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Budget of centrally-sponsored schemes should not be reduced Rajasthan CM

New Delhi: Rajasthan Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje has said that the budget of centrally-sponsored schemes should not be reduced, because such an action could have a negative impact on development projects and financial position of the states. Also, due to this, the states had to bear the expenses of already committed payments for ongoing development schemes, she added.

Smt. Raje was participating in the meeting of the Chief Ministerial Sub-group of NITI Aayog held at New Delhi. She said that the states in the process of developing consensus to limit the number of centrally-sponsored schemes to only nationally-important projects and for the rest allow the states to plan



and execute the schemes as per their specific circumstances. The CM also wel-

comed the Union Government's decision of hike in the states' share in

CM meets Union Finance Minister

Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje along with Convener of Chief Ministerial Sub-group of NITI Aayog on Centrally-sponsored Schemes and CM of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan met the Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley at his North Block Office in New Delhi on Friday evening. They apprised the Union Minister about the feelings of the sub-group members. This sub-group is expected to give its recommendations on rationality of the centrally-sponsored schemes to the central government by June 10. Next meeting of the sub-group had been proposed to occur at Bhopal.

central taxes by 10 percent and make it 42 percent from the present 32 percent. She further suggested for not reducing monetary allocations to the states as per the recommendations of Finance Commission. Otherwise, the states had to bear losses, instead of gains, she added. Convener of the Sub-

group and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan chaired this meeting. Secretary of NITI Aayog Smt. Sindhu Shri Khullar, Chief Secretary of Rajasthan Shri C.S. Rajan, Secretary Planning Shri Akhil Arora and other senior officers of the central government were also present.

Justice At Your Doorstep To Be An Yearly Affair - Rajasthan CM

New Delhi: Rajasthan Chief Minister Smt. Vasundhara Raje has said that after success of Sarkar Aapke Dwar (Government At Your Doorstep) campaign, now Nyay Aapke Dwar (Justice At Your Doorstep) initiative would be organised between May 18 and July 15 for disposal of cases pending in the revenue courts.

The Chief Minister was inaugurating Nyay Aapke Dwar campaign during the launch of Revenue Lok Adalat -2015 Handbook at Jodhpur House in New Delhi on Friday. She said that in the state about 3.5 lakh revenue cases were lingering on for long and causing sufferance to the farmers. Therefore, revenue Lok Adalats would be organized every year with the target of disposal of almost all these cases in next three years.

Smt. Raje said that the in-charge Ministers would launch this campaign in their respective districts and would also release the handbook. She said that this handbook was prepared for sharing of information about Lok Adalats with the revenue department officials, public representatives and the general public so that the campaign could become a success.

The CM said that the number of pending cases in the revenue courts were increas-



ing every day. Farmers in the state were suffering a lot due to non-disposal of these cases. "I felt this pain during the Suraj Samkalp Yatra. Then only, I decided that if I get an opportunity to serve the people of Rajasthan, I would get the farmers rid off this problem. Aiming this, I announced in the budget for speedy disposal of revenue cases," she said. Now, the revenue Lok Adalats would be launched every summers, she added.

Smt. Raje said that the state government would make efforts to ensure that the revenue officials provide relief to the farmers by disposing of not less than 1.5 lakh cases during this campaign.

Revised syllabus for classes 6 to 8 in state

Udaipur: Rajasthan government has revised syllabus for classes 6 to 8 from this academic session with greater details on personalities like Maharana Pratap, Aryabhata, Chanakya, Vishveshwarya, Bhaskaracharya, Varahmihir, Ramanujan, JC Bose, Homi Jahangir Bhabha, CV Raman, among others have been included, Minister Devanani said to RH. "The objective behind this is to make students well aware about the contribution of these personalities in social transformation and national development," he added. The new syllabus of Hindi, Sanskrit, Science and



Mathematics for classes 6, 7, 8 will be implemented in this academic session. He further says The vision and fearlessness of Maharana Pratap, the great warrior and ruler of Mewar in Rajasthan, who fought against Mughal emperor Akbar, and many other aspects associated with him have been covered in the syllabus in detail, Paneri said. Revolutionaries of Rajasthan, who contributed in movement against the British rule in India, have also been given ample space in the curriculum, he added.

The Barmer District Collector Has Been Ordered To Submit A Status Report To Ngt On Whether The Industrial Units In The Th

NGT orders closure of 739 textile units in Balotra, Bithuja and Jasol

JODHPUR: The National Green Tribunal on Friday ordered closure of 739 polluting textile units in Rajasthan's Barmer district, a move which industrialists said could affect the livelihood of nearly one lakh people.

Officials said the closure of the textile units — located in a cluster of industrial townships at Balotra, Bithuja and Jasol — would deal a body blow to the state's economy as they have a monthly turnover of nearly '900 crore besides providing direct and indirect employment to around one lakh people.

