

'No Sweet Tooth, Boxes In Sukeshe Cell Had Cash'

Chargesheet Says Chandrasekhar Paid Close Aide, Actresses Who Visited Him In Tihar From This Money

CJI: Digitisation a step in right direction for justice delivery

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New Delhi: Sukeshe Chandrasekhar's visitors in Tihar Jail were often intrigued by the dozens of "sweets boxes" stacked in the fridge and on racks and his table. However, these boxes weren't there because Chandrasekhar, the key accused in the Rs 200-crore money laundering case, had a sweet tooth. According to Delhi Police's chargesheet, the boxes were filled with cash and Chandrasekhar allegedly paid the actresses

and his close associate, Pinky Irani, who also visited him in Tihar, from this money.

The actresses as well as Irani have reportedly acknowledged seeing him take out bundles of cash from these boxes for them. Irani, who has also been arrested, is named as an accused in the chargesheet.

Irani has claimed that she was introduced to Chandrasekhar by Unitech promoter Sanjay Chandra. The chargesheet has multiple references to the two brothers—Sanjay and Ajay Chandra—alleging that they were often pre-



sent in the special ward when the actresses visited the jail for "meetings". The brothers, real estate developers, were last year shifted to a jail in Mumbai on the Supreme Co-

CHARGESHEET SAYS

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urt's order after the enforcement directorate informed it about their alleged illegal activities in the prison.

Irani claimed in her statement, "I was approached by Sukeshe alias Shekhar four-five years ago through Sanjay Chandra with whom I had a very long association. Su-

kesh asked me that he wanted me to work for his company like New Express Post etc. At that time, Sukeshe had informed me that he was lodged in Tihar Jail in criminal cases. Sukeshe called me through various international numbers and one of the number used by him was +1(305)504-6666."

In the chargesheet, Irani has also narrated her alleged visits to Tihar Jail to meet Chandrasekhar: a testimony that once again underlines how the maximum-security prison had been suborned by a corrupt administration-criminal nexus. "During my visits in jail, there was no checking or entry in register. Sukeshe used to meet me (on both ground and first floors) at jail no. 1 in a very luxurious office, having all kind of amenities such as a very large LED TV, Apple computers, a fridge, boxes of sweets, large volumes

of branded gifts, etc. He had hidden cash in the fridge in sweet boxes and in boxes of sweet at different places in the room from where he would take out cash and give it to us for payment," she revealed.

"My job was to introduce Sukeshe to actors/models. I was in regular touch with Sukeshe till the first week of August 2021. I approached various models/actors while posing as Angel K, P Kumar, Alka Kumar, CFO of News Express Post and CFO of Jaya TV/Sun TV by concealing my identity."

New Delhi: Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Tuesday praised Delhi High Court for being at the forefront of digitisation, saying that the HC is way ahead of the Supreme Court in terms of the facilities provided to the judges and the litigants.

"The SC lays down the law for the entire country but the Delhi HC is way ahead of the SC in the facilities that are provided to not only judges but litigants. Your initiatives such as online e-filing, VC, digitising court records have enhanced the robustness of a sustainable court," the CJI said during the inauguration of Delhi High Court's online e-inspection software, which will facilitate online inspection of digitised judicial files.

He further said that digitisation is a step in the right direction of a sustainable transformation of the justice delivery system.

The next step will be implementing this in all the HC, the SC and, most importantly, the district courts, he added.

"It is essential to ensure that these online services are compatible with most used browsers, screen reading software that they can be operated with ease on mobile with low bandwidths and most importantly that they do not contribute to the digital divide," the CJI said.

He said that the Supreme Court has constituted a committee for the translation of top court's judgments into regional languages.

The CJI also said that he has constituted a committee as part of the e-committee of the SC which has judges from several HCs.

The notice issued by the HC in this regard states that any advocate or litigant who is already registered on the HC's e-filing portal can avail the facility by paying the fee of Rs 5 per application.

After scrutiny and verification of the uploaded forms, officials will upload those in the pdf format and send advocates, access to the same, via email. The time taken in the whole process will be three working days not including the day on which the form is submitted.

HC notifies rules for live streaming

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has prohibited unauthorised sharing of recordings by the public and media while notifying rules for live streaming of proceedings.

The 'Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings Rules of the High Court of Delhi, 2022' will apply to the HC and to all the courts and tribunals over which it has supervisory jurisdiction. "This provision shall also apply to all messaging applications...The court shall have the exclusive copyright in the recordings and archival data," the rules state. The rules were notified in the official gazette on January 13.

According to rules, print and electronic media and social media platforms, other than those authorised, shall not record, share or disseminate live-streamed proceedings or archival data of the court. The rules state any unauthorised usage of the live-stream will be punishable as an offence under the Indian Copyright Act, 1957, IT Act, 2000 and other provisions of law, including contempt of court.

