



IT-BOMBAY STUDENT SUICIDE | INSTAGRAM CHAT SHOWS CASTE-BASED DISCRIMINATION- SOLANKI'S FATHER WRITES TO SIT

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"It is telling of the fact that in Darshan's experience in IIT-Bombay, people stopped liking him after they learned that he was a reserved category student."

RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN FINED FOR BREACHING IPL CODE OF CONDUCT

Ashwin was fined for breaching Article 2.7 of the IPL's code of conduct during the match which the Royals won by three runs on Wednesday night. Rajasthan Royals off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin was on Thursday fined 25 per cent of his match fee for breaching the IPL code of conduct during his side's match against Chennai Super Kings.

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"Ashwin admitted to the Level 1 Offence under Article 2.7 of the IPL's Code of Conduct. For Level 1 breaches of the Code of Conduct, the Match Referee's decision is final and binding," a statement from the IPL said.

The statement did not mention the nature of the offence but Article 2.7 of code of conduct for players and team officials relates to "public criticism of, or inappropriate comment in relation to an incident occurring in a match or any player, team official, match official or team participating in any match, irrespective of when such criticism or inappropriate comment is made".

After the match, Ashwin had said that he was left puzzled by the umpires' decision to change the ball on their own because of the dew at Chepauk on Wednesday, and had called for consistency while taking such decisions.

The heavy dew at the MA Chidambaram Stadium forced the umpires to intervene and change the ball during CSK's run chase, leaving Ashwin, who returned figures of 2/25, "surprised".

'I AM RESPONSIBLE'. ATIQ AHMED ON ASAD'S KILLING; REQUESTS OFFICERS TO ALLOW HIM TO ATTEND SON'S LAST RITES

Atiq Ahmed expressed grief over the killing of his son Asad, whom police killed in an encounter, and blamed himself for his death. While being taken to Naini jail, the gangster has urged the officials to allow him to attend his son's last rites. However, it has been said that Atiq Ahmed will not be permitted to attend his son Asad's last rites and members of his wife's family may claim the body.



Asad Ahmed Encounter: **Atiq Ahmed** blamed himself for his son Asad's killing in an encounter with a team of the Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (STF) on April 13. If reports are to be believed, the gangster-turned-politician, expressed grief after knowing about his son's encounter and said, "I am responsible". It was also said that Atiq Ahmed broke down in Prayagraj court when he learnt about the death of his son and one of his aides, Ghulam.

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On March 28, Atiq Ahmed was convicted by an MP-MLA court and sentenced to rigorous life imprisonment in the abduction case of now-dead Umesh Pal. As per the charge sheet filed by UP Police, the gangster has confessed that he has direct connections with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba.

MUMBAI: BUILDER ARRESTED FOR NOT DELIVERING FLATS AFTER TAKING MONEY

AS MANY AS FIVE CASES OF CHEATING HAVE BEEN REGISTERED AGAINST THE BUILDER AND HIS ABSCONDING PARTNER

A 41-year-old builder has been arrested here for allegedly cheating several buyers by not giving them possession of flats after taking money, police said on Thursday. As many as five cases of cheating have been registered against the builder and his absconding partner under the Maharashtra Ownership Flats Act (MOFA), said an official.

The arrested builder and his partner had promised flats to customers in their ongoing housing project in Madanpura area but did not fulfil the commitment though the customers had paid nearly the entire price of the flats, he said.

The duo allegedly cheated customers to the tune of Rs 4.26 crore, the official added.

While four cases were registered against them at the Nagpada police station, one was registered at J J Marg police station.

After the registration of First Information Reports (FIRs), the duo changed their appearance, stayed in different locations and did not use their mobile phones or even contact family members which made it difficult to trace them, he said.

On a tip-off, a police team nabbed one of them from suburban Kurla while search was on for his partner, the official added.

MUMBAI: THREE METRO STATIONS RENAMED ON PUBLIC DEMAND

THE MMRDA ISSUED AN ORDER OF RENAMING THE THREE METRO STATIONS - PAHADI EKSAR, VALNAI AND PAHADI GOREGAON.

Owing to public demand, the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) has changed the names of three of the recently opened Metro stations on the line 2A. It operates between Dahisar East and Andheri West (D N Nagar).

On Monday, the MMRDA issued an order of renaming the three metro stations - Pahadi Eksar, Valnai and Pahadi Goregaon. Hereon, Pahadi Eksar will be renamed as Shimpoli, Valnai will be known as Valnai - Meeth Chowky and Pahadi Goregaon will be identified as Bangur Nagar.

