

‘Govt misusing CBI, ED to settle political scores’

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Opposition Congress leader Anand Sharma today accused the government of misusing central agencies like the CBI and the ED to settle political scores, leading to an atmosphere of “distrust, fear and terror” in the country. Raising the issue through a zero hour mention, he said parallel FIRs and multiple cases for the same alleged offence are being registered

by the CBI, the DRI and the ED. “They (agencies) are not instruments to be abused by the government for targeted political vendetta,” he said. Sharma said a distinction needs to be drawn between bonafide decision and actions of corruption. He went on to allege that investigating agencies were trying to “extract” confessions to implicate certain people. He, however, did not cite any

specific case. This led to protests from treasury benches with Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Vijay Goel stating that Sharma was trying to demoralise investigating agencies. Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said legal avenues were available and why was Sharma demoralising agencies. Sharma said if parallel FIRs for the same alleged offence was an oversight, why was the government silent.

SC to hear contempt pleas against Raj govt on Aug 28 in lynching case

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The Supreme Court today agreed to hear on August 28 the pleas seeking contempt action against the Rajasthan government in the recent mob lynching case at Alwar. In the contempt plea filed by Tushar Gandhi and Congress leader Tehseen Poonawala, they alleged that incidents of mob lynching and vigilantism were taking place despite a verdict by the apex court in this

regard. A bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra said it would hear the petitions on August 28. Presenting their case in front of the bench, also comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud, Gandhi and Poonawala sought contempt actions against the Rajasthan government. The petitioners urged that directions should be issued to follow the apex court verdict in letter and spirit. The bench said it would take

up the matter along with the main case on August 28. The apex court had on July 17 asked the Parliament to consider enacting a new law to effectively deal with incidents of mob lynching, saying “horrendous acts of mobocracy” cannot be allowed to become a new norm. On July 21, a man was allegedly lynched by a group of people on suspicion that he was smuggling cows in Alwar district of Rajasthan.

Weekly media OPD clinic concluded at press club

By Our Correspondent
Guwahati, July 23,

City based Ayursundra Super Specialty Hospital conducted weekly media OPD clinic at Guwahati Press club on 21 July, where Dr Enamul Hussain offered free consultations to the participants. Nurse Gitumani Das and health worker Nayanmani Barman assisted the physician, where the participants also got their weight, blood sugar and blood pressure checked in the camp.

Organized under the series of weekly ‘Evening with a Doctor’ programs for the benefit of press club members along with their close relatives, the media camp has been supported by Down Town Hospitals, GNRC Hospital, Dispur Hospital, Wintrobe Hospital, Health City Hospital, Nmcare Hospital, Barthakur Clinic, Sun Valley Hospital, Excelcare Hospital, Rahman Hospital, Narayana Super-Specialty Hospitals, Swagat Super-Surgical Institute, Sight First eye-clinic, MMC Panbazar etc.

Govt considering using LNG as transportation fuel

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The Government is actively considering using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as a transportation fuel, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said today. LNG is being imported under open general license on terms and conditions mutually agreed upon between buyers and sellers and it is being traded in the country on market-based mechanism. During Question Hour, Pradhan told the Lok Sabha

that the government is actively considering using LNG as a transportation fuel. It is a new, cost-effective and clean proposal, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister said. To a query, he said that at present, there is no pipeline in the country to transport LNG in liquid form from LNG terminal to end user directly. “The LNG after re-gasification is being transported in the gaseous state through trunk gas pipelines from terminals to end consumers of such pipeline,” the minister said.

Govt misled nation on Rafale deal: Congress

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The Congress today said there was no clause in a 2008 pact between India and France that prevents the government from divulging price details of the Rafale deal. Former defence minister and senior Congress leader A K Antony said the government’s claim that a secrecy clause in the pact was forcing it to not reveal price details of the deal was “totally wrong”.

