

# EXPRESS NETWORK



## NORTH

### HC quashes FIR in cheating case against Boney Kapoor

**Jaipur:** The Rajasthan High Court Friday quashed an FIR against film producer Boney Kapoor which had accused him and two others of cheating four people out of Rs 2.12 crore. In June, Jaipur police had lodged an FIR against Kapoor, Mustafa Raj and Pawan Jangid for allegedly duping four people of over

Rs 2 crore for organising a Celebrity Cricket League which never took place. The FIR was lodged under IPC sections 406 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating) and 120 B (criminal conspiracy). The other two will continue to be named accused. The complaint was filed by a Jaipur resident. **ENS**



**Preparations at India's first aircraft carrier dry dock in Mumbai on Friday. It will be inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh next week and is being built to accommodate INS Vikramaditya. Pradip Das**

## EAST

### 3 days on, CBI's search for Rajeev Kumar continues

**Kolkata:** For the third consecutive day, a special team of CBI officials carried out searches at various locations in Kolkata and in another district on Friday to trace former police commissioner Rajeev Kumar in connection with the Saradha chit fund scam probe. Sources said the team also visited his official residence in

Park Street. According to sources, CBI officials had on Thursday visited a resort located in Bishnupur, South 24 Parganas district and also his office and residential premises across Kolkata. Meanwhile, Kumar's lawyer filed an anticipatory bail plea in Alipore court. The court is likely to hear the case on Saturday. **ENS**

## WEST

### Pregnant woman, 6-yr-old among 3 killed in wall collapse

**Buldhana:** Three members of a family, including a pregnant woman and her six-year-old son, died and two others were injured in a wall collapse at Maharashtra's Buldhana district on Friday. The incident occurred around 2 am, when five members of the Sheikh family were asleep at their house at a slum in Mehkar

area of the city. Suddenly, a wall of an old house located adjacent to their house fell on their home amid heavy rain. All five members of the family were buried under a huge pile of debris, police said. They were rushed to the hospital where three of them were declared dead on arrival. The two others are in a critical condition. **PTI**

## SOUTH

### 70-yr-old Catholic priest accused of molesting minors

**Kochi:** A 70-year-old Catholic priest allegedly molested three minor girls when they visited him to seek blessings at his office in Kerala's Ernakulam district last month, police said Friday. George Padayatty, vicar of a Syrian Catholic Church, has been absconding after a case was registered against him,

police said. He has been charged under various sections of POCSO Act, a police officer said. According to police, the incident occurred when the nine-year-old girls went to the priest's office to seek his blessings. A source said the priest has been suspended by Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese. **PTI**

# Supriyo manhandled: BJP and TMC lock horns, 4 FIRs filed

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 20

THE HECKLING and gherao of Union minister Babul Supriyo by a section of students at Jadavpur University triggered a fresh round of political sparring on Friday.

Describing the JU students as "nothing less than terrorists", West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said there should be a Balakot-like surgical strike to "destroy anti-national hubs in JU campus". The ruling TMC, meanwhile, directed its criticism at the Governor for rushing to the university, and expressed solidarity with the V-C and students of JU.

Sharing pictures of the incident on Twitter, Supriyo, the Union MoS for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, said that those who were involved in his assault would be found out. "These cowards will not be allowed to malign & tarnish the image of #JadavpurUniversity. U shall be found out by us soon but dont worry, you shall not be treated in the manner you treated me," he tweeted. "We shall rehabilitate you mentally so that you & your Hooligan Friends (all footages available with the media) behave like you are supposed to behave as students till then."

Tweeting a picture of a student pulling him by his hair, Supriyo added, "This is the guy who led the assault in #JadavpurUniversity. We will find him out and then see what @MamataOfficial does to him in terms of charging him for assault without ANY PROVOCATION whatsoever from our/my side."

On Thursday, Supriyo, a BJP MP, was heckled and manhandled by some students at JU. The students gheraoed Supriyo for over five hours, stopping him from leaving the campus. When Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar rushed to JU in the evening, his vehicle was also blocked for about an hour, before a huge police con-



**JU students at a protest rally in Kolkata. Protests were also carried out by the BJP, ABVP and the SFI in the city. Partha Paul**

tingent escorted them out.

