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Cancer care centres in Assam offer affordable treatment: CM

Guwahati, Nov 7 (IANS) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday said that his government has set up high-quality cancer care centres that offer treatment at an affordable cost.

Taking to social media platform X, CM Sarma wrote, "Today is National Cancer Awareness Day; a day to spread awareness about the disease and dispel rumours surrounding it. With advancement in medical science, cancer treatment has evolved and there are high chances of recovery for patients."

"In Assam, through the Assam Cancer Care Foundation (ACCF), we have set up high-quality centres to diagnose, treat and manage cancer patients and give them the joy of life at an affordable cost," he added.

The state government is spending at least Rs 135 crore to ACCF for the construction of four cancer hospitals across the state.

Assam bypolls: CM Sarma to campaign for BJP candidates in Samaguri, Behali

Guwahati, Nov 7 (IANS) Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday campaign for the BJP candidates contesting the Samaguri and Behali Assembly seats in the by-elections.

By-elections to five Assembly constituencies Dholai, Samaguri, Behali, Bongaigaon and Sidi were necessitated following the election of five legislators to the Lower House of the Parliament in Lok Sabha polls.

Except in Samaguri, where Congress heavy-weight Rakibul Hussain has been winning since 2001, the rest of the four seats are with the BJP-led alliance.

According to pollsters, Congress has an edge over the BJP in the Samaguri seat due to the dominance of Muslim voters.

Op against terrorists ends in Kupwara, one militant killed

Srinagar, Nov 7 (IANS) The operation against terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's (J&K) Kupwara district ended on Thursday with the killing of one terrorist and recovery of arms and ammunition from the slain militants, officials said. "The operation against terrorists in Lolab area of Kupwara district ended, resulting in elimination of one militant and recovery of one AK Rifle, two hand grenades, four AK magazines, ammunition and other war-like stores", officials said on Thursday. The operation in Lolab area started on Tuesday and one terrorist was killed in this operation on Wednesday. Ever since an elected government took office in J&K, terrorists have increased their activities and the Intelligence agencies believe the terror handlers sitting across the border in Pakistan have been frustrated due to the largely people participative and peaceful Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in J&K.

Govt to come up with national counter-terrorism policy: Shah

New Delhi, Nov 7 (UNI) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said that the government will soon come up with a robust national counter-terrorism policy and strategy to combat terrorism, terrorists and terrorism ecosystem in the country.

Addressing the inaugural session of 'Anti-Terror Conference-2024' here, the Home Minister called upon the states to unite in the fight against terrorism and equip the police forces with state-of-the-art technology and combat terrorism strongly. Emphasising on great-

er use of technology and training by the police in the states, Shah said, "We cannot fight terrorism unless we train our entire force using technology. Now terrorism is standing in front of us in a borderless and invisible form and if we have to deal with it accurately then we will have to train the young officers with the highest level of technology."

"Technology will have to be made an important part of their training. Many states have made it. I also want to tell all the states that if you need help in this then the academy of Hy-

derabad can also help you," he said.

The Home Minister said that as far as dealing with terrorism is concerned, states have their own boundaries, states also have geographical boundaries, there are constitutional boundaries but terrorism and terrorists have no boundaries.

He said in the last 10 years, after Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, the country was moving forward with a solid strategy against terrorism. Today the whole world has accepted India's zero tolerance policy against terror-

ism. Shah also stressed upon the police officers of all the states to fully implement the three new criminal laws. He also said that on November 26 which is celebrated as Constitution Day, the police should work towards granting bail to those individuals who have been in jail for a long time and are eligible for it.

While awarding medals to 11 police personnel, the Home Minister said that this is just a small recognition of their extraordinary hard work. Their contribution and dedication is much bigger and more inspiring than this medal.



SYDNEY, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meeting with CEOs and Business leaders, in Sydney on Thursday. UNI

FIR against Mithun based on his reaction to anti-Hindu comments: BJP

Kolkata, Nov 7 (IANS) BJP's Asansol-Dakshin MLA Agnimitra Paul claimed on Thursday that the FIR against BJP leader Mithun Chakraborty is based on his reaction to anti-Hindu comments of Trinamool Congress MLA.

