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### Junior shooter electrocuted in Delhi OYO hotel room

**JIGNASA SINHA**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

INTOWN for a shooting competition, a 15-year-old boy died at an OYO hotel room after being electrocuted while taking a bath Sunday. According to police, Priyanshu Kumar was staying at a Collection O hotel, a 'mid-market brand' of hospitality start-up OYO Rooms, in South East Delhi's Pul Prahladpur.

The boy's roommate Yash Gupta told *The Indian Express*: "Around noon, we found there was no water in the bathroom. We called the staff and they fixed the issue. Priyanshu then went to take a bath." He said that a few minutes later, he heard a scream and then a loud thud. Hotel staff were called to take the boy out.

DCP (South East) Chinmoy Biswal said, "We suspect the boy died due to an electric shock from appliances in the bathroom. We have registered an FIR under IPC section 304A (death due to negligence)."

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### Subodh case: Google says HC order to have chilling effect on free speech

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

SAYING IT will have a "chilling effect on freedom of speech and expression and be against public interest", Google Inc. moved the Delhi High Court Monday, seeking to vacate an order that directed them to take down

anonymous posts containing sexual harassment accusations against artist Subodh Gupta that emerged during last year's #MeToo movement.

The application came up for hearing before Justice Rajiv Sahai Endlaw who sought the response of the parties involved in the case.

Facebook apprised the court

that they have removed the post about Gupta from the 'Herdsceand' Instagram account, which can no longer be viewed by users in India, although users outside India can view the posts.

Meanwhile, Google Inc. has removed the URLs to a few articles and three Instagram URLs.

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leader and former Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel.

According to the ED, Patel's Millennium Developers Pvt Ltd constructed Ceejay House in 2006-07 and its third and fourth floors were transferred to Mirchi's wife Hajira Iqbal in 2007 "towards beneficial interest of Mirchi in the land" on which it was built. The sale of land to

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Central pool procurement has been on the rise. *File*

Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution had made similar request to the MEA at least twice in the last two years.

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**Solution lies in breaking it down**

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**ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA**  
JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 14

ON MONDAY, The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences described the Nobel-winning work of Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer as a "new experiment-based approach" that has "transformed development economics". Nothing better illustrates this description than the fields of Punjab, where Mumbai-born Banerjee and his wife Duflo have left their imprint on a popular incentive scheme to save power and water.

Designed in collaboration with the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), a Massachusetts Institute of Technology-affiliated research

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### After night of drama, Ganguly emerges as new cricket chief



Jay Shah, N Srinivasan, Sourav Ganguly in Mumbai. *Express*

**DEVENDRA PANDEY**  
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 14

INDIA'S MOST influential captain and Cricket Association of Bengal chief Sourav Ganguly emerged as the lone contender Monday in the race to be BCCI president, confirming his phenomenal rise to the top of Indian cricket.

However, Ganguly's march to world cricket's most coveted seat was anything but a cakewalk.

His nomination came after a

dramatic 24 hours of intriguing negotiations, phone calls from Delhi and an informal meeting at a Mumbai five-star hotel Sunday night where Indian cricket's most powerful faces came together to firm up strategy for the board elections on October 23.

With former BCCI president N Srinivasan throwing his weight behind another former player, Karnataka association's Brijesh Patel, the house was

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## AFTER 70 DAYS

# Mobile phones back in Valley, SMS stopped after terror attack

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14

JUST BEFORE the Jammu and Kashmir administration restored mobile telephone services for post-paid connections in the Valley, Monday morning traffic in Srinagar slowed down. After more than two months of the communication lockdown, people walking, driving and even rowing shikaras in the Dal lake took a moment to acquire the network on their phones — the signal was back.

But hours later, the government re-imposed curbs on SMS services. Around the same time, J&K police said two militants shot dead the driver of a truck from Rajasthan transporting apples in Sindhur Sermal village of Shopian district.

Shopian deputy commission Yasin Choudhary told *The Indian Express* that the militants fired shots in the air to disperse locals and labourers loading the truck and took the vehicle a short distance away before killing the driver and setting the truck on fire.

SSP Shopian Sandeep Chaudhary said on Twitter: "The

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Mobile phones back in the Valley, Monday. *Shuaib Masoodi*

### Omar and Mehbooba detained under PSA... had to take precautions: Shah

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
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THERE IS a question mark on the continuing detention of former J&K Chief Ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti with Union Home Minister Amit Shah saying they have been detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA), while officials in Srinagar said they are unaware of the PSA being invoked against

the two leaders.

Responding to a query on the detention of Omar and Mehbooba, Shah, in an interview to India Today TV channel Monday, said: "Unko Public Safety Act ke tehat abhi detention mei rakha hi hai (they are still in detention under the Public Safety Act)." This remark with a video of the interview was also tweeted by the BJP Live handle.

Omar and Mehbooba were

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## To bridge trust deficit, J&K will try engage mainstream parties

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**  
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 14

AFTER RESTORING mobile phone connectivity in the Valley Monday, the Jammu and Kashmir administration is now working on a mechanism to initiate political engagement which is likely to involve mainstream political parties.

The move is expected to lead

to the release of more political leaders from detention though a decision releasing former chief ministers Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti is not on the table yet.

Sources said the Centre is keen on beginning political dialogue with the Valley to bridge the trust deficit between the state administration and Kashmiris following the August 5 decision to scrap the state's special status

and bifurcate J&K into two Union Territories.

The political mechanism currently under discussion is likely to involve second-rung leaders from regional parties in the Valley to form a political council that can initiate dialogue with people and assuage their fears in the wake of the August 5 decisions.

Part of this council's mandate

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### Probing Dawood aide Mirchi's case, ED claims link to Praful firm, NCP denies it

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

PROBING A case of alleged money laundering, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) plans to attach at least 35 properties belonging to the family of Iqbal Mohammed Memon aka Iqbal Mirchi, a close aide of gang-



**Patel has denied link, ED likely to call him for questioning**

ster Dawood Ibrahim, in India and abroad including two floors of Mumbai's Ceejay House, developed by a firm run by NCP

## Granaries overflowing, Food dept's SOS to MEA: Send wheat, rice as aid to deserving countries

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**HARIKISHAN SHARMA**  
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 14

WITH FOOD Corporation of India granaries overflowing, the government is looking to liquidate its grain stocks to prevent damage and minimise the carrying cost in the country beyond the requirement. In fact, the Food Ministry wants the Ministry of External Affairs to look at the option of presenting the surplus grain stocks as "humanitarian

aid to deserving countries". Sources told *The Indian Express*: "The Department of Food and Public Distribution has requested the Ministry of External Affairs to explore the possibility of export of wheat and rice from the surplus stock available with FCI, through G2G (government-to-government) basis in the form of humanitarian aid to deserving countries."

Earlier this year, a committee of secretaries too recommended that the possibility of offering surplus stocks of wheat in the form of aid to deserving countries be explored in coordination with the MEA. The Ministry of

there has been no positive outcome," sources said.

Procurement of wheat and rice in the central pool has been increasing over the years, leading

to accumulation of surplus stock of wheat and rice with FCI. As a result, stocks of food grain in the central pool continue to remain much in excess of stocking norms.

As per stocking norms, the total requirement of food grain in the central pool as of July 1 was 411.20 lakh tonnes, and as of October 1 307.70 lakh tonnes. However, as of September 1, the stock available in the central pool was 669.15 lakh tonnes (254.25 lakh tonnes of rice and 414.90 lakh tonnes of wheat).

"The present procurement and lifting pattern of wheat and

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