Speaking to reporters here on Friday, Ghosh said he would write to Union Home Minister Amit Shah describing the incident. "Just like our security forces conducted surgical strike to destroy terror camps in Pakistan, our cadres would carry out the same type of surgical strike to destroy anti-national hubs in JU campus," he said.

Vowing action against students for assaulting Supriyo, Ghosh said, "We know how to break their hands and soon we will do it." Backing Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar's move to visit the campus, Ghosh said, "The state government was sitting idle and waiting for Supriyo to get killed. It is unprecedented and only happens in Bengal. There is no law and order here."

The TMC issued a statement saying, "We must punish the culprits who assaulted the students including the girl students of Jadavpur University and ransacked the campus. We express our total solidarity with the Vice

Chancellor, Professors and students of Jadavpur University.... One thing must be made very clear: universities are autonomous institutions and as per time-honoured tradition, police cannot enter university campus without permission of V-C"

Meanwhile, police filed four FIRs in the matter. They said they lodged a suo motu case on Thursday night against 180-190 members and supporters of ABVP and BJP. "It is alleged that they being equipped with lathi, bamboo and iron rod formed an unlawful assembly in front of gate number 4 of JU," a senior police officer told *The Indian Express*. Another case was filed on a complaint by Debraj Debnath, general secretary of Left-backed Arts Faculty Students Union of JU, against members and followers of ABVP and RSS.

The other complaints were filed by BJP member Agnimitra Paul, who claimed she was assaulted, and Nityananda Mistry, Convenor, ABVP of JU, alleging unlawful assembly in JU and assault

### All kept in loop over visit, says Governor; TMC sticks to stand

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KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 20

WEST BENGAL Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday slammed TMC secretary general Partha Chatterjee for claiming that he went to Jadavpur University without informing the government.

The TMC later issued another statement saying that it stood by its earlier statement.

A statement from the Raj Bhavan regarding Thursday's incident said, "...His visit was rendered imperative as the Vice Chancellor and the pro-Vice Chancellor had left the University while the Union Minister, Shri Babul Supriyo, continued to be detained by the agitating students/persons there..."

"As a final step before going, the Governor/Chancellor took initiative in connecting with the Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal... There were many telephonic interactions between the two..." the statement said.

"In discharge of his duty both as Chancellor of the University and Governor of the State, he felt it necessary to visit the University and all agencies required to be kept in the loop were informed," it added.

The TMC had earlier said it was "shocking" that Dhankhar had visited the campus without informing the "elected government" to the "so-called rescue" of the BJP leader. On Friday, the TMC issued a statement saying it stood by its claims. "On behalf of AITC, what we said yesterday... we stand by it... Our expectation is that Governor must give justice to the V-C, Professors, students... Administration played a very peaceful role to resolve the problem amicably,"

# 'Suit by Ramlalla, Ramjanmabhoomi was socio-political vehicle for Nyas'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THE SUNNI Central Waqf Board on Friday sought to highlight the political nature of the Ayodhya Ram temple movement and said the suit filed by the deity Ramlalla and the birthplace Ramjanmabhoomi in 1989 was only a "socio-political vehicle" for the Ramjanmabhoomi Nyas, which was created in December 1985.

"Thus it is clear that Suit no. 5 was a socio-political vehicle for the Nyas, pointing to the future and trying to reiterate the past to serve the future," Senior Advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for the Board and one of the main petitioners M Siddiq, told a five-judge Constitution 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 verdict of the Allahabad High Court dividing the disputed 2.77 acres in Ayodhya into three equal parts.

Suit number 5 was instituted in 1989 by Bhagwan Sri Ramlalla Virajman at Sri Ramjanmabhoomi, Ayodhya, and Asthan Sri Rama Janma Bhoomi, Ayodhya, and they were represented Deoki Nandan Agarwal, a retired judge of Allahabad High Court as "next friend". The prayer in the suit was for a decree or declaration to the effect that the entire premises of Ramjanmabhoomi belong to the plaintiff deities and for an injunction against others from placing any obstruction in the construction of the new temple after demolishing and removing existing buildings and structures.

