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CHANDIGARH

HC bans display of office description, unauthorised emblems in vehicles

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 24

THE PUNJAB and Haryana High Court Friday banned the display of designation or description of office and use of unauthorised emblems on government and private vehicles in Chandigarh.

The division bench of Justices Rajiv Sharma and Amol Rattan Singh during the hearing of a suo motu Public Interest Litigation also ordered that writing of words like high court, Army, police, press, journalists, chairman, vice chairman on private vehicles is prohibited forthwith. The authorities have been directed to begin implementation of the directions within 72 hours.

The court was of the view that the use of such terms is an attempt to "browbeat" others and observed that the display of designations on vehicles is not permitted under law. However, ambulances and fire tenders are exempted from the ban. As soon as the hearing ended on Friday, the court staff were seen removing 'High Court' sticker from Justice Sharma's official vehicle.

The court observed that a lot of "idle parking" is seen on roads and directed Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali authorities to not allow such parking.

With regard to lack of two gates in educational institutions, the division bench directed the deputy commissioners of Panchkula and Mohali to convene meetings of all the school heads within three weeks about having at least two gates. The

court was earlier told by a counsel that rush of children through a single gate may lead to stampede and there should at least be two gates. After the court was informed that CCTV cameras are not functioning in many of the school buses, the division bench directed the UT Education Secretary, DC Panchkula and DC Mohali to constitute special teams to check that all the CCTV cameras are functioning.

With Chandigarh Administration stating that the four-month time limit set by court for installation of CCTV with automatic number plate recognition technology and an Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) is not feasible, the court Friday observed that in case the authorities are not able or capable to perform the job, it can hand over the project to any other agency.

While the authorities submitted that a building has to be constructed for ICCC, the court said a building for temporary purposes can be provided and in the meantime, they should go ahead with laying of cables and installing cameras. The installation of around 2,000 cameras with dedicated fiber cables will at least take six months, the court was told. UT Senior Standing Pankaj Jain told the court that technical bid has been approved and the financial bid is to be approved now, adding the Board of Directors of Smart City Project is to hold a meeting regarding it on January 27. The authorities earlier had sought 18 months for completion of the project.

Talks of recreating ashram making residents anxious: Sabarmati Trust

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AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 24

THE SABARMATI Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust (SAPMT) put out a release on Friday stating that while Prime Minister Narendra Modi had suggested during his visit last October that a larger Ashram premises might be recreated by consolidating all the properties on either side of the ashram road, "lack of formal communication with the residents regarding the plan has created anxiety, concerns and misunderstanding at many levels".

This was in response to a sit-in the ashram residents held at the Hriday Kunj on Friday to protest against the proposed "modernisation of the ashram premises" and to seek a stand of the ashram authorities on the issue.

The plan, said SAPMT trustees, is being made by HCP Design, the firm headed by Dr Bimal Patel who is also the president of CEPT University, and is heading the redevelopment project of the central vista of the Parliament.

According to SAPMT trustee Kartikeya Sarabhai, while they have been invited to participate in discussions regarding the suggested plan for restructuring of the ashram premises, SAPMT has not received any official intimation of the said plan so far. Sudarshan Iyengar, a SAPMT trustee said, "From what I know, informal discussions are on between the PMO and (K) Kailashnathan (chief principal secretary to Chief Minister Vijay Rupani) and Bimal (Patel), but to that (effect) there has been no formal communication to the SAPMT and the other trustees."

Currently different parts of the ashram are being managed by six independent trusts -

Gujarat Harijan Sevak Sangh, Sabarmati Harijan Ashram Trust, Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust, Gujarat Khadi Gramodyog Mandal, Khadi Gramodyog Prayog Samiti and SAPMT. SAPMT is in charge of management of the historic heritage buildings of Hriday Kunj, Prarthanabhum, Vinoba-Mira Kutir, spread over an area of nearly three acres.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Sarabhai said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's idea and vision was that instead of a limited 'ashram experience', people should rather see the whole of the ashram on both sides of the road, which would then include removal of the road dividing the ashram area in two sides. The idea had been pitched during Modi's visit to the city and the Sabarmati Ashram in October last year. Though no deadlines were fixed, the intent to commence the work before October 2, 2020, as part of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary celebrations was expressed.

According to the press release, while only three (tenant) families live in the area managed by SAPMT, Sarabhai and Iyengar added that majority of them reside in the area managed by the Gujarat Harijan Sevak Sangh, headed by Jayesh Patel, whose father Ishwar Patel set up 'Safai Vidyalaya' in the Gandhi Ashram that built toilets in the rural areas. Jayesh is also the son-in-law of former CM Anandiben Patel.

"The residents have come to believe that it is the moral responsibility of SAPMT to address their repeated representations. While Jayesh has done some wonderful work, the communication (of the trust members, with the residents) appears to have not been there," said Iyengar.

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Encrypted messages

before a messaging intermediary is required to break encryption.

The Indian Express has been told that there could be two levels of online intermediaries defined in the new set of rules, each with different regulations, for social and non-social media.

