

Amit Shah receives Rs 19.08-Cr dividend of Recco Bank



New Delhi, :A cheque for Rs 19.08 crore was received by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday as dividend of the Recco Bank, a Government of India enterprise functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Shah congratulated the Recco Bank on achieving the remarkable feat of registering a stellar 11-per cent growth rate in the financial year 2023-24. "Today, on behalf of the MHA, received a cheque for Rs 19.08 crore from the Chairman of Recco Bank, Shri E Santhanam, and the Managing Director, Shri O M Gokul, as a dividend on the Government of India's share capital. The bank, under the administrative jurisdiction of the MHA, has proven what commitment to serving the nation can achieve," the home minister said in a post on X. PTI ACB RC

Kolkata rape-murder case in SC: Kapil Sibal 'laughs' during hearing



There was a heated moment in the Supreme Court on Thursday (August 22) during the hearing of the case over the rape and murder of a doctor in Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. During the hearing in the apex court, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was representing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), asked senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the West Bengal government, not to laugh. The Bench headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud was hearing a suo motu case related to the crime at the Kolkata hospital which has led to nationwide protests by doctors. The "laughter" incident happened in the Supreme Court when Mehta was pointing out "gaps" in registering the FIR by the Kolkata Police. "Somebody has lost their life. Don't at least laugh," Mehta told Sibal. The video of the incident was widely shared on social media and BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya too shared the clip and termed it "complete insensitivity on display". "Complete insensitivity on display. Like Mamata Banerjee, the legal team representing WB Govt, led by former Congressman Kapil Sibal, showed no remorse, whatsoever, for having killed the young doctor twice... Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had to remind Kapil Sibal 'not to laugh' (sic)," he wrote along with video on his X (formerly Twitter) handle. During the hearing, the top court tore into the Kolkata police over the delay in registering the unnatural death of the woman doctor, calling it "extremely disturbing", and questioned the sequence of events and the timing of its procedural formalities. Making an impassioned appeal to the protesting doctors across the country, the apex court also asked them to get back to work, saying "justice and medicine" cannot be stopped and moreover, it was issuing all the necessary directions to ensure their safety. It further directed no coercive action against them.

If elections were held today, would Modi have become PM? Congress would have won 106 seats, says survey

NEW DELHI: The NDA government was formed in the country under the leadership of Narendra Modi for the third time in the general elections held in the country in various stages this year. Despite working towards a huge target of 400 seats, the BJP did not get an absolute majority this time like in the previous elections. With the support of various NDA parties, Modi became the Prime Minister this time with 293 seats. With 234 seats, the opposition parties presented a strong fight. After months, a survey was organized to know the opinion of the people about the Modi government and what would the result be if the Lok Sabha elections were held now. This is a biannual survey conducted by India Today. In the survey conducted with C voters, the credibility of Prime



Minister Modi and NDA has increased a bit. However, number of seats of the opposition parties has reduced to 233. In this 'Mood of the Nation' survey, the NDA alliance will increase by six seats to 299 seats. People's answer to the question of who will be the next prime minister was also interesting. 49 percent said Narendra Modi's name. 22.4 percent

said Rahul Gandhi would be the next Prime Minister. Modi's voter turnout has fallen by six points. However, Rahul has eight points more than what he recorded in the month of February. The survey was conducted from July 15 to August 10. A total of 40591 people from 543 constituencies were interviewed. A total of 95,872 people were interviewed through C Voter's weekly regular tracker. After 10 years, the Congress won 99 seats with an increase of 47 seats and got an opposition leader this time. According to the survey, BJP's voting percentage will decrease from 37.7 to 36.56 percent and NDA will get a total of 43.7 percent votes. If the Lok Sabha elections were held now, the survey gives Congress 106 seats and their vote percentage will increase to 25.4.