Dhavan claimed that the



"purpose and direction" of the suit number 5 "is to say remove all those (existing structures), destroy to the extent required".

He contended that the only movement that followed the creation of the Nyas was the 'kar-seva' for the temple and that it was an "entirely political movement". The Viswa Hindu Parishad had collected consecrated stones for this from across the country during the movement, he said, adding "this can hardly be called consecration because it led to the illegal destruction" of the objects of worship at the site.

He also questioned making Ramjanmabhoomi a petitioner, saying "the real reason for using the Janmabhoomi as a vehicle was to create a juristic personality to canvas two regimes — the idol regime and bhoomi regime". The consequences of bhoomi becoming a juristic person would be that no one else would be able to claim title, he said, and that only those consequences as applicable to the idol as a juristic person should apply in the case of the 'bhoomi' too.

He also took the bench through translations of inscriptions found on the Babri Masjid before it was demolished on December 6, 1992, and said they proved that the mosque was built by Mughal emperor Babur's commander Mir Baqi.

The arguments remained inconclusive and will resume on September 23.

# As judge, Rao ruled on domestic violence cases

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

THREE MONTHS before he retired as judge of Madras High Court in April 2017, justice (ret'd) Nooty Rama Mohan Rao was a participant in a two-day conference discussing the role of courts in protecting women and children, organised by the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy. Rao sat through a poignant speech delivered by then Supreme Court judge and former Madras High Court Chief Justice Madan Lokur.

"There has been a change in the mindset of society with regard to women," Justice Lokur remarked.

On Friday, Rao's daughter-in-law Sindhu Sharma released an old video in which the former judge and his son, Nooty Vashistha, are seen assaulting her. In April this year, Sharma had alleged that her husband and his family had beaten her up over a demand for dowry. She released



**Justice (ret'd)  
Nooty Rama  
Mohan Rao**

a series of videos — CCTV footage — from her in-laws' home.

Rao was appointed an additional judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court in 2006 and was made a permanent judge in 2008. However, after a decade, he was abruptly transferred to the Madras High Court. The SC Collegium had assigned no reasons for Rao's transfer, that came less than a year before his retirement. He retired in April 2017.

Ironically, both as a lawyer and a judge, Rao has been involved in cases related to domestic violence and has argued and decided cases in favour of women.

In 2005, as a lawyer, Rao appeared for an Indian-American woman who had filed a case of criminal intimidation and cruelty

against her former husband.

In 2015, in a domestic violence case before the High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana (before bifurcation), a single bench, comprising Rao, refused to quash proceedings under the Domestic Violence Act and said, "Effective measures are essentially required for protection of the rights of women guaranteed under the Constitution, who are getting victimised due to violence occurring within the family and hence, for putting in place preventive measures and with a view to protect the rights of women, enacted the Act. Therefore, the Act has been ushered in for achieving greater social objectives."

"With a view to give protection to women, essentially from violence within family, the present special piece of legislation has been brought forth," he added.

Rao had said deservingly, an act "likely to impair the health or development of a particular person", would mean emotional and physical abuse under the act.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 20

A DAY after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) carried out searches at the residence and offices of TMC MP K D Singh, the agency claimed to have recovered Rs 35 lakh and \$10,000 in cash, property papers and documents pertaining to circuitous financial transactions from his official residence in Delhi.

The ED had carried out searches at seven locations in New Delhi and Chandigarh, "including registered offices of 14 group companies of Alchemist Group, related to and controlled by Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha MP, Kanwar Deep Singh, the official residence of K D Singh at Tughlaq lane, New Delhi, residence of K D Singh at Chandigarh and residences of two directors in different companies, in connection with a probe into money laundering initiated on the basis of FIRs of



**KD Singh**

Kolkata Police..."

A statement by the agency said, "During searches, a number of documents reflecting the circular nature of transactions, digital evidences and property documents are seized. At the official residence of K D Singh in Delhi, cash of Rs 32 lakh along with Foreign Exchange worth \$10,000 was found and seized."

