

Promising young pugilists surface in preliminaries of Junior National Boxing

TN's Kalarasan forces Harsh to ropes as coach throws in the towel

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The fancied boxers in both men and women sections moved up a rung on the opening day of the BFI's second Junior National Boxing Championships with preliminary rounds underway at the University Hall here yesterday. The day, which saw as many as 58 bouts in men's six categories and 27 bouts in women's four classes, went along the expected way, interspersed with some one-sided fights and some RSC verdicts. The day began with a bout in 46 kg being abandoned in the second round when S. Kalarasan of Tamil Nadu forced Rajasthan's Harsh Chandra Meena's coach to throw in the towel after his ward received solid pounding from the Tamil Nadu pugilist. Kalarasan was severe from the start and sent down combination punches on his Rajasthan opponent who managed to withstand the first round. However, the second round proved to be his undoing and his coach judged the gravity of the situation to pull him out of contest before any major damage was caused. With favourites having received byes in both sections sitting pretty awaiting the main draw,



the boxers in preliminary rounds churned out some fantastic verdicts like the one between Daksh Chauhan of Chhattisgarh and Deepak of Chandigarh. The local lad was unlucky as he lost the 46 kg bout 2:3 in a neck and neck race. Chauhan clinching it in the last round. Karan Mehar of Uttarakhand too received a spilt (3:2) decision when he overcame a tough opponent in Lalmuanakima from Mizoram. Haryana's Anshul Sarha, who won a RSC-I verdict in the same weight class over Nikhil Bhuiya of Jharkhand, was joined by state mate Vikas later in the day when he defeated Om Prakash senapati of

Odisha on points (5:0) in 50 kg class. From neighbouring Himachal, Diyas Gautam beat Bihar's Karan Kumar in the same category 50 kg with a RSC second round verdict. Manish Rathore of UP and Sanjeet of the Services ended up on the winning side in the 46 kg category against their opponents from Gujarat and Odisha, respectively, when the referees stopped contest in the third round. Unlike bouts in the men section, most of the women category preliminary rounds ended with boxers winning on points with complete domination over their rivals. Haryana's Rajni in 46 g defeated Talagana's L. Nandithi Goud (5:0) while Aarti Jaglan, in 50

kg, beat Puja Pandey of Jharkhand 4:1. The brave Jharkhand boxer did well to land a few punches, impressing the judges for the solitary point. The other winners among women in 46 kg included Maharashtra's Yogita Pardeshi, Maharashtra, Sirisha Pithani of Andhra Pradesh, Ragini Upadhyay of UP, Priyanka Borah of Assam, Ajali Chaudhary of Rajasthan, Aarti Chauhan of Goa, Pinky Devi of Manipur and in 50 kg Gayatri Patil of Maharashtra, Amisha Kumari of Assam, Anju Devi of Karnataka and Isha of Himachal Pradesh. In 54 kg, Yamini of Telangana and Aarjoo of Delhi emerged winners over their opponents on points.

Interpol Arrest Warrant Against Fugitive Mehul Choksi On CBI's Request

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Global police body Interpol issued a red corner notice against fugitive offender Mehul Choksi, wanted in the 13,000-crore bank fraud case, on Thursday. The Interpol arrest warrant came on a CBI request. The CBI and Enforcement Directorate (ED) had filed a charge sheet against him in a Mumbai court. Authorities in Antigua are now likely to trace him and inform India. Mr Choksi's movements will be tracked and he won't be allowed to leave the country. The 59-year-old had left India in January for medical treatment in the US. Mr Choksi was last traced to Antigua, where he has been granted citizenship. He had taken the oath of allegiance as a citizen of Antigua on January 15 and just days later, on January 29, the CBI filed a case and started investigating Mr Choksi and Nirav Modi. Last month, Mr Choksi's lawyer told the investigating agencies that he is not in a position to record his statement. "If his condition gets better" Mr Choksi may return to India, the lawyer had said. In July, the Interpol had issued a similar notice against Nirav Modi, the main accused in the bank fraud cases. Mr Choksi and his nephew, celebrity jeweller Nirav Modi, are being sought by multiple investigating agencies after it was revealed that the two extracted crores in loans from banks abroad on the basis of fake guarantees in the name of Punjab National Bank, India's second largest state-owned bank.

Jhoupri students visit Delhi as part of National Integration Tour

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The National Integration Tour for students of Jhoupri being organized by Jhoupri Battalion Assam Rifles visited various historical monuments around the capital city of Delhi. The students first went to Red Fort and were given insight about the architecture, canal cooling system of the fort and purpose cum utilization of each monument inside the ceremonial and political centre of the Mughal emperors. The NIT tour then enriched itself with knowledge about the first sandstone structure and World heritage site-Humayun Tomb. The monument mesmerized the students with its unique architecture and splendour. In addition to this, the students also



visited Qutub Minar and Lotus temple. The Battalion part of 28 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of Inspector General (South) is organizing this National Integration Tour to Delhi-Agra and back. The NIT tour consists of 20 students (09 boys and 11 girls), 03 teachers and team of Jhoupri Battalion,

and will be visiting various tourist and historical places in Delhi and Agra during the 18 days long tour. The tour is aimed at providing an exposure to the students to the rich cultural heritage of the country and an opportunity to visit various places and interact with eminent dignitaries.

