

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

States can withdraw FIRs...

Union Government’s commitment to withdraw the FIRs against students. “There was some misapprehension about what to do with the FIRs against the protesters. I have instructions to say that the Government is serious about that commitment. Those who had criminal antecedents... Except them, everything can be taken care of,” Mehta said. He said FIRs against more than 2,700 people with antecedents involving grave and heinous offences would not be withdrawn.

Mehta said he had discussed with senior advocate Vrinda Grover the legal mechanism for implementing the commitment. Grover said the issue was whether the cases should be withdrawn or the FIRs quashed. “It was about improvement in the education system. These are young people who have their lives ahead of them. Even for quashing, we have FIRs filed in Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, UP and Delhi. “After this has been worked out with the States, we will come back to this court,” she said, adding that individual public prosecutors seeking closure is a tedious and uncertain process. Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan submitted that even lawyers’ children were beaten during the protests. “The videos are very

shocking. We have given 300 videos to the court. Since directions have come from the top, the Commissioner of police must look at all this. “Ideally, we have identified un-uniformed individuals committing such police excess. A direction has to go to the Commissioner of police and the RAF director as to why police used pellet guns etc,” he said. Sankaranarayanan said police cannot be permitted to act brazenly. **CJP WELCOMES SC CLARIFICATION:** The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Monday welcomed the Supreme Court’s clarification on the withdrawal of FIRs against protesters, saying it expected the Centre and BJP/NDA-ruled States to immediately implement the assurances given to agitating students under the July 25 agreement. CJP chief spokesperson Saurav Das said the apex court’s order had removed the confusion over the Government’s commitment not to proceed against protesters, except those accused in grave and heinous offences. “Now that the Supreme Court has removed confusions, we expect the Government of India and all BJP/NDA-ruled States to immediately honour the assurances given on July 25 to the youth of this country,” Das said in a post on X.

Bill to increase SC judges...

Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, the House was adjourned for the day. The bill was listed in the agenda almost every day since its introduction on July 20 but could not come up for consideration and passage. The Government has maintained that an enhanced strength is one of the most exigent and viable solutions for tackling pendency in the top court. In May, the Union Cabinet had cleared the bill to increase the sanctioned strength of the top court, but soon thereafter the Government brought an ordi-

nance. After the ordinance, five judges were appointed to the apex court based on the upgraded sanctioned strength. After the ordinance was issued, the sanctioned strength of the apex court went up to 38 from 34, including the Chief Justice of India. According to the bill, the volume of litigation in the Supreme Court has constantly been on the rise due to a persistent gap between institution and final disposal of cases in the court. As on January 1, this year, there were 92,101 cases pending in the Supreme Court.

Court acquits Brij Bhushan...

Senior advocate Rebecca John, who appeared for four of the women, voiced surprise at his comment and said, “How can he come to the conclusion that the court acquitted Brij Bhushan Singh based on inconsistencies by the complainant victims when the order is not available. And we are all waiting for the order?” “Secondly, detailed arguments had taken place where I had contradicted the defence arguments to show that the inconsistencies were minor in nature and did not affect the credibility of witnesses,” she told PTI. John described the judgement of acquittal as “deeply, deeply disturbing”. A beaming Singh said the court had honourably acquitted him and Tomar. “I said on the very first day

that if the allegations are true, I will hang myself. I am very happy that I have been acquitted today. It is good news for me and good news for my supporters. I cannot say anything more than that,” he said as he emerged from the courtroom. “For now, this is all I can say. I will comment further after going through the court’s reasoned order,” the ex-BJP MP added. The media was barred from the in-camera proceedings. The allegations that shook the sporting world surfaced in April-May 2023 when women wrestlers protested at Delhi’s Jantar Mantar, accusing Singh, then WFI chief, of sexually harassing women wrestlers. Phogat, along with wrestlers Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, was the face of the 36-day sit-in.

Commonwealth...

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Jaismine Lamboria carried India’s flag at the closing ceremony after winning gold in the women’s 57kg category boxing competition. The formal handover began with the Commonwealth Games flag making its symbolic journey across the arena. Led by bearers holding the Scottish and Indian flags, the procession lowered the folded Games flag. Glasgow’s Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren then passed it to

Commonwealth Games Scotland vice-chair Susan Jackson, Scottish netball player Emily Nicholl, Commonwealth Sport president Dr Donald Rukare, two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra, Indian Olympic Association President PT Usha, and finally Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi. This marked the official transfer of hosting responsibilities from Scotland to India. From that solemn moment, the atmosphere transformed into a celebration of India’s civilisational ethos.

19 Ministers...

general secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal sent a communication to Shivakumar regarding the Congress high command’s approval of 20 names to be inducted into the Cabinet. However, Gayathri Shanthe Gowda, whose name was on the final list cleared by the Congress high command, was not sworn in on Monday, leaving the Karnataka cabinet without a woman Minister. An earlier list included Bhatkal MLA Mankala Vaidya, who was a minister in the Siddaramaiah cabinet, but he was subsequently replaced by S S Mallikarjun, also a former Minister.

