

Manohar Parrikar undergoing series of tests: AIIMS

New Delhi, Sept 16 (PTI):

Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar is undergoing a series of tests at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) sources said.

Parrikar, who has been undergoing treatment for pancreatic ailment, is admitted in the old private ward under the supervision of Pramod Garg from the Department of Gastroenterology.

'He is currently undergoing a series of tests,' sources said. Parrikar, 62, was flown to the national capital owing to his declining health. He had returned from the US in the first week of September, days after which he was admitted to a hospital at Candolim in north Goa.

Earlier this year, he had undergone a three-month-long treatment in the US.

Three energy theft cases detected in Trichy

Trichy, Sept 16:

During the course of division level mass raid conducted by Trichy Enforcement Division, the Enforcement squads viz., Trichy, Thanjavur and Villuppuram have detected 3 nos theft of energy cases in the Uppiliyapuram, Venkatchalapuram

and Sikkathampur area of Trichy/Metro Electricity Distribution Circle.

A press release said, an extra levy amount of Rs 1,51,041 has been levied on the consumers, towards the loss incurred to the

Board due to the stolen energy.

'The consumers concerned admitted the offence and chose to compound the case and remitted additional sum of Rs 13,000 to avoid criminal proceedings. Hence, no Police complaints were lodged,' the release added.

Information regarding energy theft may be given to executive engineer/ enforcement/ Trichy through 94433 29851.

Kolkata wakes up to massive fire outbreak

◆ Thirty tenders pressed to douse flames in building that houses 400 business establishments

Kolkata, Sept 16 (PTI):

A massive fire broke out in a multi-storey building, which houses mainly medicine and perfume shops, early Sunday in the congested Bagree Market in the central part of the city, a senior official of the fire department said. No casualty has been reported so far, he said.

Thirty fire tenders have been pressed into service to douse the fire in the building that houses over 400 business establishments at the wholesale market. 'As the area is very congested, we are finding it difficult to work. We are using hydraulic ladders and gas cutters to cut through grills of gates and small windows to enter the building,' the senior official said.

The fire broke out around 2.30 am



on the ground floor of the building on Canning Street and spread to other floors quickly, he said.

'Even after six hours, we are finding it difficult to contain the fire. A forensic team will be visiting the

site to ascertain the cause of the fire. As innumerable inflammable articles were stacked inside the building, the blaze spread quickly,' he added.

Chief Minister Mamata Bane

IN DELHI TOO

A major fire broke out at two shoe factories located in Udyog Nagar area in Delhi, a fire service official said.

A call about the fire was received at 4.35 am and 28 fire tenders were rushed to the spot, he said. The two factories are located nearby in Udyog Nagar's K-block area, he added.

jee told reporters at the airport, 'Nobody is trapped in the building. Also, no report of any casualty or injury has reached us'.

Unconfirmed reports said people, who resided in the top floor of the building, managed to escape as soon as the fire broke out.

A few angry shop owners alleged that the fire officials took time to

start the operation. Anil Mehta, one of the shop owners, said, 'I have lost everything in the blaze just before Durga Puja. My store as well as a godown was gutted in the fire.'

Mayor Sovan Chatterjee, who reached the spot along with senior police officers, told reporters that fire brigade personnel were working hard to contain the blaze.

'We are trying our best but fire fighting operation is tough here because of the number of buildings,' he stated.

Traffic restrictions have been imposed in the area owing to the fire.

'Due to a fire incident, Rabindra Sarani in between MG Road & Podder Court and Canning Street in between Brabourne Road & Rabindra Sarani are closed to traffic,' the Kolkata Traffic police department tweeted.



The 42nd year Aadi festival of Arulmigu Shri Muthumaariamman temple at 14th Street in Ashok Nagar was celebrated today during which a devotee carries a Karagam as part of the celebrations.

One more feather in DRDO's cap

New Delhi, Sept 16:

DRDO successfully flight tested a low weight, Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) from Ahmednagar range on 15 September.

A press release said all the mission objectives have been met.

'The weapon system has been tested for its full range. The HELINA weapon system released smoothly from the launch platform and tracked the target all through its course before hitting it with high precision,' the release added.

The missile is guided by an Infrared Imaging Seeker operating in the Lock-on-Before-Launch mode. It is one of the most advanced anti-tank weapons in the world. Senior officials from the DRDO and Indian Army were present during the mission.

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman congratulated DRDO and other agencies involved in the mission.



20 lakh people join modified Jan Dhan scheme



New Delhi, Sept 16 (PTI):

As many as 20 lakh people have joined the modified Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY), taking the total number of account holders in the flagship financial inclusion programme to 32.61 crore as on September 5, according to finance ministry data.

The government earlier this month relaunched PMJDY as an open-ended scheme with higher insurance cover and double the overdraft (OD) facility.

The Union Cabinet decided to continue the scheme beyond the four-year period ended 14 August with an aim to take the formal banking system from 'every household to every adult'.

During the 15 August - 5 September period, the total deposits in 32.61 PMJDY accounts witnessed an increase of Rs 1,266.43 crore.

The balance in PMJDY accounts was Rs 82,490.98 crore as on 5 September.

Under the revamped scheme, ac-

cidental insurance cover for new RuPay card holders has been raised from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh for new PMJDY accounts opened after 28 August. Also, the existing OD limit of Rs 5,000 has been increased to Rs 10,000. Further, no conditions will be attached for OD up to Rs 2,000.

