

# Sri Sri among new trustees of govt-established group

**NEW ROLE** Art of Living founder and Swami Chidanand Saraswati are some of the new members of India Development Foundation

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**NEW DELHI:** The Centre has made Art of Living (AoL) foundation head, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Parmarth Niketan Ashram chief, Swami Chidanand Saraswati, new trustees of the India Development Foundation (IDF), a non-profit trust set up by the government.

The IDF was set up to facilitate the contribution of overseas Indians to social and development projects in India.

The Swami, the founder and spiritual head of the Hindu Jain Temple in Pittsburgh, is also leading figure in promotion of yoga. He also played a key role in compiling the 11-volume Encyclopaedia of Hinduism.

External affairs minister Sushma Swaraj is the president of the body and foreign secretary, home secretary, and secretary economic affairs among its ex-officio members.

Another new trustee of the IDF is Dr Bharat Barai, medical director of the Cancer Institute, Methodist Hospitals, Indiana, in the United States of America.

He was also the key organiser of the diaspora event of Prime Minister at Madison Square in 2014. The event was a roaring success. The other trustees include the UAE-based Indian businessman MA Yusuf Ali, chairman and managing director, Lulu International.

At the meeting of the founda-



**AoL foundation head Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and PM Narendra Modi at the world culture festival in New Delhi, last year.** HT FILE

tion on Friday, Swaraj sought their guidance in making its working a success. The first board meeting of the foundation was held in 2009. It was founded to serve as a "credible institutional avenue" to enable Overseas Indians to engage in philanthropy to supplement India's social and

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development efforts. The Trust is exempt from the provisions of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010.

The Modi government has been trying to bring greater diaspora engagement to projects in sectors such as sanitation, health, women and child development.

"We work to ensure that the money an overseas Indian spends on a scheme reaches the beneficiary. The foundation also provides an opportunity for the donor to visit the project to see the progress," said an official. The foundation also displays the names of the contributors on its website.

# S-W MONSOON ARRIVES AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

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**NEW DELHI:** The south-west monsoon has covered the Nicobar Islands and the entire south Andaman Sea, three days ahead of its normal onset date, the India meteorological department (IMD) said on Sunday.

"In view of the strengthening and deepening of southwesterly winds, persistent cloudiness and rainfall, south-west monsoon has advanced into some parts of south-east Bay of Bengal, Nicobar Islands, entire south Andaman Sea and parts of north Andaman Sea today," the IMD said.

IMD director general K G Ramesh, however, said it was too early to forecast whether the monsoon would hit the Kerala coast ahead of schedule.

The normal onset date over Kerala, termed as the official arrival of the seasonal rainfall in India, is June 1.

Ramesh said the prevailing conditions do not suggest that monsoon could hit Kerala early simply because it has arrived early in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Mahesh Palawat, chief meteorologist with the SkyMet, a weather forecasting agency, said monsoon is likely to hit Kerala on June 1 with an error of one-two days. "Conditions are favourable for further advance of south-west monsoon into some parts of south-west Bay of Bengal, some more parts of south-east Bay of Bengal, remaining parts of Andaman Sea, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Bengal during the next 72 hours," the IMD said.

# SWEATING IT OUT FOR SALT



**A labourer works on a salt pan at Thoothukudi, about 160kms south of Madurai, in Tamil Nadu on Sunday. Salt exports from Thoothukudi port have gone up this fiscal year, reversing the trend of decline over the last four fiscals.** AFP

# RSS endorses New Delhi's snub to Beijing's trade route project

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**NEW DELHI:** Narendra Modi government's decision to boycott the One Belt, One Road (OBOR) forum and the terse message to Beijing that "no country can accept a project that ignores its core concern on sovereignty" has been endorsed by BJP's mentor, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

"Sovereignty and the honour of the nation are equally important; the government asserting this (by boycotting OBOR) is a good move," a senior functionary of the Sangh told HT.

The RSS has been pushing the BJP to adopt an assertive policy towards China. While it applauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts to build bridges with the neighbour, it has recently begun advocating a shift in engagement.

To begin with, it wants the Centre to stonewall China's efforts to dictate terms on how India should engage with the

**WHILE IN THE PAST RSS HAS APPLAUDED THE PM'S EFFORTS TO BUILD BRIDGES WITH CHINA, IT SAID THE 'HONOUR OF THE NATION' IS ALSO EQUALLY IMPORTANT**

Dalai Lama and rebuff any claims it makes on Arunachal Pradesh.

