NAC rules for Montek on poverty plans

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New Delhi, Nov. 4: The Sonia Gandhi-headed National Advisory Council has listed dos and don'ts for Montek Singh Ahluwalia on the special component plan that forms a part of the five-year plan devised by the Planning Commission.

The council has focused on the Dalits in the special plan that has two sub-plans: one for Dalits and the other for tribals.

The council's working group on Dalit issues — Harsh Mander and Farah Naqvi are in the team — has asked the Centre to pass an enabling law to monitor the schemes undertaken by the special Dalit plan, track the amounts spent on them to the last rupee and facilitate social auditing.

The council asked the plan panel to fund only such schemes where “tangible benefits” accrued to the Dalits and demanded that the money allotted should be made “non-lapsable and non-divertible”.

Explaining the rationale for the last demand, the council said before the plan outlays were allocated to the ministries and departments in the Centre and the states, the commission must compulsorily earmark a proportion for the Dalit sub-plan.

Mander and Naqvi underlined that the designated amount must not be parked with a ministry but must be handed over to all the departments and ministries that had a proven record of doing targeted programmes for the Schedules Castes.

They added that if the Planning Commission was to achieve the 12th Plan's declared aim of “closing the gap between the SCs and the rest” through the SC sub-plan — introduced in the late seventies — it should ensure that the Dalit-specific projects were "protected" and indeed funded even more.

“The practice of showing notional outflows by ministries/departments to account for the special component sub-plan shall be discontinued," it stressed.

The NAC has asked to constitute a separate body to vet and sanction the schemes.

Sonia's panel, in concrete terms, said boarding schools for Dalit boys and girls must be set up in villages, towns and cities.

The council also demanded programmes to allow Dalits greater access to irrigated land, create self-employment schemes and enterprise development.
Govt forms GoM to deal with Japanese Encephalitis

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NEW DELHI, 5 NOV: The Government has formed a Group of Ministers (GoM) to deal with the danger posed by Japanese Encephalitis and Acute Encephalitis syndrome (AES) which have claimed over 400 child deaths in eastern Uttar Pradesh.

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Minister of state (Independent Charge) of Women and Child Development Krishna Tirath is the only non cabinet minister who is the part of the GoM.

The GoM will evolve and suggest a multi-pronged strategy to deal with Japanese Encephalitis and AES, officials said.

"The GoM would work on preventive, case management, and rehabilitation (rehabilitation of disabled children, schools for physically and mentally challenged) measures for consideration and approval of the cabinet," the terms of reference for the GoM state.

Azad, who had visited Gorakhpur and other areas of Eastern Uttar Pradesh had suggested the formation of a GoM for a multi pronged strategy to curb the onslaught of these killer diseases.
Digvijaya wants Maharashtra to support Dalit traders’ meet

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Digvijaya Singh wants the Maharashtra government to sponsor a conference of Dalit Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Mumbai in December, and may request Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi to attend it. Singh said this in presence of social justice and empowerment minister Mukul Wasnik.
महिषासूर विवाद मामले की कोई जांच जारी नहीं : जेएनयू

जेएनयू प्रशासन ने महिषासूर विवाद मामले के बारे में स्पष्टीकरण देते हुए कहा है कि इस मुद्दे पर अब कोई निरीक्षण जांच नहीं मान ली गई है। जेएनयू प्रशासन ने इससे संबंधित नोटिस जेएनयू के सभी स्टेटस पर अब तक कोई जांच नहीं मानी गई है। नोटिस में इसके संदर्भ में उल्लिखित करता है कि जेएनयू ने इस पर निरीक्षण किया जा सकता है।

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बखर है की वह दो हजरे ही देशीय वाणिज्य समाज में अधिकारिता गृहमण्डल, आसाया, शहरी राष्ट्रीय उपमंडल, इंदौर गृहमण्डल और धार्मिक समाज के साथ बैठक कर सकते हैं। इस प्रकार की भी समाजवादी है कि 22 दिसंबर को शुरू होने वाले संसद के शीतकालीन सत्र में राहुल के दास के साथ भूमि अधिकारिता विषयक के साथ-साथ 1993 में मेला दो सालों को रैंडर पर खुल और शृंखला मंडल (लिस्ट) अधिनियम में संशोधन विषयक भी पेषा कर लो।

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99-yr-old freedom fighter on fast for pension

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RANCHI, 5 Nov: A 99-year-old freedom fighter and his 85-year-old spouse, who took part in the Salt Satyagraha and Quit India Movement, today sat on an indefinite hunger strike near the Raj Bhavan for securing freedom fighters' pension.

“We participated in Quit India Movement and Salt Satyagraha, and went to jail thrice, in Godda and Deoghar,” Bhagaiya Ram and his wife Chamni told reporters.

“Even after receiving bail, we continued to take part in the freedom struggle and were made accused in criminal case No 161/1945 (Emperor Vs Chedi Rout case). We were sent to the Dumka jail.” Ram, who is from Hinghekhuntani village in Godda district, said displaying documents.

