

Trial in Kathua case begins in Pathankot, seven accused produced in court

PATHANKOT (PUNJAB), MAY 31 /-- The trial in the rape and murder case of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua began here today with seven of the eight accused being produced before the district and sessions judge after the Supreme Court shifted the hearing outside Jammu and Kashmir. After hearing arguments and counter arguments, the court asked the prosecution to submit translated copies of charge sheet, statements and case diaries of the case from Urdu to English to everybody, including the defence lawyers, by June 4. A thick security blanket was thrown over the four-storey court complex as the battery of 31 lawyers representing the defence and the three-member prosecution team, led by S S Basra from Gurdaspur, faced off against each other. Also presenting their arguments was a four-member team, representing the family.

The seven accused in the case of the rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl from a minority nomadic community in January were brought in a police bus to the Judicial Court Complex on the old Pathankot-Delhi highway around 10.40 am, and presented before District and Sessions Judge Tejwinder Singh about 60 minutes later. The

eight accused in the case is a juvenile. According to Pathankot Bar Association president Reshpal Thakur, such a high profile case was being heard in the Pathankot court for the first time. The trial in the case is being held according to provisions of the Ranbir Penal Code, which is applicable in Jammu and Kashmir. The main complainant is the uncle of the child. He is also her biological father as he had given her to his brother for adoption.

The case was transferred by the Supreme Court from Jammu and Kashmir to Pathankot in Punjab for a fair trial following a plea by the victim's family. The Supreme Court had asked the district and sessions judge in Pathankot to personally attend the trial, proceedings and not assign it to other session judges, stating that it would monitor the progress of trial in the case and no other courts should entertain any other plea related to the matter. While transferring the case from Kathua to Pathankot, about 30 km away, the apex court directed day-to-day in-camera trial in the case. A petition on the juvenile's case is pending before Jammu and Kashmir High Court. The Crime Branch of the Jammu and Kashmir

police has contested his age and submitted medical reports to back his claim.

The police said the evidence on the juvenile and the others is the same and his trial should also be held in Pathankot. A large number of policemen, including women personnel, were deployed within and outside the court complex. The main entrance of the complex was blocked for vehicles, including those belonging to the staffers, who were asked to park their vehicles in an adjacent complex. CCTV vans were also deployed in the court premises to keep an eye on trouble makers. Policemen were seen in riot gear, some armed with guns and most of them carrying batons and shields. Special security squads equipped with mine detectors and sniffer dogs were doing the rounds to sanitise the complex, where the police set up barricades outside the main door. "All necessary arrangements are in place to ensure smooth trial in the case," a senior police officer supervising the security arrangements in and outside the court told PTI. The Crime Branch had submitted a charge sheet in the case on April 9 before the Kathua court. The case came into the limelight after lawyers of

the Kathua bar association reportedly tried to prevent the police from submitting the documents. According to the 15-page charge sheet, the eight-year-old girl, who was kidnapped on January 10 this year, was allegedly raped in captivity in a small village temple in Kathua district. She was kept sedated for four days before being bludgeoned to death. The abduction, rape and killing of the child was part of a carefully planned strategy to remove the minority nomadic community from the area, it said.

Named eight persons, including temple custodian and alleged mastermind Sanji Ram, his son Vishal, special police officers Deepak Khajuria alias 'Deepu' and Suresh Verma, and a juvenile. The others arrested in the case are the juvenile's friend Parvesh Kumar alias Mannu as well as head constable Tilak Raj and sub-inspector Anand Dutta. The case became a bone of contention between the state government's alliance partners PDP and BJP. The saffron party had to sack two of its ministers- Chowdhury Lal Singh and Chander Prakash Ganga- for participating in a rally of the 'Hindu Ekta Manch' in support of the accused.(PTI)

Kumaraswamy pitches for US consulate in Bengaluru

BENGALURU, MAY 31 /-- Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy today pitched for a US consulate in Bengaluru during his conversation with the US Ambassador to India Kenneth Juster. The chief minister spoke about having consulates of all countries in Bengaluru, especially the US Consulate. Kumaraswamy also spoke about the strong ties Karnataka had with the US and said the setting up of consulate at the earliest would facilitate visa requirements of the citizens visiting the US, an official release said. He also assured Juster that the government would provide all infrastructure and other requirements such as land and building for the purpose. Kumaraswamy said a large number of Kannadigas were working in the US in prominent positions, while there was a rise in the number of tourists from Karnataka visiting US.

Juster said he would place the request for a consulate in Bengaluru to higher authorities in the US. The Ambassador too sought the government's help to resolve certain basic infrastructure issues faced by about 370 US companies working in Bengaluru. In reply, Kumaraswamy



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Subject

Vayoshreshtha Samman 2018 (National Awards for Senior Citizens)-notice regarding extension of closing date for receipt of nominations.

In partial modification of this Ministry's advertisement published on 05.05.2018 on the subject mentioned above it is notified for information of all concerned that the closing date for receipt of nominations in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has been extended upto 30.06.2018 (Thirtieth June 2018).

