

CBJ court charges sheets UP BJP MLA in 2017 Unnao rape case

LUCKNOW, JULY 11 /- The CBI today chargesheeted Uttar Pradesh BJP MLA Kalyan Singh Senar for the alleged rape of a minor girl in Unnao at his residence on June 4 last year, officials said here.

The chargesheet filed in special CBI court here, Senar and his associate Sashi Singh have been charged with criminal conspiracy and other offences under IPC and section 3 and of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act) which relates to rape of

minors. The development came three months after the agency was handed over the probe in the alleged rape of the minor girl who was lured at the residence of the politician with the promise of job. The agency has found that the residence of the MLA on June 4, 2017 at 8 pm where she was taken by Sashi Singh, officials claimed. The agency has alleged that the girl was again gang raped by a different set of accused between June 11 and June 20, 2017 which is also

being probed by the CBI, they said. The officials said local police had registered a FIR related to the gang rape by the MLA which took place on June 4. They had only registered an FIR related to the rape, they said. The role of doctors, police and officials of district administration is still under probe, they said. The victim has alleged that she was raped by the MLA, they said. Senar, a four-time MLA whose presents Bangermaun in UP legislative assembly, was



A Jain group vigils at Nohhatta Chook near Jamia Masjid in down town in Srinagar as Kashmir valley observed a general strike on a call of separatists on Wednesday

Police stop wedding of minor girl in UP

MUZAFFARNAGAR, JULY 11 /- Attempts to marry off a minor girl at Bhainwara village here were thwarted after a police team reached the venue and cancelled the wedding. The police were informed that a Dalit couple was planning to marry their 16-year-old daughter to a person from Meerut, SP (city) Ombr Singh said. Upon checking the girl's birth certificate, she was found underage, he said. (PTI)

Post-mortem report says 10 members of Chundawat family died due to hanging

NEW DELHI, JULY 11 /- The post-mortem report of 10 members of the Chundawat family, whose bodies were recently recovered from their residence in north Delhi's Burari, has ruled out any foul play and confirmed that they died due to hanging, a senior police officer said today.

The post-mortem report of 77-year-old Narayan Devi, whose body was recovered from an iron mesh attached to the ceiling on July 1, while that of Narayan Devi was found lying on the floor in another room of the house. Narayan Devi's daughter

Pratibha (57) and two sons - Bhavesh (50) and Lalit (45) - were among the deceased. Bhavesh's wife Savita (48) and their three children - Neetu (25), Manika (23) and Dharendra (15) - were also found dead. The others found dead were Lalit's wife Tina (42), their 15-year-old son Dushyant and Pratibha's daughter Priyanka, who got engaged last month and was supposed to get married by the year-end. The police had also found 11 diaries, which contained "psychological musings" and certain things written about the "road to god".

Nigerian arrested with heroin in Phagwara

PHAGWARA, JULY 11 /- A Nigerian national was arrested and 8 grams of heroin was seized from his possession near Law Gate Mahuru colony here, the police said today. Alex Umoru Okonkwo, 20, presently living in a rented accommodation in the colony, 7 kilometers from here, is a former student of a private university in the area. Station House Officer (SHO), Satnampora police station, Inspector Narinder Singh Aujla said. Obomani was arrested under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, he said.

Authorities in Kishtwar crack down on WhatsApp groups spreading rumours

JAMMU, JULY 11 /- Cracking down on those using social media to spread rumours, authorities in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir have booked three individuals and issued notices to 21 WhatsApp group administrators, a senior police officer said today.

Senior superintendent of police, Kishtwar, Abrar Chowdhary said the action comes after police collected the details of various social media forums including WhatsApp groups over the past three months. The police collected details of social media forums including WhatsApp over the last three months. A report was subsequently submitted to the district magistrate with a request to issue appropriate orders for registration and regulation. "Chowdhary said. On June 29, district magistrate, Kishtwar, Anagesh Singh Nara ordered users of social

media platforms like WhatsApp group admins to seek permission in 10 days to continue running these groups, he said. So far, only five groups have come forward to register themselves. Of these, three are official and only two are private groups, Chowdhary said. On the expiry of the deadline, he issued notices to 21 WhatsApp group admins to immediately register their groups with the concerned quarters failing which the action under law will be initiated against them in the event of anything done in these groups, which is contrary to the law of the land, he said. Besides, police have already registered three FIRs against different individuals in this regard, he added. The police officer said that misuse of social media platforms by anti-social and anti-national elements is a menace to public opinion against the law enforcing agencies and glorify terrorists prompted the authorities to chalk out a counter strategy.

