

Biggest challenge was to safeguard evidence, says J&K IG Ahfadul Mujtaba



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Ahfadul Mujtaba, the inspector general of Jammu and Kashmir's police crime branch, oversaw the investigation into the January 2018 rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua. He spoke to

Mir Ehsan about the challenges they faced while investigating the case that was handed over to them amid protests in Kathua against the arrest of the eight accused. Edited excerpts: How difficult was the case for you to handle? It was a very difficult case as there was some destruction

of the evidence. The other obstacle was that people started taking to the streets... we did not react to the protestors. Our entire focus was on the collection of evidence... we had to go to the high court and then the Supreme Court as there were various issues and petitions regarding this case... [We feel] vindicated. Six persons have been convicted and one has been acquitted in the case... we will examine that [acquittal] and if the need arises, then we will also go for an appeal. What were the main challenges you faced? Every case is difficult. In such a case, the collection of evidence is always a very difficult job. At one point 45 lawyers

represented the accused. Did that put you under pressure? Not at all. Our public prosecutor, Santok Singh Basra, is one of the most competent lawyers I have known. He handled the case very professionally. What would you credit the cracking of this case to? The credit will go to the [crime branch] team members, who investigated the case meticulously. It has been proved how good they are. In this case, we had four prosecutors — Santok Singh Basra, Mr Chopra, Bhupinder Singh and Harinder Singh. We did our job without any fear and favour. Every member of our team deserves appreciation.

Rape cases on a high in UP even as CM Yogi holds meets on crime against children, women

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Around the same time when Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was holding high level meeting in Lucknow on Monday evening to discuss means to stop crime against child and women in the state, a cleric was arrested in Meerut for raping a 12-year-old girl in a madrasa.

The accused cleric, Shahid was beaten up by the people in Sarupur area after the alleged incident but he managed to escape. Shahid was later arrested when he was waiting to board a bus on the Meerut-Kamal highway. A case has been registered against the accused under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the office added. In another incident, in Kanpur, a 15-year-old girl was raped by a madrasa teacher on Sunday evening. The accused, identified as 35-year-old Javed, raped the girl in a room located on the premises of madrasa. The accused had visited the girl's house and asked her

mother to send her daughter with him to madrasa for filling up a blank form. On reaching the madrasa, the accused took her to a room and raped her. The girl, somehow, escaped and reached home. She narrated her ordeal to her mother and later, registered a police complaint. After a massive hunt, the police managed to nab the accused who was trying to flee.

In another incident, a minor girl was allegedly gang raped by six men in Kushinagar district on June 9. The six accused have been arrested and a case has been registered against them. In a fourth incident surfacing from Jalau, the body of a seven-year-old girl was found in a field, with her 'salwar' tied around her neck, fueling suspicion that she was raped.

The girl was missing since June 7 when she stepped out to play. A group of villagers found her body two days later and informed the family. Earlier, an 11-year-old girl was raped and murdered in Hamirpur district. The victim's naked body was found in a graveyard in the early hours of June 9.

Police have registered an FIR against unidentified accused for rape and murder. The post-mortem report confirmed sexual assault before she was strangled to death. There were injury marks on her private parts and around her neck. All the five incidents mentioned above have taken place after the Aligarh incident in which a two-and-a-half-year old girl was strangled to death and her eyes gouged out. The incident, that took place on May 30, has drawn widespread condemnation and calls for

giving harshest punishment to the guilty are intensifying. Meanwhile, after Monday's meeting, Adityanath has directed four women ADGs, Renuka Kumar, Tanuja Srivastava, Neera Rawat and Anju Gupta, to monitor the crime situation in two zones each. The Chief Minister also ordered that the anti-Romeo squads be re-activated and the monthly report on the 1090 women helpline should be prepared to analyze the crime pattern.

NCW chairperson demands death penalty for Kathua gang rape-murder case convicts

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NCW chairperson Rekha Sharma Monday demanded capital punishment for the six convicts in the sensational Kathua gang rape-murder case, saying the Jammu and Kashmir government should appeal in higher court. A court in Pathankot on Monday sentenced to life imprisonment

the three main accused in the gang rape and murder of an 8-year-old nomadic girl in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua, while awarding five years in jail to three others for destruction of evidence. Sharma welcomed the conviction, but said she was expecting capital punishment for the culprits. "The Jammu and Kashmir government must go for appeal in higher court," she said.

The girl was kidnapped on January 10 last year and gang raped in captivity in a small village temple in Kathua after having been kept sedated for four days. She was later bludgeoned to death. The incident led to a countrywide outcry and the trial was held on day-to-day basis at the district and sessions court in Pathankot.

