

DSP suspended as SIT probe uncovers assets worth Rs 100 cr

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KANPUR

DEPUTY Superintendent of Police (DSP) Rishikant Shukla has been placed under suspension after initiation of a vigilance inquiry following a SIT probe that uncovered alleged undeclared assets worth nearly Rs 100 crore, officials said on Tuesday. Shukla was suspended after SIT findings indicated at least 12 properties, valued at approximately Rs 92 crore, linked to his PAN card along with additional properties, though yet undocumented, pushing the total value to Rs

100 crore or more, said a senior police official.

The SIT report said that during his tenure in Kanpur between 1998 and 2009, Shukla was in close association with advocate-turned-gangster Akhilesh Dubey, believed to be running a racket involving fake cases, extortion and land grabbing, he said. Rishikant Shukla was serving as the Circle Officer (Bhogaon) in Manpur district when his name cropped up in connection with the extortion racket. According to the then Commissioner of Police's submission, Shukla used his official position and

his network -- including family and associates -- to hide assets under the names of relatives and others. These properties included 11 shops in the posh Aryanagar area. Joint CP (Law & Order) Ashutosh Kumar confirmed the suspension and formal initiation of the full vigilance investigation against the suspended DSP. "The matter has been forwarded to the Director General of Police's headquarters for further departmental action," he added. Secretary Home, Jagdish, had written on Monday to the Principal Secretary (Vigilance) to order a full investigation and

has forwarded the case to the state's DGP headquarters for further departmental action, the letter said.

In another incident, a man who allegedly gave death threats to Gorakhpur MP Ravi Kishan on the phone has been arrested from Punjab, police said on Tuesday.

The person was identified as Ajay Kumar Yadav, a resident of Fatehgarh locality of Ludhiana. "The accused was arrested on Sunday and sent to jail today. He has no links with Bihar. He acted alone and claimed he made the call while under the influence of alcohol," Addition-

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al SP City Abhinav Tyagi said.

According to the police, on October 30, Yadav called the BJP politician and threatened to shoot him if he came to Bihar. A complaint was lodged by the MP's office in connec-

tion with the threat.

Police, using technical surveillance and phone tracking, traced Yadav to Punjab.

The mobile phone used to make the threat call has been recovered.



Passenger detained for trying to open emergency exit on flight

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VARANASI

A passenger on an Akasa Air flight from Varanasi to Mumbai was detained after he allegedly tried to open the aircraft's emergency exit before takeoff, officials said on Tuesday.

The incident took place aboard flight QP 1497, which was scheduled to depart for Mumbai at 6.45 pm on Monday from Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport.

As the aircraft was taxiing towards the runway, the passenger, Sujit Singh, a resident of Gaura Badshahpur in Jaunpur district, attempted to open the emergency exit, police

said. Following an alert from the cabin crew, the pilot informed the Air Traffic Control (ATC) and brought the aircraft back to the apron.

Security personnel escorted all passengers off the plane and took Sujit Singh into custody for questioning, the police said. Phoolpur Station House Officer (SHO) Praveen Kumar Singh said the passenger told investigators that he tried to open the exit "out of curiosity."

Sujit Singh has been booked, the officer said.

The flight departed for Mumbai at around 7.45 pm after security clearance.



Hunt on for youth who shot at teen girl in Har

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FARIDABAD

A hunt is on for the youth who allegedly fired gunshots at a 17-year-old girl here in broad daylight, wounding her in shoulder and abdomen, police on Tuesday said.

The girl, who is preparing for JEE, was shot twice by an alleged stalker in Faridabad's Shyam colony on Monday evening when she was on her way home from a library.

The attacker has been identified as 20-year-old Jatin Mangla, a native of Sarmathla village near Gurugram's Sohna, the police said.

The victim, Kanishka, is stable and under treatment at a hospital in Sector 8. Footage from a CCTV



camera showed a youth, allegedly Mangla, waiting for Kanishka in a street and shooting at her at a close range. One bullet struck her shoulder, while another grazed her abdomen.

Four teams have been formed to track down the attacker, a Faridabad Police spokesperson said.

According to the police, Kanishka, a resident of Bhaat Singh Colony and a class

six months ago when the girl had been enrolled there for a year. The library management said Jatin Mangla works as an accountant at a nearby private college, Ballabhgarh City Police Station SHO, Inspector Shamsheer Singh, said.

The officer said Mangla would not leave the girl alone, and kept hovering around her from the get go.

