

Minister on letter threatening Modi's Kerala visit: "silence" of the state government "most surprising" - Union minister V Muraleedharan

Chennai, April 24, 2023: Expressing concern over the leaked details of the security arrangements for the Prime Minister's upcoming visit to Kerala, Union minister V Muraleedharan on Sunday said he found the "silence" of the state government "most surprising" after the BJP office received a threatening letter against the top leader's

scheduled visit. Muraleedharan, minister of state for external affairs, questioned the alleged lack of action against the sender saying the person responsible should have been identified within 24 hours.

"It's surprising that the details of the security arrangements that were proposed to be organised for the PM

got leaked into the media and WhatsApp groups of thousands of people. But the most surprising thing is the silence that is maintained by the Kerala govt. Within 24 hrs the person responsible should have been identified, but no action being taken," ANI quoted the minister as saying.

The letter in Malayalam,



purportedly written by a Kochi resident, was received at the office of BJP state president K Surendran who in turn had handed it over to

identified the man mentioned in the letter, but he has denied any involvement claiming that his name was used by his opponents to frame him. Security has been tightened, and central agencies have sought details regarding the threatening letter.

The Additional Director General of Police had also issued a

security drill letter, which was leaked to the media. The 49-page report gives details of the names of the officials on duty, their roles, and the detailed programme chart of the Prime Minister among other matters.

"The Chief Minister should explain how a report on the security detail of the Prime Minister was leaked

and going viral on WhatsApp. This means the state home department is in shambles," Muraleedharan alleged.

Modi is expected to arrive on April 24 in Kochi and the following day in Thiruvananthapuram to inaugurate the state's first Vande Bharat Express.

Amritpal Singh's parents react. 'Surrendered like a lion,' says mother

Chennai, April 24, 2023: After the arrest, Amritpal Singh's father Tarsem Singh claimed that his son was fighting against the drug menace.

Radical preacher Amritpal Singh was arrested in Rode village of Punjab's Moga district early Sunday, 35 days after the state police launched a massive crackdown against him following the storming of the Ajnala police station by his supporters to secure the release of an arrested associate. Amritpal, 30, was arrested at 6:45am after police personnel surrounded him in Rode village, leaving him with no way to escape, inspector general of police, Sukhchain Singh Gill told a news



conference.

Slain militant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale hailed from Rode village and Amritpal was last year anointed the head of 'Waris Punjab De' outfit at an event held in this village.

Reacting to the arrest, Amritpal Singh's mother Balwinder Kaur said she was proud of her son as

"he is a lion, and he surrendered like a lion", News18 reported.

Amritpal Singh's father Tarsem Singh claimed that his son was fighting against the drug menace.

"I request Singh Sangat that the mission of my son must be carried forward. My son is fighting a battle to

curb the drug menace. We got the information from TV news and he was not in contact with his family. The pictures that have surfaced in the media are not clear. He still dons Sikh attire today. I am with everyone who have been harassed by the Punjab Police," Tarsem was quoted as saying by India Today.

Bodies of two Indian students who went missing, recovered from US lake



Chennai, April 24, 2023: The USA Today newspaper reported that two Indiana students went missing at Lake Monroe last week's Saturday afternoon.

The bodies of two Indian students have been recovered after they went missing at a lake in the east of the Paynetown Marina in the US, reported USA Today.

The USA Today newspaper reported that two Indiana students went missing at Lake Monroe last week's Saturday afternoon and their

bodies were recovered late Tuesday morning.

The bodies of Siddhant Shah (19), and Aryan Vaidya (20) were recovered around 11:20 am (local time) in 18 feet of water in an area east of the Paynetown Marina, located roughly 10 miles southeast of the university's campus in Bloomington.

Last week's Saturday, Shah and Vaidya were boating on a pontoon when their group anchored to swim. Both men did not resurface and friends attempted to help them but were unsuccessful,

the Indiana Department of Natural Resources reported.

One of the men had been struggling in the water when others jumped in to help, said Lt. Angela Goldman, a Department of Natural Resources representative, reported USA Today.

After the incident, divers jumped in and searched until 10 pm using sonar and scuba divers, and all day Sunday under windy conditions, Goldman said.

