

RTE admission process to start on Jan 16

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Pune: From academic year 2017-18, the admission process for the 25% reserved seats under the Right to Education Act (RTE) will be conducted online between January and April.

The process will begin on January 16 and go on till April 29, stated the schedule released by the school education department on Tuesday. Also, a government resolution issued on Tuesday stated that the schools refusing to admit students under the RTE will be immediately de-recognised and further action will be taken against them as per the law.

For a student seeking admission to standard I, he or she should have completed 5.4 years till September 30 to be eligible for the process. The schools need to give receipts to the parents after the admission of their wards is done, the resolution stated.

Among major change this time around, the schools can-

INFORMATION CENTRE

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Birth certificate and address proof. Those staying on rent need to submit government registered document
- Caste certificates issued by the state government for people belonging to socially disadvantaged category
- Income certificate for people belonging to economically weaker sections
- Disability certificate (only 50% or above disability eligible)

IMPORTANT DATES

- School registration:** Jan 16 to Feb 3
- Online form-filling:** Feb 5-21
- First lottery:** Feb 27 and 28
- Admission confirmation by parents:** March 1 to 9
- Schools to display vacant seats after first round:** March 10 and 11
- Second lottery:** March 14 & 15
- Parents to confirm admission in allotted schools:** March 16 to 21
- Schools to display number of vacant seats after second round:** March 22 and 23

Third Lottery: March 24 & 25

- Time for parents to confirm admissions in allotted schools: March 27 to April 1
- Schools to display number of vacant seats after third round: April 3 to 6
- Fourth lottery:** April 7 and 8
- Confirmation of admissions in allotted schools: April 10 to 15
- Schools to display number of vacant seats after fourth round: April 17 and 18
- Fifth lottery:** April 19 and 20
- Admission confirmation by parents: April 21 to 27
- Schools to display number of vacant seats after fifth round: April 28 and 29

TIMES VIEW

The RTE admission schedule released by the government appears better organized this time, but the real challenge will be in its implementation. Ever since reservation of 25% seats for students from the weaker sections came into force, not all seats have been filled by eligible candidates. Schools refused admissions on flimsy grounds and complaint redressal centres were flooded with grievances. The admission process could not be completed before the start of the academic year, depriving many students of seats in desired schools. The government has made a good beginning this year and must ensure that online platforms remain glitch-free and deadlines are adhered to. Timely action against errant schools will act as a deterrent, but efforts must be made to address genuine issues raised by schools' administrations.

other way around, all the students will be eligible. The same process will be applied within 3km radius and so on, it added.

The first school allotted to a child will remain final and if a parent fails to secure admission within the stipulated time, the admission will be cancelled and the child will not be allowed to take part in further rounds.

About the level of entry, the resolution stated, if there are two schools within the same campus run by the same trust, but one from Std I to IV and another from Std V to VIII, then the entry level should be Std I and the school needs to carry forward the students till class VIII. If a new admission process is carried out in Std V, then 25% seats should be kept reserved. The schools have to make sure that there is no drop out or discrimination faced by these students.

The online application form will be made simpler. All information regarding students admitted should be uploaded with bifurcation on the category under which they have been admitted.

A senior official of the education board said, "Training of teachers and data entry operators are already on. The software changes are also being made and the NIC too will be training all officials and teachers. There will not be any procedural delays this time in the RTE."



Sales tax inspector caught accepting ₹1.5L bribe

Mumbai: A sales tax inspector was arrested while he was allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs1.5 lakh from a businessman, anti-corruption bureau (ACB) officials said on Thursday.

Prashant Wanjalkar was arrested on Wednesday night from Dadar while he was taking the second instalment of the bribe amount, said an ACB official.

According to the complaint, a city-based garment businessman had received a notice from the sales tax department for a 2005-2006 as-

essment order, he said. Wanjalkar, posted at the Sales Tax Bhavan in Mazgaon, had demanded bribe of Rs3.5 lakh from the trader to cancel the order and close the assessment file, the official said.