They have to reveal price details of each aircraft, he said. He also said the government cannot hide the price details of the Rafale jets as the deal has to be scrutinised by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) as well as Parliament’s Public Accounts Committee (PAC). Addressing a press conference, his colleague Anand Sharma added that the government owes Parliament an explanation on why Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman “misled” the nation on the price issue. “The French government had no objection in revealing the price of the Rafale aircraft. This was conveyed by the French president to Rahul Gandhi,” he said.

Another Congress leader, Randeep Singh Surjewala, echoed him said the prime minister and the defence minister misled Parliament on the issue. This, he said, is clearly a matter of breach of privilege.

Constitutional matters heard by CJI can be live streamed on trial basis: Centre to SC

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Video recording and live streaming of judicial proceedings can be undertaken on a trial basis in constitutional matters being heard by the chief justice of India’s court, the Centre told the Supreme Court today. A bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra was told by Attorney General K K Venugopal, whose assistance has been sought by the court in the matter, that a pilot project for live streaming and video recording of judicial proceedings can be undertaken. Venugopal then said functioning of the pilot project can be later analysed and made more efficient. He added that live streaming can be undertaken on an experimental basis for one-three months to ascertain

how it functions technologically. The bench, also comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud, asked all the parties, including senior advocate Indira Jaising, who had filed a PIL in her personal capacity, to give suggestions to the attorney general of India. It said Venugopal will collate and compile the suggestions and submit them to the court which will later approve them. The bench has now fixed the matter for further hearing on July 30. On July 9, the apex court had termed the proposal of live streaming of court proceedings the “need of the hour” and sought suggestions for taking a “holistic” view on the matter. The bench was of the view that barring few exceptions like hearings in a rape case, the courts are already open

for all and allowing live streaming of the proceedings would further establish the settled principle. Jaising, in her plea, has sought live streaming of matters of constitutional and national importance. She said citizens have the right to information and matters of constitutional and national importance can be live streamed. In western countries, she said, this system was in place and live streaming of court proceedings, including that of the International Court of Justice, are available on YouTube. If live streaming of the top court’s proceedings is not possible, then video recording should be allowed, she said. According to her, live streaming of Supreme Court cases of constitutional and national importance, having an impact on the public at large,

will empower and provide access to citizens who cannot personally come to the court due to socio-economic constraints. The apex court may place restrictions on such videography and live streaming of proceedings in cases where there are “countervailing interests of privacy as in family law cases, criminal law cases, as well as in the interests of witness testimonies in criminal matters”, Jaising said. A petition, filed by a law student, has also sought a direction for setting up live streaming rooms within the apex court premises and granting access to legal interns. The plea, filed by Swapnil Tripathi, a student of National Law University in Jodhpur, has asked for requisite guidelines to facilitate interns to witness proceedings.

2 engineers arrested for Chennai building collapse

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Two engineers have been arrested in connection with an accident at the construction site of a hospital in Kandanchavadi on Saturday night, in which one person died and 32 were injured after a building collapsed. Around 7.15 p.m. on Saturday, a structure, which was being set up for the construction of a generator block, collapsed on top of around 50 construction workers at the site. A total of 32 persons — a majority of them migrant labourers — were injured in the accident. Later, the body

of Babloo, 27, one of the labourers, was recovered from the debris. The Taramani police registered a case under Sections 288 (negligent conduct with respect to pulling down or repairing buildings), 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others), 338 (causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 304 A (causing death by negligence). Murugesan and Silambarasan, the DGM (projects) and the site engineer respectively, were arrested in connection with the accident. Soon after the incident,

around 100 personnel of the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services from Thoraipakkam, Guindy and Teynampet reached the spot and commenced rescue operations. Later, they were joined by 65 personnel of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF). Special cutting equipment and rescue machines were used to clear the debris and rescue the victims. A sniffer dog was pressed into service to scour the wreckage for survivors. “We found one victim [under the debris]. We continued clearing the debris till Sunday afternoon to check if there

were any other victims, but there were none,” an NDRF officer said. The balconies of two residential buildings situated near the construction site were destroyed by the falling debris. “Freddy, a resident of Coimbatore, who works for an IT company, was near the balcony when the accident happened. He sustained injuries, and has been admitted to a hospital,” said a resident of one of the buildings, which offers paying guest accommodation. Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami expressed his condolences over the death of Babloo of Bihar, and announced a solatium of ₹ 5 lakh to the kin of the deceased.

