

Man accused in double-murder ‘shoots’ woman who rejected him 10 yrs ago

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A 27-YEAR-OLD woman died a day after she was shot at in Uttar Pradesh’s Bijnor, allegedly by a man whose proposal she had rejected, police said. Nitika Sharma was shot at five times in her house allegedly by Ashwini aka Johnny Dada on Monday.

Five days ago, the accused allegedly shot dead two relatives of a local BJP leader, after which he absconded.

“On Monday evening, we received information that a woman had been shot by the accused wanted in a double murder. In further investigation we found that Ashwini wanted to marry Nitika since school. Once he heard that Nitika was getting married to another person, he sought revenge by shooting her. She was admitted to hospital, but succumbed to injuries,” said Vishwajeet Srivastava, SP, Rural Bijnor.

According to the police, the accused proposed to Nitika almost 10 years ago in school, but she turned him down. Nitika then went to Dubai to study and work. Meanwhile, Ashwini found odd jobs and was on drugs, police said.

Recently, the accused heard that Nitika was going to get married in December, for which she had left her job and returned home. On Monday evening, he allegedly entered her house while she was watching TV and shot at her. He then reportedly escaped in an e-rickshaw.

On Thursday, local BJP leader Bhim Singh’s son Chandrabhan and nephew Krishna were shot dead allegedly by Ashwini in Bijnor. “In both cases, prima facie it appears that the motive was enmity. In the case of the double murders, there were some arguments between them and the accused years ago... Arrest will be made soon,” said SP Srivastava.

Police said Ashwini’s location has been identified in a jungle on the outskirts of the city. Drone surveillance is being used to ascertain his location.

# Ramlalla’s counsel: Is Wakf Board saying idgah razed to build Babri?

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CONTESTING THE Sunni Central Wakf Board’s claim that a 50-metre wall discovered during excavations by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) in Ayodhya was part of an idgah, the counsel for Ramlalla Virajman, the deity of Ayodhya, on Tuesday asked whether the Board is saying that an idgah was demolished to make way for the Babri Masjid.

The counsel also said that the Muslim side had tried to drag the case, asking a witness during trial questions such as “where was the labour room where Ram was born?”

“Is it their case that the idgah was demolished to build Babri Masjid,” senior advocate C S Vaidyanathan, appearing for Ramlalla, told a bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.



The bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S Abdul Nazeer, is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 judgment of Allahabad High Court, which ordered a three-way division of the disputed area.

Vaidyanathan submitted that he was asking this since the Board had not contended anytime earlier that there was any structure beneath the Babri Masjid, and that it was built on vacant land. In contrast, Ramlalla’s 1989 suit had said

that a temple was demolished to build the mosque, he said.

The submission invited sharp reactions from senior counsel Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for the Muslim side, who said, “The question of the idgah could only have arisen after the ASI dig.”

But Vaidyanathan continued and said “Muslims changed their stand” when they realised that a wall had been found as the ASI investigation progressed. He contended that not one witness “had spoken about an idgah”, and added that it was mentioned first by three archeologists produced by the Muslim side.

Vaidyanathan said idgahs are built in areas away from local habitation, while the Ramkot area, where the wall was discovered, was “full of habitation”.

The senior counsel said the ASI report also mentioned presence of 28 other walls, some running perpendicular to the 50-

metre wall. This, he said, indicated that it may have been walls of rooms or halls, etc.

But Dhavan and senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, also representing the Muslim parties, objected and said the ASI had not excavated the other walls, and that these did not join the 50-metre wall.

Justice Bobde then asked Dhavan to submit a drawing which show parts, if any, joined to the wall and those which were not. Vaidyanathan said it is “unfortunate” that the Muslim side is criticising the ASI. He said ASI’s experts are invited even to Thailand and Cambodia, where they do a “commendable job”.

Arora had sought to compare archeology with the opinion of handwriting experts. On this, Vaidyanathan said the comparison showed “erroneous appreciation of knowledge required in archeology”.

# J&K Cong leader’s brother booked for harbouring militants

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THE BROTHER of a senior Congress leader and former minister G M Saroori is among half a dozen people booked by Jammu and Kashmir Police on charges for harbouring militants in Kishtwar district.