Singh is said to have been sidelined within the TMC. His residence and offices were searched on the same day that West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo

Mamata Banerjee met Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The ED had initiated its probe into the affairs of the Alchemist Group in 2018 on the basis of FIRs registered by the Kolkata Police against Singh, his son Karandeep Singh, M/S Alchemist Township India Limited, M/S Alchemist Holdings Limited and various other group companies and their directors for allegedly cheating thousands of customers and investors.

"Kanwar Deep Singh, through companies namely, M/S Alchemist Township India Limited and M/S Alchemist Holdings Limited had raised a huge amount of money from thousands of customers in the garb of investments by luring them of high returns and also against sale/booking of plots and flats etc. So far investigation has revealed that these funds raised from public were not used for the intended purpose and were diverted/siphoned off to various group companies," ED said.

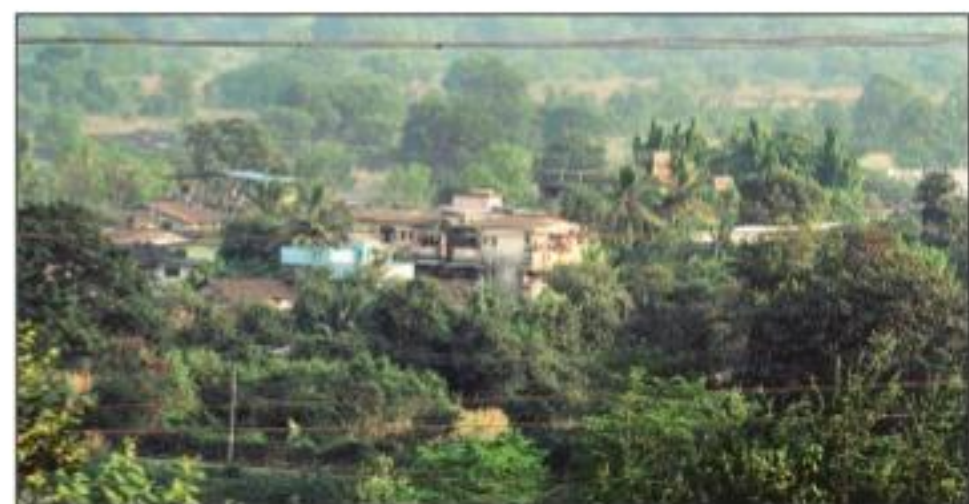
# Once meant to be India's largest planned city, NAINA shrinks by almost half

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MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 20

WHEN IT was originally conceptualised in 2014, the Navi Mumbai Influence Notified Area (NAINA) was promoted as India's largest planned city, even bigger than Mumbai and its suburbs together.

But now that the new city's development plan has finally been sanctioned, it appears to have been considerably shrunk — it is only slightly more than half its planned size.

Planned to come up around a radial distance of about 25 km from the proposed international airport at Navi Mumbai, it was originally expected to be spread over 600 sq km or 60,000 hectare. But according to the development plan sanctioned by



**Thirty-five villages from Khalapur tehsil were removed. File**

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis earlier this week, it will now come up on just over a 334-sq km plot.

However, NAINA will still be bigger than Navi Mumbai (320 sq km). While the original idea was to undertake urban development of 308 villages in the six talukas,

this has now come down to 175 villages. The Fadnavis-led urban development department sanctioned NAINA's plan on September 16. The proposal was submitted to it in July 2017 by the state-run City and Industrial Development of Maharashtra Ltd (CIDCO), appointed as the

special planning authority for NAINA.

But the plan was approved after removing 49 villages — 35 in Khalapur tehsil and 14 in Thane. These villages accounted for an area of 103 sq km.

In 2016, the government excluded another 84 villages in Panvel and Khalapur tehsils.

CIDCO Vice-chairperson and MP, Lokesh Chandra, supported the exclusions. "...Areas that weren't contiguous or were located along the road corridors being developed by the MSRDC were deleted so that these can be independently developed..."

