



Jacqueline appears before EOW

Actor questioned for second time in extortion case linked to conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar

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BOLLYWOOD actor Jacqueline Fernandez on Monday appeared before the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) in connection with an investigation related to an extortion case linked to alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar, officials said.

This is the second time that the actor has been summoned for questioning by Delhi Police for her alleged role in the case, officials said.

The actress had to be confronted with her costume designer, but she did not join the probe as she was unwell.

The EOW asked for her parents' bank information along with hers. There were ties related to their banks accounts in the case as well.

The focus of the investigation was on the role of her costume designer Lipkashi in this case. Along with this, EOW also asked about the Ducati Bike that was seized by the police last Wednesday.

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office of Economic Offences Wing on Mandir Marg.

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Chandrashekhar, who is currently in jail here, is accused of cheating many people, including high-profile individuals such as former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh's wife Aditi Singh.

On August 17, the Enforcement Directorate filed a chargesheet naming Fernandez as an accused in a multi-crore money laundering case linked to Chandrashekhar.

Career amid chaos: Students seek visas to war-hit Ukraine

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A 24-year-old student Arman Khan has applied for a transit visa to Poland, which he expects to be cleared by next week. Khan, who is studying MBBS at Ukraine's Ternopil Medical National University, decided to return to the war-torn country after the Centre clarified that Ukraine-returned medical students are not permitted to study in Indian colleges.

"I have no other option but to return. I can't risk my career just waiting for normalcy to return in Ukraine," he said. Like Khan, hundreds of other medical students who fled Ukraine after Russia declared war on it are willing to go back to their respective universities and continue their studies physically even though the country remains embroiled in a major crisis due to the Russian invasion. Many have reached it already.

Anurag Vats, who studies medicine at Vinnytsia National Technical University, reached his college campus

earlier this month. Vats took a detour from Moldova since the airspace of Ukraine is shut down for flights. "I stayed there for three days to wait for my other batchmates. Then we booked a bus and reached our university," he said.

Seven months ago, about 20,000 such students were rescued after they were trapped in the war between two nations. They now have several reasons to return.

Poor connectivity hinders online education

Students said that online classes in Ukraine are not being conducted with uniformity due to the war situation, which has hampered internet connectivity for several months.

"In all these months, there was not even one single lecture, which was not interrupted due to technical issues. I was not able to submit my assignments either. Besides, the lack of practical knowledge was making me less competitive," said Shriya Gupta, who studies at Ternopil

university.

The students said that the National Medical Council (NMC) mandates Indian medical students enrolled in foreign universities to attend physical classes and practicals in their final years.

Peace returning to Western Ukraine

Kartikeya Tiwari, a student of Lviv National Medical University, said the situation in the eastern regions of Ukraine, like Kherson and Kharkiv, is volatile while peace is returning to the western part, which is far away from the war zones.

"Though we have a curfew, which is applicable from 11 pm to 5 am, the situation otherwise is quite peaceful. A few stray incidents have happened. We also get to hear air-sirens sometimes, but largely, the community here is safe and routine services are operational," he informed.

The returning peace to the region has encouraged many Indian students to plan their return, the students said.

NEW PROJECT

11 upcoming hospitals to boost health infra: Sisodia

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DEPUTY Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Monday said the 11 upcoming hospitals will boost the health infrastructure in the national capital and help in efficiently fighting emergencies like the Covid pandemic.

Eleven new hospitals are being constructed in Delhi which will increase the number of hospital beds in Delhi government-run hospitals by 10,000.

Sisodia held a review meeting with PWD officials and the health department and reviewed the progress of construction works.

He directed officials to complete all construction works on time and ensure quality standards are maintained. Officials said construction of most of the hospitals will be completed by the end of this year, whereas the remaining will be done by mid-2023.

Of the 11 hospitals, four will have a capacity of 3,237 beds while seven semi-permanent ICU hospitals will have a capacity of 6,838 beds. "These will prove to be helpful in fighting situations like the Covid-19 pandemic and emergency cases efficiently. These new hospitals will give a boost to Delhi's health infrastructure and millions of Delhiites will be able to avail world-class healthcare facilities," he said.

To deal with emergency, the government is coming up with seven new ICU hospitals across the capital. These hospitals will have a capacity of 6,838 beds and will be semi-permanent, officials said.

Nigerian citizen becomes 9th patient to test positive for monkeypox in capital

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THE national capital reported 9th Monkeypox case as a 30-year-old Nigerian woman tested positive on Monday, the doctors said.

Her reports arrived from the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune which confirmed her with the disease.

The patient was admitted to the isolation facility of Lok Nayak Hospital (LNH) after she came to the facility with complaints of fever, sore throat, blisters on her skin, face and around genital area.

However, she is receiving the treatment well and is in stable condition, they added.

According to the officials, the woman had no recent history of international travel.

With the latest case, a total of six women have been detected with the viral skin disease. The rest of the three cases are men. Of all nine cases, eight patients are of African descendants, while one was a city local.

