERP) under CITD, Hyderabad. For Collaborating with Domain experts from Academia, Industry, Startups for skilling/ re-skilling/ up-skilling / capacity building/ training in the areas of interest of CITD and emerging technologies.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI. OFFICE OF THE DY. COMMISSIONER REMUNERATIVE PROJECT CELL (25th Floor), Civic Centre, New Delhi-110002. E-TENDER FOR ALLOTMENT OF AUTHORIZED PARKING SITE OF MCD ON MONTHLY LICENSE FEE BASIS. PRESS NOTICE E-TENDER. E-Bids are invited on behalf of Commissioner, MCD from eligible bidders for allotment of 67 authorized parking site (including 01 cluster) under the jurisdiction of MCD on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (Technical and Financial) for a period of three years and extendable further up to two more years subject to satisfactory performance of the firm and as decided by the Competent Authority vide Tender NIT No.2470 dt. 10.01.2024.

# WFI row: Court to pass order on cops' complaint closure report on March 2

New Delhi: A Delhi court is likely to pronounce on March 2 its order on whether to accept a police report seeking cancellation of a complaint filed by a minor wrestler against former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh abusing him of sexual harassment. Additional Sessions Judge Chhavi Kapoor, who was scheduled to pass the order on Thursday, said some clarifications were required in the matter.

During the in-chamber proceedings held on August 1, the minor wrestler had told the court she was satisfied with Delhi Police's investigation in the case and was not opposed to the closure report it has submitted. PTI

State Bank of India. Tatipaka Branch, Tatipaka, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema Dist.

POSSESSION NOTICE (For movable and immovable properties) (Under the Act, Rule 8 (1)). WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Tatipaka Branch, Tatipaka, Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema District, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated: 06.11.2023 calling upon the Borrower: Sri.Sagi Subbaraju, S/o. Subbaraju D.No. 2-130, Gogannamattam, Mamidikururu Mandal, East Godavari District, HTL Ac 37862441088, Suraksha Ac. 37923996474 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.24,73,979/- (Rupees Twentyfour Lakhs Seventythree Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventynine Only) as on 06.11.2023 Plus interest, costs, charges etc. less amount repaid subsequently within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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TNPL TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED. Kagitapuram - 639 136, Karur Dist. Tamil Nadu. Ph.: 04324-277001 (10 Lines), E-Mail: purchase.wood@tnpl.co.in. NOTICE INVITING TENDER. Tender No., Material Description, Due date.

Karnataka Municipal Data Society (R). Government of Karnataka (Directorate of Municipal Administration). 6th Floor, #1-1, IT Park, Rajajinagar Industrial Estate, Bengaluru - 560 010. Ph.: 080-23031006. E-mail: mcds@mrcc.gov.in Web: www.mrc.gov.in. No: E77749 KMDS/ADMIN/1/2023 Date: 10.01.2024. TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement portal only). Tender is invited through e-procurement portal to two cover system for "Selection of reputed Consultancy firms/agencies for setting up of Project Implementation Unit (PIU) to supply Technical Manpower to KMDS for development of web/mobile applications". Please visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in to submit bid.