The data also showed that nearly 7.18 lakh people, who opened PMJDY account after August 28, may get the benefit of increased accidental insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh.

Launched in August 2014, the first phase of PMJDY focussed on opening basic bank accounts and RuPay debit card with in-built accident insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh.

Besides, it provided Basic Banking Accounts with OD facility of Rs 5,000 after six months.

Phase II beginning 15 August, 2018 was planned to provide micro-insurance to the people and pension schemes to unorganised sector workers through Business Correspondents.

Doctors file PIL against age limit for post of asst prof

Chennai, Sept 16 (PTI):

Various doctors have filed a petition in the Madras High Court against a clause of the Medical Council of India which prescribes 40 as the maximum age limit for appointment to the post of senior resident or assistant professor in medical colleges.

The public interest litigation (PIL) petition came up recently before a bench, comprising Justices S Manikumar and Subramaniam Prasad. The bench posted the matter for further hearing on 19 September after Assistant Solicitor General Karthikeyan, appearing on behalf of the MCI, sought time to file a

counter. The council had brought an amendment vide Clause 6 of Schedule I of the Minimum Qualification for Teachers Medical Institutions Regulations, 1998, with effect from 8 June, 2017, prescribing the age limit as 40 for posting as senior resident.

The petitioners, all government doctors, submitted that they got admission to PG degree courses before the amendment. They said the special rules of the Tamil Nadu Medical Services mandate that the post of the senior resident and the assistant professor must be held by a MBBS degree-holder who must have done PG work in a teaching institution for a period of not less than two years or he must possess

a super speciality degree. Further, the petitioners said there was no age limit prescribed when they joined the PG medical courses.

The government had forwarded a proposal to the Centre on November 27, 2017, to drop the criteria of age limit, making it clear it would affect the entire medical administration and further affect the career of the doctors who are encouraged to serve in rural/hilly/remote areas by awarding incentive marks.

Besides, the government had mentioned that the cap on age limit would be counterproductive to its policy decision, especially when seen against the MCI relaxing retirement age for faculty in medical colleges to 70 years.

Human love for beer is over 13,000 years old: Study



Boston, Sep 16 (PTI):

Prehistoric humans had a thirst for craft beer and were brewing such beverages at least 5,000 years earlier than thought, say scientists who have found evidence of alcohol production in the Eastern Mediterranean. Archaeologists from the Stanford University in the US and University of Haifa in Israel analysed three stone mortars from a 13,000-year old Natufian burial cave site in Israel. Their analysis confirmed that these

mortars were used for brewing of wheat/barley, as well as for food storage. The study, published in the Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports, suggests that beer brewing practices existed in the Eastern Mediterranean over five millennia before the earliest known evidence, discovered in northern China.

'Alcohol making and food storage were among the major technological innovations that eventually led to the development of civilisations in the world, and archaeological science is a powerful means to help reveal their origins and decode their contents,' said Li Liu, from Stanford University.

The earliest archaeological evidence for cereal-based beer brewing even before the advent of agriculture comes from the Natufians, semi-sedentary, foraging people, living in the Eastern Mediterranean between the Paleolithic and the Neolithic periods, following the last Ice Age.

The Natufians at Raqefet Cave collected locally available plants,

stored malted seeds, and made beer as a part of their rituals.

'The Natufian remains in Raqefet Cave never stop surprising us,' said Dani Nadel, from the University of Haifa, who was also an excavator of the site.

'We exposed a Natufian burial area with about 30 individuals; a wealth of small finds such as flint tools, animal bones and ground stone implements, and about 100 stone mortars and cupmarks,' said Nadel.

'Some of the skeletons are well-preserved and provided direct dates and even human DNA, and we have evidence for flower burials and wakes by the graves,' he said.

'And now, with the production of beer, the Raqefet Cave remains provide a very vivid and colourful picture of Natufian lifeways, their technological capabilities and inventions,' he said.

The Natufians exploited at least seven plant types associated with the mortars, including wheat or barley, oat, legumes and bast fibres, researchers said.

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They packed plant-foods in fibre-made containers and stored them in boulder mortars. They used bedrock mortars for pounding and cooking plant-foods, and for brewing wheat/barley-based beer, likely served in ritual feasts 13,000 years ago.

The evidence of beer brewing at Raqefet Cave 13,000 years ago provides yet another example of the complex Natufian social and ritual realms.

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CORRIGENDUM TO THE NOTICE OF THE TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This refers to the Notice dated May 30, 2018 of the Twenty Fifth Annual General Meeting of the members of Arihant Foundations & Housing Limited, which had been dispatched along with the Annual Report 2018 to members both in physical and electronic mode on 05th September, 2018. This corrigendum is now being issued on account of the following typographical error which had inadvertently occurred in the aforesaid notice;

In Page 7 and 29 of the aforesaid Notice and Annual Report, in the Notes No. 5 to the Notice and Point No. 19 (iii) of the Corporate Governance report, the date of book closure has been inadvertently mentioned as from 22.09.2018 to 28.09.2018 (both the days inclusive) in the place of 25.09.2018 to 28.09.2018 (both the days inclusive). In view of this, the members are requested to read the "book closure date" as from 25.09.2018 to 28.09.2018 (both the days inclusive).

All other information as stated in the above referred Notice dated May 30, 2016 will remain unchanged and the above Notice be read along with this corrigendum.

By order of the Board
For Arihant Foundations & Housing Ltd.,
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(Kamal Lunawath)
 DIN: 00087324
Managing Director

Place: Chennai
 Date: 15.09.2018