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INDIA bloc MPs submit motion to remove Dhankhar

President from his office.

According to Article 67(b) of the Constitution, "Vice-President may be removed from his office by a resolution of the Council of States [Rajya Sabha] passed by a majority of all the then members of the Council and agreed to by the House of the People; but no resolution for the purpose of this clause shall be moved unless at least fourteen days' notice has been given of the intention to move the resolution."

Intense cold wave grips J&K

city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.4 degrees Celsius, down from the previous night's minus 3.3 degrees Celsius.

Monday night was the coldest of the season so far in Srinagar city and the night temperature was 4.8 degrees down from the normal, officials said.

The water supply pipes froze due to the intense cold in few areas of the valley, the officials added.

The dry spell in plains had resulted in increase in ailments like cough and common cold, officials said.

Dar appointed TAC chairman for Vehicle Tracking Project

Alert System' in place of Shameem Khan."

The order in this regard was issued by the general administration department.

Fire breaks out at MLA hostel

control by the Fire and Emergency Services personnel along with police personnel, the officials added.

Police had taken cognizance of the incident and the cause of the fire was being ascertained.

Parl holy place, need to maintain decorum

place, there is a decorum and dignity that needs to be maintained in the parliament since this is the place where we obtained our freedom and it's the most important place of the largest democracy. The nation's wishes and ambitions are fulfilled at this very place, so we need to respect and honor it," he told the dissenting MPs.

"The kind of protests, sloganeering, and posters being used to dissent are not just undignified but also go against the procedural rules," Birla said.

He urged the opposition to use the Zero Hour to raise important issues, instead of disrupting the functioning of the House.

"The opposition should use Zero Hour to raise issues instead of not letting the Parliament function at all," Birla said.

Parl adjourned after ruckus over Adani, Congress-Soros links

business at 11 am was first adjourned till noon amid Opposition sloganeering over notices served to the Chairman and Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar. When the House reconvened, Dhankhar allowed J P Nadda, the Leader of the House, to make a brief statement which led to an uproar from the Opposition benches.

Nadda said, "There is one international organisation, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project [OCCRP], which is bent on destabilising international relations. Whatever was reported by OCCRP, Lok Sabha's Opposition leader has brought up in Parliament and proven that he has become the tool of external forces and is trying to destabilise the country. They are trying to bring instability in the country."

"Another organisation Forum of Democratic Leaders of Asia Pacific has as its co-chairperson Congress party's senior leader. This leader thinks Jammu and Kashmir is a separate entity. The Congress is in collaboration with such organisations which bring instability to the country. This is dangerous to the internal and external security of the country. The funding for this sort of activity is being done by Geroge Soros. I want to know what is the relationship between the Congress party and Geroge Soros?" Nadda added.

"We are answerable to the common man. They are asking us in this situation if we are standing up for the country. I want to promise them that the Bharatiya Janata Party is standing up for the country," Nadda said.

Congress MP Pramod Tiwari rebutted saying, "I condemn what JP Nadda has said as it is wrong and unsubstantiated. What he is saying does not have any basis. But what we have been raising has basis because a (US)

court has said the Bharatiya Janata Party has been bribed. Let the Opposition be allowed to discuss Adani in the House."

Meanwhile, raising a point of order under Rule 238(2), Tiruchi Siva of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam said that Nadda should not have named the Leader of the Opposition in his statement.

The ongoing Winter Session, which began on November 25, has been marked by frequent disruptions.

The first week witnessed significant protests over topics like industrialist Gautam Adani's indictment in a U.S. court and communal violence in Sambhal. Last week, the House managed to function smoothly for only two days.

Treasury officers asked to resolve discrepancies in RBDs

ciliation of discrepancies under Reserve Bank Deposit. A working group with members from RBI, finance department, NIC, PAG (J&K) and J&K Bank has been constituted to work upon timely resolution of outstanding discrepancies. Though the number of discrepancies has shown a decreasing trend, as per the latest report shared by AG, as many as 50 discrepancies pertaining to various treasuries are pending for resolution. The PAG has issued detailed guidelines in the shape of SoP regarding RBDs, delineating the role of various stakeholders."

All treasury officers were advised to go through these guidelines and ensure minimisation of errors and their prompt resolution in case pointed out by PAG.

The provincial directors were asked to monitor the progress regularly through review meetings and field visits.

Civil Services (Main) exam results announced

Candidates must produce original certificates validating their eligibility, such as age, educational qualifications, and reservation claims, at the time of the Personality Test.