NAINA was originally planned to house a population of 15 lakh in the next 20 years. But CIDCO's chief planner (NAINA) V Venugopal said they had already "planned for a much larger carrying capacity".



# In a first, single judge SC bench to hear bail appeals

**BREAKTHROUGH** Move is aimed at bringing down pendency in the top court, says official

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**NEW DELHI:** Over 69 years after it came into existence, the Supreme Court of India will, for the first time, have a judge sitting singly to decide on matters of bail and anticipatory bail — in cases which carry a punishment of up to seven years' imprisonment — and transfer of cases from one state to another.

Supreme Court Rules 2013 have been amended to allow the Chief Justice of India (CJI) to nominate any apex court judge and constitute a single-judge bench. The notification of the changes introduced in the rules was published in the Gazette of India on September 19.

The move, a Supreme Court registry official said, is aimed at bringing down pendency in the top court. It is not yet clear how many such benches would be set up by the CJI. On Monday, four new judges would be administered the oath, taking up the strength of the apex court to 34.

Several transfer petitions related to matrimonial disputes have choked the system. "Such matters can be disposed of quickly by a single judge," the official cited above said on condition of anonymity.

At present, single-judge benches sit on Mondays and Fridays to hear routine matters such



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as applications to condone delays in re-filing a petition after defects are rectified, to exempt a petitioner from surrendering in a criminal case or allowing more time to remove defects in petitions and applications for renewal of fixed deposits. The new rule would allow single judges to now decide cases on the judicial side.

"The following category of matters may be heard and disposed off finally by a judge sitting singly, nominated by the Chief Justice of India, Special Leave Petitions arising out of grant, dismissal or rejection of Bail Application or Anticipatory Bail Application filed under Sections 437,

438 and 439 of the CrPc involving offences punishable with sentence up to seven years imprisonment... Any other category of cases notified by the Chief Justice from time to time," the notification reads.

Since 1950, when the Supreme Court of India replaced the Federal Court after independence from British rule, the tradition has been for judges to decide on cases sitting on a two or more than two-judge benches.

Explaining the Supreme Court practice, senior SC advocate, Sanjay Hegde, said: "Earlier, SC judges used to sit singly only during vacations. And the judge sitting singly only decided matters

on an ad interim basis. The final adjudication happened by a bench where judges sat in a combination of two or more judges. It was Justice Krishna Iyer, who, sitting singly during vacation, in the Indira Gandhi election case, stayed her disqualification by the Allahabad high court."

"The object behind the recent move seems to be to reduce the pendency of cases. The rationale of having judges sit in a combination of two or more has been to safeguard against error in administration of justice. Supreme Court being the last court of appeal, it was thought that better to have two or more judges decide an issue finally than a single judge. This [single-judge bench system] is likely to cause some problems," added Hegde.

Bar Council of India chairman, Manan Kumar Mishra, is critical of the new rules and says the move to have just one judge decide bail and transfer matters is not a healthy practice.

"The Bar, which is an important stakeholder in administration of justice, should at least have been consulted... The idea of having two judges decide a matter was that two heads are better than one. But now this too has been done away. Lower courts and high courts have become conservative while deciding bail/anticipatory bail matters and SC was the last hope."

# GST tribunal format unconstitutional: HC

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**CHENNAI:** Holding that the current format of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) is unconstitutional because it has more technical members than judicial ones, the Madras high court on Friday ruled that advocates do not have a fundamental right to become judges/judicial members of GSTAT.

A Division Bench of Justices S Manikumar and Subramonium Prasad, gave the judgment on two similar petitions which chal-

**THE PETITIONERS SAID TECHNICAL MEMBERS WOULD DOMINATE THE TRIBUNAL STRIKING AT THE PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION OF POWERS**

lenged Sections 109 and 110 of Chapter XVIII of the Central GST Act as well as the corresponding provisions in the state Act.

The petitioners, an advocate and the Revenue Bar Association, contended that the GSTAT

would be constituted with one judicial member and two technical members, one each from the Centre and the State. They argued that this would result in the dominance of the technical members striking at the root of the principle of separation of powers and impinge upon the independence of the judiciary.

