

PROTESTING WRESTLERS TARNISHING COUNTRY'S IMAGE: IOA CHIEF PT USHA

GRAPPLERS HIT BACK: OUR DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO PROTEST; UNFORTUNATE USHA CAN'T UNDERSTAND PAIN OF WOMEN ATHLETES.

On the day an ad-hoc committee took over the wrestling administration, Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha said sportspersons "protesting on the streets" amounted to indiscipline and were tarnishing the image of the country. This came after Sports Minister Anurag Thakur had insisted that "Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji's govt has always stood with players" and "sports and athletes are their priority".

Speaking to reporters after the IOA's Executive Committee meeting that nominated Wushu Association of India president Bhupendra Singh Bajwa, former shooter Suma Shirur and a retired High Court judge to run the wrestling body

Sports minister Thakur said the government has always stood with athletes. "We wanted an independent probe. Anyone who wanted to speak in front of the oversight committee was given the chance to speak. There was no restriction. The time period of the probe increased because of them, we allowed that. There were 14 meetings of the oversight committee. Police have said it will do a preliminary enquiry before lodging FIR," he said. The statements made by the former sprint queen didn't go well with the wrestlers protesting at Jantar Mantar. "I am extremely disappointed with PT Usha making such statements, being a woman and former athlete. It's unfortunate that as a woman she is not able to understand the pain these women are undergoing," Olympic medalist Bairang Punia said.



and hold elections, Usha said: "The IOA has an athletes' commission. Instead of going on the streets, they would have come to us. The wrestlers themselves suggested an ad-hoc committee and we have formed one." "They should have come to us. If they didn't get a solution, they could have gone everywhere. Straightaway going to the streets is not good for sports. We don't want any problems with our sportspersons. We want our athletes to participate in the Asian Games. "This kind of agitation is not good for the country's image and amounts to indiscipline. This negative publicity is not good for the country. We want to be with any athlete who has represented India but under the rules, regulations and law of the land."



SCIENCE
Mega genomic project reveals how humans and animals are closely attached
 The study identified parts of the genome functionally important in people and other mammals and showed how certain mutations can cause disease. The evolutionary process on the planet has been one of the biggest advances in nature and a group of scientists are now tracing it to identify the genetic traits shared by animals and those unique to humans. The project compared genomic data of 240 mammal species over 100 million years.

MUMBAI CRIME: TEACHERS OF KANDIVALI PRE-SCHOOL REMANDED TO POLICE CUSTODY FOR THRASHING CHILDREN

THE DUO TEACHER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS JINAL CHEDA AND BHAKTI SHAH. THEY WERE BOOKED UNDER SECTION 23 OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT 2000 (PUNISHMENT FOR CRUELTY TO A JUVENILE OR CHILD)

The Kandivali police on Wednesday One parent Kaushal Zaveri (35) realised sudden aggressive arrested the two teachers of a changes in his child's behaviour. As per the statement given to the Rhymes and Rumbles play school police, Zaveri asked other parents whose kids were also in the for allegedly mistreating, hitting, preschool about any change in their kid's behaviour. Parents of and head-slapping toddlers. the kids had also realised sudden aggression in their kids.

After more than three weeks, both More than 25 children aged between two-and-half years old and the teachers were arrested on above, were studying in the preschool. All the parents complained Thursday and the duo was produced to the preschool management on March 27. The management took before the Borivli Metropolitan the matter seriously and watched every CCTV camera footage Magistrate Court. inside and outside it.

The court remanded them one-day They were shocked to see two of their teachers mistreating the complainant's son and other kids. All police custody, informed an officer parents then approached the police and registered a complaint. During the investigation, it was revealed from the Kandivali police station. The duo teachers were seen hitting the kids, throwing them on the floor, pinching their cheeks hard, and duo teacher has been identified as even hitting them on their heads with books the officer added.

Jinal Cheda and Bhakti Shah. They "We analyzed the video recordings provided by the parents of the students. As per the Supreme Court were booked under section 23 of the guideline, the accused needs to be given notice in a case where the punishment is less than seven years. Juvenile Justice Act 2000 So following the procedure, we have given them notice 41A (of CrPC)," said the police officer. Meanwhile, (Punishment for cruelty to a juvenile the accused approached the session court for the Anticipatory Bail Application (ABA) and when the or child). session court rejected their ABA the duo approached the high court.