Dates for the interviews will be notified soon. Candidates can download their e-Summon letters from UPSC's official websites, upsonline.nic.in and upsc.gov.in. No physical summon letters will be issued.

Qualified candidates must fill and submit the Detailed Application Form-II (DAF-II) online from December 13 to December 19, 2024. Late submissions will result in disqualification.

Candidates must indicate their service and cadre preferences in the DAF-II. Once submitted, changes to preferences are not permitted.

The Attestation Form must be submitted online through the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) portal during the interview period. Candidates should monitor the UPSC and DoPT websites for updates regarding service allocation and interview schedules. Marksheets will be available online within 15 days after the final results are declared.

For assistance, candidates may contact UPSC via phone, fax, or email as specified in the official notice.

Govt sets up panel to look into grievances against reservation policy

reserved category and expand quotas in the UT over the past five years.

There are increasing objections to the Centre's move to push the reservation quota to 70 percent in Jammu and Kashmir.

This follows recent announcements to introduce a separate 10 percent reservation for Paharis and other tribes and an enhancement of the OBC (Other Backward Classes) quota to 8 per cent.

Cyber crimes, climate change new threats to human rights: Prez

"These challenges underscore the importance of fostering a safe, secure and equitable digital environment that protect the rights and dignity of every individual," the President said.

In her address, she also touched upon the aspect of AI and its impact on human lives.

"Artificial intelligence has now entered our day-to-day life, solving many problems, and creating several new ones too," Murmu said.

The human rights discourse so far has been "centred on the human agency", that is the violator is assumed to be a human being, who would have a "range of human emotions such as compassion and guilt," she said.

"With AI, however, the culprit could be a non-human but intelligent agent.

I leave the matter for you to ponder over," the President said.

The case of climate change too forces us to review the human rights thinking at a global level, she said in her address.

Ex-K'taka CM Krishna no more

"S M Krishna is no more. He breathed his last at 2:45 am at his residence. Mortal remains are likely to be taken to Maddur today," the source said.

Somanahalli Mallaiah Krishna is survived by wife Prema and two daughters.

Born in Somanahalli in Karnataka's Mandya district on May 1, 1932, Somanahalli Mallaiah Krishna began his career in electoral politics in 1962 by winning the Maddur assembly seat as an independent.

He was then associated with the Praja Socialist Party before joining the Congress.

Later, he joined the BJP in March 2017, ending his nearly 50-year-long association with the Congress.

In January last year, Krishna announced his retirement from active politics, citing his age as the reason.

He was the 16th Chief Minister of Karnataka from October 11, 1999, to May 28, 2004, (from Congress).

He also served as the Governor of Maharashtra and was the External Affairs Minister during the Manmohan Singh-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government from 2009 to 2012.

A law graduate, Krishna studied in the US. He graduated from the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and The George Washington University Law School in Washington DC, where he was a Fulbright Scholar.

Krishna served as the Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly from December 1989 to January 1993. He was also a member of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha several times between 1971 and 2014.

Krishna was a member of both the Karnataka Assembly and Council and also served as Deputy Chief Minister (1993 to 1994).

He was Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president ahead of the 1999 assembly polls in which the party won and he became the CM.

Krishna is credited by many for putting Bengaluru on the global map as a filip given to the IT sector during his tenure resulting in the city growing as India's Silicon Valley'.

Karnataka Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot expressed grief over Krishna's death.

In a post on 'X', he said, "Krishna's immense contributions to the development of Karnataka and the nation are unforgettable."

"His loss is irreplaceable. My heartfelt condolences to his family."

Mourning Krishna's death, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on 'X', "His unparalleled contributions as a Union Minister, Chief Minister, and leader have left an indelible mark. Karnataka will forever remain indebted to him, especially for his visionary leadership in transforming the IT-BT sector during his tenure as Chief Minister."

Calling him 'a statesman and a leader without adversaries', the Chief Minister said, "Krishna was a guide and mentor to me during my early days in the Congress party and remained a well-wisher throughout."

His foresight, disciplined life, and kind nature are an inspiration for aspiring politicians, he said.

Former BJP Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa also condoled Krishna's demise.

"Deeply saddened by the passing of veteran leader, former Chief and Union Minister, and dear friend, Shri S M Krishna."

Addressing him as a true statesman and stalwart, Yediyurappa said his invaluable contributions to the country and Karnataka will forever be remembered.

"I feel a sense of deep personal loss. My heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones during this difficult time," he added.

JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy expressed condolences over Krishna's death.

"Personally, his loss has deeply saddened me. I pray for his soul to attain eternal peace and for God to give strength to his family, admirers, and the people of the state to bear this grief," the Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries said in a post on 'X'.

Chief Secys of states told to follow top court's

guidelines/items and norms set under SDRF. This step is going to bring much requisite relief to hundreds of people becoming victims of such disasters.

The SEC also gave its accent to release of over Rs 6 Cr in favour of Deputy Commissioners of Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kupwara, Srinagar, Rajouri and Ramban on their requisition for additional funds for meeting the expenses of various disasters which have occurred in these districts during this year.

It also decided to release an amount of Rs 6.5 Cr in

law on internet shutdowns: Centre to SC

in digital India."

Grover submitted the Anuradha Bhasin judgment clearly stipulated the constitutionally permissible areas where internet shutdown could be imposed.

The Centre's counsel said solicitor general Tushar Mehta would be appearing in the case on behalf of the Government.

The bench posted the hearing on January 29, saying the parties could file additional documents and affidavits in the meantime.

While hearing the plea on September 9, 2022, the apex court issued notice to the Ministry of Communications and asked it to file an affidavit indicating whether there was any standard protocol with respect to the grievance raised by the petitioner and, if yes, to what extent, and how the protocol was adhered to and implemented.

Oppn MPs protest in Parl premises with black 'jholas'

one side and 'Modi Adani Bhai Bhai' written on the other side of the bag.

They raised slogans against alleged collusion between Modi and Adani and demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the matter.

Earlier, Gandhi chaired a meeting of Congress MPs in the Lok Sabha to take stock of the party's stance on various issues and the way forward in Parliament.

The protest comes a day after leaders of some INDIA bloc parties protested in Parliament complex over the Adani row, with Rahul Gandhi conducting a mock 'interview' over the issue with Congress members wearing masks of Prime Minister Modi and industrialist Gautam Adani.

Standing in front of the Makar Dwar steps in Parliament premises, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Gandhi and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge along with MPs of other opposition parties had on Monday raised slogans of "Modi, Adani ek hain" and "we want justice".

The opposition protests on the Adani issue have been taking place inside Parliament complex ever since the start of the winter session.

The Congress and some other opposition parties have been demanding a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probe following the indictment of Adani and other company officials in a US court.

The Congress has said Adani's indictment "vindicates" its demand for a JPC probe into the various "scams" involving the billionaire industrialist's conglomerate.

Rahul Gandhi has sought Adani's immediate arrest.

In its reaction, the Adani Group has dismissed all allegations as "baseless".

50 Inspectors promoted as DSPs

Amin, Kulbir Singh, Jaffar Ali Khan, Lotus Rabgaes, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, Sanjiv Sharma, Kamal Sangra, Musadiq Abass, Om Prakash, Mohammad Ramzan, Gulshan Akhter, Munir Ahmad, Manzoor Ahmad, Hafizullah Mir, Rajinder Kour, Sheikh Ghulam Jeelani, Aftab Ahmad Bhat, Nisar Ahmad Hura, Aanjay Kumar Abrol, Tsering Gurmeet, Pir Atiquallah, Rajesh Kumar, Bishnesh Kumar, Mohammad Faisal Khan, Nasir Ahmad, Mohammad Yousaf Dar, Padma Dorjey, Showkat Ahmad, Masarat Akhter, Anayatullah, Mushtaq Ahmad, Mohammad Amin, Dalbir Kour, Deepankar Singh, Vijay Kumar, Reena Devi, Rakash Kumar, Neeraj Bhagat, Prabhu Diyal, Karan Kumar, Bashir Ahmad, Almas Sharma, Showkat Ahmad and Shashi Kant.

"The promotions shall be subject to the outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending before any competent court(s) of law," says the order.

Farooq's support to Rohingyas vindicates BJP stand on NC's devious role: Kavinder

grants," he said.

Gupta questioned the rationale behind Farooq's support for these refugees. "While the Jammu and Kashmir government is committed to ensuring the welfare of its citizens, providing services to illegal immigrants is an unacceptable overreach that compromises the region's safety. NC leader's statement further exposes the true agenda of his party, which seems to prioritise the interests of illegal foreign nationals over the well-being of local population," he said and reiterated that BJP would continue to fight against any efforts to settle illegal immigrants in the region and would stand firm in its resolve to safeguard peace and security of J&K.

