

HC allows 2nd postmortem of Twisha, CBI likely to probe

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JABALPUR

THE Madhya Pradesh High Court on Friday permitted a second postmortem of Twisha Sharma, the Noida woman who was allegedly harassed for dowry and died last week, her family members said. Samarth Singh, the absconding husband of Twisha who was allegedly harassed for dowry, on Friday withdrew his anticipatory bail application filed in the Madhya Pradesh High Court. The HC has allowed

the petition filed by Twisha's father Navnidhi Sharma, their lawyer Ankur Pandey told PTL. He said the high court has directed the state government to make arrangements for a team of doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, to be flown to Bhopal. The family approached the high court two days after a lower court turned down their plea for a second autopsy.

Twisha was found hanging at her marital home in Bhopal's Katara Hills area

on May 12. The family of the 33-year-old model turned actor accused her in-laws of pushing their daughter to death.

Her in-laws claim she was addicted to drugs. While her postmortem was done at AIIMS Bhopal, her family had sought a second autopsy, citing discrepancies. Two days ago, Judicial Magistrate First Class Anudita Gupta in Bhopal rejected the family's plea, stating that the conscience of the court must be satisfied to order a re-postmortem. High Court

Court issues notice to Twisha Sharma's mother-in-law; MP gov't proposes to transfer Twisha Sharma death case to CBI

issued notice to ex-judge Giribala Singh, booked for the death of her daughter-in-law Twisha Sharma allegedly due to dowry harassment, on pleas seeking cancellation of her anticipatory bail in the case. Twisha Sharma's father Navnidhi

Sharma and the MP government have filed pleas in the HC seeking quashing of the anticipatory bail given to Giribala Singh by a Bhopal court. The single bench of Justice Avanindra Kumar Singh has fixed the hearing in the case for May 25. The



government proposed to transfer the case involving Twisha Sharma, the Noida

woman who was allegedly harassed for dowry and died last week, to the Central

Bureau of Investigation, officials said. The notification has been issued by Home Department Secretary Krishnaveni Desavatu, an official said. "It is proposed to transfer the investigation of the case registered at Katara Hills Police Station under Sections 80 (2), 85, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and Section 3/4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, regarding the dowry death incident that occurred on May 12, 2026, to the Central Bureau of Investigation," the notification said.

300 booked for violent clashes during Dalit wedding procession

Stones were hurled at the procession when it entered an upper-caste locality during the wedding ceremony, triggering clashes

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MATHURA

POLICE booked over 300 individuals, including 41 named accused from both sides, in connection with the violent clashes that erupted during a Dalit wedding procession here on May 20, officials said on Friday.

Police separately filed a case over an alleged attack on policemen, naming 15 people and booking 50 unidentified persons. The incident took place in Narhali village under the Highway police station area when a wedding procession from Bharna Kalan village in the Govardhan area arrived for the marriage of Lakshmi and Poonam, daughters of Bhagwan Das, to Ashok and Kuldeep, sons of Nemichand.



According to allegations, stones were hurled at the procession when it entered an upper-caste locality during the wedding ceremony, triggering clashes.

However, the other side claimed the dispute escalated after some members of the procession allegedly played songs containing caste-based derogatory re-

marks and used objectionable language.

They alleged that when residents objected, members of the procession assaulted them and entered houses to vandalise property.

Senior Superintendent of Police Shlok Kumar said the crime branch is probing the incident. Highway Police Station SHO Shailendra

Singh said Radha, daughter-in-law of the injured elderly woman Shanti alias Santoshi Devi, lodged a complaint naming 17 people from the Dalit community and 250 unidentified people.

Those named include the bride's brothers, police said. In another complaint, the bride's brother Dilip named 24 people, besides 20 unidentified people. Police said additional force from several police stations has been deployed as a precautionary measure.

Authorities appealed to members of both communities to maintain peace. Officials said the injured elderly woman's condition has improved, and she is likely to be discharged from the hospital by Friday evening.

Ramdev aide Balkrishna gets Global Peace and Health Award

Nature and the timeless wisdom of India's ancient traditions offer meaningful solution to rising mental stress, unhealthy lifestyles, and escalating global health challenges, says Acharya Balkrishna

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HARIDWAR

RENOWNED Ayurveda expert Acharya Balkrishna was honoured with the "I AM PEACEKEEPER - Champion Health Award 2026" at the Billionaires for Peace Conclave 2026 held in Mumbai on Wednesday. The award recognises his outstanding contribution to global wellness, humanitarian service, peace-building and the promotion of holistic healthcare through Ayurveda.