Narrating their woes, Ram said he had submitted an application for freedom fighters’ pension on 21 July 1981 to the then SDO, Godda.

“We had applied in the name of Chamni Devi, but the application was rejected.” Chamni Devi said their plea for old-age pension was also turned down as they did not have a BPL card which was required.

“Our request for Indira Awas was also rejected on the same ground that we did not have a BPL card,” she said.

The elderly couple said that they had made several applications for pension, but to no avail. “We want to live independently,” they said.

According to the Swatantrata Sainik Sanman Pension, 1972, a person imprisoned or detained during the freedom movement was eligible to pension of Rs 5,000 per month. Jharkhand Senior Citizens’ Association head Arun Kumar Pandey, who is assisting the couple in their fight, said. Around 8.30 p.m, a team of doctors examined the elderly couple at the fasting spot. Later, they were admitted to the Ranchi Sadar hospital, according to police sources.
हाईकोर्ट ने छात्रा को एलएलबी में दाखिला देने का दिया निर्देश

मई दिल्ली (एएएफटी)। एक छात्रा को दिल्ली अध्याय के दल के संकर के बीच में दाखिला देने का दिया निर्देश है। वहां छात्रा सरकार बोले जो तरह से मान कर रही है। वह छात्रा बोला सरकार से बोला गया है की एइलबी (एलएलबी) के लिए उसे दाखिला दिया गया। ज्यादातर यह उसकी रूपरेखा चैंबरी तैयारी में उसका उपयोग है। 

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Dalits launch a capital enterprise

Anabika Mukherji | TNN

New Delhi: Growing up in the 1990s in small town Rajasthan, TR Meghwal, son of a Dalit farmer, was not allowed to touch the 'lota' from which upper-caste boys drank water. When he was thirsty, upper-caste students would pour water into his cupped palms. Ten years down the line, Meghwal has joined hands with a Brahman from Rajasthan, Rupraj Purohit, to start a multi-crore construction company.

Meghwal was one of 50-odd Dalit entrepreneurs from across India who attended the inauguration of the Delhi chapter of DAICI (Dalit India Chamber of Commerce and Industry). Dressed in suits and ties - the trademark of Dalit messiah Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar - their message was loud and clear: They were celebrating the arrival of the Dalit capitalist. A couple of decades ago, the term itself could well be considered an oxymoron for a community synonymous with poverty.

The event, a cocktail-cum-dinner party at India International Centre on Saturday evening, was not simply a celebration of Dalit wealth but a recognition of the struggles the community has been through. The function heralded the arrival of a new social order. Take for instance Sharan Singh, son of a labourer in an Agra shoe factory, who now heads his own shoe business. He acknowledges the fact that doing business as a Dalit is no easy task. For starters, he points out that despite a government policy on no-guarantee loans for Dalits, most banks insist on collateral.

The gathering included the likes of Shishupal Singh, a Delhi-based garment exporter with clients in France, Spain and Italy as well as Mumbai's Dalit czarina Kalpana Saroj, who runs Kamani Tubes Limited.

"By showcasing Dalit entrepreneurship, we are sending out a message to society that, despite all odds, Dalits can succeed," said Chandra Bhan Prasad, Dalit activist and author.

DAICI started its Mumbai chapter earlier this year. The Delhi chapter is the fifth of its kind across the country. "In another six months, we hope to have 25 chapters across India," said DAICI chairman Milind Ramble, who founded the organisation in Pune in 2005.

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Petty cash expenses for students hiked

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu has increased petty cash expenses given to college and school students, accommodated in Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe department hostels. While the amount for school children has been doubled from Rs 25 to Rs 50 per month. It has been hiked from Rs 35 to Rs 75 for college students, an official press release said here.
Proctor takes remark back, JNU row ends

New Delhi, Nov. 6: A group representing backward students claimed victory in its confrontation with the JNU administration on Saturday after the proctor issued a circular expressing regret if his purported remarks had hurt the feelings on the campus.

The All-India Backward Students’ Forum (AIBSF) had taken offence to remarks by proctor H.B. Bohidar in an interview to a newspaper where he purportedly said that no other group in JNU uses the “caste card”.

The group said the remarks were tantamount to calling it a “casteist organisation” and were “unwarranted”.

In a “clarification” issued on Friday, the proctor said he was quoted “out of context” in the newspaper report and added that “if it has hurt anybody’s feelings it is regretted”.

“This is being taken as a victory by our members,” said AIBSF president Jyotendra Yadav.

The row started after a poster on “Mahishasura” being circulated by AIBSF early this month resulted in a showcase notice being sent by the university to Yadav for his role in releasing “offensive” material. Yadav in turn sent a legal notice to the university.

Members of AIBSF and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) had clashed earlier this month over posters that were found “hurtful” by a section of students.

The proctor’s note also clarified that Left-wing organisation “JNU Forum against War on People” had not been banned but only put under a “restrain order”, pending a proctorial inquiry which has failed to progress due the non-cooperation of the group’s members.

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