

Centre's stand sought on national song status for Vande Mataram

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Wednesday sought the Union government's stand on a plea for formulating a policy to give similar respect and "equally propagate" to the national song, Vande Mataram at par with the national anthem "Jana Gana Mana".

A bench of acting chief justice Vipin Sanghi and justice Sachin Datta issued notice on the petition by BJP leader and lawyer Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay to the Delhi government National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT) on the petition which has sought to ensure that "Jana Gana Mana" and Vande Mataram are played and sung in all schools and educational institutions on every working day.

The petitioner argued before the court that in the absence of any guideline or regulations to honour Vande Mataram, the national song is being sung in an "uncivilised manner" and misused in films and parties.

Even though the court took exception to the petitioner publicizing the matter in the press before it came up for hearing, acting CJ Sanghi said that he will entertain the present PIL because the petitioner is a serious litigant.

"In order to keep the country united, it is the duty of the government to frame a national policy to promote-propagate 'Jana Gana Mana' and 'Vande Mataram'. There is no reason why it should evoke any other sentiment as the both are decided by Constitution makers," the petition read. The matter would be heard on November 9.

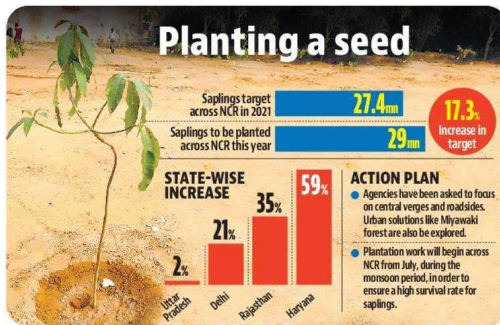
Panel hikes NCR's greening target

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NEW DELHI: Two weeks after the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas increased the annual plantation target for Delhi by 21%, the panel on Wednesday increased the overall greening target for Delhi's neighbouring states by 17.3%, which translates to a 59% rise in Haryana, 35% in Rajasthan and 2% in Uttar Pradesh.

After convening a meeting of the NCR states on Wednesday, officials said they have developed a greening roadmap for the entire NCR region.

"The total plantation and greening targets finalised for the entire NCR for 2022-23 is 2.90 crore (29 million) saplings, which is a 17.33% increase as compared to the previous year's target of 2.47 crore (24.7 million) saplings. Timelines covering various activities including site



selection, pit digging, soil weathering, commencement of plantation, completion of plantation, weed removal, mortality refresh-

ment, monitoring and replacing have also been finalised and shared with the states as part of the Greening Action

Plan," said a CAQM official. Under the action plan for this year, Haryana will be required to plant 8.5 million saplings;

Rajasthan has to plant 984,000 saplings and UP has a target of 16.4 million saplings.

In Delhi, the CAQM set a target of 3.2 million saplings, up from 2.6 million last year, at a meeting held on May 11. However, the Delhi government has already announced a target of planting 3.5 million saplings this year, with officials saying that the plantation drive is expected to begin from June.

Just like in Delhi, CAQM has told NCR states to focus on greening initiatives along central verges and roadides. "While finalising the Greening Action Plan, the need to focus greening initiatives along the central verges and roadides has been stressed upon. Higher educational institutions, universities and research institutions have also been roped in for these plantation drives. The commission has also advised dense plantation using Miyawaki technique (dense, native forests in a small area)," said a CAQM official.

WEEK-LONG FAIR TO PROMOTE USE OF ALTERNATIVES TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC: MINISTER

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NEW DELHI: Ahead of a ban on 19 single-use plastic (SUP) items across the country from July 1, Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai on Wednesday said a week-long fair will be held in June to showcase startups and manufacturers developing alternative solutions.

He further said that a green startup policy will be launched soon, under which existing SUP manufacturers will receive incentives and financial aid to switch to manufacture of alternative solutions.

"A conference was convened at the Delhi Secretariat with members of 17 new startups and self-help groups working on different alternatives to single-use plastic, with officials from the environment department, NDMC (New Delhi Municipal Council), DPCC (Delhi Pollution Control Committee), MCD and Cantonment Board all present to discuss these alternatives and its feasibility," said Rai.

"...the government has agreed to hold a week-long fair in the month of June where all these startups and self-help groups can display SUP alternatives they have created. In addition, the government will introduce a new green startup policy for those involved in the manufacture of single-use plastic alternatives," he added.

The minister also said orders have been issued to the MCD in Delhi to identify and prepare a list of shops involved in the sale of SUPs. "In future, another project will be prepared and launched by linking these shops with startups working on other alternatives to SUP," he said.

The Delhi government has already announced a ban on SUP items in the Delhi secretariat from June 1.

Delhi's mercury below 40°C for 4 days now



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2 dead as van overturns on e-way

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GHAZIABAD: Two people died and four were injured when a van overturned and caught fire on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway near Misaroon Wednesday, police said, adding that according to their preliminary investigation, the driver lost control of the vehicle while trying to avoid ramming a scooter.

