BRIEFS

Four booked for duping man of Rs 15 lakh

THANE, Jan 21 (PTI)

POLICE have registered a case against the director of an educational consultancy and his three associates for allegedly cheating a Thane resident of Rs 15.39 lakh under the pretext of facilitating his son's medical education in Russia, an official said on Wednesday.

The victim, a resident of Dombivli in Maharashtra's Thane district, had sought the consultancy's help to secure admission for his son at a university in Russia for a six-year medical degree course.

The accused contacted the victim through mobile phone and gained his trust by promising a seamless admission process.

Based on the assurances, the victim's son was admitted to the university in Russia and he subsequently deposited USD 27,000 (equivalent to about Rs 23.08 lakh) into the bank accounts designated by the accused to cover the educational expenses, the official from Dombivli police station said. It was later found that the consultancy had not fulfilled its financial obligations to the Russian institution.

An investigation showed that while the accused received the full amount for the duration of the course, they only remitted USD 9,000 (about Rs 7.69 lakh) to the university, covering only one-and-a-half years of fees, the official said.

The remaining USD 18,000, amounting to Rs 15.39 lakh, was misappropriated by the accused, he said, adding the alleged fraud took place between September 2023 and January 2024.

Cross-border arms module busted, two held

CHANDIGARH, Jan 21 (PTI)

PUNJAB Police on Wednesday said it has unearthed a cross-border illegal arms module linked to Pakistan-based smugglers with the arrest of two persons.

The Amritsar Commissionerate Police also recovered six sophisticated pistols (two Glock, four .30 bore) along with two cartridges, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said.

The arrested accused were involved in illegal arms trafficking and supplying weapons to gangsters under directions of foreign handlers, Yadav said in a post on X.

An FIR has been registered under the Arms Act at Police Station Islamabad in Amritsar, he added.

Four militants, including 2 from Assam, arrested

IMPHAL, Jan 21 (PTI)

SECURITY forces in Manipur arrested four militants, including two from Assam, belonging to various proscribed outfits, police said on Wednesday.

An active cadre of the banned NSCN (IM) was apprehended from Mantripukhri area in Imphal East with a pistol on Tuesday, while a self-styled corporal of the PREPAK (VC) was arrested from Sawombung Wairi in the district on the same day, they said.

On Sunday, security forces nabbed two cadres of the KCP (Taibanganba) from a rented house at Dwarka Nagar in Assam.

"The formalities have been completed to bring the duo back to Manipur for further investigation," a police officer said.

Pure voters' list key to strengthen democracy: CEC



Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar addresses the International Institute for Capacity Development in Electoral Management (IICDEM) 2026 conference in New Delhi on Wednesday. (PTI)

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NEW DELHI, Jan 21

AGAINST the backdrop of Opposition parties questioning the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Wednesday asserted that a "pure" voters' list is the key to strengthening democracy.

Addressing the inaugural session of an international conference of election management bodies here, he also highlighted that not one complaint was filed challenging inclusion or exclusion of electors during the roll revision exercise in Bihar last year. Nearly 100 delegates from around 70 countries are attending the International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM-2026).

IICDEM-2026 is the largest conference of its kind ever hosted by India in the field of democracy and election management.

Kumar also noted that not even a single repoll was ordered in the two phases of Bihar Assembly elections in any of the one lakh polling stations. "Pure electoral roll, including each and every elector as per law, is essential to strengthen democracy and all the elections which will be held on the basis of that electoral roll," CEC Kumar said. He said electoral rolls in Bihar were revised amid tight public scrutiny. From purification of rolls to the conduct of elections, a great level of efficiency was achieved by the local poll machinery.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday commenced the India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in the national Capital. The three-day conference is poised to be the largest global gathering of its kind hosted by India in the field of democracy and election management, bringing together election administrators, policymakers, academics, and experts from across the world. Welcoming the delegates, CEC Gyanesh Kumar highlighted India's ancient democratic system while addressing the delegates.

