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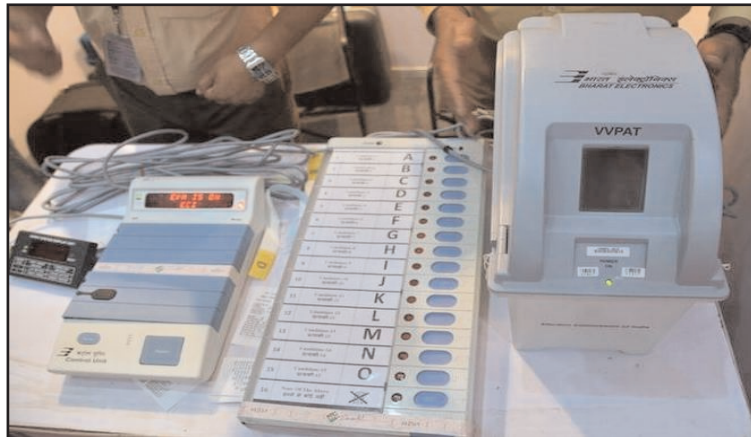
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Rs 4,555 cr needed to buy EVMs for 'imminent' simultaneous polls: Law panel

The Law Commission has said over Rs 4,500 crore will be needed to buy new EVMs and paper trail machines for "imminent" simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies. In its draft report on simultaneous polls issued last week, the law panel quoted the Election Commission as saying that around 10,60,000 polling stations will be set up for the 2019 general elections. "It (EC) further informed that as of now there is a shortfall of about 12.9 lakh ballot units, 9.4 lakh control units and about



12.3 lakh VVPATs (voter verifiable paper audit trail machines) or paper trail

machines), if simultaneous elections are to be held," the report read. According to it, an electronic voting machine (EVM), which includes a

control unit (CU), a ballot unit (BU) and a VVPAT, costs about Rs 33,200.

"Thus, the EC has informed that an expenditure of about Rs 4,555 crore will be incurred on procurement of EVMs for an imminent simultaneous election," the draft report read.

Keeping in mind the average shelf life of 15 years of an EVM, the Law Commission said that at the prevailing rates, Rs 1751.17 crore for conduct of the second simultaneous elections in 2024 and Rs 2017.93 crore for the third simultaneous elections in 2029 will be required for procuring EVMs.

"Thereafter, Rs 13,981.58 crore will be required for procuring new EVMs for the proposed simultaneous elections in 2034," it said.

The EC said that the expenditure has been calculated on the basis of the prevailing rates. If the Lok Sabha and assembly polls are held together, no extra expenditure will be involved, except for an additional EVM for each polling station and additional election material such as stationary. At larger polling stations, additional polling staff may be required in view of an additional EVM, the draft report said.

INDIA TO BECOME THE TOP MARKET FOR UPLIVE

Plans to setup regional office and operations center in India

New Delhi : After achieving success in Greater China, Middle East and North Africa (MENA), South-East Asia and



the Americas, Uplive has witnessed tremendous growth in India since the beginning of 2018. Uplive, an offering from Asia Innovations Group (AIG), also an innovative leader in the mobile interactive entertainment space, headquartered in Hong Kong with 14 offices

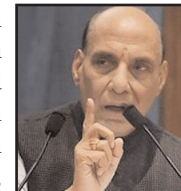
worldwide, has become the top mobile application in this segment globally. Launched in May 2016, Uplive is a live-streaming platform that allows viewers to broadcast and view real-time videos via their smartphones. The platform's unique blockchain protocol will enable users the ability to send virtual gifts to content creators, which can then be exchanged for money. Currently available in over 100 countries and with 500,000+ monthly broadcasters and over 60 million users worldwide, the app currently supports sixteen languages including English, Hindi, Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Spanish, and Thai.

HOME MINISTER TO INAUGURATE THE FIRST DEFENCE EXPO ON 6TH OF SEP.

Vipin Gaur

New Delhi :- Union Home Minister, Mr. Rajnath Singh will be inaugurating a 3-days unique expo for defence and homeland security, in which pertinent issues relating to homeland security and defence modernization with exclusive partnership from MSME segment would be discussed and deliberated upon in great length with micro and macro detailings. In addition Ministers of State for Defence, Development of North Eastern Region, PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Dr. Subhash Ramrao Bhamre, Dr. Jitendra Singh and, Mr. Giriraj Singh respectively will also be gracing the occasion on 7th of September, presiding over differ-

ent sessions in the event. The 3-days expo commencing from 6th of September is going to be a unique exposition as it is being organized for the first time under aegis of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry with collective partnership from Ministries of Defence, Home Affairs and MSMEs. In this, it is being attempted that leading policy makers and luminaries from diverse defence segments would be take part with special focus on MSMEs in defence production and procurement. President, PHD Chamber, Mr. Anil Khaitan in a statement issued here today said that the endeavour of the Chamber would be to bring in diverse MSME organizations and the defence establishments at one platform during the 3-days event to enable mutually beneficial engagement to make it not only an event of unique nature but also conclusive too.



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फेसबुक पर 'कन्ट्री एंड पॉलिटिक्स' की खबरें पढ़ने के लिए लाइक करें हमारा पेज country & politics व वेबसाइट पर जाये countryandpolitics.in

Country & Politics Tour of Amazing Thailand

Country and Politics and Newspapers Association of India delegation visited Thailand for 5 days tour. Often the name of Thailand comes in front of people, so they think that Thailand is a country famous for prostitution. Thailand is considered famous for its trade, but it is not that there is a problem going with the family. Thailand has progressed in all sectors, technology, tourism, education and import, export of textiles; even people from all over the world come here to see the coastline. In India too many garment traders buy goods from Thailand. Food is very good in Thailand you can get Veg and Non-veg very easy anywhere



in Thailand and see food is so yummy.

We traveled several places in Thailand and then our team

reached at Indian cultural center. There we met Ramesh Chandra ji who is the head of Indian Culture Center

Bangkok. The Indian Cultural Centre in Bangkok was formally inaugurated in September 2009 by Dr. Karan Singh, President of the ICCR, and Mr. Teera Saluketch, the Minister for Culture in the Royal Thai Government. The Centre located on Rajadapisek road, Lake Rajada Office Condominium, 23rd Floor, Klongtoey, Bangkok. The centre has exhibition facilities and multi-purpose hall for dance and music recitals, exhibitions of painting and photography, illustrated talks and discussions on a range of cultural topics, Yoga and Vedanta workshops and regular screening of films, etc. Now more than 300 students

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बजट में झलकी आगामी चुनावों की तैयारी

राज्यव्यवस्था का संचालन बजट पर निर्भर होता है। विधि निर्माताओं से बजट पर गंभीर विचार विमर्श की अपेक्षा रहती है। इस बात से फर्क नहीं पड़ता कि पूर्ण बजट हो या अनुपूर्क बजट। लेकिन उत्तर प्रदेश विधानसभा में अनुपूर्क बजट पेश होने के दौरान विपक्ष की उदासीनता दिखाई दी। फिर भी सरकार अपने मकसद में सफल रही। उसने प्रदेश के विकास को गति देने का इंतजाम किया। जबकि विपक्ष जिम्मेदारी से बचता रहा। इस बार भी उत्तर प्रदेश विधान सभा में हंगामे के बीच अनुपूर्क बजट पेश किया गया। मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने ठीक कहा कि कुछ लोग विधानसभा को हंगामे से बंधक बनाना चाहते हैं। जबकि हंगामे का कोई आधार नहीं था। इसके अलावा कैंग की रिपोर्ट पिछली सरकार पर सवाल उठाने वाली थी। हो



विपिन गौड़

सकता है कि इसीलिए भी हंगामा किया गया। उत्तर प्रदेश की योगी सरकार ने विकास का व्यापक रोडमैप पहले ही तैयार कर लिया था। अनेक योजनाओं पर तेजी से अमल भी चल रहा है। निवेश के रिकार्ड प्रस्तावों का शिलान्यास हो चुका है, अगले चरण की तैयारी है। इसी प्रकार प्रयाग कुंभ, किसानों को राहत, अटल जी पर योजनाओं, सड़क, डिफेंस कॉरिडोर, आयुष्मान योजना आदि सरकार की प्राथमिकताओं में शुमार है। वित्त मंत्री राजेश अग्रवाल ने चौतीस हजार आठ सौ तैंतीस करोड़ चौबीस लाख चालीस हजार रुपये का अनुपूर्क बजट पेश किया। योगी सरकार का शुरू से किसानों पर फोकस बना हुआ है। कुल बजट का एक चौथाई हिस्सा किसानों के लिए आवंटित किया गया है। इससे गन्ना किसानों से लेकर कर्जमाफी से छूटे किसानों और बाढ़ प्रभावित लोगों को राहत प्रदान करने का प्रस्ताव है। सात हजार करोड़ से ज्यादा रुपये किसानों के लिए आवंटित किए हैं। गन्ना किसानों के बकाया भुगतान के शामिल हैं। गन्ना भुगतान में पांच सौ करोड़ रुपये सहकारी, निगम और निजी क्षेत्र पर बकाया के भुगतान के लिए है। यह रकम सरकार सीधे किसानों के खातों में डीबीटी के जरिए भेजेगी। सरकार किसानों के बकाए के भुगतान के लिए चार हजार करोड़ रुपये का सॉफ्ट लोन भी देगी। सहकारी चीनी मिल संघ के बकाया गन्ना मूल्य का भुगतान किया जाएगा। कर्जमाफी योजना से छूटे किसानों की कर्जमाफी की जाएगी। अटल जी के नाम पर अनेक योजनाएं शुरू की जाएंगी।