Agnimitra Paul added that earlier when Trinamool Congress MLA Humayun Kabir claimed that Hindus in a Muslim-dominated district of West Bengal would "be cut and thrown" in the Bhagirathi River, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee chose to remain silent.

"Neither Kabir was arrested nor any FIR was filed against him. He was not even censured by his party leadership. But

when Mithun Chakraborty has only reacted to some anti-Hindu comments, an FIR was promptly filed against him," said Paul. On Wednesday, the FIR was registered against Chakraborty based on a complaint accusing him of making provocative remarks during an organisational meeting of the BJP in Kolkata on October 27, in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. "I am saying this in front of the Union Home Minister.

I will do whatever is required for West Bengal. There are hidden meanings when I say that I will do whatever is needed. One leader is claiming that in a particular district, there are 70 per cent

Muslims against 30 per cent Hindus. Remarks were also made Hindus would be cut and thrown in the Bhagirathi river," Chakraborty said while addressing the organisational meeting targeting Trinamool Congress legislator Humayun Kabir.

He added that surprisingly the Chief Minister did not tell him anything. "A day will come when I will bury you in soil," Chakraborty said. Election Commission of India, at that point, had censured Kabir for his comments and slapped a show-cause notice on him. Thereafter, Kabir claimed that his comments were deliberately taken out of the context so that they appear as a threat.

SC orders liquidation of Jet Airways

New Delhi, Nov 7 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Thursday ordered liquidation of cash-strapped Jet Airways, saying that the resolution plan, approved five years ago, is no longer capable of implementation.

A Bench, headed by CJI D.Y. Chandrachud, allowed the lenders' plea against the transfer of ownership of the grounded airline to Jalan Kalkrock Consortium (JKC).

The Bench, also comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj, invoked its extraordinary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution "for doing complete justice" between the parties and ordered the appointment of a liquidator forthwith.

Further, it ordered the forfeiture of Rs 200 crore infused by the JKC and

directed lenders to invoke Rs 150 crore Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG).

In the plea filed before the apex court, the Committee of Creditors (CoC),

ful resolution professional bidder for the cash-strapped airline, to deposit Rs 150 crore in an escrow account jointly held by the State Bank of India and



led by the State Bank of India, has said that the proposed revival plan was not in the best interest of lenders and questioned the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) order upholding the resolution plan.

In January this year, the Supreme Court ordered JKC, the success-

JKC. It had cautioned that legal consequences would follow if the JKC failed to furnish the bank guarantee.

It had also asked the NCLAT to decide by the end of March 2024 on the lenders' plea challenging the ownership of the grounded Airways to JKC.

PM Vidyalaxmi scheme will ease financial barriers to higher education: Students

New Delhi, Nov 7 (IANS) The Union Cabinet has approved a new scheme - PM Vidyalaxmi, aimed at providing financial support to meritorious yet needy students in pursuing higher studies at top-ranking institutions across the country.

The scheme offering collateral-free and guarantee-free loans to students have left the latter happy and elated.

Many of them spoke to IANS and shared how this will remove the obstructions and financial constraints that usually in their way in pursuing higher education.

They expressed optimism over the scheme, with many praising Modi government for the initiative. Ayushi Singh, a student at Jamia Millia Islamia, described the scheme as a significant step toward women's empowerment. "I have just read about the Vidya Lakshmi scheme launched by PM Modi. This scheme opens up opportunities for girls who may otherwise be denied education due to financial issues."

It encourages families to educate their daughters and gives them a chance to progress," she said. She further highlighted that the scheme, offering up to Rs 7.5 lakh in financial aid, would help students to explore more career options. "This is a substan-

tial amount, and past governments may have offered similar schemes, but none quite at this scale."

Such scholarships not only propel students forward but also instill courage to make a difference in society," she added. Sahil Alam, another student at Jamia Millia Islamia, pursuing a BA (Hons) in Mass Media, emphasised the scheme's impact on middle-class families. "This scheme provides critical support for children from poorer backgrounds who struggle to pay for their education."

