

SURROUND POLICE HQ, SEEK ACTION AGAINST LAWYERS WHO ATTACKED THEM

Capital's police pour out in protest

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

POLICE IN the National Capital faced a virtual revolt from within its ranks Tuesday when over 2,000 personnel and their family members gathered outside the Delhi Police headquarters at ITO to protest the recent attacks against policemen by lawyers following a parking row last week.

Faced with an unprecedented situation, senior police

officers issued several appeals to the protesters to rejoin duty, the Congress and AAP attacked the Centre, and the Lieutenant General called for restoring trust. The Union Home Ministry, meanwhile, said it was reviewing a report on the incidents that triggered the protests.

Late Tuesday, the protesters were yet to disperse fully with some lighting candles for a night vigil. "After the Tis Hazari incident, we feel scared and humiliated," said a constable.

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Police personnel protest outside Delhi Police headquarters, Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

No place for hooliganism, violence: Bar warns lawyers

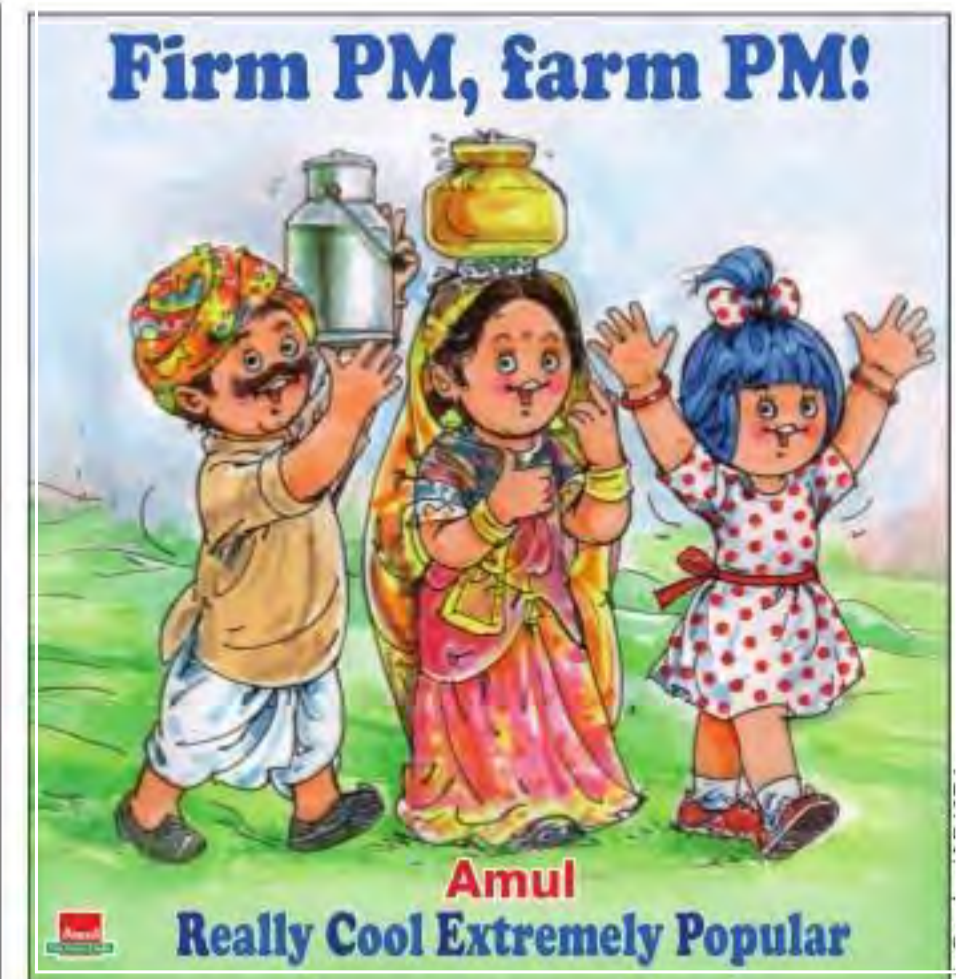
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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

COMING DOWN heavily on lawyers who resorted to violence, especially against policemen, at Delhi's Tis Hazari and Saket court complexes, the Bar Council Of India (BCI) Tuesday slammed these "acts of grave

misconduct" and directed Bar associations to identify the lawyers since "hooliganism and violence" have "no place in the Bar".