"Six people were travelling in the van, which was headed towards Delhi. They were scheduled to take a train to Nagraj. It appears that the driver tried to avoid ramming a scooter and lost control of the vehicle. It skidded, overturned, and its ONGC cylinder caught fire. Two of the passengers



Police officers said the driver of the van tried to avoid ramming a scooter. The van overturned and caught fire. SAKIB ALI/HT PHOTO

were charred to death and three others were severely injured. The sixth person survived with minor injuries," said Iraj Raja, superintendent of police (rural).

"When the accident took place, local commuters rushed to help. In the meantime, the highway patrol and police vans arrived and doused the fire, with the fire

departments help. Three of the severely injured people were admitted to a private hospital where they are said to be stable," Raja said.

Police said all the passengers are related and are residents of Haridwar in Uttarakhand. They identified the deceased persons as Savita Prasad (22) and Chandra Prakash (35).

The three severely injured passengers were identified as Anuj Kumar (22), Nisha Singh (17), and Avdhesh Prasad (30). The sixth person's identity was withheld. Police said they are trying to ascertain the exact reason for the accident by speaking with the injured persons and checking the footage of the CCTV cameras in the area. There is also no information so far regarding the scooter and its rider.

MONKEYPOX INFO DESKS IN CITY SOON

NEW DELHI: The Delhi government will set up monkeypox information desks across the city and play pre-recorded messages on district helplines, in a move to ease concerns about the infection, which has spread to 19 countries so far, said health department officials aware of the matter.

No monkeypox cases have been detected in India as yet. A senior official of the Delhi health department said state helplines have received several calls enquiring about the symptoms of the disease. Many have asked for help to distinguish its symptoms from Covid-19, the official said.

PC GEORGE HELD OVER HATE SPEECH

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The Kerala police on Wednesday arrested former legislator PC George after the district court in Thiruvananthapuram cancelled his anticipatory bail for flouting conditions of the pre-arrest bail in a hate speech case. The police earlier held him on May 1 after registering a case against him under Indian Penal Code Sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion) and 295A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) for allegedly making a communal speech against Muslims.

SC TO COPS: TREAT SEX WORKERS WITH DIGNITY

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has directed police forces in all states and Union territories to treat sex workers with dignity, instead of abusing them physically and verbally.

"The police and other law enforcement agencies should be sensitised to the rights of sex workers who also enjoy all basic human rights," the bench said. It also directed the media to refrain from revealing identities of sex workers, both in their capacity as victims or accused. HT follows a policy of not disclosing the identities of sex workers.

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Sr. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
		Quarter Ended		Year Ended		Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		31.03.2022	31.03.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2021
1	Total Income from Operations	9,870.37	9,672.29	38,545.40	37,744.87	18,553.18	18,148.72	76,261.66	71,656.10
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	3,200.08	2,793.82	12,227.65	10,207.31	5,445.92	5,005.50	23,382.22	19,890.73
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax and Exceptional Items)	3,200.08	2,793.82	12,227.65	10,207.31	5,445.92	5,005.50	23,382.22	19,890.73
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	2,608.45	2,328.61	10,021.90	8,404.01	4,295.90	3,908.05	18,768.21	15,716.20
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	2,496.45	2,372.72	10,202.73	8,534.21	3,919.31	3,954.63	18,889.78	16,264.09
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value ₹ 10/- each)	2,640.08	2,640.08	2,640.08	2,640.08	2,640.08	2,640.08	2,640.08	2,640.08
7	Other Equity (As per Audited Balance Sheet as at 31 st March)	NA	NA	56,710.20	49,753.04	NA	NA	69,036.16	58,127.40
8	Securities Premium Account	2,776.54	2,776.54	2,776.54	2,776.54	NA	NA	NA	NA
9	Net worth	59,350.28	52,393.12	59,350.28	52,393.12	NA	NA	NA	NA
10	Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt	3,20,128.13	3,25,094.50	3,20,128.13	3,25,094.50	NA	NA	NA	NA
11	Net Debt Equity Ratio	5.38	6.13	5.38	6.13	NA	NA	NA	NA
12	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (Face value ₹ 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)*								
	(a) Basic EPS (in ₹)	9.88	8.81	37.96	31.98	12.14	11.07	53.08	44.50
	(b) Diluted EPS (in ₹)	9.88	8.81	37.96	31.98	12.14	11.07	53.08	44.50

* EPS for the quarters is not annualised.

1. These audited financial results have been reviewed & recommended by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors of the Company in their respective meetings held on 25.05.2022. The same have been audited by Joint Statutory Auditors of the Company viz. Prem Gupta & Company, Chartered Accountants and DSS Gupta & Associates, Chartered Accountants in conformity with Regulation 33 & 32 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter and Year-Ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 & 32 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchanges' websites www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.pfcindia.com.

3. The Board of Directors of the Company has recommended final dividend @ 12.50% on the paid up equity share capital i.e. ₹ 12.5/- per equity share of ₹ 10/- each for the financial year 2021-22, subject to the approval of the shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting. The Company has also paid interim dividend of ₹ 10.75/- per equity share of ₹ 10/- each during FY 2021-22.

4. For other applicable disclosures as required under Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, refer detailed format of the financial results filed with the stock exchanges (www.nseindia.com & www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website www.pfcindia.com.

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