Strong evidence against those arrested for having Naxal links to Bhima-Koregaon violence: Fadnavis

NAGPUR, JULY 11 /- Several pieces of evidence have been found against those arrested for alleged Naxal connection to the Bhima-Koregaon violence, Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis today said. Evidence suggesting a direct link of the accused with Naxal leaders was found during the probe, Fadnavis told the Legislative Council here. Police also found some e-mails (sent or received by the accused) pertaining to "conspiracies", the chief minister said. MLC Kapil Patil has questioned the issue during Question

Kerala HC rejects pre-arrest bail pleas of 3 priests accused of rape

KOCHI, JULY 11 /- The Kerala High Court today rejected the anticipatory bail petitions of three priests of a church accused of raping a woman, ruling that they were serious and the relief, if granted, would adversely affect its progress. The priests - Abraham Varghese alias Sony, Job Mathew and Jaise George - had approached the court soon after the crime branch of Kerala Police slapped rape charges against four of the five Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church priests, who were accused of sexually exploiting the victim. Dismissing their bail pleas, Justice R Vijayaraghavan of the Kochi bench of the court said allegations against them were serious and that their release at a time when the probe was at a preliminary stage would hamper its progress. Earlier, the court had directed police to produce before it the complaint of sexual harassment of the woman filed by her husband and other documents related to the case. In their bail

applications, the priests had rejected the woman's allegations of sexually assaulting her. They claimed the case was registered against them solely "under political pressure exerted by certain vested interests to derive political mileage". The crime branch registered an FIR against four priests, including the three whose arrest bail petitions were rejected today after recording the alleged victim's statement. The woman's husband had last month accused five priests of using his wife's secret confession to "blackmail and sexually abuse" her. The name of the fifth clergyman was not included for want of substantial evidence. The incident came to light after an audio clip of the purported conversation of the husband of the alleged victim with a church official about the sexual abuse of his wife by the priests was widely circulated on social media. Veteran CPM leader and chairman of the Kerala Administrative Reforms Commission Achuthanandan and the National Commission for

Women had written to the state police chief, Loknath Behara, seeking a thorough probe.

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS

E-Tenders are invited by the Sr Divisional Engineer (GRC, S.E. Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700045) for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works, before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. on 16.08.2018. S.I. No. / Tender No. & Description of Work (1) TPA/GR/CR/2018/228 dated 09.07.2018. Provision of 2 nos. Compositing Plants at Garden Reach Colony. (2) TPA/GR/CR/2018/229 dated 09.07.2018. Roof treatment in Railway Qtr nos. 74/0/4.5.8.18.19. 74/11/18. 14.8.12.4.5. 116/18. 120/18 and Vigilance Office at South Colony. Repairing of damaged sewer lines at Qtr nos. 56/1. 8/12. 22/L5. 22/L6. 22/L7. 22/L8. 22/L9. 22/L10. 22/L11. 74/11/7 and surface drains in South Colony and Repairing of damage boundary wall surrounded the whole South Colony. And Repair to staircase of four storied buildings at South Colony, Garden Reach. (3) TPA/GR/CR/2018/230 dated 09.07.2018. Consultancy work for design, engineering, preparation of drawings for these works with complete supervision/implementation of the safety for GM main building, New Administrative Building and Hut no. 1 at S.E. Railway, Garden Reach. (4) TPA/GR/CR/2018/231 dated 09.07.2018. Repair and renovation of S.I. No. 303 of Yamuna Officers' Rest House at New Delhi. S.I. No. 4. Value: ₹ 33,87,136.56 for S.I. No. 1. ₹ 79,95,174.91 for S.I. No. 2. ₹ 50,233,700.00 for S.I. No. 3. ₹ 17,44,277.87 for S.I. No. 4. Earnest Money: ₹ 67,750/- for S.I. No. 1. ₹ 1,58,910/- for S.I. No. 2. ₹ 19,10,000/- for S.I. No. 3. ₹ 4,34,850/- for S.I. No. 4. Cost of Tender Documents: ₹ 3,000/- for S.I. No. 1. ₹ 5,000/- for S.I. No. 2. ₹ 2,000/- for S.I. No. 3. ₹ 4,000/- for S.I. No. 4. Interested tenders may visit website: www.irps.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these works will be accepted. N.B.: Prospective Bidders may register with www.irps.gov.in to participate in all tenders. (PR-488)