Non-social media may have relatively lighter regulations given that there could be mandatory local legal incorporation for large social media intermediaries. Non-social media intermediaries will still have to appoint a local office for grievance redressal.

On November 21 last year, Sanjay Dhotre, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha, confirmed that the Centre was going ahead with new amended rules for social media. He said social media companies have to follow certain due diligence as laid out in the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines) Rules, 2011 under Section 79 of the Information Technology Act.

The issue of messaging apps being required to break end-to-end encryption has been a sticky point between governments and messaging apps like Facebook-owned WhatsApp, especially after revelations last year on the use of spy software being used by governments to break into phones and conduct surveillance into private conversations of activists, journalists and lawyers, including in India.

The need to conduct surveillance for reasons of security versus the right to privacy of citizens and users has been a heated debate, and remains unresolved — the government appears to be pushing for more and intermediaries are insisting on greater transparency in the rules-framing process.

On December 24, 2018, *The Indian Express* reported that in the draft of The Information Technology (Intermediaries Guidelines) (Amendment) Rules, 2018, Rule 3(9) required "intermediaries", or online platforms, to deploy technology-based automated tools or appropriate mechanisms, with appropriate controls, for proactively identifying or removing or disabling access to unlawful information or content".

It is now learnt that automatic

Fraud case: SP MLA sent to 14 days' judicial custody

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, JANUARY 24

SP MLA Nahid Hasan was sentenced to 14-day judicial custody on Friday after a fast track court rejected his bail in connection with a fraud case. The MLA from Kairana was earlier declared an "absconder" by a Shamli lower court last year. According to the police, Hasan has been booked in 12 cases in Saharanpur and Shamli for alleged attempt to murder and extortion, among other charges.

"MLA Hasan appeared before a fast-track court in Kairana for a bail hearing. The court rejected the bail and sent him to 14 days' judicial custody. There are allegations against Hasan and eight others over committing fraud worth Rs 80 lakh in connection with a land deal. The investigation in the case is pending along with other cases that have been filed against MLA in the past", said Shamli SP Vineet Jaiswal.

Centre vs Maharashtra as Elgar Parishad probe handed over to NIA

gross abuse of power by the state and police.

The nine arrested in the case are Rona Wilson, Shoma Sen, Surendra Gadling, Mahesh Raut, Sudhir Dhawale, Sudha Bhardwaj, Varavara Rao, Vernon Gonsalves and Arun Ferreira.

Additional Chief Secretary Sanjay Kumar confirmed that a communication regarding the transfer of the probe had been received from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

A senior official of the Maharashtra Home Department told *The Indian Express*: "The Maharashtra DGP received a notification from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) that the case has been handed over to the NIA."

The Centre's decision is likely to further accentuate the debate over federalism and whether the NIA Act, which allows the agency to suo motu take over a scheduled offence case in any state, violates the federal structure of the Constitution. The Chhattisgarh government had earlier this month challenged the consti-

tutionality of the NIA Act in the Supreme Court.

The move took the state government by surprise. "Law and order is a state subject and without informing the Maharashtra government at all, the Home Ministry has given the case to NIA. This is unconstitutional and wrong. We were trying to reach to the root of why the case was registered when they took it away. They should not have interfered," Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh told *The Indian Express*.

It was in the Elgar Parishad case that Pune Police used the 'Urban Naxal' term. Police said they had found a letter from one of the arrested accused, Delhi-based activist Rona Wilson, which allegedly pointed to a plot to assassinate Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

At the review meeting held by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and Deshmukh Thursday morning, the then Additional Commissioner of Pune Police, Shivaji Bodake, and the investigating officer,

Karnataka BJP MP booked for spreading religious hatred in Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 24

THE KERALA Police on Friday registered an FIR against Karnataka BJP MP Shobha Karandlaje on charges of promoting religious hatred after she tweeted on Wednesday that several hindu families in Malappuram district were being denied water as they supported the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.

The police said Karandlaje was booked under section 153 (A) of the IPC.

She had tweeted on Wednesday saying, "Kerala is taking baby steps to become another Kashmir. Hindus of Kuttippuram panchayat were denied water supply as they supported CAA-2019." Along with the tweet, she had posted two photographs in which women were waiting with pots for the supply of drinking water.

The case was registered

"They were not eating rotis, they could not speak or understand Hindi. They could not tell me which district they belonged to. If they had told me which district they were from, I would have understood because I know West Bengal very well. But it was clear that they had no idea about it," Vijayvargiya said.

Reacting to the BJP national general secretary's remarks, the Congress said they established concerns about the manner in which the BJP-led NDA government is likely to conduct the National Population Register (NPR) exercise by profiling people on the basis of religion, language, community and eating habits.

"If a responsible senior leader of the BJP can today declare someone as a foreigner and infiltrator because he or she is having poha, if you can profile a person's nationality and connect it to national security,

this is the reason why we are saying this government will use NPR to profile people," Congress leader Sushmita Dev said.

Dev demanded an apology from Vijayvargiya for "instilling fear in the minds of the people", and a clarification from the BJP.

