

In HC, live-in partner seeks 60-yr-old's custody

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Ahmedabad: Gujarat HC ordered a medical checkup for a 60-year-old who could not properly answer the court's query on whether he wanted to return to his live-in partner, who sought his custody through a

habeas corpus petition.

A woman living in Gandhinagar district's Koba sought the sexagenarian's custody, alleging that his sister had taken him to her residence on the grounds of ill health a few months ago and the petitioner had not been allowed to con-

tact him. The HC found no improvement in his condition and noted his responses to its questions were "very slow". His partner and sister continued blaming each other for his health, but both agreed to the court's suggestion for a medical exam at a govt hospital.

The health and family welfare department's law officer informed the HC that the medical board at the civil hospital would undertake a comprehensive checkup of his "physical, psychological, neurological and substance abuse" parameters.

Disinheriting loving wife makes will suspicious: SC

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New Delhi: Courts will view a will with suspicion if its maker, despite sharing a life-long loving relationship with his wife, seeks to disinherit her and bequeaths the property to distant relatives, Supreme Court has said.

Doubts over the genuineness of such a will, allegedly penned by an illiterate agriculturist 18 years before his death, gave a widow from Himachal Pradesh the right to retain ancestral property after a 33-year-long legal battle.

The woman and her heirs moved SC against a Himachal HC judgment in 2016. A bench of Justices Manoj Misra and K V Viswanathan reserved the verdict in March 2025.

Writing the judgment, which was delivered Tuesday, Justice Misra said it was incomprehensible that even though the woman took care of her husband till his death in 1992, he would execute a will in 1974 giving away his land to his brother's children. The alleged will also made the false claim that the man's relatives were living with him to take care of him.

E-Auction Sale Notice under IBC, 2016.

Notice for Sale of Assets

Plutus Infrastructures Private Limited

CIN : U51432CT2014PTC001546

Regd. Office : Paradise, Ring Road No.-1, Kaushal Ghri Nirman Samiti, Raipur Chowk, Raipur - 492001 (CG)

Liquidator's Office: A D B & Company, Chartered Accountants, 1st Floor, Mahavir Gausala Complex, Moudhapara, Raipur (C.G.) - 492001

Sale of Assets of M/s Plutus Infrastructures Private Limited (In Liquidation) forming part of Liquidation Estate by the Liquidator appointed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Cuttack Bench vide order IA, (IB) No. 28/CB of 2023 dated 24th January 2023 The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform-<https://ibbi.banknet.com>

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EMD Submission Deadline- Date- 25.07.2026

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Terms & Conditions of the E-Auction are as under: 1. E-Auction will be conducted on 'AS IS WHERE IS', 'AS IS WHAT IS' AND 'WHATEVER THERE IS' basis. As such sale of assets of the company is without any recourse or any kind of warranties and indemnities and is being conducted through approved E-Auction Service Provider PSB Alliance Private Limited. All the terms and conditions of the auction are available at <https://ibbi.banknet.com>. 2. Prospective bidders need to register on Banknet auction platform. (<https://ibbi.banknet.com>) and should carefully read the eligibility criteria and shall submit the requisite documents, including a declaration of eligibility under Section 29A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code through the electronic auction platform. 3. Prospective bidders shall deposit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) through the Banknet auction platform. It is also specified that if the bidder is found ineligible under section 29A or under any other criterion of the Code, EMD shall be forfeited. 4. All the auction process documents are uploaded on the Banknet Portal and the participants must download the same and submit all the documents on the portal. 5. The Qualified Bidders, prior to submitting their Bid, should make their independent enquiries regarding the Company, Assets, Claims and Liabilities, Commercial and Financial Commitments, Operational and Maintenance Charges and other recurring and incidental business costs, if any, at their own expense and satisfy themselves. 6. The Successful Bidder will be responsible for the applicable stamp duties, legal cost, transfer charges and fees, GST and other taxes related to the sale unit under this E-Auction and for completing the documentation and obtaining the permission relating to the sale of assets of Company. 7. As per the Paragraph 12 of Schedule I of IBC (Liquidation Process), Regulations, 2019, on the close of the auction, the highest bidder shall be invited to provide balance sale consideration within ninety days of the date of such demand. Provided that payments made after thirty days shall attract interest at the rate of 12%. Provided further that the sale shall be cancelled if the payment is not received within ninety days. 8. It is clarified that, this invitation purports to invite prospective bidders and does not create any kind of binding obligation on the part of the Liquidator or the Company to effectuate the sale. The Liquidator reserves the right to cancel or modify the e-auction process and / or not to accept and / or disqualify any interested party / potential investor / bidder without assigning any reason and without any liability. 9. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Liquidator. The Liquidator shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims / rights / dues. 10. The sale shall be subject to regulation prescribed under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

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How India's 'Bridge Man' connected lives, villages

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Mangaluru: Long before govts began speaking of rural connectivity as a development mantra, Padma Shri Girish Bharadwaj was already solving it village by village — for children who walked through forests to reach school, patients who had no way to reach a hospital in the monsoon, and farmers whose produce never made it to market because a river stood in the way.

Fondly known as the 'Bridge Man of India' and 'Sethu Bandhu', Bharadwaj, who died at a private hospital in Sullia in Dakshina Kannada district Tuesday at the age of 76, built more than 140 suspension bridges across rural India.

He was born on May 12, 1950, in Aletty village of Sullia taluk. The nearest school was 5km away through dense forest, so he began his education directly in Class V. A bright student who later graduated in mechanical engineering in 1973, he briefly worked as a farmer before and after his engineering course and, on his parents' advice, set up a small engineering workshop in Sullia. The early years were marked by struggle. Seasonal repair work on farm machinery, fabrication jobs and automobile repairs barely kept the workshop afloat. Work slowly picked up only after a govt rubber factory opened nearby.

