

'Principal's removal held up by CM'

LG says transfer file of accused in sexual harassment case lying with the CM for 45 days

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IN a fresh attack launched at Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, L-G VK Saxena accused him of delaying the action against the principal of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College where an array of sexual harassment were reported by the girl students.



The L-G has alleged that the transfer file of the accused principal in the sexual harassment case has been held up by Kejriwal for the last 45 days. This comes days after Delhi health minister Saurabh Bhardwaj urged the L-G to take action against the accused. "Even as Delhi's Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj has been crying foul over the alleged sexual harassment at Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College and demanding the removal of its principal, the file for his transfer has been held up for nearly 45 days by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal himself," a note issued by Rajniwas said. "Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj, in a note to L-G VK Saxena on March 20, 2024, de-

manded the immediate removal of Ishwar Singh from his post, alleging that he was uncooperative with the girl victims in the matter and that he discouraged them from pursuing the case further," it added. While addressing the delay in the decision of removal of the prime accused from the position of authority, Saxena also questioned the "motive" of the AAP government in the national capital. "But what raises serious doubts over the government's motive is the fact that the file

'Principal, accused mentioned in note to CM'

Rajniwas officials said that an official note to the CM was written by the L-G before his arrest on March where he was urged to hold a meeting of NCCSA that he heads as a chairperson. In that note, the transfer of principal and the accused professor was mentioned. An FIR was registered against the accused professor by one of the students where he is alleged of doing inappropriate touching and vulgar gestures.

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Man rapes, kills 5-yr-old girl, dumps body in factory; held

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A five-year-old girl was allegedly kidnapped, raped, and murdered by a man in Bawana area of the city, police said on Thursday. Totan Lohar, alias Khudi, a native of West Bengal, later dumped the body at a factory in Bawana. Sharing the details, police said that on Sunday, at around 11 p.m, a police control room call was received at Bawana police station regarding the suspected kidnapping of a five-year-old girl from Sector 1 DSIIDC Bawana. "The statement of the girl's parents was recorded, and a case under Section 363 of the IPC was registered," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (outernorth) RK Singh. The victim's parents, who own a tea shop in Bawana, last saw her around 5 p.m on Sunday. Despite their efforts to locate her, she could not be found. Finally, they contacted 112. "Immediately, multiple teams were formed, and an extensive search commenced in the area, with the parents par-

ticipating. This search continued throughout the night in and around the last-known location," said Singh. Several CCTV footage were gathered by the police team from the area, one of which showed the girl walking with a man identified as Khudi, who was later found to be absconding. "Local inquiries revealed that he may have fled to West Bengal via train, possibly on the Poorva Express. Multiple teams were deployed to apprehend him, with one team dispatched to New Delhi Railway Station," said the DCP. Various efforts were made in collaboration with the Railway Protection Force (RPF), ticket examiners (TTE), and the intermediate police station. "Simultaneously, a team was dispatched to Kolkata. Upon its arrival, the team boarded the train and commenced a search for the suspect. After a few minutes, they successfully identified and apprehended him. He was then brought back to Delhi on the morning of March 27,"

said the DCP. On sustained interrogation, the accused confessed to committing the rape and thereafter killing the girl before dumping the body in an adjacent factory in Bawana area at around 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. "At the accused's instance, the scene of crime was identified. The body, along with one blade and a brick was recovered. The videography and photography of the scene of crime was done properly," said the DCP.



Jamia appoints Lari as officiating registrar, wait for new V-C continues

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MOHAMMAD Hadis Lari has been appointed as the officiating registrar as per the official notification of the Jamia Millia Islamia University issued on Thursday.

The notification issued by the Varsity states, "Keeping in view the peculiar and emergent situation arising out of the Court cases pending against the University challenging the age of superannuation for the post of Registrar as provided under Statute 5 (2) of the JMI Act, 1988 and in the interest of smooth administration of the University, the Officiating Vice Chancellor, JMI, in terms of provisions contained under Statute 5 (3) of JMI Act, 1988, is pleased to appoint Mohd Hadis Lari, Deputy Registrar, as Officiating Registrar with immediate effect. Additionally, the Officiating Vice Chancellor has issued the following orders: Professor Nazim Husain Al-Jafri is re-

Prof relieved from duties

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DU ADMISSION '23 69,622 students took admission in PG courses

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A total of 69,622 students have taken admission in Post-Graduate (PG) courses and 11,174 in Undergraduate (UG) courses in Delhi University (DU) during the academic session 2023-24, Vice Chancellor Prof. Yogesh Singh said on Thursday.

He was speaking at the 91st annual meeting of Delhi University Court organised under the chairmanship of Prof Singh where he shared the detailed year-long activities. In the meeting held at the Convention Hall located at Viceroyal Lodge of the University, the Vice Chancellor presented the figures of appointments made during the year. He said till now appointments have been made on a total of 4,558 academic posts. The appointment process has been stopped for now due to the Lok Sabha elections. In the wake of removal of the Model Code of Conduct, the process of appointments to the remaining vacant posts will be re-started, he said.