Entertainment

Jiah Khan suicide case verdict by CBI court likely today: What we know

After almost a decade, a special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court in Mumbai is likely to give its verdict in connection with the death of actor Jiah Khan on Friday. The actor was found dead at her residence in Mumbai on June 3, 2013.

Last week, special CBI judge AS Sayyad, after hearing the final arguments of both sides, reserved his judgment in the case for April 28.

Based on a letter seized on June 10, 2013, which was purportedly written by Jiah Khan, 25, the Mumbai Police had booked actor Sooraj Pancholi under Section 306 (abetment to suicide) and arrested him.

Sooraj, son of actors Aditya Pancholi and Zarina Wahab, was allegedly in a relationship with Jiah, best known for her performance in Amitabh Bachchan starrer 'Nishabd'. Jiah's mother Rabia Khan alleged that her daughter was murdered.

WOMAN COP FOUND DEAD IN MUMBAI HOME, WAS ON LEAVE FOR OVER A YEAR

"The body of a female sub-inspector was found in her own house. The area is attached to Mumbai's Nehru Nagar police station." Mumbai Police DCP Hemraj Rajput told ANI.

Mumbai: A body of the Mumbai Police woman sub-inspector, who was on leave due to illness, was found in her house in the city's Nehru Nagar area, a senior police official informed on Thursday.

"The body of a female sub-inspector was found in her own house. The area is attached to Mumbai's Nehru Nagar police station. The name of the female police officer was Sheetal Adke, due to illness she was on leave for the last one and a half years," Mumbai Police DCP Hemraj Rajput told ANI. "She, a Maharashtra resident, was living in a rented house in Mumbai. Yesterday,



according to neighbours smell was coming out of her house. Accordingly, they informed the local police. The police officials reached the spot and broke the door of the house," he added. "Our investigations are underway. We are registering a case of accidental death. Our investigations are underway. As of now, nothing suspicious has been found in this matter," he added.

THANE: MAN BOOKED FOR MOLESTING AND THREATENING A TEENAGE GIRL

The incident occurred in the early hours of Wednesday and based on the complaint filed by the Around 4 am, the accused victim, the police registered a entered their house and case of molestation against the molested the victim by touching accused her inappropriately," an official A man allegedly molested his of Bhoiwada police station said. sister's teenage female friend when she got up, he threatened when she was asleep at her house her saying that if she revealed it in Bhiwandi town of to anyone, she will have to face Maharashtra's Thane district, an dire consequences, he said. official said on Thursday. The accused is the brother of the victim's friend, the police said.

The incident occurred in the early hours of Wednesday and based An offence under Indian Penal on the complaint filed by the Code (IPC) sections 354 (assault victim, the police registered a or criminal force to woman with case of molestation against the intent to outrage her modesty), accused, he said. 452 (house-trespass) and 506 "The girl, who is around 17-years- (criminal intimidation) and under old, was sleeping at her home the Protection of Children from with her family members at night. Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act was Due to the rising temperature, registered against him.

COVID INTRANASAL VACCINE FOR ELDERS TO START FROM TODAY IN MUMBAI

MUMBAI: The BMC will start administering the intranasal vaccine against Covid-19 from Friday at selected centres across the 24 wards. The free vaccine doses will only be available to senior citizens who want to take precautionary shots, the BMC announced on Thursday.



The civic officials issued a list of centres where Bharat Biotech's intranasal vaccine INCOVACC will be available and said it can also be accessed on social media. Each of the 24 wards will have one centre administering the vaccine. The registration will be on a spot and the vaccination centres will remain operational between 9 am and 3 pm. The diabetes.

However, three deaths were reported in Maharashtra, including one each from Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur. The victim from the city was a 64-year-old man who had a history of chronic kidney disease and diabetes.

In another sign of the surge coming down, the daily positivity rates for Maharashtra declined to 5% and 8.6% respectively. Active cases for the state dropped under 5,000 for the state (4,874), reported 754 new cases, a 4% drop from the while that for Mumbai came down to 1,114. The BMC's public health department reported 135 new cases, down by 27% from 185 cases reported a day prior.

NAVI MUMBAI: METRO SERVICES TO START SOON AS TRIALS CONCLUDE

ONCE THE CMRS ISSUES CERTIFICATION, THE DECK WILL BE CLEARED FOR THE COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF THE NAVI MUMBAI METRO.