The lake was busy with boaters on

Saturday, which was sunny and warm.

But Sunday and Monday, cold rain and the wind changed the nature of the lake, which was mostly deserted, according to USA Today.

"With 15-to-20-mph sustained winds, we're struggling with that," Goldman said from the lake Monday morning. "A lot of the technology we use that makes things more precise needs better conditions. When dealing with whitecaps and wind, our sonar is not as effective," he added.

Bookings open for Vande Bharat Express Trains between Thiruvananthapuram Central and Kasaragod Regular Services of Train No. 20633/20634 Kasaragod - Thiruvananthapuram Central - Kasaragod Vande Bharat Express:

Chennai, April 24, 2023: As notified by Railway Board, the service of Vande Bharat Express will be introduced as Train No. 20633/20634 Kasaragod - Thiruvananthapuram Central - Kasaragod Vande Bharat Express as detailed below:

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'Books show us a world we..': MK Stalin on World Book Day

Chennai, April 24 2023: It is annual event organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to highlight the importance of books.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Sunday extended greetings on the occasion of World Book



Day and highlighted the importance of books in one's life. Taking to his Twitter, he highlighted "Good books good friend!"

"When we start reading a book, it starts a conversation with us. Shows us a world we don't know. Enlightening! Cultivates us!" Stalin tweeted.

"That is why DMK is taking forward book exchange as a movement," he further added.

Joined Congress because of BJP's ill-treatment: Shettar after meeting RaGa

Chennai, April 24 2023: Former Karnataka CM Shettar, who recently joined Congress launched a scathing attack on BJP on Sunday and said that he left because if the "ill-treatment"



Minister Laxman Savadi joined the Congress.

Shettar is set to face BJP's candidate Mahesh Tenginkai in the election.

Shettar on Monday joined the Congress party a day after he quit BJP ahead of the May 10 Assembly elections in the State.

Shettar was inducted into the party in presence of Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, the Karnataka state Congress president DK Shivakumar and the Leader of Opposition in the state assembly Siddaramaiah.

Senior BJP leader Amar Singh Patil also joined Congress along with Shettar.

The Karnataka assembly elections will be held in a single phase on May 10, with the counting of votes scheduled on May 13.

Former Bharatiya Janata Party leader Jagadish Shettar met Rahul Gandhi on Sunday for the first time after joining Congress and said that he became a part of the grand old party because of the "ill-treatment" advocated by the BJP.

After meeting Congress Rahul Gandhi, Shettar said, "First meeting with Rahul Gandhi and we discussed so many issues..."

"I came to join Congress because everyone knows the ill-treatment given by BJP. So, I have shifted to another national party.

Rahul Gandhi is the leader of that party. So, I discussed many things," Shettar told ANI.

Jagadish Shettar on Thursday alleged that "some people with vested interests are controlling" the BJP government in Karnataka.

Shettar said, "The BJP government has completed 5 years in Karnataka. People are talking about the ill-treatment of seniors but not about other issues like development. Have important issues been solved? But now due to the negligence of the seniors (BJP), this

discussion was started. Some people with vested interest are controlling the entire BJP in Karnataka and govt."

Jagadish Shettar filed his nomination from the Hubli-Dharwad-Central Assembly constituency on Wednesday for the upcoming Karnataka Assembly Elections.

Jagadish Shettar became the second senior leader from the Lingayat community to leave the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and join Congress in less than a week. Earlier, former Karnataka Deputy Chief

IIT-Madras sees another 'suicide' case, 4th this year: A recap

Chennai, April 24 2023: A second-year undergraduate student of the IIT-Madras was found dead on Friday, marking the fourth such incident at the institute this year.



Suicide cases at IIT-Madras this year:

1. April 21: A police officer at Kotturpuram police station, where a case of unnatural death was registered, said a purported suicide note recovered from the 20-year-old student's hostel room said he took the extreme step over a relationship. The student is from Maharashtra and was a student at the department of chemical engineering. The suicide came to light after the student's friends noticed his room locked for several hours. They informed the hostel warden who alerted the police, an officer said. The police arrived and broke open the door and found him dead, the officer added.

