

National News

At AIIMS, Special Judge holds hearing to record Unnao rape survivor's statement

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Special Judge Dharmesh Sharma has reached the All India Institute of Medical Sciences to hold court proceedings to record the statement of the rape survivor who had accused lawmaker Kuldeep Singh Sengar of rape in 2017. The expelled BJP legislator represents Bangarham in the Uttar Pradesh assembly. The rape survivor was airlifted from Lucknow hospital to AIIMS in the national

capital for treatment of injuries during a road accident in Uttar Pradesh. Her family alleged Kuldeep Singh Sengar was behind the road accident in Rae Bareilly that killed two of her aunts and injured the woman and her lawyer. Last week, the Delhi High Court issued a formal order allowing special judge Dharmesh Sharma to hold court to record "the testimony of the victim in the premises/building of trauma centre of AIIMS in addition to the Tis Hazari District Court Complex during trial of the cases".

News agency PTI said Sengar, who is a key accused in the 2017 Unnao rape case, was also brought to the temporary court along with co-accused Shashi Singh for the proceedings. Sengar was expelled from the Bharatiya Janata Party last month after the Supreme Court took up a petition demanding a CBI probe into the road accident. Sengar faces charges of criminal conspiracy, kidnapping and rape under the penal code and a special

law to deal with sexual offences against children. The Supreme Court ordered the Central Bureau of Investigation to carry out a quick probe into the road accident and shifted the trial of the rape case from Uttar Pradesh to Delhi. The road accident had put the spotlight back on the survivor's family which, it turned out, had written 36 letters to top government officials, politicians and police officers to seek protection and help. Most of them were to seek protection from the four-time legislator, who was then considered an influential leader within the BJP.

PM Modi launches National Animal Disease Control Programme

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched the National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) for eradicating the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis in the livestock from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh. The programme aims at vaccinating over 500 Million Livestock including cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats and pigs against the disease. It will be implemented for a period of five years till 2024 at a cost of around 13 000 crore rupees. The Prime Minister also launched National Artificial Insemination Programme during the event and Babugarth Sex Semen facility. During his visit to Mathura, the Prime Minister also started Swachhta Hi Seva



Programme from today emphasising the need to put an end to single use of plastic. Earlier, Mr Modi visited the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Pashu Arogya Mela. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said, it is the responsibility of every citizen to inculcate the message of Mahatma Gandhi which will be a real tribute to

him on his 150th birth anniversary. He exhorted for putting an end to single use of plastic from 2nd of next month. He appealed to everyone to join in the Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign. He said, environment and livestock have always been a very important part of India's economic thinking. He

said, Brajbhoomi has always inspired the whole world and humanity. He said, the whole world is looking for a role model today for environmental protection. India has a source of inspiration like Lord Krishna in this direction. The Prime Minister said during last five years the milk production increased by 7 per cent due to the initiatives taken by the Narendra Modi government including implementation of Rashtriya Gokul Mission. He said, can anyone imagine the economy without livestock. He said, the vaccination drive taken up under the National Animal Disease Control Programme is also the part of 100 days of this new government. Health cards will be issued under it for those bovine animals for vaccination. The Prime Minister also launched the Start up grand Hackathon challenge and appealed to the youth to connect with this programme.

North east News

Centre constitutes MDC to look into development issues & district special needs

Courtesy TNT Kohima September 11.

A Multi Disciplinary Committee (MDC) was constituted by the Centre on 12 June, 2019 to look into the developmental aspects and issues of the Eastern parts of Nagaland, consisting of 4 districts with 6 major tribes.

After the formation, the committee is on its first visit in Eastern Nagaland to look into the developmental issues and special needs of the districts. The MDC who arrived on August 9, on Tuesday, visited various areas in the four districts. The MDC team was divided into two teams, one team led by Dr. AP. Maheshwari, Chairman & Special Secretary (Internal Security) MHA visited Mon and Kiphire districts, another team led by Joint Secretary DONER, Rambir Singh, visited Tuensang & Longleng districts.

The maiden visit of the MDC for spot verification, and the formation of the MDC itself has aired concerns from the Eastern Naga People Organisation. It may be mentioned that the ENPO has been demanding for a separate Statehood "Frontier Nagaland", and talks have been held in the bureaucracy level for the last 8 years. The recent invitation by the MHA to the ENPO for talks on August 13, had concluded with the assurance by the MHA to the delegation to hold talks at the political level after August

15, however, there has been no dates fixed. The MDC after touring the districts held a closed door meeting with Eastern Naga People Organisation, Eastern Naga Student's Federation and Eastern Naga Women Organisation here at Hotel De Oriental, Kohima. According to the ENPO the meeting was inconclusive and when the Organisations sought clarification from the MDC on whether the formation of the committee and its visit in line with the Statehood demand and the memorandum submitted, the MDC failed to come with a clarity stating it as not the right platform to ask the question. The ENPO have made their stand clear that their demand and memorandum clearly

specifies regarding separate Statehood and nothing else. Kekongchim Yimchunger, President ENPO said, "We will not accept any development packages if it is in line with the Statehood demand but if it not then they will have to give us a written assurance that it is not in line with the Statehood demand and the memorandum submitted". The MDC also held meetings with all the Developmental Departments in which the respective departments presented reports on the developmental projects in Eastern Nagaland. On 11 September, the MDC will hold series of meetings with all the Developmental departments and Eastern Nagaland Legislators at the State Capital.