Then came the moment that would define his life. In 1989, people from his vil-



Bharadwaj built over 140 hanging footbridges connecting villages separated by rivers

lage approached him with an unusual request: to build a hanging bridge across the Payaswini river. Bharadwaj initially declined, admitting he had no experience in bridge engineering. But the villagers believed 'an engineer is an engineer' and refused to take no for an answer.

Accepting the challenge, he designed a simple suspension footbridge using indigenous materials and local skills. Villagers pooled money, contributed labour, and built the towers and anchorages under his guidance, while Bharadwaj offered his technical expertise and fabrication work free of cost. The bridge was completed in Aug the same year.

News of the low-cost bridge spread rapidly. Within a few years, govt departments began inviting him to repli-

cate the model elsewhere. The first bridge in Sullia stands as a monument to community participation and grassroots innovation.

Over the next three decades, Bharadwaj built suspension footbridges across Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and other states. Inspired by iconic suspension bridges such as San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge and Japan's Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, he simplified the technology to suit rural India using locally available materials and cost-effective designs.

His work also took him into difficult terrain. While constructing bridges in Odisha, he encountered Naxals but refused to abandon projects meant to serve remote communities. In one location in the state, he built a bridge because he was moved by the plight of villagers carrying bicycles to cross a water body. Honoured with the Padma Shri in 2017 and several awards over the years, Bharadwaj never viewed bridge-building as a business. Inspired by the story of Guha, the boatman in the Ramayana, he believed helping people cross rivers was a sacred service. "People's tears of joy are my biggest award," he often said.

He believed in former President APJ Abdul Kalam's vision that rural connectivity was the foundation of national development. Bharadwaj was also involved in water conservation initiatives.

HC upholds uniform legal marriage age

'Sharia Can't Override Child Protection Law'

Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN

Prayagraj: The legal age for marriage applies uniformly to all citizens irrespective of religion, Allahabad HC has held, saying provisions of sharia or Muslim personal law cannot override Prohibition of Child Marriage Act and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

The observations were made by a division bench of Justices JJ Munir and Achal Sachdev on July 1 while dismissing a petition filed by 19 people, seeking the quashing of an FIR registered against them in Bulandshahr for allegedly assaulting and obstructing police and Child Line officials who had intervened to



Prohibition of Child Marriage and PoCSO Acts are statutes based on public health, and there can be 'no escape' for anyone, HC said

stop the wedding of a 16-year-old Muslim girl.

The petitioners argued that under sharia law, a girl can marry on attaining puberty, generally considered to be at 15 years. They contended that Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, would not affect personal laws governing Muslim marriages.

Rejecting the argument,

the bench said, "Prohibition of Child Marriage and PoCSO Acts are statutes that are based on public health and national policy in this regard. They have a scientific understanding to them, legislative translated into prohibitory statutes and there can be no escape from it for anyone."

Acknowledging differing views expressed by various high courts on the issue, the bench said it was in complete agreement with the rea-

soning adopted by the Kerala HC that no personal law can override statutory prohibitions against child marriage.

The court found that there had been a determined attempt by the minor's parents and community members to solemnise her marriage in violation of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act. It commended the police and Child Line team for intervening to prevent a possible offence under PoCSO Act.

Referring to the allegations in the FIR, the bench observed that the officials were abused, threatened and forced to protect themselves from the aggression of the petitioners.

"The victim was forcibly taken from their care and custody till she was finally rescued. This is certainly a case where obstruction in the performance of duties of a govt servant is prima facie made out," the HC said.

The court dismissed the plea and allowed the investigation to continue.

UP teen kills 12-yr-old after fight over cricket

Varanasi: A cricket match between children in Uttar Pradesh's Bhadohi district ended in murder after a 12-year-old boy was allegedly beaten to death with a cricket bat by a 14-year-old following an argument over a "no-ball" on Wednesday. Police detained the accused minor; reports Binay Singh.

The crime occurred at Ambed-



kar Park in Bhani-pur village. During the match, the teens argued over a no-ball. The dispute escalated, and the 14-year-old allegedly struck the 12-year-old boy's head with a cricket bat, police said.

The severely injured, bleeding boy was rushed to a private hospital, where doctors declared him dead. Police sent the body for post-mortem. SHO Manoj Kumar said an FIR was registered based on a complaint from the deceased's parents. Bhadohi Circle Officer Sumit Tripathi said further probe was underway. The accused teen would be produced before the Juvenile Justice Board.

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Appendix IV POSSESSION NOTICE

[For Immoveable Property under the Act - Rule- 8(1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act - 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sub Section (2) of Section 13 read with rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 30/04/2026 calling upon the Borrowers - **M/S RV Tradelinks (Proprietor: Mr. Vaibhav Daga)** Address: 125, Nagar Nigam Colony, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 & **Mr. Vaibhav Daga (Proprietor of M/s RV Tradelinks)**, Residential Add.: Flat No-104, B Block, Kalpataru Crest Green, Kota Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Pin- 492001 Guarantor: **Mrs. Lalita Daga W/o Vaibhav Daga**, Flat No-104, B Block, Kalpataru Crest Green, Kota Road, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Pin- 492001 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Total: **Rs. 1,23,24,951.00 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Three Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One rupees only)** plus interest thereon @ contractual rate w.e.f. 01/05/2026 plus cost, charges, expenses etc. within 60 days from the date of the said Notice. The Borrowers / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in the exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this 09th July 2026. The Borrowers / Guarantor in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Maharashtra, **Raipur Main Branch** for an amount of here in above mentioned. The Borrowers / Guarantor attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The details of the Immoveable property mortgaged to the Bank and taken Symbolic possession by the Bank are as follows:-

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