Within 15 days of his admission to the library, Mangla's membership was canceled, so was Kanishka's.

"The girl took admission again in the library about five months ago while the accused was denied admission. He continued stalking the girl," Singh said.

"Several teams of police station and crime branch are conducting raids to arrest him," he said.

Army chief visits Kharga Corps, reviews readiness

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NEW DELHI

ARMY Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi visited the Kharga Corps in Haryana's Ambala during which he reviewed the formation's operational preparedness, and commended it for its "exemplary performance" during Operation Sindoor, officials said on Tuesday.

He was briefed on initiatives aimed at enhancing combat readiness, integrating cutting-edge technologies and strengthening inter-agency synergy.

The Chief of the Army Staff visited the Ambala-based Corps on Monday, a senior official said.

Gen Dwivedi reviewed the formation's operational preparedness and interacted with army officials and personnel.

He commended the formation for its "exemplary performance" during Operation Sindoor, as also the innovations in drone design and training, integration of advanced technological solutions in logistics and administration, they said.

Besides, outreach to



veterans and families, humanitarian contributions under Operation Rahat and sustained efforts in promoting civil-military fusion for sustainable security was also discussed during his visit.

During his interaction with all ranks, the Chief of the Army Staff lauded their professionalism, dedication and steadfast commitment to the service of the nation, the official said.

Kharga Corps falls under the Army's Western Command.

In November 2024, the Corps had conducted a two-day integrated field firing exercise, 'Kharga Shakti'.

This comprehensive exercise was aimed at testing and validating the effectiveness of combined arms operations in a simulated battlefield environment.

Post-Pahalgam terror attack

Film shooting resumes in Kashmir after six months

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SRINAGAR

IN a good news for Kashmir's battered tourism industry, film shootings have resumed in the valley, six months after the deadly Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 persons were killed. The crew of a Telugu film has begun shooting at the Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district -- the site of the April 22 terror attack.

The comedy movie is being directed by Vimal Krishna, known for films such as "Jessie" and "Ladies & Gentlemen". Speaking to the reporters, Krishna said Kashmir is totally safe for visitors and movie shootings.

"I want to thank every

Kashmiri. We are the first people to come here for shooting. I can say that it is 100 per cent safe. We feel totally safe. I hope in the coming days, more tourists come here," Krishna said. The filmmaker said he was looking for a beautiful location for the movie and found it in Kashmir. "I thought why not Kashmir? Right now it is completely safe. We came for a recce in July and did not find any problem. We have treated very well by the government, the security forces and especially locals who have treated us like their family members," he added.

Krishna said that after completing the Pahalgam schedule, the crew will continue shooting in Srinagar.



Death toll rises to 8 in car-truck collision

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BARABANKI

TWO persons who had sustained serious injuries in the head-on collision between a car and truck near Bishunpur village of Barabanki district on November 3 succumbed to their wounds in Lucknow during treatment on Tuesday morning, taking the accident toll to eight, officials said. Of the deceased, four people belonged to one family.

According to police, the incident took place around 10 pm when a speeding truck collided with an MUV without a number plate on the Kalyani River bridge, which has a single-lane road, under the Deva police station limits.

Six people died on the spot, whereas the two critically injured were taken to the Trauma Centre in Lucknow. All the deceased were passengers of the car and residents of Fatehpur town.

The impact of the collision was so severe that the car, which did not have a number plate and appeared new, was mangled to the extent that a crane was used to remove it from the road.

Chief Medical Officer



(CMO) Dr Awadhesh Kumar Yadav said that the deceased have been identified as driver Shrikant Shukla (40), Balaji Mishra (55), Pradeep Soni (55), his wife Madhuri Soni (52) and sons Nitin (35) and Naimish (15). Indra Kumar (50) and Vishnu Shukla (15) died during treatment in Lucknow on Tuesday.

He added that all the bodies will be handed over to their families after post-mortem examination.

The victims were returning from a holy dip in the river Ganga in Bithoor in Kanpur district, when the tragic accident occurred, police said.

Pradeep Soni was a jeweller, and he and his entire family were killed in

the accident.

Superintendent of Police Arpit Vijayvargiya, who reached the scene upon receiving the information, said that preliminary investigations indicate that speeding was the primary cause of the accident.

According to eyewitnesses, the truck was moving at a very high speed, and the truck driver apparently lost control upon seeing the oncoming car, leading to the fatal crash.

