

Captain Anshuman Singh's Widow Planning To Flee To Australia With Kirti Chakra, Money, Alleges Father



The father of Captain Anshuman Singh, who was awarded Kirti Chakra posthumously, has alleged that his daughter-in-law and widow of Anshuman, Smriti Singh is planning to flee from the country with the gallantry award and the ex gratia money. Speaking to ABP News, Captain Anshuman's father claimed that Smriti duped his son in the name of love. "She didn't love him," he said. On July 7, Smriti and her mother-in-law accepted the second-highest peacetime gallantry award, Kirti Chakra, from President Droupadi Murmu. Following the investiture ceremony, Smriti spoke about her personal life saying her meeting with Captain Anshuman at an engineering college was "love at first sight". Captain Ashuman's father also claimed that Smriti was planning to flee with the gallantry award and ex gratia money to Australia. The allegation comes just days after the martyred soldier's parents claimed that their daughter-in-law took away the gallantry award along with their son's clothes and photo album with her to her home in Punjab's Gurdaspur. Reports in the media had also suggested that Smriti had changed the permanent address listed in her husband's official documents from Lucknow to Gurdaspur ensuring any communication regarding Singh takes place with her. Captain Anshuman's father also called for a change in the 'next of kin' law of the Army. This law determines who would inherit assets and receive medical updates if something happens to a person in service. Similar to the concept of a nominee, the NOK rules determine, who gets the ex gratia as well. When a person joins the Army, their parent's or guardian's names are registered in the NOK. Once married, the spouse's name replaces the parent's name as their next kin. Recently, a derogatory comment by a social media user against Smriti Singh sparked outrage with the National Commission for Women (NCW) demanding strict action against the individual.

Man suspicious of wife's actions tracks her with a drone, shocked to discover her affair with boss

Hubai: A man in China was in for a shock after he discovered that his wife was not just having an extramarital affair but that she was having the affair with her boss. Yes, that's right. However, what made headlines is the fact that the man, named Jing, found out about the affair with the help of a drone that he had deployed to track his wife. Chinese man catches cheating wife using a drone Jing felt the need to deploy a drone after he noticed that his wife, Wu, had been behaving oddly in the recent past. Reports suggest that Wu, who used to be aware and present before some time, started going out

alone more often and used to tell Jing that she was going to meet her parents. However, as it turned out, Jing was not convinced by the idea. The drone that Jing had deployed showed Wu going to a remote mountain area and walking hand in hand with another man. However, Jing was shocked to find out that Wu was having an affair with none other than her boss. The two went inside an old mud house and were seen coming out of it after 20 minutes, after which, they went to a factory.

People laud use of technology

Several people who came to know of the man's idea to catch his wife called



it a clever use of technology. People said that it was good use of technology and that in today's day and age of such technological advancement, it is difficult to hide things and keep secrets. Well, it is true, don't you think?

This Will Be My Huge Insult, I Will Not Be Able to Tolerate It

Stuck at the eye of the storm in Maharashtra, IAS probationer Puja Khedkar is getting into more trouble with every passing day. For the uninitiated, she was transferred from Pune to Washim district following a letter to the General Administration Department by Pune Collector Dr Suhas Diwase. The letter highlighted that she made demands for a separate cabin and staff during her posting in Pune. She allegedly used a red beacon light on the Audi car and also got 'Maharashtra Government' written on it without permission. After the transfer, her OBC and disability certificates came under scrutiny, and even the Central government constituted a single-member committee "to verify the candidature" of Khedkar. Pune: Did IAS Puja Khedkar Give More Than the Permitted UPSC Attempts by Changing Name? Read Here Later, various issues arose, including an old video of her mother allegedly threatening farmers with a gun, which went viral. Additionally, the illegal construction on the footpath in front of her house in Pune came under fire, with the Pune civic body issuing no-



tice to her parents for the same. Now, the parents of the officer have been booked for allegedly threatening farmers. Pune: Who is IAS Dr Puja Khedkar? What Did She Exactly Do? Read the Story of Brazen Misuse of Power and 'Reservation' Which Tricked UPSC WhatsApp message sent to Pune DC With new details emerging every day, a message sent by Khedkar to district collector Dr Suhas Diwase has also come to light, along with WhatsApp chats of the officer. The message was written by Khedkar after she was asked to vacate the antechamber of the additional collector at the office. While she nar-

rated the whole scenario which led her to taking up the space in the chamber, she also appealed to the collector, saying, "If you now ask me to vacate the chamber, I will be insulted and I will not be able to tolerate the insult. That is why I request you to let me continue sitting in the same chamber." She also noted that IAS probationers like her got their own offices at their respective places and vehicles, and thus she also feels like having the separate space to sit and vehicle. She also mentioned that the chambers of resident district collectors were vacated for probationary officers. The message sent on WhatsApp has been attached in the letter written by Diwase to GAD.

