

National News

'Could frustrate probe': SC rejects Chidambaram's pre-arrest bail request

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P Chidambaram, the former finance minister who has spent 15 days in custody of the Central Bureau of Investigation, may be arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in the INX Media case. The Supreme Court on Thursday turned down his request for protection against arrest by the federal investigating agency mandated to probe money laundering, ruling that the ED was right to argue that his custodial interrogation was necessary. A two-judge bench led by Justice R Banumathi also rejected the contention of Chidambaram's legal team that



the court should not be given information in sealed cover. "The court can peruse documents in sealed covers to consider bail," the bench said, but underscored that it would not do it in this case to make sure that it does not prejudice Chidambaram's case. The judges observed that anticipatory bail at an initial

stage could "frustrate the investigation". "It's not a fit case to grant anticipatory bail. Economic offences stand at a different footing and has to be dealt with a different approach," the court said, according to news agency Agency. Chidambaram has been in custody of the Central Bureau

of Investigation for the last 15 days, the last three days at his request to block an effort by the probe agencies to send him to Tihar jail since his petitions were still pending before the top court. The Supreme Court said Chidambaram could apply for regular bail before the competent court on his arrest. The top court's ruling places the decision on what next with Chidambaram in the hands of the Enforcement Directorate and the CBI special court at Rouse Avenue Court complex in the national capital. The CBI told the court earlier this week that it was done with interrogating Chidambaram for its case and he should be sent to judicial custody in Tihar. For now, Chidambaram can avoid Tihar jail only if the ED arrests him today or he is granted bail by Special CBI judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar.

The cases being investigated by the CBI and ED relate to the alleged irregularities in the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance given to the INX Media group for receiving foreign investment to the tune of Rs 305 crore in 2007, when Chidambaram was finance minister. The CBI registered a first information report on May 15, 2017, alleging irregularities in the manner the clearance had been awarded.

Assam Governor Professor Jagadish Mukhi To Grace the 8th Convocation of Assam Don Bosco University

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The 8th Convocation of Assam Don Bosco University is scheduled to be held on 7th September, 2019 at the Tapesia campus of the University. Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, the Honourable Governor of Assam, will preside over the function as the Visitor to the University and deliver the Presidential Address. The Chancellor, Fr. Januarius Sangma, and the Vice Chancellor, Fr. (Dr) Stephen Mavely, will also grace the solemn function. A host of dignitaries from Civil, Church and Academic institutions of the region will also be gracing the occasion. The program will be webcast live on www.dbusiversity.ac.in and https://sites.google.com/dbusiversity.ac.in/convocation 816 students from across the globe will graduate at the 8th Convocation - BTech (212), BCA (28), M Tech (21), MBA (37), MCA (43), MSW (67), MSc. Psychology (21), MA Education (12), MSc Physics (14), MSc Chemistry (32), MSc Biotechnology (15), MSc Biochemistry (2), MSc Microbiology (21), MSc Zoology (42), BCom (33), and BA Philosophy (13). 191 graduates of the Centre for Open and Distance Learning will receive

their respective degrees. Doctoral degrees will be conferred on 12 scholars. Gold Medals under various categories will be awarded to 20 outstanding graduates with the highest Cumulative Grade Point Average in each program. The Chancellor's and the Vice Chancellor's medals, for overall outstanding performance and notable contribution to campus life, will be awarded to two graduating students at the Convocation. This year the annual celebratory ceremony of the University Community to recognize excellence and educational achievement will be celebrated around the theme for the current academic year, "Mindfulness works". Established in 2008, Assam Don Bosco University is the first University in India of the worldwide Don Bosco Society, present across 132 countries serving 15 million young students. In October 2018, the University was awarded 'University of the Year' (among universities in India in existence for 1-10 years) by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the 14 FICCI Higher Education Summit held in New Delhi. The University has been selected as one of 15

universities from around the world chosen for a documentary serial on higher education impacting lives of people by BBC DreamWorks and International Association of Universities (IAU). The Association is a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), Commonwealth Association of Universities (ACU), International Association of Universities (IAU), and the Association of Don Bosco Institutions of Higher Education (IUS). It has collaborations and MoUs with scores of esteemed National and International universities/organizations. Currently the University offers 17 post-graduate, 16 graduate, and 23 doctoral programmes under five schools which include Technology, Fundamental and Applied Sciences, Life Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Management and Commerce. The University has a singular focus on the creation and maintenance of an ambience where Academic Excellence, Research, Innovation and Social commitment blend into a seamless way of life that stamps the profile of every Assam Don Bosco University Graduate.

US backs India's declaration of Azhar, Saeed, Lakhvi, Dawood as terrorists

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The US has backed India designating four Pakistan-based criminals as terrorists under an amended law saying that it expands possibilities of cooperation between Washington and New Delhi in fighting terrorism. The Acting Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia, Alice G Wells, tweeted on Wednesday, "We stand w/ #India and commend it for utilizing new legal authorities to designate 4 notorious terrorists: Maulana Masood Azhar, Hafiz Saeed, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi and Dawood Ibrahim. This new law expands possibilities for joint #USIndia efforts to combat scourge of terrorism." Lashkar-e-Taiba chief Hafiz Saeed, Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar, LeT's supreme commander of operations in Kashmir Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi and fugitive underworld don Dawood Ibrahim were designated as terrorists under the amended Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) on Wednesday through a government notification.

