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Another Attack By Institution Wreckers Based On Falsehood: Jaitley

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New Delhi: Congress and the government engaged in a fresh war of words over the Rafale deal with the opposition party raising questions over comptroller and auditor general Rajiv Mehrishi as he had been finance secretary when the defence contract was being worked out.

With the much awaited CAG report on the Rafale contract due to be tabled in the ongoing budget session, Congress leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad and Kapil Sibal submitted a memorandum to Mehrishi saying the cardinal principle of law was that "no one can be a judge in his own case". They said Mehrishi was finance secretary from October 29, 2014, to August 30, 2015, the period when UPA-2's 126 aircraft acquisition process was scrapped and a new 36 aircraft deal negotiated between Indian and French governments.

Jaitley hit back at the Congress leaders and said, "After 10 years in government, former UPA ministers still don't know that finance secretary is only a designation given to the senior most secretary in the finance ministry... Defence ministry files are dealt with by secretary (expenditure) and secretary (economic affairs) has no role in expenditure files of the defence ministry." He added, "Another attack on the institution of CAG by the 'institution wreckers' based on falsehood."

Indicating that Congress is not giving up on the Rafale issue and is seeking to deny the government any advantage from a CAG "clean chit", the party said, "This means



BIRD OF WAR: Youth Congress members protest against the Rafale deal at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi in this January 30 photo

'Deal saved thousands of crores for exchequer'

New Delhi: Union minister Arun Jaitley on Sunday dubbed Congress president Rahul Gandhi a "failed student" who was envious of PM Modi and said the use of "half document" to attack the government had fully destroyed the credibility of the allegations against the Rafale deal.

"When its falsehood collapsed, a half document was produced to perpetuate the falsehood. Little did the creators of this falsehood realise that the cost of producing half a document is loss of full credibility," Jaitley wrote in a blog, referring to Congress's allegations that defence ministry officials had objected to PMO inter-

vention in the deal.

He said the past two months had witnessed several fake campaigns and each one of them had failed to cut ice. "Falsehood doesn't have longevity. The 'compulsive contrarians' continued to jump from one falsehood to another.

The Rafale deal not only strengthens the combat ability of the IAF but saved thousands of crores for the exchequer," the minister said. He said Rahul's speeches on Rafale were based on personal hatred for the PM. "A failed student always hates the class topper. The context of the speeches points more to college-level lumpenisation in content," he added.



Arun Jaitley

that at the time of unilateral announcement for purchase of 36 Rafale aircraft at a cost of Rs 58,000 crore by PM Mo-

di, you (Mehrishi) were the finance secretary. Even at the time of cancellation of the 126 aircraft MMRCA deal

on June 24, 2015, you were the finance secretary."

However, the Indian negotiating team for the deal was set up only in mid-2015 and concluded its negotiations a little more than a year later, said government sources. They also pointed out that announcement of a deal under an inter-government agreement by PM Modi and then French president Francois Hollande could not be mistaken for the final contract. Mehrishi was not in government when the contract was finalised.

Jaitley said it was about time that India and its institutions were protected from "institution wreckers". BJP spokesperson G V L Narsimha Rao said, "Fake protectors of institutions attacking CAG again! UPA appointed former defence secretary (2011-13) as CAG. Did we ever say UPA did it to cover up defence scandals during its tenure?" He said it was common practice for former bureaucrats to be appointed CAG.

Congress claimed Mehrishi failed to put on record his role in the Rafale deal to the SC, the government and the Congress delegation that met him twice, pointing to a direct "conflict of interest", which rendered him "ineligible to conduct any audit on the Rafale deal as CAG". "It is an act of gross impropriety for you to deal with the audit of the 36 Rafale aircraft deal on account of patent conflict of interest writ large. You are constitutionally, legally and morally disintegrated to either conduct an audit or to present a report before the Public Accounts Committee and Parliament," Congress said.

IndiGo likely to cancel over 30 flights today

Mumbai: Low-cost carrier IndiGo cancelled a number of flights across the country, especially those operating out of Hyderabad, Chennai, Jaipur, on Saturday and Sunday. Over 30 flights are likely to be cancelled on Monday as well.