Police said they have impounded the truck, and its driver is absconding.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had expressed grief over the loss of lives in the accident.

Liquor-laden truck bound for Bihar, caught in Ballia



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BALLIA

A Bihar-bound truck was caught with illegal liquor worth almost Rs 17 lakh here, police on Tuesday said.

Five people were booked in connection with the seizure, and one was arrested, they said.

Superintendent of Police Omveer Singh said the seizure was made on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday during a routine check in the Bairia Police Station area.

A police team spotted an Ashok Leyland pick-up truck speeding from the Shobha Chhapra area, and when tried to flag it down, it veered towards Shankar Nagar.

The team chased the vehicle and overtook it near the Govardhan Parvat temple,

the officer said.

One of those in the truck escaped as soon as it stopped, but the driver was arrested.

He was identified as Chandan Singh Yadav, a 32-year-old native of Janapur village in Ballia district.

Liquor worth Rs 16,75,200 of different brands was recovered from the truck. Yadav told police that he was headed to election-bound Bihar, where liquor is prohibited, the SP said.

Voting will be held in 121 seats of the 243-member Bihar Assembly on November 6, while the remaining 122 constituencies will go to polls on November 11.

The counting of votes will be held on November 14.

The ruling NDA has 138 members in the current assembly, while the opposition alliance has 103 members.

Cheema slams Warring's remarks on Buta Singh

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Tuesday said Congress leader Amrinder Singh Raja Warring's "casteist" comment on former Union minister late Buta Singh was "unpardonable" and his party will report him to the Election Commission. He said the Aam Aadmi Party will submit a representation to the EC, seeking action against the Ludhiana MP for the remarks he allegedly made while campaigning for the Congress candidate for the November 11 Tarn Taran assembly bypoll. Warring's remarks have drawn sharp reactions from the leaders of other parties. After facing flak, Warring, the Punjab Congress chief, on Monday tendered an "unconditional apology" and said that Buta Singh, a veteran Congress leader, was like a father figure to him, and he could never mean any disrespect to him. Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission took suo motu notice of Warring's remarks and asked him to appear before it on November 6. Addressing the media here on Tuesday, Cheema condemned Warring for his alleged casteist remarks.

Cheema said Warring insulted Buta Singh, "spewing the poison of casteism."

Attempts made by BJP, RSS to 'finish' Panjab University: Channi

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CHANDIGARH

FORMER Punjab chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Tuesday slammed the BJP-led Centre over the issue of restructuring the Panjab University's Senate and Syndicate, alleging that attempts are being made to "finish this varsity in a systematic way by the BJP and the RSS."

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The notification amends the Panjab University Act, 1947, reducing the size of the Senate to 31, doing away with elections for its executive body, the Syndicate, and abolishing the graduate constituency of the Senate.

The students are also demanding the withdrawal of the "no-protest" affidavit, introduced in June this year by the PU. The affidavit requires students to declare that they will not participate in protests or demonstrations on campus, protesting students



have claimed while terming it "undemocratic."

Panjab University Campus Students' Council general secretary Abhishek Dagar is on a hunger strike over the

affidavit issue.

Speaking to the media, senior Congress leader Channi lashed out at the BJP-led Centre for restructuring the PU's governing bodies.

"It is a murder of democracy," he alleged.

"Attempts are being made to finish the university in a systematic way by the BJP and the RSS," Channi alleged.

He further alleged that the RSS has "completely controlled" the university.

He alleged that the strength of senators has been reduced from 91 to 31.

"We will fight it out," he said.

He urged the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to convene a session of the Punjab Assembly to discuss this issue.

The Jalandhar MP further said he will raise this matter in Parliament.

He demanded that the decision of restructuring the PU's Senate and Syndicate be withdrawn.

Referring to the affidavit issue, Channi said students are being barred from staging 'dharanas'.

He said he urged all political parties to rise above party lines to save this institution.

The BJP-led government at the Centre is facing flak from the ruling AAP in Punjab, Congress and the Shiromani Akali Dal after it restruc-

tured Panjab University's Senate and Syndicate.

CM Mann slammed the Centre on Sunday for restructuring PU's governing bodies, terming the move "unconstitutional" and "dictatorial".

The AAP government is not averse to moving court in the matter, he had said.

Mann had claimed the Centre does not have the power to amend the Panjab University Act, 1947, through a notification to change the complexion and character of the Senate and Syndicate.