The industries also pay around '1.65 crore monthly as pollution cess to the state government, the offi-

cials added. The order passed by the NGT's Jodhpur bench, comprising UD Sallvi and DK Agrawal, said the units will remain closed till the next hearing on July 9.

The NGT passed the order based on a voluminous joint inspection report submitted by the Central Pollution Control Board and Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board earlier in the day. The tribunal had sought a report from the two agencies while hearing a petition filed by advocate Digvijay Singh Jasol.

In its order, the tribunal expressed displeasure over non-compliance with environmental norms in the running of common effluent treatment plants (CETP)

set up in these three industrial clusters. Besides, the NGT also ordered a panel constituted under the Barmer district collector to take immediate steps for prevention of industrial pollution and asked the environment ministry to take a decision on a bunch of applications by trusts operating the CETPs.

These trusts had demanded financial aid from the centre for modernisation of the CETPs. RPCB counsel Manish Sisodia told NGT that the industrial units transport polluted water to the CETPs through tankers, leading to spillage of untreated water along the way.

The district collector and RPCB would submit their

compliance report during the next hearing. Rupchandra Salecha, the chairman of the Balotra Water Pollution Control and Research Foundation Trust, expressed surprise over the NGT order and said the CEPT was not causing any pollution. The trust is run by industries operating in the clusters.

Salecha said the NGT order would severely affect thousands of families whose livelihood depend on these units.

He added that the trust has already applied to the state pollution control board seeking authorisation to handle hazardous wastes which will enable it to dispose off the accumulated sludge.

OMG-'No knowledge' about statue of Ambedkar: Bhadana

ALWAR: State food and civil supply minister Hem Singh Bhadana on Friday said he has no knowledge about the statue of Dr BR Ambedkar erected in Khudanpuri village, situated on the city outskirts.

The residents of Khudanpuri are on a dharna for the past six days against the district administration's decision to remove the statue of Dr BR Ambedkar, which was put up allegedly without the administration's permission on May 9.

Speaking at a press conference, after releasing a book on revenue camps to be organised from May 18 to July 15 in the district, Bhadana said, "I returned to Alwar yesterday (Thursday) only. I will talk to the authorities and only after gathering information, I will be able to comment on Khudanpuri matter."

It may be mentioned here

that Ahuja went to Khudanpuri on May 12 and promised support to the locals, who are protesting against the removal of the Ambedkar's statue. Another BJP MLA Jairam Jatav visited Khudanpuri to extend his support the next day.

On the other hand, Urban Improvement Trust (UIT), on a precautionary measure, has appointed two guards to report any further encroachment on the land. "A letter has been written to Alwar district magistrate (DM), who is also the UIT chairman, on May 12, asking him to talk to the superintendent of police to provide forces so that the statue could be removed. The statue will definitely be removed," said UIT encroachment removal officer Sohan Singh Naruka. The Alwar DM has gone on a long leave and UIT secretary Anupama Jorwal took charge on Wednesday.

Congress extends membership drive date till June 15

Udaipur: The All India Congress Committee (AICC) on Friday extended the date of party's membership campaign till June 15. The date was extended after Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee (RPCC) president Sachin Pilot apprised the AICC about both the organizational and municipality elections being held in the month of August, sources said. In such situation, Pilot told the leadership, the party workers would face problems in making preparations for the polls. Pilot said that in Gujarat too, the municipality elections were to be held in September.

Taking cognizance of the issue, the AICC extended

the membership campaign till June 15, 2015. "AICC election authority will soon announce the amended election programme for organizational elections," Pilot said.

A senior Congress leader said this is the second time the party has extended the ongoing membership drive started in July last year. Initially, the drive was planned to carry out from July 2014 to December, but was then extended till May 15 and now till June 15. The Congress is seeking to reverse its electoral fortunes after a series of losses in the last one year. Rahul Gandhi has launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led NDA government over various issues.

Law and order situation in state worrisome: Pilot

JAIPUR: Hitting out at the BJP government, Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee president Sachin Pilot said that law and order situation in state was worrisome. He said that three murders in a day, that too in the state capital, showed there was no rule of law in state.

In last 15 months over 3,000 rape cases had been reported, he said. If such is the case in the state capital, then it could be imagined what would be the condition of other areas, he added. A massive calamity had hit the state where crops of farmers were totally damaged. Farmers miffed with government's attitude leading to distrust even took suicidal steps. Despite this the central and state governments were not giving compensation under disaster relief to farmers, he alleged.

Vilas janve

A string Puppeteer who is dancer himself has perfect control over the puppet and he can manipulate it with great accuracy. Normally the manipulator ties threads on various parts of Puppet; head, shoulders, back, waist and hands and moves different parts of puppet grace fully using fingers of both hands. The



viewers only see puppet alluring them with fantastic movements as the manipulator stands behind the curtain. I have been fortunate to watch the manipulator and the puppet as well with close distance and realized why Tola Ram ji is a master dancer and puppeteer.