At least eight flights out of Chennai, six out of Hyderabad and three from Jaipur were among those cancelled over the weekend. Sources attributed the problem to operational reasons and crew shortage. "Pilots cannot be

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rostered to fly over 1,000 hours in a year. A number of IndiGo pilots have reached the limit and so they have to wait it out, before these crew can be rostered again," said a source.

However, IndiGo said the flights were cancelled because of poor weather. "Due to a severe hailstorm in North India on Friday, 11 IndiGo flights were diverted. Consequently, this disrupted operations across our network the following day. As part of recovering our schedule, positioning of the crew and aircraft had to be readjusted," said the airline in a statement.

Baby dies as doc asks kin to 'get ventilator'

Bhopal: A one-and-a-half-year-old girl died of burn injuries in Bundelkhand medical college in Madhya Pradesh's Sagar district on Saturday after she was allegedly denied a ventilator. When her parents asked for one, a doctor allegedly told them to "arrange one if you want to save the baby's life".

A video of the conversation went viral on Sunday, leading to the suspension of Dr Jyoti Raut, who had asked the child's parents to make the arrangement. The parents alleged they were told that the hospital doesn't have a ventilator. Dean of the medical college, G S Patel, however, said on Sunday that there are 17 ventilators in the college.

The child was severely burned when boiling water fell on her chest.

Judging 'under stress' in digital era: SC judge

New Delhi: Judging is "under stress" in the digital era, SC judge A K Sikri said on Sunday, lamenting that even before a case is taken up by the court, people start discussing on social media what the outcome "should be", which has an influence on the judges.

Talking on "Freedom of press in the digital age" at the first Law Association For Asia and the Pacific conference, Justice Sikri said the freedom of press is changing the paradigm of civil and human rights and the current pattern of media trials is an example of it. "When an issue is raised, a petition is filed, (and) even before it is taken up by court, people start discussing what should be the outcome. Not what 'is' the outcome, (but) what 'should be' the outcome. It influences how a judge decides a case," he said.

15 tourists get off Corbett vehicles, fined ₹5,000 each

Nainital: The Corbett Tiger Reserve administration has slapped a fine of Rs 5,000 each on 15 tourists for stepping out of three safari vehicles and then walking back a kilometre to the exit. The tourists, who hailed from Haryana had taken a day safari to the Jhirna zone of the reserve on Friday.

CTR director Rahul said, "The group complained to the administration that the guide and the drivers had misbehaved with them. We conducted an inquiry and found that the tourists had stepped out of the vehicles inside the protected area which had led to an altercation with the guide and drivers. The tourists then walked back. Getting out of the vehicle inside the protected area is prohibited to ensure safety and security of wildlife and tourists." **TNN**

GPS anklet and food on dole: After Farmington, she reaps only distress

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Hyderabad: Confined within the four walls of her paying guest accommodation in cold Sacramento (California), University of Farmington student Saritha (name changed) can barely wait for March 14. That's when she is set to appear before a judge and, hopefully, be freed of the GPS tracker strapped around her ankle. Until then, the 25-year-old will stay put indoors and survive on little money and a thin supply of vegetables and rice provided by a generous Indian family.

Saritha had set out to achieve her big American dream in 2015, by signing up for a master's programme at the Northwestern Polytechnic University. She then went to the University of Farmington. After initial phase of uncertainty, just when she thought she was finally inching closer to it, her pursuit hit a major roadblock on January 30 when officers from the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), came knocking on her door.

"They woke me up at 6.30am and asked me to accompany them to their office. I was interrogated till 8.30pm and told to report at the Intensive Supervisor and Appearance Program office the next day. That's where they radio-tagged me. I was instructed not to leave California, pay them a visit every Thursday, not change my postal address and not go back to India," she said, speaking to TOI over telephone.