Currently, three patients are receiving treatment at the hospital's isolation ward.

"One more patient is admitted under suspicion of carrying the virus. His report is



awaited," a senior doctor said.

Six patients with blisters around genitals

According to the doctors, six of the patients carried blisters around their genitals which is commonly seen in the cases reported abroad.

It indicates close physical contact which could have happened during sexual intercourse or even by using clothes of the infected person," senior dermatologist from the hospital said.

Better cooperation with authorities

Meanwhile, the officials said that the last two-three cases were supportive in providing information regarding addresses and contacts. It helped us in expediting the containment and surveillance processes.

Over 100 Dengue cases reported in 7 days: MCD

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MORE than 100 cases of Dengue were logged in the last one week in the national capital, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) said on Monday.

According to the latest data, 101 cases of the vector borne disease were added between September 11-17, taking the infection tally to 396 so far.

No deaths have been reported so far this year due to the disease, it added.

Dengue has been recording a steady rise in the last three weeks. The infection almost doubled last week compared to the week earlier. Fifty-five cases were recorded between September 4 and 10 while 39 cases were logged between August 28 and September 3, the data read.



Meanwhile, the monthly rise in Dengue cases has been over 120 per cent.

The city logged 178 cases till August 13, which rose to 295 by September 10 and climbed to 396 by last week, according to the report MCD shared.

The civic body said that out of 396 dengue cases reported

this year so far, 185 were detected in areas under its jurisdiction. The remaining cases were from the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), cantonment, and railways, the report added.

FIR against builder at IIT Delhi campus after noting heavy mosquito breeding

In a strict action against mosquito breeding, the civic body lodged an FIR against a construction firm engaged with IIT Delhi. The site where the construction was underway was found to be a heavy breeding ground for mosquitoes, officials said.

"MCD carried out a special checking drive for breeding of mosquitoes in all 12 Zones. We found a large breeding ground for mosquitoes in the IIT campus where construction was underway. We have lodged an FIR against the builder under the relevant sections," a senior official said.

Besides, the officials also informed that 86,895 legal notices have been issued against the violators while prosecution has launched against 30,954 of such offenders.

Monsoon to retreat by Sept-end

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THE monsoon is likely to withdraw from Delhi-NCR by the end of the month as against the usual date of September 24-25, weather forecasters said on Monday.

A low pressure area developing over the Bay of Bengal will travel across northeast Madhya Pradesh and reach up to east Uttar Pradesh. It is likely to impact the weather in Delhi-NCR till September 24-25, said Mahesh Palawat, vice president, Skymet Weather. "We expect the monsoon to withdraw from Delhi and neighbouring areas by September 27-28," he said. Normally, the monsoon starts withdrawing from northwest India by September 17. It is likely to start receding from west Rajasthan in two days, Palawat said.

EXPRESS READ

5K kerbside EV charging points in next 3 years

New Delhi: The government is planning to install over 5,000 kerbside charging points for electric vehicles on all major roads in the next three years, officials said on Monday.

Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi V-C Jasmine Shah convened a meeting on the implementation of the same in the national capital. Kerbside charging is an emerging concept globally wherein EVs can be charged while being parked on roadside.

LG reviews work to decongest 77 corridors

New Delhi: Lt Governor V K Saxena on Monday reviewed the progress of works to decongest 77 corridors across Delhi and expressed displeasure at the high pendency of tasks, an official said. He also directed the Public Works Department (PWD) to expedite the work to decongest bottlenecks. With the completion of pending works, the traffic is expected to be better on the Moti Bagh-RTR stretch, New Rohtak Road and Loni Road, it said.

Driver strangled to death in Gurugram

New Delhi: A 34-year-old driver working with a private company was allegedly strangled to death by his acquaintance while they were drinking liquor together late Sunday night in Naharpur Rupa area. The father of the deceased alleged that he was killed over personal enmity. An FIR has been registered at Sadar police station, officials said Monday. According to the police, the deceased was identified as Narender alias Vicky, a resident of Shiv colony.

Platform Screen Doors in Delhi-Meerut corridor soon

Train with 6 coaches

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ENSURING safety of passengers, the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has started installing Platform Screen Doors (PSDs) at the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) stations on Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor. The platform screen doors will act as a barrier between the train and tracks to ensure safe travel for the passengers.

The installation has started from Guldhar RRTS station of priority section consisting of automatic sliding doors, fixed door panels, platform end gates,



emergency escape doors and fixed screens on the platform.

It will be integrated with RRTS train doors and ETCS level-2 signalling system, resulting in train doors opening and closing simultaneously with platform screen doors. The train

will only run when the doors of the train and platform screen doors are closed. Installation of screen doors for the remaining stations of the priority section has also started; gaining pace with the roof completion of the roof sheds of the stations. The PSDs will also help in preventing unforeseen incidents and reduce the risk of accidents.

The trains that will run on the RRTS corridor will consist of 6 coaches, comprising 5 standard and one premium class coach. The train has 17 doors in total and based upon this, 17 platform screen doors will be installed in each platform of the RRTS stations.