ARMY DEPLOYED in sensitive areas of Assam's violence-hit Kokrajhar

GUWAHATI, Jan 21 (PTI)

THE Army has been deployed in sensitive areas of Assam's Kokrajhar district, where two persons were killed in mob violence, leading to arson and clashes allegedly between the Bodos and Adivasis, officials said on Wednesday. The Army personnel conducted patrolling with the district administration in the affected areas of Karigaon and its nearby locations on Tuesday night, a defence spokesperson told PTI.

A flag march was also conducted by the Army in the area on Wednesday, as part of confidence-building measures, he said. A total of four Army columns are currently in the district, the spokesperson said.

The overall situation is under control, and tight security measures have been put in place in Kokrajhar and neighbouring Chirang district, officials said.



Army personnel during a flag march through sensitive areas in Kokrajhar, Assam on Wednesday. (PTI)

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had earlier said arrangements were in place to deploy the Army, while the Rapid Action Force (RAF) was already on the ground, following the clashes. On Monday night, a vehicle with three Bodos on board had hit two Adivasi persons at Mansingh Road under Karigaon outpost, a home department official said.

The three Bodos were reportedly beaten up by neighbouring Adivasi villagers, and the vehicle was torched. One person died then, while another succumbed to injuries on Tuesday, he said, adding, three other injured were undergoing treatment. On Tuesday, the situation flared up with Bodo and Adivasi communities blocking the National Highway adjacent to the Karigaon outpost, burning tyres, setting ablaze a government office and attacking the Karigaon police outpost, the official said.

Women in live-in relationships should get status of 'wife' for their protection: HC

MADURAI, Jan 21 (ANI)

THE Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has ruled that women in live-in relationships should be granted the status of "wife" to ensure their protection, citing the ancient concept of Gandharva marriage.

This landmark decision came while dismissing a petition for anticipatory bail filed by a man accused of having a sexual relationship with a woman under false promises of marriage.

Justice S Srimathy emphasised that courts have a duty to safeguard vulnerable women in modern relationships, as live-in relationships lack the legal protections afforded to married women.

Srimathy made these observations while dismissing a petition seeking anticipatory bail filed by a man who was apprehended by the Manapparai All Women Police Station in Tiruchirappalli district.

According to the prosecution, the man was in a live-in relationship with a woman and had physical relations with her on multiple occasions after promising marriage, but later allegedly reneged on the promise.

Rejecting the plea, the judge emphasised that courts have a duty to safeguard vulnerable women in modern relationship arrangements. The judge noted that men often exploit this legal grey area, initially embracing modernity but later questioning the woman's character when the relationship sours.

The court invoked Section 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which treats sexual relationships based on deception or false promises of marriage as a criminal offence.

While live-in relationships may be viewed as a "cultural shock" in India, the judge noted that they have now become common. Many young women enter into such relationships believing them to be a modern choice, only to later realise that the law does not automatically extend protections similar to those available in marriage.

Justice Srimathy stressed that men who renege on marriage promises cannot escape legal consequences, stating, "If marriage is not possible, men must face the force of law, adding that Section 69 of the BNS currently serves as a crucial provision to protect women in such situations. Concluding that a prima facie case under Section 69 of the BNS was made out against the accused, the court refused to grant him anticipatory bail.

The judge further pointed out a disturbing tendency among men who willingly engage in live-in relationships to later question a woman's character when the relationship deteriorates. According to her, men may consider themselves "modern" while being in a relationship, but are quick to shame or blame women once things begin to fall apart.

Alert loco pilot foils bid to derail Maharaja Exp

HUNDREDS OF FOREIGN TOURISTS SAVED

JAIPUR, Jan 21 (IANS)

A MAJOR conspiracy to derail the Maharaja Express, one of India's most luxurious tourist trains, was foiled near Jaipur due to the alertness of the loco pilot. The train, carrying hundreds of foreign tourists, was en route from Jaipur to Sawai Madhopur when the incident occurred.

At around 11.30 pm on Tuesday, the loco pilot noticed iron angles placed on the railway track near a railway crossing close to Mahatma Gandhi Hospital in the Shivdaspura area.

Acting swiftly, he applied the emergency brakes, bringing the train to a halt and preventing a potential disaster.

According to railway sources, five to six iron angles, each approximately five feet long, had been placed on the track with the apparent intention of derailing the train.

The train was halted for about 35 minutes, during which the obstruction was removed.

