

# Political parties should deposit funds in banks: EC

New Delhi, Aug 29: The Election Commission today virtually made it mandatory for political parties to deposit their funds in banks and not to exceed ceiling limits in financial assistance for candidates to ensure transparency and accountability.

Under the guidelines, a party should ensure that no payment in excess of Rs 20,000 is made to any person or company in cash, except in a village or in town not served by a bank. Also it will not apply to payments made to any employee or party functionary towards salary, pension or reimbursement of expenses or where cash payment is required under any statute.

While the recognised political parties shall file all reports, namely the contribution reports in Form 24A, the audited annual accounts as certified by the chartered accountants and the election expenditure statements with the Commission.

The Income Tax provisions do not allow any deduction on the contributions made in cash by any person or company to a political party.

The Commission said concerns have been expressed in various quarters that money power was disturbing the level playing field and vitiating purity of elections.

# Pakistan army contradicts Sharif, says govt asked it to mediate

Islamabad, Aug 29: Pakistan's military today said it was the government that asked it to play a "facilitative role" in resolving the current impasse, contradicting Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's statement that protest leaders approached the Army Chief to intervene.

Sharif scotched media reports that it was he who "requested" the army to come to his rescue, saying it was Khan and Qadri who approached Army Chief



Minister asked the army to intervene. I am saying, on the record, that we did not make any request asking the army to intervene.

"I am not going to backtrack on the resignation of the prime minister on any account," he said.

# Centre must find solution to block porno sites: SC

New Delhi, Aug 29: Voicing concern over mushrooming pornographic sites on Internet, the Supreme Court today asked the Centre to find out solution to the "hydra headed" problem after government virtually expressed its helplessness, saying "if we block one site, another crops up".

The bench, however, said some solution has to be found out for the problem. "Law, technology and governance have to be synthesised to control pornographic materials on Internet," it said, observing, "There are rules to control such sites and some method has to be found out".

# Najma's "comment" draws flak

New Delhi, Aug 29: Minority Affairs Minister Najma Heptulla has stoked a controversy by reportedly calling all Indians "Hindus".

Heptulla was quoted as saying in a media report that "there is nothing wrong in calling all Indians Hindu. Congress reacted sharply to her reported comments with party leader Manish Tewari saying she should read the Constitution."

SAHAR TOUR AND TRAVELS advertisement featuring Hajj 2014 booking information, contact details, and an image of the Kaaba.

Kashmir Golf Club notice regarding the Annual General Meeting of Permanent Members on September 9th, 2014.

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