बलरामपुर में केजीएमयू लखनऊ के सेटलाइट सेंटर, बटेश्वर आगरा व अन्य स्थलों के विकास का विकास, अटल स्मृति सांस्कृतिक समारोह आयोजन, अटल स्मृति संकुल निर्माण, डीएवी कॉलेज कानपुर में सेंटर ऑफ एक्सीलेंस की स्थापना की जाएगी। जनवरी में प्रयाग कुंभ का गरिमा पूर्ण आयोजन योगी आदित्यनाथ की प्राथमिकताओं में है। काशी के प्रवासी भारतीय सम्मेलन को भी अहमियत दी गई है। कुंभ के लिए आठ सौ करोड़ और वाराणसी में होने वाले प्रवासी भारतीय दिवस समारोह के लिए भी सौ करोड़ रुपये का इंतजाम किया गया है। आयुष्मान भारत क्रांतिकारी योजना है। सरकार ने इसके सफल संचालन की व्यवस्था की है। सरकार ने प्रस्तावित बुंदेलखंड एक्सप्रेस-वे के साथ-साथ कॉरिडोर के विकास के लिए पांच सौ करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान कर दिया है। कॉरिडोर के लिए तीन हजार हेक्टेयर भूमि के अधिग्रहण की कार्यवाही शुरू की है। यह कॉरिडोर अलीगढ़, आगरा, कानपुर, लखनऊ और चित्रकूट बुंदेलखंड को जोड़ेगा। उच्च शिक्षा के लिए करीब नौ सौ निन्यानबे करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान किया है। शिक्षकों को सातवां वेतनमान दिया जाएगा। अनुप. रूक बजट पेश होने के दौरान विपक्ष के हंगामे को उचित नहीं कहा जा सकता। शुरुआत में ही नेता प्रतिपक्ष रामगोविंद चौधरी ने देवरिया के मामले पर नियम तीन सौ ग्यारह के तहत चर्चा कराने की मांग की। विधानसभा अध्यक्ष ने कहा कि सदस्यों से शांत हो जाने की अपील करते हुए कहा कि पहले प्रश्नकाल हो जाने दें इसके बाद नियम 56 पर इस मुद्दे पर अपनी बात कही जा सकती है। लेकिन सपा सदस्य वेल में आकर नारेबाजी करते रहे। जबकि देवरिया कांड के दोषी गिरफ्तार हो चुके हैं। मामले को सीबीआई जांच चल रही है। ऐसे में हंगामे का औचित्य नहीं था, कैंग रिपोर्ट से भी सपा को परेशानी थी। सपा सरकार ने बड़े राजकोषीय घाटे व ऋण बोझ के साथ खजाना छोड़ा था। विधान सभा में पेश नियंत्रक महालेखा परीक्षक की रिपोर्ट में यह खुलासा हुआ। राजस्व व्यय का सत्रह व समस्त पूंजीगत व्यय का इक्कीस प्रतिशत से ज्यादा केवल मार्च महीने में खर्च हुआ। अनेक विभागों ने कुल बजट का चालीस प्रतिशत तक केवल मार्च में खर्च किया। हजारों करोड़ खर्च के बाद विभाग उसका उपभोग प्रमाणपत्र नहीं दे रहे हैं। जाहिर है कि विपक्ष का मकसद केवल हंगामा करने था।

यूपी में लालू की सरपस्ती में बढ़ेगी शिवपाल-राहुल की सियासी दोस्ती

राजनीति यानी कि सार्वजनिक जीवन में कोई किसी का सगा नहीं होता। सभी अपने-अपने मतलब के चार होते हैं। लेकिन इन मतलबी लोगों को जो अपने पक्ष में साध लेते, वही सियासी तौर पर सफल हो जाते। अन्यथा विफलता की टीस बड़ी दुःखदायी होती है जो उन्हें जीने नहीं देती। निःसन्देह, रात-दिन की चैन छीन लेती है। अमूमन राजनीति की इस महत्वाकांक्षा-पीड़ा से जो भी राजनेता गुजरते हैं, एक न एक दिन अवश्य सफल होते। क्योंकि भारत की उदारमना जनता किसी को निराश नहीं करती। उचित वक्त आने पर वह नेतृत्व का मौका जरूर देती है। और जब तक नहीं देती तो यही समझिए कि आपकी काबिलियत की परीक्षा ले रही है।

हाल के वर्षों में यूपी की सियासत पर जब आप बारीक नजर दौड़ाएंगे तो पाएंगे कि नवगठित शसमाजवादी सेक्युलर मोर्चा के मुखिया शिवपाल सिंह यादव की मौजूदा हालात भी कुछ वैसी ही हैं, जो कभी उन्नीस सौ अस्सी-नब्बे के दशक में उनके बड़े भाई मुलायम सिंह यादव की हुआ करती थी। तब जनता दल और समाजवादी जनता पार्टी में वह सम्मानजनक स्थान पाने और उसे बचाने के लिए संघर्षरत थे। अंतर सिर्फ इतना कि मुलायम सिंह यादव के साथ उनके हनुमान शिवपाल सिंह यादव थे। लेकिन अब शिवपाल सिंह यादव का हनुमान कौन बनेगा, वक्त बताएगा। ऐसा इसलिए कि राज्यसभा सदस्य और शिवपाल के करीबी राजनेता अमर सिंह में अब वो दमखम नहीं बचा है जो कभी उनमें हुआ करता था। इसलिए शिवपाल के भावी हनुमान को लेकर अब तरह-तरह के कयास लगाए जा रहे हैं, जबकि शिवपाल सिंह यादव मन ही मन सिर्फ इतना गुनगुना रहे हैं कि बड़े बेआबरू होकर तेरे कूचे से हम निकले!

बता दें कि भोजपुरी समाज के ग्रामीण अंचलों एक कहावत प्रसिद्ध है कि श्वाचा दुब्बर भतीजा पाजी, चाचा के सिर पर डंडा बाजी। इसके अलावा, अंगिका समाज में चाचा-भतीजा सम्बन्धों पर प्रायः कहा जाता है कि श्छियों भतीजा, करबों नतीजा। देखा जाए तो ये दोनों कहावतें शिवपाल-अखिलेश सम्बन्धों पर बड़ी सटीक बैठती हैं। स्व बाल ठाकरे-राज ठाकरे विवाद भी इसी श्रेणी में आते हैं। इस बात में कोई दो राय नहीं कि यूपी के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री अखिलेश यादव ने अपने चाचा पूर्व पथ निर्माण मंत्री शिवपाल सिंह यादव के साथ जो किया, और चाचा ने भी जैसे-तैसे पलटवार किए, वह किसी भी नजरिए से उचित नहीं समझा जा सकता। क्योंकि सभी एक ही परिवार के लोग हैं जो मिलजुल कर रहते तो यूपी का कुछ भला हो जाता।

यह ठीक है कि चाचा-भतीजे के इस सियासी जंग यूपी के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री और सपा के मार्गदर्शक मुलायम सिंह यादव ने हमेशा अपने छोटे भाई शिवपाल सिंह यादव का पक्ष लिया ताकि पार्टी नहीं टूटे। लेकिन जब उसे तोड़ने की नौबत शिवपाल ने पैदा कर ही दी तो मुलायम ने भी शिवपाल से किनारा कर लिया। क्योंकि मुलायम सिंह यादव को इस बात का मलाल आज भी है कि यदि चाचा-भतीजा आपस में ही नहीं लड़ते-झगड़ते तो यूपी की सत्ता उनकी पार्टी के हाथ से 2017 में नहीं जाती।

बता दें कि तब मुलायम भी भाई मोह में पुत्र अखिलेश की आलोचना गाहे-बगाहे कर बैठते थे जिससे अखिलेश की पहले छवि बिगड़ी, फिर सत्ता गई।

अब जबकि अखिलेश यादव अपनी पार्टी सपा के राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष होने के



नाते नए सिरे से पार्टी में जान फूंकने की कवायद कर रहे हैं, यूपी में महागठबंधन को अंतिम रूप दे रहे हैं और सपा की धुर विरोधी रही बसपा को अपने पाले में लगभग कर लिया है तो फिर शिवपाल की छटपटाहट बढ़ी और वे केंद्रीय राजनीति में अपनी अहम भूमिका मांगने लगे, जहां उनके विरोधी डॉ रामगोपाल यादव पहले से ही सक्रिय हैं। लेकिन जब अखिलेश ने फिर से अपने उसी चाचा शिवपाल सिंह यादव की अनदेखी शुरू कर दी जो कभी उनके पिता मुलायम सिंह यादव की राजनीतिक महत्वाकांक्षा की पूर्ति के लिए तब बनाई गई सपा की मजबूती के लिए यूपी की सड़कों पर लाठी-डंडे खाया करते थे।