Following the incident, the Railway Protection Force (RPF), Government Railway Police (GRP), and local police rushed to the spot. A detailed inspection of the track was carried out with the help of a dog squad. After the track was declared safe, train operations were resumed. The RPF has registered a case against unknown persons and launched an investigation.

100 stray dogs 'poisoned' to death near H'bad, case filed

HYDERABAD, Jan 21 (PTI)

IN YET another incident of stray dog killings, nearly 100 canines were allegedly "poisoned to death" in Yacharam village near here following which a case was registered against a sarpanch and two others for their alleged involvement in the act, police said on Wednesday. The fresh incident follows killing of nearly 500 stray dogs in different districts of Telangana since January 6.

An animal welfare activist, associated with Stray Animal Foundation of India, in a complaint filed with Yacharam Police Station alleged that the dogs were injected with some poisonous substances on January 19. A case was registered under relevant sections of BNS and Prevention of Cruelty of Animals Act against the sarpanch, secretary and ward member of Yacharam gram panchayat on Tuesday, a police official said.

'People vote with faith that elected representatives will raise their concerns'

LUCKNOW, Jan 21 (PTI)

LOK Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Wednesday said that people repose deep faith in the electoral process with the expectation that their elected representatives will take their problems, difficulties and challenges to the legislature and work towards resolving them.

Addressing the concluding session of the 86th All India Presiding Officers' Conference and the 62nd Conference of Secretaries of Legislative Bodies here, Birla said the legislature is the forum through which the voice of the last person reaches the Government.

"When a citizen casts his vote, he does so with the belief that for the next five years his elected representative will place his issues before the House and that solutions will emerge," the Speaker said.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s0 and Guarantor(s0 that he below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/Physical/Symbolic(Which iis applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", As is what is " and " whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from the respective borrowers/guarantors. The reserve price and earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the below against the respective properties.

Date of E-Auction : 18-02-2026
(E-auction timings: 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with an unlimited extension of 10 minutes each)

THE BIDDER SHALL IMPROVE THE OFFER IN MULTIPLE OF RS.25000/- (RS.TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND ONLY)

