

### McCabe contradicts White House remarks

#### International News

Piece by piece, acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe undermined recent White House explanations about the firing of FBI Director James Comey during testimony before a Senate committee on Thursday. Since President Donald Trump's surprise ouster of Mr. Comey on Tuesday, the White House has justified his decision, in part, by saying that the Director had lost the confidence of the rank and file of the FBI as well as the public in general. "That is not accurate," Mr. McCabe said in a response to a senator's question about the White House assertions. "I can tell you also that Director Comey enjoyed broad support within the FBI and still does to this day." The firing of Mr. Comey left the fate of the FBI's probe into Russia's election meddling and possible ties to the Trump campaign deeply uncertain. The probe has shadowed Mr. Trump from the outset of his presidency, though he has denied any ties to Russia or knowledge of any campaign coordination with Moscow.

#### Embezzle

**To steal money by falsifying records.**

#### Empathy

**Sensitivity to another's feelings as if they are one's own.**

#### Business News

#### Enmity

**Ill will, Hatred.**

#### Erudite

**Learned.**

#### State News

### Nabard to step up disbursements

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) will be increasing its total disbursements in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry by 30-45% in the current fiscal. "We are looking at increasing disbursements to Rs. 18,000-Rs. 20,000 crore," S. Nagoor Ali Jinnah, Chief General Manager, Nabard said. During 2016-17, NABARD gave Rs. 13,792 crore as financial support to Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. Nabard has also proposed to support the Tamil Nadu government in rejuvenating irrigation tanks under the kudimaramathu scheme with an annual assistance of Rs. 500 crore. Nabard is also promoting Farmers' Producer Organisations, companies owned by the farmer-producers themselves.

#### Extol

**To praise.**

#### Feral

**Wild, Savage.**