Mohammad Shafi Saroori has been booked along with Masood Matto, Mohammad Muzaffar Shah, Ghulam Mohammad Kamal, Tousif Gundna and Syed Ahmed. Of them, Masood Matto has been arrested, while Gundna is already in jail in Jammu.

Shafi Saroori is the younger brother of senior Congress leader G M Saroori.

All of them have been charged with providing logistics and shelter to militants, including longest surviving Hizbul

Mujahideen militant Jahangir Saroori and Osama, a senior police officer said.

Jahangir Saroori, according to the police, conspired along with other militants, including Osama, to revive militancy in Chenab Valley region, which had been declared free of terror since 2013. Osama was among three militants killed in a joint operation by police and security forces in Ramban district on Saturday.

All the slain militants were responsible for the killing of senior BJP leader Anil Parihar and RSS functionary Chanderkant Sharma in Kishtwar town on November 1 last year.

Shafi Saroori’s son Waseem Saroori claimed the house where the militants allegedly stayed was rented out by them and this fact has been brought to the notice of the police as well.

A senior police officer said investigations were in progress.

# Army: Another militant killed in encounter at Ganderbal

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THE ARMY said it has killed another militant in the upper reaches of Ganderbal, four days after a militant was killed when an encounter began on Saturday.

“One more terrorist (total two Pakistanis) killed. Weapon and war like stores recovered. Operation in progress,” Srinagar-based Army’s Chinar Corps tweeted on Tuesday.

The encounter near Gangabal, a high-altitude lake in the upper reaches of Ganderbal, is one of the longest gunfights between militants and the Army in recent years. Even though no further contact was established with the militants in last three days, Army teams continued searches in the area, apprehending that the militant was part of a large group that might have recently infiltrated into the Valley.

# Tejas passengers to be compensated for delays

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IN A first, passengers on the IRCTC-run Tejas Express plying between Delhi and Lucknow will receive a compensation if the train is delayed. The compensation will be paid by an insurance company.

The passengers shall receive Rs 100 if the train is delayed by more than an hour, and will receive Rs 250 if the train is late by more than two hours. This is over and above the Rs 25 lakh free insurance that passengers get for this train. The insurance also includes a coverage of Rs 1 lakh against household theft and robbery during the travel period of the passengers.

After the completion of the journey, the passengers will have to file their claims with the insurance company online or via a toll free number or through post. IRCTC has said it might take two

to three days to settle the claims.

The Delhi-Lucknow Tejas train, which starts operations on October 4, is to be flagged off by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow. Commercial operations will begin on October 5. The second Tejas Express, which will ply between Ahmedabad and Mumbai, is to be launched later this year.

The Railways Ministry has chosen IRCTC to run the trains as an experiment, a prelude to bring in private players to run trains on selected routes in the future. IRCTC will be in charge of ticket sales and checking, on-board services, cleanliness, food and everything involved in dealing with passengers. Indian Railways will receive haulage charges from IRCTC for physically transporting the train.

The plan in the pipeline is to lease out around 150 routes across India to private train operators through competitive bidding.

# Clampdown theory a vestige of a neighbour’s imagination: J&K admn

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DAYS AFTER Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan’s speech at the United Nations General Assembly, the Jammu and Kashmir administration said the “clampdown theory is the vestige of imagination of a neighbour”.

“By peddling half truths and deliberate lies, Pakistan was attempting to divert attention from its own terror record, including its brazen support to militants in J&K,” a spokesperson said in a release. “To begin with, not only was no blanket curfew imposed in J&K, limited restrictions on movement that had been imposed by the local administration in some parts to prevent miscreants from fomenting trouble too were relaxed in less than a week’s time.”

The spokesperson described

Khan’s speech as a “story of falsehood”. “Prolonged relaxations in restrictions were made in most parts of J&K and Ladakh beginning August 10 and since then the quantum and frequency of these relaxations has been progressively increasing to a point that today almost the entire state is free of restrictions,” he said. Saying that a “deliberate and false narrative” is being created, the administration gave a detailed account of air traffic movement, vehicular movement on highway and “access to 200 journalists”.

