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News Brief

Ananda Bose is Bengal Governor
NEW DELHI : CV Ananda Bose was on Thursday appointed the Governor of West Bengal, a communique from the Rashtrapati Bhavan said. His appointment will take effect on the date he assumes charge of his office, it said. "The President of India is pleased to appoint Dr C V Ananda Bose as regular Governor of West Bengal," the communique said. Ganesan has been holding the additional charge of West Bengal since July.

NBW against SP MLA in riot case

KANPUR: A local court has issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against Samajwadi Party MLA Irfan Solanki and his younger brother in a rioting and arson case, officials said on Thursday. The NBW was issued against Solanki and his brother Rizwan by a special MP-MLA court after a case was registered against them at Jajmau police station, said Joint Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Anand Prakash Tiwari.

HC: No CBI probe into Jaya's death

CHENNAI: The Madras HC on Thursday held that the PIL seeking CBI probe into the Jayalithaa's death at a corporate hospital here in 2016, is not maintainable. Acting Chief Justice T Raja and Justice D Krishnakumar dismissed the petition.

15 shot in Iran

TEHRAN: As many as 15 people have been shot dead in Iran, including members of the security forces and a nine-year-old boy, in separate incidents as the country experienced one of its most serious and widespread nights of protests of the past nine weeks. On the anniversary of the 2019 uprising, news agencies blamed terrorists on 2 bikes for the killing of seven in a shopping centre in the southern city of Izeh Khuzesta, the Guardian reported.

British fin minister reveals UK in recession, raises tax

LONDON
Britain is now in recession and headed towards further shrinkage, the country's finance minister revealed on Thursday as he tabled his much-anticipated emergency budget with tax raises impacting millions. Chancellor Jeremy Hunt tabled the Autumn Statement in the House of Commons, cheered on by British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, to lay out the government's plans to get the economy back on track following the shockwaves of a rolled back mini-budget of predecessor Liz Truss in September.



The independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) forecast published alongside the new budget pointed to higher energy prices driven by the Russia-Ukraine conflict as largely to blame for the downturn, with economic growth not expected until 2024. "There is a global energy crisis, a global inflation crisis and a global economic crisis," said Hunt. "But today with this plan for stability, growth and public services, we will face into the storm. We do so today with British resilience and British compassion." **CONTD. ON P6**

Protests erupt over Rahul's comments on Veer Savarkar

AGENCIES
MUMBAI

Hours after Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's comments on Swatantryaveer V.D. Savarkar, Maharashtra's ruling Balasaheb Chavan Shiv Sena and Bharatiya Janata Party activists staged huge protests all over the state condemning his remarks. Simultaneously, Savarkar's grandson Ranjit Savarkar lodged a complaint with Shivaji Park Police demanding action against Gandhi for allegedly "insulting" the revolutionary Hindu ideologue, and booking state Congress chief Nana Patole. Maha Vikas Aghadi constituent, Shiv Sena-UBT President Uddhav Thackeray washed his hands off Gandhi's comments saying he was not in agreement with the Congress leader, but also called upon the BJP



Supporters of Eknath Shinde protest against Rahul over his controversial remarks about Savarkar in Thane on Thursday

not to politicise the issue. The Mumbai police said that they are probing the matter further before registering a first information report in the matter. During the Bharat Jodo Yatra,

Savarkar kin lodges complaint against Rahul

Savarkar's grandson on Thursday registered a complaint against Rahul Gandhi for allegedly "insulting" Savarkar, police said.

I don't approve of Rahul's remarks: Uddhav

Uddhav Thackeray, who heads a faction of the Shiv Sena, said his party has immense respect for Savarkar and he does not approve of Gandhi's remarks on the freedom fighter.

Rahul Gandhi has targeted Veer Savarkar accusing him of not only helping the British rulers but also signing a mercy petition "out of fear" for his release.

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MPHRC seeks CS reply on Thakur's statement on rapists

THAKUR HAD SAID
that rapists be hanged in public and denied last rites

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Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission (MPHRC) has taken cognizance of tourism and culture minister Usha Thakur's statement on rapists during a public meeting at Dr Ambedkar Nagar (Mhow) in Indore on Sunday last. On Thursday, the MPHRC asked Chief Secretary to file a reply on the statement within 15 days.

During the public meeting, the minister had advocated that rapists be hanged at the centre of crossing. "Their body should be left hanging with the noose so that eagles and crows can feed on them. They should be denied cremation too," the minister had allegedly said. She had further stated that rapists should not have any human rights. Her statement was published prominently in some news-



papers on November 14 and November 15. Taking cognizance of the above-mentioned statement, MPHRC member Manohar Mamtani has now sought reply from Chief Secretary. Mamtani later said that he had sought report from a responsible officer to gauge the seriousness of the state government. The commission said that minister's statement was against the basic spirit of the Constitution and also against institutions like Human Rights Commission tasked with protection of human rights. The statement, said the commission, was inappropriate and objectionable. Referring to the legal precedents of the Supreme Court and provisions mentioned in Article-21 of the Constitution, the Commission said that everyone, including prisoners, enjoy Fundamental Rights. Capital punishment to perpetrators of heinous crime was legally binding but to hang such a person at the centre of a crossing and even denying them last rites would make punishment barbaric, said Mamtani.



