EXPLOSIVE-LADEN SUV RECOVERY NEAR ANTILIA & MURDER CASE Vaze sent to NIA custody till Mar 25

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day after his arrest for his Aalleged links with the recovery of an explosive-laden SUV near Industrialist Mukesh Ambani, a special court on Sunday remanded Mumbai's Assistant Police Inspector and encounter-specialist Sachin Vaze in the custody of the National Investigation Agency

(NIA) till March 25. After having questioned him intensely for 12 long hours over his alleged role in the explosive-laden SUV recovery case, the NIA arrested Vaze shortly before midnight on Saturday. After the arrest, Vaze was subsequently taken to the State-run JJ Hospital for a medical examination and a Covid-19 test.

Later on Sunday, Vaze was produced before NIA Special Judge Additional sessions Judge P R Sitre, who remanded him in the NIA's custody till March 25.Vaze has been booked under sections 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy) 286 (negligent conduct with respect to explosive substance), 465 (forgery) 473 (making or possessing coun-terfeit seal) and 506 -2 (crim-

inal intimidation) of the Indian

Penal Code (IPC) and 4 court challenging the grounds (a)(b)(i) of the Explosive of his arrest. Substances Act, 1908.

Vaze is the first accused to have been arrested by the NIA which registered an FIR in the explosive-laden SUV recovery case on March 8.

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The NIA told the court that the case, which was initially investigated by the Mumbai police crime branch before transferred to being Maharashtra's Anti Terrorism Squad (ATS), was being han-

dled by it now. It wanted to investigate the role of Vaze in the case. On its part, the Prosecution refused to share the copy of the remand application with the lawyers of Vaze

on the grounds of privilege and confidentiality. Taking objection to the stand taken by NIA, Vaze's lawyer Sudeep Passbola claimed that the agency has no evidence to book his client in

the case. The court will hear the arguments of Vaze's lawyers on the right of the accused to have access to the remand application, on Monday. Vaze has moved an appli-

cation before the Bombay high

Fadnavis said

Meanwhile, Maharashtra Home Minister Amit Deshmukh said that the cases involving the recovery of gelatine sticks' laden SUV and subsequent death of Thane businessman Mansukh Hiren were being conducted by the NIA and Maharashtra'sd Anti Terrorism Squad (ATS).

Talking to media persons, Deshmukh said: "The matters relating to the recovery of gelatin sticks in a Scorpio vehicle found near Ambani's residence and the Hiren murder cases are being investigated by NIA and ATS. Action will be taken based on the truth that comes out of it".

Upping the ante on the issue, Maharashtra's former chief minister and current leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly Devendra Fadnavis said that Vaze's arrest was just the beginning and much more would come out in the case in the coming

"It's a big plot...The arrest of Sachin Vaze is just the beginning...in the days to come much more would come creek area at Mumbra-Kalwa out...what was the conspiracy, on March 5.

who asked him to do all this,"

The NIA has arrested Sachin Vaze...This is one part of the crime, the other part is death of Mansukh Hiren.."The planting of the Scorpio SUV near the residence of RIL Chairman Mukesh Ambani and the death of the vehicle Mansukh Hiran are serious issues How can a person who planted the vehicle can be the investigating officer of the same case?" Fadnavis asked.

It may be recalled that the police had recovered 20 gelatin sticks and a letter were recovered from what was later described as Mahindra Scorpio that was found abandoned in the vicinity of Mukesh Ambani's 27-storey residence "Antilia" on Carmichael Road in south Mumbai on February

Mansukh Hiren, a Thanebased businessman whose "stolen" SUV with 20 gelatin sticks was recovered by the police near Industrialist Mukesh Ambani's skyscraper mansion "Antilia" in south Mumbai on February 25, was found dead in the Reti Bunder

After the recovery of Hiren's body, the role of Vaze

came under the scanner with Contruston and marked Sunday as the the wife of the deceased businessman Vimala suspecting Congress and the BJP announced names of candithat the police office might have had a role to play in the dates for the April 6 Assembly death of her husband. The election from Kerala. Though Opposition BJP had demandthere were reports since Sunday ed Vaze's suspension and arrest. On its part, the morning that many senior Congress leaders would join Maharashtra government the Hindutva party, nothing of that kind has happened till the shunted Vaze out of the crime branch of the Mumbai police time of going to Press. But on March 10. Lathika Subash, president of Meanwhile, the Kerala Mahila Congress expressed her displeasure with

Maharashtra government transferred the case from the Congress High Command by shaving off her hair in full Mumbai police to the Maharashtra's Anti-Terrorism public view before tendering Squad (ATS), which on March her resignation from the party registered Hiren's mysterious post. death as a case of murder.