Many families can't afford schooling, especially

when children have to work to support themselves. It's commendable that the government has included special provisions for economically disadvantaged students, encouraging them to pursue their studies and contribute to the nation," he said. Himang Dwivedi, a second-year BA (Hons) Mass Media student at Jamia Millia Islamia, echoed these sentiments, noting the scheme's focus on students from economically weaker sections, particularly girls. "Under the Vidya Lakshmi scheme, all girls and students from underprivileged families will have greater access to education."

The government's provision of Rs 7.5 lakh per household is invaluable in helping people afford the high tuition fees of private institutions where government seats are limited," he remarked. "This scheme aims to reach every household in need, especially where girls often face educational barriers due to financial constraints."

It will ensure more students can pursue education without worrying about financial obstacles," Dwivedi added. Kushaal Kumar Sharma, a student from Ramanujan College, commended the Rs 7.5 lakh loan amount, calling it "a major relief for students who cannot afford higher studies."



WAYANAD, Congress candidate for WAYANAD Parliamentary seat Priyanka Gandhi Vadra addressed a corner meeting in Akampadam, Ernad, Wayanad on Thursday UNI

'Misleading, prejudiced': O.P. Jindal University rubbishes law student's claims

Sonapat (Haryana), Nov 6 (IANS) The O.P. Jindal Global University has said it will counter a law student's bid to question its recognition in any legal forum while deploring his "factually incorrect, misleading and prejudiced statements" in social and online media on a sub judice matter "with the malicious intention to influence public opinion and thereby decision-making".

The varsity also cited how the student in question, Kaustubh Shakkarwar, who has moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court, had been caught for plagiarism in his term-end course. A non-profit university established by the Haryana government and recognised by the University Grants Commission, the O. P. Jindal Global University said that it had been accorded the status of Institution of Eminence by the Union Ministry of Education in November 2020, making it the only such varsity in the state.

It said that Shakkarwar is enrolled as a student in the LL.M. programme specialising in Intellectual Property and Technology Law at the Jindal Global Law School.

He appeared for his end-term examination in the course titled 'Law and Justice in a Globalizing World'. When the submission was put through Turnitin, the Turnitin report highlighted 88 per cent AI-generated

content in his end-term submission for this course, the university said, adding that the student's conduct was reported to its Unfair Means Committee.

Given the high percentage of AI-generated content which challenges the sanctity and integrity of the examinations, he failed this examination in terms of UGC Anti-plagiarism Regulations, 2018.

He was given a re-sit opportunity, which he undertook and later passed the course, it added. "The petitioner in question has been issuing factually incorrect, misleading and prejudiced statements in social and online media on a matter which has become sub judice with the malicious intention to influence public opinion and thereby decision-making."

This act of the Petitioner is in abject disregard of judicial propriety, threatening the independence of the judiciary. Such acts of social media discussion on matters sub judice has been condemned by the Supreme Court of India," the O. P. Jindal Global University said.

It said that "will continue to pursue this case on merits before any legal forum before which the matter is submitted".

"Additionally, the University is of the sincere opinion that since this matter pertains to adopting un-

ethical practices in pursuit of academics including academic honesty and integrity of the examination process, no one would disapprove, in principle, the stand adopted by the University," it said.

Trump temple in Telangana village back into focus

Hyderabad, Nov 7 (IANS) As Donald Trump was set to become President of the US for the second time, a temple built by a man in a Telangana village in 2019 came into focus once again, with villagers celebrating the leader's victory by garlanding his statue. Relatives of Bussa Krishna, who had installed the statue at his house in Konne village in Jangaon district and was regularly worshipping him, and some other villagers cleaned the statue and garlanded it. Krishna died of cardiac arrest in October 2020 at the age of 33. He had turned his puja room into a temple for Donald Trump in 2018. Like an ardent devotee, he had installed the photograph of Trump, then US President, in his room and worshipped it daily. In 2019, he built a six-foot statue of Trump in front of his house and conducted regular pujas and bathed it with milk.



RANCHI, A man decorates the Chhath Ghat at Raj Bhavan Pond on the occasion of Chhath Puja Festival, in Ranchi on Thursday. UNI


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