“The very fact that all highways remain open, all air operations are normal and traffic is plying normally is sufficient to prove the ‘clampdown theory’ is the vestige of imagination of a neighbour who has been dismayed to find that the situation in J&K has remained peaceful, with not a single live bullet being fired,” the spokesperson said.

# Missing BSF sub-inspector found dead

Jammu: A BSF sub-inspector, who had gone missing while crossing a nullah near the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir’s Samba district three days ago, was found dead by Pakistani Rangers on Tuesday.

Paritosh Mondal’s body was handed over to BSF by Pakistani Rangers at the Octroi border outpost, official sources said.

Mondal, who hailed from West Bengal’s Nadia district, had gone missing while patrolling the Aik nullah on September 28. A joint search was carried out by the BSF and an SDRF team over the last three days, sources said, adding that villagers on the Indian side and Pakistani Rangers helped with the search operations. **ENS**

# Yasin Malik trial to be held via video conferencing

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A TADA Court here on Tuesday decided to hold the trial of JKLF chairman Yasin Malik, who is currently lodged in Delhi’s Tihar jail, through video conferencing in the case of abduction of then Home Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed’s daughter Rubiya Sayeed in 1989 and the killing of four Indian Air Force personnel in 1990.

Presiding Officer Subash C Gupta noticed that Yasin Malik was not present among the accused in court. The judge then referred to a communication received from Tihar jail’s DSP saying that the Ministry of Home Affairs’ CTCR Division has ordered that the accused shall not be moved from prison and taken out of the jurisdiction of NCT of Delhi for a period of six months with effect from April 30, or till the comple-



Yasin Malik

tion of trial in Delhi Court, whichever is earlier.

The court directed the Superintendent of Tihar Central Jail to make necessary arrangements for production of the accused through video conferencing on October 23.

After hearing CBI’s Special Public Prosecutor Pavitar Singh and Public Prosecutor Vijay Dogar, the judge also issued non-bailable warrants against accused Shoukat Ahmed Bakshi and Javed Ahmed Mir for their failure to appear before the court.

# Making Chhattisgarh the model state of ideals and principles of Mahatma Gandhi

New schemes of Chhattisgarh Government, to be launched on October 2, 2019, Gandhi Jayanti

# Following the Footsteps of Bapu...

## Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan

- For children aged 0 to 5 years, for girls and women aged 15 to 49 years
- Target to eradicate malnutrition and anemia
- Preference to local nutritious food
- Distribution of Iron tablets and Anthelmintic medicines
- Fruits, milk, poultry, soybeans, laddus, bhaji and other alternative nutritious food will be given to beneficiaries
- Nutritious meals will be distributed through Aanganwadi, schools and other distribution centre identified by District Administration
- Community consciousness and accountable administration

## Chief Minister Urban Slum Health Scheme

- District Administration will identify slums to be benefitted from this scheme
- Beneficiary centre to be opened in places situated at a distance from existing hospitals
- Mobile unit, use of portable machines
- Availability of various tests and treatment facilities including OPD to be ensured
- Distribution of essential medicines from beneficiary centre
- Referral and transportation of serious patients to bigger health centre
- Private room for women
- Responsibilities allotted to health workers