The IIT-Madras,

which conveyed its condolence to the bereaved, said: "We are deeply anguished to convey the untimely passing away of an undergraduate student from the Chemical Engineering Department in the afternoon of 21 April 2023 in his hostel room. The Institute has lost one of its own, and the professional community has lost a good student. The reason for the demise is unknown. Police are investigating. The parents have been informed." The Institute said it is taking all possible measures to help students under stress. "We will continue to keep strengthening these measures."

2. March 31: A 32-year-old PhD student of the IIT, Madras, died by

suicide in his room in Tamil Nadu's Velachery. The deceased student was a native of West Bengal. This was the 11th case since 2018 at the institute. "On March 31, the deceased student posted a WhatsApp status 'I am sorry not good Enough'. Seeing the status, his friends reached his home and found Sachin hanging in his room," police said.

3. March 14: A third-year BTech student of IIT-Madras died by suicide, police said. The 20-year-old student of the electrical engineering department, who hailed from neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, was found hanging in his hostel room by his roommates.

4. February 14: A post-graduate student of engineering at IIT Madras also died by suicide. He too was found dead in his hostel room.

Similar cases have also been reported from other IITs, most prominently from IIT-Bombay, where an 18-year-old Dalit student died by suicide on February 12.

The Rotary Madras Southwest Club Chariot Awards presented to Five Eminent Personalities in the august presence of Former Chief Justice K. Kannan

Chennai, April 24 2023: This year RMSW presented the Chariot Awards ceremony in a grand ceremony held at Radisson Blu, Egmore.

The ceremony saw five awards presented in the august presence of Chief Guest Justice K. Kannan, Former Judge of the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana.

The Annual Chariot Awards recognizes eminent personalities in our community - accomplished and upcoming in their chosen field.

This evening saw 5 awards being given away to honour & celebrate excellence in various fields.

The awardees for the Chariot Awards 2023 include -

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YOUTH EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARD - Ms. Gayatri Vibhavari Vyakaranam, An immensely talented carnatic vocalist and violinist

As each of the awardees took the stage to share briefly their thoughts and journey with the audience, the striking traits that shined through from all of them was their absolute humility, all consuming passion for what they do, single minded focus to achieve their goals. It was a great opportunity to hear Justice K.

Kannan speak and share his thoughts on the awardees, and their accomplishments and he shared anecdotes about the awardees.

The entire evening was well attended by the members of Rotary Madras Southwest and their family. It was an evening that will be remembered for a long time to come for its inspiring awardees - who truly are living a life of passion, dedication and commitment towards their chosen profession and for beautifully showing the way for those who dare to dream!

The Rotary Madras Southwest (RMSW), one of the oldest and active club, was chartered in 1981.

Since its inception, the Club has taken pride in pioneering several unique projects that truly address the need of

the hour in the country, and the community we live in.

Projects ranging from Health Camps in schools and villages around Chennai, a Nursing School from where over 500 students have successfully passed out, a skill school that offers vocational training programmes and facilitates employment, Annadhanam on a weekly basis at schools, orphanages and old age homes for over a decade now, supporting vocational training at Little Flower Convent, active INTERACT and ROTARACT clubs promoting talent, are a few of the key projects among many more. Our grander vision of eradicating TB has led us to start a Mobile TB detection van equipped with state of the art laboratory, that travels to villages far and near. Over 50,000 people have been screened and referred so far.

The club's 76 odd members are actively engaged in the club's efforts in reaching out and its "Service to Humanity".

Use tech to ensure transparency in civil servants' selection: SC judge

Chennai, April 24 2023: Supreme Court Judge Justice Rajesh Bindal was speaking at the valedictory function of two-day 24th National Conference of Chairpersons of State Public Service Commissions at UP Police headquarters in Lucknow.

Supreme Court Judge Justice Rajesh Bindal has emphasised the use of technology to ensure transparency in selection of civil servants. Addressing the valedictory function of two-day 24th National Conference of Chairpersons of State Public Service Commissions at UP Police headquarters here on Sunday, Bindal said, "Today India's talent is being respected all over the world. The need of the hour is to make the selection of our civil servants more transparent by using technology. We must create such a single window system from where candidates can apply for the examination of the public service commission of any state



of the country through a single website."