लेकिन वक्त का तकाजा देखिए कि कभी अपने बड़े भाई मुलायम सिंह यादव के सियासी भविष्य के लिए शसमाजवादी पार्टी के अपने खून-पसीने से खड़ा करने वाले शिवपाल सिंह यादव ही अब अपने भतीजे अखिलेश यादव की सियासी दांव-पेंचों की वजह से उससे बाहर हो चुके हैं और समाजवादी सेक्युलर मोर्चा नामक दल गठित कर लिया है। उन्होंने घोषणा भी की है कि उनकी नई पार्टी यूपी की 80 लोकसभा सीटों पर अपने उम्मीदवार खड़े करेगी। स्वाभाविक है कि इससे अखिलेश कमजोर होंगे तथा बीएसपी सुप्रीमो मायावती और कांग्रेस आलाकमान राहुल गांधी को मजबूती मिलेगी।

दरअसल, पिछले कई सालों से चाचा-भतीजे यानी कि शिवपाल सिंह यादव और अखिलेश यादव के बीच एक दूसरे पर सियासी वर्चस्व स्थापित करने की होड़ में मची रार के बाद अब सपा से किनारा कर चुके शिवपाल सिंह यादव ने अपनी नई पार्टी समाजवादी सेक्युलर मोर्चा की यूपी में जड़ें जमाने के लिए उन्हें सींचना शुरू कर चुके हैं। लेकिन जिस शख्स ने कभी सपा को खड़ा किया, उसे तब इस बात का शायद एहसास नहीं रहा होगा कि जिस भाई और भतीजे को मुख्यमंत्री बनवा रहे हैं, वही लोग एक दिन उन्हें राजनीतिक बियावान में अकेला भटकने के लिए अभिशप्त कर देंगे और बिल्कुल अकेला छोड़ देंगे। बहरहाल, सियासी गलियारों में यह सवाल उठ रहा है कि आखिरकार शिवपाल सिंह यादव में इतनी हिम्मत कैसे हुई और वह कहाँ से आई? क्योंकि जो फंसला शिवपाल को 2016-17 में ही कर लेना चाहिए था, उसे 2018 के

आठवें महीने में लिया। यह ठीक है कि बीजेपी से उनकी सांठ-गांठ की चर्चा तो शुरू से ही रही, लेकिन यूपी की सियासी तारीख को सरजमीन से समझने वाले शिवपाल ने बीजेपी के बूते सपा तोड़ने या छोड़ने की हिमाकत कभी नहीं की। हां, जब राजद के मार्गदर्शक लालू प्रसाद का गुप्त साथ और कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष राहुल गांधी का भरोसा मिला तो पलक झपकते ही उन्होंने सपा छोड़ समाजवादी सेक्युलर मोर्चा बना लिया। वो भी तब जबकि सपा में उनसे जुड़े प्रायः हर विवाद में साया की तरह उनका साथ देने वाले मुलायम सिंह यादव भी उन्हें गच्चा दे चुके हैं!

यही वजह है कि शिवपाल सिंह यादव की समाजवादी सेक्युलर मोर्चा बीजेपी के साथ गठबंधन नहीं करेगी, बल्कि उसकी गुप्त रणनीतिक मदद लेगी! ऐसे स्पष्ट आसार नजर आ रहे हैं कि फिलवक्त वह कांग्रेस के पाले में खड़ी रहेगी ताकि सेक्युलर वोट नहीं छिटके।

इस बात के रहस्य से पर्दा उचित समय पर उठेगा। बता दें कि सपा नेता अखिलेश यादव ने जिस तरह से कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष राहुल गांधी को यूपी में कमतर आंकने की जुर्रत की है, शायद उसी का जवाब अब शिवपाल को मजबूत करके दिया जाएगा। ऐसा इसलिए कि बिहार की प्रमुख विपक्षी पार्टी राजद (राष्ट्रीय जनता दल) के मार्गदर्शक लालू प्रसाद यादव के एक दूत के कहने पर ही कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष राहुल गांधी ने शिवपाल यादव को आश्वस्त किया कि आप सपा से अलग होकर नई पार्टी बनाइए, फिर कांग्रेस आपको तरजीह देगी और मदद भी करेगी।

सूत्रों का कहना है कि उच्च शिक्षा प्राप्त अखिलेश यादव, (पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री उत्तरप्रदेश) की सियासी कार्यशैली से न केवल शिवपाल यादव बल्कि लालू प्रसाद यादव और राहुल गांधी दोनों खफा चल रहे हैं। इसलिए अखिलेश यादव को कमजोर करने की नीयत से ये सियासी चाल चली गई है।

सूत्र बता रहे हैं कि समाजवादी सेक्युलर मोर्चा के आलाकमान शिवपाल यादव शीघ्र ही बिरसा मुंडा जेल, रांची जाएंगे और वहां बन्द अपने पारिवारिक समर्थी लालू प्रसाद यादव से आशीर्वाद लेकर गुप्त सियासी मन्त्रणा करेंगे। गौरतलब है कि यूपी के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री मुलायम सिंह यादव और बिहार के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री लालू प्रसाद यादव के बीच पारिवारिक रिश्ता करवाने में शिवपाल सिंह यादव की एक बड़ी भूमिका रही है, जिसके मुरीद लालू प्रसाद हैं। क्योंकि कभी पीएम बनने के खातिर लालू-मुलायम के बीच कभी छत्तीस का आंकड़ा हुआ करता था, जिसे बड़े ही मुश्किल से शिवपाल सिंह यादव ने बखूबी पाटा।

यह बात दीगर है कि इस शायदी के बाद दोनों शराजपरिवार अपने अपने सूबे की सत्ता से बेदखल हो गए। फिर भी शिवपाल सिंह यादव और लालू प्रसाद यादव के सम्बन्ध मधुर बने हुए हैं। इसलिए शिवपाल को इस बात की पक्की उम्मीद है कि लालू प्रसाद यादव के पद और कद का पूरा लाभ उन्हें और उनकी नवगठित पार्टी को मिलेगा। सम्भव है कि भविष्य में दोनों एक-दूसरे में मर्ज करके कोई नया समाजवादी मुहिम चलाएं, ताकि दोनों सूबे की सत्ता में उनकी वापसी हो सके।

ARUN JAITLEY IS LOSING HIS BATTLE OF FACTS ON RAFALE DEAL

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Finance Minister Arun Jaitley is steadily losing his battle with the opposition, especially the Congress President Rahul Gandhi over the facts on Rafale deal. Right now, he is not the Defence Minister but he is taking the most active part in defending the Government decision on the new agreement on Rafale purchases against blistering attacks by Rahul Gandhi who has termed the deal announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Paris in April 2015 as the biggest scam in independent India's history.

Keeping aside the political slugfest between the BJP and the Congress in the final year of the NDA regime on the eve of the Lok Sabha elections in 2019, the deal has thrown up some issues which are of paramount importance in protecting the national interests of the country. Jaitley has not touched those issues in posing 15 so called questions to Rahul Gandhi.

The primary issue is what happened in the last fifty days before the announcement by the Prime Minister on the Rafale deal on April 10, 2015 that the deal was completely changed in its character and the public sector HAL was dropped to accommodate Anil Ambani led Reliance



Defence Ltd. The sequence of developments leading to the final announcement of the Prime Minister makes it apparent that the Prime Minister had one point agenda to change the deal scrapping the role of the public sector HAL and he did not mind, in the process, in sacrificing the interests of the country's leading public sector company in aircraft manufacturing. As the defence experts mention, the NDA government took power on May 26, 2014 and by that time, the final understanding with the UPA government was reached for the purchase of 126 Rafales which involved the outright purchase of 18 fighters and the manufacture of 108 more in India on the basis of transfer of technology. This is most important part as this helps in helping India through HAL to technologically upgrade the country's R&D since generally the big foreign defence

manufacturing companies are very reluctant on technology transfer. The UPA govt got this done in early 2014 and the French company Dassault Aviation signed a detailed work share agreement with HAL in March 2014 to have transfer of technology and production of Rafale in India.

Even in February 2015, eight months after Modi became the Prime Minister, there was no change as far as the French company was concerned. On February 19, 2015, fifty days before Indian PM's surprise announcement about new Rafale agreement, the CEO of Dassault Aviation Eric Trappier told pressmen that he was confident on completing the final negotiations and signing the deal for full complement. HAL was in the picture as the collaborator. Then again on March 25, 2015, Trappier said in the presence of the HAL officials "You can imagine my satisfaction to hear from the

HAL chairman that we are in agreement for the responsibilities sharing, considering as well our conformity with the REP in order to be in line with the rules of the competition. I strongly believe that contract finalization and signature will come soon".

Thus, even fifteen days before the PM's announcement scrapping the role of HAL and bringing down the number from 126 fighters to 36, HAL was actively involved as far as the French are concerned. But in Modi magic, things went in a different direction at the time of the announcement. The dropping of HAL and induction of Reliance Defence was the Indian decision and not the decision of the French company. PM announced his decision on April 10, 2015 but even two days ago on April 8, the Indian foreign secretary S. Jaishankar had no inkling that such an announcement would be made and HAL would be excluded. So all indications suggest that this monumental decision having prime importance to the future security of the defence forces of India, was taken by the PM without going through the normal procedures with checks and double checks in such vital security area.

