

## HC asks Delhi Police to form expert team for security of courts

New Delhi, Dec 10 (IANS) The Delhi High Court has directed the Commissioner of Delhi Police to constitute a team of experts to undertake the exercise of security audit of the High Court Complex as well as all the District Court Complexes in the national capital.

Hearing a suo motu case registered following the gun firing incident at Rohini District Court in its September order which released on Friday, a Division Bench of Chief Justice D.N. Patel and Justice

Jyoti Singh said: "Keeping in mind and in the background, the features and factors, peculiar to each Court Complex, including but not limited to location, number of exit and entry points, number of courtrooms as well as their respective topography, the team so constituted would take considered decision on the various security-related aspects such as number of police personnel required to be deployed, number of CCTV cameras to be installed, etc."

Status report of Delhi Police does bring forth certain measures having been put in place. However, a one-time measure or exercise would not suffice. Commissioner of Police shall, based on the audit, undertake periodical review of the security arrangements and depending on the given situation, the required number of security personnel shall be deployed and requisite gadgets shall be installed, it read.

Since Delhi Police has the necessary expertise in the



field of security, the security-related devices shall be procured directly by them, under intimation to the Court Administration and Government of NCT of Delhi. As and when

the devices are procured, the necessary funds shall be made available by the Government of NCT of Delhi, without any delay, it said.

Respective Bar Associations

shall devise a mechanism to issue ID Cards with QR codes or smart chips to all advocates who are members of these associations.

For those advocates who are enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi but are not members of any Bar Association, similar ID Cards shall be issued by the Bar Council of Delhi, the court said seeking suggestions from the Delhi Police in this regard.

The bench asked the police to ensure that the latest technology in metal detection and baggage scanning, etc. is

employed. No baggage shall be permitted inside the court premises without scanning.

It stressed that there should be round-the-clock monitoring of the court buildings through CCTV cameras and it shall be ensured that the cameras are in working condition, without fail.

As regards, high-risk Under Trial Prisoners (UTPs), as far as possible, their appearance may be secured through virtual mode, the court said before listing the matter for further hearing on April 18, 2022.

## Doctors urge NMC to stop animal use in PG Medical courses for teaching

New Delhi, Dec 10 (IANS) More than 60 medical doctors have written a letter to National Medical Commission seeking an amendment to the proposed regulations to remove the mandate to use animals and to ensure that animals are replaced by more effective, human-relevant techniques in PG courses.

The letter comes in response to the draft Postgraduate (PG) Medical Education Regulations 2021, released by the National Medical Commission (NMC), which mandates the use of animals in teaching and training of PG pharmacology

and physiology courses.

"It is unnecessary to use animals for routine teaching and training of PG pharmacology and physiology students. Medical students - and India - would benefit more if the students developed practical skills using human-relevant research techniques and gained experience in clinical aspects like epidemiological surveys, clinical postings, case based learning, and patient centric teaching", said doctors in their appeal.

"If we fail to train PG students to use the latest technology or to equip them with knowledge relevant to



their future careers, whether in industry or academia, they will miss the emerging animal-free trends and employment opportunities," write Dr Nikita Goel and the other doctors in the letter.

PETA India has also sent letters to NMC and PGMEB pointing out that several Indian medical school studies have confirmed that non-animal approaches are effective at meeting learning

objectives. "This proposed mandate to use animals for teaching and training is out of step with modern science and betrays the animal-friendly values of today's students," says PETA India Science Policy Advisor Dr Ankita Pandey. She added that the medical colleges like All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur; Government Medical College, Srinagar; NHL Municipal Medical College; and Tezpur Medical College, Assam, don't use animals for training PG students and instead use computer-based methods or other human-relevant approaches.

## Gambling racket busted in South Delhi, 16 held

New Delhi, Dec 10 (IANS) Delhi Police have busted a gambling racket in the southern area of the city and arrested 16 people in this connection, an official said Friday.

On the instance of the accused, the police recovered 1,000 playing chips, 37 playing bricks and Rs 1,95,000 cash stake money.

Three among the arrested accused are Chartered Accountants by profession and were running the gambling racket to lead a lavish life and to earn easy money.

According to the official, the 16 gamblers identified as Ankur Bindal, Manish Bindal, Aakash Sarda, Abhishek, Sa-



jan Mukhia, Prashant Goyal, Moksh, Sahil, Lalit, Sachin, Kartik Kalla, Vivek, Damanjeet Sodhi, Shashank Jain, Himanshu Jain and Arjun Arora were arrested under sections 3 and 4 of the Delhi gambling act.

On December 4, the police busted a major gambling racket in the eastern part of the city. As many as 29 people were arrested and Rs 4.20 lakh recovered in the raid.

## 40 Delhi malls using gensets to be shut down

New Delhi, Dec 10 (IANS) Following the Commission for Air Quality Management's (CAQM) order, the Delhi government will shut down about 40 malls that are using diesel generator sets for power backup to curb national capital's air pollution.

The V3S mall in east Delhi's Nirman Vihar is one of the very first names revealed, a source told IANS.

"Only malls using diesel generator sets (DGS) for power have been closed," a CAQM official said.

This move came after the Supreme Court on Friday allowed the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & Adjoining Areas to take a decision on relaxing ban on construction activities and restrictions on industrial activities, after examining representation of various bodies.

Since 2015 onwards, with the onset of winter, Delhi's air quality starts deteriorating and goes on to settle in the "very poor" and "hazardous" category. An AQI between zero and 50 is considered "good", 51 to 100 "satisfactory", 101 to 200 "moderate", 201 to 300 "poor", 301 to 400 "very poor", and 401 to 500 is considered "severe".

