

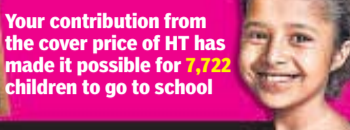
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On R-Day, Delhi sees rerun of rape protests, calls for action

LEST WE FORGET Faridabad also remains tense after teenaged girl's murder

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NEW DELHI/FARIDABAD: Thousands of people hit the streets in Delhi and Faridabad on Saturday, reviving the protests over violence against women, which had begun to show signs of slowing down.

The outrage was triggered by the abduction, murder and possible sexual assault of an 18-year-old student in Faridabad.

Less than 10 km from the Republic Day venue, citizens "tired of government apathy" took out a 'freedom parade' from Mandi House to Jantar Mantar, demanding the speedy implementation of recommendations made by the Justice JS Verma committee.

The committee was formed to look into preventive and punitive measures to check crimes against women after the brutal December 16 gang rape in Delhi, which was the trigger for massive, violent clashes at India Gate.

The last time protesters had taken to the streets was on January 16, exactly one month after the horrific incident.

On Saturday, students from Delhi University, JNU and Jamia, as well as many women professionals, turned up for the march to ensure public pressure on authorities does not die down. Unfazed by tight security,



Women and students participate in a 'freedom parade' from Mandi House to Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Saturday. MOHD ZAKIR / HT

they displayed placards with names of women who have suffered and fought sexual violence. They also conferred 'mardangi maryada medals' on politicians and godmen who made "derogatory comments" against women after the gang rape.

"The Verma committee report has exposed the government. Nobody wants to implement its suggestions. Our protest will continue," said Kavita Krishnan, secretary of All India Progressive Women's Association.

Faridabad, meanwhile, remained tense over the murder of a schoolgirl in a guest-house in the NH5 area. The 18-year-old was allegedly killed by a jilted lover who had been stalking her for a while.

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"It is a fact that most of the corrupt come from OBCs and scheduled castes and now, increasingly, from the scheduled tribes."

ASHIS NANDY, SOCIOLOGIST AND AUTHOR

Caste line lands sociologist in soup, makes Maya mad

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JAIPUR/NEW DELHI: Sociologist and author Ashis Nandy on Saturday stirred a hornet's nest by saying those from the SC/ST and OBCs were "the most corrupt".

As angry reactions poured in, a police case was registered against him, though Nandy later clarified he'd been misquoted.

Dalit leader and Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati

demanding his immediate arrest. Congress leader and chief of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, PL Punia, Lok Janshakti Party leader Ramvilas Paswan and Independent MP from Dausa, Kirori Meena, joined the chorus.

Nandy was speaking at the Jaipur Literature Festival when he said: "It is a fact that most of the corrupt come from the OBCs (other backward classes) and scheduled castes and now, increasingly, the scheduled tribes."

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Jaipur literature festival
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Today's pick: Celeb cricket, morality and money mores **>> P15**

Big money for Modi, Didi loses out

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NEW DELHI: The economic tale of two Indian states could not be more starkly different.

Under Mamata Banerjee's chief ministership, West Bengal managed to implement new investment proposals of just ₹935 crore from April to November 2012, while Narendra Modi's Gujarat acted on ₹49,405 crore — 50 times more.

Unsurprisingly, Gujarat tops the chart while Bengal is at the bottom among the major states. Andhra Pradesh (₹10,745



Modi's Gujarat saw ₹49,405cr investment in 2012, Mamata's West Bengal only ₹935 crore.

crore), Maharashtra (₹7,021 crore), Madhya Pradesh (₹2,157 crore) and the much smaller Punjab (₹1,042) is ahead of West Bengal in implementation of investment proposals, according to the Union ministry of

commerce and industries. The ministry's latest report on Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEM), which measures flow of investment into different states, shows even Bengal's former Left Front regime in better light. While Buddhadeb Bhattacharya had implemented fresh capital of ₹1,163 crore in his last year as chief minister in 2010-11, the Trinamool Congress managed to implement just ₹325 crore in 2011-12 after sweeping to power, outperformed even by the far smaller Jharkhand.

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short stories

Death penalty in football riots case leads to fresh violence.