Jaitley's question charg-

ing Rahul of giving contradictory figures make no sense as the former defence Minister Manohar Parrikar himself gave contradictory figures about pricing after the PM announcement. Parrikar was then the Defence Minister. This indicated that he himself was not in know of full details of the deal. The best course would be for the Government to disclose the prices. The experts are quoting the price of Rs.1611 crore per plane which is nearly three times more than the price allegedly agreed to by the UPA govt in negotiations in early 2014. If the Government is confident that the pricing under the Modi agreement is far more favourable compared to the pricing under the UPA govt draft, it will be desirable for the NDA government to officially disclose the prices and nail the Congress "lie". If Jaitley can prove that the Rafale deal has been in national interests and the Prime Minister has been able to extract a much better deal compared to the UPA, this is the best time to disclose the prices and nip in the bud all "propaganda" by Rahul Gandhi and the opposition. Will Jaitley and the Modi government take up this challenge?

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LATEST SCAM IN MADHYA PRADESH IS ABOUT FOOTWEARS TO TRIBALS

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While Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is continuing his Ashrivad Yatra, two controversial events have hit the headlines. One relates to the supply of shoes to tribals and the other about the dispatch of over one crore letters addressed to women voters of the state.

The state government had gifted shoes and chappals to tribals. It is alleged that a banned chemical has been used in these footwears. It is learnt that Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) has reported the use of azo, a banned chemical in the inner sole of the footwear, a local news report said, triggering a denial by the state government.

Tribals make up 21 percent of MP's population and a whopping 50 percent in some districts like Dhar, Jhabua and Mandla. Both BJP and Congress have been desperately wooing tribal voters and distribution of footwear was one of the recent sops announced by the state gov-

ernment.

Madhya Pradesh Laghu Vanopaj Sangh, a cooperative body involved in the distribution of the footwear, had sent samples of it for testing to CLRI, a wing of Central Science & Industrial Research (CSIR), after delivery, said sources.

Forest minister Dr. Gaurishankar Shejwar, however, said that the samples were tested before and after distribution by Footwear Development & Design Institute, Noida and an institute in Chennai but none of them detected any harmful chemical. "These shoes and sandals have been distributed to over 8.13 lakh tribals under the scheme and they are absolutely safe," he said. The government aims to distribute footwear to 10 lakh tendu patta pluckers.

Reacting to the finding, according to which the chemical may cause cancer, state Congress president Kamal Nath said in a tweet "this should be a cause of concern, after all no one has the right to play with lives of others.



Without proper investigation, how were these shoes distributed? Who is responsible for it?" Kamal Nath also issued a statement asking the government to recall all footwear distributed to the tribal tendu-patta collectors. "This is related to the lives of tribal brothers and sisters. To save their lives all distributed footwear should be recalled and a high-level probe should be ordered into the matter," Kamal Nath said.

The PCC chief also demanded an explanation from chief minister as to how these shoes with dangerous azo chemical content were

distributed to the tribal beneficiaries under the Charan Paduka Scheme. "This entire issue stinks of another scam because the state's finance minister is giving a different explanation, he said, adding that big functions were organised in the state to distribute footwear to the beneficiaries.

The other controversy relates to the dispatch of more than one crore letters to women voters of the state.

It is claimed that more than Rs. 4 crore has been spent in the printing and dispatch of these letters. It is alleged that government funds and machinery have been used in the printing and dispatch of these letters.

The letter gives details about various schemes implemented for the empowerment of women. It also seeks blessings of the women to give another five year term to the BJP and particularly to Chouhan himself.

The state government directed the postal department to ensure that the letters reach the addresses before

Raksha Bandhan. Each letter carries the stamp of Rs. 4 and 70 paise.

The postal department made special arrangements for the distribution of the letters. It appointed nodal officers at state, division and district levels. Special bags containing one thousand letters each were prepared to carry the letters. It was a massive task undertaken by the postal department.

The BJP hopes that this unique feat will help in increasing the number of women voters in its favour. According to a newspaper analysis, in the 2013 assembly elections the voting percentage was 72.07. The total number of women who voted was one crore 54 lakh and 65 thousand. The BJP feels that women are the main beneficiaries of several welfare schemes of the government and, therefore, there is every reason to believe that the percentage of women voters will increase in the coming November Vidhan Sabha polls.

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दिल्ली बनी "जल भराव की राजधानी" - अजय माकन

आम आदमी पार्टी की दिल्ली सरकार और निगम की भाजपा सरकार एक दूसरे पर छीटाकशी करते हुए नूरा कुशती करते दिखाई देते हैं जबकि दोनों ने दिल्ली में



बारिश के दिनों में जल भराव की समस्या का स्थाई हल निकाला होता तो आज दिल्ली जो कि देश की राजधानी है, पानी में डूबी नहीं दिखाई देती।— अजय माकन दिल्ली के हालात ऐसे बने हुए हैं कि पानी न सिर्फ सड़कों पर भरा हुआ है बल्कि गलियों, पार्कों तथा लोगों के घरों तक में पानी भरा हुआ है। जल

भराव के कारण न सिर्फ जाम की समस्या के कारण लोगों को घंटों सड़कों पर गुजरने पड़ते हैं बल्कि करोड़ों रुपये का ईंधन भी बर्बाद हो रहा है।

दिल्ली सरकार की वेबसाइट पर मौजूद आंकड़ों के अनुसार दिल्ली सरकार के अन्तर्गत आने वाले पीडब्लूडी विभाग द्वारा नालों की गाद निकालने का काम 15 जून 2018 तक हो जाना चाहिए था परंतु 15 जून 2018 तक केवल 17 प्रतिशत सड़कों के साथ लगे नालों की गाद निकालने को पूरा हो पाया था, इसके पश्चात दिल्ली सरकार ने 30 जून 2018 तक की समय सीमा बढ़ाई परंतु 29 जून 2018 तक सिर्फ 37 प्रतिशत ही गाद निकालने का काम पूरा हो सका और 27 जुलाई 2018 तक केवल 39 प्रतिशत सड़कों से सटे नालों की गाद निकाली गई।

इजराइल के पर्यटन मंत्रालय ने नई दिल्ली में रोडशो का आयोजन किया

नई दिल्ली . भारतीय यात्रा व्यापार क्षेत्र के साथ वाणिज्यिक संबंधों को बेहतर करने के लिए इजराइल के पर्यटन मंत्रालय (आईएमओटी) ने राजधानी नई दिल्ली में 30 अगस्त को रोडशो का आयोजन किया। इस मौके पर इजराइल के 20 सदस्यों के प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने 200 प्रमुख ट्रेवल और टुअर ऑपरेटर, माइस प्रदाताओं, अपमार्केट लीजर प्रदाताओं और मीडिया कार्मिकों से चर्चा की। इजराइल के प्रतिनिधियों में डेरिटेनशन मैनेजमेंट कंपनीज (डीएमसी) के प्रतिनिधि शामिल थे। कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत एक प्रस्तुति से हुई जिसके परिणामस्वरूप एक इंटरैक्टिव कार्यशाला हुई। इसमें आईएमओटी टीम तथा ट्रेड पार्टनर्स ने हिस्सा लिया। रोडशो में इंटरैक्टिव बी2बी सत्र, शिक्षा कार्यक्रम और कार्यशालाएं शामिल थीं ताकि इस कारोबार के सदस्यों को सहायता दी जा सके जिससे वे भारतीयों के लिए इजराइल घूमने के कार्यक्रम बना सकें और ग्राहक के सवालों के जवाब दे सकें। रोडशो पर टिप्पणी करते हुए इजरा. इल के पर्यटन मंत्रालय में भारत और फिलीपीन्स के निदेशक श्री हसन मदाह ने कहा, "इजराइल में पर्यटन बढ़ रहा है और भारत से आने वाले पर्यटकों की संख्या पिछले कुछ वर्षों में प्रशंसनीय ढंग बढ़ी है। 2015 की समान अवधि की तुलना में छमाही रिकार्ड में 82% की वृद्धि हुई है। जनवरी से जुलाई 2018 तक के बीच 44ए000 से ज्यादा भारतीय पर्यटक आ चुके हैं। दिल्ली से तेल अवीव के बीच एयर इंडिया की सीधी उड़ान की शुरुआत होने से भी यात्रियों की संख्या बढ़ी है। नतीजतन राष्ट्रीय कैरियर ने उड़ानों की आवर्तता बढ़ाई गई है और अब सप्ताह में चार उड़ान हैं।

चिदंबरम की सरकार से अपील, पेट्रोल-डीजल को तत्काल जीएसटी के दायरे में लाया जाए

बिनोद कुमार सिंह

नयी दिल्ली। कांग्रेस के वरिष्ठ नेता और पूर्व वित्त मंत्री पी चिदंबरम ने पेट्रोल और डीजल के दाम में बढ़ोतरी को लेकर सोमवार को सरकार पर निशाना साधा और कहा कि इन दोनों पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों को तत्काल जीएसटी के दायरे में लाया जाना चाहिए।

चिदंबरम ने ट्वीट कर कहा, पेट्रोल और डीजल की कीमतों में लगातार बढ़ोतरी अपरिहार्य नहीं है, क्योंकि कीमत का आधार पेट्रोल और डीजल पर लगने वाला अत्यधिक कर है। अगर कर में कटौती कर दी जाए तो कीमतों में काफी कमी आ जाएगी।

