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Gomti project: ED raids 9 spots

Enforcement Directorate officials searched nine locations in four states in connection with the money laundering probe into the Rs 1,500-crore Gomti riverfront development project. Seven places in UP were searched, including five in Lucknow. Cash and documents were seized, officials said.

9 deliveries in candlelight

Nine deliveries were conducted under candlelight and torches in Government Doon Medical College Hospital after the power went out for several hours on Tuesday night. The hospital has a generator but it wouldn't start and the lone electrician was on leave. **P11**

Slingshots for jawans at Taj

CISF personnel at Taj Mahal will now be armed with gulets (slingshots) to protect tourists from monkeys. A dozen jawans have been deployed with catapults at the east and west gates of the monument. There have been several monkey attacks at the monument. **P11**

Kochhar, husband booked for taking 'chanda' from Dhoot

Got ₹64cr Bribe In Exchange For ₹1,875cr Loans, Alleges FIR

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New Delhi: The CBI has filed a case against once celebrated banker, former ICICI Bank MD & CEO Chanda Kochhar, her husband Deepak Kochhar and Videocon group managing director Venugopal N Dhoot for alleged irregularities in six high-value loans worth Rs 1,875 crore. The loans to Dhoot's companies were sanctioned between June 2009 and October 2011.

The CBI booked Kochhar, her husband and Dhoot for criminal conspiracy (to cause loss to ICICI Bank), cheating and corruption, charges serious enough for a jail term of seven years if convicted. The allegations had led to Kochhar's exit from India's second-largest private sector bank last year.

The agency said loans were illegally given by Kochhar to the Videocon group in lieu of financial favours and in violation of the Banking Regulation Act, RBI guidelines

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and the bank's credit policy. The Kochhars received illegal payments, including a Rs 64 crore transfer from Dhoot, for the favour, the CBI claimed.

The FIR and impending prosecution marks a dramatic fall for Kochhar, once the toast of elite circles, where she was seen as a success story and a social 'A lister' who commanded the attention of policy makers in Delhi.

The CBI FIR could have serious ramifications for several

CBI MAY SEEK TO PROBE TOP BANKERS, INCLUDING K V KAMATH & NEW ICICI CEO

Chanda Kochhar, Deepak Kochhar, Venugopal Dhoot and four companies named as accused in FIR. Charged with criminal conspiracy, cheating and corruption

Dec 24, 2008 | Deepak Kochhar, V N Dhoot and Saurabh Dhoot appointed directors of NuPower Renewables (NRL)



held by Dhoot and Deepak Kochhar transferred to Deepak Kochhar company Supreme Energy

Jan 15, 2009 | Dhoots resign, allot nearly 20 lakh securities to Deepak Kochhar



Aug 26, 2009 | First loan of ₹300cr given to Videocon International Electronics Ltd (VIEL) in contravention of bank's rules and policy

May 1, 2009 | Chanda Kochhar takes over as ICICI Bank MD and CEO



Sept 7 | Loan disbursed into Videocon account

Sept 8 | ₹64cr transferred by Dhoot into Deepak Kochhar's company, NRL



June 2009-Oct 2011 | 5 other loans amounting to

June 5, 2009 | NRL shares

FIR says other top bankers, including current ICICI Bank CEO Sandeep Bakshi, K V Kamath, K Ramkumar, Sonjoy Chatterjee, N S Kannan, Zarin Daruwala, Rajiv Sabharwal and Homi Khusrorkhan, may also be probed as they were on loan sanctioning committees for Videocon

₹1,575 crore granted, including ₹750 crore to Videocon Industries Ltd (VIL)

April 26, 2012 | 6 loans consolidated into a single loan of ₹1,730 crore

June 30, 2017 | Accounts of Videocon and group companies declared NPAs



Kochhar herself was on one of the committees which sanctioned ₹300cr loan to VIEL and ₹750 cr to VIL

Videocon Industries Ltd, given on August 26, 2009 and October 31, 2011, respectively. These two companies have been named in the FIR along with Deepak Kochhar's firms. The CBI on Thursday raided Videocon offices at Nariman Point, Mumbai, and Aurangabad, apart from Deepak Kochhar's companies NuPower Renewables Ltd and Supreme Energy Pvt Ltd.

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NBCC to start work on stalled Amrapali flats on February 8

Commits To Deliver 2,643 Units In A Year

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New Delhi: The almost decade-long wait for thousands of homebuyers to get possession of flats in stalled Amrapali housing projects seems to be nearing an end with government-owned National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) committing to start work from February 8 and deliver 2,643 flats in a year.

The light at the end of a long tunnel came after NBCC officials, acting on the court's direction, held a meeting with M L Lahoty, the lawyer representing homebuyers, and finalised a blueprint to start construction on various housing projects where more than 46,000 buyers are

₹8.5K CR NEEDED*

► **2,643** flats to be built within a year at Sapphire I, II (Noida) and Castle (Greater Noida) projects

► **₹77.54cr** needed to finish these 3 projects

► **46,000** homebuyers awaiting their flats

► **₹8,500cr** needed to complete all the projects, according to NBCC estimates

awaiting promised flats.

As per the proposal, NBCC will in the first phase take up three housing projects—Sapphire I and Sapphire II in Noida and Castle in Greater Noida. The corporation agreed to start construction with the total cost involved adding up to Rs 77.54 crore. It said 2,643 flats would be built and handed over.

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SC refuses to stay amendments to SC/ST Act

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to stay amendments to the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act brought by Parliament to overturn the court's verdict by which automatic arrest of an accused was barred without holding a preliminary inquiry and the provision of anticipatory bail was introduced.

A bench of Justices A K Sikri, S Abdul Nazeer and M R Shah said the Centre's review petition against the apex court verdict was still pending and it should be heard along with other petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the amendments. The petitioners urged the bench to stay operation of the amendments to protect innocent people being harassed under the Act but the court turned down their plea.

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After 43 days, 1st body finally pulled out of Meghalaya mine

Manosh Das | TNN

shaft of the mine at 3 pm.

"The team retrieved one body from the main shaft, from about 210 feet in the horizontal passage (rat-hole) at about a depth of 355 feet, where the water level was about 170 feet. The decomposed body was carefully pulled out and handed over to the OC of Saipung police station in the presence of East Jaintia Hills civil administration officials," an NDRF spokesman said. Two NDRF rescuers, three Navy personnel and civil hospital staff went deep down into the main shaft to recover the body which has been dispatched to the civil hospital at Khliehriat for a post-mortem, he added. The rescue operation is still in progress at Ksan.

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