EGYPT RIOTS KILL 22 AFTER SENTENCING

PORT SAID: Twenty-two people were killed in Port Said on Saturday after 21 Egyptian football fans and club members were sentenced to death over a deadly post-match riot last year in the canal city. **P16**

Now, Malaysia bans Kamal Haasan's Vishwaroopam

KUALA LUMPUR: Kamal Haasan's film Vishwaroopam has been removed from local cinemas in Malaysia, following a home ministry directive. The film was banned in Tamil Nadu amid allegations that it depicted Muslims in a negative light. **P7**

SINGER REJECTS PADMA BHUSHAN



KERALA: Veteran south Indian playback singer S Janaki on Saturday rejected the Padma Bhushan award, saying it has come too late in her 55-year-long career. "There are many talented people in south India. They have not been recognised," she said. **P7**

US virtually rules out Headley extradition

WASHINGTON: The US has virtually ruled out the extradition of terrorist David Headley to India. "He's been tried, convicted, and will serve in the United States," state department spokesperson Victoria Nuland said when asked to comment on a report stating India wanted to keep up the effort to extradite Headley. **IAN5**

Air India's Dreamliner fleet grounded till Feb 17

NEW DELHI: Air India's six Boeing 787 Dreamliners would remain grounded till February 17, with further delays expected in the tests being carried out on the faulty batteries used in the aircraft. **PT1**

Five Indian sailors held by pirates freed

ABUJA: Five Indian sailors kidnapped off Nigeria's oil-rich southern delta and held captive for more than a month have been released by the pirates. The released men are in good health, the ship's operator said. **PT1**

weather today

FORECAST: A cold, windy morning will give way to bright, sunny day. A pleasant evening and a cool night.

HIGH 22°C HOTTEST IN INDIA BHIRA 36°C
LOW 07°C COLDEST IN INDIA CHUSHUL -37°C

India weather report **P6**

Man leaves family to save marriage

SECOND CHANCE Can't stay with parents even after retirement, says SC-approved deal

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NEW DELHI: In this age of quick-fix divorces, a man has agreed to separate from his parents to save his marriage.

Rahul, an armyman from Uttarakhand, and his estranged wife Sarika (names changed), from Delhi, have decided to drop divorce proceedings and give their marriage another shot on the condition that he will not live with his parents and family, even after his retirement.

The compromise formula, worked out by the Supreme

Court's mediation cell, was approved earlier this month by a bench of justice RM Lodha and justice AR Dave, which recorded the couple's statement that they arrived at the agreement "without coercion, duress or collusion".

"It is agreed by the parties that the respondent-husband, after retirement, will take/build separate accommodation at any other place but (his) village... (in) Uttarakhand and live with the petitioner-wife separately," the agreement stated.

Under it, Rahul will take Sarika wherever his job takes him.

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Noida to Delhi now toll-free

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Noida: Motorists travelling from Noida to Delhi now can breathe a little easy. The DND flyway will be toll-free for three rush hours at least till February 22.

On Saturday, Delhi Noida Direct (DND) flyway officials said motorists going from Noida to Delhi won't have to pay toll during 9-10am and 5-7pm.

This came after Noida police registered an FIR against DND officials after a man who'd suffered a heart attack was caught in a jam enroute to AIIMS on Thursday. The massive jam was because the alternative Kalindi Kunj carriageway has been closed for repairs. **>> P4**

Young ads to sell luxury to old

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NEW DELHI: Talk to any marketer of ultra-luxury goods and he will spend hours extolling the youthful virtues of high-end cars, clothes, pens and personal care products.

But quiz him a little more and you'll spot the conundrum. The typical luxury goods buyer is 40-plus and, maybe, even in his 50s or 60s. Most young professionals don't have the means to buy a BMW, a Louis Vuitton or a ₹5-crore apartment.

So, how do these brands draw in older consumers by appealing to the youth? "The desire to own luxury brands manifests at a much younger age. The purchase, however, may take place when the customer has reached the required income level," said Ashish Chordia, chairman, Shreyans Group, which has brought brands such as Ferrari and Bang & Olufsen to India. "We almost subliminally presume that older people are outdated and bor-



The typical luxury-goods buyer is 40-plus. IMAGESBAZAAR

ing. So, brands are wary of wooing them directly," said Ramanujan Sridhar, CEO, Brand-Comm, a leading consultancy. For example, when premium German car maker Audi decided to launch its small SUV, Q3, it decided to flash a peppy and bright orange model in its publicity campaigns, instead of the usual somber black or grey. It also roped in actor John Abraham to launch a music video on social networking sites, instead of the traditional commercial on TV. Their tagline: Start young. **>> FULL STORY, PAGE 8**

sunday special

VICTORIOUS AZARENKA

World No 1 **Victoria Azarenka** defended her Australian Open title, defeating **Li Na** 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. The win ensures the Belarusian keeps her top rank, while the Chinese moves one up to No 5

MEN'S SINGLES FINAL TODAY

Novak Djokovic vs Andy Murray
A win for Djokovic would make him the only man in the Open era to win three on the trot in Melbourne
Catch it live: 1.30pm on ESPN

Azarenka will keep her No 1 spot. **>> P17** AFP PHOTO

SUNDAY SHOWDOWN: INDIA VS ENGLAND

With the series won, **MS Dhoni** may give **Cheteshwar Pujara** his one-day debut in Dharamsala today
Catch it live: 9.30am on Star Cricket

KEEP THE MOMENTUM, **P19**

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