"I have worked in Uttar Pradesh for a long time. This has been my workplace. I can clearly see today that there is a wave of change in UP. I welcome all the chairpersons and members of State Public Service Commissions who have come from all over the country to Uttar Pradesh. I hope that this National Conference of State Public Service Commissions will take a new inspiration from here," said Justice Bindal, who is also former Chief Justice of the Allahabad high court.

"Clear and updated information about courses and universities recognised by the commission should be available on the websites of the commissions. This will

reduce legal problems and the burden on the courts besides helping in completing the recruitment process in a transparent manner within the stipulated time," he added.

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Praising the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission, Justice Bindal said it was doing a better job regarding the adaptation of technology. "I am told that auto data feed has started here. Everyone will benefit from this technology. States have to further strengthen the database of their Public Service Commission website," he said.

'Change in UP makes us feel proud'

Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) member Lt General (retd) Raj Shukla said, "Earlier there was a saying for UP and Bihar that nothing changes

except water in the Ganga here. But, today we all feel that UP has completely changed. Earlier there was only love for Uttar Pradesh, today on this change we also feel proud along with love. Even today, the public has faith in the public service commission. With time, we have to move fast towards digitisation of the commission."

"India is the largest democracy in the world and the ecosystem of the entire machinery that runs this system depends on our recruitment process. It is necessary that our recruitment process should be completely transparent, for this there is a special need for better use of technology," he added.

UP Public Service Commission chairman Sanjay Shrinet delivered the welcome speech on the occasion. Chairman of the Standing Committee of the 24th National Seminar, José Manuel Noronha and senior UPSC member Rajeev Nayan Choubey addressed the conference.

India, China hold 18th round of military talks on LAC row

Chennai, April 24 2023: The two sides last held the Corps Commander level talks in December 2022 to discuss outstanding issues along the border.

The Indian Army and the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) on Sunday held the 18th round of military talks to ease tensions along the contested Line of Actual Control (LAC) where the two sides have been locked in a border row for almost three years, officials familiar with the development said on Sunday.

The two sides last held the Corps Commander level talks in December 2022 to discuss outstanding issues along the border.

The India-China border row is set to enter its fourth year in early May. Despite four rounds of disengagement from Galwan Valley, Pangong Tso, Gogra (PP-17A) and Hot Springs (PP-15), the Indian and Chinese armies still have more than 60,000 troops each and advanced weaponry deployed in the Ladakh theatre.

The Indian and Chinese armies have held 18 rounds of talks so far, but problems at Depsang in Daulat Beg Oldi sector and Charding Nullah Junction (CNJ) in



Demchok sector are still on the negotiating table.

The talks come ahead of the Chinese defence minister's upcoming visit to India for a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting to be held in New Delhi on April 27-28, officials familiar with the development said on Sunday. There was no official statement on the LAC talks till the time this report was filed.

Chinese defence minister Li Shangfu and Russian defence minister Sergei Shoigu are expected to hold bilateral meetings with their Indian counterpart Rajnath Singh on April 27, while the main SCO defence ministers' meeting will be held a day later. India is set to host the SCO foreign ministers' meeting in May. These meetings will culminate in the SCO Summit to be held in July - the first time

India will host the event since joining in 2017. SCO includes eight member states --- India, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

At their last meeting in December 2022, the two sides agreed to maintain "security and stability on the ground in the Western Sector" of the LAC. "The two sides agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest," a statement said. That meeting took place just 11 days after several Indian and Chinese soldiers were injured in a clash along LAC at Yangtse, located near Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.

Li's visit to New Delhi for the SCO defence ministers'

meeting comes at a time when the two sides have been locked in the border row. Li's visit to India is the first visit by a Chinese defence minister after the June 2020 Galwan clash that derailed bilateral ties. Twenty Indian soldiers killed in the seven-hour deadly conflict near Patrolling Point 14 in Galwan Valley. According to India's assessment, PLA's casualties were twice as many as Indian Army's though Beijing officially claimed that only four Chinese soldiers were killed.

On April 19, Singh had expressed confidence in the Indian Army to handle any contingency along the country's border with China even as he said talks would continue for peaceful resolution of the lingering row in the Ladakh sector, and disengagement and de-escalation were the best way forward.