The dream of Navi Mumbaiers to enjoy metro rides will soon be fulfilled as the commissioner of metro railway safety (CMRS) concluded the final test for the whole stretch of line one of Navi Mumbai Metro on Tuesday. Once the CMRS issues certification, the deck will be cleared for the commercial operation of the Navi Mumbai Metro.

The CMRS started the final test of the whole stretch on April 17 in phases. The test was concluded on Tuesday, April 25. It included rolling stock, electrical, civic, security and others.

CMRS clearance necessary for commercial operation
The clearance from CMRS is important for the commercial operation of the Metro. The Navi Mumbai metro was delayed due to multiple reasons. Even the planning agency had to blacklist one of the contractors.

Of the 11 km stretch of line 1, around 5.3 km from Pendhar to Central Park in Kharghar will be tested and opened to the public after getting approval. Following the project being delayed due to a number of reasons including blacklisting the contractor, CIDCO appointed MahaMetro for the completion of the remaining work and starting the operation. Meanwhile, CIDCO continues to provide all necessary support.

The project got momentum after MahaMetro took up the work for the Belapur-Pendhar route. So far, the Metro has completed trials related to oscillation, electrical safety, emergency brakes, etc. successfully and obtained certificates from the RSDO.

Navi Mumbai Metro fare
The fare of Metro line 1 starts at ₹10 and the planning agency claims that this fare is lower than the fare of air-conditioned buses of NMMT for the same distance. As per the decision, commuters will have to shell out ₹10 for a distance of up to 2 km. Similarly, from 2 to 4 km, the fare will be ₹15. For every 2 km, there is a rise of ₹5 in the fare. However, beyond 10 km, the fare will be ₹40.

Phase 1 of Navi Mumbai consists of 11 stoppages covering a distance of 11.1 km from Belapur to Pendhar (near Talaja).

MUMBAI COURT STAYS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MEHUL CHOKSI IN RS 22.5 CRORE BANK FRAUD CASE

MUMBAI: A special trial court in Mumbai on Wednesday stayed proceedings before a magistrate in a Rs 22.5 crore bank fraud case filed by Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) Ltd against Gitanjali Gems Ltd (GGL) of which Mehul Choksi was a director. The order came in a revision application filed by one of the co-accused Vipul Chitalia.



The IFCI had filed a complaint with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Banking Securities Fraud Branch, Mumbai, alleging that Choksi approached IFCI seeking financial assistance of Rs 25 crore, for which he pledged jewels worth double the loan amount after due valuation by government-approved valuers. When GGL started committing defaults in its repayment, the IFCI, in order to default the security, conducted a fresh valuation of the pledged jewels. It showed the valuation of the pledged jewels had allegedly dropped by 98%. The IFCI alleged that Choksi colluded with the valuers and got the valuation inflated, further adding that the diamonds pledged were low-quality lab-made chemical vapour stones.

not the real ones, thus leading to a wrongful loss of over Rs 22 crore. The CBI had on April 30, 2022, lodged an FIR on the charges of cheating, criminal conspiracy, and under the Prevention of Corruption Act. On March 2, 2023, the CBI filed its charge sheet before an additional chief metropolitan magistrate (ACCM) at Esplanade court in Mumbai alleging cheating and criminal conspiracy against eight accused, including GGL and Choksi, on which the ACCM took cognisance. Chitalia then approached the sessions court with a review plea and his lawyers Vijay Aggarwal and Abhiraj Ray argued.

MUMBAI: OVER 300 ILLEGAL PAN BEEDI SHOPS TORN DOWN IN THREE DAYS

POLICE FILE 35 FIRS FOR RUNNING UNLICENSED SHOPS, SAY ACTION WILL CONTINUE; SHOP OWNERS ASK HOW BMC AND COPS FOUND THEM ILLEGAL AFTER YEARS



In a three-day joint operation launched on Tuesday, a team of city cops and civic officials demolished over 320 illegal pan and beedi shops, including those located within 100 yards (approximately 100 metres) of schools and colleges. The police have registered 35 FIRs so far, officers said on Thursday.