Exclusion of lawyers from being appointed to the GSTAT was also challenged since the provisions allow for civil servants and judicial officers.

Additional Solicitor General G Rajagopalan, appearing for the

Law Ministry, contended that the lawyers right to practice under Article 19 (1) of the Constitution does not include the right to be appointed as judges.

While Tamil Nadu argued that members appointed need to be legally qualified and judicially trained, counsel for the finance minister submitted that what is essential is that appointees have adjudicative experience. The counsel said since the GSTAT is yet to be constituted, the petitions were premature. Officials from the finance ministry did not immediately respond.

# Top court to hear pleas filed by Tadvi, Vemula's mothers

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear a petition filed by the mothers of Payal Tadvi and Rohith Vemula, who allegedly committed suicide over purported caste bias, seeking remedies to bring an end to the issue of caste-based discrimination across universities.

A bench led by Justice N V Ramana issued notices to the Central government, the University Grants Commission (UGC), India's higher education regulator, and the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an autonomous body that measures quality of higher educational institutions in India.

Representing the petitioners, senior advocate Indira Jaising referred to a set of UGC regulations that prohibits caste-based discrimination and said universities are lax in implementing the same. "There are 288 universities, besides some more deemed universities where no equity commissions have been set up," she claimed. Jaising even

**A SC BENCH HAS ISSUED NOTICES TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, THE UGC AND THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (NAAC)**

referred to an earlier judgment by Justice Ramana that had highlighted caste-based discrimination in the universities. She said SC must step in to ensure strict compliance in the wake of a failure on the part of institutions to implement the judgement. She said such harassment must stop.

The bench agreed to examine the matter, and sought responses from the organisations concerned in four weeks.

Rohith Vemula, a PhD scholar at Hyderabad Central University, had committed suicide on January 17, 2016, following alleged caste bias.

Payal Tadvi, a tribal student at TN Topiwala National Medical College in Mumbai, committed suicide on May 22 this year owing

to alleged caste-based discrimination. While Payal had left a suicide note, naming three doctors who allegedly harassed her, Vemula ended his life after he was expelled from the hostel.

Their mothers have sought the top court's directive for enforcement of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed under the Constitution of India, particularly Right to Equality under Articles 14, 15, 16, and 17, the Right to Prohibition of Discrimination Against Caste under Article 15, and the Right to Life under Article 21.

The petition states that caste-based discrimination and harassment on campuses came to light for the first time in 2006 when an incident was reported from AIIMS. As per that report, students from scheduled caste and scheduled tribe communities were addressed with derogatory slurs and subjected to discrimination even by professors.

The petition also cited a series of cases where Dalit and tribal students were pushed to take extreme steps while fighting caste-based discrimination in universities.

## SPREAD OF FAKE NEWS

# Social media giants can't escape responsibility: HC

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**CHENNAI:** Social media companies, including Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp, could not escape responsibility for the spread of fake news and hate messages shared on their platforms, the Madras high court observed on Friday.

A division bench of Justices M Sathyanarayanan and NS Seshasayee made it clear that after providing a platform for people to post their views and share messages, these companies cannot abdicate their responsibility for the spread of incorrect and defamatory information or fake news.

"Social media firms operating in India should comply with the laws of the land. Though they may be governed by rules of countries elsewhere, it is essential that they abide by Indian laws," the judges said, expressing grave concern over the dangers posed by fake news and online hate campaign.

Referring to institutions and statutory forums established to monitor and control the broadcast and visual media, the bench asked the Centre as to whether

there is any statutory body to rein in social media organisations and filter the spread of fake news.

At this, the counsel appearing for Centre submitted that the Union government was in the process of bringing out a legislation to this effect and that it was in its final stages.

In its submissions, the Tamil Nadu government charged WhatsApp with non-cooperation in sharing required information for criminal investigation unlike Twitter and Facebook. WhatsApp was singled out for non-compliance with requests.

Recording the submissions, the judges posted the matter to October 10. The bench was hearing a petition by animal rights activist Antony Clement Rubin. He sought a direction to make Aadhaar seeding mandatory for social media accounts to trace and prevent cyber crimes.