The accused allegedly accepted Rs 1 lakh a month ago and demanded Rs 2.6 lakh from the businessman, following which he approached the ACB. After verifying the complaint, an ACB team laid a trap on Thursday evening and caught Wanjalkar red-handed. **PTI**

Workers protest Babu's image left out of khadi panel's calendar

Mumbai: A section of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) staged a protest here on Thursday asking why Mahatma Gandhi's image was left out from the commission's diaries and calendars, which featured Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a brief protest, dozens of workers associated with KVIC gathered at Suburban Vile Parle and said they were raising the issue since Gandhi had been the driving force behind the Khadi movement.

"We are not against inclusion of Modi's picture on the diaries and calendars, but are pained not to find Gandhi's picture. We simply want to know why Gandhi has not been given the space here? Is Gandhi no longer relevant for the Khadi industry?" said one of them.

The protesters also demanded that the calendars be re-printed with Gandhi's image on them. A senior KVIC official, however, played down the issue. "No one can even think of ignoring the Mahatma. He was and will be the guiding force for the entire Khadi industry in the India. The Khadi industry is based on his philosophy and intrinsic association with it."

Justifying the inclusion of Modi's picture, he said, "Last October, Modi distributed 500 'charkhas' to women spinners in Ludhiana. To commemorate that historical moment, it was decided to print his image on the calendars." He also said Modi has also been a staunch supporter of Khadi, and wears and promotes the material. **PTI**

In desperation, villagers turn washrooms into storerooms

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Nashik: Whoever thought toilets could be put to so many uses? Just blame it on the ingenuity of villagers in Nashik.

For want of better uses of toilets that have been foisted on them by the state administration, the residents of Garmal village have thought of novel ways to turn them into storerooms or as places for safekeeping.

Godubai Palwe, a villager, would rather have a concrete roof over her head than a spanking new toilet in her dilapidated shanty. "At least it would protect us during the monsoon," reasoned Palwe. She and others in her village are confused over the government's priority on building toilets. But they have decided not to oppose construction of toilets as they think they can be put to better use as storerooms or for keeping valuables.

"We live in mud houses which get inundated during the monsoon. We don't know any government scheme which will help us to build houses, but some people are now saying that we will get money if we construct toilets. Whatever it is, if we get a cement structure we can use it for many purposes," she says. The women here felt that the bigger the size of the toilet, the better as they could take shelter in it during heavy rains.

Toilets are hardly of any use in the village as it faces acute water scarcity. "There are some toilets here, but hardly anyone uses them. There is perennial water scarcity. If we are struggling to get drinking water during the monsoon, how can people be expected to use precious water in toilets?" asked Mangal Mahale who runs a

DOWN THE DRAIN

- Toilets are being used as storage places
- Being used to keep valuables
- Toilets remain unused in areas where water is scarce
- At some places, toilets are used to wash clothes
- Villagers are unable to understand why government wants to build toilets
- Villagers in remote areas want basic facilities instead of toilets



HEALTH HAZARD

- Around 564 million people, nearly half the population of India, defecate in the open
- India accounts for 90% of the people in South Asia and 59% of the 1.1 billion people in the world who practise open defecation
- Open defecation poses a serious threat to the health of children in India

The practice is the main reason India reports the highest number of diarrhoeal deaths among children under-five in the world

Every year, diarrhoea kills 188,000 children under five in India

Women feel constrained to relieve themselves only under the cover of dark for reasons of privacy to protect their dignity

(SOURCE: UNICEF)

small grocery shop. A state officials who has worked on the sanitation campaign in Nashik district said, "We have put in lots of efforts to convince people not to use toilets for keeping valuables but they are unwilling to pay any heed to our advice," he said adding that some women wanted to keep pictures of idols in toilets.

However, in Ahmednagar, villagers have already started using toilets but for bathing and washing clothes. "Earlier women use to bath in open. Now with toi-

lets they can take a bath safely," said Yelubai, a villager in Akole taluka.