The changes have been done due to demand from the local residents as the areas where these stations have been constructed are more popularly identified by the new names.

According to residents, the names of Pahadi Eksar, Valnai and Pahadi Goregaon only created confusion among the public. The areas are referred with these names in the government records and documents, but in reality people don't identify the localities with them.

In March 2022, due to demand from Dahisar residents, the MMRDA had renamed Upper Dahisar station to Anand Nagar. While it has been a year since the section between Dahisar East and Dhanukarwadi was operationalised, it was only in January that the route up to Andheri West (D N Nagar) was inaugurated.

AMAZON CEO ANDY JASSY SAYS FIRING 27,000 EMPLOYEES IS HARD BUT WILL PAY OFF WELL FOR COMPANY

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Amazon's CEO Andy Jassy has sent an annual letter to shareholders, highlighting the difficult times that the company went through in the past and that he is now confident that the recent cost-cutting measures would help the platform grow. In his letter, which is published on the official website of Amazon, the executive admitted that some of the measures such as firing 27,000 employees are hard, but the decision will pay off well for the company. He revealed that Amazon took a "deep look across the company, business by business," to analyse if "each initiative's long-term potential (will) drive enough revenue, operating income, free cash flow, and return on invested capital." In the past few months, the e-commerce giant has shut down certain businesses, as part of its cost-saving measures.

Jassy asserts that a telehealth service and other experimental projects were ended by the company. It also pulled plugs from the expansion of its Fresh supermarkets, and trimmed down warehouse expansion. He admitted that the layoff of 27,000 employees through multiple rounds is hard, but all these measures will help the company streamline overall costs for the business.

"We will work hard to spend wisely and maintain our lean culture. We understand the importance of continually reinforcing a cost-conscious culture, particularly in a business incurring net losses. At this stage, we choose to prioritize growth because we believe that scale is central to achieving the potential of our business model," he said.

WHATSAPP INTRODUCES NEW SECURITY FEATURES. ACCOUNT PROTECT, DEVICE VERIFICATION AMONG OTHERS

Meta-owned WhatsApp has unveiled new measures to give users greater control over their messages and enhance privacy levels. The messaging app aims to make conversations as secure as face-to-face discussions, and the updates will roll out gradually, with some taking place automatically in the background.

The instant messaging platform has unveiled a new security measure called Account Protect, which will provide an extra layer of protection to users when they transfer their WhatsApp account to a new device. The feature will prompt users on the old device to confirm that they intend to move their account to another device, helping to prevent unauthorized attempts.

WhatsApp has introduced another new feature called Device Verification, which aims to protect users from mobile device malware that can exploit their phone without permission and use their contacts to send secure messages more accessibly. With no action required, WhatsApp has added checks to authenticate users' accounts and safeguard them in case their device is compromised.

In addition to the list of new features, the company is also introducing an Automatic Security Code verification feature to verify connections securely, based on a process called "Key Transparency." Previously, only the app's most security-conscious users could use the security code verification feature to ensure they were chatting with the right recipient. The new feature aims to make secure messaging more accessible to everyone, verifying the security of the connection without requiring any action from users.

Moreover, WhatsApp also offers two-step verification and end-to-end encrypted backups as security options that users can activate for themselves. The company encourages users to share these features with their friends to help more people stay secure. The ultimate goal of the new features is to give users greater privacy and control over their messages, and WhatsApp promises to continue developing new tools to enhance the security of its platform.

POLICE LAUNCH MANHUNT FOR TWO MEN FOR ROBBING ELDERLY RICKSHAW DRIVERS

Police launch manhunt for two men in their early twenties suspected of robbing elderly rickshaw drivers at night by pretending to need to go to the hospital.

MUMBAI: The police have launched a manhunt for two men in their early twenties suspected of robbing elderly rickshaw drivers at night. Their modus operandi is to hire a rickshaw late in the night by pretending to get their ailing mother or a family member to the hospital and then threaten them at knifepoint.

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According to the Borivali police, the duo is wanted for several such robberies in the northern suburbs as well as in the Mira-Bhayandar areas. "We are aware of at least 20 such robberies which the duo is suspected to have committed over the past month," said a police officer.