उन्होंने कहा, शकांग्रेस मांग करती है कि पेट्रोल और डीजल को तत्काल जीएसटी के दायरे में लाया जाए। चिदंबरम ने कहा, शकेंद्र की ओर से राज्यों को जिम्मेदार ठहराना



बेतुकी दलील है। भाजपा भूल जाती है कि वह खुद 19 राज्यों में शासन कर रही है। पेट्रोल और डीजल को जीएसटी के दायरे में लाने के लिए केंद्र और राज्यों को मिलकर काम करना चाहिए। दरअसल, रुपये की विनिमय दर में गिरावट और अंत. रराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कच्चे तेल के भाव में तेज उछाल के बीच देश में पेट्रोल तथा डीजल की कीमतें सोमवार को

अपने सर्वकालिक उच्च स्तर पर पहुंच गईं। तेल कंपनियों की ओर से जारी अधिसूचना के अनुसार, दिल्ली में पेट्रोल का भाव 79.15 रुपये प्रति लीटर और डीजल 71.15 रुपये प्रति लीटर के नए रिकॉर्ड उच्च स्तर पर पहुंच गया है। दिल्ली में पेट्रोल के भाव में 31 पैसे और डीजल के भाव में 39 पैसे प्रति लीटर की नयी वृद्धि की गयी है।

मनोज तिवारी ने बुराड़ी में आर.डब्ल्यू.ए. के साथ बैठक कर विकास कार्यों पर चर्चा की

नई दिल्ली । बुराड़ी विधानसभा के आर.डब्ल्यू.ए. द्वारा आज एक बैठक का आयोजन बुराड़ी की बसंत वाटिका में किया गया। बैठक में सांसद श्री मनोज तिवारी ने आर.डब्ल्यू.ए. के अध्यक्षों एवं पदाधिकारियों से क्षेत्र में विकास कार्यों की प्रगति पर चर्चा की। आर. डब्ल्यू.ए. के अध्यक्षों एवं पदाधिकारियों ने क्षेत्र में कई विकास की संभावनाओं एवं क्षेत्रीय समस्याओं को सांसद के समक्ष रखा।

सांसद श्री मनोज तिवारी ने शीघ्र समाधान का आश्वासन दिया बैठक का आयोजन राजकुमार प्रधान

ने किया। आर.डब्ल्यू.ए. ने पीने के पानी, परिवहन, पार्क, टूटी सड़कों के निर्माण, स्ट्रीट लाइट लगवाने, सी.सी.टी.वी. लगवाने पी.एन.जी. पाइप लाइन विछवाने, शौचालय बनवाने, सी.जी.एच.एस. की डिस्पेंसरी, भू माफिया द्वारा सरकारी जमीनों पर अवैध कब्जा, अवैध निर्माण के नाम पर 300 मकानों को तोड़ने के नोटिस की समस्या के निराकरण के लिए लिखित पत्र दिया।

समस्याएँ सुनने के बाद श्री मनोज तिवारी ने कहा कि बुराड़ी क्षेत्र कि बड़ी आबादी अनधिकृत कालोनियो मे निवास करती है

जिनमें बुनियादी सुविधाओं का जिम्मा दिल्ली सरकार का है। बड़े दुर्भाग्य की बात है जो केजरीवाल चुनाव से पहले फ्री पानी देने की बात करते थे, बुराड़ी के दो लाख लोगों को पीने के पानी की व्यवस्था भी नहीं कर सके। मनोज तिवारी ने कहा कि बुराड़ी के आर.डब्ल्यू.ए. के पदाधिकारियों ने कई समस्याओं की लिखित शिकायतें हमें दी हैं, जिन्हें मैं संबंधित विभागों तक पहुँचाऊँगा और उनका समयवद्ध समाधान करवाने का प्रयास करूँगा। जनता की समस्या का समाधान हमारा कर्तव्य है और सड़क से सदन तक उसके लिए संघर्ष करूँगा।

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पिछले दिनों सर्वोच्च न्यायालय ने लोकतंत्र के हित में एक बड़ा फैसला लिया जब सुधा भारद्वाज की पुणे पुलिस द्वारा गिरफ्तारी को नाजायज ठहरा दिया।

मैं सुधा को 1995 से जानता हूँ, जब वे जिद करके मुझे दिल्ली से छत्तीसगढ़ ले गई थीं। जहां उनके संगठन ने अनेक शहरों और गांवों में मेरी जन सभाएं करवाई थीं। जिसका उल्लेख मेरी पुस्तक में भी है। उनका अत्यंत सादगी भरा मजदूरों जैसा झुग्गी झोपड़ी का रहन सहन देखकर मैं हिल गया था। हालांकि मेरी विचारधारा सनातन धर्म पर आधारित है और उनकी वामपंथी। पर मेरा मानना है कि मनुष्य अपने सतकर्मों, सेवा व त्याग के प्रभाव से ही संत कोटि को प्राप्त करता है। सुधा भारद्वाज को असली संत की उपाधि देना अनुचित नहीं होगा। उनके जैसा होना हमारे आपके बस में शायद ही संभव हो। आगे जो लिख रहा हूँ वो साथी महेंद्र दुबे ने भेजा है और मैं इससे शतप्रतिशत सहमत

हूँ इसलिये ज्यों का त्यों जोड़ रहा हूँ।

सुधा भारद्वाज कोंकणी ब्राह्मण परिवार की इकलौती संतान हैं। जोकि पेशे से एक यूनिवर्सिटी, एक्टिविस्ट और वकील हैं। मजदूर बस्ती में रहने वाली सुधा भारद्वाज 1978 की आईआईटी कानपुर की टॉपर हैं। जो जन्म से अमेरिकन सिटीजन थीं और इंग्लैंड में उनकी प्राइमरी शिक्षा हुई है। कोई कल्पना भी नहीं कर सकता है कि इस 'बैक ग्राउंड' का कोई शख्स मजदूरों के साथ उनकी बस्ती में रहते हुए बिना दूध की चाय और भात सब्जी पर गुजारा करता होगा। जीवन के इस पड़ाव में भी अत्यंत साधारण लिबास में माथे पर एक बिंदी लगाये मजदूर, किसान और कमजोर वर्ग के लोगों के लिये छत्तीसगढ़ के शहर और गांव की दौड़ लगाती यह महिला अपनी असाधारण प्रतिभा, बेहतरीन अकादमिक योग्यता के विषय में बताना और अपने काम का प्रचार करना कभी पसन्द नहीं करती हैं। सुधा की मां कृष्णा भारद्वाज जेएनयू में इकोनामिक्स डिपार्टमेंट की डीन हुआ करती थीं। जो एक बेहतरीन शास्त्रीय गायिका थीं और नोबेल पुरस्कार प्राप्त अमर्त्य सेन की समकालीन थीं। आज भी सुधा की मां की याद में हर साल जेएनयू में 'कृष्णा मेमोरियल लेक्चर' होता है। जिसमें देश के नामचीन शिक्षाविद् और विद्वान शरीक होते हैं। आईआईटी से टॉपर होकर निकलने के बाद भी सुधा को कैरियर का आकर्षण खूटे से बांधे नहीं रख सका और अपने वामपंथी रुझान के कारण वह 80 के दशक में छत्तीसगढ़ के 'करिश्माई यूनिवर्सिटी लीडर' शंकर गुहा नियोगी के संपर्क में आयी और फिर उन्होंने छत्तीसगढ़ को अपना कार्यक्षेत्र बना लिया। पिछले 35 साल से अधिक समय से छत्तीसगढ़ में मजदूर, किसान और गरीबों की लड़ाई सड़क और कोर्ट में लड़ते लड़ते इन्होंने अपनी मां के 'प्रोविडेंट फंड' का सारा पैसा तक उड़ा दिया। उनकी मां ने दिल्ली में एक मकान खरीद रखा था, जो आजकल उनके नाम पर है मगर बस नाम पर ही है। मकान किराए पर चढ़ाया हुआ है जिसका किराया मजदूर यूनिवर्सिटी के खाते में जमा करने का फरमान उन्होंने किरायेदार को दिया हुआ है। जिस अमेरिकन सिटीजनशीप को पाने के लिये लोग कुछ भी करने को तैयार रहते हैं 'बाई बर्थ' हासिल उस अमेरिकन नागरिकता को वो बहुत पहले अमेरिकन एम्बेसी में फेंक कर आ चुकी हैं। हिंदुस्तान में सामाजिक आंदोलन और सामाजिक न्याय के बड़े से बड़े नाम सुविधा

सम्पन्न हैं और अपने काम से ज्यादा अपनी पहुंच और अपने विस्तार के लिए जाने जाते हैं। मगर जिनके लिए वो काम कर रहे होते हैं, उनकी हालत में सुधार की कीमत पर अपनी विलासिता छोड़ने को कभी तैयार नहीं दिखते हैं। इधर सुधा हैं जो 'अमेरिकन सिटीजनशीप' और 'आईआईटी टॉपर' होने के गुमान को त्याग कर, गुमनामी में गुमनामों की लड़ाई लड़ते हुए अपना जीवन होम कर चुकी हैं। बिना फीस के गरीब, गुरबों की वकालत करने वाली और हाई कोर्ट जज बनाये जाने का ऑफर विनम्रतापूर्वक तुकरा चुकी सुधा का शरीर अब जवाब देना चाहता है। 35-40 साल से दौड़ते-दौड़ते उनके घुटने घिस चुके हैं। उनके मित्र डॉक्टर उन्हें बिस्तर से बांध देना चाहते हैं। मगर गरीब, किसान और मजदूर की एक हलकी सी चीख सुनते ही उनके पैरों में चक्के लग जाते हैं और फिर वो अपने शरीर की सुनती नहीं।