Sanitation expert Gourisankar Ghosh, who played a pivotal role in launching India's first cleanliness and sanitation campaign in 1980s, felt Swachh Bharat Mission isn't a people's programme. "It is time the government step back and do a mid-course correction and also tap the private sector in the mission. There is more publicity than proper communication that has left the people confused," he said.

Talks with Sena in right direction: CM

Thane: Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Thursday that the seat-sharing talks with Shiv Sena are going on in the "right direction" amid uncertainty over an alliance for next month's civic polls.

Invoking Chhatrapati Shivaji while addressing the BJP workers here, the CM said they will come to know about their "enemy" at "appropriate time."

"Talks between the BJP and Sena are not confined to seat-sharing alone, but are also directed towards a definite agenda and ensuring transparency in public interest. Let me tell you that the talks are going on in the right direction and the party leaders will take a proper decision in this regard," Fadnavis said at

the concluding session of the BJP state executive meeting here.

Invoking the warrior king, he said, "Party workers are like the Mavlas (soldiers of Shivaji) who never bothered about who their enemy was but just took on the enemy. You will come to know about the enemy at appropriate time."

Fadnavis added that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream is to "free the country and state from Congress" and this will be kept in mind. "We don't want Congress to return to power again and hence we will chalk out a proper strategy," he said.

On distribution of tickets for elections, the CM said only those aspirants with the potential to get elected and who acceptable by citizens would be given tickets. He also said

BJP is trying to bring in a payment gateway for accepting funds which might include the use of smartphones.

In his address, Fadnavis listed the various achievements of BJP governments at the state and Centre. "I am not claiming that we have achieved 100%, but our efforts are on and the citizens are confident and happy with our performance, which was reflected in local body elections," he said.

He appealed to the BJP workers to gear up for the battle, without bothering about the fate of the tie-up with bickering ally Shiv Sena. "The Sena and BJP are two different parties. Therefore, it is obvious that there will be differences. However, (BJP) workers should not worry about the alliance. The party functionaries will see that.

PIL in HC wants Shivaji memorial scrapped

Mumbai: A PIL has been filed in the Bombay high court opposing the decision of the Maharashtra government to construct a memorial to Chhatrapati Shivaji at the cost of Rs 3,600 crore.

The public interest litigation, filed on Thursday by Mohan Bhide, a chartered accountant, says that government's decision to spend Rs 3,600 crore on such a project was illogical and uncalled for.

"I have full respect and honour for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. But I am against the huge expenditure of the money of the tax payers. Constructing a statue in the middle of the sea is nothing but a political stunt by all political parties operating in Maharashtra," states the PIL.

Bhide's lawyer Ketan Parekh brought up the petition on Thursday before a division bench of Chief Justice Manjula Chellur and Justice G S Kulkarni which said it would take it up for hearing in due course.

Chief Justice Chellur, however, remarked, "Has the petitioner seen the statue in Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu or the statue in Hussain Sagar lake in Hyderabad? If those state governments can afford it we are sure the Maharashtra government is richer and can afford this." The petition sought that the high court should "scrap, cancel, set aside and quash the project."

"The proposed budget for the project is about Rs 3,600

'List steps for welfare of kids whose parents are in jail'

Mumbai: The Bombay high court on Thursday directed the Maharashtra government to file within two weeks an affidavit on the steps taken to ensure the welfare of children whose parents have been arrested and sent to jail.

"Under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, a clear separation has been provided for between children who are in need of care and protection and those children who are in conflict with law. Children who do not have anyone to take care of them have to be sent to a shelter home with basic facilities and infrastructure," the court said.

A division bench of Chief Justice Manjula Chellur and Justice G S Kulkarni directed state government to file

an affidavit stating what steps it has taken for the implementation of suggestions made by an NGO regarding a policy for such children.