The latest case against the unknown duo is registered based on a complaint lodged by Rameshram Gupta (58). The police said that in the wee hours of Wednesday, Gupta was waiting for a passenger at SV Road in Borivali when two men approached him. "The men seemed distressed and looking for an auto," said Gupta, a resident of Nalasopara who generally drives his auto at night to avoid traffic congestion during the day.

Gupta told police that he usually parked his auto near the Dahisar subway before going home each day. "On Wednesday when I was about to park the auto, the men approached and told me that their mother was sick and wanted to take her to the hospital. They told me to drive to the new MHB Colony," said Gupta.

At 3.45am, when they reached the VK Menon School, one of the robbers removed a knife and threatened Gupta to give them his phone, wallet and cash in his pocket.

2 FOREIGNERS SWAP BOARDING PASSES IN MUMBAI, FLY TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

Mumbai: Mumbai Police arrested a Sri Lankan native and a German citizen after they allegedly exchanged their boarding passes at the airport in Mumbai to travel to London and Kathmandu respectively, an official said today.

The incident took place on Monday at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai.

The 22-year-old Sri Lankan citizen, who was travelling on a fake passport, and the 36-year-old German native had exchanged their boarding passes in a toilet at the airport for travelling to London and Kathmandu, the official said.

The matter came to light when an attendant of an airline company noticed that the departure stamp on the passport of the Sri Lankan citizen appeared to be forged, he said.

It was also found that the departure stamp number on the passport was different from the stamp number on his boarding pass, the official said.

After realising that he was caught, the Sri Lankan national, who had reached the UK, revealed his original identity following which he was deported to Mumbai on Tuesday, the police said.

During the enquiry, he told the police he wanted to go to the UK for a better career opportunity, the official said.

The police also apprehended the German citizen who had the Kathmandu-bound boarding pass, he said.

During interrogation of the two foreigners, it came to light that both stayed in a plush hotel near the airport in Mumbai on April 9 and hatched the plan to swap their boarding passes, the official said.



MUMBAI: COPS FINALLY ARREST 1 IN CANCER SCAM RACKET

TWO MONTHS AFTER MID-DAY EXPOSED QUACKS FLEEING KIN OF CANCER PATIENTS RIGHT OUTSIDE LEGIT HOSPITALS, POLICE GET THEIR HANDS ON ONE OF THE ACCUSED



Weeks after mid-day exposed a gang of quacks who prey on the vulnerable at cancer hospitals, the Bhoiwada police nabbed a member of the group. The cops acted swiftly after this newspaper submitted crucial evidence to help them crack down on the menace.

The accused has been identified as Swami Babu Shirke, 31. He would introduce himself to cancer patients' relatives as Ashok Sanap. He was arrested recently from Vitthalwadi in Kalyan.

After examining pieces of evidence that these reporters had gathered during a weeklong undercover investigation in February, the Bhoiwada police began to search for older cases of fraud that had been registered. They then zeroed in on an FIR that was registered last November.

Sub-Inspector Amit Kadam told mid-day that Shirke is a member of the same gang of quacks that lures and fleeces desperate families of cancer patients by offering them 'ayurvedic' cures.

On November 3, 2020, a 35-year-old victim, Navin Ramchandra Lad, registered an FIR under Section 420 (cheating) against a gang of thugs, including Krishna Patil, Sandeep Patil, Suresh More, Ashok Sanap and one Jadhav.

Shirke was indirectly in touch with Krishna Patil, the alleged ringleader whom mid-day had exposed in its first investigative piece, dated February 27.

This paper also shed light on how the racketeers operated in cahoots with certain ayurvedic dispensaries in the city.

The members would give their victims Krishna's contact number and ask them to get in touch with him for the cure. The relatives of patients were then asked by Krishna to obtain a variety of items to be turned into a paste.

MUMBAI: TWO DIE, FIVE INJURED AFTER GETTING ELECTROCUTED IN VIRAR

SOURCES TOLD MID-DAY THAT AROUND 200 PEOPLE HAD GATHERED TO JOIN THE RALLY ON THURSDAY EVENING, BUT THE CELEBRATION TURNED SOUR AROUND 10:30 PM



Two people died of electrocution while five others were injured after a flag hoisted on a metal rod touched a transformer on the eve of Ambedkar Jayanti in Virar East.

Sources told mid-day that around 200 people had gathered to join the rally on Thursday evening, but the celebration turned sour around 10:30 pm. "There was a trolley made of metal. The revellers had also been playing banjo on the trolley which was being pulled by youth. After making rounds to commemorate the celebration on the eve of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti, the trolley was returning. A flag was hoisted on a metal rod which was installed on the trolley," said a source.

