

DOMESTIC CARRIERS

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Union minister for civil aviation Hardeep Singh Puri

'Foreign airlines' flights will not be allowed at expense of Indian airlines'

CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday said the time has come to send a loud and clear message that foreign airlines' flights will not be allowed at the expense of Indian airlines.

The government on September 2 had said Indian airlines can operate up to 60% of their pre-Covid services within the country.

On June 26, the ministry of civil aviation had allowed the airlines to operate a maximum of 45% of their pre-Covid domestic flights.

Germany from September 30 to October 20 as the DGCA withdrew permission for them saying there are restriction on Indians who want to travel to Germany and this puts "Indian carriers at a significant disadvantage resulting in inequitable distribution of traffic in favour of Lufthansa."

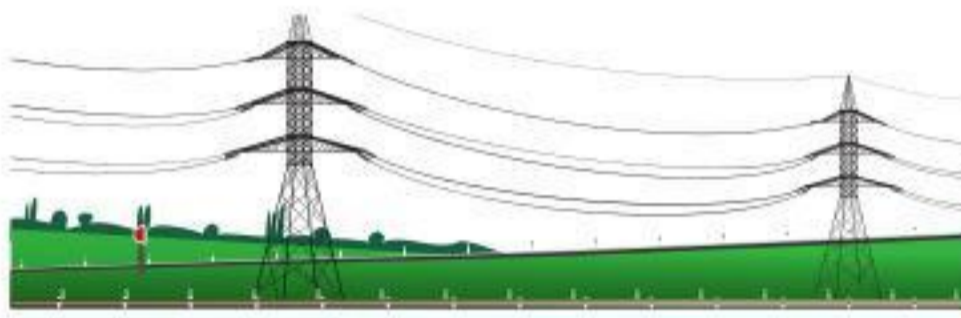
High court asks ED to respond to Deepak Kochhar's plea to quash FIR

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THE DELHI HIGH Court Thursday sought response of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on a plea by Deepak Virendra Kochhar, husband of former ICI Bank CEO Chanda Kochhar, seeking quashing of FIR in connection with the ICI Bank-Videocon money laundering case.

Power tribunal pulls up K'taka regulator for defying order

ANUPAM CHATTERJEE New Delhi, October 8



THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL for Electricity (Aptel) has taken exception to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission's (KERC) 'defiance' of its orders and not letting the state's power transmission company recover costs, which were allowed to be passed through.

that technically Aptel cannot issue any notice to chairperson and members of a regulator, but only the secretaries of state regulators can be notified.

Justice A J Bhambhani issued notice to ED and asked it to file a status report in the matter.

According to sector watchers, the order is 'historic' as this is the first time a contempt notice has been issued by Aptel against any state regulator.

'regulatory assets'— a jargon for recoverable discom expenses which regulators acknowledge as pass-through costs, but are not immediately built into tariffs. These 'regulatory assets' currently stand at more than ₹1 lakh crore.

The high court also asked the agency to file a status report on Kochhar's plea seeking interim bail on ground of his present medical condition as he is admitted to Apollo Hospital here after being tested positive for Covid-19.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Kochhar, sought quashing of ECIR registered by the ED saying it was bad in law and that Kochhar was not informed about the grounds of arrest in writing.

By amending the Electricity Act, the Union power ministry is planning to add provisions for the removal of regulators if their judgements do not comply with legal norms. "One of the provisions proposes that if any of the orders of the regulator has not followed the law is in violation of law, it will be sufficient ground for his removal," Union power minister RK Singh recently said in an event.

Ram Vilas Paswan, Union minister and LJP founder, passes away

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UNION MINISTER RAM Vilas Paswan, one of the most prominent Dalit leaders of the country, died on Thursday at the age of 74, his son Chirag Paswan said.

The Lok Janshakti Party founder and minister for consumer affairs, food and public distribution was admitted to a private hospital here for several weeks and had recently undergone a heart operation.

"Papa, you are no more in this world but I know you are with me wherever you are. Miss you papa," Chirag, who now heads the LJP, tweeted.

As a young leader, he resisted tyranny and the assault on our democracy during the Emergency. He was an outstanding Parliamentarian and Minister, making lasting contributions in several policy areas."

A stalwart of the socialist movement who later emerged as Bihar's foremost Dalit leader with following across the country, Ram Vilas Paswan was instrumental in the implementation of the Mandal Commission report in the 1990s.

Born in Khagaria in 1946, Paswan was selected as a police official but chose the calling of politics and became an MLA for the first time in 1969 on a Samyukt Socialist Party ticket.

Condoling his demise, President Ram Nath Kovind said, "In the demise of Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan, the nation has lost a visionary leader. He was among the most active and longest-serving members of parliament. He was the voice of the oppressed, and championed the cause of the marginalised."

Always at the forefront of raising issues concerning the disadvantaged sections of society, he was also a skillful grassroots politician who enjoyed good equations with leaders across the spectrum, and his dedicated following in his state ensured that every national party courted him in his over five decades of career.