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Sport News

Haryana, Maharashtra dominate 3rd day of Youth men's & women's national boxing ch'ship

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Haryana and Maharashtra dominated the third day of the 3rd Youth men's and women's national boxing championship in Rudrapur, Uttarakhand with eight pugilists from the two states progressing to the quarterfinals. Four boxers from Maharashtra entered the quarterfinals, while Ankit Narwal-led Haryana boxers also reached the last-eight stage. Narwal, the 2018 Youth Asian

Championship bronze winner, put up an incredible show in men's 60kg category to stave off a resilient challenge from Orissa's S.R. Sahoo. Narwal advanced with an unanimous 5:0 verdict. Haryana's Akshay Kumar also came up with similar result. He exposed his opponent's defence with a flurry of punches to post a comfortable 5:0 win and advance to the quarters of 64kg. In the women's category, Haryana's Bharti and Poonam continued the fine run for the

state. Bharti registered a hard-fought 3-2 win over Ekta Saroj of Punjab in a bout which went down to the wire, while Poonam got the better of Assamese boxer Kimpa Boro. The highlight of women's boxing though was the bout between Manipur's Babyrojisana Chanu and Kerala's Aiswariya Raj PT in the 51kg. Chanu proved too strong for her opponent as the referee had to stop the contest few seconds on the clock in Round 1.

Novak Djokovic tops ATP rankings

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Rafael Nadal might have won a 12th Roland Garros title on the weekend, but he remains well behind Novak Djokovic, a semi-finalist in Paris, in ATP rankings released today. Austrian Dominic Thiem, whom Nadal beat in yesterday's final, keeps his fourth place behind Switzerland's Roger Federer, who went down to the Spaniard in the last-four on his first appearance in Paris since 2015.

Russian Karen Khachanov jumped two spots into a personal best of ninth thanks to his achievement in reaching the French Open quarter-finals. Italy's Fabio Fognini, also a quarter-finalist at Roland

Garros and winner in Monte-Carlo in April, also moved up two places to 10th. The biggest mover in the top 20 was Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka, whose quarter-final defeat by Federer in Paris was enough to see him go up nine places into 19th. Ashleigh Barty leaped six places to world number two in the WTA rankings released today after the Australian's

surprise win at the French Open. Naomi Osaka narrowly retains top spot despite her shock elimination in the third round at Roland Garros which ended her hopes of winning a third successive Grand Slam. Britain's Johanna Konta moved up eight spots to 18th as a reward for reaching the French Open semi-finals.

You deserved a better send off: Rohit Sharma posts emotional message for Yuvraj Singh



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Indian opener Rohit Sharma believes Yuvraj Singh deserved a better send off for his stellar 17-year long international career. Yuvraj called time on his career at a press conference in Mumbai on June 10. Many former and current cricketers paid their tributes to the southpaw, who was

instrumental in India's triumph at the 2007 World T20 as well as the 2011 World Cup. Rohit posted a special message on Twitter in which he said: You don't know what you got till it's gone. Love you brotherman You deserved a better send off. Yuvraj, who made his international debut in an ODI against Kenya in 2000, played a total 304 ODIs, 40

"I did not tell anyone in BCCI that I have to play the last match. Agar main accha tha, potential tha toh main ground pe se chale jaata. (If I was good enough, I would have retired from the ground). Aur mujhe is tarha ki cricket khelna pasand nahi hai, ki mujhe ek match chahiye (I don't like to ask for a game, I have never played the game with that mindset)," he said.

ICC Cricket World Cup: Sri Lanka to take on Bangladesh this afternoon

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In the ICC Cricket World Cup, Sri Lanka will take on Bangladesh at Bristol this afternoon. The match will begin at 3 PM (Indian Standard Time). Both teams are currently in the bottom half of the 10-team points table.

They have played three matches each. Sixth in the table, Sri Lanka has won one game, lost one while one match ended without any result. Bangladesh is eighth with one victory and two defeats. The table is led by New Zealand with three wins from as many games. Hosts England is second with two

wins and one defeat, while India is third with two victories from two games. Australia is fourth with two wins and one loss from three matches. The West Indies is fifth a berth above sixth-placed Sri Lanka. Pakistan is seventh, Bangladesh eighth, with South Africa and Afghanistan being the bottom two sides.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

THOUBAL FOREST DIVISION

AUCTION NOTICE Thoubal, the 10th June, 2013

No. 5/39/2016/DFO TBL :- This is for Information of the general public. HPC cleared saw mills, registered carpentry shops etc. that a Departmental auction sale of the following Pine logs fallen during severe cyclone storm on 18th April 2019 at Ponthapokpi & Chandonching measuring 838.66 cft. (1st, 2nd, 3rd Lot), Tokpaching near Mondum mahadev measuring 303.56 cft (4th Lot) & at Waikhong IB Complex measuring 358.09 cft (5th lot) shall be held in the Office premises of the Waikhong Beat Office on the 17th June, 2019 at 11 am. The details of the logs are:

Sl.no.	Lot	Number of logs	Volume	Species
1.	1 st	81 logs	347.72 cft	Uchan(PinusSPP.)
2.	2 nd	99 logs	326.99 cft	Uchan(PinusSPP.)
3.	3 rd	62 logs	163.95 cft	Uchan(PinusSPP.)
4.	4 th	96 logs	303.54 cft	Uchan(PinusSPP.)
5.	5 th	28 logs	358.09 cft	Uchan(PinusSPP.)

All interested individuals/firms mentioned above may obtain the details including the terms and conditions of the auction sale from the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Thoubal or office of the Range Officer, Kakching Range, Kakching lamkhal and Office of the Beat Officer, Waikhong Beat during office hours on working days.

Sd/-
(Debala Leiphrakpam)
Divisional Forest Officer and chairman
Auction Sale Committee, Thoubal Forest Division