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## SC sets aside Himachal HC order denying relief to IFS officer Sanjiv Chaturvedi

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The Supreme Court has set aside a high court order that had declined to interfere with a plea made by Indian Forest Service officer Sanjiv Chaturvedi seeking a stay on a criminal defamation complaint filed against him by Himachal Pradesh Chief Secretary Vineet Chawdhary. An apex court bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra found that the Himachal Pradesh High Court order had not adverted to any aspect nor addressed the submissions of the petitioner and sent the matter back to it for passing a reasoned order. "On a perusal of the order passed by the high court, we find that the learned judge, except stating that he is not inclined to interfere in the petition seeking quashing of the complaint, has not adverted to any aspect. Be it noted though

the submissions has been referred to in the impugned order, the same have not at all been addressed," the apex court said. In view of the aforesaid, it is appropriate to set aside the impugned order and remand the matter to the high court for fresh consideration and pass a reasoned order in accordance with law, it said. Vineet Chawdhary, a 1982-batch IAS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre and former deputy director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences-Delhi, had filed a complaint against Chaturvedi in April 2016, alleging defamation for making public his vigilance profile. He had also alleged that Chaturvedi made public a confidential letter written by the latter on August 16, 2014 in his capacity as the chief vigilance officer of AIIMS to the then chief secretary, Himachal Pradesh, giving information about pending corruption/departmental

inquiries/proceedings against Chawdhary. Chawdhary had alleged that this letter was circulated to 'defame' him and 'malign his reputation'. On Chawdhary's complaint, a court in Shimla had issued summons to Chaturvedi on November 24, 2016. Chaturvedi approached the Himachal Pradesh High Court seeking quashing of this order and also the complaint filed against him, and submitting that he has been summoned to face trial without there being any mandatory sanction of prosecution from government nor there being any evidence of his involvement in leaking the confidential letter. On April 6, the high court refused to interfere with the local court order saying that it was open for the petitioner to approach the court concerned; enter appearance and take all such pleas at an appropriate stage. "It is not that petitioner is

remediless and as such must first take recourse to the remedies in accordance with law," the order passed by the Himachal Pradesh High Court Acting Chief Justice Sanjay Karol read. It was against this order that Chaturvedi had moved the Supreme Court. In his petition before the Supreme Court, Chaturvedi stated that being the chief vigilance officer of AIIMS, he had investigated instances of corruption allegedly involving Chawdhary, who was then the deputy director at the premier medical institution, and that being a public servant, no criminal proceedings can be initiated against him without prosecution sanction of the government. In April this year, the Delhi High Court had issued notices to the central government on a petition filed by an NGO alleging illegal closure of cases involving Chawdhary and some other senior officials of AIIMS.

## Canadian police seek two after bomb wounds 15 at Indian restaurant in Toronto

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Police hunted for two people Friday after an explosion caused by a homemade bomb ripped through an Indian restaurant at a mall in the Toronto suburb of Mississauga, wounding 15 people. Authorities said two people with their faces covered to conceal their identities entered the Bombay Bhel restaurant late Thursday, dropped the bomb and fled. Two birthday parties were taking place at the restaurant and about 40 people were inside, including children, though none of the youngsters were injured. "There is no indication that this is a terrorism act. There is no indication that this is a hate crime at this time," Peel Regional Police Chief Jennifer Evans said. "Every police resource is being used right now to locate the people responsible for this horrendous act."

Police said Friday that all the injured had been released from the hospital. Officials initially said three Indian-Canadians suffered critical injuries and were being treated, while the remaining 12 victims suffered what Evans described as superficial injuries. The ages of the injured range from 23 to 69. The explosion happened just after 10:30 p.m. and the plaza where the restaurant is located was still sealed off Friday. Television footage showed an injured woman limping away from the restaurant. Peel Regional Police Sgt. Matt Bertram said an object resembling a pail or paint can was carried into the restaurant by one of the bombers. "Nothing was said by these individuals," he said. "It appears they just went in, dropped off this device and took off right away." Bertram said authorities couldn't say what the motive was or what explosives were used. Police asked for the public's help and released a photo of