According to the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), vehicular pollution comprises more than half of all sources, followed by household pollution between 12.5 and 13.5 per cent. Industry contributes 9.9-13.7 per cent of the pollutants, construction 6.7-7.9 per cent, waste burning 4.6-4.9 per cent, and road dust 3.6-4.1 per cent. According to a com-

pared Action Taken Report (ATR) prepared by the Department of Environment & Forest, from November 17 to December 6, a total of 4,245 sites using diesel generator sets were inspected, of which 48 were found using the sets, 18 were shut down, and a fine of 5.4 lakh was imposed on them for not adhering to the anti-dust pollution guidelines.

## Pinky Irani sent to ED custody in 200 cr money laundering case

New Delhi, Dec 10 (IANS) A special court on Friday sent Pinky Irani, an alleged aide of multimillionaire conman Suresh Chandrashekar who was held in connection with the over Rs 200 crore money laundering case, to Enforcement Directorate custody till Tuesday.

The ED had arrested Irani, said to be a resident of Mumbai, on Thursday evening.

It had moved a plea seeking her 14 days' remand. During the argument, Public Prosecutor Atul Tripathi representing the ED argued that she was needed to be confronted with evidence. He said that her statement is also to be recorded. Advocate R K Shah appeared for the ED and assisted Mr Tripathi.

An ED official said that they have to recover a few documents from her. "She was the one who introduced Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez to Suresh Chandrashekar and summoned by the ED. After questioning, she was



arrested on Thursday." Now the ED will confront her with Jacqueline Fernandez, record her statement and compare it with the actor's statement. Few more persons are under the scanner of the ED.

Irani will be questioned regarding the case and hawala transactions of the money.

As of now, nine people, including Pinky, have been arrested in this connection.

Those arrested earlier are -- Pradeep Ramdane, B. Mohan Raj, Deepak Ramnani, Arun Muthu, Kamlesh Kothari, Avatar Singh Kochhar, Suresh Chandrashekar and his wife Leena Maria Paul.

All the eight have been charge-sheeted. The ED will file a supplementary chargesheet mentioning Pinky as an accused.

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Delhi Jn - Jodhpur Jn Superfast Express	12462	22995	01.04.2022

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## 40 flying squads deployed in NCR across air pollution contributing sectors

New Delhi, Dec 10 (IANS) A total of 40 flying squads have been set up by the Enforcement Task Force (ETF) of the Commission for Air Quality Management, which is reviewing the field level action and inspection reports across air pollution contributing sectors in the NCR, on a daily basis.

Flying squads, particularly, check for compliance in respect of various directions and orders issued by the Commission from time to time towards abatement of air pollution, particularly for measures to be taken for the critical winter months, including

related statutory environmental rules, regulations and guidelines issued by the agencies concerned in the Central and state governments, an Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry statement said. General compliance levels are reported to be satisfactory and improving over the days. However, serious violations still being reported across sectors, majorly in industrial units, construction and demolition project sites, use of diesel generator sets in industrial installation commercial complexes and residential set-ups.

## Peepal Trees to Help Delhi Get Rid of Toxic Air

Delhi: 10 Dec, Air quality of Delhi has become the worst among the capital cities across the world. The International Meditation Foundation has started a campaign to plant Peepal trees across Delhi to improve the air quality in the city.

Swami Advaitananda, Chairman, International Meditation Foundation, said the plantation of Peepal trees would have a magical impact on the quality of air in the city. "We have started the campaign from our own resources and have also given a proposal to the government to get it implemented at a larger scale," he said.

Swami Advaitananda, who is also the Mahamandaleshwar, Shri Panchdashnaam Joon

Akhara, informed that there had been positive response from the government.

"I have requested Shri Bhupendra Yadav ji, Honourable Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, to take up this issue on a priority basis," he said.

Swami Advaitananda has also taken up the matter with several other ministers including Bhupendra Yadav's predecessor Prakash Javadekar.

In a letter forwarded to Prakash Javadekar on 2nd November 2020, Shripad Naik, then Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH and Minister of State for Defence, wrote: "I am forwarding herewith a

self-explanatory letter from Mahamandaleshwar Swami Advaitananda Giri, Shri Panchdashnaam Joon Akhara and Chairman, International Meditation Foundation, regarding making Delhi green again by plantation of Peepal and Banyan trees in densely populated vilayati babool (kikars) in Delhi forest. I shall be grateful if you could kindly examine the matter and take appropriate action.

Naik now holds the portfolio of Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism

"I have been working tirelessly to get more and more plantations of Peepal and Banyan trees done across

the country. Delhi is our focus because the air quality in the national capital has become intolerable. We must work together to get rid of toxic air," said Swami Advaitananda.

Delhi forest has primarily vilayati kikars which does not allow other trees to grow nearby it and with their deep roots it has sucked up much of groundwater, leaving the land dry. Peepal (Ficus religiosa) and Banyan (Ficus benghalensis) trees can grow nearby it very well and they will grow faster compared to any other tree. As these new trees grow, vilayati kikars can be trimmed simultaneously and finally removed.

In order to provide sufficient sunlight, the top canopy can be cleared. Here



are the reasons why we must plant Peepal tree: Peepal size is taller and that multiplies

the size of forest in the same amount of land Peepal doesn't require as much water

and care as compared to other trees. Peepal provides spiritual benefits.