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No. MT/2-6/PS/OT/2017-18/6040 Andaman & Nicobar Administration Directorate of Transport

Port Blair Dated 29th May, 2018

CORRIGENDUM

Transport Department invited e-tenders towards procurement of spare parts for TATA make Buses bearing Tender Enquiry No. MT/2-6/PS/OT/2017-18/3917 dated 09.04.2018 vide Tender ID No. DOT 194 with due date of opening 31/05/2018. Certain amendment in the terms and conditions has been carried out. The revised terms and conditions are uploaded in the Official website i.e. "http://eproc.andaman.gov.in/". The due date of opening of bid is extended and the extended date may be read as 07.06.2018 at 3.30 PM and the last date & time of receipt of bids may be read as 07.06.2018 at 3.00 PM.

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INX Media case: Chidambaram gets interim protection from arrest

NEW DELHI, MAY 31 /-- Former union minister P Chidambaram today secured interim protection from arrest till July 3 from the Delhi High Court in the INX Media corruption case lodged by the CBI. Justice A K Pathak asked Chidambaram to join questioning and cooperate in the investigation as and when called by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The court also issued notice to the CBI and sought its response on the senior Congress leader's anticipatory bail plea and listed the matter for further hearing on July 3, directing that the agency will not arrest him till then. Senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Salman Khurshid, appearing for Chidambaram, mentioned the matter before the judge in the morning and assured the court that the Congress leader will cooperate with the investigating agency. Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the CBI, opposed the plea saying Chidambaram should have first approached the trial court for relief, instead of the high

court. He said the politician has been called for questioning in pursuance to the notice issued by the CBI and the law was equal for every citizen of the country. The court, however, observed that the ASG should make a statement that the CBI will not arrest him till the next date of hearing.

Either you (Mehta) make a statement that you are not going to arrest him, (Chidambaram) or else I need to protect as he apprehends his arrest, the judge said. Chidambaram, who was earlier slated to appear before the CBI today, did not appear before it for questioning in connection with the INX Media corruption case, officials said.. In Chidambaram's anticipatory bail plea filed through advocate P K Dubei, it was contended that the former minister was being harassed in the case in which he was not named in the FIR. However, he has been asked to join questioning by the CBI. Chidambaram had yesterday rushed to a trial court for protection from arrest in the Aircel-Maxis case of the En-

forcement Directorate before approaching the court in connection with the INX Media case.

Chidambaram's role has come under the scanner of investigating agencies in the Aircel-Maxis deal of Rs 3,500 crore and INX Media case involving Rs 305 crore. It was during his tenure as finance minister in the UPA-1 regime that FIPB clearance was granted to the two ventures in which alleged irregularities have been found. In the INX Media case, the CBI had registered an FIR on May 15 last year against alleged irregularities in the FIPB clearance to INX Media for receiving overseas funds to the tune of Rs 305 crore in 2007 when Chidambaram was finance minister. Chidambaram's son Karti Chidambaram was also arrested in the matter on February 28 for allegedly receiving funds to the tune of Rs 10 lakh in the case. He was granted bail on March 23. The other accused in the case include then INX Media Director Indrani Mukerjea and then INX News Director Peter Mukerjea. (PTI)

Punjab Cabinet makes financial frauds non bailable offence

CHANDIGARH, MAY 31 /-- The Punjab Cabinet today made fraudulent practices by financial establishments non-bailable offence, inviting up to 10 years of imprisonment, with provisions for attachment of properties. The cabinet has approved a new legislation to this effect to safeguard the interests of depositors and curb fraudulent practices by financial establishments, an official spokesperson said here. The Punjab Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Bill, 2018, has been brought following several complaints of fraud received by the state government, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), he said. The meeting was chaired by Chief Minister Amarinder Singh.

Under Section 6 of the legislation, if a finance company fails to return the deposits on the due date or defrauds the public, then the promoters, managers and employees would be liable for imprisonment up to 10 years and fine of Rs 1 lakh, the spokesperson said. The financial establishments shall also be liable for a fine of Rs 2 lakh, which may be extended to Rs 1 crore, he said. Section 5 of the legislation provides that all financial establishments would be required to submit quarterly return of their business to the district magistrate or additional district magistrate, the spokesperson said. In case of default, the company would be liable to pay fine of Rs 1 lakh. Section 3 authorises the government to attach the properties of the company and also that of its owners or directors, and promoters, he said.

The spokesperson said Section 4 provides that the officers, notified by the government, such as district magistrates and additional district magistrate, will dispose of properties as per orders of the court. Under Section 8, the government would notify district and session judges as the designated courts to implement the Act. Sections 9 to 12 of the legislation deals with detailed powers of designated courts, while Section 16 states that no anticipatory bail would be allowed to promoters, managers and employees of the company found guilty of fraud, he said.

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Dated: 25/05/2018

CORRIGENDUM

The date of Short Notice inviting Quotation of G.I Pipe items Vide Unique No: 51895 is hereby extended for further period as details below:-

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| 1. Last Date for receipt of application | : 11/06/2018 upto 4.00 pm. |
| 2. Date & Time of receipt of quotation | : 13/06/2018 upto 3.00 pm. |
| 3. Date of Time of opening of Technical Bid | : 13/06/2018 upto 3.30 pm. |
| 4. Date & Timing of opening of Financial Bid | : 13/06/2018 at 4.00 pm |

(In presence of Bidders or authorized representative)

Therefore, the Corrigendum is uploaded in the website www.and.nic.in The other content of the said quotation shall remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (E&M)
Municipal Council