Kejriwal welcomes SC order on protests at Jantar Mantar

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Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal today welcomed the Supreme Court’s order that said there cannot be a “complete ban” on holding protests and sit-ins at places like Jantar Mantar and Boat Club. The chief minister said attempts to convert Delhi into a police state was “dangerous” for democracy. “I welcome the Hon’ble Supreme Court verdict upholding peaceful right to protest in central Delhi. “Attempts to convert Delhi into a police state is dangerous for democracy and rightly struck down by (the) Hon’ble Supreme Court.” Kejriwal tweeted. Earlier in the day, a bench comprising justices A K Sikri and Ashok Bhushan said there was a need to strike a balance between conflicting rights such as the right to protest and the right of citizens to live peacefully. “There cannot be a complete ban on holding protests at places like Jantar Mantar and Boat Club (near India Gate),” the bench said, while directing the Centre to frame guidelines on the matter.

Chilling video shows Toronto gunman, in black, firing shots that killed 1

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Hours after a shooting took place outside a restaurant in Toronto which left one dead and 13 injured, a short video uploaded on Twitter shows the alleged gunman opening fire. The disturbing video clip shows a man dressed in a black jacket and a cap, aim a gun

towards what could have been the site of the incident, shooting multiple times. The gunman is seen walking down the street with a gun in his hand before he began firing shots. According to reports, the shooter shot himself and died soon after the incident. Police had initially said 9 people were shot. A tweet posted by Toronto

police said, “14 victims were shot with a handgun. 1 female adult has died. 1 young girl in critical condition. Suspect is dead (not included in 14 victim total)”. The injured were taken to hospitals nearby where they are currently being treated. Witnesses heard over 20 gunshots and the sound of a weapon being reloaded several times, reported news agency AFP quoting local media.

Sharif on verge of kidney failure in jail: Report

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Jailed former Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif is on the verge of a kidney failure and doctors have recommended to shift him to a hospital immediately, according to a media report. Sharif, 68, is serving a 10-year jail term in a corruption case over his family’s purchase of luxury apartments in London. He has been lodged in the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi since July 13. A team of doctors from Rawalpindi Institute of Cardiology (RIC), headed by its Chief Executive Major General (retd) Dr Azhar Mehmood Kayani, visited the prison and compiled a report after carrying out a detailed medical check-up. The report

has now been sent to the Punjab Health Secretary. The findings in the report suggest that Sharif be shifted to a hospital immediately, The Express Tribune reported. Sharif had complained about his health on Saturday. Although his personal physician Dr Adnan had seen him twice in recent days, the jail administration called doctors from RIC to be sure of what had happened. The team spent about one-and-a-half hour inspecting his condition. According to the medical board, his body’s water levels are very low, which has made his heartbeat erratic now. The amount of urea in his blood has also become very high, which could even lead to kidney failure, the report said. The board’s findings suggested that Sharif be

shifted to hospital immediately, it added. The Punjab Prisons sources told Daily Express that they are waiting for the Punjab home department’s orders about shifting Sharif to the hospital. Caretaker provincial ministers Shaukat Javed and Ahmed Waqas Riaz said the jail superintendent has been informed in writing about Sharif’s health issues and the home department has formed a medical board which will perform another checkup today to decide on whether to shift him to a hospital, the report said. They confirmed that Sharif’s medical tests suggested he had kidney issues. The caretaker government is in touch with jail authorities and Sharif is getting better medical facilities, they added.

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