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**DRIVING CHANGE**

Rajya Sabha has passed the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which imposes stricter penalties. All the fines are base amounts, states can increase them by up to 10 times, but can't lower them.

**₹10,000**  
FOR DRUNK DRIVING, UP FROM **₹2,000**.

**₹5,000**  
FOR TALKING ON A CELLPHONE WHILE DRIVING, UP FROM **₹1,000**.

**₹5,000**  
FOR DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENCE, UP FROM **₹500**.

■ In hit-and-run cases, **₹2 lakh** for death (up from **₹25,000**), **₹50,000** for grievous injury (up from **₹12,500**).

■ Motor Vehicle Accident Fund to provide compulsory insurance to all road users.

■ If a juvenile is caught driving, the guardian/owner will face a fine of **₹25,000** with 3 years imprisonment, minor to be tried under the Juvenile Justice Act, registration of vehicle to be cancelled.

**₹25,000-1 lakh**  
IF TAXI AGGREGATORS VIOLATE LICENSING CONDITIONS.

**₹1,000**  
(LIGHT MOTOR VEHICLES) AND **₹2,000**  
(MEDIUM-SIZED VEHICLES) FOR OVERSPEEDING.

■ No cap on liability for third party insurance; **₹5 lakh** insurance compensation, up from **₹50,000**.

■ Vehicle dealers can get a car registered online.

■ A "good samaritan" who helps a road accident victim will be given protection from harassment by authorities.

■ Online provision for learners' licence; Aadhaar card must for driving licence.

**₹1,000** per extra passenger for "overloading"; **₹5,000** for "oversized vehicles".

**₹1,000** for not wearing a seat belt, up from **₹100**.

**₹1,000** and disqualification of licence for not wearing a helmet while riding two-wheelers, up from **₹100**.

**₹10,000** for driving despite disqualification, up from **₹500**.

■ The Bill was earlier passed by Lok Sabha, but will be sent back as Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari proposed an amendment and said it had a printing mistake.

AVISHK G DASTIDAR

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By UNNY



**CBI STARTS PROBE, BOOKS BJP MLA ON MURDER CHARGE**

## Unnao rape-accident on CJI table today, UP Minister's kin among those accused



CJI Ranjan Gogoi, Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JULY 31

AS CHIEF Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi sought a report from the Supreme Court Secretary General on why the Unnao rape victim's letter was not brought to his notice, the CBI Wednesday filed an FIR against Uttar Pradesh BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, and nine others, including the son-in-law of a UP minister, on allegations that they orchestrated the accident that has left the woman in a critical condition.

Listing the Unnao matter for Thursday, CJI Gogoi, heading a bench with Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose, remarked that it was "unfortunate" that the woman's July 12 letter did not reach him earlier. Senior advocate V Giri brought the Unnao matter to the court's notice.

Days before she was critically injured and her two aunts killed in a road accident, the Unnao woman, who has accused Sengar of sexual assault, had written a letter to the CJI, and

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Security personnel at the cremation ground in Unnao on Wednesday. Vishal Srivastav

## News comes of funerals in Lucknow hospital where she fights for life

MAULSHREE SETH  
LUCKNOW, JULY 31

THE CLAMOUR outside the King George's Medical University (KGMU) critical care unit stops when a teenager carrying an urn covered with red cloth arrives. His face streaked with tears, the boy has just returned with the ashes of his aunt, who was cremated Wednesday in an Unnao village.

On Thursday in Barabanki, there's another funeral. His mother's. The two women died in the car accident Sunday in Rae Bareilly which left the Unnao rape

victim and her lawyer in critical condition.

As the Unnao woman fights for life on ventilator support, with doctors saying she is still critical with "vitals showing some improvement, which is hard to define", her family is caught between two cremations, her recovery and a police case.

The young boy, who is the woman's cousin walked out later with luggage in one hand and the urn in the other as the woman's mother, who has been wearing the same saree for the past three days, entered the CCU. With nowhere else to go, her

mother carried some belongings in a cloth bag, which she holds tight to her chest at all times, trailed by her three other daughters and son.

"We have cremated my aunt today as my uncle had to go back to jail. I was the only male member left after him, so we have brought the ashes with us. I will now cremate my mother tomorrow morning in our home town of Barabanki," he told

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## Cafe Coffee Day founder's body recovered from river bank; firm names interim chief

JOHNSON TA  
BENGALURU, JULY 31

THE BODY of V G Siddhartha, founder of the Cafe Coffee Day chain who went missing Monday evening, was found on the banks of the river Nethravathi Wednesday morning by two fishermen.

Police sources told *The Indian Express* that the body had no visible marks of injuries and a post mortem has indicated drowning as the cause of death. They said this confirms their suspicion that the businessman had commit-



People pay their last respects to V G Siddhartha, in Chikkamagaluru, Wednesday. PTI

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## BCCI gets a dose from Govt: You don't have authority to test players for drugs

MIHIR VASAVDA  
NEW DELHI, JULY 31

DAYS BEFORE 19-year-old batsman Prithvi Shaw failed a dope test, the government had come down heavily on the Indian cricket board and its anti-doping set-up. In a stern letter to BCCI CEO Rahul Johri, the Sports Ministry said that the board's anti-doping programme lacked robustness and hinted at a conflict of interest since the BCCI itself tests and hands out punish-

ment to its players.

The Ministry also said that the BCCI did not have the right to conduct dope tests on players since it is not authorised by the government or the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA). "Article 5.2 of WADA Code provides for sampling of athletes only by an Anti Doping Organisation with testing authority. It is a matter of fact that BCCI is neither an anti-doping organisation with testing authority under WADA Code nor it can acquire such a status," the Ministry wrote in the letter

dated June 26.

