

Poetry section

A girl

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All you know is little;
All you understand is her hidden secrets;
Born with a courageous tide and humanity,
Cries all of her utmost abandonment;
Ah! She's she and she's her mistress
She's a goddess of her own;
She's a lovely girl, so daring
Bold and fearless and brave;
But she's neglected and she's countless;
She's too timid and she's being too harshly;
She's being unwanted and she's being killed;
She's being too critical and she's being too sick;
All hail it's a 'girl' funny sounding!
All praise it's 'faith' being born 'a girl'!
Crazy unites bearably, her 'mother's' a 'she'.

All you hear is inbounding;
All you care is all about her patterns and sequences;
She's being lively and she's being jolly incredibly;
She's not perfect 'she' she's being born to'
She's being unborn to too many 'she'!
She's being detached to many 'hers' thrown openly;
She's being wrapped to loin clothes 'red',
Her sporting a mistake by being 'chosen',
'Abort me' and 'abort me not'!
'Kill me' and 'kill me not'!
'Flush me' and 'flush me not'!
'Dump me' and 'dump me not'!
'Throw me out' and 'throw me not uncovered'!
It's all a game, she's being played upon;
Lashing upon the credentials she's manure.

All you want is being involved in;
All you designed is all about her becoming an 'object',
Interesting and captivating and affecting;
Amazing and astonishing and stunning;
Impressing and outstanding and attracting;
Lovely and beautiful and sexy;
Dazzling and ravishing and striking;
Alluring and fascinating and appealing;
Seducing and inviting and luscious!
She's been control and she's being guarding;
She's been cautious and she's being hidden;
'Clothe me up' and 'unclothed me not'!
'Draped me in' and 'undraped me not'!
'Behold me' and 'Gaze me not'!
'Touch me' and 'touch me not'!
'Feel me' and 'feel me not'!
'Hold me comfort' and 'hold me not a heaven'!
'Watch me happy' and 'Grudge me not a lie'!
'Care me' and 'doubt me not'!
'Rape me not' and 'tear me not'!
It's all torturing she's been suffering into.

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National & International News

Construction workers' funds spent on laptops; SC anguished

PTI New Delhi, Nov 5: Laptops and washing machines were bought out of a whopping Rs 29,000 crore fund meant for the welfare of construction workers and less than ten per cent spent on the actual purpose. Terming this as a "shocking" and "extremely distressing" state of affairs, the Supreme Court has said the funds, collected by the government through a cess under the construction workers law, were being "frittered away" and diverted, instead of being spent on welfare of the beneficiaries. While making these observations, a bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta have directed the Union Labour Secretary to appear before it on November 10 "to understand how the act was being implemented and why it was being misused, if not abused." The "astonishing" details were given in an affidavit by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) that the funds meant for

construction workers' welfare were spent to buy laptops and washing machines for them, that shocked the Supreme Court. The apex court had earlier asked the CAG to file a report on how crores of rupees meant for welfare of construction workers was being spent. It was hearing a PIL filed by NGO, National Campaign Committee for Central Legislation on Construction Labour, which has alleged that the statutory cess levied on real estate firms for the welfare of construction workers was not being utilised properly as there was no mechanism to identify the beneficiaries for extending the benefits. Asserting that there should be no further exploitation of construction workers by the states or welfare boards, the top court observed that the CAG has revealed a "shocking state of affairs" with regard to the utilisation of the cess collected under the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of

Service) Act, 1996. "For example: we have been shown expenditure having been incurred for payment of entry tax/value added tax; expenditure incurred for purchase of washing machines for construction workers; expenditure incurred for purchase of laptops for construction workers etc. This is really astonishing," the bench noted in its order. "It is quite obvious from the above that the amounts are just being frittered away, if not defalcated by the concerned welfare boards," it said. "Apart from the above, we find that huge amounts have been spent towards administrative expenses while the statute permits only five per cent expenditure towards administrative expenses," it said. The top court observed that the law was "being misused" as the beneficiaries, who were construction workers, were not given benefits they are entitled to and the money collected was

being diverted to the labour welfare boards or the state governments for other purposes. "We may note that huge amounts have been collected in the region of Rs 29,000 crore and not even 10 per cent has been spent for the benefit of construction workers. The amounts, whatever has been spent, appear to have been spent for the purposes other than for the benefit of construction workers," it said. Observing that this must be rectified at the earliest, the bench sought the presence of the Secretary of the Union Labour Ministry before it on November 10 to understand how the act was being implemented and why it was being misused, if not abused, to the detriment of the construction workers. The court had in 2015 expressed displeasure over non-utilisation of a whopping Rs 26,000 crore (the amount then) by the Centre and various state governments, saying "it cannot get worse than this.

Saudi Arabia intercepts missile targeting main airport

AP Riyadh, Nov. 5: Saudi Arabia said its forces intercepted a ballistic missile fired on Saturday from Yemen toward one of the kingdom's major international airports on the outskirts of the capital, Riyadh. The missile was fired across Saudi Arabia's southern border by Yemen's Houthi rebels, according to several Houthi-owned media outlets, including Al-Masirah and SABA. The rebels are at war with the kingdom. Saudi Arabia said the missile was shot down by its air defence forces, with fragments of the missile landing in an uninhabited area north of the capital. Saudi

Arabia's Civil Aviation Authority said the missile did not cause any damage to the King Khalid International Airport and that flights were not disrupted. This is the first time that a Houthi missile has come so close to a heavily populated area, and it appears to be the farthest that such a missile has reached inside Saudi Arabia. Riyadh is around 620 miles (1,000 kilometers) north of the border with Yemen. A Saudi military spokesman condemned the attack in a statement, saying the missile was fired "indiscriminately" toward a populated civilian area. Saudi military forces have

intercepted missiles fired by Houthi several times since March 2015, when a Saudi-led coalition launched a war against the rebels and their allies after they captured northern Yemen and ousted the Saudi-backed president from power. The kingdom has also imposed an air and sea blockade on Yemen. The stalemate war has killed more than 10,000 civilians and displaced 3 million others, pushing the Arab world's poorest country to the brink of famine. The U.S., which is one of the kingdom's most important military suppliers, has backed the coalition with logistical support.