Hindu Ekta Manch takes out a candle light vigil over killing of Shradha Walkar in New Delhi

Kerala Govt vindicated as court rejects appointment of CM aide's wife

Thiruvananthapuram: Governor Arif Mohammed Khan's charge of nepotism in the university appointments got solid backing from the Kerala HC when it struck down the appointment of Priya Varghese, wife of the CM's private secretary, as associate professor in Kannur university on the ground that she did not have minimum qualifications to even apply to the post. The decision has serious implications for the ongoing tussle between the governor and the govt on the appointment of VCs as the fight itself was triggered by Priya Varghese's appointment. **CONTD. ON P6**

BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY DISCUSSED IN UK PARLIAMENT

Govt will not pursue trade at the cost of human rights: UK minister

Oppn MPs urge UK govt to politically support victims

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UK Parliament discussed Bhopal gas tragedy. Around 13 MPs participated in the discussion, said NGOs working for the welfare of gas victims. Opposition MPs have urged the UK government to lend political support to victims of 1984 Bhopal gas

tragedy, the NGOs said. Bhopal Group for Information and Action's Rachna Dhingra said, "A debate in UK Parliament on Bhopal disaster of December 2/3, 1984 is a huge success for us. More than 5 lakh people were exposed to methyl isocyanate in the incident." UK Minister Anne Marie Trevelyan said, "I commit to raise concerns of all parliamentarians on the need for continuing support and compensation for victims with my Indian

counterparts. The UK government cannot comment on petition filed in Supreme Court as it is sub-judice. However, I am clear that we will not pursue trade by excluding human rights." Navendu Mishra, an Indian-origin MP from Britain's Opposition Labour Party, had secured a debate in Parliament demanding justice for the victims of the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy, the 38th anniversary of which would be observed next month. **CONTD. ON P6**

CENTRE SEEKS REVIEW OF RAJIV CASE ORDER

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Facing criticism from the Congress, the Centre on Thursday moved the Supreme Court seeking a review of its order for premature release of six convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case. The Government said the order granting remission to the convicts, who had assassinated the former Prime Minister, was passed without affording it adequate opportunity for hearing. The Government highlighted the procedural lapse, saying the convicts seeking remission did not formally implead it as a party. "Thus absence of any assistance by the Union of India ... has prevented this court from appreciating the crucial and important evidence in the matter, which if presented, would have assisted this court to arrive at a just and correct judgment in the matter," it said. On Nov 11, the top court ordered premature release of the six remaining convicts.



GYANVAPI CASE

Muslim side's plea dismissed, hearing on December 2

VARANASI : The Varanasi Fast Track Court on Thursday dismissed the Anjanam Islamia Masjid committee's plea challenging the maintainability of a suit to hand over possession of the Gyanvapi Mosque premises to the Hindu side. The Court deferred the petition for the next hearing on December 2. The court was hearing the petition on the plea seeking worship rights of the 'Shivling' that the Hindu side claimed to be found on the Gyanvapi mosque premises. Vishwa Vedic Sanatan Sanstha had also filed a separate petition in the fast track court of Varanasi after the alleged Shivling was found. The petition was filed by Kiran Singh, wife of Vishwa Vedic Sanatan Sanstha President Jitendra Singh Vishaen and others. The demands of the Hindu side include permission for the immediate beginning of prayer of Swayambhu Jyotirlinga Bhagwan Vishveshwar, the handing over of the entire Gyanvapi complex to the Hindus, and banning the entry of Muslims inside the premises of the Gyanvapi complex. In this case, the court under Order 7/Rule 11, said that "this matter is not maintainable." "Varanasi Court dismisses the plea filed by the Masjid committee challenging the maintainability of the suit in the Gyanvapi Mosque case." **CONTD. ON P6**

Coughing badly? It can be Covid or lung cancer

That immense cough you are going through could mean anything between a mild Covid-19 infection or the onset of Lung Cancer. While both fatal diseases share similar symptoms, if detected and treated early on, it could save your life. Coronavirus cases have not been completely eradicated from our world and therefore remains a considerable threat to the human existence. While countries like China has taken up strict rules under their Zero Covid Policy to combat the spread of the virus, the rest of the world is still facing marginally low Covid cases. Lisa Jaques,

lead cancer nurse at Perci Health, UK, has said how a patient can understand if the symptoms they are experiencing are Lung Cancer or Covid-19. Let's take a look. **WHAT IS LUNG CANCER?** In simple terms, a cancer that begins in the lungs and most often occurs in people who smoke, but not limited to them. In this cancer the lung tissue and cells swell up and begin to grow beyond control. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide, accounting for almost 25% of all cancer deaths.

WHAT IS COVID-19? According to WHO, Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) is an infectious disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Most people who fall sick with Covid-19 will experience mild to moderate symptoms and recover without special treatment. However, some will become seriously ill and require medical attention. **COMMON SYMPTOMS OF LUNG CANCER AND COVID-19**

- Cough
- Breathlessness
- Fatigue
- Recurrent chest infections

IS IT TIME TO DISRUPT PEDAGOGY AT THE IITs?

Alum Narayana Murthy seems to think so. He says 'plague of rote learning' has made way into the institutions

ADITI ALURKAR / MUMBAI

Narayana Murthy, the founder of India's tech giant Infosys and an IIT Kanpur alum, recently expressed worry over the state of his alma mater. The business tycoon stated that even the

country's premier science and research institutions – the IITs – have fallen victim to the evil of rote learning. IITians, as per Murthy, fall into the trap of mugging information due to the "tyranny of coaching classes". Couple this with a dwindling Socratic pedagogy, and that is why India fails to solve real-world problems with research, he said. Interestingly, the organs of the IITs endorse Murthy's narrative. A senior professor at IIT Bombay told the Free Press Journal, "There is a notable decline in the quality of students that walk into the IIT. These students have

mastered problem solving without understanding the philosophy that goes behind it. Independent and creative thinking, which is very necessary for research, has been taken away from these children." A large portion of this was blamed on the genesis of a 'coaching class culture', that came into the picture after a sharp increase in JEE applicants. "The JEE Advanced exam is inhumane. It prides itself on being one of the toughest in the world while testing young students for subjects they don't have enough time to assimilate," the professor said. **CONTD. ON P6**