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MP woman seeks release of dad, bro held for 'killing' her

Indore: In a twist to what was assumed to be a murder case, a young woman whose father and brother were jailed on charges of 'killing' her after she went missing, walked into a police station nearly a month later, prompting cops to reopen the case, reports Karishma Kotwal.

The dramatic event unfolded on May 27 night, when the 'missing' woman, Shivani, arrived at Khosla police station in MP's Burhanpur district and told the cops that she was alive and well, and wanted her father and brother released from jail.

Police said Shivani went missing on April 24. Her family searched for her extensively before reporting the matter on May 1. During investigation, it was found that a local youth named Arjun had disappeared around the same time, and a missing report about him was registered on May 9. Police later traced the man and the youth had left together.

Meanwhile, a headless and partially burnt body of a young woman was found in a forest. The investigators suspected the body to be that of Shivani. Her father Bapurao and brother were arrested on the suspicion of murdering her and sent to Buldhana jail.

Proposal To Be Placed Before PM Before Formal Approval

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New Delhi: To prevent a paper leak, which led to cancellation of India's biggest medical entrance exam NEET-UG, the Centre is actively exploring the use of Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft for transportation of question papers for the June 21-22 test, as part of a wider 'whole-of-government' security strategy involving military of home affairs, central agencies and state police networks.

The proposal was discussed at a high-level meeting chaired by defence minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday and attended by education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, communication minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, senior PMO officials, National Testing Agency director general Abhishek Singh and top bureaucrats from multiple ministries.

According to education ministry sources, government is considering deploying IAF only for transporting logistics because of time constraints and because of the need to take any chances this time. Sources stressed that no

final decision has yet been taken and the proposal will be placed before PM Narendra Modi before any formal approval.

The move, however, acknowledges the ever-evolving tricks used by those determined to leak papers of the entrance test for coveted seats in medical colleges, and the importance for government to ensure the forthcoming NEET-UG's integrity.

"The approaching time is that every vulnerable point in the exam chain must be secured with maximum redundancy and supervisory eyes. If it is not returned," a source said.

Pradhan owns up to evaluation glitches

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New Delhi: Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday defended CBSE's newly introduced 'On-Screen Marking (OSM)' system as a "progressive instrument" aimed at bringing greater transparency and accountability to the evaluation process, even as he took responsibility for glitches in the evaluation mechanism that have left students and parents worried about the results.

"I take responsibility. It will be fixed, a solution will be found. We are all working on that task," Pradhan said after chairing a high-level review meeting at the CBSE headquarters in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, on Thursday.

He said the OSM system is a progressive instrument that will bring greater transparency and accountability to the evaluation process. He also mentioned that the system is being implemented in a phased manner across the country.

Rahul asks why tainted co-ven OSM contract

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New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has said education minister Dharmendra Pradhan must answer why CBSE's OSM contract was given to "Globe-nar" that had a tainted record, even if under a different name, "CO-EMPT".

He also sought information on the "connection between COEMPT's management and the Modi govt". After Pradhan attacked Rahul for seeking his resignation, Congress leader said, "Dharmendra Pradhan, you attack me, but you don't solve your own crimes. Nor will it stop me from demanding answers for 18.5 lakh children. Why was the CBSE OSM contract handed to COEMPT? On whose orders was it done? Why were we not notified and checked-out beforehand?"

He added, "As for responsibility - if the PM cared, he should have sacked selective, scribbles and the future of lakhs of students." He also mentioned that the contract was given to a company with a tainted record.

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No case if you leave voluntarily Shah tells Bangladesh illegals

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Gandhinagar: BJP Govt in Bengal would not press charges against Bangladeshi nationals living illegally in the state if they choose to return voluntarily, home minister Amit Shah said Thursday, while reiterating Centre's commitment to detect, detain and deport illegal immigrants from the country.

"Today newspapers are saying that illegal immigrants are voluntarily returning. Bengal govt has made a default declaration. But we will not release anyone who entered illegally without proper documentation. If they do, state govt will not file any cases against them."

Instead, it will assist them in returning," Shah said, while accusing previous Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress govt of allowing unchecked infiltration into the state.

"Hopefully, most will leave before the campaign to identify infiltrators begins. Our govt is resolved to remove every infiltrator from the country," Shah said, addressing a public event at Sonapur in Gujarat's Gandhinagar district.

Shah said BJP had promised during its assembly election campaign in Bengal that the India-Bangladesh border would be fenced if people voted the party to office.

Congratulating Bengal CM Suvedra Adhikari, Shah said the new state govt had handed over 600 hectares of land to BSF within seven days of assuming office. But we will not release anyone who entered illegally without proper documentation. If they do, state govt will not file any cases against them."

He added 12 hectares of the strategically vital Siliguri Corridor in north Bengal that links Northeast with the rest of India - had also been transferred to Union govt.

He said PM Modi had constituted a high-powered committee to examine reasons behind infiltration into the state and suggest corrective measures. The panel would submit its report within a year.

AI SF flight that returned after 9 hours was stuck for repairs in Nagpur for 6 yrs

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Nagpur: An Air India Delhi-San Francisco flight that returned to New Delhi after remaining airborne for nearly nine hours on Wednesday was the same aircraft that was grounded at Nagpur's airport because of an aircraft maintenance repair and overhaul (MRO) facility for six years due to shortage of spares, sources said.

The Boeing 777 aircraft, registered VT-ALL and named 'Gandhi', had arrived at Air India Engineering Services Limited's (AIESL) MRO in Feb 2020 for routine maintenance and was expected to be cleared within a month. However, the aircraft remained stuck at the facility till March 2026 as critical components were removed and used in other aircraft requiring maintenance.

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File pic of VT-ALL at Nagpur MRO

On Wednesday, as it took off from Delhi, the plane was forced to turn back when its Traffic Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) malfunctioned, said sources. TCAS alerts pilots to communicate with each other on getting too close, which helps in preventing collisions, said sources.

According to sources, TCAS was among the system stuck at the facility till March 2026 as critical components were removed and used in other aircraft requiring maintenance. gen repairs. VT-ALL itself had to wait for fresh spares for more than half a decade. It has been learnt that VT-ALL has already taken up around 100 flights after it flew from Nagpur MRO and grounded again at Delhi.

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