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CHHATTISGARH CONGRESS LEADERS SEARCHED DAYS BEFORE PARTY MEET IN RAIPUR

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate on Monday conducted searches at multiple locations in Chhattisgarh, including at premises linked to Congress party leaders, as part of an ongoing investigation into the coal levy money laundering case, officials said.

The raids come days before the three-day plenary session of the Congress party from February 24-26 in state capital Raipur. The state is ruled by the party under Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

According to officials, searches are underway since early this morning at over a dozen locations that include those of MLA Devendra Yadav in Bhilai (Durg district), Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee treasurer Ramgopal Agrawal, chairman of Chhattisgarh State Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board Sushil Sunny Agrawal and party's state spokesperson RP Singh in Raipur.



The raids also covered some other ruling party leaders.

They said the ED is investigating those who have been the "beneficiaries" of the proceeds of crime of the alleged coal levy scam perpetrated during the tenure of the current government.

Hitting out at the BJP over raids, head of state Congress communication wing Sushil Anand Shukla said, "The BJP is afraid of the Congress' 85th plenary session scheduled to be held in Raipur and in a bid to disturb it the opposition is misusing the central agency."

REAL ESTATE AGENT 'KILLED' BY 2 BROTHERS, THEIR WIVES IN MUMBAI

MUMBAI: A real estate agent died after he was allegedly assaulted by his two younger brothers and their wives reportedly over a property dispute on Friday. MIDC police registered an FIR against four persons under IPC sections for culpable homicide not amounting to murder and common intention on Sunday.

Late on Sunday, police arrested Jitendra Motkuri (43) and Mahendra (40) for allegedly assaulting Ravikumar (46). Initially, MIDC police registered a case of accidental death report. The FIR was registered against the brothers and wives after a video surfaced on social media, in which the victim's wife (Sapna) alleged he was killed by his brothers and their wives in front of her and her two sons. DCP (Zone X) Maheshwar Reddy said they have registered a case under IPC sections 304 and 34 against the four and arrested two.

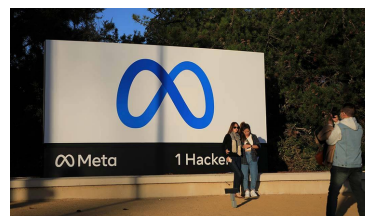


META ROLLS OUT NEW PAID VERIFICATION SERVICE AMID SLOWING ADVERTISING GROWTH

Meta Verified is a part of Meta's new business strategy to increase sources of revenue as its advertising growth slows.

Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, announced on Sunday it will be testing out a paid verification subscription service that makes it easy for users to verify their accounts. The move behind the subscription service is to increase "authenticity and security across its services", Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a Facebook post.

Dubbed Meta Verified, the service will be priced at \$11.99 a month for the web and \$14.99 a month on iOS. The service will allow users to submit their government ID to get a verified blue badge as well as direct customer access to customer support.



THE INDIA FIX: WILL A RETURN OF THE WESTERN 'FOREIGN HAND' HELP THE BJP DEFEND ADANI?

Billionaire philanthropist George Soros is a regular fixture in the political conversation of the West. Till last week, however, outside a small circle of investing geeks, he was unknown in India.

That changed when on Thursday, he commented on the Adani corruption scandal rocking the Indian markets. The investing legend pointed to the fact that Adani and Prime Minister Modi were frequently seen as longtime allies, arguing that the controversy would dent the Bharatiya Janata Party leader's image. "Adani Enterprises tried to raise funds in the stock market, but he failed," Soros said. "Adani is accused of stock manipulation and his stock collapsed like a house of cards. Modi is silent on the subject, but he will have to answer questions from foreign investors and in Parliament."

Soros was hardly the first person to make this point. Links between the Adani group and the BJP have long been a part of the public conversation in India. However, Soros seemed to be the moment the ruling party was waiting for. For the first time since Hindenburg, the US short seller, made wide-ranging allegations of malfeasance against Adani, the BJP jumped publicly into the conversation - by attacking Soros.

AURANGABAD: TENANT'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH LANDLADY, MARRIAGE ARRANGED

Aurangabad Crime News: Tenant had sex with the landlady. But she threatened to make the photo viral after getting married.