Stone Bench Films & Zee Studios South jointly presents Actor Vishal and Director Hari reunite for a project after previous blockbuster outings in 'Thamirabharani' and 'Poojai'!



Chennai, April 24 2023: After the super hits 'Thamirabharani' and 'Poojai', actor Vishal and director Hari are reuniting for a new film produced by Zee Studios South and Stonebench Films. Director Karthik Subbaraj's Stonebench Films and Zee Studios South are jointly producing the yet-to-be-titled film on a huge budget. Director Hari, who is an expert at making engaging racy films, and actor Vishal, who is known for his action-packed performances, join forces after their successful previous outings, 'Poojai' and

'Thamirabharani', and the new film will have leading actors and technicians on board. Speaking about the film, Akshay Kejriwal, Head - South Movies at Zee Studios, said, "We are extremely elated and proud to announce our collaboration on this very prestigious project with Stonebench Films.

This marks the return of the very successful 'Thamirabharani' and 'Poojai' duo and we couldn't be happier to bring their next project, to the audiences. Vishal has consistently enthralled audiences across the globe with his power-packed

performances and it is our absolute honour and privilege to present this film helmed by the master craftsman, director Hari. At Zee Studios, our aim is to create content that entertains and inspires people and this film is a positive step in that direction." Speaking about the film, Producer Kaarthikeyan Santhanam said, "This is a very special project for all of us at Stone Bench. We have always strived to produce content across all genres with both established actors, directors, technicians and newcomers as well. The combination of Vishal and Hari is an



exciting one for us as producers, and I'm sure that the film will satisfy all sections of the audiences and I'm looking forward to the shooting stage now." More information about the film, which has an interesting plot and exciting screenplay, will be revealed by the team shortly as the shoot is set to begin soon.

Umesh Pal murder: Atiq Ahmed's lawyer booked for criminal conspiracy

Chennai, April 24 2023: The names of Khan Saulat Hanif and his son have been added under Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code as accused in the Umesh Pal murder case.

Slain gangster-politician Atiq Ahmed's lawyer Khan Saulat Hanif was booked for criminal conspiracy in the February 24 murders of lawyer Umesh Pal, a key witness in the 2005 murder of BSP MLA Raju Pal, and his two police guards in Sulem Sarai area of Prayagraj, said police officials on Saturday.

The names of Khan Saulat Hanif and his son were added under Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code as accused in the Umesh Pal murder case. On the basis of the complaint lodged by Umesh Pal's wife Jaya Pal on the day of the murders, a case was registered against Atiq Ahmad, his brother Ashraf, wife Shaista Parveen, their three sons (including Asad), aides Guddu Muslim and



Ghulam besides nine others at Dhoomanganj police station of Prayagraj.

They were booked under sections 147 (rioting), 148 (rioting, armed with deadly weapon), 149 (unlawful assembly), 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code and provisions of the Explosive Substances Act and the Criminal Law Amendment Act, police said.

On March 28, the MP/MLA court of Prayagraj convicted Atiq Ahmed, Khan

Saulat Hanif and Dinesh Pasi in connection with the 2006 kidnapping and assault of Umesh Pal and sentenced them to life in prison. Hanif and Pasi are lodged in Naini Central Jail in Prayagraj.

"Names of Khan Saulat Hanif and his son emerged during the investigation into the Umesh Pal murder case and therefore they too have been made accused in the case," said station house officer (SHO), Dhoomanganj police station, Rajesh Kumar Maurya.

If senior police officials are to be believed, Khan will soon be interrogated after being formally

taken in police custody remand. Apart from this, the police are also in search of a lawyer who allegedly shared information about Umesh Pal's whereabouts from time to time with the assailants on their high-end smart phones.

The lawyer was given a costly smart phone by Atiq's son Asad for the purpose, claim police. Enforcement Directorate (ED) had found documents of benami properties worth crores belonging to Atiq Ahmed at Khan Saulat's house during a recent raid and for which a separate probe is being undertaken by the ED.

