

Sohrabuddin case: Bombay HC upholds discharge of DG Vanzara, 4 other cops

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The Bombay High Court yesterday upheld a lower court's judgement granting discharge to former Gujarat ATS chief D G Vanzara and four other officers from the Rajasthan and Gujarat police in the alleged Sohrabuddin Shaikh fake encounter case. The court dismissed the pleas filed by

Sohrabuddin Shaikh's brother Rubabuddin and the Central Bureau of Investigation challenging their discharge, saying they were devoid of merit. Justice A M Badar also granted discharge to Gujarat police officer Vipul Aggarwal, a co-accused in the case related to the 2005-06 encounter of Sohrabuddin Shaikh, his wife Kausar Bi and their

aide Tulsiram Prajapati. AIR correspondent reports that the officers who now stand discharged in the Soharabuddin encounter case are D G Vanzara, Rajkumar Pandian, N K Amin, and Vipul Aggarwal of Gujarat police, and Dinesh M N and Dalpat Singh Rathod of Rajasthan Police. In his verdict, Justice A M Badar held that trial court was justified in discharging the officials for want of evidence, and absence of any material. Justice Badar took note of the defence arguments claiming that CBI had planted evidence and fabricated facts to suit its case. He also noted that the prosecuting agencies had failed to get prior government sanction before charging most of the officers concerned in the case.

Govt. plans reviving libraries of selected Hr. Sec. Schools: Radheshyam

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The Government is planning to revive the library for selected Government Higher Secondary Schools in the State, stated Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam. Highlighting the importance of library he said that it is not only important in terms of education but also in inculcating the habit of reading among the young minds. The Minister was speaking as the Chief Guest at the One Day Public Awareness Programme held in the memory of Late Dr. Huirongbam Atulchandra Singh for his contribution in Establishing Public Library in Manipur at Library Conference Hall, Manipur University, yesterday.

Radheshyam said that the library stores knowledge in the form of book and resources. Whenever one looks up for a record or information, library can be a source of it. Books, he added are the expression of the experiences of one's life in which the image of a society is reflected. He also said creative writing among the people needs to be motivated to flourish and



built a momentum of popularizing the literature. He said that the decline in the habit of reading among the children could be because they are being pushed towards getting higher grades and passing the exam rather than encouraging them to read and learn. To prepare the young minds for the challenges that would be thrown in life, he emphasized that library plays an important role.

He said that books are one of the binding forces that could ensure peace and tranquility in the state. He added that by reading books and understanding the values of the practices about the culture, custom and traditions, one can reinstate harmony in diversity. Education Minister also urged for concerted effort from every section of the society to work for uplifting the government school. He said it is important

that public should regard the school as their own and protect the school property. The purest form of holiness is the school where children from different background come to get education to secure the future, he added. The programme was attended by Librarian, Manipur University of Culture, Shri Thounaojam Khomdon Singh, Rekl. Librarian, Manipur Public School, Smt. L. Sobita Devi, Professors, concern officials and students.

PM Narendra Modi says his government is focused on aspects relating to nutrition and quality healthcare

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DD News Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said his government is focused on aspects relating to nutrition and quality healthcare. He was interacting with ASHA, ANM and Anganwadi

workers from all over the nation via video conferencing this morning as part of Poshan-Maah. Mr Modi said vaccination efforts are on at a quick pace and this helps women and children in particular. The Poshan Abhiyaan was launched from Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan.

BJP: Bharat Bandh a failure, Opposition creating atmosphere of fear

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The BJP on Monday claimed that the Bharat Bandh, called by a united Opposition over rising fuel prices and weakening of the rupee, was a failure. Defending the government, the ruling party claimed that the rise in fuel prices was momentary and was caused by global factors. Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad hit out at Opposition parties, alleging that they resorted to violence because of lack of support from masses. Prasad said the hike in oil prices was caused by limited supply. "We are standing with the people in their concern, but this is a problem for which the solution is not in our hands," he said. The minister said the Modi

government has worked a lot to bring down inflation and has been successful in doing so. Around 300 bandh supporters were detained in Gujarat. (Express photo/Niml Harindran) Prasad slammed the Congress for the death of a girl in Bihar while she was being rushed to a hospital but the ambulance got stuck in heavy traffic due to the bandh. The Union Minister asked if Congress chief Rahul Gandhi will take responsibility for the death. "Who is responsible for the violence and death, that is the question to Congress party. I ask Rahul Gandhi...will you take responsibility for the death of the girl because that happened when an ambulance could not

take her to the hospital because your people stopped it," Prasad said. The minister claimed that the public is facing some problems, but they were not supporting the bandh and hence the Congress and other opposition parties were creating an atmosphere of fear out of frustration. "We are standing with the public... We will certainly find some solution for the problem," Prasad said. Left supporters have extended the strike till 6 pm in West Bengal. (Express photo/Partha Paul) Prasad said that rise in fuel prices was not under the control of the government and it was because oil producing countries have restricted their production."

