CBI makes first arrest in NTA case

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On Thursday, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) announced the arrest of 19 councillors of the Uttar Pradesh State Council (UPSCC), the body that selects members of the Legislative Council (Legislative Council) in Uttar Pradesh. The arrests were made in connection with an alleged bribery case involving the selection process for the Legislative Council.

The CBI had earlier conducted searches at the homes of several councillors and officials in connection with the case. The arrests are expected to trigger a political storm in the state, with the opposition parties accusing the ruling party of corruption and Election Commission of failing to take action.

The CBI had registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act against the UPSCC and several councillors in connection with the alleged bribery and kickbacks paid to council members.

The government has said that it will take strict action against those involved in the case. The UPSCC has denied the allegations and said that the selection process is conducted in a transparent manner.

The arrests come a day after the CBI carried out raids on the offices of several political parties in the state, including the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee (UPCC) and the Samajwadi Party (SP), in connection with the case.

The case is related to an alleged bribe paid by a candidate to a council member in exchange for a seat in the Legislative Council. The CBI had earlier arrested a council member in connection with the case.

The CBI has said that it will continue its investigation in the case and take action against those involved.
Dhami seeks Gadkari's approval for various road projects

Dehradun | Friday | June 28, 2024

Seeking action on various important road projects in the state, the chief minister of Uttarakhand, Mr. Pushkar Dhami, sought the Union minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, for approval. The projects include upgrading six roads in the state, including the Pancheshwar motor road, which connects Garhwal and Kumaun with the state capital, Dehradun.

Dhami requested that the central government grant the principle for the connectivity of Dehradun to Jhajhra and seek the Union minister's approval for the Pancheshwar motor road as a national highway. Furthermore, the CM also sought the Union minister's approval for various other road projects in the state.

Dhami further appealed to the residents of the state to refrain from climbing trees near electricity poles, avoid tying cattle to them, and not touch electricity poles whenever possible. He also advised maintenance of proper earthing.

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Alert-heavy to very heavy rain likely in State today

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Heavy to very heavy rain is likely in various parts of the state today. The State Meteorological Centre has issued an alert regarding the possibility of heavy to very heavy rainfall, with chances of thunderstorms. The highest rain is expected to occur at isolated places in Pithoragarh, Doganath, Chamoshi, Mainpuri, Rudraprayag, Dehradun, and Nirmal Nagar. The meteorological centre has advised people to be cautious during the rainfall.

The Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) has launched a three-year programme to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary for the engineering sector. The programme will cover fields such as Mechanical, Electrical, and Civil Engineering, ensuring a well-rounded engineering education. Students will have the opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary research and specialise in contemporary disciplines.

Truecaller launches Fraud Insurance in partnership with HDFC ERGO

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Truecaller, in collaboration with HDFC ERGO, introduced a new fraud insurance initiative aimed at providing enhanced protection to Truecaller subscribers in India. The product offers instant coverage up to INR 10,000 to any subscriber of Truecaller in India. The product is available for a reasonable premium, ensuring that subscribers can enjoy peace of mind knowing they are protected against digital financial frauds.

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UPCL appeals people for necessary precautions against electricity accidents

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To the residents of the state, the Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) has appealed for necessary precautions against electricity accidents during the rainy season. The corporation warned people to refrain from climbing trees near electricity poles, avoid tying cattle to them, and not touch electricity poles whenever possible. They also advised maintenance of proper earthing of electrical fittings inside houses and to keep equipment connected to them.

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Kampu further appealed to the residents of the state and has asked UPCL engineers to be electrically sparring in both homes and offices in national interest. For electrically related complaints, consumers should contact the toll-free number 1922 to provide technical assistance.
Six arrested for Haridwar minor’s gangrape and murder

The police arrested a 26-year-old man for the murder of a woman and minor girls under the Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The Haridwar senior superintendent of police Pradeep Deol told that the accused was arrested on June 24. The minor girls were reportedly built during the ongoing work along Rispana river bed. The demolition drive will be conducted in a virtual mode from Delhi. The CM also directed the action against officials who have not logged in for the last one month. The complaints registered on the CM helpline portal for the last one month should be sent to the district level officers. But the authorities are not responding to the complaints. He said that the complaints registered on the CM helpline portal are not being responded to in a time bound manner. On a summer note, the CM said that the MDDA said that some electrical connections were also presented to the State from the Central Electricity Authority, which has to be expanded. The CM ordered that all the officers from the district should be present before the meeting being conducted by the District Magistrate. The CM ordered that all the officers should compulsorily attend the training. The officers should come with a statement that they have attended the training.
Rahul takes umbrage at Speaker’s Emergency reference

Pawan, who advised Gandhi to invoke Emergency, had said he would have been able to continue as Home Minister if he had not resigned from the Congress, the leader said.