the two people, who wore dark hoodies pulled over their heads and had their faces covered. One suspect was described as someone in his mid-20s with a stocky build, wearing dark blue jeans and a baseball cap with a light gray bill. The second was described as a little shorter with a thin build, wearing faded blue jeans, a gray T-shirt and dark-colored skate shoes. Rafael Conceicao, a student from Sao Paulo, Brazil, was near the restaurant when the explosion occurred. "Glass was broken in the street... Everything was destroyed. Lots of blood in the floor. Many people were screaming. They were trying to run out from the restaurant," he said. Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie said she was thankful there were no fatalities. "I would call it a very heinous, reprehensible act committed by cowards who came into a restaurant where people are vulnerable, celebrating with their families and where children are present," she said.

"This is certainly not anything you would expect to happen in Mississauga." The explosion came a month after the driver of a van plowed into pedestrians on a Toronto sidewalk, killing 10 people and injuring 14. Authorities have not disclosed a motive. But they have said the arrested driver, Alek Minassian, posted a message on social media referencing a misogynistic online community before the attack. "To have two of these things happen in a short period of time is worrisome," said Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, adding that such events are shocking because they are rare in Canada. Bertram said police sealed off a couple of areas east of the restaurant where footprints, a glove and other evidence were located. Police believe the suspects fled in a car. Sanjiv Jagota, who owns a nearby store, was driving by Thursday night when he saw emergency vehicles and stopped. Standing outside the police tape, Jagota waited with the son of the Bombay Bhel's owner to see how everyone was. He said he is good friends with the family, who started the restaurant in the 1990s. "This place is like their baby."

## Pakistan Military Summons Former ISI Boss Durrani Over Book Co-Authorship With Ex-RAW Chief

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Two days after the release of his book *The Spy Chronicles: RAW, ISI and the Illusion of Peace*, former ISI chief Asad Durrani has been summoned at the Pakistani army headquarters. Durrani, who co-authored the book with former RAW chief AS Dulat, has been accused of "violating the military code of conduct". Pakistani army spokesman Major General Asif Ghafoor said on Friday that Durrani had been summoned to the General Headquarters (GHQ) on May 28, where he "will be asked to explain his position on views attributed to him in the book *Spy Chronicles*." "Lt Gen Asad Durrani, Retired being called in GHQ on 28th

May 18. Will be asked to explain his position on views attributed to him in book 'Spy Chronicles'. Attribution taken as violation of Military Code of Conduct applicable on all serving and retired military personnel," said a statement released on Twitter by Major General Ghafoor, who is the chief of the Inter-Services Public Relations, the publicity wing of Pakistan's military establishment. Durrani, whom AS Dulat fondly refers to as 'General Sahab' in the book, has remarked several times that the unprecedented joint effort between the former spymasters of the two hostile neighbours, is an attempt to cool down tempers and call for a dialogue between the India and Pakistan. The book is a compendium of

discussions between the former ISI and RAW chiefs on various subjects like Afghanistan, Pervez Musharraf, Nawaz Sharif, Ajit Doval, Kulbhusan Jadhav, Kashmir and Narendra Modi. Durrani had admitted in the book that Pakistan was fully aware of the US-launched operation to nab Osama Bin Laden, and the fact that his country has mismanaged the Kulbhusan Jadhav episode. He had also, in his discussions with Dulat and senior journalist Aditya Sinha, admitted that Hurriyat was a creation of Pakistan. In an interview with *News18* three days ago, the retired ISI chief had also hinted that Pakistan is actively involved in the current unrest in Kashmir.

## Infiltration bid foiled, 4 militants killed in Kupwara

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At least four militants were killed as the Army foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control in north Kashmir's Kupwara district today, a defence official said. Srinagar-based defence spokesman Col Rajesh Kalia said the infiltration bid was foiled in Tangdhar sector. He said four militants were killed while attempting to infiltrate onto this side of the LOC. The Army operation is in progress, the official said.