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Name of Borrower/Mortgagor Description of Secured Assets	Reserve Price / EMD (₹)	Demand Notice Dt. Possession Dt. Amt. Due to Bank
M/s VBD Structure Pvt. Ltd. **1. Shri Manoj Singh Somwanshi S/o Shri Sant Prasad Somwanshi** **2. Smt. Jyoti Somwanshi W/o Shri Manoj Singh Somwanshi** **(Director M/s VBD Structure Pvt. Ltd & Guarantor)** 1. Flat No. S-01 Second Floor, BBC Complex, Plot No.20, Zone-II, M.P.Nagar, Tehsil-Huzur, District-Bhopal (MP), **Area**:95.55 Sq.Mtr. **Boundaries** : East : Road, West: Flat No. S-02, North: Plot No.21, South : Plot No.19, **Property Owner** : Shri Manoj Singh Somwanshi S/o Shri Sant Prasad Somwanshi **(Physical Possession)**	(₹) 4,02,84,000/- (₹) 40,28,400/-	17-07-2020 21-12-2020 (₹) 15364479.66 + interest & other charges As per Demand Notice
2. Flat No. S-02 Second Floor, BBC Complex, Plot No.20, Zone-II, M.P.Nagar, Tehsil-Huzur, District-Bhopal (MP), **Area**:108.92Sq.Mtr., **Boundaries** : East : Flat No. S-1, West: Road, North: Common Passage & Staircase, South : Plot No.19, **Property Owner** : Smt Jyoti Somwanshi W/o Shri Manoj Singh Somwanshi **(Physical Possession)**		
3. Flat No. FS-01 First Floor, BBC Complex, Plot No.20, Zone-II, M.P.Nagar, Tehsil-Huzur, District-Bhopal (MP), **Area**:95.55 Sq.Mtr., **Boundaries** : East : Road, West: Flat No. FS-02, North: Plot No.21, South : Plot No.19 , **Property Owner** : Shri Manoj Singh Somwanshi S/o Shri Sant Prasad Somwanshi **(Physical Possession)**		
4. Flat No. FS-02 First Floor, BBC Complex, Plot No.20, Zone-II, M.P.Nagar, Tehsil-Huzur, District-Bhopal (MP), **Area**:108.92 Sq.Mtr., **Boundaries** : East : Flat No. FS-1, West: Road, North: Common Passage & Staircase, South : Plot No.19, **Property Owner** : Smt Jyoti Somwanshi W/o Shri Manoj Singh Somwanshi **(Physical Possession)**		M/s VBD Structure Pvt. Ltd. All Properties will be sold jointly.
5. Office Chamber No.1, Mezzanine Floor, BBC Complex, Plot No.20, Zone-II, M.P.Nagar, Tehsil-Huzur, Dist.-Bhopal, **Area**130 Sq.Ft., **Boundaries** : East : Open Land , West: Property of Seller, North: Property of Seller, South : Other,s land, **Property Owner** : Shri Manoj Singh Somwanshi S/o Shri Sant Prasad Somwanshi & Smt Jyoti Somwanshi W/o Shri Manoj Singh Somwanshi **(Physical Possession)**		
6. Plot No.20, Mezzanine Floor (Area 1985.00 Sq.ft), Ground Floor Open (Area 70 Sq.ft), BBC Complex, Zone-II, M.P.Nagar, Tehsil-Huzur, Dist.-Bhopal , **Boundaries Mezzanine Floor** : East : Office Chamber & Road , West: Road, North: Plot No,21, South : Plot No.19 , **Boundaries Ground Floor** : East : Shop No.H , West: Shop No.D, North: Common Staircase, South : Shop No.C , **Property Owner** : Shri Manoj Singh Somwanshi S/o Shri Sant Prasad Somwanshi **(Physical Possession)**		
Smt. Savita Singh W/o Shri Ramgopal Singh Equitable Mortgage of Flat No.309 A, 3rd Floor Block-A Part of Khasra No.310, 314, 316/2. Developed & Constructed through Shashi Properties and Construction " Shashi High Tech City" which is situated at Village-Nayapura, Patwari Halka No.8, Rajsv Nirikshak Mandal-4, Vikaskhand-Fanda, Tehsil- Huzur, District- Bhopal (MP), which is bounded inside Ward No.83 (Guideline Page No.206) Flat Area: 680.78 Sq.ft., Boundaries : East-Colony Road, West-Passage, North-Flat No.308, South- Flat No.310, Property Owner : Smt. Savita Singh & Nitin Yadav **(Physical Possession)**	(₹) 11,02,000/- (₹) 1,10,200/-	05-11-2019 24-08-2020 (₹)1770390.00 + interest & other charges w.e.f. 01.11.2019
Smt Sadhna Jain W/o Shri Pradeep Jain **(Physical Possession)** EM of Residential Flat No. FR-02, Fourth Floor at Plot No.09, Abdul Mujeeb Complex Presently Known as Hitech Apartment situated at Mohalla-Kabeetpur, Sahajanbad, Bhopal Ward No.11 Tehsil-Huzur, Bhopal, Built up Area: 700 Sq.ft, Property Owner: Smt Sadhna Jain, Boundaries : East-Open at GF, West-Common Passage then Road at GF, North- Flat No.FR-01, South- Open at GF	(₹) 6,81,000/- (₹) 68,100/-	11-10-2017 04-01-2018 (₹)1930037.00 + interest &other charges w.e.f. 01.10.2017