Also, 1,766 people have been fined for smoking in public places under The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003. Joint Commissioner of Police (law and order) Satyanarayan Chaudhary told mid-day, "This operation will continue. We won't let anyone run pan beedi shops illegally." On Thursday, the Gamdevi police and officials from D ward demolished the popular pan shop, Muchhad Paanwala, along with two others near Stefan Church at B D Road in south Mumbai.

'Why did they wake up now?'
A shop owner near Chetna college, Bandra East, said, "We had been running our shop for years, but the authorities only now realised that these were illegal. The BMC demolished my stall and the police seized everything that was in there." He had been paying rent to the owner of the bar outside where he had his stall.

Another shop owner from Bandra West said, "Every new babu comes up with a new law just to harass poor people like us. We have been selling cigarettes and pan to cops and civic officials too, but the same people are destroying the businesses of people like me."

22-YEAR-OLD MEDICAL STUDENT DIES AFTER FALLING FROM TREE IN MUMBAI

PODAR COLLEGE STUDENT DIES DUE TO NEGLIGENCE



A 22-year-old student, studying at Podar Ayurved Medical College in Mumbai's Worli, died after falling from a tree on Wednesday night.

The deceased student has been identified as Dayanand Kale, hailing from the Dharashiv district of Maharashtra. Dayanand was pursuing BAMS at Podar Ayurved Medical College.

Around 10.30 pm on Wednesday, Dayanand climbed a tree but fell down while plucking mangoes, suffering a fatal head injury. He later succumbed to the injuries.

Students alleged that the death of Dayanand was due to negligence of the hospital administration and not getting timely treatment. They also staged a protest and stopped the OPD service of the hospital.

DELHI: WOMAN HACKED TO DEATH BY HUSBAND IN NEB SARAI

A 55-YEAR-OLD PROPERTY DEALER HERE IN SOUTH DELHI'S NEB SARAI AREA ALLEGEDLY HACKED HIS WIFE TO DEATH WITH AN AXE AND TRIED TO KILL HIS TWO CHILDREN, INJURING THEM BOTH IN THE NECK, POLICE SAID ON THURSDAY.

VIJAY VEER, THE ACCUSED, OFTEN USED TO HAVE A ROW WITH HIS 50-YEAR-OLD WIFE OVER DOWRY, AND AFTER ONE SUCH FIGHT THURSDAY, HE ATTACKED HER WITH AN AXE WHILE SHE WAS ASLEEP, THEY SAID. ACCORDING TO POLICE, ANOTHER REASON FOR FREQUENT FIGHTS BETWEEN THE COUPLE WAS VEER'S EXTRAMARITAL AFFAIRS AND HIS WIFE'S CONFRONTING HIM ABOUT IT. HE ALSO DIDN'T LIKE THE FACT THAT HIS WIFE WAS SUPPORTED BY THEIR SON AND DAUGHTER, BOTH AGED 28 AND 30, A SENIOR POLICE OFFICER SAID. THE MATTER WAS REPORTED THURSDAY AROUND 6.30AM BY THE DAUGHTER, A LAW GRADUATE, WHO SAID HER MOTHER WAS ATTACKED WITH AN AXE BY HER FATHER

VIRAL TWEET SHOWS MAN WAS REJECTED BY BENGALURU LANDLORD OVER "LOW" CLASS 12 MARKS

A MAN WAS REJECTED BY A PROSPECTIVE LANDLORD IN BENGALURU BECAUSE OF HIS POOR MARKS IN CLASS 12.

Bengaluru has been experiencing a high demand for rental properties as a result of the growing migration of software businesses and engineers to the city. House hunting for the working class is becoming more difficult due to issues like rising rent and extremely high-security deposit requests from landlords. Benefiting from the high demands of the houses, the landlords are also putting extra pressure on the tenants to share unnecessary details. Landlords frequently ask prospective tenants for their LinkedIn profiles, as well as information about their colleges and perhaps even a brief autobiography. tenants in Bengaluru are increasingly venting on social media about their housing issues in the IT capital.

Currently, a post about a unique issue a tenant faced is going viral on social media. The tweet, posted by a user named Shubb, says that a landlord refused to rent a home to his "cousin" in Bengaluru because of poor marks in Class 12.

A Twitter user named Shubb shared screenshots of a conversation where the landlord rejected a prospective tenant because his 12th-grade marks weren't as high as the landlord wanted.