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Fire and Rescue MASS DRILL for the students during disaster, held at Madras School of Social Work



Chennai, April 24 2023: In view of National Fire Service Day 2023 and the Platinum Jubilee celebration of Madras School of Social Work, PG Department of Development Studies, organized an awareness

program for the students at the college campus. Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Service conducted a MASS DRILL at the campus and created awareness among the students and taught them how to respond during the

disaster. The students made a video on the history of the National Fire Service Day and screened during the event.

The department of Development Studies offers a paper titled Disaster Management

which asserts that the development process needs to be sensitive towards disaster prevention and mitigation aspects as Disasters cause economic losses and development setbacks for the nation.

Over Bommai's folded hand photo with Kharge, fresh Lingayat row in Karnataka

Chennai, April 24 2023: BJP said insulting the Lingayat community is in th DNA of the Congress after Supriya Shrinate's 'PayCM' caption on Bommai.

Karnataka chief minister BS Bommai met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday at the India Today conclave where the two Karnataka leaders exchanged pleasantries. However, the photo of Bommai standing with his hands folded in front of Kharge is at the centre of a fresh controversy in poll-bound Karnataka after Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate captioned the photo as: 'Outgoing PayCM seeking forgiveness for looting Karnataka'.



This comes at a time when former CM and Congress leader Siddaramaiah made a sharp comment on BJP's Lingayat push in the state and said: "A Lingayat chief minister is the root of all corruption in the state."

Taken together, the BJP accused the Congress of insulting the Lingayat community. BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said Bommai showed the best example of political

courtesy to Kharge as he folded his hand. "Insulting the Lingayat community is the DNA of the Congress," Shehzada wrote.

Minister Rajeev Chandrashekhar said the chief minister respecting Mallikarjun Kharge has been converted into abuse. "Voters of Karnataka will show these leaders their rightful place," the minister said.

Siddaramaiah defended his statement

and said it is regrettable that the Lingayat leaders of the BJP cannot see the actual enemy and are blaming the Congress for being anti-Lingayat. He clarified that his statement was not for the community but for one particular CM.

"It is not right for a former CM to make a statement like this. He has stated that the entire Lingayat community is corrupt, the Brahmin community had been ridiculed in the past. Earlier, he had tried to break the Lingayat-Veerashaiva community when he was the Chief Minister. The people of the state will teach Siddaramaiah a lesson," Bommai said reacting to Siddaramaiah's 'Lingayat' comment.

'She is incompetent in tackling child safety': NCPDR chief slams Mamata Banerjee over Kaliaganj rape case

Chennai, April 24 2023: Kanoongo along with three other representatives of the NCPDR, visited Uttar Dinajpur's Kaliaganj, where a 17-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped and killed.

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) chairperson Priyank Kanoongo on Sunday lashed out at the West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee and said that she is incompetent in tackling child safety.

Kanoongo along with three other representatives of the NCPDR, visited Uttar Dinajpur's Kaliaganj in West Bengal, where a 17-year-old dalit girl was allegedly gang-raped and killed.

While speaking to news agency ANI, Kanoongo said, "Behavior of the state government has been same for years, they themselves commit mistakes and then try to



hide them and because of this they always interrupt the commission's work."

"The chief minister always tries to save the incompetent officers here. I consider Mamata Banerjee incompetent when it comes to children's safety in the state. Due to her negligence incidents happen and children die. And later on, on the basis of the CM's order, these incidents are covered up", he further added.

He also alleged that the police were yet to

speak to the victim's family and Chief Secretary of the state and the North Dinajpur Collector are not responding despite the organisation informed them about the incident.

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC were clamped in parts of Kaliaganj on Sunday after clashes broke out between the locals and police over the incident in the district on Saturday.

The police have arrested six people so far

in connection with their involvement in violence with police and vandalism.

A 17-year-old girl's body was found in a canal in North Dinajpur district's Kaliaganj on Friday. A case was filed under Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code and sections of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act based on a complaint filed by the girl's mother. Two people have been arrested based on the complaint.

