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## Modi reaches out to US investors: Come to India, will personally act as a bridge

Invites investment across sectors, from defence and infra to start-ups



**SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 25  
ASSURING THAT he will "personally act as a bridge" if there is

any gap, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday pitched India as "the only destination" for American investment across a range of sectors — from defence to start-ups, infrastructure to urbanisation. On the economic environment, he said India's "democracy" and its "judiciary being in English" are key advantages for potential investors. Addressing the Bloomberg global business forum in New York, with "Come to India" as his **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



Prime Minister Modi with Bill and Melinda Gates in New York Wednesday. Their foundation honoured him with the Global Goalkeeper award for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. **P.TI PAGE 6**

## Chinmayanand case: Sexual assault victim is held, sent to jail

SIT says extortion but admits it has no evidence of money changing hands

**MANISH SAHU**  
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 25



He was arrested on Sept 20

A MONTH after she accused former Union minister and BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand of sexual assault, the Uttar Pradesh police Wednesday arrested the Shahjahanpur law student on charges of extortion. She was arrested in the morning in a case filed by Chinmayanand's lawyer and sent to 14 days judicial custody.

Her father, meanwhile, said police had no evidence against her and were trying to "save" Chinmayanand. While Chinmayanand was arrested by the SIT on September 20, his lawyer Om Singh had lodged an FIR against unidentified persons for allegedly sending threatening messages to Chinmayanand's cellphone and demanding Rs 5 crore. The FIR was **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

**EXPLAINED**  
**Question mark on main case**

THE STUDENT'S testimony was key to the arrest of Chinmayanand. Her arrest puts a question mark on the sexual assault case itself. The fact that no money changed hands undermines the police case.

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### IMPEACHMENT CLOUD GETS BIGGER

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### Yogi announces Rs 6,000 a year to each triple talaq victim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 25

REACHING OUT to victims of triple talaq and women abandoned by their husbands, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Wednesday made a slew of announcements for their welfare including financial assistance of Rs 6,000 per year and free legal aid to every such woman. He also warned of strict against Hindu men who take a second wife. At an event in Lucknow under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

## CBI officer who led investigation in Asthana case seeks voluntary retirement

Satish Dagar's exit comes after HC gave CBI 4 months to wrap up probe

**JAY MAZOOMDAAR**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE INVESTIGATING officer (IO) in the alleged corruption case against former CBI special director Rakesh Asthana has sought voluntary retirement from service.

In a letter dated August 19, Superintendent of Police (CBI) Satish Dagar made the request for voluntary retirement under Rule 48 of the Central Civil Services pension Rules 1972 with effect from December 1, 2019. Under the rule, officers seeking voluntary retirement must serve the minimum notice period of three months. While Dagar did not respond to queries on why he has sought voluntary retirement and if his request has been accepted, the



SP Satish Dagar wants to retire with effect Dec 1

timing of his move has raised eyebrows within the agency. On May 31, Delhi High Court granted the CBI four months to complete its investigation in the Asthana matter. A CBI spokesperson did not comment on the status of Dagar's request but confirmed that the officer "applied for VRS on personal grounds". It remains **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

## Don't repeat 1971, think of what may happen to PoK: Rajnath warns Pak

**HAMZA KHAN**  
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 25

REMINING ISLAMABAD of the breakup of Pakistan in 1971 and the creation of Bangladesh, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Wednesday warned Pakistan not to repeat "the mistake of 1971".

Addressing a programme in Jaipur to mark the 103rd birth anniversary of Jan Sangh ideologue



At the commissioning ceremony of Coast Guard ship Varaha, in Chennai. **P.TI**

Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Singh said, "Brothers and sisters, we will rather lose an election than deceive you, because we don't do politics only to form government but to form the country. And by ending Articles 370 and 35A, we have shown that there is no difference between what BJP says and what it does."

The Defence Minister also said that following the Pulwama terror attack, India took great **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

## 2 Dalit children killed in MP for 'defecating' in open, 2 arrested

**MILIND GHATWAI**  
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 25

TWO DALIT children, a 10-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl, were allegedly beaten to death for defecating in the open in Bhavkhedi village of Shivpuri district in Madhya Pradesh Wednesday morning.