Expressing grief at Paswan's demise, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was saddened beyond words as his death has left a void in the nation that will perhaps never be filled.

Fake TRPs: BARC welcomes probe

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point) is a tool to judge which TV programmes and channels are viewed the most.

AMID CONTROVERSY OVER an alleged plot to manipulate TRPs, the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) on Thursday said it is committed to report a true picture of television viewership and welcomed the Mumbai Police's investigation into the case.

"As in all our previous cases of suspected panel homes intrusions, BARC India continues to follow its established vigilance and disciplinary guidelines...BARC India appreciates the efforts of the Mumbai Police and will provide the support asked of it," a BARC India spokesperson said.

Earlier in the day, city police chief Param Bir Singh claimed to have busted a racket to manipulate TRPs and arrested two persons.

The body added that it remains "steadfastly true" to its purpose to accurately and faithfully report "what India watches".

Need to address Paris accord friction to achieve climate goals: Suresh Prabhu

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THE STALEMATE OVER the implementation of the Paris accord due to the US withdrawal needs to be sorted out soon to achieve the climate goals, India's Sherpa to G20 2022 Suresh Prabhu has said.

the country will set its own priorities for the summit even while carrying forward the work done by other countries that held G20 Presidency.

ised by Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), in collaboration with CII and the Indian National Science Academy.

Rahul Chhabra, secretary (economic relations), ministry of external affairs, referred to the recent B20 report to the G20 and said the immediate need was to revive the international economy by making the global supply chains resilient as well as by reviving productive sectors. He said despite the need to fulfil the huge domestic demand, India has kept its medical supply chains open and provided generic drugs and medical equipment to several countries.

Lavalin case: Come with very strong grounds to shake findings of courts, SC to CBI

THE SUPREME COURT on Thursday asked the CBI to come up with very strong grounds against the discharge of Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan and two others in the SNC Lavalin graft case, as the high court as well as the lower court have held that they should not be tried in the matter.

TN ties up with WEF to set up advanced manufacturing hub

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The CBI said this is a cross appeals matter filed in 2017 and it will file a comprehensive note giving the factual aspect of the matter.

THE TAMIL NADU government, through its nodal investment promotion and facilitation agency Guidance, has partnered with World Economic Forum (WEF) to establish what it described as India's first advanced manufacturing hub (AMHUB) in the state.

19 platforms designed by WEF. This platform focuses on engaging entire regional production ecosystems to identify and address regional opportunities and challenges brought by the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) by amplifying regional success stories, sharing best practices and incubating new partnerships. As per WEF, the Fourth Industrial Revolution can be described as the advent of cyber-physical systems involving entirely new capabilities for people and machines.

A bench of Justices U U Lalit, Vineet Saran and S Ravindra Bhat was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, that this is an appeal against the discharge of the accused in the case of alleged corruption in awarding contract to the Canadian firm when Vijayan was power minister in 1996 allegedly causing a loss of ₹374.50 crore to the state Exchequer.

With the hub being in place, the state will benefit from collaborations between business and the government that maximise the potential of industrial development strategies and highlight globally. To attract high-tech organisations, Tamil Nadu needs an ecosystem for advanced manufacturing and development to provide a fillip to the development of industrial corridors and clusters, smart cities. Now, Tamil Nadu will be able to harness opportunities in the sectors of electronics, electric mobility, solar energy and textiles through collaboration with AMHUB.

Neeraj Mittal, CEO & MD, Guidance, said: "As an important contributor to the manufacturing sector in India, Tamil Nadu will utilise the AMHUB to adopt IoT (Internet of Things) and other emerging technologies for advanced manufacturing to sustain and create new avenues of manufacturing growth."

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UP's sugar sector bats for favourable ethanol policy

DEEPA JAINANI Lucknow, October 8

ENCOURAGED BY THE Centre's stance of persuading more and more sugar mills to divert sugarcane for producing ethanol in order to reduce the glut in the domestic market, sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh might be keen to set up exclusive plants solely for the production of ethanol from cane juice and are looking ahead for some positive policy initiatives from the state government that would be beneficial for all the stakeholders.

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the industry is seeking are that the cane juice produced by the unit would not be subject to any reservation, preferential allotment or pricing control. The government has been asked for an assurance that if a multi-unit sugar company opts for setting up a unit to manufacture ethanol directly from cane juice, the reservation of this particular unit would not be considered in the computation of total available molasses. This assumes importance as the state of Uttar Pradesh follows a policy for reserving molasses for production of country liquor, which is currently at 17% of the total available molasses.

In a letter to the state government, the millers have said that backed by the Centre's encouragement, members of the industry would be keen to make investments in the ethanol sector and have sought certain assurances that would further encourage the industry to invest.

Furthermore, since that plant would not be a regular sugar mill, going by the conventional definition, the millers have also urged that traditional regulatory framework should be suitably amended.

Among the assurances that

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