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Cabinet okays trial of juveniles at 16 under IPC

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New Delhi: The Juvenile Justice Act will be changed to allow for trial of juveniles in age group of 16-18 years accused of heinous crimes under the Indian Penal Code, with the Centre bowing to public clamour for tough deterrent against young criminals who go unpunished because of the lenient provisions under the law.

As per the changes cleared by the Cabinet on Wednesday, Juvenile Justice Boards will determine whether a juvenile accused of a heinous crime ought to be treated as a "child" or adult. The proposed Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill also provides for the classification of different crimes as "petty", "serious" and "heinous", providing for differentiated processes for each category.

Under the existing law, only those 18 years and above are tried under IPC. The decision heads the demand for tougher punishment for the hardened among "juvenile criminals", which spiked in the wake of the Nirbhaya gang rape in Delhi in December 2012. One of the accused in the crime which shook the nation because of its sheer monstrosity is a juvenile who was the most brutal of the gang which ravaged the young physiotherapy student.

The changes come in the teeth of opposition from child rights activists and members of the parliamentary standing committee who argued that such crimes don't subvert the reason for laying down a milder legal regime for juveniles.

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GRISLY CRIMES

Minors older than 16 have been involved in these horrific cases

NIRBHAYA GANG RAPE-MURDER | DEC 2012
Juvenile among 6 accused of raping, murdering 23-yr-old. Over 17 years old, sent to correctional home for 3 years

SHAKTI MILLS GANG RAPE | 2013 | Five adults and one minor each accused in two cases. Minors older than 16

ADNAN PATRAWALA KIDNAP-MURDER | 2007
17-yr-old part of gang. Trial on before juvenile board

Cabinet nod for commercial courts

The Cabinet on Wednesday approved a bill that will allow the setting up of commercial courts, equivalent to district courts, in states and UTs where commercial divisions are not present. The minimum pecuniary jurisdiction of such commercial courts and commercial divisions is proposed at Rs 1 crore.

Cheque bounce: Filing cases easier

The Cabinet on Wednesday cleared amendments to the Negotiable Instruments Act, allowing the holder of a bounced cheque to file a case from where he or she is based. The Supreme Court had ruled last year that the case had to be initiated from the place where the cheque-issuing branch was located.

Farmer's 'suicide' during rally triggers political blame game

Tragedy Mars Anti-Land Bill Protest In Delhi

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New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party's rally against the Land Acquisition Bill took a tragic turn on Wednesday when a farmer from Dausa, Rajasthan—distressed by damage to his crops and burdened by debt—ended his life by hanging himself from a tree. What made the death at Jantar Mantar more poignant was the suspicion that he may not have intended to commit suicide and may have accidentally killed himself.

The death of the farmer, Gajendra Singh, 40, triggered a political row because even after he was brought down from the tree and rushed to the hospital, AAP didn't call off the rally. In fact,



Gajendra Singh moments before his death on Wednesday

Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal addressed the crowd of about 3,000 and attacked the policemen on the spot for not paying any heed to pleas by AAP leaders and volunteers to rescue the farmer. He attributed this to the fact that Delhi Police was not

under the state government. Finally, when Kejriwal and deputy CMManish Sisodia went to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Singh had already been declared dead.

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He'd tied the pagri for Clinton in 2000

Gajendra Singh Rathore, an expert in tying turbans and winner of several state-level competitions, was handpicked to tie the pagri for Bill Clinton when the US President visited Rajasthan in 2000. The father of three was being awaited in Dausa for his niece's wedding when the tragedy hit home. P 9

Another Rajasthan farmer kills self

Gajendra Singh Rathore wasn't the only farmer from Rajasthan to commit suicide on Wednesday. Shattered by crop failure, Gajendra Rath Harsu Jatav (45) of Alwar ended his life by jumping in front of a train. In his suicide note, he wrote he had suffered a loss of Rs 1.10 lakh.

IMD predicts below normal monsoon at 93%

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Raising the spectre of a second successive year of deficient rains, the India Meteorological Department has predicted below normal rainfall for the upcoming monsoon season with a 33% probability of rains being less than 90%, commonly referred to as a drought.

"The monsoon seasonal rainfall is likely to be 93% of the long period average with a model error of plus or minus 5%," said Union earth science minister Harsh Vardhan on Wednesday, announcing IMD's first long range forecast for the monsoon.