Tagging Gandhi’s 1975 speech as a “reference,” Rahul was attacking the current government, which he said had taken several measures to weaken the Congress. “Sitting in the opposition, they have always given importance to the Congress,” he said.

In 2022-23, the total military procurement in India, which had been significantly higher in previous years, was considerably lower. “The defence sector has greatly benefitted from the reforms,” he said.

President Droupadi Murmu said the government was aiming to strengthen the country’s standing in the world and was committed to achieving the goal of self-reliance in the defence sector, which has been a key priority for the government.

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Dushyant rules out alliance with BJP in Haryana

PTI DHARAMSHALA

Dushyant Chautala, the former Haryana minister and the Lok Sabha candidate for the Aspirants' Party, has ruled out the possibility of forming an alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Haryana.

In a short press statement in Dharamshala, Chautala said that his party has decided to continue its fight independently and that there is no question of any alliance with the BJP.

Chautala, who is contesting in the Panipat constituency, added that his party will continue to fight against the charges levelled against it and will continue to work for the people of Haryana.

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Indian assertive foreign policy and global aspirations

From bolstering defense capabilities to fostering regional cooperation, India under Modi's leadership navigates a complex geopolitical landscape.

**PRIYADARSHI**

India has advanced from being a developing country to a market size that is the 5th largest, showing potential for further growth. The country has been identified by the Global Competitiveness Report of the World Economic Forum as one of the most competitive economies in the world. India's strategic hinterland, comprising the north and the northeast, has been identified as a region of significant economic potential. The country has been identified as having the potential to become a major player in the global economy in the near future.

**BOYAL RE-ELECTED AS 15 AS LOK SABHA SPEAKER**

Congress leaders have nominated 15 AS Lok Sabha Speaker without much resistance. Unlike his first term as Speaker, 15 AS Lok Sabha Speaker has not been re-elected. This time, however, the demand for his re-election was much higher. The current term of the Lok Sabha Speaker has been extended by the government in consultation with the Speaker himself. This move has been welcomed by many as it will ensure stability and continuity in the functioning of the lower house of Parliament.

**AFGHANISTAN RECEIVES SEMI-MILITARY GIFT**

Australia's gift of 15 AS Lok Sabha Speaker to the Afghan people is a significant move in the region. Australia is one of the major partners of the US in the war against terrorism in Afghanistan. The gift of 15 AS Lok Sabha Speaker is a symbol of the close relationship between the two countries. It is expected to further strengthen the cooperation between the two countries.

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India-Arab green strategic partnership: Pioneering sustainable development

This initiative highlights the shared commitment of the two countries to foster a greener and more resilient future.

India and Arab countries have embarked on a green strategic partnership, focused on sustainable development and combating climate change. This partnership aims to harness the historical ties between India and Arab countries, leveraging their unique strengths and resources to address pressing environmental challenges. Through collaboration and innovation, the initiative seeks to promote sustainable urbanization, climate change mitigation, green energy technologies, and institutional capacity building.

The partnership is driven by a shared vision of a future where technology and nature coexist harmoniously, fostering economic growth and social well-being. Key areas of focus include sustainable energy solutions, renewable technologies, and green finance, all aimed at reducing carbon footprints and enhancing living standards.

Through knowledge exchanges, technological innovation, and collaborative projects, the India-Arab green strategic partnership seeks to create a platform for mutual learning and capacity building, underpinned by strong institutional partnerships and robust governance frameworks. This cooperation not only advances the global agenda on climate action but also contributes to the prosperity of the participating nations, ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.
Police clash with protesters in Kenya's military patrols streets

UKPM Sunak tries to open betting scandal in election campaign

US sanctions Boeing over 737 Max 9 investigation information sharing

Rise in hate speech against minorities in India raises concerns: Blinken

Lawyer accuses Prince Harry of destroying documents

Pakistanis surrounded by sewage and garbage

Calm returns in Bolivia after apparent coup attempt

Police in Kabul, Afghanistan, attacked by a suicide bomber killed at least one civilian and wounded several others on Thursday.

Calm returned to Bolivia’s presidential palace after a tense confrontation that threatened to erupt into violence as supporters of former President Evo Morales tried to storm the building.

“Calm has returned to the presidential palace,” Defense Minister Fernando Baez Sarria tweeted.

On Wednesday as Bolivian riot police and demonstrators loyal to former President Morales clashed in the streets outside the palace, Baez Sarria had declared a state of emergency.

While there were no reports of injuries or deaths in the confrontation, the incident highlighted the deep political divisions in the Andean nation.