The Vice Chancellor said that in the QS World University Rankings (Sustainability 2024), University of Delhi has been ranked 1st in India and 220th globally with an overall score of 73.4. A total of 19,899 students had registered for admission to PhD in the first and second phase, out of which a total of 1,655 students have been admitted in the first and second phase of Ph. D. admissions, he said.

'Civic body financially unstable, city administration should be reassessed'

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THE Delhi High Court on Thursday said the financial condition of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) was "precarious" and the administration of the national capital would require a re-look if the civic authority was incapable of handling itself. A bench headed by Acting Chief Justice Manmohan, which had earlier warned the civic authority of dissolution if it did not make itself financially viable, said citizens cannot continue to live in "misery" due to the MCD's incompetence. "You are incompetent to the core. You people are only fighting, have large egos and refusing to see the big picture," the bench, said, adding, "There must be some inherent problem. The administration of Delhi would require a re-look."

The court was hearing a batch of petitions concerning non-payment of salaries and pensions by the corporation. The counsel for the MCD said dues have been paid till the month of February but some more time was required to pay the arrears in terms of the Seventh Pay Commission's recommendations to all eligible employees. Even as the MCD lawyers stated that arrears have not been paid to around 50,000 employees and a decision has been taken to set aside a minimum of ₹15 crore per month for this purpose, the counsel appearing for the petitioner employees said the corporation was not giving retirement benefits to its employees. The court expressed its dis-

pleasure over outstanding arrears to be paid to the employees despite MCD being given opportunities to make the payment and questioned if the civic body was able to undertake any development work. "Your financial condition is so precarious; what development work are you doing? Are you existing only for paying salaries? You are not able to handle yourself. You are not providing any facilities to the citizens. You are not able to clear it despite the petitions being pending for seven years

Delhi High Court

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FATAL LOVE Man strangles girlfriend, tries to end his life

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A 22-year-old woman was strangled to death allegedly by her lover, who later attempted suicide by slitting his own throat with a blade, police said on Thursday.

The 42-year-old man has been booked for murder and taken into custody by the police, a senior officer said. He is currently hospitalised for treatment. Additional DCP, Central Noida, Hirdesh Katheriya said the Sector 63 Police Station was informed about the incident in Chhijarsi village around 10 pm on Wednesday by the local residents. "When the police reached the site they found both of them in an injured condition and were rushed to a hospital where doctors declared the woman dead while the man was admitted for treatment because of the injuries on his throat," Katheriya said. "It came to light that the woman, identified as Nisha, a native of Ballia district who was staying in Delhi, and the man, Dhanajay Kumar, who lived in Chhijarsi village in Noida, were in a love relationship," the officer said. They were in a relationship for about a year now but on Wednesday, when Nisha came to meet Dhanajay at his residence, an argument broke out between them over some issue and he strangled her to death, he said. Police are still in dark about the row that led to the violent attack on the woman.

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Girl, 3, raped by neighbour in west Delhi; accused held

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A 3-year-old girl was allegedly sexually assaulted in the Peeragarhi area on Delhi's outskirts, an official said on Thursday, adding that a manhunt has been launched to apprehend the absconding accused. The official said that a police control room (PCR) call was received about the assault of a three-year-old girl in Peeragarhi village. The accused, a 27-year-old tenant in the same building, was arrested after searches were conducted in 30 locations across city, said police. "A police team, including the ACP and SHO of Paschim Vihar West police station reached the location," Deputy Commissioner of Police, Outer Jimmy Chiram said. He said that the victim was found there along with her mother and shifted to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital and necessary medical treatment was provided. "The accused is a tenant of the same building," the DCP said. The police have registered a case under relevant sections of IPC.

Murder solved: Two held for killing restaurant owner in Usmanpur

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WITH the arrest of two budding criminals, the Delhi Police on Thursday claimed to have solved the murder of a restaurant owner in the Usmanpur area of the city over an enmity. The accused were identified as Sumit alias Monu (21), and Deepak alias Mohit (22) - both residents of Brahmपुरi. Multiple bullets were pumped into 32-year-old Sanjay, who owned a restaurant named 'Goa Bar' in the New Usmanpur area. Police said that seven empty shells, four lead pieces and one live round of 7.65 mm were found at the spot. According to officials, Sanjay's brother Nitin was injured by a friend that he had been shot near Hanuman Mandir Wall Gali service Road, 2nd pusta Usmanpur on the inter-



vening night of Tuesday-Wednesday, at about 12:05 a.m. When Nitin reached the spot, he found his brother lying injured bleeding profusely. He had sustained injuries in his head, right shoulder, right elbow and right-side abdomen area. Sanjay was rushed to Jag Pravesh Chandra Hospital, where he was declared brought dead. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Amit Goel said based

on CCTV footage and specific information, a team apprehended two mu derers named Sumit and Deepak from the ground near Jag Pravesh Hospital on Wednesday. Both accused, along with another associate, were implicated in the murder of Sanjay. During interrogation, they revealed that they resided in the same vicinity as the victim, and harboured grudges against him.