

JAL JEEVAN MISSION

Bihar minister disputes Centre data, flags higher number in state scheme

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18



Bihar Water Resources Minister Sanjay Kumar Jha

BIHAR WATER Resources Minister Sanjay Kumar Jha on Wednesday disputed figures reported by the Centre on the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) dashboard...

tap water connections to rural households under the JJM since it began in 2019, Jha in a tweet gave the breakup of the connections under different schemes.

discounted, the national figure will drop to 3.36 crore from 4.74 crore as reported on the JJM dashboard on Wednesday. In his Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said: "I am happy that in just two years of Jal Jeevan Mission, more than 4.5 crore families have started getting tap water."

Justice Chanda made permanent judge of HC

Nod for Calcutta HC judge who was caught in Mamata row

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, AUGUST 18

THE SUPREME COURT Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana on Wednesday notified its decision confirming Justice Kausik Chanda, additional judge of Calcutta High Court, as permanent judge of that court.

from his bench, citing a "likelihood of bias". During the hearing for removal of the judge, Banerjee had stated that the judge could be biased as the government had opposed the proposal to appoint him as permanent judge since he was an "active member" of the BJP.

On Wednesday, the Collegium for appointments to High Courts, which comprises Justices U.U. Lalit and A.M. Khanwilkar apart from the CJI, also notified that it has approved proposals to appoint six additional judges of the Karnataka High Court as permanent judges of that court.

India, Australia sign document to boost naval ties

New Delhi: Chiefs of the Indian and Australian navies on Wednesday signed a guidance document to streamline interaction between the two forces at various levels.

The Navy said in a statement that the signing ceremony for the 'Joint Guidance for the Australia-India Navy to Navy Relationship' document was held via videoconference between Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh, and Admiral Michael Noonan, Chief of Navy, Australian Navy.

Australia and India, along with the US and Japan are members of the four-nation Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, or the Quad, which has irked China. The navies of the four Quad nations will also participate in the Malabar Naval Exercise later this year.

PEGASUS CONTROVERSY

SC notice to Centre, Bengal on plea against inquiry panel

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SUPREME COURT on Wednesday issued notice on a plea to quash the July 27 notification of the West Bengal government setting up a two-member panel to inquire into allegations of use of Pegasus spyware for illegal surveillance.

A bench of Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana and Justices Surya Kant and Aniruddha Bose issued notice to the Centre as well as the West Bengal government, seeking their response, on the plea filed by NGO Global Village Foundation. The bench said the matter will be taken up on August 25 along with other pending petitions seeking court-

monitored inquiry into the controversy. Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta termed the constitution of the committee "unconstitutional". Stating that he will assist the bench on the point of constitutionality, he said, "It is unconstitutional as I can say."

Samajwadi MP booked for sedition over Taliban remarks

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SAMAJWADI PARTY MP Shafiqur Rehman Barq has been booked for sedition following his recent remarks allegedly defending the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan and equating it with India's own freedom struggle, police said on Wednesday.

Punjab ex-DGP Saini arrested in disproportionate assets case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 18

THE PUNJAB Vigilance Bureau arrested former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini on Wednesday night as he went to join an investigation in connection with a disproportionate assets case registered against him on August 2.

Reports, which could not be confirmed, suggested Saini was arrested by the VB in connection with "fresh FIR" relating to alleged irregularities in "recruitment of constables in Punjab Police". Stating that Saini was a Z-plus category protectee — "meaning there is no chance of his absconding", the Punjab and Haryana High Court had earlier granted him interim anticipatory bail in the corruption case. The court had also directed Saini to surren-



Sumedh Singh Saini

him in any case pertaining to any incident during his service career. A top functionary of the Punjab Police said, "He was formally arrested in another case for having committed forgery in order to stall the process of attachment of house no. 3048, Sector 20-D, Chandigarh, by the court of Special Judge Mohali. Saini has been claiming to be a tenant in the house after his retirement."

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