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Baba Siddique case has added graver dimension

Courtroom's Vibe Changes During Murder Trial

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It was on the same building's fourth floor in Courtroom No 52 that Salman was sentenced to five years in jail for running over four people and killing one in 2002 (Khan was acquitted by Bombay HC). His repeated appearances over two years then drew large crowds.

Among regular visitors was Pranita Fulsagar from Pune who travelled four hours for every hearing. Now married to a cop and mother to twins, Fulsagar, 32, is hoping to see Khan in person again. "I have a book full of his pictures," she said. "I want him to live a full and happy life." Quiet courtrooms in the City Civil and Sessions Court complex have often been dramatically transformed during sensational trials into packed spaced filled with lawyers, litigants, court staff and curious onlookers. They make up a motley bunch. One frequent attendee at Salman's last trial was a senior citizen from Bandra, who took notes with coloured pens and claimed he had been at the accident spot on the night of the incident.

For the Salman Khan case of 2002, the day of the judgment in May 2015 was marked by special arrangements. Entry to the fourth-floor courtroom was cordoned off, and people scaled the building opposite the court using water pipelines to catch a glimpse of Khan through the courtroom window. Court staff fear a repeat of the dangerous climb, this time a floor higher, when Khan arrives to depose in the MCOCA trial.

Threats received by the actor from the Bishnoi network culminated in the firing outside his home on Apr 14, 2024 and triggered a major investigation into organised crime rackets operating across states. The Baba Siddique case has added a graver dimension. Siddique was shot dead outside his son's office in Bandra (E) on Oct 12, 2024. Police linked the murder to Bishnoi-led organised crime activity. The tone in court around such a case is sombre. Even in a room used to high-profile name-dropping, a murder trial changes the atmosphere.

There is less whispering, more note-taking, and a constant reminder that behind every "sensational case" is a dead man, a grieving family and a prosecution required to prove guilt beyond reasonable doubt.

The Rohit Shetty case has added to the impression that Courtroom 55 is the place where cases involving alleged gang threats to Bollywood are heard. Now, with reports that the Tiger Shroff case may be tried under MCOCA, Courtroom No 55 could see another high-profile number.

Yet despite the celebrity backdrop, everyday life inside 55 remains rooted in bureaucratic reality. Known for maintaining a no-nonsense courtroom, Judge Navandar delivers sharp remarks when police procedure falters. .

HC: Verify credentials of all basic edu teachers in UP

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Prayagraj: Taking serious note of the misuse of a single certificate for the appointment of 10 teachers, Allahabad high court has directed the special task force (STF) to verify appointment letters and educational records of all teachers posted in govt basic schools in Uttar Pradesh.

Justice Vinod Diwakar, in his Friday order, directed all teachers of Classes 1 to 8 to submit their academic certificates and appointment orders to their respective basic siksha adhikari (BSA) offices within a week of receiving the formal notification. The bench warned that any negligence, procedural delay, or failure to enforce the directive would result in personal liability for the responsible education officials.

The court directed STF to evolve a mechanism for the verification of documents, if necessary, with the assistance of the SSP or police commissioner concerned.

The bench directed that all teachers will also file notarized affidavits furnishing details of their immediate relatives, whether serving or retired, who have held office in UP education department at the level of BSA and above. HC said director of education will supervise exercise undertaken by BSA concerned and may nominate an officer for day-to-day supervision.

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Arubam Ronil (35), Lairenlakpam Inaobi (51) and Kshetrimayum Sushil (32) were part of a group that had entered a forest near Nongshum and Khongbal Tangkhul villages around 9.30am to collect firewood when the firing started. All the three were natives of Nongshum.

The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI) demanded that the state and Union govts revoke the SoO with Kuki-Zo militant groups, whose friction with NSCN-IM and other Naga outfits in the hill districts has sparked a wave of tit-for-tat attacks in which 50-odd lives have been lost on either side over the past eight months.



Security heightened near the chief minister's residence in Imphal

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Late Sunday, another Meitei resident – Laishram Rakesh (26) – died when a stray bullet struck him during a clash at a music event at CYSA playground in Thoubal Khangabok. Several others were injured in stone-pelting between two groups. Some homes and shops were set ablaze, police said.

Men were picked up from their homes

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After the demand was refused, the SHO allegedly orchestrated a conspiracy to implicate Pathak's younger brother Rakesh and his associates.

Truck driver Umashankar and cleaner Brijendra Singh told the investigators that they were transporting soap from Kanpur to Varanasi when some cops forcibly boarded their vehicle, took them to a police station and made them sign some blank papers. Police later filed a chargesheet against the men, invoking Indian Penal Code (IPC) provisions on attempted dacoity and murder, as well as sections of the Arms Act and Explosive Substances Act.

