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5 of family among 14 killed in blast at illegal firecracker unit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PATNA, MARCH 4

FOURTEEN PEOPLE, including five members of one family, were killed and 10 others were wounded in a blast at an illegal firecracker manufacturing unit inside a house in Bhagalpur district on Thursday night, police said.



The unit was illegally operating from a house. Prasanna Kumar Das

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to seek an update on relief and rescue operations, as the state police on Friday ordered a probe by the Patna Anti Terrorist Squad (ATS).

Tatarpur police station around 11.30 pm Thursday, at a house owned by one Mohammed Azad. Azad, police said, had rented out the house to Leelawati Devi, who, besides four of her family, is among the 14 killed.

at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital, police said. The intensity of the blast was such that three adjoining houses were also damaged. The in-charge of Tatarpur police station, Sudhanshu Kumar, has been suspended for dereliction of duty.

Journo held for writing satires against state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAIPUR, MARCH 4

A RAIPUR-BASED journalist was arrested on Wednesday after he wrote political satires allegedly critical of the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh government.

Indiawriters.co.in and its magazine, was filed by Congress member Khilawan Nishad with the Raipur cyber police. Nishad alleged that the fictional characters in Sharma's articles under his 'Churwa Ke Maati' column resembled state ministers and Congress legislators.

in his column and drove a wedge between ministers. After forming the government in 2018, the Congress had promised a law to protect journalists against harassment. A draft bill was shared with the public for feedback last year.



No SHOW

An IAF aircraft during a full dress rehearsal of the 'Vayu Shakti 2022' exercise, at the Air Force firing range in Pokhran, Rajasthan, on Friday. The event has, however, been postponed by government, although no reasons were given.

Can't curb discussion in academia: High Court to Savarkar biographer

SOFIA AHSAN NEW DELHI, MARCH 4

THE DELHI High Court on Friday told historian Vikram Sampath that academics are well within their rights to debate about plagiarism allegations against him and asked him to desist from filing applications every week seeking injunction against them.

of the view that you had plagiarised or something, you cannot get an injunction against (a) thousand people who are talking about this," Justice Amit Bansal said during the hearing of an application filed by Sampath seeking removal of certain tweets posted by historian Audrey Truschke.

down Truschke's five tweets. On Friday, Sampath, through his counsel, told the court that Truschke has now posted an open letter of support by "75+ concerned scholars for Drs. Ananya Chakravarti, Rohit Chopra, and Audrey Truschke regarding their service to the profession and academic freedom in calling attention to Dr. Vikram Sampath's plagiarism".

SC: Protection to former Punjab DGP in future cases 'shocking'

Says will ask CJ to hear Saini's plea himself or assign it to different judge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MARCH 4

THE SUPREME Court has termed as "unprecedented" and "shocking" the Punjab and Haryana High Court order granting protection from arrest to former Punjab DGP Smedh Singh Saini, who has accused the state government of attempts to falsely implicate him, in cases "pending or likely to be registered" against him till the Punjab Assembly election is over.

different judge than than the one who had passed the order and dispose of the petition within two weeks. "We will keep this matter (appeal) pending," the SC said. The Assembly election in Punjab was held on February 20. Votes will be counted March 10.

The High Court order had been passed by a single-judge bench on September 10, 2021, while hearing a plea by Saini who had requested that investigation in cases registered against him be handed over to "CBI or any other independent agency outside the Punjab".

There will be a clear stay for the arrest of the petitioner in all cases pending or likely to be registered or registered or where he is sought to be implicated in the aid of Section 120-B IPC except FIR No.77, where the matter is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, till the General Election in the State of Punjab...," it had said.

FMCG MANUFACTURING UNIT AVAILABLE ON RENT. As an Interim Resolution Professional of a unit which MANUFACTURES FOOD PRODUCTS AND BEVERAGES SITUATED AT BAHADUR COLONY, TALMA, JALPAIGURI, WEST BENGAL-735121 is inviting interested parties to take the unit on Rental basis for a period of 6 months renewable for further period of 6 months with mutual consent till approval of Resolution Plan from NCLT.

RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, VIDYA VIHAR, BHUBANESWAR-751022. Walk-in interview. A walk-in interview for in state students and online interview for out state students will be conducted for two (02) temporary position of (Junior Research Fellow 01 & Project Assistant 01) women candidates only for the project entitled "Development of rapid diagnostic kit for early detection of rhizome rot in turmeric and ginger" funded by DST, Govt. of India New Delhi on 11.03.2022 (Wednesday) at 11 AM in Dept. of Life Sciences, Rama Devi Women's University.