The anxiety and distress evident in her voice came as no surprise from the Hyderabad-bred girl who joined the hamvarsity on advice of an anna (brother). "When I spoke to DHS officials today, they said they had a very strong case against me. According to them, even if I opt for voluntary departure now, I will be banned from the US for 10 years," Saritha said, confessing that long ban will push her family into a terrible monetary crisis.

But staying back to fight the case might not be an option for Saritha either. Reason: the high cost of hiring an attorney.

SIX MORE STUDENTS GET BAIL MORE TO BE OUT TODAY?

Six more students arrested in the visa-fraud case were granted bail and released from a detention centre in California on Friday. A team of lawyers were put together to represent the Indian students, including the eight recruiters from AP and Telangana, reports Ujwal Bommakanti

▶ As the federal judiciary has been facing a shortage of judges due to a nationwide judicial crisis, there was a delay in getting bail

▶ APNRT workers are confident that more students will be out of the detention centre in California today

▶ Ravi Vemuri, vice-president of Andhra Pradesh Non-Resident Telugu (APNRT) society, said that US immigration and customs enforcement was planning more undercover operations

▶ He advised students to research about any university in-depth before taking up offers

▶ On January 30, US immigration and customs enforcement arrested eight students who acted as recruiters on charges of conspiring to commit visa fraud

▶ Apart from the eight recruiters, US federal agents also detained 129 for enrolling in a fake university

WHAT LED TO SARITHA'S DEPORTATION

It appears (from documents with TOI) that US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials decided to deport Saritha because of her ambiguous answers over attendance. According to them, while she claimed she attended classes at least once a week, she could not provide travel documents to support her claim. Saritha was staying in one part of the US and claimed she flew to Michigan (where the fake university is located) each time. Also, CBP authorities found a certificate of attendance in her possession that stated she had met the required 80% attendance, even as the student herself later confessed she hadn't. In a subsequent query she also vaguely said that she had physically visited the premises only 5-6 times.

Bride-to-be dumped by fiance after she was deported to India

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Hyderabad: The rings had been exchanged; the trousseau packed; the fairy tale scripted. On a bright February morning in Hyderabad, Sujatha would marry the man of her dreams and fly away into the little bubble that they had built together in United States, over the last five years.

But this perfect narrative took a cruel turn on January 7, when the young bride-to-be landed at the Newark airport only to be met by a bunch of US Customs and Border Protection officers. They whisked her away into a cramped interrogation room, found University of Farmington documents in her luggage, and 10 hours later pronounced her fate: go back to India now and do not return for five years.

Sujatha had just returned to the US after a short break to finish her wedding shopping. Three days and multiple rounds of scrutiny later - at Dubai and Hyderabad airports - she was back home in India, but only to be dealt with the biggest blow of her life. Her boyfriend-turned-fiance had called off the engagement. Still in the US with a respectable job, Sai wasn't sure if a long-distance relationship would work. Also, he had aged parents to support. So, returning to India, only to marry Sujatha wasn't an option.

"Ever since, she has been shattered. She's locked herself up in the house and isn't speaking to anyone. That people in the family's social circles are only talking about the two of them, has only made things more difficult for her parents and her," said her uncle Srinivas, reiterating the horrific experience that the girl went through during those days in January.

While the papers that Sujatha signed before being deported (copies of which are with TOI) indicates that she voluntarily admitted to having committed a "F1 visa fraud" and agreed to be "removed from the United States under the Expedited Removal provision", her uncle says that she knew nothing about it until she landed in the city. "It was only at the Hyderabad airport that this 10-page document was handed over to her. In Newark, Sujatha was just instructed to sign them without asking questions," he claimed, adding, "Once she saw the papers, she also realised that she had been barred from re-entering the US for a period of five years."

(All names changed)

CBI brings Kolkata top cop, Saradha kingpin face-to-face

CBI Quizzes Rajeev For 9 Hrs, May Summon Him Today Too

Rohit Khanna & Dwaipayan Ghosh | TNN

Shillong: Kolkata Police commissioner Rajeev Kumar was questioned for nearly nine hours on Sunday, two and a half hours of which he was made to sit with former Trinamool MP and one of the main accused in the Saradha scam, Kunal Ghosh, who is also one of his most outspoken critics.