On March 7, the NIA took endary engineer from Ponnani over the investigations into would be the BJP candidate from Palakkadu while Dr Jacob the explosive-laden SUV recovery case. On March 8, the NIA Thomas, the agriculture scientist-turned-super cop would test electoral politics for the first registered an FIR under sections 286 (negligent conduct with respect to explosive subtime from Irinjalakkuda in stance), 465 (forgery) 473 Thrissur district as a nominee (making or possessing counof the Hindutwa party. K terfeit seal) and 506 -2 (crim-Surendran, Kerala BJP chief inal intimidation) of the Indian would contest from two con-Penal Code (IPC) and section stituencies, Manjeswaram 4 (a)(b)(i) of the Explosive (Kasaragod district)

Substances Act, 1908. Film actors Suresh Gopi

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and Krishnakumar would contest from Thrissur and Thiruvananthapuram respectively while former Mizoram Kummanam Governor Rajasekharan would be the party candidate from Nemom. The constituency has set the agenda for the 2021 assembly election in Kerala as it is described as a stronghold of the BJP in the State.

The significance attached

by the Congress to Nemom

to field K Muraleedharan, member of parliament from Vadakara as the party candidate. It may be remembered that K Karunakaran, former chief minister and father of Muraleedharan had contested from Nemom and won with a big margin in the 1980s.

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Padmaja Venugopal, daughter of late K Karunakaran will try her luck from the Thrissur assembly constituency. Bindu Krishna, the leader from Kollam, who had broken down on Saturday following reports that her name was missing from the list, found herself back in reckoning as she has been fielded from Kollam.

While the BJP is contesting from 115 seats in the State, the Congress will contest from 83 seats. The Congress has held back the names of two candidates while the BJP is yet to could be understood from the announce the names of 20 fact that the party has decided more names.

### Tussle between management, students over internship 2 brothers of SP leader held for eclipses image of Pondicherry Medical College framing opponent in rape case

### KUMAR CHELLAPPAN CHENNAI

Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, a state-of-the-art medical school launched with the objectives of "reaching the unreached" through compassionate practice in the profession of medicine and also to train and qualify the best physicians in the country is seething with

agitation by a group of students. Medical students and their guardians/parents are upset over the decision of the college management committee to extent the Compulsory Rotatory Residential Internship of those who have completed the academic course. "This is despite the fact that we have completed the internship as prescribed by the Medical Commission of India. Last year there was a lock-down because of the Covid-19 pandemic and all internees were put on duty in covid wards as part of the CRRI. But the college management is insisting that the Internship should be extended till April 15 to compensate for the days lost by lock-down," said a student lock-down," said the father of a student in PIMS.

Prof Gurmeet Singh, vice-chancellor of the Pondicherry University, under whose jurisdiction the PIMS comes, said though he had written to the college authorities to curtail the period of internship. "I have issued orders to all institutes about which I have received complaints. If they fail to follow suit, they would have to listen to the music," the vicechancellor told The Pioneer over phone from Puducherry.

Dr Renu G Boy Varghese, dean and director of the college refused to speak on the issue while Babu Daniel, member, management committee said the Pondichery University has no authority to direct the college to meddle with the CRRI programme. "We are bound by the National Medical Commission regulations which are beyond the reach of the Pondicherry University. A college official had met the vice chancellor and briefed him about this directive and the VC has issued an order negating his previous order," said Daniel.

pensate it by working for an equal number of days. But those students who have completed the CRRI programme should be released from the

college," said Dr Roy. Daniel sees whole issue in a wider perspective. "Ours is a Christian minority institution and the then lieutenant governor Kiran Bedi was prejudiced against us. This forms the root cause of the present impasse," he said. In a representation to the PIMS authorities, parents of students point out that the latter were deputed to covid duties "with the bare minimum in terms of protection against an evolving disease and were

given only two days of post covid duty off for seven days of duty. They also worked in non-covid areas of this hospital this time-in all the required departments for the stipulated period of time as part of their compulsory rotational residential internship".