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Kerala CPI(M) state bodies infused with new blood

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MARCH 4

KERALA UNIT OF CPI(M) on Friday infused its state committee and state secretariat with some new blood, effecting a decision of the party's central committee to fix 75 as the age limit for the leaders in party bodies. Politburo member Kodiyeri Balakrishnan was, however, elected as the state secretary for the third consecutive

term. The restructuring of the state-level bodies comes on the heels of the party's decision in the last year's Assembly elections not to field a leader who had been a legislator for two consecutive terms. In the new 17-member state secretariat, the only leader aged above 75 is Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Among the eight new members, the most conspicuous is the presence of Public Works Department Minister and Vijayan's son-in-

law PA Mohammed Riyas, who is now emerging as the Muslim face of the CPI(M) in Kerala. Former MPP K Biju, former legislator M Svaraj and Vijayan's political secretary Puthalath Dinesan are among the young faces in the state secretariat. Central committee members Thomas Isaac, AK Balan, PK Sreemathi and EP Jayarajan have also made it to the state secretariat, another central committee member Elamaram Kareem was dropped. Riyas and Kareem hail from Kozhikode district.

suspended from the party on charges of sexual misconduct, returned to the state committee. Rajya Sabha member John Brittas was made invitee to the state committee, while a few others who were dropped on account of the age limit, were made special invitees. Former chief minister VS Achuthanandan, who had retired from active politics due to ill health, was retained as one of the special invitees. The state committee has 13 women, three of them are new entrants.

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE ACE(M)-2. 2142 JANTA FLATS G.T.B. ENCLAVE DELHI-110093. PRESS NIT NO-79 (2021-22). Replacement of 300 mm dia sewer line and Making Interconnection with Loni road 450 mm dia sewer line at Ashok Marg in AC-64 Under ACE (M)-2 Re-invited.

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (C)-4. ROOM NO. 307, VARUNALAYA PHASE-I, JHANDEWALAN, KAROL BAGH NEW DELHI-110005. NIT NO. 03/Dy. SE(P) SR-II (2021-22). Desilting of 1000 mm size and above diameter peripheral trunk sewer lines in the command of Dwarka STP with vacuum super sucker and jetting cum suction machines with water recycling technology.

Development Support Agency of Gujarat (D-SAG) An autonomous Society promoted by Trible Development Department, Govt. of Gujarat. Expression of Interest. Development Support Agency of Gujarat (D-SAG) invites Eoi from intending bidders for Impanelment "GPSC Class 1-2 & SPIPA Entrance Exam for Tribal Students." The tender (Eoi) document can be downloaded from the website www.dsag.gujarat.gov.in and www.nprocure.com from 04/03/2022, 15:00 hours onwards.

DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE CE (W) PW-I / EE (PR) W-VIII. A-BUILDING, VARUNALAYA, JHANDEWALAN, NEW DELHI-110005. Phone No.- 011-2353083, Email:- eeoprojectw8@gmail.com. NIT No: 10 (2021-22). P/L 600 mm dia water line for disposal of waste water from Bhagirathi WTP to Gazipur drain.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (WATER WORKS) DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. DELHI CHANDRAWAL: WATER WORKS NO. II CIVIL LINES: DELHI-54. Office Telephone No.- 23815504. E-mail: eecplantw.djb@gmail.com. PRESS NIT No. 47 (Item No. 1, 2 & 3)/(2021-22). Special repair/renovation of Administrative Block at Savana Water Treatment Plant. (Re-invited).

Government of Odisha Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur. Tel- 0663-2548268, E-mail Id serwirclesbp@yahoo.com. No: 438 Dated: 02.03.2022. Bid Identification No. Bridge Tender Online - RWCSBP-48/2021-22. The Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites online percentage rate Bid from experienced & eligible bidders for 1 (one) no. of Bridge works under BSY for the year 2021-22 in the District of Bargarh.

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-5 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M)-5. ROOM NO. 312, VARUNALAYA PHASE-I, JHANDEWALAN, DELHI-110005. PRESS NIT No. 58(2021-22)M-5. Shifting/replacement of old 12" dia. (300 mm dia.) water line from 150 Double Storey to Andh Vidyalyaya, New Rajender. Nagar under EE(West)-II AC-39 Rajender Nagar (Re-invite).

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE "e" Procurement Notice for Bridge Work. Identification No.- Online Tender- Bridge N.C.B. No. 321. Letter No. 598/WE. Date. 03.03.2022. Name of the Work :- Bridge Works. Total No. of work :- 1 No. (One). Estimated Cost :- Rs. 1067.25 lakhs (Approximately).