IN BRIEF



CBI wants to interrogate Indrani Mukerjea

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Monday filed an application before the special CBI court to meet Sheena Bora murder accused Indrani Mukerjea lodged at Byculla iail to interrogate her in the INX Media money laundering case.

CBI files first chargesheet in IMA scam

NEW DELHI The Central Bureau of Investigation has filed its first chargesheet against IMA jewels promoter Mansoor Khan within eight days of the probe, for allegedly duping lakhs of people by promising them high returns using Islamic principles of investment, officials said on Monday. The agency said it will file more chargesheets as the investigation proceeds. PTI

Probe ordered into arrest of journalist in U.P. AZAMGARH

The Azamgarh district magistrate on Monday ordered a probe into the arrest of a journalist after he took photographs of some children monning the floor in their school, Santosh Jaiswal was arrested on false charges of extortion, alleged a fellow journalist Sudhir Singh, who, along with other journalists met District Magistrate NP Singh to apprise him of the alleged illegal arrest. PTI

25-year-old rape accused shot dead in Manipur

Two unidentified persons on Sunday night gunned down a youth who was in judicial custody on the charge of rape and attempted murder of a girl. The slain youth was identified as Ghanashyam Heisnam, 25, of Thanga islet in Bishnupur district in Manipur. He had been detained in connection with the rape on February 13, 2017 and was released on bail recently.

Tamil Nadu ranks lowest in coverage of iodised salt

Survey finds that the national average for household coverage is 76.3%

JAGRITI CHANDRA

Tamil Nadu has the lowest consumption of iodised salt despite being the third biggest producer of salt in the country, according to a firstof-its-kind national survey to measure the coverage of iodised salt.

The study shows that 76.3% of Indian households consumed adequately iodised salt, which is salt with at least 15 parts per million of iodine. The five worst performers were Tamil Nadu (61.9%), Andhra Pradesh (63.9%), Rajasthan (65.5%), Odisha (65.8%) and Jharkhand (68.8%). The survey was conducted by Nutrition International in collaboration with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the Indian Coalition for the Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (ICCIDD). The survev tested the iodine content in samples of cooking salt from households to estimate

Iodine is a vital micro-nutrient for optimal mental and physical development of human beings. Deficiency of iodine can result in a range of disabilities and disorders

the coverage of iodised salt.

Worth the salt?

On an average, in India, the household coverage with iodine content* was 76.3%. A look at State-wise coverage *Iodised salt not less than 15 parts per million (ppm)

Top five States	% of households covered	Bottom five States	% of households covered
J&K	99.80%	Tamil Nadu	61.90%
Nagaland	99.70%	A.P.	63.90%
Manipur	99.50%	Rajasthan	65.50%
Mizoram	99.20%	Odisha	65.80%
Meghalaya	98.40%	Jharkhand	68.80%

such as goitre, hypothyroidism, cretinism, abortion, still births, mental retardation and psychomotor defects. Children born in iodine

deficient areas may have up to 13.5 IQ points less than those born in iodine suffi-

The survey covered a total

of 21,406 households in 29 States and 7 Union Territories in India. The fieldwork was undertaken between October 2018 and March 2019.

Largest producers

Rajasthan, which is the second largest producer of salt, also figured among the five worst covered States. Gujarat produces 71% of salt in the country, followed by Rajasthan at 17% and Tamil Nadu at 11%. The rest of the country accounts for a mere 1% of salt produced.

'The northeastern States are doing very well with respect to iodised salt consumption at the household level because of the distance they have from the three salt pro-

jasthan and Tamil Nadu. By and large most States get their salt from Gujarat and Rajasthan and because of the distance, it is sent by rail. This salt is strictly monitored by the Salt Commissioner's office and if it is inadequately iodised, they don't allot rakes. Secondly, salt-producing States have access to common (or non-iodised) salt and, therefore, they start consuming it since it is readily available," explained Dr. Chandrakant S. Pandav, president, ICCIDD. He is also

ducing centres - Gujarat, Ra-

India made fortification of salt with iodine mandatory for direct human consump-

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called the Iodine Man of

tion in 1992. This was relaxed in 2000 and then reimposed in 2005. In 2011, the SC, too, mandated universal iodisation for the control of iodine

deficiencies. The survey also revealed that 13 out of 36 States have already achieved Universal

Key recommendations

Salt Iodisation with.

The key recommendation of the study is to sustain the momentum so that iodine coverage does not fall below current levels.