Police said they have arrested two brothers — Hakim Yadav

and Rameshwar Yadav — from the village in Sirsod police station limits, about 15 km from the district headquarters. The boy's father, Manoj Valmiki, told police in his complaint the brothers objected to his son Avinash and sister Roshni defecating in the open near their house and beat them to death with sticks. Police have booked the two brothers under IPC Section 302 **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



## Govt roadmap to recoup loss from tax cuts: Sale of land, stake in firms

**SUNNY VERMA**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

IN A bid to compensate for revenue loss due to last week's corporate tax rate cuts, the Centre is working on a three-pronged strategy: fast-track monetisation of idle state-owned land, strategic stake sale in key companies, and sale of residual stake in other state-run firms, sources told *The Indian Express*.

The reduction in corporate tax rates is set to cost Rs 1.45 lakh crore annually. The government has maintained that it would

keep its fiscal deficit target of 3.3 per cent of GDP by March 2020.

The companies identified for strategic stake sale include BPCL, Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) and Air India. A complete sale of government holding in BPCL and CONCOR alone can fetch the government Rs 73,745 crore at Wednesday's closing price.

The government holds 53.29 per cent stake in BPCL with current market capitalisation of Rs 100,816 crore, and 54.8 per cent in CONCOR with market capitalisation of Rs 36,536 crore. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

## IITs have a plan: Weak students to exit in 3 yrs with BSc in engineering

**RITIKA CHOPRA**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 25

THE COUNTRY'S premier engineering institutes, the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), may permit academically weak students to exit early, after three years, with a B.Sc. degree in engineering.

The proposal is on the agenda of the IIT Council meeting called Friday, *The Indian Express* has learned. The Council, headed by the Human Resource Development Minister, is the highest decision-making body of all the 23 institutes. Currently, students enrolled in undergraduate programmes across all IITs are awarded a B.Tech degree after completing **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



**ALSO ON THE AGENDA**

- Entrepreneurship as an optional minor paper with 15 credits at undergrad level.
- Joint degree programs of PhD among IITs
- Action plan to deal with agents approaching IITs to help improve ranking

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I owe my success to the whole Nirvana IAS Academy team for guiding me throughout my journey. My success today is because of the proficiency and expertise of the teachers at Nirvana and their immense faith in their students.

When I first decided to pursue civil services, I was very skeptical about the process, full of doubts with numerous questions in my mind. Then one of my seniors from graduation days (who himself is an IAS Officer) told me about Nirvana. After the mandatory and insightful counselling session with Karam Sir, I had a very positive feeling and surprisingly I found the process relatively "not rocket science".

Nirvana played a very crucial role in my success, especially with regards to my GS preparation. The explicit focus on current affairs has prepared us to keep us in line with the changing pattern of the civil services exam at all stages. Karam Sir's classroom discussions have been a guiding tool in making sure that we don't just pass the exam but also understand the world around us. He makes sure that the journey at Nirvana makes us all better citizens and be of service to the society. Ruby Ma'am also gave us great tips for the CSAT paper and made sure that the paper is more of a fun exercise than an uphill task. She was instrumental in helping me choose Law as my optional subject. Wadhwa Sir's history classes were also interesting with deep understanding of events and their consequences in today's world.

"Only those succeed, who don't get bogged down by the complexities and challenges of life and instead use them as the stepping stones to Glory." These words stand true to Karam Sir's approach towards the preparation process as well as general attitude towards life. I am very grateful to him and hope that this association and friendship remains for life.

The dedication and commitment of the teachers at Nirvana and their ability to make the classes so interesting is a superlative effort which is unmatched. The underlying key to the success of Nirvana is the ability of the teachers to relate to the students and identify their strengths and weaknesses which are ultimately helpful to provide personal guidance to all of them as per their need. I deeply acknowledge Nirvana IAS Academy for forgiving me knowledge which has helped me shape my dreams and in making me capable of achieving them.

Shubham Gupta, AIR-6, CSE 2018

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