The honour marks another major milestone for Ayurveda and India's traditional healthcare systems, which are increasingly gaining global recognition. Through his leadership and scientific approach, Acharya Balkrishna has played a key role in transforming Ayurveda from a traditional healing practice into a globally acknowledged system supported by modern research



and evidence-based studies. Under his guidance, Patanjali Ayurved has actively worked towards presenting ancient Indian wisdom through contemporary scientific validation. Speaking after receiving the award, Acharya Balkrishna

said healthy individuals form the foundation of peaceful societies and strong nations. He described Ayurveda as a complete science of life that promotes balance, positivity and overall wellbeing. Referring to India's philosophy of "Vas-

udhaiva Kutumbakam", he said the world is increasingly looking towards India for sustainable solutions to peace and holistic health.

He also highlighted the growing challenges posed by stress, lifestyle disorders and modern health issues, saying that nature-centric living and India's ancient wisdom can offer meaningful solutions. According to him, Yoga and Ayurveda can help create not only a disease-free world but also a stress-free and conflict-free society.

Calling the award a collective recognition, Acharya Balkrishna dedicated it to India's cultural heritage, the timeless science of Ayurveda and all those who have embraced natural living. The conclave brought together Nobel Peace Prize laureates, policymakers, spiritual leaders and global thinkers to discuss peace, human welfare and sustainable development.

Man held for Suvendu PA murder, alleges torture

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AYODHYA

RAJ SINGH, who was arrested in connection with the murder case of West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari's personal assistant Chandranath Rath, has alleged that he was wrongly arrested, mistaken for another person with the same name and later released following a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe that found no link between him and the case.

Speaking to ANI after his release, Raj said he was picked up by the police while returning from Ayodhya with his mother.

He alleged that he was not shown any evidence at the time of arrest and was pressured to confess to a crime he did not commit.

"I was wrongfully arrested, mistaken for another Raj Kumar Singh. I had gone to Ayodhya with my mother for



darshan. While coming back home, a police team arrested me. They did not listen, nor ask for evidence. They threatened me with an encounter and tried to force me to confess," Singh alleged.

He further claimed that he was later taken to Kolkata, where he was allegedly subjected to custodial pressure.

"Later, I was taken to Kolkata, where the CID tortured me to admit a crime I had not committed. Their intention was to frame me as a criminal," he said, adding that the CBI later "showed the truth"

through its investigation.

Singh thanked the CBI for what he called a fair probe and appealed to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to take action against the police team involved in his arrest.

"I thank the CBI for a fair investigation. I appeal to CM Yogi Ji to take action against that police team," he said.

"I have been with the BJP -- my father, too, was with the BJP. I have been associated with the Kshatriya Mahasabha, but no organisation supported me.

Women chased by cops in car, threatened; video goes viral

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ETAH

TWO women riding a scooter were allegedly chased and threatened by policemen in a car in Etah, Uttar Pradesh, an officer said.

The incident occurred in the Kotwali Nagar area on Thursday evening. A video of the altercation later went viral on social media.

The women alleged that the car occupants, who identified themselves as police, chased them, hit their scooter and gave them threats.

Etah Kotwali Police Station SHO Prempal Singh said the matter was under investigation.

Additional Superintendent of Police Shwetabh Pandey said, "No complaint has been filed by the women. The video is being looked into." -- PTI

Red alert issued as heatwave sweeps UP

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BANDA

THE Meteorological Centre here has issued a red alert for 10 districts in the state for Friday, warning of 'severe' to 'very severe' heatwave conditions. The alert has been issued for Banda, Chitrakoot, Kaushambi, Prayagraj, Fatehpur, Pratapgarh, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Bhadohi and Jaunpur districts, where severe heatwave conditions are likely during the day.

An orange alert has been sounded for 34 districts, including Baghpat, Meerut, Ghaziabad, Hapur, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Bulandshahr, Aligarh, Mathura, and Agra.

The weather office has also issued a yellow alert for 17 districts, including Deoria, Lakhimpur Kheri, Sitapur, Hardoi, Farrukhabad, Lucknow, Barabanki, and Ayodhya.

The MeT said maximum



temperatures are likely to rise gradually by 2-3 degrees Celsius in eastern Uttar Pradesh over the next 48 hours, while no major change is expected elsewhere during the week.

Under the warning classification issued by the weather office, a yellow alert means people should remain updated, as heatwave conditions may persist for two days.