Read the full message here: Meanwhile, the probationary IAS officer in the eye of a storm for alleged misuse of power and manipulating disability and OBC quotas on Monday sidestepped questions related to the ongoing probe against her, saying the truth will eventually prevail, while the Pune police searched for her parents in a separate criminal case.

Income Tax e-filing portal glitches return; ITR filing problems mount

The deadline for filing Income Tax Return (ITR) is approaching and glitches in the online Income Tax e-filing portal are rising once again. The challenge has risen to such a level that the Income Tax Bar Association Calcutta has dispatched four letters to the Central Processing Unit of the Income Tax Department in Bengaluru for quick redressal as filing tax has become a real challenge. "The challenges are rising like last year. Sometimes the portal won't just respond, sometimes OTPs would not be generated. Even the nature of the problems can't be predicted," said secretary of the Income Tax Bar Association Calcutta.

Huge number of taxpayers

As many as 8.18 crore ITRs were filed in AY 2023-24 and therefore, glitches put a huge number of taxpayers at terrible discomfort.

Last date to file ITR 2 weeks away

The last date of filing ITR is July 31. Taxpayers are penalised with late fees that can be as much as Rs 5,000 and carry additional interest if one misses the deadline. The problem

seems to be a tragic action replay of the troubles in 2022, when a countrywide chorus put the finance ministry in deep embarrassment and they were forced to pull up Infosys - the company responsible for the maintenance of the site - publicly.

"Poor services" flayed

"We are compelled to give you a third reminder due to poor services of the portal and resulting hindrances in filing Income Tax Returns for AY 2024-25. It has become a serious concern now that the income tax portal glitches are still continuing without any satisfactory resolution. For the last few days, the portal service is mostly unavailable during the office hours. The situation is ignominious for professionals who have taken the responsibility of filing their clients' IT returns," wrote the Bar Association from Kolkata in a letter sent on July 13. "Due to regular crash the data and information cannot be synchronised which is causing severe hindrance in the process," the letter added.

Infosys in the dock

The company which upgraded the



portal and maintains it, Infosys has been at the receiving end of a torrent of criticisms for the past couple of years but is still grappling with the problems. On June 7, 2022, tagging Infosys CEO Salil Parekh, Income Tax Department authorities had written on their official social media handle "Issue relating to the search functionality of the e-filing website has come to our notice. The Income Tax Department is seized of the matter. @Infosys has been directed to look into it & @Infosys has confirmed that that they are resolving the issue on priority. @SalilParekh. "No such response has been evident so far this year even as the trouble continues said income tax practitioner Manojit Banerjee.

Israel Used Protocol That Put Civilians At Risk On October 7

The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) used the 'Hannibal directive' during the Hamas attack on October 7, Haaretz, a leading daily, has reported. This directive allows soldiers to use force to prevent kidnappings, even if it puts the lives of hostages at risk, it said. The Hannibal Directive is a controversial Israeli military policy that orders the use of maximum force to prevent the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers, even if it means risking their lives. The policy allows soldiers to open fire without constraints, targeting not only the abductors but also potential escape routes,