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2ND BAD YEAR?

▶ Monsoon likely to be 93% of average, says IMD
▶ 35% probability of 'below normal' rains
▶ 33% chance rains will be 'deficient' (drought), meaning below 90%
▶ Govt says no reason to panic, all steps will be taken to tackle situation

Storm in Bihar kills 44 overnight

Storm and hail lashed eight northern districts of Bihar on Tuesday, killing at least 44 people and destroying standing crop and property worth crores overnight. P 7

Copper-T op photographs leaked in Tapi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK
Surat: Health department officials in Tapi are a harried lot after photographs of a 'Copper-T' operation of a tribal woman at a government health camp were circulated on mobiles, reports Yagnesh Mehta. The photos were taken for a presentation to be made before CM Anandiben Patel during Gujarat Foundation Day celebrations in Tapi on May 1. The department has initiated a probe but no culprit has been identified yet. P 5

After land, Rahul attacks govt on net neutrality

TIMES NEWS NETWORK
New Delhi: After taking up the issue of land acquisition in Parliament on Monday, Rahul Gandhi followed it up on Tuesday by taking up another hot button issue: net neutrality. Declaring his support for net neutrality, Rahul accused the Modi government of trying to carve up the internet and distribute it among industrialists. He told L.S. "I would request the government to stop the Trai consultation and to look into changing the law or writing a



As land is being snatched, so is internet... the idea behind this is to hand over the net space to corporates and companies —RAHUL GANDHI
law for net neutrality." IT minister Ravi Shankar Prasad asserted that the Centre stood for non-discriminatory use of internet.
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PIO held for mkt crash that erased \$850bn

Washington: A British-Indian stock trader charged with causing the "flash crash" of May 2010, when the Dow Jones dropped 1,000 points in minutes and wiped out \$850 billion, was arrested from London on Tuesday, reports Chidanand Rajghatta. US prosecutors have accused Navinder Singh Sarao, 37, of using an algorithm to worsen a crisis and earn \$40 million. Should he be extradited, Sarao faces a long jail term. Commodity fraud has a sentence of 25 years. P 13



Akhilesh lays foundation stone of Bennett Univ

Uttar Pradesh CM Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday laid the foundation stone of Bennett University's campus along with Times Group MD Vineet Jain (left). Yadav thanked the Times Group for choosing to set up the university in Greater Noida and said his government would extend all help to get it off the ground in the shortest possible time. Private enterprise had a major role to play in higher education, he added. Jain said Bennett University would provide aspiring students "a high-quality, well-rounded premium education offering undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees". The university is slated to begin operations from July 2016. P 10

17 Gujarati pilgrims die in bus accident near Kathmandu

TIMES NEWS NETWORK
Rajkot/Gandhinagar: A pilgrimage to Nepal turned tragic for residents of Wadhwan Surendranagar district when their bus plunged into a 100m deep gorge near Kathmandu, leaving at least 17 dead and 27 injured.



Rescue workers at the site of the accident in Nepal on Wednesday

highway, some 75 km from the Nepal capital, and fell off the mountain on Wednesday morning. The pilgrims were returning after visiting the famous Pashupatinath temple. A special IAF craft flown to Kathmandu will return with the bodies on Thursday.

The Gujarat government announced a compensation of

Rs 4 lakh each to the kin of the deceased. The dead include four couples, two cooks and a helper. Of the 17, 15 were from Wadhwan taluka while two were from Dhrangadhra. At least five people are in a critical condition in a Kathmandu hospital while one person is missing.

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NEWS DIGEST

GCTOC bill gets gov's nod, sent for prez assent
Gujarat governor O P Kohli has cleared the Gujarat Control of Terrorism and Organized Crime Bill-2015 and sent it to the Union ministry of home affairs for presidential assent. P 3

Pak seeks details on drug boat
After the Coast Guard apprehended eight alleged Pakistani smugglers off Gujarat, Pakistan approached MEA for details. P 5

Cappgemini likely to acquire \$3.6bn Igate
Cappgemini may acquire Nasdaq-listed Igate. It will be one of the biggest M&As in the IT services space. P 13

Rail commuters to get unreserved tickets on mobile app
Rail commuters will be able to get unreserved tickets using a mobile phone app with the launch of the paperless facility. P 7

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