It also recommends that the States and the Centre work together to address the current gaps and look into issues that vary from one State to another.

Terrorists may target south India, says Army

Some abandoned boats have been recovered in Sir Creek

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The Army has received inputs that there may be a terror attack in the southern part of India, a top Army commander said Monday.

Some abandoned boats have been recovered in the Sir Creek area, Lt. Gen. S.K. Saini, GOC-in-C of the Army's Southern Command, told reporters at an event near Pune.

"We have got many inputs that there may be a terrorist attack in the southern part of India and the peninsular India," he said.

The Army has taken measures in the Sir Creek region, keeping in mind the enhanced threat perception,

Kerala police chief Lokanath Behera, meanwhile, asked all district police heads to maintain high alert across the State.



The Army has taken steps for capacity building.

The Director General of Police directed personnel to maintain heightened vigil at bus stands, railway stations, airports and places where people gather in large numbers.

ened at all places where people come out in huge numbers to celebrate Onam," a police release said.

"Security will be tight-

A defence spokesperson in Chennai said the "north-

ern most point of the Army's

southern command includes some parts of Gujarat

"The word south from southern command GOC does not mean Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka only. It includes complete southern peninsula and parts of Guiarat."

In Andhra Pradesh, security along the 974 km-long coastline has been beefed up following threats of a possible terror attack in south India, a top police official said.

In particular, security has been tightened at Tirumala, the abode of God Venkateswara and the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota. In Tamil Nadu, a senior

police official said the State has been on high alert since last month following intelligence inputs indicating intrusion of suspected terrorists. Vigil was heightened in particular in cities like Coimbatore, he said.

5 girls escape from shelter home in Bihar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BEGUSARAI (BIHAR)

Five girls fled from a government-funded shelter home for minor girls here on Monday alleging mismanagement at the care unit, the police said.

Four of them were caught by the police at the railway station.

All the girls, said to be in teens, escaped around 6 a.m. after beating up an employee entrusted with the maintenance of the home situated in Nirala Nagar locality, Ratanpur outpost in-charge Sudha Kumari said.

She said four of the girls were caught with the help of GRP while they were trying to board a train.

One of the girls, a resident of Sahebganj district in Jharkhand, managed to flee taking advantage of the commotion at the station, Ms. Kumari said, adding that the police in adjoining districts, besides the GRP, have been informed about the missing inmate.

dying declaration, rules SC 'It's for the court to find out which

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

version is true'

In a case of divergent and multiple dying declarations, the court need not invariably pick the one that incriminates the accused person. Instead, it is for the court to find out which of the dying victim's statement is true. the Supreme Court said in a recent judgment.

Divergent declarations

"When there are divergent dying declarations, it is not the law that the court must invariably prefer the statement which is incriminatory and must reject the statement which does not implicate the accused. The real point is to ascertain which contains the truth," a Bench of Justices S.K. Kaul and K.M. Ioseph observed.

The judgment was based



The Supreme Court gave the order on an appeal filed by a CRPF staffer.

on an appeal filed by a CRPF staffer convicted of murder and criminal intimidation. In 2008, he was accused of pouring kerosene over his wife and setting her ablaze.

Appeal dismissed

She gave two dying declarations. The first one did not implicate him. In the second one, she pointed the finger at him. The trial court convicted him and the Delhi High Court dismissed his appeal.

Confirming the lower courts' decisions and cancelling his bail, Justice Joseph, writing for the Bench, reiterated the law that "any statement made by a person as to the cause of his death or to any circumstance of the transaction which resulted in his death would be relevant".

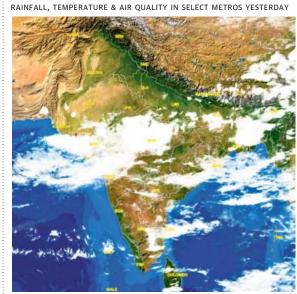
Cannot be brushed aside The judgment said, "Once it is proved that such state-

ment is made by the deceased then it cannot be brushed aside on the basis that it is not elaborate or that it was not recorded in a particular fashion." Countering arguments

that dying declarations could also be a result of "imagination running wild", the apex court concluded that nothing in the case established the contention.

"In fact, there is no material before us to hold that the dying declaration is a creation of her imagination," it observed.