मगर यह कहा जा सकता है कि यदि उन्होंने अपने काम का 10 प्रतिशत भी प्रचार किया होता तो दुनिया का कोई ऐसा पुरस्कार न होगा जो उन्हें पाकर खुद को सम्मानित महसूस न कर रहा होता। सुधा होना मेरे आपके बस की बात नहीं है। सुधा सिर्फ सुधा ही हो सकती थीं और कोई नहीं।



"Single handed operation dreaded criminal burgled 26 houses in North Division is finally behind bars. "

Modus Operandi : Plans his action meticulously he will be scouting for apartment. First he will decide upon the area he wants to rob he than roams around the area in his bike and will be in look for apartment complexes with To-let boards



then he used to approach the landlords and gets from the information such as number of tenants in the apartment, complex what they do how many house are for rent and so on he then will decide and zero in the flat and then he will burgle and after he makes sure that no one is in the flat he will breaks the door and he will burgle the house with valuables and he will do this whole operation in just half an hour a single handed operation. DCP North, Chetan Singh Rathore told media persons that, earlier this month on 8th August he burgled a house near Gangamangudi police station and escaped luckily the cops retrieved his picture from a nearby CCTV camera and based

on a complaint a special team was formed and swung into action and with the technical support the team managed to arrest him and during the course of investigation the accused confessed the crime and based on his statement the team has recovered 1247 grams of gold ornaments and other things worth of Rs.40 lakhs and we have several cases filed against him in our division he conducts burglaries both during the day as well as at night.

He manages the entire operation single-handed. Before robbing the house he makes note on the habits of the family members, their surroundings and checks out if there are any CCTV cameras in and around the house. He also finds out if there is a watchman. He just waits for the right time for the burglary. He breaks into the house quickly and steals everything that's valuable and with his arrest we have detected 26 cases registered against him where in he has burgled 26 houses the cases detected are, Gangamangudi police stations -5 cases, Peenya police stations -7 cases, Soladevanahalli police stations -3 cases, Jalahalli police stations -1 case, Bagalunte and Yeshwanthpur police stations 5 each cases has been detected and finally Bengaluru Police Commissioner, T. Suneel Kumar, has appreciated, Addl CP West, B.K. Singh, DCP North, Chethan Singh Rathore, ACP, Yeshwanthpur Sub-division, Raviprasad, P I, Smt. Mary Shylaja, PSI, Naveen Kumar, ASIs as, Lakshmaiah, D.C. Nagaraju and crime staff as, Jaganath, Nagaraju, Mudathsar Najar Bagegowda, and Melgiri has done a tremendous job and nabbed notorious thief who has burgled 26 houses in various police station limits and recovered stolen property worth Rs.40 lakhs from his possession he added.

Nehal Chudasama gets crowned as Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva Universe 2018

Mumbai / Delhi, The prestigious beauty pageant of the year was concluded with the handsome Sushant Singh Rajput announcing the winners of Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva 2018 with the reigning winners Shraddha Shashidhar Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva 2017 - Miss Universe Indiacrowning Nehal Chudasama the Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva Universe 2018,

Peden Ongmu Namgyal, Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva Supranational 2017 crowning Aditi Hundia as Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva Supranational 2018 and Apeksha Porwal: Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva 2017 - 2nd Runner-up crowning Roshni Sheoran as Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva 2018 - Runner Up / 1st Runner Up / 2nd Runner-up at NSCI Dome in Mumbai.

ADVERTISEMENTS ON HEALTH MISLEADING AND MUST BE BANNED MEDIA ALSO HAS A DUTY NOT TO HIGHLIGHT UNFOUNDED CLAIMS

Dr. Arun Mitra

Treating a patient involves history taking, examination of the patient and diagnostic investigations as per the need before forming an opinion about the illness of the patient and the differential diagnosis. Only then can a doctor prescribe the treatment, medical or surgical as the case may be. There are set protocols for this methodology and for specific diseases. These protocols may change from time to time. This change is effected after thorough deliberations among the academics of a particular subject. Telemedicine is still in a developing stage to meet the above criteria. Many a times patients seek telephonic advice from the doctor. This is generally discouraged because of the possibility of missing several issues. But these days one finds increasing advertisements on various types of media highlighting their achievements and encouraging patients to get treatment from them.

Modern system of medicine does not permit advertisements to entice patients. The Medical Council of India



framed a code of ethics, the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, to fix some norms for this. Any such practice is considered unethical. It is presumed that advertising is for luring the patients. The clause 6.1.1 of the code prohibits soliciting of patients directly or indirectly, by a physician, by a group of physicians or by institutions or organizations. The code says that a physician shall not make use of him / her (or his / her name) as subject of any form or manner of advertising or publicity through any mode either alone or in

conjunction with others which is of such a character as to invite attention to him or to his professional position, skill, qualification, achievements, attainments, specialties, appointments, associations, affiliations or honours and/or of such character as would ordinarily result in his self aggrandizement.

The Punjab Medical Council had issued notices to several such violators in 2015-2016. That had led to a check on such practices.

A similar code exists for the Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices termed as Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP). According to it, companies cannot make claim for the usefulness of a drug without up to date evaluation of all the evidence. Stating categorically that a drug is safe and has no side effects, toxic hazards or risk of addiction is not permitted. Even the comparison of drugs has to be factual, fair and capable of substantiation. Products of other companies cannot be disparaged either directly or by implication.

Unfortunately such code does not

seem to exist for other systems of medicine. The electronic media keeps projecting advertisements like 'cure of retinal diseases in eyes with guarantee' while belittling the modern medical system. There are also advertisements of treating head ache 'with guarantee' with some oils. Similarly we watch claims of treating all the diseases in the body by clearing the stomach. Yoga is projected as panacea for all diseases. There are several advertisements for converting grey hair to black. Advertisements also appear for hair transplants. Treating sugar for sure is also advertised. About sexual issues, advertisements can be seen in plenty on walls, posters and print media.

Many of these advertisements are given by celebrities. They give a wrong impression and are misleading. It is time that such business is stopped. Media must realize its duties. Health cannot be left to be exploited by business interests and unproven methodologies. The government must enact a law in this regard instead of overlooking these issues. (IPA Service)

Rajajinagar police cracked Goods Auto Driver murder in 24 hrs, Arrested Trio

"Row over parking three drunk men murdered elderly person". A 63-year-old goods auto rickshaw driver was killed by a gang of three following a parking row on Rajkumar Road in Rajajinagar on Thursday night.

Soon after the incident came to light, the police nabbed the trio, who was under the influence of alcohol. The deceased Sriram R was a resident of Prakash Nagar near Navarang.

The arrested are Janardhan, who runs an online business; Rajashekar, an interior designer and Karthik, a sales executive. One of the men, Karthik, refused to move despite Sriram's repeated requests. When Sriram started blaring his horn, Karthik slapped him. The argument turned into a brawl in which Sriram hit Karthik on his head with a screwdriver.

Victim's Daughter told media persons that, My father used to come home by 8 pm this incident took place around 8.25 pm last night. He asked three men to move aside as they were blocking his parking spot.

One of the men came and slapped my father. Then they took a spanner and hit his head later they called two more people and beat him up till he died she added. DCP North, Chethan Singh Rathore told media persons that, An auto driver named Shivaram got into a fight with three men identified as karthik, Janardhan and Rajashekar at a parking lot in Rajajinagar police station limits.

The victim was first slapped then he was hit with a spanner. As he collapsed the accused kicked him. All the three accused were drunk during this time and the nearby people rushed him to hospital where he has been declared brought dead and based on complaint by victim's relatives we have arrested Karthik, Janardhan and Rajashekar and during interrogation the trio confessed to crime and said that at around 8.45 pm, Karthik and his friends were standing on a footpath near the Navaprasad Bar. Sriram wanted to park his Tata Ace vehicle on the spot and asked them to move, but the trio asked Sriram to park it somewhere else.



UNSUNG HEROES OF A CRIPPLED AIR INDIA

B. Sivaraman

One of the prevailing myths about high-wage high-tech workers in India is that they are only concerned about their pecuniary benefits. The other associated myth is that their propensity to resort to direct action to safeguard their rights and interests is inversely proportional to their salary level. Both the myths have been smashed by the commercial pilots—especially, from Air India and its subsidiaries—time and again. The latest such display was in the middle of August in the context of their exemplary services to the Kerala flood victims.

What is significant is that the Indian Commercial Pilots' Association (ICPA) suspended their stir over the delay in payment of wages and non-payment of flying allowance and postponed their decision to go on strike to render this selfless service. They had even offered to work without payment to render their services to the people of Kerala, which is significant considering that a co-pilot earns Rs.5 lakhs and a captain Rs.7 lakhs per month.