HIRING OF VEHICLE

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Maharashtra adjourned over Nanar refinery issue

Senar, Cong MLAs try to take away Speaker's mace
NAGPUR, JULY 11 /- The proceedings of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly were adjourned for the day today after MLAs of the Congress created a ruckus on the Nanar refinery issue and tried to take away the Speaker's mace.

As soon as the proceedings of the House began, Sena MLA Sunil Prabhu demanded that the party MLAs be allowed to speak first on the issue as they wanted to participate in a motion opposing the project. However, Leader of Opposition Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil (Congress) opposed the Sena's demand, saying the Opposition had already submitted a notice for adjournment motion on the issue. He told Speaker Haribabu Bagde that members of the Congress and NCP be allowed to speak on the issue immediately after Minister of State for Agriculture Sadashiv Khot finished giving his reply on a debate on farmers' issues. Vikhe Patil was joined by Ajit Pawar of the NCP.

However, Sena MLAs took to their demand and stormed into the Well of the House. Pawar wondered how the Sena could disrupt the proceedings of the House despite it being a ruling party and at a time when a minister (Khot) is speaking on an important issue.

Pawar and Vikhe Patil urged the speaker to take up their notices seeking adjournment motions on the refinery issue before allowing Sena members to speak. Nitesh Rane (Congress) said he should be allowed to speak first since he is the local MLA and his party had submitted an adjournment notice. He represents Kankavli assembly constituency in Sindhurdurg district in Konkan.

As MLAs of Sena, Congress and NCP refused to relent, the speaker adjourned the proceedings for 15 minutes. The House was adjourned once again as noisy scenes continued unabated.

Delhi CM seeks report on confinement of KG students in school basement

NEW DELHI, JULY 11 /- Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal has sought a report from the education department about alleged confinement of kindergarten students in the basement for not paying school fees.

The Delhi Police had registered a case against a school for allegedly confining kindergarten students in the basement on non-payment of fees. "Chief Minister @ArvindKejriwal has sought report on Rabia Public School issue. He has called secretary and director education with all facts," deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia tweeted today. The school authorities were not available for their comment on the issue. Kejriwal and Sisodia will also visit the educational building in the basement to conduct a meeting with the students, parents and school authorities. "Myself and Dy CM will visit the school tomo

row, noting that there was also a lawyer present, accused. There is a difference between sympathising with an ideology (such as Naxalism) and actually practising it, he said, asking whether the government will consider releasing the accused from prison until the judicial inquiry in the matter is complete. Neelam Gorge of the Shiv Sena sought to know the status of investigation and when a chargesheet will be filed.

Curbs in parts of Srinagar as separatists call shutdown over civilian killing

SRINAGAR, JULY 11 /- Authorities today imposed restrictions in parts of Srinagar city to thwart any protests by separatists, who had called for a shutdown against killing of a civilian allegedly in security forces firing on protestors in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir. Restrictions under section 144 of CrPc were imposed in five police station areas - Khanar, Mahabagun, Nowhatta, Safakadal and Rainawari - as a precautionary measure to maintain law and order, a police official said. Meanwhile, normal life was affected across the Valley due to the strike. Schools and other educational institutions remained closed while attendance in government offices was thin due to lack of public transport, the official said. Two Jais-e-Mohal (JeM) militants, including Pakistani national, were killed in an encounter while the civilian died and 20 others sustained injuries during clashes with security forces near the scene of gunbattle in Shopian on Tuesday.