One of the agitating students said that the dean had ordered an exit test to check the competence of the students who have completed the CRRI programme. "This is unheard of in

### PRADEEP SAXENA 📕 ALIGARH

In the wake of the councilor election of Makdoom Nagar of Dehli Gate, the brothers of SP leader Shahzad Alvi filed a false case of gang rape at the Madarak police station. The case was prepared by the brothers of the SP leader by paying 20 thousand rupees to the woman to implicate their opponents. On dis-closure in the police investigation, both the brothers of the SP leader have been arrested and sent to jail, while a report has been given against the woman under the court under section 182.

SP Crime Dr. Arvind said that a woman from Makdoom Nagar area had reached Madarak police station on Friday afternoon and informed that she was gang-raped by Akram, Shaheed, Mehdi, Urman and Kalim of Makdoom Nagar When the police immediately filed

a case and started investigating the case, within hours, the entire distinction was revealed.

The woman admitted that when But students and guardians are any of the medical colleges in she went to the forest for defecation at four o'clock in the morning, management. Even Dr Jacob Roy, rior motives," said father of a student | Shahbuddin, the brother of SP minority cell's District President Shahzad Alvi, met her and gave Rs 20,000 to register on mobile) was found in his mobile . the case.

wife Rukhsar contested the councilor's electiom, in which Rukhsar won the election

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Shahzad Alvi also went to jail in a juarrel on polling day. In the same lawsuit, there are warrants against these people again. This false lawsuit was designed to press for settlement in the lawsuit.

The misdemeanor case was dismissed after the woman admitted the truth in front of the police and while recording the statement in court.Simultaneously report of Section 182 against the woman has been given to the court for action. Here, Shahzad Alvi's brothers Abdul Rahman and Shahabuddin who were involved in this conspiracy have been arrested. Both have confessed to their act in the interrogation.

According to SP Crime Dr. Arvind, SO Madarak Rajiv and his team have disclosed a false case of rape in just eight hours. He told that in the afternoon the woman reached the police station and by evening, the truth was revealed.

According to SP Crime, the incident was reported to have taken place on 12 March.

1963 to trigger a jump in the infections from 3,41,999 to

3,43,962. Meanwhile, the number of "active cases" total cases in the state went up from 1,18,525 to 1,26, 231 The fatality rate in the state dropped from 2.3 per cent

There are a maximum of (12,332), Nashik (7688)

# WITH 16,620 NEW CASES, MAHA CROSSES 23 LAKH **INFECTIONS MARK**



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With no let up in the sec-ond wave of Covid-19, Maharashtra on Sunday crossed a grim milestone of 23 lakh infections, as the state added fresh 16,620 cases to the total pandemic infection tally. After having recorded 15,817 and 15,602 cases on

to 2.28 per cent. 25,673 "active" cases in Pune, followed by Nagpur (16,964), Mumbai (12535), Thane

who did not want his name to be quoted.

Many parents echoed the appre-hension of the students. "These youngsters had put in enough time and days to complete their internship and it is cruel to ask them to work for internees who do not have the ing and student communities in mandatory attendance, let them com- PIMS, a sad news.

rejected the contention of the college Pondicherry and is planned with ulteformer chairman of the college sup-ported the stance of the students. "If there are students among the ship controversy has upset the teach-

who is well versed in NMC.

The chaos created by the intern-

Society needs transparent

leadership - Deepak

2017, Shehzad Alvi's wife and Akram's charges will be increased.

But when Shahabuddin was arrested, a complaint without date (March 11 According to the other facts which will The woman said that in the year come to light in the investigation, the

16000 mark on Sunday to touch a figure of 16,620 on Aurangabad (7148), Jalgaon Sunday.

Friday and Saturday respec-

tively, the infections crossed the

(4944), Amravati (3997) and However, the number of Akola (3783). Covid-19 deaths came down Pune district, which confrom 88 on Saturday to 50 on tinued to be the worst-affected

city-district in Maharashtra, Sunday. With 15,620 fresh infecsaw the total number of cases increase from 4,36,303 toi tions, thetotal infections in the state climbed from 2,29,7793 to 4,39,562, while the total num-23,14,413. Similarly, with 50 ber of deaths in Pune went up new deaths the Covid-19 toll in from 8133 to 8144. the state went up from 52,811 Thane district remained to 52861.

in the third spot --after Pune As 8861 patients were disand Mumbai - after the total charged from the hospitals number of infections rose from across the state after full recov-2.81,704 to 2,93,052, while the ery, the total number of people total deaths climbed from 5869 discharged from the hospitals to 5873. since the second week of March

Of the 1,75, 16,885 samples sent to laboratories, 23,14,413 have tested positive (13.21 per cent) for COVID-19 until Sunday.