Thanks to torrential rains, the highest in 50 years, the Cochin civilian airport was totally marooned and was officially closed on 14 August. While defence aircrafts and helicopters were immediately pressed into service to rescue the people marooned, no less significant was the service rendered round-the-clock by the commercial pilots of Air India and other airlines in carrying relief material and evacuating the stranded passengers from Cochin Air Force base from 16 August onwards in numerous sorties and in diverting the Cochin flights to Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode airports till Cochin Airport resumed operations, thanks again to day-and-night work of the airport employees there. It was a splendid display of selfless sacrifice rather than selfish pecuniary cravings. But the Air India pilots and other airport



employees remained unsung heroes.

However, the Air India pilots remained assertive on their rights all the same. The wages of Air India employees were delayed for five successive months. The pilots and cabin crew were not paid their flying allowances, which account for 70% of their take-home pay. The ICPA threatened to go ahead with their decision to suspend operations. The management buckled in and paid the flying allowances and salaries on 22 August. It was a major victory for the ICPA and they revoked their decision to strike.

ICPA general secretary Praveen K. Keerti said, "There is no permanent settlement on the issue of delayed wage payments as the management had not officially replied to our letter nor has invited us for talks. In future the same story might resume all over again because the basic problems giving rise to the financial crisis—like idling of Rs.25,000 crore worth of aircrafts for want of spares—were not addressed."

Air India's assets have been valued at Rs.30,000 crore but its debts have swollen to Rs.50,000 crore! In August 2004, the controversial decision of Praful Patel, the then Civil Aviation minister in the UPA, to

indiscriminately increase Air India's shopping list of aircrafts precipitated the existential crisis for the Maharaja. On 1 December 2017, the Supreme Court directed the CBI to complete in the next six months its probe into allegations of irregularities in purchase or hiring of 111 aircraft for Air India for a whopping Rs.70,000 crore. But the CBI under the NDA has not completed the investigation.

Also tax evader Hasan Ali was caught with \$8 billion unaccounted money in Swiss banks, the kick-back he reportedly got as a conduit in the Boeing deal with Air India. This startling information was part of a 2007 Enforcement Directorate (ED) chargesheet. But the Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal set aside these charges and now Khan is guilty of tax evasion only to the extent of Rs.3 to 4 crore!

Well, Khan might have got a reprieve but not Air India. It doesn't have the money to pay salaries in time or the dues of suppliers such as Airbus, Honeywell, Meggit International, Goodrich, Hamilton, and Wesco Electrical etc. leading to the shortage of parts resulting in the grounding of Rs.25,000 crore worth of planes leading to a huge loss.

The Modi government first decided to privatise the loss-making Air India and even appointed Rothschild and Ernst & Young as executioners. But the government suspended the idea due to opposition from RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, who wanted Air India to be sold to an Indian corporate house. Tatas are still in talks with the government to take over Air India but they won't take over the huge accumulated losses and would insist on government waiving its huge loans. Under such uncertainty, the AI pilots might have won a battle but the war would prove to be protracted.

(IPA Service)

Kalindi College organizes a collection drive for Kerala flood victims

New Delhi: Kalindi Rajendra Place Metro Station. Besides, the NSS and Students' SRC, NSS, NCC and Students' Union organized a rally for generating funds and relief material for Kerala flood victims on 31st

Besides, the NSS and Students' Union volunteers are also being sent across various areas in Delhi and Gurugram to collect funds and relief material for the



August. The rally was led by the Principal, Dr. Anula Maurya along with the entire teaching staff and a huge number of students who marched in and around East Patel Nagar and cause. The relief material will be sent to Kerala Bhavan and the funds will be deposited to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund that will further be sent to the victims.

TRUMP POLICIES LEADING TO SHIFTING ALLIANCES

Conn Hallinan

"Boxing the compass" is an old nautical term for locating the points on a magnetic compass in order to set a course. With the erratic winds blowing out of Washington these days, countries all over Asia and the Middle East are boxing the compass and re-evaluating traditional foes and old alliances.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars in the past half-century, and both have nuclear weapons on a hair trigger. But the two countries are now part of a security and trade organization, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), along with China, Russia, and most of the countries of Central Asia. Following the recent elections in Pakistan, Islamabad's foreign minister, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, has called for an "uninterrupted continued dialogue" with New Delhi to resolve conflicts and establish "peace and stability" in Afghanistan.

Pakistan's new prime minister, Imran Khan, is a critic of the U.S. war in Afghanistan and particularly opposed to the use of U.S. drones to kill insurgents in Pakistan.

Russia has reached out to the Taliban, which has accepted an invitation for peace talks in Moscow on Sept. 4 to end



the 17-year old war. Three decades ago, the Taliban were shooting down Russian helicopters with American-made Stinger missiles.

Turkey and Russia have agreed to increase trade and to seek a political solution to end the war in Syria. Turkey also pledged to ignore Washington's sanctions on Russia and Iran. Less than three years ago, Turkish warplanes downed a Russian bomber, Ankara was denouncing Iran, and Turkey was arming and supporting Islamic extremists trying to overthrow the government of Bashar al-Assad. After years of tension in the South China Sea between China and a host of Southeast Asian nations, including Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Brunei, on Aug. 2 Beijing announced a "breakthrough" in talks between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). After years of blus-

ter—including ship-to-ship face-offs—China and ASEAN held joint computer naval games Aug. 2-3. China has also proposed cooperative oil and gas exploration with ASEAN members.

Starting with the administration of George W. Bush, the U.S. has tried to lure India into an alliance with Japan and Australia—the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue or "quad"—to challenge China in the South China Sea and Indian Ocean.

The Americans turned a blind eye to India's violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and dropped the ban on selling arms to New Delhi. The Pentagon even re-named its Pacific Command, "Indo-Pacific Command" to reflect India's concerns in the Indian Ocean. The U.S. is currently training Indian fighter pilots, and this summer held joint naval maneuvers with Japan and the U.S.—Malabar 18—in the strategic Malacca Straits. But following an April Wuhan Summit meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, New Delhi's enthusiasm for the Quad appears to have cooled. New Delhi vetoed Australia joining the Malabar war games.

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Stroke can increase the likelihood of developing dementia

New Delhi, 2ND september 2018: People who have suffered a stroke are more likely to develop dementia, as per a recent study by the University of Exeter Medical School. It was found that the link between stroke and dementia persisted even after considering other dementia risk factors such as blood pressure, diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

A history of stroke increases dementia risk by about 70%, and recent strokes more than doubled the risk.

The WHO estimates indicate that there are about 15 million who suffer from stroke annually around the world. There are also 50 million people suffering from dementia. The number is expected to almost double ever 20 years, reaching 131 million by 2050.

Speaking about this, Padma Shri Awardee, Dr K K Aggarwal, President, HCFI, said, "Stroke or a Cerebro Vascular Accident (CVA) results from a sudden blood loss to the brain or bleeding within the brain resulting in the impairment of neurological function.

Obesity, smoking, hypertension, alcohol consumption, diabetes and family history are considered some of the common factors leading to a stroke. If the answer to any of the following questions below is a yes, there's a high probability that the person is having a stroke.

Act FAST: Face -- Ask the person to smile. Does



one side of the face droop? Arms -- Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? Speech -- Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Does he or she fail to repeat the sentence correctly?

and Time -- If the answer to any of these questions is yes, time is important. Get to the hospital fast. Brain cells are dying."

Some warning signs of a stroke include weakness in an arm, hand, or leg; numbness on one side of the body; sudden loss of vision, particularly in one eye; sudden difficulty speaking; inability to comprehend; dizziness or loss of balance; and sudden, lasting, and

excruciating headache.

Adding further, Dr Aggarwal, who is also the Group Editor-in-Chief of IJCP, said, "Stroke is one of major public health concerns worldwide, with the burden in India increasing at an alarming rate over the past few decades. There is an urgent need to address this condition and this can only be done through more effective public education among all demographic groups."

The 25th MTNL Perfect Health Mela to be held between 24th and 28th October 2018 at the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi will provide people with an opportunity to know more about how to prevent a stroke, among other things. Some tips from HCFI to prevent a stroke

- Control high blood pressure
- Do moderate exercise 5 times a week
- Eat a healthy balanced diet high in fruit vegetables low in sodium
- Reduce your cholesterol. Maintain a healthy BMI or waist to hip ratio
- Stop smoking and avoid second hand exposure
- Reduce alcohol intake: for men two drinks a day and for women, one a day
- Identify and treat atrial fibrillation
- Reduce your risk from diabetes talk to your doctor
- Get educated about stroke

MAX PRESENTS ELITE MODEL LOOK INDIA 2018 DELHI REGIONAL CASTING

Max, country's largest fashion brand and Elite, global talent management company, are back with the 5th edition of 'Elite Model Look India 2018', one of the most sought-after & prestigious contest in the world. A change to gain global popularity, prominence and prestige. The contest is a lifetime opportunity for thousands of boys and girls to become the next International Super Model and reach great heights like Cindy Crawford, Stephanie Seymour, Gisele Bundchen, Sigrid Agren and Constance Jablonski.