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China watching, India cautious to US move on talks with Japan and Australia

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WITH BEIJING watching the India-US engagement closely, India decided to cautiously approach its engagement with the quadrilateral countries — including Japan and Australia — in the Indo-Pacific region, where an increasingly proactive and assertive China is active in the maritime domain. Sources told The Indian Express that the United States wanted to upgrade the level of engagement between the quadrilateral grouping to the level of foreign secretaries, but the Indian side politely told them to keep it to the joint-secretary level — which is at least two steps lower than the proposed engagement. In November last year, the quadrilateral grouping was revived after a decade, and a meeting of joint secretary-rank officials — directors general in Japan and Australia, and assistant secretary-rank in the US — was held in Manila, on the margins of the ASEAN and East Asia summit.

This was followed by a second round of meeting in Singapore in June this year.

"The Americans wanted to upgrade the level of engagement, but we asked them to keep it at the existing level," a source told The Indian Express, signalling that a higher level of engagement may be perceived as a threat to the Chinese. Briefing reporters via teleconference from Washington DC, US Acting Assistant Secretary of State Alice Wells said on Monday that the next round of the quadrilateral meeting would take place between joint secretaries and assistant secretaries. Sources said the Indian side conveyed to the US that the quadrilateral grouping should not be conflated with the Indo-Pacific issue, but should be kept separate.

Sushma Swaraj with US counterpart Mike Pompeo. (PTI photo/File) At the first India-US 2+2 dialogue last week, sources said that there was a "deep discussion" on free and open Indo-Pacific region.

While the foreign ministers exchanged views from the strategic perspective, the defence ministers shared views on military activities. The thrust of the discussions, sources in Delhi said, was that if the Indo-Pacific issue was conflated, it would give the impression of ganging up against one country — China. While sources said this has nothing to do with the informal summit in Wuhan and understandings reached there between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, it is clear that New Delhi is mindful of being sensitive to Beijing's concerns. However, the 2+2 dialogue between External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with the visiting US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo and US Secretary of Defence James Mattis saw the two sides agreeing on increasing the possibilities of trade and connectivity. "The sub-text of the discussions

on connectivity was that we need to work on giving a credible alternative to the Belt and Road Initiative," said sources. While the word BRI was not uttered during the discussions, "connectivity" points to the ambitious project of the Chinese President. Last week, after the 2+2 dialogue, Swaraj said there was a "growing convergence" of views on the Indo-Pacific. "We see the Indo-Pacific region as a free, open, and inclusive concept, with ASEAN centrality at the core, and defined by a common, rules-based order that both our countries are pursuing," she said. In an oblique reference to the alternative to BRI, she welcomed US interest in expanding its economic footprint in this region. "We agreed to strengthen our bilateral cooperation as well, in order to achieve the common goals related to connectivity and infrastructure, and work together with other partners in this region as well to achieve these goals," she said.

Dabholkar murder: Court refuses to extend CBI custody of two accused

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A Magistrate court in Pune on Monday raised questions over the progress in the investigation by the CBI into the role played by two accused in the Gauri Lankesh case in the conspiracy to murder anti-superstition activist Narendra Dabholkar. The court also refused to extend the CBI custody of the two and remanded them in judicial custody. On Monday, Amit Digwekar and Rajesh Bangera, earlier arrested by Karnataka Police's Special Investigation Team in the Gauri Lankesh murder case, and Sharad Kalaskar, arrested by the Maharashtra ATS in connection with the Nallasopara arms and explosives haul case, were

produced by the CBI in the Pune court, seeking extension of their custodial remand. Kalaskar, who according to the CBI is one of the two shooters in the Dabholkar murder case, was further remanded in CBI custody till September 15. But the court of Judicial Magistrate (First Class) S M A Sayyed refused to extend the custody of Digwekar and Bangera. While Dabholkar (67), a noted anti-superstition activist, was murdered in Pune on August 20, 2013, Lankesh, who was a Bengaluru-based journalist, was shot dead at her house on September 5, 2017. In the Dabholkar case, the CBI has till now arrested six persons. Dr Virendra Tawde, an ENT surgeon and member of Sanatan Sanstha, was arrested in June 2016 and

named as the mastermind by the CBI. One more person, Amol Kale, the key conspirator in the Lankesh murder case, has been named by the CBI as a conspirator in the Dabholkar murder case. Kalaskar and Sachin Andure, both from Aurangabad, have been named as the shooters; and Digwekar and Bangera have been named as persons involved in the plot. Seeking extension of the custodial remand of Digwekar and Bangera, CBI prosecutor Vijaykumar Dhakne said that Digwekar played a role in hatching the conspiracy and Bangera was a weapons trainer. But after going through the remand application filed by the CBI and the case diary of the investigation, judge Sayyed observed that there has been

little progress in the probe. Defence lawyer Dharma Raj Chandel argued that in spite of the two accused cooperating with the investigation, the probe has not progressed in the 10 days of police custody and that the CBI told the same things in court that they had said 10 days ago. The court, however, accepted the CBI plea for Kalaskar's further custody and extended his remand till September 15. The CBI had told the court that Bangera had trained the shooters in the case at six different locations in Maharashtra and Karnataka. Digwekar and Bangera will be lodged in Yerawada central jail and will be taken back to judicial custody in Karnataka, from where the CBI had taken their remand.