Shri Mukesh Kumar Pal S/o Shri Jhumman Singh & Smt. Saroj Pal Equitable mortgaged if residential Flat No.607, A Block, Sixth Floor, Part of Khasra No.248/2, "Icon Maridian", Village- Genhukheda, Kolar Road, Bhopal , Area : 75.25 Sq. Mtr., Boundaries : East- Flat No.608 Block A, West- Flat No.606 Block A, North- Stair Case/Lobby, South- Open, Property Owner : Shri Mukesh Kumar **(Symbolic Possession)**	(₹) 11,81,000/- (₹) 1,18,100/-	14-09-2018 03-12-2018 (₹)2360330.88 + Interest & Other Charges
Shri Satish Shrivastava S/o Shri Santosh Shrivastava Residential Flat No.104, First Floor at Plot No.2/12 and 2/13, " SHUBH ELIS" Sarvajan Kalyan Society situated at Village- Abarpur, Ward No.81, Tehsil- Huzur, Distt- Bhopal, Area: 900 Sqft., Boundaries : East- Flat No.105, West- Open Flat Lift, North-Open to Sky, South-Corridor, Property Owner: Shri Satish Shrivastava S/o Shri Santosh Shrivastava **(Physical Possession)**	(₹) 13,37,000/- (₹) 1,33,700/-	14-09-2018 02-12-2018 (₹)1984707.00 + Interest & Other Charges
Shri Dinesh Pal S/o Late Shri Lalaram **(Physical Possession)** All the Part & Parcel of the Property Consisting of situated at EM of Flat No. S-07, 2nd Floor of Plot No.09, Abdul Mujeeb Complex, Mohalla-Kabeetpura, Shahjahanabad, Bhopal. Area : 55.76 Sq.Mtr.,Boundaries: East-House of Siddiqui Sahab, Mehbood Khan & Imran Khan, West-Comman Passage, North-Flat No.S-8, South-Flat No.S-6 Property Owner : Shri Dinesh Pal S/o Shri Lalaram.	(₹) 5,83,000/- (₹) 58,300/-	09-10-2017 28-12-2017 (₹) 2031831.00 + interest & other charges w.e.f. 01.10.2017
Shri Satish Gour S/o Shri Phoolchand Gour All the part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No. S-8, 2nd Floor, Plot No.09, Abdul Mujeeb Complex)Mohalla- Kabeetpur, Sahajanbad, Bhopal , Boundaries : East-Corridor , West-Open, North- Flat No.S-9, South-Flat No.S-7, Property Owner: Shri Satish Gaur S/o Shri Phoolchand Gaur **(Physical Possession)**	(₹) 6,32,000/- (₹) 63,200/-	11-10-2017 16-11-2018 (₹)2146066.00 + interest &other charges w.e.f. 01.10.2017
Shri Maqbool Khan **(Symbolic Possession)** Regimental Flat No.S-2, Second Floor of Multistory Building Named Niranjan P.B. constructed on Plot No. 212, Part of Khasra No. 13, 18, 16, 904/16/2, 8/2, Gopal Grih Niran Sahkari Sanstha, Village- Khajuri Kalan, Patwari Halka No. 31/19, Ward No, 61, Vikas Khand Phanda, Tehsil- Huzur, Distt-Bhopal, Area : 650 Sq.ft. (60.40 Sq.Mtr,) , **Boundaries :** East: Open Sky , West: Flat No. S-1, North: Open to Sky ,South: Zeena & Plot No. 211	(₹) 17,55,000/- (₹) 1,75,500/-	14-09-2018 25-11-2022 (₹) 2281053.25 + interest & other charges
M/s. Sushil Trading Company Prop. Shri Satish Aheliya **(Symbolic Possession)** 1. Plot No. 1/4 part of Kh.No. 260,Ward No. 34, Patra Main Road, Barkhedi , Tehsil-Huzur, Bhopal-462001, Area : 2500 Sq.Ft.,Boundaries : East- Plot No.1/3, West-Main Road, North- Gali, South- Plot No.1/2 of Rakhi Prajapati, Property Owner: Shri Satish Aheliya S/o Shri Kanhaiyalal Aheliya Original Title deed of IP is under possession of CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation), Bhopal	(₹) 78,75,000/- (₹) 7,87,500/-	28-07-2015 20-10-2015 / 31-10-2015 / 23-11-2015 (₹)41521541.50 + interest other charges thereon
2. Flat No.S-2 on 2nd Floor, Vikhyat Bhawan, Mahaveer Complex, Old Kalari, Gali No.1, Khasra No 118/2, Wrad No.28, Khari Phatak Road, Vidisha (MP), Area :1500 Sq.Ft., Boundaries : East- Shri Pran Singh , West- Gali, North- Flat No. S-1, South- Gali, Property Owner: Shri Narendra Prajapti **(Physical Possession)** Original Title deed of IP is under possession of CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation), Bhopal	(₹) 27,00,000/- (₹) 2,70,000/-	

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