December 16 gangrape case: SC dismisses plea seeking immediate execution of death row convicts

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The Supreme Court Thursday dismissed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking direction on the immediate execution of four death row convicts in the December 16 gangrape and murder case. A bench comprising Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta asked the petitioner, "What kind of prayer are you making?" It further said, "You are making the court a joke."

The PIL filed by lawyer Alakh Alok Srivasatava sought direction from the central government to execute all the four death row convicts within two weeks. The Supreme Court on July 9, 2018 had upheld its verdict of awarding the death penalty to the convicts in the December 2012 gangrape case and a three-judge bench had rejected the review pleas filed by three- Mukesh (31), Pawan Gupta (24)

and Vinay Sharma (25) of the four convicts. The apex court said the death row convicts failed to point out "error apparent on the face of the record" in the judgment. A paramedical student was gangraped and brutally assaulted by six men in a private bus and thrown out of a moving vehicle along with a friend after which the victim was admitted to a South Delhi hospital. On December 29, the victim succumbed to her injuries.

Shouting 'Ayyappa', Kerala man sets himself ablaze at BJP Sabarimala protest venue

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A middle-aged man set himself on fire in front of a BJP protest venue in Thiruvananthapuram in the early hours of Thursday morning. Advertising At around 2 am, the man in question, Venugopalan Nair, 49, poured petrol over his body, set himself ablaze and advanced towards a tent in which BJP leaders and workers were protesting the police restrictions imposed by the ruling LDF government on the premises of the Sabarimala temple. CK Padmanabhan, one of the senior leaders of the state BJP who has been undertaking a hunger strike on the issue, was present at the venue when the self-immolation attempt took place. BJP workers and locals, who were present at the spot, immediately tried to douse the fire. Nair was taken to the Thiruvananthapuram Medical College with 90 per cent burns and is said to be extremely critical. Jijin G Chacko, sub-inspector of the Cantonment Police Station, said Nair was reportedly shouting 'Ayyappa, Ayyappa' while setting himself on



fire. At the same time, he said Nair was abandoned by his family, including his two wives and children, and could have taken the extreme step due to personal reasons. The police has initiated an investigation into the incident. Nair is a resident of Muttada in

Thiruvananthapuram district. Padmanabhan was unavailable for comment. The ongoing row over women's entry at Sabarimala has seen feverish protests in Kerala ever since the Supreme Court passed a verdict allowing women of all ages to enter the temple. It was

earlier barred to those of menstruating age. The BJP, in particular, has clashed with the ruling government and the police several times over the issue. Though there have been threats of suicide and self-immolation, this is the first time such an incident has been reported.

Parliament Winter Session Day 3 LIVE updates: Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha adjourned for the day

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On the third day of the winter session, both the houses, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were adjourned for the day before noon. After both the houses paid their respect to the nine persons who had laid down their lives during

the 2001 Parliamentary attacks; protests began in the parliament which called for adjournment. Venkaiah Naidu adjourned the Upper House following protests by the AIADMK and DMK factions over the Cauvery dispute and Tamil Nadu farmers' protest. Chairman M

Venkaiah Naidu warned that he would be forced to adjourn the proceedings for the day if members did not return to their seats and allow the House to function. "I would like to urge members to at least allow the House today... 9 persons had laid down their lives to protect Parliament. Wrong

message will go," he said. Whereas, Lok Sabha was adjourned briefly following protests of various parties that trooped into the well shouting slogans. The speaker had earlier adjourned the session for noon, but it was later adjourned for the day amid continued protests.

SC notice to Devendra Fadnavis for 'not declaring' criminal cases in election affidavit

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The Supreme Court Thursday issued a notice to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for allegedly concealing criminal cases registered against him in his 2014 election affidavit. The petition filed by social activist and advocate Satish Ukey states that the BJP leader did not detail two pending criminal cases in his affidavit, thereby violating the

provisions of the Representation of the People's Act 1951. The plea seeks annulment of his election to the Maharashtra Assembly. Advertising A bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S K Kaul and K M Joseph sought response of the chief minister on an appeal filed against a Bombay High Court order. According to Fadnavis' nomination on

myneta.info, the Maharashtra CM has a total of 22 criminal cases registered against him. Some of the charges against him include "abatement of such assault", "voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means", being part of an unlawful assembly, rioting, voluntarily causing hurt and wearing garb or carrying token used by public servant with fraudulent intent"

J&K: Two militants killed in encounter with security forces in Sopore

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At least two militants were killed Thursday in an encounter with the security forces which started at Brathkalan village of North Kashmir's Sopore district Wednesday evening. The encounter is still underway. On Wednesday, security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Brathkalan area following information about the

presence of militants there, a police official said according to PTI. He said the militants opened fire at the security forces, leading to an encounter. On Tuesday, four Jammu and Kashmir policemen were killed in a militant attack on a police picket in South Kashmir's Shopian district. The attack was a first by militants in the Valley after they suffered several blows in multiple encounters

over the last one month in South Kashmir. Police officers said that the policemen who were killed were guarding a picket meant for the security of a few Kashmiri pandit families living in Zainapora area of Shopian. Four weapons belonging to the policemen were also taken by the militants after the attack, officials said. The four policemen were identified as Abdul Majeed, Mehraj-ud-din, Anees and Hameed-ul-lah.