On Thursday, he had amended his plea that instead of Aadhaar, it must be made mandatory to link any one government approved/authorised identities.

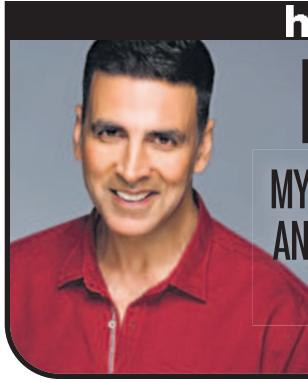
When Facebook approached the SC with a transfer petition, the apex court had barred them from passing any final orders.

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**Sub: Investment of funds about Rs. 199 Crores (approx) with Nationalized Banks in Fixed Deposit on the name of Ridge Management Board Fund- reg.**

Department of Forests & wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi is proposing to invest funds amounting to **Rs. 199 crores (Approx.) with Nationalized Banks on the name of Ridge Management Board Fund** under fixed deposit scheme for short term or long term depends on interest rate. Investing period may be for one year or more than one year. In case, you are interested to accept such investment, you are requested to intimate the rate of interest willing to pay in both FD scheme short term and long term for above said investing amount.


Your offer containing this information must reach the office of the undersigned in sealed cover latest by **14.10.2019 upto 2.30 p.m.** The sealed quotations may be dropped in the box placed in Accounts Branch Room No. A-11. The quotations shall be opened on the **same day at 3.00 p.m.** in the presence of intending quotationers. The quotations received after the schedule time shall not be entertained.


**The rate of interest should be valid till 21.10.2019**

(Dr. K.S. Jayachandran)  
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**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

**Prithwish Kr. Deb**

**Ashish Kr. Deb**

General public is hereby informed that an Unidentified deadbody of male 1. **Namely Prithwish Kumar Deb** and 2. **Ashish Kumar Deb** both S/o Late Sh. Makaan Lal Deb R/o BA-12B, Janak Puri, Delhi 1. **Namely Prithwish Kumar : Age :** About 56 years, **Height :** 5'6", **Complexion :** Wheatish, **Build :** Medium, **Face :** Round, wearing black colour pant and 2. **Ashish Kumar Deb : Age :** About 58 years, **Height :** 5'8", **Complexion :** Wheatish, **Build :** Medium, **Face :** Round, wearing black colour pant, was found dead in decomposed condition & hanging at their residence. They admitted at DDU Hospital, Hari Nagar, New Delhi vide Body No. 1545/19 on 05.09.2019. In this regard a DD No. 32-A dated 05.09.2019 has been lodged at PS Hari Nagar, New Delhi. The dead bodies has been preserved for identification for 72 hours in the mortuary of DDU Hospital, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about these deceased persons may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

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# PMLA tribunal quashes ED action against Misa Bharti

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**NEW DELHI:** The Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) appellate tribunal has quashed the attachment of a farmhouse belonging to Rashtriya Janata Dal leader and former Bihar chief minister Lalu Prasad's daughter Misa Bharti and her husband Shailesh Kumar in Delhi's Bijwasan area.

The farmhouse, held in the name of Mishaal Packers and Printers Pvt Ltd, in which Bharti was a director until 2017, was attached by the ED on September 4, 2017 on grounds that ₹1.2 crore of laundered money had been used by the company for its purchase in 2007-08.

The ED had in December 2017 filed a charge sheet claiming that Bharti, Shailesh Kumar, brothers Surendra Jain and Virendra Jain and a chartered accountant, Rajesh Agrawal were engaged in money laundering and proceeds of crime were used to buy the farmhouse for ₹1.33 crore.

Out of the ₹1.33 crore, ₹1.20 crore was the laundered money, as alleged by the ED. Out of this ₹1.20 crore, ₹90 lakh was paid in cash. Accommodation entries,



■ Misa Bharti

according to the ED, are someone accommodating illegal money through a shell company or in the form of cash.

Chairman of the PMLA appellate tribunal, Justice Manmohan Singh, said in his September 17 order: "Property was attached in haste, possession is taken in haste. Thus, as far as the attachment of property is concerned, the attachment stands quashed".

