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Patna: Vehicular movement on the pontoon bridge underneath the Mahatma Gandhi Setu will commence from Tuesday.

Only private, light vehicles will be allowed to move on the 2.1-km pontoon bridge from 6 in the morning till 5 in the evening. Commercial vehicles, including autos, will remain banned on it.

Patna traffic police officials said vehicles would be allowed to move in one direction: those from Hajipur to Patna from 6am to 1:30pm and Patna to Hajipur from 2pm to 5pm.

The pontoon bridge was originally installed by the state government in February this year to provide an alternate route during the ongoing rehabilitation of the dilapidated Gandhi setu. It was, however, dismantled in June owing to rise in the Ganga's water level with the onset of monsoon.

The Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Limited re-assembled the

bridge comprising 172 pontoons last month. Its final inspection was done on Sunday by senior officials concerned.

"The vehicular traffic on the pontoon bridge will be allowed only in daytime until street lights are installed on it," Patna DM Sanjay Kumar Agarwal told TOI on Monday.

Earlier too, traffic on the pontoon bridge was allowed only in daytime. The approach road starts from the Alamganj police station on Patna side and the Gandhi setu police station in Hajipur.

The rehabilitation works on the Gandhi setu commenced on November 11 last year. The existing superstructure will be completely demolished and triangular steel girders erected under the process.

The Gandhi setu is being rehabilitated by AFCON Infrastructure Ltd in joint venture with Sibilmat at an estimated cost of Rs 1,742.01 crore. The deadline for the completion of the work is May 18, 2020.

Patna: Angry investors of a private finance company blocked the road near Rajendra Nagar Terminal for an hour on Monday, demanding recovery of their money.

The protester took to the streets after police allegedly failed to take action against the non-banking finance company (NBFC) even though an FIR was lodged against it by certain investors in the Patrakar Nagar police station a month ago.

According to one of the protesters, the FIR accused the NBFC employees the Central Bank Employees Association of duping the investors of their money. However, the administration allegedly did not take any action.

"When we inquired from police, we were told that the company shut down a year ago and its employees had run away with all the money," another protester said and added he had invested lakhs of rupees which now appeared to have gone down the drain.

He said instead of helping the investors, police caned them. "No one



Police personnel catch hold of one of the protesters who blocked the road near Rajendra Nagar Terminal in Patna on Monday

is listening to our pleas," he told this newspaper.

Police sources said most people lost their money because of their carelessness. "People do not care to verify the attractive offers made by

frauds," said a police officer.

Patrakar Nagar police station SHO Sanjeev Kumar Sinha, however, said police were investigating the matter. He denied that the demonstrating investors were caned.

Experts from UK, France attend conference at NIT-P

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Patna: Experts from various universities across the globe presented their research papers on the inaugural day of the five-day conference (Quantum Foundation 2017) hosted by National Institute of Technology (NIT) Patna on Monday. NIT-P director Prof Pradeep Kumar Jain inaugurated the conference. P. Busch from University of York (UK) delivered a talk on 'Quantum uncertainty regions - theory and experiment' while D Home from Bose University (Kolkata) talked on 'Generalised weak measurement assisted remote state preparation and demonstration of hidden non-locality'.

M Pawlowski from University of Gdansk (Poland) presented his paper on 'Random access codes - a review'.

S M Roy from Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (Mumbai) talked on 'Contractive quantum states' while C Branciari from the Institute of Néel (France) delivered a lecture on 'Multi-partite quantum processes and correlations with non-definite causal order' and YC Liang from National Cheng Kung University (Taiwan) presented his paper on 'What can we learn from the apparent violation of the non-signalling condition?'.

A K Usdin from Bangalore University talked on 'Asymptotic limit of diffusive



Participants on the inaugural day of the five-day conference at National Institute of Technology in Patna on Monday

quantum trajectories' and H F Hofmann from Hiroshima University (Japan) delivered a talk on 'Superpositions of

casuality: An analysis of the mechanisms of control in the quantum limit' on the occasion.

Pramod Sharma

Puja wins logo contest: Puja Kumari emerged the winner of logo and slogan writing competition organized by the mass communication department of College of Commerce, Arts and Science in association with Community Rights and Development

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Foundation on college premises on Monday.

Neha Kumari and Aashika Kriti were adjudged second and third respectively. The medals and certificates were given by former Nalanda Open University vice-chancellor Prof Kaushlendra Kumar Singh.

Call to eliminate dowry,

child marriage: Meghalaya governor Ganga Prasad on Monday called upon the people to eliminate child marriage and dowry from the society. Addressing a seminar on 'Child marriage and dowry' organized by Anugrah Narayan College in Patna on Monday, Prasad said awareness is the key to preventing social evils/practices.

"Only the government can't eliminate these practices. The society has to play a major role on this front," he added. Educational Foundation Trust chairman Y K Sudarshan, college principal Prof SP Shahi and the faculty members and the students of the college also attended the seminar on child marriage.

Girls select books on Day 3 of

CM, go higher

B K Mishra

Patna: Chief minister Nitish Kumar along with senior officials of the state government had detailed discussion with governor-chancellor Satya Pal Mahapatra on Monday on various issues related to higher education in the state.

Malik apprised the with the important decisions taken at a meeting with the vice-chancellor held at Raj Bhavan on November 25 and sought state government cooperation for their implementation for ramping the higher education system in the state.

It was decided in the meeting with the VCs that all universities would frame their academic and examination calendars latest March-end and regularise their academic sessions soon as possible. The universities were also asked to sure implementation of metric attendance for the



Chief minister Nitish Kumar with Satya Pal Mahapatra in Raj Bhavan in Patna on Monday