Replying to Gorge's question, Fadnavis said: "A judicial inquiry is underway, and hence making comment on this will not be appropriate." Police will file the charge sheet in the stipulated period, he said. Last month Pune Police arrested five people from Mumbai, Nagpur and Delhi, including Dalit activist Sudhir Dhavale, for allegedly having close links with the Naxals. Dhavale was one of the organisers of Elgar Parishad, organised to commemorate 200 years of the Bhima-Koregaon battle on December 31 last year.

Police said they were probing whether the Naxals instigated the violence that erupted in the sessions of the Bhima-Koregaon war memorial in Pune district.

Spiritual leader banished from Hyderabad for 6 months

HYDERABAD, JULY 11 /- A spiritual leader, who was placed under house arrest here ahead of his proposed Dharmagruha Yatra, (padayatra) was externed today from the city for six months for allegedly making provocative statements, police said. The head of Sri Peetham of Kakinada Swami Paripoornananda was externed from Hyderabad city for six months under Prevention of Anti-Social and Hazardous Activities Act, they said. "Yes, he has been externed from Hyderabad city for six months," Hyderabad Police Commissioner Anjani Kumar told news agency PTI. On July 9, the Swami was put under house arrest at a house owned by a real estate firm in Jubilee Hills here ahead of his padayatra, in protest against the recent statements and campaigns in social media and electronic media against Hindu deities. As part of the externment proceedings the Swami was shifted out of the city another senior police official said adding the orders were issued over his alleged provocative statements made earlier at different events and meetings across the state. Swami Paripoornananda had recently demanded arrest of Telugu actor and movie critic Kathi Mahesh, (who has been externed from Hyderabad), over his alleged statements against Hindu deities and said he "hurt" the sentiments of the Hindus. However, the permission for organising counter protest agitation programmes against Mahesh's statements were not permitted by police in any part of the state. On July 9, Kathi Mahesh, also a filmmaker, who was booked by police for allegedly making statements "disrespecting" Hindu deities, was externed from Hyderabad city for six months.

However, the VHP today demanded immediate withdrawal of the orders externing the spiritual leader. The head of Sri Peetham of Kakinada Swami Paripoornananda was externed from Hyderabad under Telangana Prevention of Anti-Social and Hazardous Activities Act, they said.

Bombay HC acquits man of 'unsound mind' in murder case

MUMBAI, JULY 11 /- The Bombay High Court has acquitted a 41-year-old man in a murder case, on the ground that he was of an "unsound mind" and could not be held liable for his actions.

A bench of Justices B R Gavai and Sanjay Kulkarni took into consideration the man's acquittal in another case in which he was charged with murder in 2001, after he pleaded that he was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia. The court rejected the prosecution's argument that if the man was acquitted, he might commit a second murder. The man, a resident of Mira Road in the neighbouring Thane district, while hearing a petition filed by him. The man had challenged an order of the Thane sessions court sentencing him to life imprisonment in 2003.

While quashing and setting aside the sessions court's order, the High Court said: "...the appellant was incapable of knowing the nature of the act by reason of unsoundness of his mind and thus, is not liable to be held responsible for the act." The court also set aside an order of the Indian Penal Code. According to the prosecution, the man assaulted his building's watchman on November 8, 2007 with a knife because the latter did not follow his order of watering some plants at his residence. The man was rushed to a hospital by other residents, but he was declared dead. An offence under section 302 (murder) of the IPC was subsequently registered against the man. The accused's lawyer argued before the high court that while his client did not dispute that he had committed the said act, he had done so under a spell of "insanity".

The trial court had not convicted him as he was entitled to benefit under IPC section 84 (act of a person of unsound mind), he said. The assistant public prosecutor opposed the argument and informed the court that the man had in the past killed another person. In that case, the trial court had acquitted him in September 2001, invoking provisions of IPC section 84. The bench led by Justice Gavai quashed the sessions court order calling it "totally erroneous". The High Court held that the accused had sufficient evidence of suffering from schizophrenia prior to occurrence of the incident and also after it. (PTI)