The contest which will tour 04 cities – Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad and Bangalore this year, reached Delhi for its preliminary Regional Casting rounds. Delhi Regional Casting took place at DLF Promenade Mall, Vasant Kunj on Friday, 31st August 2018. The esteemed panel of jury included Dipannita Sharma – Supermodel & Actor, Alesia Raut – Supermodel & VJ,



Jamal Shaikh – Editor, Host & Entrepreneur and Marc Robinson - Licensee - Elite Model Look India. At the end of the casting, 05 Girls and 11 Boys saw their dreams come true as they were selected for the next stage, Elite Model Look National Casting that will take place in Mumbai in September. Contestants were shortlisted from hundreds of hopeful contenders based on criteria like their ramp walk, first impression and photogenic appeal. The lucky contest-

ants chosen from Delhi auditions are –

Girls – Anushka Dhaka, Gehana Arora, Manushree Sharma, Monika Negi and Palak Thakur

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Rama's son to get abducted on Sony SAB's Tenali Rama

Sony SAB's Tenali Rama comes up with new twists and turns with each episode. However twisted the problem may be, Tenali Rama (Krishna Bharadwaj) always succeeds in solving it. This time, Bhaskar, his child, has been kidnapped and he is helpless. In the upcoming track, a saint named Bhajni Devi (PiyaliMunsi) visits Vijayanagar. Everyone meets her for her blessings, since she claims to be God's messenger. The entire village of Vijayanagar starts worshipping her. Rama realizes that since the holy lady's arrival, coincidentally, the kids in Vijayanagar have started disappearing. Rama gets Bhajni Devi to the Darbaar to confront her. Bhajni Devi, to divert the king's mind.

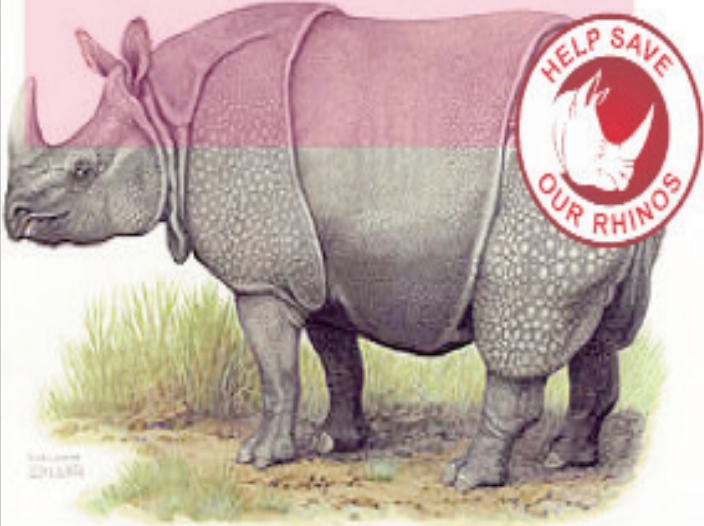







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are learning Kathak and Classic dance, Yoga, Harmonium, Tabla and Indian Language said Mr Ramesh head of Indian Culture Center Bangkok.

Want to tell through the newsletter some good info about Thailand. Tiger PARK is a newly open attraction in Pattaya, founded by Mr. Navaphol Chakchuan and other executives. With an initiative of conserving Panthera tigers in Thailand and also to let the customers have exciting and wonderful moment with tigers.

You can relax and look around in the coffee shop, gift shop, and snack bar zone. Feel free to walk around and take a picture with the tigers from our free area. You could bring yourself into the tiger's enclosure with our confidence that you will be happy and enjoy the time being in our enclosure with our staff. The confidences they have come from our expert experience in raising tiger more than 30 years so that there lovely tigers are familiar with people. However, they offer you an extraordinary experience for you touch and get close to our tigers. Do not miss that! once in your life time. You can have nice and cool pictures with tigers taken by professional photographer with some additional cost. After all activities you do with tigers inside.

Families can Enjoy on Thailand's beautiful beaches

Thailand is known for its abundance of beaches and islands. The seaside offers many opportunities for children of all ages to have fun... build a sandcastle together, fly a kite, join in with a friendly game of beach volleyball, collect shells and go hunting in rock pools, paddle in the sparkling ocean, and have fun in the water with inflatable toys. There really are so many options! Older kids might like to have a go at various water sports, such as snorkeling or bouncing off the waves on a banana boat.

Many beaches do not have lifeguards. It is, therefore, imperative, that you keep a close eye on your children when on the beach. For added security and safety you might want to relax on beaches that are privately operated by hotels and resorts, as these generally do have lifeguards on duty throughout the day. Many of the busier beaches have parasols available to rent, perfect for keeping your kids out of the blazing



sunshine. Be aware that on quieter beaches it may be more difficult to find shaded spots.

Explore national parks and go nature spotting

Thailand boasts many glorious national parks. Filled with interesting wildlife, offering amazing views, and usually home to other natural attractions, such as caves or waterfalls, have heaps of family-fun outdoors. Whether you want to hire a vehicle and explore independently or join a specialist tour that caters for families, some of Thailand's national parks might be more accessible than you may think. There are many other places where you can see wild animals; you don't always have to venture into the jungles!

Numerous operators in Chiang Mai and Phuket can organise private guided jungle treks for families, tailoring trips to the age of your children and experience levels of the whole family. Trips may also include other activities, such as rafting and elephant riding, depending on your interests.

Go wild at animal attractions

Thailand has numerous zoos and attractions geared around animals, from places where your kids can touch a tiger and ride a mighty elephant to crocodile farms, snake farms, aquariums, and lush open zoos.

Keep in mind, however, that the care and treatment of animals may not be what you are used to back at home. Seeing animals in tiny cages can be quite distressing for some children, not to mention supporting industries that thrive on mistreating animals.

Chiang Mai Zoo is popular with kids, and animal welfare is generally a high priority. It is home to many animals including adorable giant pandas, cute koalas, lumbering hippos, majestic elephants, and fearsome lions and tigers.

If you want to get up close and personal with beautiful elephants, Chiang Mai's Elephant Nature Park is a great option. Working with rescued elephants and carrying out extensive rehabilitation work, welfare of the animals is at the heart of how they operate. Whilst you won't find tourists riding around on the back of these incredible creatures, your kids can learn more about elephants and their important role through Thai history, and help with feeding and bathing the mighty beasts. There are plenty of hands-on activities available that treat the elephants with respect and dignity. The park is also home to a variety of other rescue animals, including buffalo, cats, dogs, and birds. Crocodiles are used in shows, but it may be quite upsetting to watch how they are dragged around by their tails etc. If seeing chimps dressed in clothes, stroking tigers, watching birds perform tricks, and seeing animals in small cages is appealing, you may like Samut Prakan Crocodile Farm. There are many farm attractions around Thailand where your children can learn more about agriculture and see an array of farming animals.

Explore bustling markets

Wander around lively markets and watch as your children's eyes light up on seeing the colorful sights all around. You could also take the family to an unusual floating market for something completely different.

Damnoen Saduak Floating Market attracts many visitors, including families. Whilst you probably won't have the feeling of being at an authentic Thai floating market, you can all have fun with a boat trip along the waterways and seeing a wide assortment of goods and food for sale from other boats and from along the edges of the water. You can choose between motorized boats or ones that you row yourself. The costs vary widely. Watch as tasty Thai meals and snacks are cooked right in front of you, and perhaps sample some local cuisine. Pad Thai (fried noodles) is often a good option for kids as it doesn't contain huge amounts of chilly and is really

tasty!

Electronic Markets are there Like :-

Originally named Mahbookrong, MBK is one of Asia's oldest shopping malls. It opened in 1995 and since then it has become of the most well-known in Thailand.

Imagine a HUGE maze of tiny little stalls selling all sorts of tiny little electronics and accessories. We ended up buying phone cases – which we didn't even need – some cables to charge my iPhone and a couple of accessories for the GoPro. Everything haggled at laughable prices.

The 5th floor is more dedicated to digital cameras – Nikon and Canon have official shops here.

Bottom line is: you won't find Zara or Mango in here. MBK is packed with small independent shops, mostly Thai brands and designs and is very popular with the younger crowds. This was definitely the most packed of all shopping spots we've been, the teenage Thai shopping frenzy can be exhausting!

Chinatown :-

Chinatown is the great option to indulge in a more local and traditional shopping experience. It's the perfect contrast to the mega malls that are popping out like mushrooms elsewhere in the city.

Apart from the absolute cheapest prices in Bangkok – haggling is necessary – what I like about Chinatown is that you're exploring such a lively and rich area at the same time. Wandering around the lively alleys is a timeless experience by itself!

The whole thing is kind of all over the place, but there are specific sections for some stuff. Head to Yaowarat Road to check the gold vendors, Balanna Plaza for all kind of shoes (beware of fakes!) and Itsaraphap Lane for food items. Chinatown can be too frugal, hot and busy for some, but it's definitely worth a visit!

Chatuchak Market

With over 15,000 booths and stalls, Chatuchak Market is one of the biggest markets in the world. Happening every Saturday and Sunday, it attracts both shopping-craving tourists and local Thais.

The market is divided into 27 huge sections. You can find the most varied things such as souvenirs, independently-design clothes, live animals and wood carving items in well signalled corridors and stalls.

I found this place to be too big. Not big, I mean, HUGE. You'll need lots of time and patience. Despite the good will and organisation, it's very difficult to find the correct section you're heading while managing the crowds. After all, 200,000 people come here on the weekends!

Having that said, it's a GREAT place for shopping souvenirs, clothes and other typical Thai items. We saved a visit to Chatuchak for our last day in Thailand and glad we did, otherwise we'd have to carry a lot of things around during our island hopping itinerary. It's impossible to leave this place empty handed!