## Chief Minister Ward Office Scheme

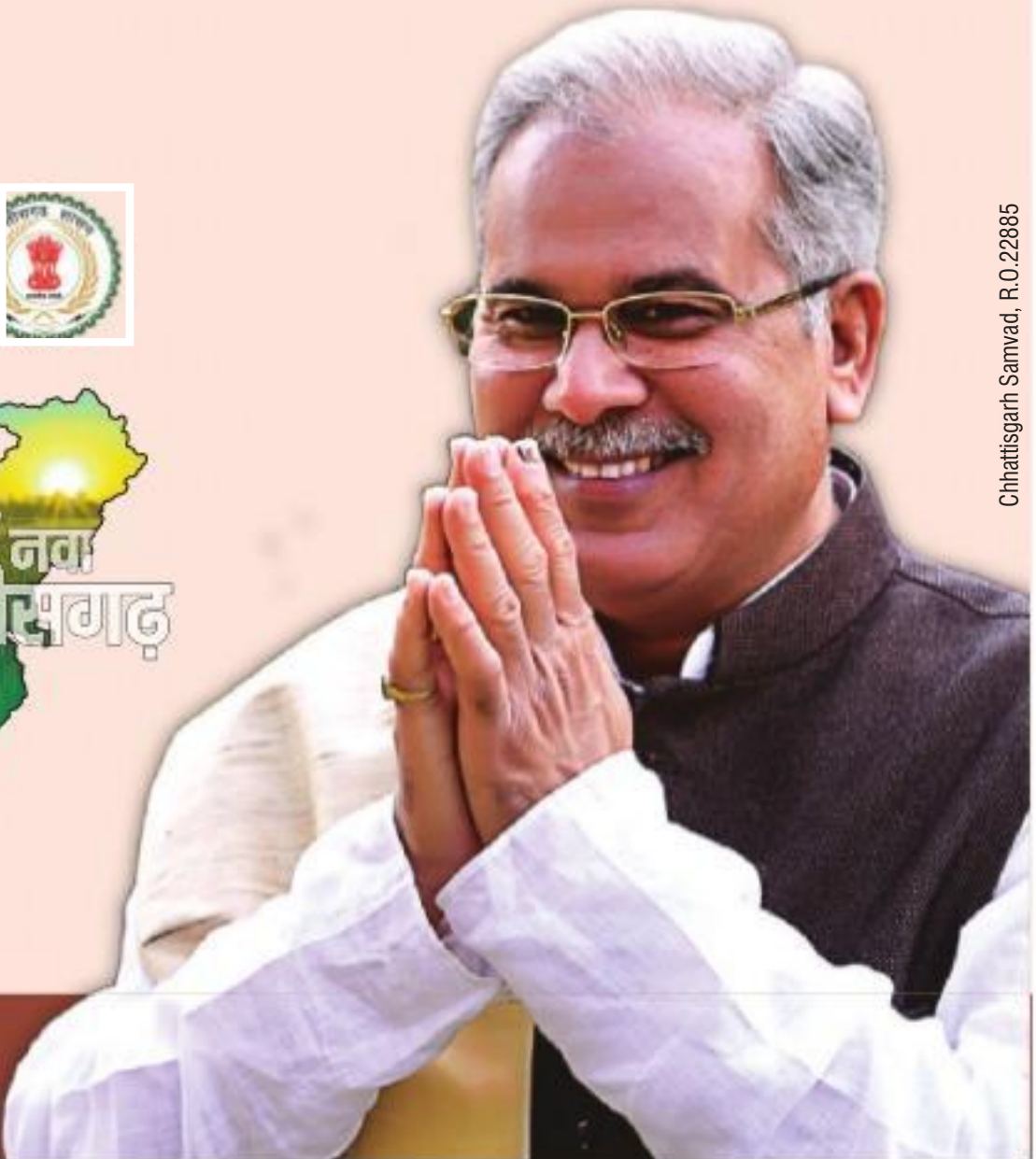
- Mukhyamantri Ward Karyalaya will act as a one stop centre to address problems of people living in various wards of urban bodies
- Redressal of cleanliness and water supply problems, environmental issues, non-working street lights as well as reservation of community buildings, license and tax related work etc. will be done under the same roof

## Chief Minister Haat-Bazaar Clinic Scheme

- Expansion of scheme that started from Bastar, to entire state
- Target is to provide health facilities to the last person in remote areas especially tribal areas
- Mitanins and RHOs instructed to bring patients to Haat-bazaar clinics
- Weekly Haat-bazaars with mobile clinics in far-flung tribal and naxal-affected areas equipped with pathology services, portable X-ray and other medical facilities and essential medicines
- Private room for women
- Facility to send serious patients to large centre
- Scheme advertised in local language for the benefit of local people
- Use of mobile units and portable machines

## Chhattisgarh Universal PDS

- Delivered on the promise of providing 35 kg of rice per ration card
- 6 kg extra rice per member from sixth member of the family
- Ration Cards being issued to APL families as well, distribution of rice at subsidized rate of Rs 10 per kg
- Distribution of salt, chickpeas (for protein-rich nutrition) and 2 kg jaggery in tribal regions of Bastar



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