"ED has only alleged use of unaccounted money and has failed to identify any related scheduled offence, let alone any proceeds emanating therefrom, in relation to Mishaal Packers or the farmhouse," he ruled.

The judge, however, asked Mishaal Packers to deposit ₹90 lakh with the ED in view of the allegations about accommodation entries. An ED official said

on the condition of anonymity that the judge had asked for ₹90 lakh deposit as the investigation is still on, but now that the farmhouse's attachment stands released, it means Bharti and Shailesh Kumar can use their property without any hindrance.

Justice Singh, who is due to retire on September 22, also questioned ED's money laundering probe against Bharti and Shailesh Kumar, saying it was a case of accommodation entries which the income-tax department had already dealt with.

Asserting that the I-T department had conducted an inquiry and found that investments in Mishaal were genuine, the tribunal observed: "...aforsaid investment has been held genuine by the income tax department after verifying the balance sheet".

Senior Advocate Amit Sibal, who appeared on behalf of Bharti's company, said, "The tribunal has set aside the attachment stating that it was done without application of mind. It was opposed by the ED tooth and nail and they tried to delay this order as they knew that it was a frivolous attachment."

The ED didn't respond to queries from HT seeking comment.



■ P Chidambaram

# CBI opposes bail application filed by Chidambaram

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**NEW DELHI:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has opposed the bail application of former Union minister P Chidambaram stating that the "gravity of the offence", "the magnitude of financial embezzlement" and "brazenness" disentitles him to seek grant of bail.

In a reply filed in the Delhi high court before a bench of Justice Suresh Kait, CBI has said that granting of bail to the senior Congress leader would be against the "zero tolerance policy on corruption". It said granting him bail would set a wrong precedent.

Chidambaram's counsel refused to comment.

The agency said that there is "overwhelming incriminating evidence" against the accused and hence the plea should be rejected. The agency also said that releasing Chidambaram would be fatal as he would try to influence the witnesses and is a serious flight risk.

"It is stated that the gravity of the offence is also to be seen in view of the impunity with which a high public office has been abused for personal gain. In the present case, the petitioner (Chidambaram), who held a very high and influential office of the Finance Minister of the country, used the same for personal gains, personally, as well as in connivance with his co-conspirators. This fact itself makes the present case grave enough to deny bail to the petitioner," the reply read.

In his plea, Chidambaram told the court that he is not needed anymore in the investigation. He said he has joined the investigation and hence should be granted regular bail. He has also pointed out that the case was registered 10 years after the alleged offence took place.

The leader is facing probe in cases registered by the CBI and the ED pertaining to alleged irregularities in the Foreign Investment Promotion Board clearance given to INX Media to the tune of ₹305 crore in 2007 when he was the Union Finance Minister.

# WOMAN NAMES RETD HC JUDGE IN DOWRY CASE

**HYDERABAD:** A CCTV footage of a retired Hyderabad high court Justice Nooty Ramamohana Rao, and his son beating up his son's wife, has emerged, news website The News Minute reported on Friday. The video appears to have been shot in April. The video Rao and three others shouting at the woman, identified as Sindhu Sharma, and then hitting her. Justice Rao worked in the Hyderabad HC and Madras HC before he retired in 2017. The News Minute reported, Sharma filed a dowry harassment case against Rao, his wife and her husband in April.

# Kerala govt assures SC of compliance of Kochi flats order

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**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** The Kerala government on Friday filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court listing details of the action it has taken to implement the court order to demolish 357 flats in Kochi which flouted the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) guidelines.

The affidavit, signed by state chief secretary Tom Jose, said the government was bound to implement the apex court verdict and listed various steps taken to implement its order. It said the Maradu municipal corporation had given eviction notices to all occupants and invited tenders to carry out demolition of these flats. He also urged the court to avoid his personal appearance and expressed regrets for delay, if any.

The Supreme Court has given an ultimatum to demolish flats by September 20.

In another related development, a high court bench refused to entertain a plea filed by one of the residents, M K Paul, questioning the Maradu municipal body's move to demolish his flat.