Currently, 5,83,713 peo-ple are in home quarantine while 5,493 people are in institutional quarantine.

## Time to envision what we want to achieve in 25 years: Javadekar

New Delhi: Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar on Sunday inaugurated a photo-exhibi-tion at National Media Center in New Delhi. The exhibition, set up by Bureau of Outreach & Communication is part of a massive awareness campaign by Ministry of I&B to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Addressing media on the occasion the Minister said this was an important moment for the country to reflect on how far we have come since independence as well as envision what we want to achieve in next twenty five years. This is the core belief that informs these exhibitions. The Minister added that freedom for the country came at a great cost, and this exhibition seeks to narrate the story behind those sacrifices. Shri Javadekar congratulated BOC for setting up IANS | the exhibitions.

### New Delhi: Pandiya Rashtriya Lokniti Party started for the reconstruction of the nation Rashtriya Lokneeti Party will bring forward new thinking and leadership in a new perspective Today we envisage a society and nation where even the last person of the society realizes that he also has an important role and stake in every development of the country. The euphoria of and democracy the emancipation of its sweat in the upliftment of the nation, only then the Ram-state of Lokshahi will be established in the true sense. A society that guarantees respect for elders, protection of women and golden future of navigators with transparent leadership, modern technology and noble intentions was to said Deepak Pandiya, Rashtriya Lokneeti Party's Convener, He said that where the government is not in the ego of the donor and the public as the petitioner, But the government should discharge its responsibility and ensure that all the necessary facilities are available to the doorstep of every citizen.On the occasion of the launch of the Rashtriya

Lokneeti Party, the national

**Ushering New Era Leadership** 

Party Lokneeti were unanimously selected, including Brigadier B. K. Khanna as Chief Convener, Deepak Pandia Convenor Admin, renowned financial expert and former Sr. Public sector banker Sh. M.K. Sharma as Convenor Finance, Dr. L. C. Sharma was appointed as Mentor and Renu Negi as Convenor Media Relations. The party's National Advisory Board includes renowned Election provider Technology ELECTION AWAAZ's Managing Editor J. P. Singh,Sr. Media officials of the Rashtriya Correspondent and Ex

INDIA Director ALL CONSUMER COUNCIL Sh. Alok Kumar, IAS Retired Gautam Marwah, Padma Shri Bharat Bhushan Tyagi and Brigadier Vinod Dutta. Brigadier Khanna is an international personality, he has rendered his services to the country by staying in the army .M. K. Sharma said that today's conditions have changed so much that all areas including education, health, administration, agriculture, industry, individuals, family, society, and other facilities in have become completely new government and private and different. In such a schools are also to be made situation, politics based on our equal. It is a big truth that India

age-old administrative structure has proved completely meaningless. The aim of our party is to bring door to door services with new reforms Health, in Agriculture, Horticulture, Education and all other divisions so that people can function with 100 percent capacity in their services, employing 15 people from the same area in each Panchayat. Those who will provide every service at home, uniform including arrangements, fee structure

last year went up to 21,34,072. is the largest democratic The recovery rate in the state republic in the world, which we are also proud of. But a country should be considered democratic only when there is from 11,523 to 11,528. while good governance established | the infected cases went up by through democracy, otherwise

Singh said that if the system is changing then why should we not change, along with the not change, along with the leaders, the rating of citizens 105 NeW should also be fixed, when other countries can do it, why should we not.

absolutely right, it is going to set a new direction. He gave the example of Prashant Manti Bhartoya Pariyojana which is lacking mass acceptance in the country due to doctors not prescribing Generic drugs due to large multi - national drug

inducements doctor's of

it would be a daydream.J. P.

The party's agenda is Janaushdhi

companies mafia like hold and while no Covid-related death prevalent

through their system. This is gross violation of Supreme Court directions to Medical Council of India, the regulator practicing certificate. JP Singh further stressed on the usage of IT and artificial intelligence methods to be implemented right from is 920, out of which 212 are the beginning as effective utilization of data which is already existing with the govt.

Covid cases,

# 66 recoveries

#### So far, 127,640 people have been infected with coronavirus in J&K out of which 124,746 have recovered, and 1,974 have succumbed

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 105 new Covid cases and 66 recoveries on Sunday was reported.

An official bulletin said of the new cases, 25 were from the Jammu division and 80 from the Kashmir division.

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The number of active cases from the Jammu division and 708 from the Kashmir division.

dropped marginally from 92.49 per cent to 92.21 per cent. With five fresh deaths, the Covid-19 toll in Mumbai rose