Underlining "we are tarnishing the image of the Institution by sparing such rowdy elements", BCI chairman Manan Kumar Mishra and co-chairman Ved Prakash Sharma, in a letter

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with *The Indian Express* Executive Editor (National Affairs) P Vaidyanathan Iyer, National Opinion Editor Vandita Mishra in Mumbai. Nirmal Harindran

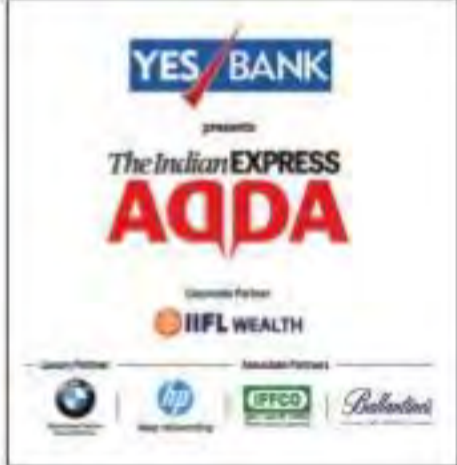
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UNION FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Tuesday that the government is working on some sops for the real estate sector, particularly for home buyers, and support to senior citizens in the wake of the decline in interest rates.

"In real estate, we have started working on some proposals... we will have an offer for home buyers. Soon we will come



to a stage to offer some solutions to them," she said. The government is also working on "sup-

port to the senior citizens... work is going on it".

Moreover, in what is the first major reform being proposed in the aftermath of the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank crisis, Sitharaman also hinted that cooperative banks in the country will soon face tighter regulation norms, and will be brought under the ambit of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Sitharaman was speaking with *The Indian Express* Executive Editor (National

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Smuggling probe as cover, Bengaluru police tapped phones of 30 public figures

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BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 5

IN MAY 2019, shortly after the Lok Sabha elections, the Bengaluru police had announced one of its biggest successes in stopping the smuggling of red sanders via Karnataka, with the arrest of 13 people and seizure of 4,000 kg of sandalwood worth over Rs 4 crore. Investigations have revealed that under the cover of that probe and other cases, the Bengaluru police illegally tapped telephones of several public figures in the state.

Sources said as many as 30 phone numbers were tapped by slipping them in among the numbers of red sanders smugglers which were being lawfully intercepted, around the time of the Lok Sabha polls. Illegal

phone-tapping was also done using other cases right up to the period when a group of rebels toppled the JD(S)-Congress coalition government headed by H D Kumaraswamy in July this year, sources said.

The 30 whose phones were tapped include an influential seer of the dominant Vokkaliga community, Nirmalananda Swami, and at least one candidate in the Lok Sabha polls and associates.

The BJP government led by BS Yeddyurappa had earlier handed over investigations into the illegal tapping, believed to have lasted a year between August 2018 and August 2019 (during Kumaraswamy's tenure and the start of Yeddyurappa's), to the CBI.

The Bengaluru police surveillance on the red sanders gang lasted several months, and

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Not only Kudankulam, ISRO, too, was alerted of cyber security breach

JAY MAZOOMDAAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 5

NOT JUST the Kudankulam plant of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), too, was alerted of a possible breach by suspected malware, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

On September 3, the National Cyber Coordination Centre, set up under a classified project "to generate necessary situational awareness of existing and potential cyber security threats and enable timely information sharing," received intelligence from a US-based cybersecurity company that a "threat actor" had breached master "domain controllers" at the Kudankulam

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THE MALWARE targeting Kudankulam and ISRO in early September was identified as Dtrack. Designed to steal data, a Dtrack can give the "threat actor" complete control over all infected devices. In this case, it targeted domain controllers — the server computer that responds to security authentication requests.

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Curtains for IPL opening ceremony, Board finds it too costly

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 5

THE INDIAN cricket board has decided to scrap the IPL opening ceremony, the Bollywood-style extravaganza that previously cost close to Rs 30 crore.

This was one of the key decisions taken during the IPL governing council meeting Monday. In another move, it was decided that the league will henceforth have a fourth umpire to focus only on no-balls.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, a BCCI official said: "The opening ceremonies are a waste of money. The cricket fans don't seem to be interested, and the performers have to be paid a lot."

Over the years, a number of Bollywood stars and international pop stars, like Katy Perry, Akon and Pit Bull, have performed at IPL opening ceremonies amid dazzling fireworks and laser shows.

On the no-ball decision, the official said: "Last season, several players were given out and later recalled when replays showed the bowlers had overstepped. The idea is to reduce errors and controversies." The next IPL auction will be held in Kolkata on December 19.

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