The BCCI has been at logger-heads with the government for several years for not signing up with the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA), an autonomous body mandated to keep sports clean. While all other sports and sportspersons in the country follow regulations laid out by NADA, the cricket board has steadfastly refused to toe the line.

The board has cited flaws in the testing agency's procedures as one of the key reasons for not

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## After CJI wrote note to PM, Govt raises SC judge strength by 10%

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JULY 31

JUST ABOUT a month after Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to consider increasing the strength of judges in the Supreme Court, the Union Cabinet Wednesday decided to bring a Bill to increase the strength by 10 per cent from 30 to 33 judges apart from the Chief

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**NORTH KOREA TESTS MORE MISSILES DESPITE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS**

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Prakash Javadekar on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

Justice.

Announcing the decision, Union Minister for Information

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## 'I realised Allah didn't want me to sacrifice my life to make him happy'

Says father of four after a programme of 'deradicalisation' in Maharashtra which is being studied by other states

SAGAR RAJPUT  
MUMBAI, AURANGABAD, JULY 31

ON APRIL 11, 2017, as dusk was settling over Aurangabad, policemen from Maharashtra's Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) knocked on his door and asked him to go with them for an "urgent" investigation. He guessed why they had come.

He had been in touch with his childhood friend who is believed to have joined the Islamic State (IS) in 2014. And through this friend, he had spoken to an IS recruiter over a chat app on becoming a suicide bomber. On his Facebook page, he had changed his profile picture to the black-and-white IS flag and posted two messages that declared his affiliation.

That evening, his wife and parents watching, he feared the worst as he was driven away in a car — life behind bars, even death. But nothing prepared him for what came next.

At their office in Aurangabad, the ATS officers pushed a sheaf of papers towards him. It was a list of 240 questions but not about him and IS. They were questions no one had ever asked him.

Are you impulsive? Do you like going on roller coaster rides? Do you have an active fantasy life? Do you do things just for the thrill of it? Do you sometimes flatter people to get your way? For eight hours, the questions kept coming. Unknown to him, he was facing a psychometric test. And the questionnaire was to assess the degree to which he had been "radicalised" or how vulnerable he was to radicalisation. Then came the second surprise. He was sent home — asked to return every day until further instructions.

He was the latest entrant to the ATS's "deradicalisation programme" under which the police say they are trying to pull people like him back from the edge.

According to Maharashtra Deputy Commissioner of Police Dhananjay Kulkarni, this three-year-old programme has "reintegrated" at least 114 young men and six women who were being wooed by IS. The ATS claims to



ATS office in Mumbai

WHO ARE THEY...

**120**  
persons, including six women, enrolled in the deradicalisation programme

**52**  
above 30 years of age

**57**  
between 21 and 30 yrs

**11**  
below 20 years

...WHAT THEY DO

**105**  
are self-employed; 28 with technical/engineering education

**11**  
are students

**4**  
are unemployed

have counselled 200 others, too.

Much of the programme is under wraps so *The Indian Express* spoke to several officers who run it, individuals who were put through it and their families to piece together the story of how police turned counsellors working with a hastily put-together roadmap with a clearly defined goal.

Traditionally, India has been an outlier in the jihadi recruitment business — al-Qaeda and now IS have few from India in

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Move to tackle pending cases

THE DECISION is in line with the government's aim to tackle pending cases. This year's Economic Survey had red-flagged the pile of pending cases and laid down solutions, including raising the age of judges in the higher judiciary.

## Customer cancels food order over religion, gets a taste of tolerance

plaint of the delivery person's religion, and demand for a refund.

The company's CEO, Deepinder Goyal, weighed in with a tweet. "We are proud of the idea of India — and the diversity of our esteemed customers and partners. We aren't sorry to lose any business that comes in the way of our values," he wrote.

Congress leader and former Union minister P Chidambaram said in a tweet: "I've not ordered food so far but I think I will do so now from Zomato." Former Chief Election Commissioner S Y Quraishi was equally appreciative of the food aggregator's stand: "Salute Deepinder Goyal!

You are the real face of India! Proud of you."

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah tweeted: "Respect. I love your app. Thank you for giving me a reason to admire the company behind it."

It all began when Jabalpur-based Amit Shukla complained to Zomato about how the service had "allocated a non-Hindu rider" to deliver his order. Shukla added that the company said "they can't change rider and can't refund on cancellation". Infuriated with the cancellation charges, the man threatened the service with legal action.



Suvajit Dey

"@ZomatoIN is forcing us to take deliveries from people we don't want else they won't refund and won't cooperate I am removing this app and will discuss the issue with my lawyers," the user tweeted.

Shukla also shared a conversation with the company's helpdesk, which had wanted to know what the issue with the rider was. "We have *Shrawan* and I don't need a delivery from a Muslim fellow," he wrote in the conversation.

Zomato responded that the cancellation after the delivery person has picked the order would cost the user Rs 237. The

user alleged that the company blocked him from accessing the details of his order on the site.

Meanwhile, Faiyaz, the food delivery executive, said he was hurt by the customer's refusal. "Yes, I feel hurt. What can I say? We are poor, we have to suffer," he said.

Shukla, however, stuck to his stand. "Do my freedom of expression and religion not fall under the idea of India?" he asked a news channel.

Similar Twitter storms have engulfed several companies before. Last year, after a VHP member tweeted about cancelling an

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