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## Paris climate deal kicks in

The Paris deal, under which actions to combat climate change will be taken from 2021, came into force on Friday. Rules for implementation of the deal will be drawn up at a 12-day meet in Morocco from November 7. **P 16**

## India may order Japanese planes

India has revived a project to acquire 12 Japanese US-2i amphibious aircraft, worth Rs 10,000 crore, for the Navy and Coast Guard, ahead of PM Modi's visit to Tokyo on November 11. **P 17**

## Rapes happen, says Maha min

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis has ordered a probe into the rape of a 10-year-old tribal girl even as tribal welfare minister Vishnu Savara said "such incidents do happen". **P 16**

## ₹2L reward for info on Najeeb

Delhi police have doubled the reward for information on JNU student Najeeb Ahmed to Rs 2 lakh, reports Raj Shekhar Jha, having searched for him "from Manipur to Rajasthan". **P 5**

## Finally, Gurgaon is Gurugram

The Haryana government issued on Friday a formal notification, changing Gurgaon's name to Gurugram in all official records. The new name will be displayed on roads and buses. **P 8**

# 10 mths wasted: 42-pt plan to curb pollution goes up in smog

## Delhi May Fund Neighbours To Stop Crop Fires

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**New Delhi:** Faced with unrelenting pollution, Delhi has agreed to consider giving funds to neighbouring states to incentivise them to reduce the capital's air in winter.

A meeting convened by the Centre with Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, UP and Haryana conceded that a roadmap drawn up last year had failed to deliver results due to poor implementation. It also agreed on several measures, including Delhi using its green cess to fund other states.

A 42-point action plan was finalised by the environment ministry in consultation



**Tough Class:** The masks were out at The Indian School on Friday

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with state governments in December last year.

Though the ministry had fixed different timelines for different actions, a majority had not been acted on in the past 10 months.

**▶Green cess mop-up, P 7**

## Pak army personnel replacing Rangers as border heat escalates

Rohan Dua &amp; Neeraj Chauhan | TNN

**R S Pura/Samba (Jammu)/New Delhi:** In what seems to be a sign of escalating tensions, Pakistan army personnel are being increasingly deployed along the 190km international border in Jammu at border outposts and camps usually manned by the Pakistan Rangers.

The change in deployment has been noted by the Border Security Force and is seen as a clear departure from the practice of specialised paramilitaries, instead of armies, guarding the borders in Jammu, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Bengal.

Top sources in BSF and the government confirmed that the Pakistani army had deployed soldiers and weaponry at the Rangers' posts, placing regular Pakistan troops face to face with the BSF. "It's difficult to say if the Pakistani army has taken control of the Rangers' posts at IB but there is certainly a lot of



Pooja Sharma, Anubala & Rabinder Kaur are among 90 BSF women posted along the IB in Jammu. "We're the new woman power," says Rabinder | **P 13**

movement, with many vehicles regularly bringing soldiers and arms. This has been going on for the past 8-9 days," said a senior official.

**▶'Pak army regulars behind firing', P 13**

## Don't play blame game, think of our kids: NGT

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) pulled up the Delhi government and the Centre on Friday for not taking steps to tackle the air pollution problem and instead playing the blame game.

"For you, the people of Delhi do not matter. Just look at what we're giving to our children for the future. This is terrible," said a bench headed by NGT chief Swatanter Kumar.

The NGT once again asked the Delhi government to stop diesel vehicles over 10 years old from plying on the roads, saying its earlier order was not being complied with. **P 7**

## Govt asks RIL to pay \$1.6bn in ONGC gas row

The oil ministry has asked Reliance Industries Ltd and its partners in the KG-D6 Andhra offshore block to pay \$1.55 billion (around Rs 10,000 crore) as cost of gas that migrated to their side from an adjacent ONGC block. RIL responded that it would initiate arbitration since the demand was based on "misreading and misinterpretation of key elements of the PSC (production sharing contract) and is without precedent...in the world".

The government and RIL are already engaged in international arbitrations with over \$5 billion at stake. **P 23**

## All 6 independent directors of Taj Group back Mistry

### Tell Bourses He Has Their Full Confidence

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**Mumbai:** In what is being viewed as a setback for Ratan Tata and the board of Tata Sons, which sacked Cyrus Mistry last week, all six inde-

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pendent directors of Tata Group's Indian Hotels Company publicly reposed faith in Mistry's leadership on Friday ahead of a board meet.

Nadir Godrej, Deepak Parekh, Keki Dadiseth, Ireena Vittal, Gautam Banerjee and Vibha Paul Rishi met at the group's headquarters, Bombay House, and were unanimous in their praise for Mistry's strategic direction and le-

### Tatas realise need to be proactive

The decision at IHCL came as a surprise to the Tata camp, but soon there was growing acceptance that it needed a more proactive strategy to convince independent directors, said sources. The initial outburst was at the tardiness of efforts to build a narrative among independent directors in a company where Mistry probably had maximum support. **P 23**

adership. What surprised observers was the stand taken by Dadiseth, a trustee of the Sir Ratan Tata Trust.

The board of IHCL, known as the Taj Group, has 10 members, including Mistry and his brother, Shapoor. The six directors are the first to endorse Mistry since he was axed as Tata Sons chairman.

**▶Tata Steel meet, P 23**

## RTI appeal hearing may take 30 years in Assam

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**New Delhi:** If you file a query under the Right to Information (RTI) Act in Assam today, you might have to wait 30 years for your appeal to be heard by the information commissioner (IC).

The "waiting period" in West Bengal is over 11 years and seven in Kerala.

A new study of the working of information commissions in 16 states shows that the RTI Act's purpose of en-

suring greater transparency is being throttled by the sheer pendency of cases—1.87 lakh as on December 2015.

Though the Act empowers the ICs to impose penalties of up to Rs 25,000 on erring public information officers for violations, penalties have been imposed in only 1.3% of the cases in the 16 states, causing a potential loss of Rs 290 crore in fines defaulting public authorities would have paid.

**▶13 to 22 months, P 17**

## 'Anti-national acts': 25 NGOs lose foreign fund licences

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**New Delhi:** The Union home ministry has refused to renew the registration of 25 NGOs under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010, for their alleged indulgence in "activities not conducive to national interest".

This action comes after the cancellation of the FCRA licences of 11,319 NGOs for failing to apply for renewal within the deadline.

The FCRA licence renewal of another 1,736 NGOs was withheld "for non-submission of documents or deficient documents or other statutory shortcoming within the stipulated time".

As a result, the total number of NGOs that can receive foreign funding has now shrunk to around 20,000, down from 33,138, in the country.

**▶Curb on Adani NGO, P 16**

## Trader takes 300 staffers, families on 10-day outing

A diamond merchant from Gujarat has taken all his 300 employees and their family members on a 10-day all-expense-paid "annual outing" to Uttarakhand.

Govind Dholakia, who runs the Surat and Mumbai-based Shree Ramkrishna Exports, declared a 15-day holiday at his offices and booked an AC train for Rs 90 lakh to facilitate the travel of his workers and their families, totalling 1,200 people, to Rishikesh and Mussoorie. **P 17**

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