In a video clip from Thursday's seminar, Vijayvargiya is heard saying in Hindi: "Around 2 crore refugees and infiltrators are there in our country, around 1 crore in Bengal itself. They are around but you cannot even imagine where all they are. I will give you an example. My son Kalpesh is getting married, and his room is being built. One day I reached home around 9 pm. Whenever someone comes home during our meal, we feed them. When I came in front of the labourers, they were eating a lot of poha in a big plate. I asked why they were eating poha at this time and not roti,

UP Diwas: Foundation stone laid for 18 Atal Residential Schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 24

SAYING THAT his government would offer support to all the needy, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on the occasion of Uttar Pradesh Divas Friday, laid foundation stone of 18 Atal Residential Schools for each of the 18 divisions in the state, which would be meant for children of labourers as well as the destitute.

Referring to Uttar Pradesh as the state where the "most holy river in the world," the Ganga, flows and the state which the country gave the most number of Prime Ministers, Adityanath said that in 70 years of history, no one bothered to look into the glorious past of the state. He claimed that it was when his government came to power that on the recommendation of former Governor Ram Naik, it was decided to celebrate UP Divas on January 24, 2018, for the first time.

"Pradesh mein jiska koi nahi,

They said they do not eat roti, they only eat poha. I grew suspicious about which country they belong to since they do not eat roti."

He is heard saying: "When I asked from where they were, their supervisor said, 'sir, they are from Bengal'. I asked from where in Bengal, they couldn't say anything. I got suspicious and asked where are you from. Then the contractor said maybe they are outsiders. I asked him how could you make them work at my home. The contractor told me they come very cheap. They work for food twice a day and Rs 300, while workers from here take Rs 600 and work only till 5 pm. They were from Bangladesh."

During the seminar, the BJP leader also claimed that a "Bangladeshi terrorist" was keeping a watch on him for the last one-and-a-half years. "Whenever I go out, six armed security personnel follow me.

uska sashan hoga," said Chief Minister, while announcing and laying foundation stone of 18 Atal Residential Schools in the state. Chief Minister said that these schools would be built on the lines of Navyodaya Vidyalaya.

Referring to Uttar Pradesh as the land of Lord "Ram" and "Krishna", Adityanath said "We are celebrating UP Divas for the third time today but 70 years have been completed and in 67-68 years, no one had the time to know about our own past to learn something from it." He further added that no society or nation can move forward by forgetting the past. "The glorious traditions of the past inspire us to move forward, and on the basis of past experience, we make plans to build our future" said Chief Minister.

He reminded people that holiest river of the world Ganga flows through longest distance in Uttar Pradesh, confluence of Ganga and Yamuna takes place in Uttar Pradesh, it is the land of Ram, who gave us the concept of

What is happening in this country? Will people from outside enter and spread so much terror?" he asked.

On the CAA, he said: "Don't get confused by rumours. The CAA is in the interest of the country. This law will provide asylum to genuine refugees and identify intruders who are a threat to the country's internal security."

Referring to Vijayvargiya's claims about a "Bangladeshi terrorist", Chief Minister Kamal Nath's media coordinator Narendra Saluja said: "If he has not lodged a complaint, it means he is deliberately making such comments to create an atmosphere... Why was he silent before the CAA?"

Vijayvargiya, the BJP general secretary in charge of West Bengal, has been vocal in the party's high-decibel campaign on the CAA and the proposed nationwide National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Broadband back in Valley

and the freedom to practice any profession or carry on any trade, business or occupation over the medium of Internet enjoys Constitutional protection under Article 19(1)(a) and Article 19(1)(g)".

The J&K Home department, in its order Friday, stated that "access shall be limited to whitelisted sites and not to any social media applications allowing peer to peer communication and Virtual Private Network Application". It said data services shall be available on post-paid mobiles and on pre-paid mobile SIM cards "of such holders whose credentials have been verified as per the norms applicable for the post-paid connections". Network speed will be restricted to 2G. These restrictions will be reviewed post January 31.

In case of fixed-line connectivity, only 301 whitelisted sites, the list of which has been expanded to include news websites, will be restored on January 25.

Until now, the whitelist had 153 websites comprising four emailing sites such as gmail and outlook, 15 banking websites including RBI, J&K Bank, PayPal and Western Union; three employment websites, 38 educational websites including indianaresults, IGNOU and websites for five J&K based universities, three schools and Wikipedia.

Ram Rajya and Krishna, who taught us neither to show ourselves as helpless nor to run from problems.

"Na deenta dikhayenge aur na palayn karenge," said CM, citing it as the message of Krishna.

Chief Minister informed that because of One district One product scheme launched by his Government in the first year of UP Divas, the exports have increased to 28 per cent at a time, when country's export showed the growth rate of 7-8 per cent. He said that one the second UP Divas last year, his government had launched Vishwakarma Samman Yojna and this year foundation stone of Atal Residential Schools is being laid.

During the event, while sportspersons were conferred Laxmibai and Laxman awards, with a financial assistance of Rs 3.11 lakh each as award money.

Informing the gathering that today was "Mauni Amavasya", Chief Minister said that by 8 am in the morning, around 50 lakh people had already taken bath in the holy river in Prayagraj.