I experienced his par excellence in puppetry when I worked for short period in Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandal, Udaipur where he was working as an artiste. The puppets manipulated by Tola Ram ji were fascinating. Viewers used to get mesmerized. He manipulated Gend wali (Ball player), Sarangi Wala, Bahurupia, circus lion and most efficiently, the Nartaki (Dancer). He really poured life to the dancer puppet (Nartaki) who used to jump, swirl, bend body to all sides, show case fast and slow breathing and finally wipe

sweat with long skirt so grace fully so naturally that it was hard to believe that it was a puppet. Of course we are talking about none other than Shri Tola Ram ji, the Great Puppeteer and Dancer of Mewar.

Recently I had an opportunity to interact with him at his residence in Amba Mata colony.

Tola Ram ji has seen 83 springs of his life and looks at his past life and smiles. Tola Ram was born in 1932 in a hut of Chaturbhuj ji and Hudi baiji who were construction laborers. Little Tola Ram was very laborious. Luckily he got opportunity to work in the Farashkhana of Royal Palace of Maharana Bhupal Singh ji. He was taken in the maintenance squad of Royal Tents. While working in tent house he also started entertaining to the Nobles by his dance which he picked up from the professional female dancers. Tola Ram had supple rhythmic body movements and alluring facial expressions. His talent was brought before the then Maharana Bhupal Singh ji. The Maharana was impressed too. He suggested that if this talented boy with sharp features dances, in ladies get up, he would be highly appreciated. Tola Ram did the same. Tola Ram worked in Farashkhana from 1945 to 1950. Occasionally he performed for royal guests.

Once Maharana Bhupal



Singh ji, had guests from the Royal families of Jaipur and Jodhpur. A folk dance concert of female dancers was organized in honor of Royal guests. The concert started with Panihari Dance of Tola Ram. His performance in get up of female dancer was mesmerizing to the extent that other lady dancers remained in the green rooms waiting for their turn. Tola Ram stole the show. Nobody, even Maharana Sab could not recognize that the thrilling dancer was nobody else, but Tola Ram. Maharana while appreciating presented entire set of lady attire with ornaments besides golden buttons. It was the luckiest day for Tola Ram that he received 'Bakshes' from Maharani ji and other nobles.

Once, Maharana sab was

resented by Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandal, Udaipur under the leadership of Late Devi Lal ji Samar and Late Shri Govind Karnik. 'Mughal Darbar' based on traditional Puppetry 'Amar Singh Rathor ka Khel' performed by Tola Ram ji and Daya Ram ji was adjudged as the best traditional puppet performance. They won many appreciations and National as well as International awards for Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandal. Tola Ram ji visited many countries like Romania, Tunisia, Iran, Iraq, Denmark, Africa, Belgium, Holland, France, Australia, Kuwait, England, Vietnam, Spain, Nepal and Bhutan spreading rich cultural heritage of India.

Tola Ram ji has been a wonderful Kacchhigodi dancer too, hence in 'Baaraat' dance he always enacted as a bridegroom. He played role of Mahendra in dance drama 'Moomal Mahendra', 'Dhola in 'Dhola Maru', and acted hero in 'Panihari', acted Bhojraj in 'Meera'. Tola Ram ji had sound physique and supple body, sharp and expressive features. He was handsome to perform male dances and beautiful to fit in female dances. Whatever role was performed by him was of top class. Once, the great poetess Maha Devi Verma was so engrossed watching 'Meera' dance drama that she missed

train from Udaipur and finally had to go by Taxi to catch train at Chittorgarh.

Tola Ram ji has been a great guru of folk dances. He trained all the juniors and carved them in professional dancers and puppeteers. Tola Ram ji has been Kind to his disciples and co artistes but has been very disciplined on stage. He also taught folk dances to students from abroad.

Besides, top dancer and puppeteer, Tola Ram ji has been a professional make-up man and taught this indigenous art to co male and female dancers. He used to prepare make-up kit with natural resources and generous to share with co artistes. Renowned folklorist Dr. Mahendra Bhanawat said, 'Though Tola Ram has never been to school, but he gained name through struggle to keep folk arts alive. This stalwart artiste of Rajasthan deserves many more citations for his dedication. I wonder how many years will it take to the State Academies and Cultural Centres to recognize caliber of Tola Ram.' As on today this great entertainer, veteran and versatile artiste is refrained from performance, but leads normal life. He goes on walk and also performs daily exercises. He simply says "One must keep his limbs busy otherwise they will make him uneasy".

Tola Ram Stalwart Puppeteer & Dancer of Mewar