Japan, Philippines ink defence pact, amid China's aggression

Manila [Philippines], : Japan and the Philippines on Monday signed a bilateral defence agreement to facilitate joint exercises for closer security cooperation, amid China's growing assertion in regional waters. Japanese Foreign Minister Kamikawa Yoko and Philippines Defence Secretary Gilbert Teodoro Jr. signed the Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) treaty documents in the presence of President Ferdinand R Marcos Jr. in a ceremony at Malacan Palace according to reports from state media of the two countries-Philippines News Agency (PNA) and Kyodo. Prior to signing of the new defence deal, President Marcos met with Kamikawa and Japanese Defence Minister Minoru Kihara. Marcos termed the deal as "very important agreement" while Kamikawa said the signing of the RAA is "a great achievement" for the two countries deepening bilateral relations. The agreement, which will come into force after getting ratified by respective legislative bodies of the Philippines and Japan, is expected to ease restrictions on personnel transfers between the Japan Self-Defence Forces and the Philippine military for joint drills and disaster relief operations in each other's country. Once the agreement takes effect, Japan will be able to participate as a full member in the large-scale Balikatan military exercise conducted annually by the Philippines and the United States near the Southeast Asian nation, which the SDF have previously joined in an observer capacity, reported Kyodo. The treaty comes after Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Marcos agreed last November to start negotiations. As per PNA, the Philippines has inked similar defence pacts with the United States and Australia, while another defence deal is being pursued with France. Similarly, Japan has pacts with Australia and Britain and one with the US called the Status of Forces Agreement. Earlier this year on June 17 Chinese and Philippine sailors clashed near the Second Thomas Shoal about 200 km away from Palawan island. As per Al Jazeera, during that incident, the Chinese forces injured Filipino navy personnel and damaged at least two military boats in the South China Sea. Additionally, the Filipino sailors also accused Chinese coastguards of stealing and damaging their equipment. Meanwhile, later today Kihara and Kamikawa will take part in a "two-plus-two" ministerial security dialogue with Teodoro and Philippine Foreign Secretary Enrique Manalo. In June, this year, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Philippines, General Romeo Brawner ticked off China over repeated confrontations between the Philippines and China in the South China Sea and accused China for "Acting Like Pirates" as per a report in the Al Jazeera. Notably, the incidents of confrontations in the South China Sea have been continuing despite an international tribunal ruling its claim to have "no legal basis" in 2016. As China has made expansionist claims over almost the entire South China Sea claiming it to be under the Nine-Dash Line. The same news report also claimed that the country has also build artificial islands and military outposts near the reef.

including junctions, roads and highways, a former Israeli army soldier told Al Jazeera. The directive was last invoked in 2014 during the Gaza war, resulting in the deaths of dozens of Palestinians and accusations of war crimes. Although the Israeli army denied using the doctrine, it was reportedly revoked in 2016 and used again now. According to the Haaretz report, the protocol was used by the IDF after the October 7 attack at three army facilities, potentially endangering civilians. A message sent to Israel's Gaza division at 11:22 am ordered that "not a single vehicle can re-

turn to Gaza," implying that vehicles could be carrying kidnapped civilians or soldiers. "Everyone knew by then that such vehicles could be carrying kidnapped civilians or soldiers ... Everyone knew what it meant to not let any vehicles return to Gaza," a source told the Israeli newspaper. While the extent of harm to civilians and soldiers is unknown, soldiers' testimonies and IDF officers suggest it was used widely. The report stated that the Hannibal directive "did not prevent the kidnapping of seven of them [soldiers] or the killing of 15 other spotters, as well as 38

other soldiers". On October 7, Hamas captured dozens of Israelis, including both soldiers and civilians. Many of these captives remain in the group's custody, while others were killed in subsequent Israeli airstrikes on Gaza. According to Israeli authorities, 1,139 people have died in the attacks, with 250 taken captive. Israel's onslaught in Gaza has killed 38,000 people and displaced 1.9 million -- about 90% of the city's population -- since the beginning of the war.

Modi breaks long silence on Manipur

Prime Minister Narendra Modi told the Rajya Sabha, in his first remarks in many months on Manipur, that many steps have been taken to improve the situation in the state and efforts are still being made to restore full normalcy. He had for long evaded any mention of Manipur. The President's address to the joint session of parliament also did not mention Manipur. It was perhaps the pressure from parliament and elsewhere, including the critical comments made by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, that forced the prime minister to speak about the situation there. Modi expressed satisfaction over the decline of violence in the state, but the ground situation is different from the picture that he sought to present. Bimal Akoijam, MP from Inner Manipur, gave a vivid picture of that in his speech in parliament. Mere words won't do. There is much to be done in Manipur if normalcy is to be restored. Modi said schools have re-