In line with the Sangh's new posture on relations with China, the Muslim wing of the RSS, the Muslim Rashtriya Manch, last week passed a resolution demanding that India should get control of Kailash Mansarovar, a Hindu pilgrimage site in Tibet.

According to sources, the Sangh conveyed to the government the need to respond to the Chinese "provocation" by tweaking the current level of economic commitment. It pushed for boycotting Chinese goods.

At a meeting of its highest decision making body, the Akhil

Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha in Coimbatore in March, it called for revisiting economic and diplomatic ties, especially in the wake of Beijing not supporting India's move to impose a UN ban on Pakistan-based JeM chief Masood Azhar, blocking New Delhi's bid to join the Nuclear Supplier's Group and pursuing business interests through the CPEC.

The Sangh's economic wing, the Swadesh Jagran Manch (SJM), has initiated a campaign to boycott Chinese goods and recently submitted a memorandum to Modi to enact a 'Buy Bharatiya Act' which would make it mandatory for government departments to purchase only goods produced in India.

"The trade deficit with China had reached \$52.7 billion in 2015-16, which was 41% of our total trade deficit (\$130 billion). Even after enjoying enormous advantage from huge Bhartiya (Indian) market, China has been consistently keeping a sense of enmity with India..." the SJM memorandum said.

# No plea with MEA for extradition of Dawood Ibrahim, Hafiz Saeed: RTI

**NEW DELHI:** The ministry of external affairs has said that it has not received any request so far to extradite 26/11 Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed and 1993 Mumbai bombings accused Dawood Ibrahim from the agencies probing them.

The ministry was responding to an RTI query seeking to know the action taken by the government to bring back fugitive gangster Ibrahim and JuD chief Saeed.

"The ministry of external affairs has not received any request for extradition/deportation/return in respect of Hafiz Saeed and Dawood Ibrahim from the investigating agency concerned in India," it said.

Ibrahim is the main accused in the 1993 serial bomb blasts case in Mumbai in which around 260 people were killed. Saeed, also the co-founder of Lashkar-e-Taiba is accused of plotting the 26/11 Mumbai attack. **PTI**

# Pride, pain and a promise at HT Woman Awards

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**LUCKNOW:** The seventh edition of the HT Woman Awards saw the UP government committing itself to end the scourge of child sexual abuse, the theme of this year's award.

Each year, along with felicitating women of substance from across the state, HT Woman Awards has been associating itself with a cause: female foeticide, human trafficking and acid attack survivors being some among them.

Begum Masroor Jahan, who was unable to complete formal education but went on to pen over 65 novels and 500-plus short stories, was crowned HT Woman 2017. Many scholars have done their PhD research on her works.

The other achievers were no less important. Bareilly's Rashmi Gupta, on whose intervention several cases of child abuse were taken up, was the runner-up.



**The winners of different categories pose with Uttar Pradesh's health minister Siddharth Nath Singh after the award ceremony in Lucknow on Sunday.** HT

The other winners included Agra's Tanupriya Singh, who made a national mark jumping from an aircraft from 1500 ft, Baghpat's 86-year old Chandro Tomar, popularly known as 'Revolver Dadi', Rana Safavi from Noida, 93-year old Manno

Ghosh from Vrindavan, Gorakhpur's Urmila Shukla, Farah Siddiqui Matin, who composed 100 poems in 60 days, Meerut's Seema Tomar, Lakhimpur's Nidhi Mishra, Shalini Agarwal Arora from Bareilly and Lucknow's Madhavi Kuckreja and

Shivi Kapil.

Before 14 women achievers and the lone male winner - Man behind a successful woman category introduced for the first time - were felicitated, some victims of child abuse used the HT stage to narrate heart wrenching stories of betrayal, in some cases by their own relatives or someone near.

The narration moved UP's health minister Siddharth Nath Singh, grandson of former PM Lal Bahadur Shastri, who said the Yogi Adityanath government would provide free medical aid to victims of child abuse.

The government will launch an awareness campaign on the issue and I would also allow child abuse victims to talk about their plight from the public functions I attend. I would also seek support from Hindustan Times in creating awareness on the subject," said the minister Dr Nita Singh, like many others, was visibly moved when child abuse victims narrated their plight.

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