Sanjay Roy stalked victim a day before crime? Another shocking revelation in Kolkata doctor rape-murder case

Sanjay Roy, the primary suspect in the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital rape and murder case, has disclosed to Kolkata police that he was monitoring the victim at the chest medicine ward on August 8, just a day before the horrific crime occurred. CCTV footage from the ward captures the 33-year-old civic volunteer, Roy, casting lewd glances at the victim as well as four junior doctors. According to sources, "The CCTV footage captures Roy glaring towards them," as reported by News18. This footage has been crucial in establishing Roy's presence and actions leading up to the crime.

Timeline of the Crime
On August 9, the victim retired to the seminar hall at 1 am to rest. A junior doctor had a brief conversation with her at around 2:30 am. After their exchange, the victim returned to sleep, only to be discovered deceased the following morning. Roy's CCTV footage shows him entering the hospital premises at 4 am, adding to the evidence of his involvement.

Psychoanalytic Profiling and Interrogation Insights

The polygraph profiling of Sanjay Roy, conducted at the request of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), has classified him as a pervert with a severe addiction to pornography. Experts have also described his behavior as exhibiting what a CBI officer referred to as "animal-like instinct." Despite the gravity of the situation, Roy displayed no signs of nervousness or remorse during his interrogation. The officer stated, "The man showed no repentance and narrated the entire episode giving every minute detail without hiccups. It appeared he had no remorse," as reported by PTI.

Evidence and Arrest
Sanjay Roy's arrest was made possible through crucial evidence, including CCTV footage and a Bluetooth headset found at the crime scene. The autopsy on the victim confirmed that she had been raped before being strangled to death, with 16 external and 9 internal injuries recorded.



Ongoing Investigations
The victim's father has alleged that multiple individuals may have been involved in the crime. In response, the CBI is considering polygraph tests for Sanjay Roy, Dr Sandip Ghosh, the former principal of RG Kar Hospital, and four other doctors to further probe their potential involvement.

Legal and Administrative Actions
On Thursday, the Supreme Court criticized the West Bengal government and the police for their 14-hour delay in registering the FIR, underscoring the serious lapses in the handling of the case.

Can India help in bringing NASA's Sunita Williams back to Earth? ISRO Chief S. Somnath responds

NASA's astronaut Sunita Williams went to space back in June this year on a mission with a plan to come back after a week, but had to extend her stay because of faulty Starliner spacecraft. Now, NASA is exploring ways to bring her back to Earth safely, as she has been there for over 2 months now. ISRO Chief S. Somanath was recently asked if India could help bring her back, he responded saying that at this point, only Russia and the US can help her. During an interaction on a podcast named BeerBiceps, he said, "Unfortunately, there's nothing we can do directly from India to help at this moment. We don't have the capability to send a craft to rescue her. The only potential solutions would come from either the US or Russia. The US has the Crew Dragon vehicle, and Russia has the Soyuz, both of which could be used for a rescue mission." There have been rumours that NASA astronaut Sunita Williams



along with Butch Wilmore has been stranded in space. To this, he said, "I don't believe the situation is extremely critical right now. The Boeing Starliner did show some anomalies, which is why they're being cautious. The Starliner has had issues before, even before its launch, leading to several postponements. They ultimately decided to go ahead with the launch, but they're now wary of the risks involved in the return journey, which can be more dangerous than the launch itself. Boeing has been conducting ground tests to

prove the spacecraft's safety, but it seems the results and clearances are still pending. "The major issue is with Starliner's faulty propulsion system. It has raised safety concerns for a crewed return flight. NASA officials indicated a decision regarding the astronauts' fate is imminent, stating, "We really should be making a call, if not sooner" by the end of August. NASA is planning to bring back the astronauts in Elon Musk's SpaceX Crew-9 mission, scheduled for late September, but then they will return aboard Crew-9 early next year. ISRO Chief added, "They might end up using Crew Dragon to bring them back, but human spaceflight is complex and requires careful planning and scheduling. That's probably what they're waiting on." NASA Administrator Bill Nelson and other top officials are set to meet on Saturday. That is when it is expected that they will come up with the return date or timeline for the two astronauts.

