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CBI files chargesheet in ashram rape case

NEW DELHI
The CBI has filed a chargesheet against self-proclaimed god-man Virender Dev Dixit for the alleged rape of a minor girl at his ashrams in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh in 1999. The agency had earlier declared a reward of ₹5 lakh for information leading to his arrest.

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Modi, Xi meet in Bishkek, agree to speed up boundary talks

They also discussed the status of bilateral ties following the Wuhan summit

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NEW DELHI/BEIJING

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping on Thursday agreed to expedite the dialogue on the India-China boundary issue for securing a "fair" solution.

The two leaders met in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, where they will participate in the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

"The two leaders have asked the Special Representatives to meet and carry forward the discussion and have instructed them to expedite the discussion in this regard for achieving a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution," Foreign



Cementing ties: PM Modi greeting Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the SCO summit in Bishkek. •PTI

Secretary Vijay Gokhale said, describing the interaction as "substantive in content".

The two leaders discussed the status of the bilateral relationship since the Wuhan

summit of April 2018, which came in the backdrop of tension following the 73-day Doklam standoff. The attention on the border issue acquires significance as the Chinese President is expect-

ed to visit India later this year for a summit with Mr. Modi. Mr. Gokhale clarified that the discussion was held in the presence of the Special Representatives.

The last round of talks were held in November last, when Ajit Doval of India and Wang Yi of China met in Chengdu for the 21st round of talks between the Special Representatives.

"President Xi Jinping very warmly confirmed his readiness to visit India this year. He said that he looked forward to discussing all issues from a strategic and long-term perspective and that both sides should begin intensive preparations for the visit," Mr. Gokhale said.

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A coast bruised



To safety: Fishermen rush to a shelter as a high tide hits the shore of Veraval under the influence of Cyclone Vayu that brought normal life to a halt in the Saurashtra region of Gujarat. The cyclone has since changed course. •VIJAY SONEJI (REPORT ON PAGE 9)

India will have its own space station, says ISRO chief Sivan

Modalities will be worked out after first manned mission

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India plans to have its own space station, and the modalities for it will be worked out after the first manned mission, Gaganyaan, scheduled for August 2022, K. Sivan, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), said on Thursday.

"We want to have a separate space station. We will launch a small module for microgravity experiments... that is our ambition," he told journalists here. A detailed report would be submitted to the government after the Gaganyaan mission.



Laying out plans: ISRO Chairman K. Sivan and Union Minister Jitendra Singh in New Delhi on Thursday. •SANDEEP SAXENA

Dr. Sivan said the proposed space station would weigh around 20 tonnes and serve as a facility where astronauts could stay for 15-20 days, and would be placed in

an orbit 400 km above earth. The time frame for launch would be 5-7 years after Gaganyaan, he added.

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Easter blast mastermind linked to three IS cases

NIA continues searches in Coimbatore

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NEW DELHI / COIMBATORE

Zahran Hashim, the Sri Lankan mastermind of the April 21 Easter attacks, has emerged as a common link in at least three Islamic State-related cases, including the latest IS module busted in Coimbatore, a probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has revealed.

An NIA official said there could be "more members"

associated with the Coimbatore module, which had links with a Kerala module.

The agency found that Ibrahim Shah, one of the five suspects detained on Wednesday, was close to Riyas Abubacker of the Kerala module, which had planned attacks in the State. "Searches will continue till the agency identifies all members of the module," said the official.

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Probe ordered after rescue team finds no survivors of AN-32 crash

Families of the personnel have been informed, says IAF

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NEW DELHI/GUWAHATI

The Indian Air Force on Thursday ordered a probe into the cause of the crash of its AN-32 aircraft. The decision came after a team of mountaineers who reached the crash site in Arunachal Pradesh found no survivors.

The Russian-made military transport aircraft with 13 persons on board crashed 35 minutes after taking off from Jorhat in Assam on

June 3. It was heading to the Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground in Arunachal Pradesh's Shi-Yomi district but lost contact with the ground agencies over the Payum circle in the adjoining Siang district.

The 13 personnel on board have been identified as Wing Commander G.M. Charles, Squadron Leader H. Vinod, Flight Lieutenants R. Thapa, A. Tanwar, S. Mohanty and M.K. Garg, War-

rant Officer K.K. Mishra, Sergeant Anoop Kumar, Corporal Sharin N.K., Leading Aircraft Men (LAC) S.K. Singh and Pankaj, and Non-Combatant (enrolled) Putali and Rajesh Kumar.

"Eight members of the rescue team reached the site in the morning. They found no survivors. The families were informed accordingly," an IAF spokesperson said.

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Pak.-trained man behind CRPF attack: officials

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NEW DELHI

A day after five CRPF personnel were killed in an attack in south Kashmir's Anantnag -

the first major attack since the Pulwama suicide bombing in February - officials said the AK-47 toting, 'hardened' militant was not a local and was

trained in Pakistan. The official said the *fidayeen* acted alone, killing five personnel in the initial burst of fire.

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Monty Chadha held from IGIA in real estate fraud case

'Developer duped buyers of ₹100 crore'

SAURABH TRIVEDI
NEW DELHI

The Economic Offences Wing of Delhi Police arrested vice-chairman of Wave Group Manpreet Singh Chadha alias Monty from the Indira Gandhi International Airport here on Wednesday night in connection with a real estate fraud case. He was allegedly trying to escape to Phuket in Thailand. He was produced before a magistrate in Saket court on Thursday and sent to 14-day judicial custody.

Additional Commissioner of Police Suvashish Chaudhary said Mr. Chadha, the director of Uppal Chadha Hi-Tech Developers Private Limited, was arrested on complaints lodged by 29 investors who claimed to have been cheated by the firm in the name of proposed hi-tech township projects on NH-24, Ghaziabad.

Wrongful gains

The FIR, registered in January 2018, claimed that the developer duped buyers of over ₹100 crore and made wrongful gains by promising hi-tech townships with facilities such as helipad and proximity to metro station.

The company launched the project in 2006, but its agents had started approaching the public for booking of plots in their proposed 'Hi-Tech Township' - Rosewood Enclave, Sunny Wood Enclave, Lime Wood Enclave and Crestwood Enclave - to be developed in the villages of Kachera, Dujana and Mehrauli on NH-24 in 2005 itself. They showed brochures and layout plans for the proposed township of about 1,500 acres.

The possession of the plots was to be given within



Manpreet Singh Chadha in police custody. •PTI

eight months from the date of allotment letters. The 29 complainants had booked plots in 2005-06 and paid ₹4.5 crore to the developer.

In 2009, the developer told the investors that all necessary approvals have been obtained and work will start soon. In 2011, the investors received a demand letter signed by the vice-president of the company but the name of the firm, the township, and the office address had changed and all payments were sought in the name of the new entity - Wave City NH-24, said Mr. Chaudhary.

MoU with GDA

During investigation it was found that the U.P. government had announced its 'Hi-Tech Township policy' in 2003, inviting real estate firms to develop smart townships with modern facilities in Ghaziabad, and Uppal Chadha Hi-Tech Pvt. Ltd. had entered into an MoU with the Ghaziabad Development Authority in 2005 for developing the project and started taking bookings for plots.

However, the site plan was sanctioned only in 2013. Even after a gap of 14 years, the company neither provided plots to all the buyers nor refunded their invested amount.

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