PNB fraud: ED begins restitution of over Rs 2,500 crore assets of Mehul Choksi

NEW DELHI, DEC 10: The Enforcement Directorate Tuesday said it has begun restituting assets worth more than Rs 2,500 crore as part of a money laundering investigation against absconding businessman Mehul Choksi in connection with the alleged Rs 13,000 crore PNB loan fraud case.

The federal agency said in a statement that it initiated the 'restitution of assets' to the rightful owners in this case following an order passed by a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court based in Mumbai.

"In pursuance of the order, the process of handing over of assets has been initiated and properties worth more than Rs 125 crore have been handed over to the Liquidator of Gitanjali Gems Ltd (a company of Choksi).

"The handed over properties include six flats in Khani Tower at Santacruz in east Mum-



bai and two factories/godowns situated at Santacruz Electronic Export Processing Zone (SEEPZ) in the capital city of Maharashtra," it said.

The ED has attached or seized assets worth Rs 2,565.90 crore in thAis PMLA case against Choksi and the court has allowed "monetisation" of all these properties.

The agency said it took "proactive steps" to initiate the restitution process and the probe agency, along with the affected banks, "agreed to take a common stand" and moved the court.

The court, on September 10, ordered that the ED would "facilitate" the banks, liquidators in different Gitanjali Group companies to carry out valuation and auction of the attached or seized properties. It also directed that after auction of the said properties, the sale proceeds would be deposited in the Punjab National Bank (PNB) and ICICI Bank (affected lenders) as fixed deposits.

Choksi has been staying in Antigua since 2018 after leaving India.

Choksi, his nephew, fugitive diamond trader

Nirav Modi and their family members and employees, bank officials and others were booked by the ED and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in 2018 for perpetrating the alleged loan fraud at the Brady House branch of the PNB in Mumbai.

It was alleged that Choksi, his firm Gitanjali Gems, and others "committed the offence of cheating against PNB in connivance with certain bank officials by fraudulently getting the LoUs (letters of undertaking) issued and got the FLCs (foreign letter of credit) enhanced without following prescribed procedure".

The agency has filed three chargesheets against Choksi till now.

Nirav Modi, declared a fugitive economic offender, is lodged in a London jail after he was held by the authorities there in 2019 on the basis of a legal request made by the ED and the CBI in this case. He is contesting extradition to India.

CS led SEC adds 5 more disasters to the SDRF list

JAMMU, DECEMBER 10: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today while chairing the State Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting for State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) gave its approval for inclusion of 5 more local disasters to the already notified list of disasters as per SDRF norms.

Besides the Principal Secretary Home and DMRR&R, the meeting was attended by other members of the SEC including Principal Secretary Finance; ADGP L&O; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir/Jammu and Secretary Revenue.

Deputy Commissioners attended the meeting through video conferencing from their respective offices.

During this high level meeting, the members of SEC had consensus on adding five more disasters of local nature to the already notified list as per SDRF.

These include Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF), Lightning & Thunderstorm, Heavy Snowfall, Incidents of Man-Animal Conflict and Boat Capsizing.

These disasters were notified as UT specific disasters for disbursement of the benefits to the affected per-



sons as per the guidelines/items and norms set under SDRF. This step is going to bring much requisite relief to hundreds of people becoming victims of such disasters.

The SEC also gave its accent to release of over Rs 6 Cr in favour of Deputy Commissioners of Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kupwara, Srinagar, Rajouri and Ramban on their requisition for additional funds for meeting the expenses of various disasters which have occurred in these districts during this year.

It also decided to release an amount of Rs 6.5 Cr in

favour of HG/CD/SDRF for modernizing the force by providing different kinds of equipments like drones, remote controlled Lifebuoy, Fire entry suits, Power Descenders, and Battery operated cutter cum spreaders.

The other agenda items which were discussed in this SEC and find takers for their approval includes provisioning of Rs 50 lakhs on account of SDRF capacity building by conducting training programs, mock drills, other preparedness activities during the ensuing financial year. It also decided in favour of giving Rs 30 lakhs to the Department for upgradation of Emer-

gency Operation Centre (EOC) here in J&K.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to enquire from Deputy Commissioners about the disaster preparedness in their districts. He also took note of the suggestions forwarded by them.

The Principal Secretary, DMRR&R Department, Chandraker Bharti gave out details of the activities held by department during the year. He also highlighted the significance of each agenda item for augmenting the capacity of the UT to be better prepared against the disasters the region is prone to.