Saudi Arabia accuses its rival, Shiite power Iran, of training and helping arm the rebels. Iran denies that it has provided material support, though it acknowledges its political support of the Houthis. News outlet Al-Masirah said the missile launched Saturday evening was made in Yemen and was the third to be fired toward Riyadh this year. It reported the rebels saying the missile was fired in response to "Saudi-American aggression and crimes against the people of Yemen." Earlier this week, a suspected airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition killed at least 29 people, including children, in northern Yemen.

Satbir, Manorama win in Elite category at Cyclothon

PTI New Delhi, Nov 5: Satbir Singh and T Manorama Devi emerged victorious in the Elite Men's and Elite Women's events of the National cycling championship at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here today. Rounding out the elite men's podium were Arvind Panwar from RSPB and SSCB's Krishna Naikodi, while Manipur's Sonali Chanu and Kerala's Amritha Raguathan finished with silver and bronze respectively in the women's elite race. "I would like to congratulate all the

medallists at the National Cycling Championship. The 2017 edition had a strong field of the best 180 elite cyclists in the country," said Onkar Singh, Secretary General, Cycling Federation of India. The 2017 edition of the National Championship was hosted by Saksham Pedal Delhi India's Premier Cyclothon and it saw over 4500 cyclists participate in an atmosphere of gaiety and revelry. Based on the distance to be covered, the Cyclothon featured four categories Elite (Men 45 km/ women - 27 km), Amateur (27 km), Open and the popular Green Ride.

While the Elite and Amateur categories were for serious cyclists, the 9 km Open and the 5 km Green Rides allowed participants the experience the joy of cycling. Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan also participated in the 5 km Green Ride. The Cyclothon attracted participants from all walks of life including officials from various ministries, sports personalities, celebrities Farhan Akhtar, school and college children cycling professionals, amateurs and

housewives. The Cyclothon under the banner of Saksham Pedal Delhi was organized by Petroleum Conservation & Research Association (PCRA), and supported by the oil companies viz. IOCL, BPCL, HPCL, ONGC, GAIL, OIL, MRPL, CPCL, NGL and IGL with technical guidance from Cycling Federation of India. Another 76 such cyclothons are planned Pan-India over the next 2 months to sensitize the country to adopt the ideology of conservation for a greener environment.

Suspected ISIS terrorist arrested by UPATS

PTI Lucknow, Nov 5: The Uttar Pradesh Anti Terrorist Squad (ATS) has arrested suspected ISIS terrorist Abu Zaid from the Mumbai Airport, a top police official said today. Zaid was arrested yesterday when his arrival from Saudi Arabia. "Abu Zaid, suspected ISIS terrorist was arrested by the ATS team from Mumbai Airport yesterday after he came from Saudi Arabia," ADG (Law and order) Anand Kumar told reporters here. He said Zaid was residing in Riyadh and formed a social media group to

allegedly radicalise youths and lure them to ISIS. "He will be brought to Lucknow on a transit remand and will be produced in the court. We will take him in police custody for interrogating him," the ADG said. In April, the ATS had arrested four suspected ISIS terrorist Umar alias Nazim, Ghazi Baba alias Muzammil, Mufti alias Faizan and Jakawan alias Eihesham. Zaid's name had cropped up during interrogation. "They used to talk via an application on the Internet and Zaid was their ideologue," the ADG said.

BAT attack foiled near LoC, two militants killed

PTI Srinagar, Nov 5: Security forces today foiled an attack by the Pakistani Border Action Team (BAT) near the Line of Control in Uri sector of Kashmir, killing two militants. Director General of Police (DGP) S P Vaid said a possible tragedy was averted. BAT action bid foiled by Army and

JKP (Jammu and Kashmir Police). Two terrorists killed in Dulanja Uri. No casualty on our side. Possible tragedy averted, the DGP wrote on Twitter. He did not share any further details. Earlier, the Army said two militants were killed as the Army foiled an infiltration bid along the LoC in Uri sector of north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

VIP rush, congestion at Delhi stall flights from Amausi airport

TNN Lucknow, Nov. 5: Congestion at Delhi airport hit flight schedule in the city with national capital-bound flights running behind schedule, some of them being delayed by an hour. Reports said a flight was made to land soon after it took off from Amausi. Around 6 pm, officials at Lucknow airport received an alert from Delhi airport to stop the flights taking off for Delhi. Planes remained stranded in Lucknow for around two hours. Two

flights from Goa and Patna were also diverted to Lucknow. Airport officials hit flight movement at the Delhi airport had the operation suspended for around an hour. Around 8 pm, operation was restored at Lucknow airport. "The operation was abruptly stopped due to the congestion at Delhi airport. We cleared the congestion around 7.30 pm after confirmation from Delhi", said officer on special duty Chaudhary Charan Singh airport, Sanjay Singh.