

UPSC aspirant from Manipur heard voices in his head says his friend

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A UPSC aspirant, Benzi Singh (25) who has been arrested by the police for Wednesday's murder of a security guard in south Delhi's Safdarjung Enclave had claimed that he heard voices to commit crimes. "It was around 3-4am when I woke up to an impatient knock on the door. Benzi was shivering. He said someone was talking to him. He came and slept next to me that night. The following day, we took him to a

psychiatrist. We did not know he would murder someone," Singh's roommate, who did not wish to be named, claimed. In the early hours of Wednesday, Singh, who hails from Manipur, who was reportedly suffering from insomnia and depression, was arrested for the murder of Ram Bahadur Khatri (65), security guard. His roommates said he had failed to clear the civil services examination recently. Police said that Singh was upset after an argument with an auto-rickshaw

driver last week and had stepped out of his house on Wednesday to reportedly kill any auto-rickshaw driver he came across. And then he met Khatri. Police recovered Singh's phone, which they said had a "15-point guide to a perfect murder". Singh and his two friends lived in a two-room flat in Humayunpur, less than 400m from the crime scene. His friends claimed Singh suffered from obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Singh's friends said on Thursday he read a lot of detective and crime stories — his favorite character was Professor James Moriarty, the antagonist in Arthur Conan Doyle's famous Sherlock Holmes series. "He always said he would name his son Ben Moriarty. Recently, he had ordered a pen knife and a pepper spray. Then he canceled the order. He always said he felt unsafe," said the other roommate. His roommates shared pictures of him with a gun, which they claimed he had been posing on social media. In one of these photos, Singh appeared to be holding a gun, while in another, there was a gun on a desk alongside some study material. The authenticity of these pictures and whether the gun was real could not be independently verified.

Both of his roommates said they did not wish to be identified. His roommates said Singh appeared depressed since he failed to clear the civil service exam. "He had gone home after learning that he had failed. He returned after a month and had become more aggressive. He told us his relatives had advised him not to take the pills prescribed by his psychiatrist," the second roommate said. Deputy commissioner of police (south) Vijay Kumar said police have found several copies of medical prescriptions in Singh's room. "He has confessed he could not sleep for days and was having hallucinations," Kumar said.

SC extends house arrest of five activists for four more weeks

By - Krishnadas Rajagopal Courtesy: The Hindu New Delhi, Sept. 28,

In a majority judgment, a Supreme Court Bench has extended the house arrest of five activists arrested on August 28 in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon violence case, for four more weeks. While Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra and Justice A.M. Khanwilkar observed that the evidence does not show the activists were arrested to quell dissent, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud dissented.

The verdict authored by CJ Misra on behalf of himself and Justice Khanwilkar stated that evidence does not show arrests of activists were made to quell dissent or because of differing political ideology. They also refused to entertain a plea for setting up a special investigating team (SIT) probe. Extending the house arrest of poet Vara Varan Rao, lawyer Sudha Bhargava, and activists Arun Ferreira, Vernon Gonsalves and Gautam Navlakha for four weeks, the Bench noted that they can pursue relief in lower courts, if



they wish to. In a dissenting verdict, Justice Chandrachud said the petition was genuine. He lashed out at Maharashtra police for organising a press meet and distributing letters to media when the matter was subjudice.

On August 28, the Maharashtra Police probing the Bhima-Koregaon violence arrested five activists after a pan-India crackdown claiming that they were active members of Communist Party of India (Maoist), a banned organisation, and were preparing for large scale

violence and an "armed rebellion."

The following day, a petition was filed on behalf of the arrested activists in Supreme Court seeking an independent probe into the matter. The Chief Justice had protected the liberty of the five activists by placing them under house arrest in their own homes. The Bench also sought the entire case diary to examine how an investigation into a riots case in Bhima-Koregaon had spiralled into a conspiracy to assassinate a "sovereign head" and wreck "mass-destruction", as claimed by the police.

Edn Minister visits D.El.Ed. Exmination Centres at Imphal

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Education Minister Thokchom Radheshyam, yesterday, visited the higher secondary schools assigned as the examination centers for Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed.) at Imphal. The examination started on September 25 and will conclude on September 29. The Minister expressed that it was important to ascertain whether the examination of D.El.Ed. conducted by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is carried out without any disturbances and to confirm that the prevailing law and order condition is not interfering with the examination, he is personally visiting the examination centers, he added. Overall 96.15% attendance was recorded for today's examination. Mentioned may be made that recently the HRD ministry had directed that the teachers in both the private and Government schools and those willing to pursue teaching as profession must



have Diploma in Elementary Education (DEED). The Union Government has also directed the State governments to ensure that the all untrained teachers especially those teaching primary students register themselves for diploma course offered by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) by March 2019. In Manipur around 25,000 teachers have enrolled for the course out of which 23,000 are appearing for the examination.

Accompanied by the Joint Secretary, Education Shri L. Nandakumar Singh, and the concern officials the Minister highlighted that the visit is also meant to look into the

condition of the higher secondary schools of the state. He pointed out that it is important to strengthen the higher secondary schools of the state to bring out qualitative advancement in education to improve the performance of the students. Certain criteria of the school have been put in focus for expansion of the school infrastructure by developing extra classrooms, libraries and laboratories.