ROUND TABLE 100 INAUGURATES SMART CLASSROOMS IN CHENNAI - A CSR INITIATIVE OF MUTHOOT FINANCE

Chennai, April 24 2023: In a step towards modernizing education and bridging the digital divide, Round Table India has recently inaugurated Two Smart Classrooms in Chennai under the CSR initiative of Muthoot Finance and executed by Round Table 100. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of several important dignitaries, including Mr. Mathew Alexander, Marketing Head, South of Muthoot Finance, Mr. Arun, Chairman Tr. Vipul Jain, National Secretary Tr. Santhosh, National Projects Convener Tr. Vishnu, Area 2 Vice Chairman Tr. Sujay, and Area 2 Project Conveners Tr. Pravesh at Two Government aided schools Jaigopal Garodia Girls Higher



Secondary School and Lady Willingdon High School.

The Smart Classrooms have been designed to provide an enhanced learning experience to students by enabling them to access a wide range of online content. The classrooms are equipped with modern technologies like digital boards, projectors, sound systems, and high-speed internet connectivity, allowing teachers to deliver interactive lectures that engage learners and stimulate their creativity.

The inauguration ceremony was marked by speeches from dignitaries who highlighted the importance of these Smart Classrooms in modernizing India's education system. They explained that these Smart Classrooms would help bridge the digital divide and provide equal opportunities to students, irrespective of their backgrounds.

"The Smart Classrooms are a stepping stone towards a digital revolution in India's education system. Round Table India is proud to have executed this project,

which will benefit students and teachers alike. The classrooms will create an environment where students can learn and grow in a manner that aligns with the demands of the modern world," said Chairman Tr. Vipul Jain.

The event was a grand success as dignitaries and members of Round Table India came together to celebrate the successful inauguration of the Smart Classrooms. These initiatives are a testament to Round Table India's dedication to supporting the growth of education and technology in India. With this project, Round Table India has taken a crucial step towards creating a brighter future for students in the country.

KGMU's cadaveric course: 'Arthroscopy gives speedy, better results in cases of joint problems'

Chennai, April 24 2023: During the cadaveric course, six faculty from different parts of India shared the latest technique on knee and shoulder arthroplasty with 20 participants.

For people suffering from dislocation in the shoulder joint frequent, arthroscopy may be an effective treatment method as the procedure gives better and more speedy results compared to other medical treatments, said doctors at city-based King George's Medical University on Sunday.

"Arthroscopy, a procedure for

diagnosing and treating joint problems, is effective in several joint problems, particularly for sports persons. Frequent dislocation of the shoulder joint is one common issue," said Professor Ashish Kumar, coordinator of the first KGMU cadaveric course on shoulder and knee joints, which was organised on Sunday. Prof Kumar, who is HoD sports medicine at the KGMU, said ligament injuries, bony injuries inside joints, and meniscus injuries get better results via arthroscopy.

"Many sports personalities are taking

use of arthroscopy after injuries and returning to sports. Earlier, in absence of arthroscopy, these sports personalities had to leave sports after injuries, which is not the case now," said Dr Kumar Shantanu, department of orthopaedic surgery at KGMU. He added, "Even if it is a minor problem in the shoulder or other joint, if it persists, go for a medical opinion."

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"The number was kept limited to ensure surgeon-to-surgeon interaction while the course moderators share the techniques. We shall now conduct such sessions regularly for orthopaedic surgeons," said Prof Kumar. He also said that the need for arthroscopy is growing with awareness among patients. "In Uttar Pradesh, there are 150 well-trained surgeons who can perform the highest level of arthroscopy, including procedures for sportsmen. However, surgeons more than double this number are needed," said Prof Kumar.

BJP appoints Rajeev Bindal as party's Himachal Pradesh chief

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday appointed Rajeev Bindal as the state unit president of Himachal Pradesh after the party suffered defeat in the assembly polls in the state against Congress.

Bindal, who hails from Solan, has been a minister and assembly speaker.



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There was speculation about changes in Delhi after the BJP's poor

performance in the municipal elections. According to a senior party leader, the high command had been eyeing a reshuffle in Delhi after the BJP lost two consecutive assembly elections, but it was the debacle in the local polls that expedited the change.

The party had in March appointed Virendra Sachdev as the state unit president in Delhi.

"There is a move underway to reinvigorate the state unit in Delhi ahead of the 2024 polls. Though the party did well in both the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha polls, winning all seven seats, the assembly results were abysmally poor. The party has never performed so badly in Delhi even when the Congress was at its peak," the leader mentioned above said.