Rajeev Kumar

Ghosh has blamed the Special Investigation Team (SIT) for glossing over information and documents he had provided which, he claimed, "implied" several political bigwigs in Bengal. He was arrested by Bidhannagar police (with Kumar as its police commissioner) in November 2013, and was in custody for more than two years.

CBI sources indicated they have asked both Ghosh and Kumar to appear before it again on Monday. This, sources said, struck a nerve with the police commissioner, who had faced over 16 hours of questioning over the weekend. Sources insisted that Kumar had insisted on completing the questioning process even if it meant facing interrogators overnight. His plea was turned down. Long after the questioning was complete, Kumar remained in the CBI offices to allow him to "correct" his statements before signing them, sources said. He left the CBI offices at 10.46pm.

In a sudden development, CBI's investigating officer in the Rose Valley case, Shojom Sherpa, was flown in to Shillong to join the interrogators. A senior CBI officer indicated

that more CBI officers would join the probe from Monday.

"It is difficult to commit on any time-frame at this juncture," said a senior CBI officer, commenting on how many more days the questioning might take. Kumar faced seven hours of questioning on Saturday, followed by nine hours on Sunday. The Bengal government, sources said, is likely to take legal opinion on this issue. Ghosh's lawyer Ayan Chakraborty, however, said: "He has come here to cooperate with the CBI, and that is the prime condition of his bail."

Kumar stepped into the CBI offices at 10.20am, and Ghosh 30 minutes earlier. The CP was made to sit face to face with Ghosh at 6.40pm. On questions on Rose Valley, Kumar reportedly said that a Calcutta HC special bench was hearing all Ponzi cases, including Rose Valley's.

Rahul to join Priyanka's debut roadshow today

Lucknow: On Monday, when Priyanka Gandhi gets onto the makeshift rath for her debut roadshow in Lucknow, amid fanfare by Congress supporters, she will be accompanied by her brother and party's national president Rahul Gandhi.

This was confirmed by Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee president Raj Babbar. This is the first time that the siblings would travel together in public for a political rally in Lucknow.

The Lucknow district administration sought to dispel

the fear expressed by Congress supporters that their permission for the roadshow was being withheld. "We have only requested that the route may be diverted. Party workers are free to organise the roadshow anywhere," an official told TOI.

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Item No.	Description of the Resolution
1.	Special Resolution - Approval for the Buyback of Equity Shares of the Company
2.	Special Resolution - Re-appointment of Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw as an Independent Director

In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing e-voting facility to the shareholders to cast their vote by electronic means on all the resolutions set forth in the Postal Ballot Notice. The Company has engaged the services of National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") for the purpose of providing an e-voting facility to all its shareholders. Shareholders are requested to note that the voting, both through Postal Ballot and through electronic mode shall commence from February 11, 2019 (09:00 hours IST) and shall end on March 12, 2019 (17:00 hours IST). The e-voting facility will be disabled by NSDL thereafter.

The Board of Directors has appointed Parameshwar G. Hegde, practicing Company Secretary, as the scrutineer for conducting the Postal Ballot / e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. Shareholders are requested to note that the duly completed and signed Postal Ballot Forms should reach the Scrutinizer not later than 17:00 hours IST on March 12, 2019. Postal Ballot Forms received after the close of working hours on March 12, 2019 (17:00 hours IST) will be considered as invalid.

Shareholders may opt for only one mode of voting i.e. either by physical Postal Ballot or e-voting. In case a shareholder has voted through e-voting as well as the Postal Ballot Form, the vote cast through e-voting shall be considered valid and the vote cast through physical Postal Ballot shall be treated as invalid.

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The result of the Postal Ballot shall be declared by the Chairman of the Company or any other authorized person of the Company on or before March 15, 2019 and communicated to the stock exchanges, depository, Registrar and Share Transfer Agents and shall also be displayed on the Company's website, <https://www.infosys.com/investors/> and on the website of NSDL i.e. www.evoting.nsdli.com.

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