opened and examinations are being conducted. But many of the schools are 'Schools on Wheels,' run by Vidya Bharati, which make the rounds of relief camps. That is not normal schooling. Over 60,000 people live in relief camps. There can be no normalcy till they return to their homes and rebuild their lives. The state is virtually divided into two regions, and the territories are guarded by armed personnel. The two main communities in the state, the Meiteis and the Kukis, do not enter each other's territory. Vigilantes are active. Arms looted from government armouries are in free circulation. As Bimal Akoijam said in parliament, there are security forces in every sq. km of the state. That too is not a sign of normalcy. Chief Minister Biren Singh has been part of the problem in Manipur. As long as he is in office, no efforts of the state government or the Centre to restore normalcy will be credible and effective. Modi



blamed the Opposition for politicising Manipur. But he himself resorted to politics by blaming unnamed elements for fuelling the fire, and criticising the Congress for imposing President's rule on Manipur many times in the past. That does not answer the questions raised about his government's handling of the present situation. He has belatedly made a statement about the state. He must follow it up with sincere efforts to restore peace and normalcy. He could also make a gesture of his sincerity by visiting the state which he has avoided for over a year.

Supreme Court convenes, medical exam hearing to begin shortly



While the Supreme Court has convened for hearings, the NEET-UG hearing has not started yet. The pleas are listed as item 31 before the apex court. Tamil Nadu Minister and DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin said, "You all have already decided to vote for the DMK... It is the DMK which raised its voice against the NEET exam and now the leaders of the northern states have started opposing it. It is the BJP which is against it (opposing the NEET exam) and the PMK is in alliance with them and is contesting this bypoll, so I ask you all to defeat them in this bypoll." NTA said in its statement, "The NTA is also addressing public grievances regarding the exam conducted for CUET-UG that were received up to June 30. If a grievance is found genuine, the NTA is committed to redoing the exam for these candidates at selected centres any day between July 15 and 19." CJI Chandrachud rapped an advocate appearing on behalf of students in Gujarat seeking not to cancel the NEET examination. CJI said, "Please wait until the matter is called out." The Supreme Court hearing on NEET-UG 2024 begins as the counsel convenes. A counsel mentions a petition filed by 56 students from Gujarat opposing the pleas to re-conduct the NEET-UG exam. A total of 67 students had scored a perfect 720, unprecedented in the NTA's history, with six from a Haryana centre figuring in the list, raising suspicions about irregularities in the examination. It has been alleged that grace

marks contributed to the 67 students sharing the top rank. The Supreme Court hearing on the irregularities in the NEET-UG examination is expected to begin anytime now, by a bench headed by CJI D Y Chandrachud. The Medical Counselling Committee (MCC), under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has not yet notified the counselling schedule of NEET UG and PG courses for the year 2024, leading to a delay in the process. The NTA announced on Sunday that a retest will be conducted for CUET-UG candidates from July 15 to 19 if any grievance raised by them about the conduct of the exam is found correct. Ranging from the cancellation of the exam to the complete retest, the Supreme Court today will hear 38 total petitions filed against the NEET UG 2024 examination today. "It is submitted that if the entire examination process is cancelled without there being any tangible factors warranting such actions it would be highly detrimental to the larger public interest involving the academic career of lakhs of students who

have attempted the examination fairly without any wrongdoing or even an allegation of wrongdoing," the NTA said. The petitioners against the NEET UG 2024 examination have sought a complete retest, alleging that the widespread paper leak has hurt the sanctity of the examination. Other petitioners have sought the cancellation of the exam altogether. NTA, which is responsible for conducting NEET UG, said that the entirety of the exam was carried out fairly and with due confidentiality without any illegal practices, and the claim of "mass malpractice" during the exam is "completely unfounded, misleading, and lacks any basis". NTA, in its affidavit to the Supreme Court, said, "The cancellation of the entire examination on the basis of the aforesaid factor, would be hugely counterproductive and significantly harmful to the larger public interest, especially to the career prospects of the qualified candidates." Centre told Supreme Court in an affidavit, "It is also submitted that at the same time, in the absence of any proof of any large-scale breach of confidentiality in a pan-India examination, it would not be rational to scrap the entire examination and the results already declared." A Supreme Court bench, comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, will hear a total 38 petitions on the NEET 2024 undergraduate examination today, according to the cause list of the court.