2 minors killed in separate road accident

Courtesy TNT Tura September 11.

In an unfortunate incident, a minor was killed in a road accident which took place at around 4:10 PM on Tuesday, in Selbalgre, West Garo Hills. The deceased has been identified as Deangchaki G. Momin, a 12-year-old boy hailing from Sasatgre. He was a student of class 7, studying at Rongram HRS School, Tura. Police preliminary enquiry suggested that the vehicle

was found near Selbalgre towards Oragitok road on a sharp turn, the vehicle skidded and turned on one side where the minor boy, who was seated in the rear carriage of vehicle came under the vehicle and was crushed to death on spot. The deceased's body has been taken to Civil Hospital Tura for a Post Mortem and further necessary legal formalities are being observed, according to police.

India says its high time to collectively take decisive action against terror groups & their abettors

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India has said, it is time to collectively take decisive and firm action against terror groups and their abettors who threaten the fundamental human right to life. Making a statement at the United Nations Human Rights Council, UNHRC in Geneva, Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs Vijay Thakur Singh said, the world should call out those who are misusing the UNHRC platform for malicious political agendas under the garb of human rights. Without naming Pakistan, she said, those who are attempting to speak on the human rights of minorities in other countries



are trampling upon them at will in their own country. She said, they cry victim when they actually are the perpetrators. Exercising its right to respond to Pakistan Foreign Minister's statements at the UNHRC, First Secretary of Permanent Mission of India to UN, Vimarsh Aryan said, India is

not surprised at Pakistan's hysterical statements with false narratives aimed to politicize and polarize the forum. He said, Pakistan realizes that India's decision cuts away ground from under its feet by creating obstacles in its continuing sponsorship of cross-border terrorism.

Amidst Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's provocative anti-India statements, Aryan said, some Pakistani leaders have even gone as far as calling for jihad to encourage violence in Jammu and Kashmir and three countries to create a picture of genocide, which even they know is far from reality. The diplomat said, Pakistan's nefarious designs will never succeed because people of India are united in their determination to preserve the territorial integrity along with the core values of democracy, tolerance and unity in diversity. The First Secretary said, Pakistan which is the epicentre of global terrorism, is claiming to speak on behalf of unnamed countries on the issue of human rights and it is forgetting that terrorism is the worst form of human rights abuse.

Sports News

Haryana's Preeti Dahiya and Punjab's Gagandeep Kaur progress into quarter-finals of Junior Women's Boxing Nationals

By a Correspondent Rohtak, September 10.

Punjab and Haryana dominated the proceedings with 4 and 6 wins respectively as the preliminary rounds concluded at the 3rd Junior Women's National Boxing Championships in Rohtak, Haryana on Tuesday. Haryana's Preeti Dahiya (60kg) and Punjab's Gagandeep Kaur (57kg) were among the boxers who progressed into the quarter-



walkover. Andhra Pradesh's Peddada Kavya put up a spirited effort in 57kg to secure a 3-2 win over Tamil Nadu's Zeenath N. Kolkula Krishna Veni (63kg). Gangula Sri Harika (60kg) also made it to the quarters from the same state. The North-East was represented by Mizoram's Naom Chingsannuami (57kg), a 3-2 winner over Delhi's Khushi Mann in 57kg. Manipur's Hudirom Ambeshori Devi also entered the quarters by dint of her one-sided 5-0 victory over Assam's Kalpana Singh in 57kg. Her teammate Tingmelhing Chonglioi (63kg) got a walkover into the quarters

while Thongam Kunjarani Devi was an RSC in R1 winner over Kerala's Anusha K in 60kg. Kimnunneem (66kg), meanwhile, was made to work hard for her 4-1 win over Maharashtra's Hiral Makwana. Assam's Gitimoni Bora (75kg) and Arunachal Pradesh's Tsering Lahamu (66kg) were also among the winning names. The six-day tournament, which will pick out the best of India's rising female pugilists, has a total of 233 boxers participating from 27 states across 13 weight categories. The quarter-finals are scheduled to take place on Wednesday followed by the semi-finals on Thursday and the grand finale on Friday.

Emerging Asia will be driving world economic growth in next 20 years: Dharmendra Pradhan

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Union Minister for Petroleum, Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan has said that emerging Asia will be driving the world economic growth in the coming 20 years. Addressing the opening session of the Eighth Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER8) in Abu Dhabi yesterday, Mr Pradhan stressed that the low income and low per capita energy consuming

countries should have access to technology and capital when it comes to energy efficiency. He underlined the need for comprehensive responses, by involving all stakeholders and spoke of strengthening the bilateral, regional and multilateral relationships to achieve energy security and energy justice for all. On the sidelines of the Eighth Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable, Mr Pradhan also held a series of bilateral discussions with leaders from

other countries. AIR correspondent reports that Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan in his opening remarks spoke of the shift of the global energy consumption to Asia and stressed that this change should be rooted in Energy Justice. He stressed that there is need for comprehensive responses, by involving all stakeholders and strengthening of bilateral,

regional and multilateral relationships to achieve energy security and energy justice for all. The Minister said that a number of path-breaking policies and initiatives under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi have been taken during the last 5 years to realize energy justice for over 1.3 billion people in the country. Outlining the Energy Vision, Mr Pradhan said that this is based on four pillars of energy access, energy efficiency, energy sustainability and energy security.