The Ministerial team had visited the Wangkhei Girls High School, T. G. Higher Secondary School, Johnstone Higher Secondary School and Ahanthem Tomba Upper Primary School, Keisamthong.

Two electricians held for tampering with energy meters in state

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Police have arrested two electricians for tampering with and bypassing a large number of energy meters in Chimpur area.

The two arrested have been identified as G Anurag, an electrician in the water resource department, and Liladhar Padu, a private electrician. Both the duo was arrested following an FIR lodged by Capital Electrical Division Executive Engineer Joram Lal, accusing them of illegally tampering with and bypassing prepaid energy meters, and giving illegal

connections in Chimpur area. The FIR was based on a report prepared by the electrical department's AE and JE posted in Chimpur.

It stated that Anurag was caught red-handed carrying out illegal activities, starting from his bachelor's barracks in the WRD complex in Chimpur. The FIR had stated, "He has also tampered with prepaid energy meters of residents of Sangey Lhaden Sports Academy in Chimpur". It also added that he was instrumental in providing illegal connections in and around the WRD complex and in many locations in Chimpur

area. The FIR said Padu was a close accomplice of G Anurag and both have been carrying out the illegal activities, causing damages to the electrical systems, inconvenience to the other consumers, and untold difficulties and miseries to the officers and officials of the department of power while discharging public service. The EE claimed that the duo's illegal activities resulted in leakage of huge revenue from the state exchequer. The department has sought stringent action against the duo as per the provisions of the law.

Tribal Food Mela held at Churachandpur

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Many local tribal delicacies caught the fancy of visitors and food lovers alike as they savoured items that are on offer during the Poshan Tribal Food Mela organized by Autonomous District Council, Churachandpur today at ADCC campus, Tuibong here as part of Rastriya Poshan Maah observance programme. Besides, ethnic culinary of various tribes living in Churachandpur were showcased.

Tribal dishes such as *Pachokchonol* (mashed wood ear mushroom), *Bawngke-rot*, boiled pork, *savchhihar* (rice and chicken pilaf), *mehpawk* (*chagempomba*), snail, chutney, salad, different kinds of wild/organic fruits and importantly tribal drinks (rice beer and beverage made of banana) are some items that received wide attraction.

T. Kammuanal Simte, CEO, ADCC said that the event was aimed at making the district and the State "malnutrition-free" besides conveying the message about the importance of right nutrition, right food and other healthy and hygienic practices to every household. Inaugurating the Mela, Shri V. Khaikhamnung, Chairman, ADCC underlined the



importance of nutritious food. He said tribal foods are mostly organic and nutritious while also urging all concerned to derive maximum benefits of the event.

Deputy Commissioner of Churachandpur Shri Shyam Lal Poonia said that with advancement in technology and invasion of the culture by factory foods and new/social media, it is imperative that the

indigenous foods, which are proven nutritious and readily available round the year at a fair price, are promoted. This will also go a long way in reconnecting the younger generations with their roots. He said that most of the young people now forget the practices of their forefathers. As such, events such as the tribal food mela would also serve as the right platform to link the present

generation with their past apart from fulfilling the objective of bringing children and lactating mothers under the coverage of Nutrition mission.

Display of over 50 recipes of 12 tribes of Churachandpur district, varieties of chutneys and diverse vegetables and wild fruits, traditional parade; health awareness talks, spot painting competition etc, are amongst other highlights of the event.

Ng. Rajesh, FO, ADCC said the Mela is the first of its kind in the entire district of Churachandpur and the organizers are thrilled by the footfall at the Mela, which also witnessed impressive attendance from ADCC Members.

Similar event was also held on September 17 last at Joutung village in Pherzawl district. Papao Haokip, a food enthusiast said that one's palate is satiated by the titillating flavours of local tribal delicacies. The idea, if enlarged, would be a hit among the food lovers of the district, he added.

Meanwhile, earlier in the day, a rally as part of SVEEP campaign was organized by the District Election Office wherein students and DLOs took part. The rally began from Churachandpur Govt College and culminated at ADCC premises.

Sabarimala verdict in Supreme Court LIVE updates: Top court lifts ban, women of all ages can enter temple

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Putting an end to a centuries-old tradition, the Supreme Court Friday ruled that women, irrespective of age, can enter Kerala's Sabarimala temple. A five-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra, said that the provision in the Kerala Hindu Places of Public Worship (Authorisation of Entry) Rules, 1965, which authorised the restriction, violated the

right of Hindu women to practice religion. It also said that patriarchy in religion cannot be allowed to trump the right to pray. The bench, which also comprised Justices R F Nariman, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and Indu Malhotra, had reserved its verdict in the case on August 2 this year. Four judgments were delivered today. Justice Malhotra, who penned a dissenting verdict, said the petition does not deserve to be

entertained. A clutch of petitions had challenged the ban, which was upheld by the Kerala High Court. The HC had ruled that only the "tantri (priest)" was empowered to decide on traditions. The petitioners, including Indian Young Lawyers Association and Happy to Bleed, argued in court that the tradition is discriminatory in nature and stigmatised women, and that women should be allowed to pray at the place of their choice.

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