The court had taken suo motu cognisance of the issue after a Supreme Court order in December 2014 which directed all high courts in 24 states of the country to examine the 'rights of prisoners, especially women and children with them'. NGO Prayas has been assisting the high court in the suo motu case of 2014 over a report filed by the organisation. "Prayas, which is in fact a project of TISS, has given detailed suggestions on how to combat the issue. The state government is obligated to look into the suggestions and take appropriate steps," Chief Justice Chellur said. **PTI**

of such memorials. The public expects the state government to provide a better standard of living and better public amenities which is the priority of the day," the petition said.

It further states if political parties want to create a memorial for Shivaji they should first take steps towards maintaining the forts built by Shivaji and his descendants across the state. **PTI**

Sadhvi Pragma seeks bail, tells HC 'no evidence' against her

Mumbai: Sadhvi Pragma Singh Thakur, accused in the 2008 Malegaon bomb blast case, sought bail from the Bombay high court on Thursday saying there was no material to implicate her and the National Investigation Agency had given her a 'clean chit' earlier.

Hearing arguments advanced by her lawyer Akash Gupta, a bench of justices Ranjit More and Shalini Phansalkar-Joshi asked the NIA to submit its pleadings on January 19. Pragma's lawyer argued that his client was

a woman and had been in custody since the last eight years. Besides, she was suffering from cancer, he said urging the court to grant bail.

In her plea, Pragma claimed that the special NIA court which had rejected her bail plea on June 28 last year had failed to take into consideration the "change in circumstances".

In November 2015, following an order of the apex court, Pragma filed a bail plea before the special NIA court which was rejected after the court held that there existed

prima facie evidence against her.

However, in May 2016, the NIA filed a chargesheet in the case absolving Pragma of all charges. The agency also dropped the stringent charge of MCOCA against all accused.

Pragma applied for bail in the trial court but her plea was rejected. She then moved the high court with a fresh bail plea and challenging the trial court order.

Six persons were killed in the blast in Malegaon in September 2008. **PTI**

FDA seizes fake cosmetics worth ₹2.5 crore in Mumbai

Mumbai: The Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) seized spurious cosmetics of established brands worth Rs 2.5 crore during raids at a building in south Mumbai.

"After receiving confidential information about the manufacture and sale of spurious cosmetics, the FDA team raided the premises at Sarang street on Wednesday evening," said FDA Commissioner Harshadeep Kamble.

It was found that two persons were manufacturing

cosmetics of famous brands such as L'Oreal, Lakme, Nivea, Elle18 etc, he said.

"The manufacturing of these products was being done with the use of exclusive machinery and they had a compact setup on the fourth floor of the building situated in Crawford Market," he said.

Samples were collected for test and analysis, and a huge stock of these cosmetics along with the packaging material and machinery was seized, he said.

An interrogation of the accused revealed that the raw material and packaging was procured from one Pravin Dhillon, the proprietor of Krishna Cosmetics at Bhuleswar in Mumbai, he said. These spurious cosmetics were being sold through Dhillon, who was the kingpin, who managed the manufacturing and selling activity. The investigation led the FDA team to Radhe Cosmetics, through which these cosmetics were being sold, Kamble said. **PTI**

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Pursuant to Regulation 47(1)(d) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that the Extra Ordinary General Meeting of **HCKK VENTURES LIMITED** will be held on Monday, February 06, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at the registered office of the Company at 3 Orchid Savarkar Nagar, Opp. Gangapur Road Police Station, Nashik- 422013 to transact the business as stated in the Notice dated January 09, 2017. Also as per the Section 108 of the Companies Act 2013 read with the Rule 20 of Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, it is proposed to transact the business set out in the Notice by means of conducting voting by electronic means. The dispatch of Notice has been completed on January 12, 2017.

The voting rights of members have been reckoned as on January 30, 2017, being cut-off date. Remote E-voting shall commence from February 03, 2017 (9:00 A.M.) and shall end on February 05, 2017 (5:00 P.M.). The instructions for e-voting can be viewed in the Notice of Extra Ordinary General Meeting.

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