The rules state live-stream shall not be reproduced, transmitted, uploaded, posted, modified, published or re-published in any form, without a prior written authorisation of the court and that the use of authorised recordings in their original form may be permitted to "disseminate news and for training, academic and educational purposes". TNN

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New Delhi: A 32-year-old cab driver was thrashed and attacked with a sharp object by two robbers in north Delhi's Kashmere Gate area.

He was waiting for his next passenger when the two men came and smashed the car window. One of them attempted to snatch his phone and when he resisted, the other man attacked him with a sharp object near his ear. Both the accused then fled with the phone.

The incident came days after a woman cab driver was attacked in a similar fashion on the same route.

The victim was identified as Leela Ram, a native of Charkhi Dabri. He works as a

Panel to be formed if violent incident reported at school: DoE

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New Delhi: The Directorate of Education (DoE) has decided that a committee will be constituted to decide on a student's expulsion or rustication in case a violent incident is reported at a school.

The move comes after a teacher at an Inderpuri school was allegedly attacked by three students on January 19. The next day, DoE had sought suggestions for "improving

driver for a cab aggregator.

He told the cops that he had parked his vehicle about 200 metres away from ISBT Gate on Ring Road on Sunday and was waiting for his next passenger. "While waiting for the passenger, Ram fell asleep. Between 3.30 am and 3.45 am, he heard a sound and when he woke up, he saw that the two men had broken one of the window panes of his car," an officer said.

The victim told the cops that the accused also threw stones at the car. One of the accused started snatching the mobile phone of the victim and asked for his wallet. "When he resisted it, the other accused attacked him with a sharp object near his ear. When he came out of the

car, both the accused fled," the officer said.

The victim then realised that he was bleeding, so he started his car and went to a hospital, police said.

A case under sections 392 (punishment for robbery) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the IPC was registered at the Kashmere Gate police station. The investigation has so far revealed that the accused were aged between 20 and 25 years.

Police said that they have formed a team to nab the culprits.

Earlier this month, a woman cab driver was also attacked in the same area. A history sheet was arrested in that case.

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court has observed that FIRs should not be registered against law students for posing as lawyers before the courts and they should be counselled instead.

"It is understandable that presiding officers take an objection where law interns tend to pose as lawyers, but on the other hand, these law interns, who are merely students, should be counselled, properly informed and instructed, rather than FIRs being registered, merely on this basis," said the single bench of Justice Anish Dayal.

The observations came while it quashed an FIR against a third-year law student who had sought an adjourn-

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ment before a metropolitan magistrate (MM) in Dwarka courts last year as proxy counsel after being instructed by an advocate. He was not wearing a band or a lawyer's robe. The court said the issue was amplified disproportionately before the MM.

The court said a law intern is a student who is in the process of understanding court practices and procedures and therefore it is the duty of the institution to take ade-

quate steps to facilitate their education and training and not simply punish them for these inadvertent acts.

The counsel representing the law student submitted that he was under the impression that a 'proxy' is somebody who seeks an adjournment and was not sure about the ramifications of the same.

The court, taking note that the petitioner has filed an undertaking that he will not appear or project himself as a lawyer in any proceeding before a court till he gets duly enrolled as an advocate, observed that no purpose would be served for the proceedings to continue. The FIR was registered on the complaint of the secretary of Dwarka Court Bar Association.

the atmosphere" in Delhi government schools. One of the key recommendations it received was that there was a "need to empower the school administration".

Invoking Rule 37 of Delhi School Education Act Rules, 1973, DoE has said in case of a violent incident, the director has the right to expel and rusticate a student. While expulsion debar a student from being readmitted to the school, rustication bans his or her admission in any school for a

certain period.

For students aged over 14, the action has been delegated to the disciplinary committee of the school. The committee will comprise the school head, who will be the chairperson, while the vice-chairperson of the school management committee (SMC), a senior teacher, the class teacher and the educational and vocational guidance counsellor will be the members.

"Disciplinary measures like expulsion/rustication

should be taken in extreme cases involving grave offence, where further retention of a student in school is likely to endanger the life/safety of the students/staff," said the circular issued by DoE director Himanshu Gupta.

Such measures should be taken only after giving the parent or guardian of the student "reasonable opportunity" of showing cause against the proposed action, it stated.

"The first appellate authority in such cases will be the

DDE zone while the second appellate authority will be the district DDE. The director of education will have the authority to review all decisions," added the circular.

Explaining the need to have such measures, the circular said, "Despite a very congenial atmosphere prevailing in our schools, at times freak incidents of violence by some students pose a threat to the safety and security of students and teachers."

Meanwhile, the Govern-

ment School Teachers Association (GSTA) termed the measures an "eyewash".

"Delhi government did not do anything after a teacher died in 2016. It shows how serious it is about teachers' safety. When the principal is part of the committee, why is there a need to have school management committee members in it? Political interference will result in no action being taken against the accused," said GSTA general secretary Ajay Veer Yadav.



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