

Bihar clean sweep puts

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New Delhi: On a chilly Delhi autumn evening in 2004, Nitish Kumar stared moodily into a wood fire crackling on the lawns of his Akbar Road bungalow in the capital. It was not the best of times for him. The NDA had lost the national elections a few months ago and his rival Lalu Prasad was on an upswing. The labour and risks Nitish Kumar had undertaken in opting out of a "secular" formation and

teaming up with the BJP seemed lost at the most critical juncture. After a successful stint as railway minister in the NDA regime, he had been looking for a decisive showdown with Lalu.

On that evening, his past and future would have flashed by in the dark smoke curling from the yellow flames. If there was a crossroad in his career, it was then when his political project seemed in smithereens and isolation and loss of personal esteem—bruised by defeat in his Barh Lok Sabha seat—loomed larger than the lengthening dusk shadows. From picking himself up from crushing de-

Nitish raises the bar for

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But these mark a huge improvement over the mess left behind by 15 years of Lalu-Rabri hegemony in which the Congress was also a participant. In fact, Nitish was helped by Lalu's projection of himself a CM-in-waiting. The results don't come without complications.

feat in 2004, to winning Bihar at the end of 2005 and now leading the huge victory scored by a coalition government in any state in the

BJP's better-than performance compared to those in the past. Nitish. They can't say though efforts to succeed. He may have a problem, and that's a creation. By perfecting the bar higher

north is a reminder. In a space of six months, he won assembly votes and placed Nitish Ku-

'101 BMWs not booked yet'

After TOI carried an agency report in its November 24 edition saying that a group of like-minded professionals from Aurangabad has ordered 101 BMWs from Bavaria Motors in Pune, the dealer has clarified no such mass booking has been made yet.

"No such deal has been done with Bavaria Motors. I am inundated with calls. The story is not true," said Bavaria Motors owner Vishal Agarwal.

Businessman Pankaj Agarwal, who is trying to mobilise professionals to go for group booking of the high-end cars, said: "I am trying to bring people together...it is still at a preliminary stage." TNN

Forced Raja, Chavan to quit:

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Interestingly, her assertion took the lid off the fact that, contrary to their claims, Tharoor, Chavan, Natwar Singh and Raja did not quit on their own, but were forced to do so. On Chavan, she said, "The chief minister of Maharashtra, immediately as soon as US President Obama left, we asked him to resign. It was planned before but we did not want to execute it till the President left because he was going to Maharashtra."

Talking to reporters at the party headquarters as the results of the Bihar polls poured in, Sonia said the government had done everything possible for the truth in the 2G irregularities to come out.

The timing of Sonia's unusual counter-offensive acquired considerable political meaning. It coincided with indications that the pressure on the PM in the Supreme Court on the spectrum issue may have eased, and tied in with the assessment that the Congress will cash in on the BJP's failure to get rid of the 'tainted' Yeddyurappa.

In Sonia's trek to AICC headquarters from neighbouring 10 Janpath to talk to reporters, Congress sources see the onset of an aggressive campaign against the BJP. It was also indicative of the crisis surrounding the PM.

Her recall of the futility of the BJP campaign against Singh in the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections was equally significant. "What was

the result? They learned the lesson for the future," she said. Going back to the report which had inducted the new minister Natwar Singh, she said the party had been forcing him to step down, thus forcing a judicial intervention.

The Congress' confidence in the PM was shaken by the thought-out move, she said, and doubts about Singh's leadership in the wake of the opposition's Supreme Court pronouncements. She said the PM was a "man of integrity" and she knew he could do no wrong. Her pressing concern was to see an effective government formed, she said an effective government would be found to deal with the crisis, which she termed a "crisis of confidence".



MUMBAI PORT TRUST

CORRIGENDUM - 1

Sealed Tenders on urgent basis are invited on behalf of Mumbai Port Trust for Tender No.S.50/2010 - Supply of well water and transport of potable water by tanker lorries in the jurisdiction of General Works - Northern Division & General Works - Southern Division during the year 2011. The Due Date of the above Tender is extended from 26/11/2010 to 03/12/2010 and the Last Date of Sale is extended from 24/11/2010 to 01/12/2010. The Tender sets along with Compendium and the details of the tender are available with the Administrative Officer-I, Civil Engineering Department, 3rd Floor, Port Bhavan, Shoorji Vallabhdas Marg, Mumbai - 400 001 between 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. on all working days except 2nd & 4th Saturdays and Holidays of the month. The details of the above Tender / Compendium is also available on MbPT's Website www.mumbaiport.gov.in Addl. Chief Engineer

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CORRIGENDUM-II

The extended dates regarding PSTCL specification No. 31 for supply of 2 Nos. Truck Mounted Mobile Cranes capable of lifting power transformers of dimensions 5500 mm (Length) x 5500 mm (Breadth) X 4000 mm (Height) of weight 58 MT from a distance of 9M are as under :-
Last date & time for sale of tender documents : 13.12.2010 upto 11.00 A.M.
Last date & time of receipt of tenders : 15.12.2010 upto 11.00 A.M.
Date & time of opening of tenders : 15.12.2010 at 11.30 A.M.
All other terms & conditions of original NIT remain unchanged
Detailed NIT may be downloaded from the website of PSTCL

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, Mahanadi Godavari Basin, RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

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Notice Inviting Tender No. 02/SAC/ 2010-11, Raipur, Dated : 22-11-2010
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Name of work : Construction of Deori Anicut on Kolhan N
Probable Amount of Contract : Rs. 178.34 Lakhs

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly on Sub Portal of Water Resources Department (<http://cgprocurement.gov.in>) from 29.11.2010 at 17.31 Hours.

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