"There was a pothole on the road and when one of the wheels of the trolley passed through the pothole, the trolley tilted towards left and the metallic rod touched the transformer that was just on the left side," one of the injured revellers told mid-day.

"Though the surface of the trolley was made of wood, the electric shock could not harm those who were standing on the trolley, but those who were pulling and pushing it got either severe electric jolts or got serious burn injuries," the divisional Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Ramchandra Deshmukh told mid-day.

"Those who died have been identified as Sumeet Shivaji Sood (28) and Rupesh Sharad Surve (20). Both of them died on the spot. Three others who were seriously injured in the incident are rushed to Kasturba Hospital in Mumbai. The other two who have received mild injuries are being treated in civic-run hospital in Nagindaspada in Nalasopara East and Radiant Hospital," Deshmukh added.

THE BRIDGE THAT WILL STAND TALL FOR 100 YEARS



DIVING AROUND 10-15 METRES UNDER THE CREEK WATERS, THE DIVERS WEREN'T IN SEARCH OF MULTI-TENTACLE SEA ANIMALS BUT PIPELINES SUPPLYING OIL AND GAS TO MUMBAI.

MUMBAI: IN ONE OF THE PASSAGES IN THE CLASSIC SCIENCE FICTION ADVENTURE NOVEL 'TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEAS', FRENCH WRITER JULES VERNE TALKS ABOUT DIVERS IN SEARCH OF GIANT SQUIDS. ALMOST A CENTURY AND A HALF SINCE IT WAS WRITTEN AT LEAST HALF A DOZEN DIVERS - AND THIS TIME FOR REAL - BETWEEN 2016-18 JUMPED INTO VARIOUS CHANNELS OF THE THANE CREEK SURROUNDED BY MUDFLATS, AS A PRECURSOR TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF MUMBAI TRANS HARBOUR LINK (MTHL) -- INDIA'S LONGEST SEA BRIDGE.

SHAH RUKH KHAN, SS RAJAMOULI ON TIME'S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL LIST

THE LIST ALSO INCLUDES US PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, KING CHARLES, SYRIAN-BORN SWIMMERS AND ACTIVISTS SARA MARDINI AND YUSRA MARDINI, STAR ICON BELLA HADID, BILLIONAIRE CEO ELON MUSK AND ICONIC SINGER AND ARTIST BEYONCE.

INDIAN ACTOR SHAH RUKH KHAN, FILM DIRECTOR S.S. RAJAMOULI, AUTHOR SALMAN RUSHDIE AND TELEVISION HOST AND JUDGE PADMA LAKSHMI ARE AMONG THE WORLD'S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF 2023, TIME MAGAZINE SAID ON THURSDAY.

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SHAH RUKH KHAN'S PROFILE, WRITTEN BY FELLOW ACTOR DEEPIKA PADUKONE, SAID, "FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS KNOWN HIM INTIMATELY AND CARES FOR HIM DEEPLY, 150 WORDS WILL NEVER DO JUSTICE TO THE PHENOMENON THAT IS SHAH RUKH KHAN." SHAH RUKH KHAN.

MS DHONI'S TWEET FROM 2014 IS VIRAL AFTER CHENNAI SUPER KINGS LOSE TO RAJASTHAN ROYALS IN IPL 2023

Dhoni smashed a valiant 32 off just 17 balls and came back unbeaten but this knock came in a losing cause as Rajasthan Royals beat Chennai Super Kings by 3 runs.

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) captain MS Dhoni almost took his side to a brilliant come-from-behind win against Rajasthan Royals. Courtesy a brilliant last over from pacer Sandeep Sharma, RR won the nail-biter by just 3 runs. Dhoni (32 off 17), Ravindra Jadeja (25 off 15) went back unbeaten after giving a good fight. CSK, after this win, have 2 wins from 4 matches as RR jumped to top of IPL 2023 Points Table. As soon as the match finished, Netizens discovered old tweet made by Dhoni which reflected his mindset. The tweet read: "Doesn't matter which team wins, I am here for entertainment."

Take a look at Dhoni's 9-year-old tweet that has gone viral again on twitter:

When MS Dhoni said this he mean it. What a knock Mahi, We Love You! ❤️

#MSDhoni | #CSKvRR

Mahendra Singh Dhoni @msdhoni

Doesn't matter which team wins, I am here for entertainment

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VIRAL TWEET