The amendment to the UAPA allows the Indian government to designate individuals as terrorists, making it match similar US laws opening an added avenue for joint action against terrorists. Before the amendment only organisations and not individuals could be given the terrorism designation by India. Under the US Immigration and Nationality Act the State Department has the authority to designate groups as terrorist organisations. The Treasury Department can place both individuals and groups on a "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list, which covers terrorists, narcotic traffickers and others acting against foreign policy and national security goals. The Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control is empowered by presidential emergency powers and several laws to make the designations and enforces economic sanctions such as travel bans, asset freezes and prohibition of financial transactions against those on the list. LeT and JeM have the State Department's terrorist

designation and the four individuals and the two groups are on the Treasury Department's list. India amending the UAPA and designating the four terrorists rectifies an anomaly because it had asked the United Nations Security Council to designate them as global terrorists while it did not have provisions to designate individuals as terrorists. The Council designated Azhar as an international terrorist in May after China dropped its long-standing objection. The other three and the two organisations already had the designation. India says that Azhar was behind several terrorist incidents in India, including the 2001 attack on the Parliament, the 2016 Pathankot Air Force base attack and the Pulwama car-bomb attack in February that killed more than 40 paramilitary personnel. Saeed was the mastermind of the 2008 Mumbai attacks that killed more than 160 people. Ibrahim is said to have coordinated the series of 12 bombings in Mumbai that claimed 257 lives, and also financed terrorist activities.

PM Modi to address plenary session of 5th EEF, holds bilateral talks with his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the plenary session of 5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) at Vladivostok in Russia today. Mr Modi is attending the EEF as the chief guest at the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin. The EEF provides a platform for discussing issues aimed at expanding international cooperation in Asia-Pacific region and developing the economy of Russia's Far East. There are several sessions involving India at the EEF. Among them are harnessing the power of Youth, Logistics - a digital pathway, Human Capital in Eurasia, and the Russia-India business dialogue. India and Japan have called for a free and open Indo-Pacific region to make it secured and prosperous. Prime Minister

Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on the margins of Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok this morning. Briefing the newsmen, Foreign Secretary Vijaya Gokhale said that both leaders shared similar views on the Indo-Pacific region and stressed the importance of bilateral cooperation on economic matters and people to people contacts in the region. The Foreign Secretary said both leaders decided to hold the first 2 plus 2 ministerial meeting of Foreign and Defence ministers of both countries ahead of the annual bilateral summit in New Delhi in December this year. He said they also discussed about regional and international issues including trilateral meeting of India, Japan and America that was held on the margins of G-20

summit. Foreign Secretary said both Mr Modi and Mr. Abe also discussed about the Regional Economic Cooperation Agreement that is being negotiated by 16 countries and also about trilateral cooperation with African countries. Prime Minister Modi also met Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir bin Mohammad and discussed several matters including extradition of Zakir Naik. The Foreign Secretary said the extradition of Zakir Naik is an important matter for India. Mr Gokhale said matters related to trade and terrorism also figured during the talks between both leaders. He said the Malaysian Prime Minister assured Mr Modi that his government would try to balance the trade by importing more goods and services from India.

Sports News

BAI announces 23-member squad for BWF World Junior Championship

By a Correspondent
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The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has announced the 23-member Indian squad that is set to participate at the BWF World Junior Championship 2019 to be held in Kazan, Russia from 30th September to 13th October 2019. The boys' singles challenge will be led by Tamil Nadu's Sathish Kumar who has amassed an impressive total of 925 points from the All India Junior Ranking tournaments held in Panchkula and Bangalore in the month of August. "While selecting the squad, BAI has looked into the performances of the young shuttlers at the two All India Junior Ranking tournaments held in Panchkula and Bangalore last month and considered the cumulative ranking points each of them earned," said Ajay K Singhania, General Secretary, BAI. The girls' team will be



of 1000 points. In the boys' doubles category, Manjit Singh Khwairakpam and Dingku Singh Konthoujam from Manipur will be the biggest hopes from the Indian contingent after topping the table with 852 points from two tournaments. Tanisha Crasto will also lead the charge in mixed doubles with Chattisgarh partner Ishaan Bhatnagar after the pair's brilliant run in the two ranking tournaments. The pair topped the ranking table after winning both the ranking tournaments and locking 1000 points with the wins. At the previous edition, Lakshya Sen brought India's fifth boys' singles bronze medal from this prestigious tournament and the squad will hope to add to India's medal count. The coaching team will be headed by Junior National coach Sanjay Mishra and the team will be undergoing a training camp, starting September 13 in Bangalore that will continue till September 27.

The Squad		State/Org	Sr No	Name	State/Org
BOYS					
1.	Sathish Kumar K	TN	1.	Tasnim Mir	GUJ
2.	Rohan Gurbani	A.I.	2.	Aditi Bhatt	UTR
3.	Maisnam Meiraba	A.I.	3.	Trisha Hegde	AI
4.	Pranav Rao Gandham	T.S.	4.	Unnati Bisht	UTR
5.	Ishaan Bhatnagar	MNP	5.	Tanisha Crasto	GOA
6.	K. Manjit Singh	MNP	6.	Treesa Jolly	TN
7.	K. Dingku Singh	MNP	7.	VS Varshini	KER
8.	Yash Raikwar	MP	8.	Shruti Mishra	UP
9.	Iman Sonowal	ASM	9.	Samridhni Singh	UP
10.	Navaneeth Bokka	TS	10.	Ramya C.V.	KER
11.	Qadeer Moimuddin	TS	11.	Nafeesah Sara Siraj	KER
12.	Sankarprasad Udaykumar	KER			