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The inquiry, however, found that the men were woken up from sleep at their homes and picked up by police, while licensed firearms belonging to their family members were falsely shown as seized weapons.

'Affordability must be viewed across entire cancer-care pathway'

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Experts said wider rationalisation of margins across medical products, alongside closer scrutiny of hospital charges, may be needed to substantially reduce medical bills.

Hospital stocks were down on Bombay Stock Exchange on Monday, following the govt notification on Oct 17.

The maximum retail price (MRP) of certain cancer drugs are up to Rs 5 lakh per vial or pack, including a combination of pertuzumab and trastuzumab, atezolizumab, teclistamab, inotuzumab ozogamicin and daratumumab.

"The success of this measure will, however, depend equally on timely implementation across manufacturers, distributors and hospitals. A trade margin of 30% should not be misconstrued as a 30% profit margin for hospitals. The defined trade margin applies across the distribution chain, and the basis of calculation and applicability of the prescribed margin at different stages of the supply chain, should be clearly communicated to avoid any misunderstanding," Girdhar Gyani, director general at the Association of Healthcare Providers, which represents over 20,000 hospitals and healthcare providers, told **TOI**. Oncology is a significant revenue stream for hospitals, with expensive cancer drugs and cost of care contributing to high treatment costs. The margin cap could put pressure on hospital earnings, raising concerns over whether lower margins could affect the viability of such services.

"Affordability must be viewed across the entire cancer-care pathway, from screening and diagnosis to treatment," said Mayur Sirdesai, co-founding partner at Somerset Indus Capital.

"The impact of TMR on affordability and patient access will need to be evaluated, said Sudarshan Jain, secretary-general of Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance.

Public health experts said that the margin rationalisation may not be enough to reduce costs for patients.

"Prices of these medicines will still remain out of the reach for many patients. Also, the hospitals may find ways to hike charges of other items and packages," said KM Gopakumar of Third World Network, which is a civil society group.

Motorcycle used by assailants found in Andheri

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Five to six rounds were fired at Tiger Shroff's car," he said, adding that a motorcycle used by them was found in Andheri.

The shooting targeting the "War" star on a busy Sunday evening was captured on video, the clip showing gunshots being fired at close range at his car. While the 36-year-old escaped relatively unhurt, his driver and a bystander were injured.

A purported audio clip in which Pandit, a 32-year-old US-based gangster from Panipat, is heard claiming Tiger was attacked because he ignored warnings not to work with Salman Khan was circulated widely across several media platforms.

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1.	**1. M/s Mansha Ji Metal Products (Borrower),** Address- Plot No. 449, Shree Developers Industrial Area, Mahuakhera Ganj, Kashipur, Uttarakhand- 244713. **2. Mr. Virendra Chaudhary (Partner),** Address- Khatadi, Ramnagar Range, District- Nainital, Uttarakhand- 244715. **3. Mrs. Urmila Devi W/o Mr. Bhagirath Lal Chaudhary (Partner),** Address- Laxmi Vihar, Khatari, Ramnagar, District- Nainital, Uttarakhand- 244715. **4. Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sharma S/o Mr. Ghanand Sharma (Partner),** Address- Nishant Vihar, Near Modern School, Mukhani, Haldwani, Uttarakhand- 263139. **5. Mr. Baldev Singh (Guarantor),** Address- Village- Papri, Baijuri, Ramnagar, District- Nainital, Uttarakhand- 244715. **6. Mr. Bhagirath Lal Chaudhary (Guarantor),** Address- Laxi Vihar, Khatari, Ramnagar, District- Nainital, Uttarakhand- 244715.	Property 1- Factory land & building situated at Khata No. 572, Khasra No. 143 min, situated at Mahuakhedaganj, Tehsil Kashipur, District Udham Singh Nagar having total area of 1028.81 sq mt or 0.1028 hectare in the name of Mr. Virendra Chadhary. Property is Bounded as:- East- Plot No. 450, West- Plot No. 448, North- Plot No. 453, South- Road.	**Rs. 51,57,484.28** (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Four and Paise Twenty Eight Only) (+ unrealized & unapplied interest and other charges w.e.f. 31.10.2024)	**25.11.2026 From 12.00 PM to 05.00 PM**	**1. Rs. 51,61,872.00 2. Rs. 5,16,187.00 3. Rs. 10,000.00**	**Physical Possession**	**05.11.2026 between at 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM**

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