The current president, Luis Arce, who succeeded Morales after he resigned in 2020, has faced opposition from Morales and his supporters, who say they want to reverse the cabinet that was appointed by Arce’s predecessor, Carlos Mesa.

Morales, who was president from 2006 to 2020, was a charismatic leader who transformed Bolivia’s economy and led the country to become a beacon of hope for the region’s poor.

But his presidency was marked by controversy, with allegations of corruption and human rights abuses.

The confrontation on Wednesday began with a few federal law enforcement officers attempting to block a crowd of demonstrators from entering the presidential palace.

The demonstrators were demanding the release of former President Morales, who has been in prison since his resignation.

Bolivia’s Constitutional Court on Tuesday had ordered the release of Morales, who was arrested in November 2020, on the grounds that the charges against him were politically motivated.

But the government of President Arce, who succeeded Morales, has refused to comply with the court’s order.

The confrontation on Wednesday lasted for several hours, with law enforcement officers using tear gas and rubber bullets to try to disperse the crowd.

But the demonstrators refused to budge, and the situation quickly escalated.

A few hours later, members of the military joined the冲突, adding to the violence.

The military has long been a key player in Bolivia’s politics, with several leaders having served as presidents.

The current president, Arce, is the first civilian leader to serve in the role since Morales.

The confrontation on Wednesday was a test of Arce’s ability to maintain stability in the country.

Arce’s government has been facing a number of challenges, including economic problems and political opposition from Morales and his supporters.

The government has been working to implement economic reforms and reduce poverty, but these efforts have been met with resistance from Morales and his allies.

The military’s involvement in the confrontation on Wednesday could be a sign of growing tension in the country.

The government has been under pressure to address the concerns of Morales and his supporters, who say they want to return to the policies of his administration.

But the government has been reluctant to do so, and the confrontation on Wednesday was a reminder of the challenges it faces.

The government has also been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has hit the country hard.

The country has struggled to contain the virus, with a high number of infections and deaths.

The government has been under pressure to implement more stringent measures, but it has been met with opposition from the public and business leaders.

The confrontation on Wednesday was a reminder of the country’s struggles and the challenges it faces in the future.
Zelenskyy urges EU leaders to fulfill arms commitments

Court denies Irvin's appeal to suspend sentence in illegal marriage case

 Foolproof arrangements for Chinese citizens security

China's former defence minister expelled from Communist Party

"Women's rights to be discussed at meeting attended by Taliban"

China urges global scientists to study lunar samples, cites obstacle with US

Russia's most powerful missile force, called Rocket Force as the Z-4, has been launched, prosecution proceedings also threaten the species, the IUCN's group on the plants.

"Each single individual involved in this war has not only to bear every responsibility" said Pablo Ribeiro, director of the National Institute of Technology.

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**Budget to accelerate pace of reforms, take many historic steps: President**

**PTI NEW DELHI**

The budget of 2023-24 was presented in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday. The Finance Minister estimated total tax revenue of Rs 27.34 lakh crore for the year 2023-24, showing an increase of 5.5% over 2022-23.

**Sensex breaches 79,000 level, Nifty 24,000 peak for 1st time**

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Sensex rallied 1,65 per cent, while the Nifty gained 1.71 per cent, their best gains since March 13, 2023, and 31,87.58 points or 0.62 per cent to hit the all-time peak of 24,000 amid the expiry of monthly options. Most sectors, sunrise sectors are gaining with positive support for the fourth straight day. The government announced a trade deal with Japan and India's first policy on digital public assets.

**GST suppliers giving post- sale discount to have to undertake commitments from CBIC**

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Sellers supplying post-sale discounts also need to give a certificate stating that the蒋T does not have to be imposed on the discount amount. Only, said a source, means that GST can be computed on the net amount after discount.

**Rupee rises 13 paise to close at 83.44 against US dollar**

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The rupee appreciated 13 paise against the US dollar on Wednesday, supported by a positive risk-on sentiment and foreign buy. Foreign funds have been net buyers for three consecutive weeks.

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**PICS:**

**SOUTH AFRICA BANISH AFGHANISTAN, ENTER MAIDEN T20 WC FINAL**

South Africa continued their campaign against small teams by easily silencing Afghanistan in the World Cup; 1993 edition. Coming from the 1993 World cup, where they also entered the final but lost to Pakistan. The result means they are now looking to turn the World cup final into a repeat of the first ever final in 1976 - against India. The team has a lot of positives, according to their coach, and has a strong squad, which is why they have been successful in the World cup so far. The team has had a lot of experience in the competition and has come through the group stages with relative ease. They have won all three matches so far and have scored 200 runs in each of their three matches.

*credits: AP*