Aurangabad Crime News: A shocking incident has come to light in Naregaon area of Aurangabad. Here the tenant often established a physical relationship with the landlady by offering the lure of marriage. But she threatened to make the photo viral after getting married. Therefore, the victim woman has filed a case of rape against the tenant youth in MIDC CIDCO Thane. Mohammad Mosin Md. The name of the accused is Momin Shaikh (age 32 years, Res. Naregaon).

According to information received, Mohammad Mosin had come to live as a tenant with a 21-year-old woman living in Naregaon Golden Hall Samiha Masjid area. He was working at a washing center. Meanwhile, the lady of the house and Mohammad Mosin got to know each other well. Next, Mohammad Mosin made a match with the woman who owned the house.

He lured her into marriage, often having physical relations with her. However, as soon as the woman demanded marriage, the accused Mosin refused and threatened to make the private photos viral. So finally the woman ran to the police. A case has also been registered with the police on the woman's complaint.

AI IS HERE TO STAY, ENCOURAGE CHATGPT'S USE IN CLASSROOMS: EXPERTS

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Artificial intelligence or AI-based chatbot ChatGPT has taken the entire world on the spin with its accuracy in text generation. Taking heed to its growing use among school students, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) prohibited its use in the upcoming class 10 and 12 board exams. The use of ChatGPT will amount to using unfair means in the exam, the board officials said.

A large language model, ChatGPT generates human-like text based on a given prompt or context. It can do most of the text-generation tasks that involve natural language for communication. The tool compiles information available online to form a response to a given prompt. With its open-source interface, experts have raised questions about its impact on the education industry, especially with school kids who can access the app for completing their assignments. "The app can also hamper the creative thinking and research skills of students," is what several experts are arguing



BENGALURU NEWS LIVE UPDATES: BJP CHIEF J P NADDA IN KARNATAKA FOR THREE DAYS, SET TO ADDRESS RALLIES IN POLL-BOUND STATE

Bengaluru News Live Updates: J P Nadda is scheduled to take part in various activities and events, aimed at preparing the party for Assembly elections likely by April or May.

With the Karnataka Assembly polls round the corner, BJP president J P Nadda is on a three-day visit to the state. Nadda arrived in Mangaluru on Sunday evening and is scheduled to attend a booth-level convention at Udupi on Monday morning and address a public rally at Byndoor at noon. He will then travel to Chikkamagaluru district for a convention with arecanut planters followed by a meeting of elected representatives.

Meanwhile, the bureaucratic circles of Karnataka were in for a shock on Sunday as IPS officer D Roopa Moudgil released some pictures of IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri, claiming that she had sent them to three male IAS officers. A day earlier, Roopa had levelled 19 allegations against Sindhuri, which were a reference to the personal chats between Sindhuri and



DK Ravi prior to his death by suicide in 2015. Kusuma Hanumantharayappa, wife of the deceased 2009-batch IAS officer Ravi said that the CBI report on her husband's suicide had mentioned the names of those responsible for the suicide. Sindhuri so far has denied all charges and said that she would pursue legal action against the IPS officer. In other news, Bengaluru will witness mainly clear skies throughout the day. Mist will likely prevail in some areas during the early morning hours.

MADHYA PRADESH CABINET BRINGS NEW LIQUOR POLICY, ORDERS CLOSURE OF BARS; CHECK NEW RULES HERE

The Madhya Pradesh cabinet has decided to close all the bars operating in the state, with the liquor shops only being allowed to sell liquor to the customers at the shop.

This move comes as the state aims at discouraging liquor consumption.

While addressing a press conference, state government spokesperson, Narottam Mishra said, "Since 2010, no new liquor shop has been closed in the state. Even during Narmada Seva Yatra, several shops were closed.

This year also the liquor policy has been brought to discourage liquor consumption." Ahatas', an area attached to a liquor shop for people to drink and shop bars have been closed under the new excise policy that was approved by the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government.

"Now, the cabinet has approved the proposal to close all the bars operating in the state. Now, the facility to drink at the shop bars is being ended, and only liquor will only be sold at the liquor shops," he said.

Further adding, he said that as per the policy, The distance of liquor shops from educational and religious institutions has also been increased from 50 to 100 meters.

Apart from this, strictness will also be increased on those who drive after drinking alcohol. He said that it has also been decided in the cabinet meeting that the provisions will be tightened against the suspension of driving licenses of those who are caught drunk driving.