## No Non-Local or Non-Manipuri Passengers to Board without Proper Documents or ID Proof

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All Manipur Inter State Bus and Allied Transport Association (AMISBATA) appeals not to board any non-local or non-Manipuri from other states without any proper documents in Manipur and warns to take up strengthen action if any persons fails to comply with the association. Speaking to media persons at the office of the association, Longjam Bimol, General Secretary AMISBATA said that it is very unfortunate to witness large numbers of non-local and non-Manipuri entering in Manipur like a swarm of bees without proper documents or ID proof while various agitations carried out across Manipur demanding implementation of Inner Line Permit System (ILPS). Bimol also said that the steps

taken up by the police personnel at Mao gate preventing non-locals from entering without proper documents under the initiation of state government is a good initiative and has given a huge impact from inflowing of non-locals in Manipur. Likewise, any divers or conductors of those vehicles transporting passengers and goods from one state to another without having any money temptation should not pick up any persons without verifying for proper ID proof and documents so that inflowing of non-indigenous people in our state can also be prevented from their side, he added. Bimol further said that in any emergency case, if any non-locals happen to board the bus or any passenger's vehicle without any proper documents or ID proof, the concern

persons of the ticket counter or drivers or conductor should inform the association so that a proper steps can be taken up to onboard the passengers at the bus stand itself before any unwanted incident happen on the way. Appealing to the drivers and conductor not to board any non-local passengers from the way without any proper documents or ID proof, Bimol further said that the association will accept any steps taken up by the committee of ILPS and the people of the state if any activities of transporting non-locals are found in any vehicles registered or not registered with the association. The association has been taking part and supporting the demands for implementation of ILPS in the state since the beginning and will continue, Bimol asserts.

## Two Kingfishers rescued

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As per the information given by Khadem Meghachandra Singh of Sugunu Bazar, 2(two) King Fishers, scientific name- Alcedo atthis were rescued by the staffs of Kakching Range Office with the assistance from Moirangthem Open Singh, Honorary Wild life warden, Thoubal. The Range Forest Officer/ Kakching N. Munal Meitei said the King fisher has become a locally endangered species in Manipur and in the past we could see the bird abundantly in and around our lakes, rivers and water bodies. But now-a-days, due to the habitat lost and indiscriminate killing, the bird, King fishers are hardly seen near to our



surroundings. Kingfishers are very Environmental friendly birds. They feed on a wide variety of prey. They are most famous for hunting, in catching and eating the fishes. They also feeds on other species like frogs, worms, insects, spiders and other our harmful insects. Thus, not only beautiful, the King fishers take a very important role to maintain our

Ecological balances. Therefore, Range Forest Officer, N.Munal Meitei also thanks the person who save the two king fishers and for handed over to the Forest Department, Manipur. He requested to all the concerned general public not to kill the wild animals and birds but to save the stranded animals and birds and hand it over to the nearest Forest Office

## Titular king Leishemba Sanajaoba urges govt on Khurai Ahongpung preservation

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While stating that the "Khurai Ahongpung" ritual place for the Meitei having associated with the people of the years since time immemorial, titular king of Manipur Leishemba Sanajaoba today drew the attention of the government

for preservation of the ritual place. In a press statement Leshemba said that the ritual place Khurai Ahongpung, Kongba Souton, Tera Wangthonbi and Kakwa Lamtaipung have been closely associated with the ritual affairs of the Sanakoung since time immemorial. The condition of the Khurai

Ahongpung has been addressed to the concern government from time to time but nothing concrete steps for preservation of the historic site has never been taken care. Leishemba drew the attention of the present government to take up immediate measure for preservation of the Khurai Ahong Pung Ritual place.

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## 7th Pay Demands Continued, Entered 66 Days



since they came into power and implementation of the 7th Pay Commission was even clearly mention in their election manifesto published during the recent General Assembly Election of Manipur. Unfortunately the commission

is not yet implemented in Manipur State except implementing in other states including the neighbouring states in North-east which are rule by BJP led government in the country, he added. Dhanendra also said that the cease work strikes and protest

staged by the state government employees has already entered 66 days but till date no positive response or any proper initiatives have been sought from the government side, which is big disappointment for the employees.