An orange alert advises residents and authorities to remain prepared as severe heatwave conditions may

continue for two days or heatwave conditions of varying intensity may persist for four days or more.

A red alert calls for immediate action as severe heatwave conditions are likely to continue for more than two days and pose a serious risk to public health.

An intense heat wave swept Uttar Pradesh on Thursday, with Banda recording the highest maximum temperature in the state at 47.6 degrees Celsius.

HC seizes Lucknow mayor's powers till she administers oath to corporator

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LUCKNOW

THE Allahabad high court on Thursday seized the administrative and financial powers of the Lucknow mayor till she administers oath to corporator Lalit Kishore Tiwari. The Lucknow bench of the court passed the direction in a matter related to ward number 73 in the city's Faizullaganj area, where even five months after the election tribunal declared Tiwari elected as the corporator, he is yet to be administered the oath. The court ordered that until the corporator declared elected by the tribunal is administered the oath, the mayor's financial and administrative powers shall remain suspended. The order was passed by a bench of Justices Alok Mathur and S Q H Rizvi. The court had, on May 13, again taken a stern view of the failure to administer oath to Tiwari.

Saini woos Japanese investors at Indo-Japan conclave

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NEW DELHI

HARYANA Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday invited Japanese companies to expand their investments in Haryana, saying the state has emerged as India's largest hub for Japanese industries and offers a strong ecosystem for global manufacturing, logistics and innovation.

Addressing the Indo-Japan Conclave in New Delhi, the Chief Minister said India and Japan share a long-standing strategic and economic partnership built on common values such as trust, discipline, harmony, respect for tradition and commitment to excellence. He said the two countries can jointly build resilient supply chains

and create a next-generation industrial ecosystem for a greener and smarter future.

Major Japanese industrial hub

Saini said Haryana currently hosts nearly 394 Japanese industries and more than 600 Japanese business establishments, making it the preferred destination for Japanese investment in India. He added that Japanese technology and industrial cooperation have significantly contributed to the state's economic and industrial growth.

Recalling his visit to Japan in October last year, the Chief Minister said nine Japanese companies had committed investments worth nearly Rs. 5,000 crore in Haryana. He said the growing trust between the two sides has

transformed Haryana into a "Home Away From Home" for Japanese companies.

The Chief Minister stressed that Haryana values not just business-to-business or government-to-government ties, but also "Heart to Heart" relationships with Japan.

Work culture attracting investors

Explaining why Japanese industries prefer Haryana, Saini said the state has successfully adopted the Japanese work culture that focuses on quality, operational stability, disciplined manpower, reliable supply chains and long-term commitment.

He said industrial regions such as Gurugram, Manesar, Sonapat, Bawal and Jhajjar have evolved into successful



examples of India-Japan industrial integration. According to him, Haryana is no longer merely an investment destination but a trusted strategic partner for Japan.

Boost investment potential

Highlighting Haryana's infrastructure strengths, the Chief Minister said nearly two-thirds of the state lies in

the NCR region and every district is connected through national highways. Projects such as the Dedicated Freight Corridor, Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, Rapid Rail, metro connectivity and greenfield corridors are further strengthening the state's connectivity. He said Haryana is developing 64 industrial estates, logistics hubs,

EV ecosystems, food parks and advanced manufacturing zones, while 10 new Industrial Model Townships (IMTs) are also planned.

Saini said the Japanese Industrial Township in Jhajjar and the proposed Japanese cluster in Naraingarh will give a fresh push to India-Japan industrial cooperation.

Automobile and logistics sectors

Inviting Japanese investors to expand their businesses in Haryana, the Chief Minister said the state manufactures nearly 50 per cent of India's cars and 33 per cent of its two-wheelers, creating strong opportunities in the automobile sector, particularly in Sohna and Kharkhoda IMTs.

He also said Haryana is rapidly emerging as a logistics hub and offers investment opportunities in dry ports, container freight stations and multimodal logistics parks.

Faster clearances

The Chief Minister said the Haryana Government has focused on both "Ease of Doing Business" and "Speed

of Doing Business." More than 140 services are now available digitally under one roof, while project approval time has been reduced from 24 days to 12 days.

To assist Japanese investors, the state government has also established a dedicated "Sakura Desk" to provide support from the pre-investment stage to expansion and issue resolution.

Saini added that Haryana is rapidly progressing in sectors such as electric mobility, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, robotics, green hydrogen and renewable manufacturing. He said Haryana's MSMEs can also become a vital part of global supply chains through collaboration with Japanese industries.