

Mystery loss of post-dated cheques: one more Ansal, IL&FS link

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, JUNE 12

IL&FS FINANCIAL Services MD Ramesh Bawa allegedly bending norms to favour Ansal Group, as reported by *The Indian Express* Wednesday, isn't the only questionable link between the two companies.

Last year, PenBrook Capital, an India-focused real estate fund, discovered that another IL&FS-linked firm had mysteriously "lost" post-dated cheques (PDCs) issued by Ansal Hi-Tech Townships against investments in 2014-15 of around Rs 200 crore by PenBrook, sources have confirmed to *The Indian Express*.

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Soon after this photo, UP Bar Council chief killed by lawyer in Agra court

MANISH SAHU & ANAND MOHAN J
LUCKNOW, AGRA, JUNE 12



Darvesh Yadav at the Agra court Wednesday. Express

UTTAR PRADESH'S first woman Bar Council chairperson Darvesh Singh Yadav was shot dead inside the Agra district court Wednesday by another lawyer Manish Babu Sharma, who then turned the gun on himself.

Sharma fired at least three rounds at Yadav inside the another lawyer's chamber just minutes after she ended a victory procession at the Agra court for being elected Bar Council chief on June 9.

While Yadav (37) was declared dead at an Agra hospital, Sharma (35) is in critical condition. Police said they were yet to ascertain the motive behind the

murder and said that Sharma shot her with his licensed pistol over a dispute connected to the



Amit Sharma claimed he was stripped in lock-up. Amit Mehra

UP cops lock up reporter, beat him unconscious: FIR

AMIL BHATNAGAR
SHAMLI, JUNE 12

A STATION House Officer and a constable have been suspended for allegedly assaulting a journalist in Shamli Tuesday night. Rakesh Kumar, the SHO of

Government Railway Police (GRP) Shamli, and constable Sanjay Pawar faced action after a purported video of them attacking the journalist, Amit Sharma of News 24, became public. Sharma, who was covering the derailment of a goods

First woman chief pushed for libraries, lawyer stipend

ANAND MOHAN J
AGRA, JUNE 12

CONVINCING ADVOCATES across Uttar Pradesh to elect a woman to the UP Bar Council is no ordinary task. It has never been done before.

But Darvesh Singh Yadav made history on June 9 following a two-month campaign, promising a free stipend to newly inducted advocates, a Bar hall in Agra and libraries across all bar council facilities in UP. At her side, was her close confidant, Mahesh Babu Sharma, who was also her senior from Agra College where



Where Yadav was shot thrice. Praveen Khanna

they completed their LL.M. Yadav's colleagues say that she was a workaholic, who had previously become the vice-chairperson for

Bengal political pot simmers as hospital protests spread

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, JUNE 12

WHAT STARTED as a clash between angry relatives of a patient who died and junior doctors at Nilratan Sircar Medical College in Kolkata leaving two interns injured — one critically — has spilled over to all state-run medical college hospitals and become a rallying point for the political opposition, led by the BJP.

Coming days after political violence in Basirhat where two workers of the BJP and one of Trinamool Congress were killed,

the doctors' protests have kept the political pot boiling.

On Wednesday, the "cease-work" agitation by junior doctors and interns snowballed from NRS hospital to all 13 medical college hospitals and at least six district hospitals. Many of them pulled shutters down on their Outpatient Departments (OPD) and, in some places, even emergency services.

Those affected include: Calcutta Medical College and Hospital, Calcutta National Medical College Hospital, R G Kar Hospital, SSKM Hospital and medical colleges in North Bengal,

NEAR SCHOOL IN ANANTNAG 5 CRPF men killed in J&K terror attack



CRPF personnel in Anantnag, Wednesday. ANI

ADIL AKHZER & BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JUNE 12

IN THE first major terror attack after the car bombing in Pulwama that prompted the Balakot airstrikes, militants Wednesday targeted a CRPF deployment in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, killing five personnel.

Three other personnel and a J&K Police officer were injured in the attack. A militant, believed to be a foreign national, was killed in retaliatory fire while his associate is believed to have escaped.

Officials said the attack took place near a private school on KP Road in Anantnag town around 4.50 pm, when the two militants arrived on a motorcycle and opened fire at personnel of the 116 Battalion who were posted in the area to maintain law and order.

EXPLAINED

May loom over SCO summit

THIS IS the biggest attack on security forces in J&K after the Pulwama bombing and will likely hang over the Bishkek summit, which Prime Minister Modi and Pakistan PM Imran Khan will attend. It comes days after Modi called for a global coalition against terror.

Officials said three CRPF men died on the spot while two succumbed to injuries in hospital.

PM skips Pak airspace flying to summit, meeting with Xi today



EXPRESS IN BISHKEK

SHUBHAJIT ROY
JUNE 12

A DAY before Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan land in the Kyrgyz Republic's capital, it's cloudy in Bishkek and five Indian medical students are posing for photos in front of an imposing Soviet-era building that houses the state history museum at Ala-Too Square in the heart of the city.

Dressed in green, their convocation colours, and sporting black graduation caps, they also have a message for the two leaders. "They should meet, keep their politics aside, and talk about the problems," says Ritesh

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