WEATHER WATCH



Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over west Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Gujarat, east Rajasthan, east Madhya Pradesh. sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur, central Maharashtra, Konkan region, Goa and coastal & south interior Karnataka

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Delhi	8	.49	19	93	.156		
Hyderabad	49	.24	14	19	38		
Kolkata	5	.23	16	46	48		
Lucknow	3	.28	63	38			
Mumbai	20	.14	87	19	75		
Pune	74	8	67	27	27		
Visakhapatnam		.44	47	50	.100		

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sirsa, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 225 indicating a severe level of pollution. In contrast, Gulbarga, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 27.

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI) 502: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system,

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters. CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause

dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death. PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature

'74-year-old giving birth is misuse of IVF'

The woman recently became the oldest-ever to give birth

A group of reproductive health providers have strongly condemned what they call an "act of mindless misuse of IVF technologies" in the case of a 74-year-old giving birth recently and allegedly becoming the oldest mother in the world.

Doctors stated that this is a "deplorable omission of ethics, morality, and the misuse of Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART)".

Members of the Indian Society of Assisted Reproduction (ISAR), Indian Fertility Society (IFS) and Academy of Clinical Embryologists (ACE) in a joint statement on Monday noted that according to the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill, 2017, "Assisted Reproductive Technology services shall not be available

to a woman below the age of 18 years and above the age of 45

Not a law yet

"The loophole is the fact that this is still a guideline and not a law yet. But we as doctors also have to look at the entire situation in a manner that will benefit the mother and the well-being of the children. Advanced age adds to several medical complications and interferes with the quality [of life] and natural lifespan," noted Gouri Devi, president, IFS.

Pankaj Talwar, secretary general, IFS, added: "We appeal to all our members and health professionals in India to abstain from unethical malpractice, which may risk the lives of our patients, off-spring and future generations."

"We are deeply appalled in

knowing about such unprofessional conduct by some health providers in misusing the current ART procedures," he noted, stating doctors are now writing to the Union Health Minister about the

issue, and seeking stringent laws. A 74-year-old woman recently became the oldest-ever to give birth after she delivered twins at a hospital in Andhra Pradesh's Guntur town last week through the In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) process. A team of four doctors at the Ahalya Nursing Home performed the Caesarean-section

"I believe that due to the lack of strict regulation via ART laws, we are witnessing a surge in unethical practices and rampant commercialisation of IVF," said Archana Dhawan Bajaj, an Obstetrician-Gynecologist and IVF

'No idols dumped at riverfront'

Ahmedabad civic authorities have sought to debunk a viral video

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Ahmedabad civic authorities have said a month-old video showing thousands of idols lying on the Sabarmati riverfront had been taken out of context. The clip circulated on social media platforms claimed they were Ganesh idols dumped by people. The authorities debunked the video stating that no idols were abandoned by the people as claimed.

Not disposed of properly

The video showed thousands of idols lying on the riverbank and alleged people had just thrown them on the riverbank without properly disposing them of.

As the clip went viral, Ahmedabad Municipal Commissar Vijay Nehra took to Twitter to set the record straight. Mr. Nehra said the "out of context" clip was being circulated a month after he himself had posted a clip and



of Ganesh idols lying on the Sabarmati riverbank

shared pictures of 'Dashama' (a local deity) idols left by people without putting them into the flowing river for disposal.

"I shared this one month ago. Retweeting this in light of some out of context videos being circulated on social media," Mr. Nehra said on Twitter, while posting his one-month-old tweet.

"Something amazing is happening in #Ahmedabad today. Ordinary citizens have decided to keep #Sabarmati river clean. Instead of immersing Dashama idols in the river, they have respectfully left them on the banks!! Thousands and Thousands of them. Unbelievable change?," the Municipal Commissioner had tweeted on August 11, this year.

The Dashama festival celebrated in Ahmedabad is similar to Ganesh Chaturthi celebrated in many States in the country. People worship the idol of goddess Dashama and perform special pujas for 10 days and on the last day, the idols are immersed in water In a video message, Mr. Nehra

asked the citizens to protect the river by ensuring that Ganesh idols are not thrown into it, and emulate the example of Dashama devotees a month ago. The civic body has created special water tanks along the riverbank for Ganesh idol immersion with the festival ending on September 12.

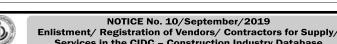
Woman pregnant for 20th time

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In a rare case, Lankabai Kharat. a 38-year-old woman from Maharashnant for the 20th time, doctors said. She has had 16 successful deliveries and three abortions and is now seven months' pregnant, they said. Howev-

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