SECTION 498A of IPC will also apply to live-in partners: SC

NEW DELHI, Aug 3 (PTI)

WIDENING the scope of Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code, the Supreme Court on Monday ruled that the provision, which deals with cruelty by a husband or his relatives, would also apply to partners in live-in relationships if an intention to marry is proven. The top court said “live-in relationships” are today, more or less, a reality -- primarily in urban areas, where an increasingly large section of the population resides -- and the law must adapt itself to serve those who choose this form. A bench of Justices Sanjay

Karol and N Kotiswar Singh said a man in a live-in relationship can be prosecuted for subjecting a woman to cruelty if the relationship is “in the nature of marriage”. Section 498A refers to a woman’s husband or his relatives subjecting her to cruelty. “Section 498A is held to be applicable to ‘live-in relationships’ that qualify as ‘relationships in the nature of marriage’ with the intent to marry being established as an intrinsic part thereof; “The ‘live-in relationships’ protected by Section 498A, it is stated for ample clarity, are those that are between two consenting adult individuals. The proposition of law as laid down shall be

limited to Section 498A IPC only, and this extended interpretation shall not affect any other provision,” the bench said. The top court said the safeguards against arrest and other factors shall be strictly applied and no person in a relationship “in the nature of marriage” having been accused of committing cruelty against a woman, being either the live-in partner “in the nature of marriage” or his relative, shall be arrested without preliminary inquiries. The apex court said that if a woman is in a domestic setup even prior to marriage, the protection given to married women should be given to them also.

Rajasthan tops list of organ donation pledge campaign

JAIPUR, Aug 3 (IANS)

RAJASTHAN has been conferred with the ‘State Award for Excellence in Organ Donation Awareness’ for its outstanding contribution to promoting organ donation across the State. The prestigious national honour was presented during the 16th Indian Organ Donation Day celebrations organised by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTO) under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The award recognises Rajasthan’s exceptional performance in the Organ Donation Pledge Campaign, in which the State secured the top position nationwide by creating widespread public awareness and encouraging citizens to pledge for organ donation. Welcoming the national recognition, Rajasthan Health Minister, Gajendra Singh Khimsar, said the award is a proud moment for the entire State and reflects the Government’s sustained commitment to promoting organ donation.

WB STF arrests another aide of Jaish operative

KOLKATA, Aug 3 (PTI)

THE West Bengal Special Task Force (STF) on Monday arrested another suspected associate of alleged Jaish-e-Mohammed operative Hamim Mondal from Howrah in connection with an ongoing probe into an alleged espionage network, a senior officer said. The accused, identified as Aditya Singh alias Raj alias Raju, was apprehended from Belilious Road in neighbouring Howrah following leads obtained during the interrogation of Mondal and his alleged associate, Arpita Sarkar, he said. “The latest arrest was made based on specific leads that emerged during the investigation. We are now focused on identifying others linked to the alleged network. So far we have arrested three persons in this connection,” a senior STF officer said, without divulging further details. Investigators suspect Aditya came in contact with Mondal through an online gaming platform and was subsequently drawn into the alleged conspiracy. According to the STF officer, Mondal allegedly used the opportunity to brainwash Aditya and draw him into his network. “Mondal assigned him the task to keep a close watch on Minister of State for Urban Development Umesh Rai and his son. He is suspected to have collected information related to them and shared it with the accused,” the STF official said.

Karni Sena members, Jaipur cops clash during protest against UGC Regulations

JAIPUR, Aug 3 (PTI)

A CLASH erupted between members of Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena and the police at multiple locations in Jaipur during their protest march demanding the rollback of University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations 2026, and other demands concerning the upper caste community. The scuffle arose after the protesters, led by Karni Sena president Mahipal Singh Makrana, marched from Ravan Gate on Kalwar Road towards the Collectorate Circle. Police had put up barricades at Kalwar Bridge to halt the rally, but demonstrators removed them and moved ahead, leading to a brief tussle with the police personnel. Similar scenes occurred at Chomu Pulia, where protesters again pushed past barricades amid light rain. During the confrontation, Deputy

Commissioner of Police (West) Prashant Kiran was also caught in the jostling, police said. Police used water cannons to control the crowd, even as some protesters attempted to climb onto a water cannon vehicle, officials added. An ambulance passing through the area was briefly stuck in the rally, but protesters later cleared the way, allowing it to move ahead. Despite resistance, a large number of demonstrators continued towards the Collectorate Circle, where they were scheduled to submit a memorandum to the district administration. The rally is part of a larger agitation that began nearly 24 days ago, when Makrana started a march from Jaipur to Deshnoh in Bikaner district. The “Savarna Nyay Yatra” later returned to Jaipur, with participants continuing the mobilisation despite Makrana reportedly falling ill during the journey.

TN moves SC to secure due share of Cauvery water

CHENNAI, Aug 3 (PTI)

THE Tamil Nadu Government on Monday moved the Supreme Court over the Cauvery dispute with neighbouring Karnataka, saying the quantum allocated to it by the CWRC as well as that released by its neighbour was less. An official release here said the Government filed a petition in the apex court on the directions of Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay, who discussed the matter with senior advocates. A Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) meeting held on July 28 directed Karnataka to release 3,500 cusecs for 15 days starting July 29, an

order upheld by the CWMA later. However, the quantum of water realised at Biligundlu ranged between 158-550 cusecs from July 29 to August 2, it said. As of August 3, the combined total storage in the reservoirs in Karnataka--KRS, Kabini, Harangi and Hemavathy, stood at 77.537 TMC and Karnataka would face no difficulty in releasing Tamil Nadu’s due share proportionately. Following rains in the catchment areas in the KRS and Kabini dams in Karnataka recently and increased inflows, the proportionate water to be realised at Biligundlu (Krishnagiri district, Tamil Nadu) should be 26.954 TMC, it said.



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