

Supreme Court attaches Sahara's Aamby Valley properties worth Rs 39,000 crores

NEW DELHI(K-CN): In yet another blow to Subrata Roy, the Supreme Court on Monday ordered attaching the

company's Aamby Valley properties in Lonavala, Maharashtra which are worth 39,000 crores.



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Now the properties would be kept under the supervision of the court and nobody would cease or do anything with these properties till the next date of the hearing on the case

on February 27. The apex court asked Sahara to furnish a list of properties which were free from Litigation and



mortgage so that it could be put into public auction.

Sahara today admitted before the top court that it had to pay an amount of Rs 14,000 crore as principal money to SEBI.

The business conglomerate today also told the Apex court that it had already paid Rs 11,000

crores.

Subrato Roy's parole was earlier extended till November 28 taking note of the deposit of Rs 200 crores made by him with SEBI in October, as a condition precedent for his release. The apex court had then granted four weeks' custody parole to Roy to perform his mother's last rites.

Roy was in Tihar jail since March 4, 2014, till his mother's death in May 6, 2016, for not complying with the apex court's orders in connection with a long dispute with the market regulator.

SEBI had alleged that Roy failed to comply with the 2012 SC order directing him to return investors more than Rs

20,000 crore with 15 percent interest that his two companies Sahara India Real Estate Corp Ltd and the Sahara Housing Finance Corp Ltd had raised through optionally fully convertible debentures (OFCD) in 2007 and 2008.

Sahara, once among India's high-profile firms, has in the past made several failed attempts to raise the bail money using its prized overseas hotels that include the Plaza in New York and Grosvenor House in London. Sahara says it has paid more than 80 percent of the dues to share-holders, but SEBI has disputed that and said the company has not paid more than Rs 10,000 crores.

Poll violence escalates, BJP supporter shot dead

DHENKANAL(K-CN): Violence erupted on Sunday in Tarabha village of Dhenkanal district where a BJP supporter was allegedly shot dead by a group of BJD workers over a panchayat election-related dispute on

BJP activists staged a demonstration with the body on Dhenkanal-Angul road demanding arrest of the accused. Sources said Byomkesh is a police personnel.

The road blockade was lifted after

police were deployed in the village to prevent further escalation of violence. Though Section 144 was clamped in the village, hundreds of villagers took the body of Salman in a procession to cremation ground amid chant-

Panigrahi are monitoring the situation. Panigrahi said Byomkesh has been arrested while two others are detained for questioning. Further investigation is on, he said adding that more arrests are likely to be made in



Saturday. Even as tension prevailed in the village amid heavy deployment of police force, the BJP has called dawn-to-dusk Dhenkanal bandh on Monday.

A group of BJD supporters led by one Byomkesh Biswal opened fire at Salman Raut in the presence of Sadar block vice-chairman on Saturday evening. Salman was rushed to district headquarters hospital where he was declared brought dead.

Following the incident, hundreds of people along with

District Collector Rupa Roshan Sahu and SP Basant Kumar Panigrahi promised action against the accused. The body was sent to SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack for post-mortem.

Before the body came to Salman's house in the evening, the agitated villagers ransacked the house of Byomkesh before setting it on fire. However, police managed to rescue family members of the accused from the villagers.

Four platoons of

ing of slogans like "Salman amar rahe".

Former Rajya Sabha member Rudra Narayan Pany, State BJP leaders Sajjan Sharma and Samir Mohanty visited the village and consoled family members of the deceased. Additional District Magistrate Jyotiranjana Pradhan, SP, Sub-Collector Abanikant Patnaik, Additional Tehsildar Saroj Panda and other officials were camping at the village to pacify the agitated people.

District Collector Sahoo and SP

the case. Meanwhile, the BJP has called a dawn-to-dusk Dhenkanal bandh on Monday. BJP district president Bibhuti Bhusan Pradhan, former MLA Krushna Chandra Patra and Pany told media persons that BJD supporters on the instigation of Sadar block vice-chairman had murdered Salman over election issue. The BJP leaders have demanded Rs 10 lakh as compensation to the victim's family and arrest of all the accused.

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik not likely to campaign in panchayat polls

BHUBANESWAR(K-CN): Even though BJP has decided to take the help of chief ministers of the two neighbouring states, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, Raman Singh and Raghubar Das respectively to campaign for the party candidates in the five-phase panchayat polls, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is unlikely to campaign.

Sources in the BJD said the Chief Minister is likely to visit Hinjili, his assembly constituency, during the campaigning period. But he is unlikely to visit other places.

The Chief Minister has already visited all the 30 districts in November and December where he launched many programmes, laid the foundation stone for many projects, distributing pattas and providing other benefits to the people.

"As Chief Minister has already covered the entire state before the panchayat

election was announced, he is not likely to campaign again for the party

State Election Commission (SEC) to take immediate steps to ensure a free and fair

held.

The memorandum alleged that despite repeated com-



candidates," a senior leader said. He, however, said the Chief Minister is likely to visit Hinjili once to request the people to vote for BJD candidates.

Meanwhile, Congress has criticised the violence perpetrated allegedly by BJD activists in several parts of the state. In a memorandum submitted today, the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) urged the

election.

Stating that violence has taken place in several parts of Odisha including Tarbha in Dhenkanal district, Bankual in Khurda district and Chandanpur in Puri district, a Congress delegation including Sivananda Ray, Sidhartha Mohanty and Girija Shankar Dash which submitted the memorandum alleged that BJD will lose if free and fair election would be

plaints, freebies are being distributed by district officials in Puri district to influence the voters. The Congress leaders alleged that most of the block offices and lower level officials are behaving like agents of BJD.

They alleged that such offices are functioning as BJD party office and requested the SEC to take immediate corrective measures.

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'Phillauri' team ecstatic over response to entertaining trailer

NEW DELHI (KCN): There's comedy, romance and a hook in "Phillauri" trailer, the response to which has left the film's makers content and excited.

The trailer was unveiled on Monday morning to a positive response as Bollywood buffs found the idea of actress Anushka Sharma playing a ghost very unique and interesting.

Anushka, who has also produced the movie with her brother Karnesh Sharma under their banner Clean Slate Films, told IANS over phone from Mumbai: "We are very ecstatic. When you put out a film like this, you don't know how people will receive it because

you're trying to tell a story differently.

"So when such a response comes through... It's great. We are grateful with the response, and we are very charged up with the rest of the promotions, thanks to this amazing start."

The trailer begins with Suraj Sharma -- yes, the "Life of Pi" actor -- in a very different persona as a NRI Punjabi boy who is made to marry a tree before he marries his fiance as he is 'maanglik'. The humour comes in when the ghost who lived on the tree starts trailing him.

Anushka's histrionics as the friendly and entertaining ghost look endearing, and the VFX adds to the look.

In a jocular tone,

the actress said: "I thought playing human was too mainstream... Insaan se

love from a bygone era. And her love interest -- a man who sings really well -- is

was very different. I am a singer in real life, but not the kind of singer that I play in

lands of Punjab that the trailer gives a dekho at.

From the trailer, one cannot tell much about what leads Anushka's character to become a ghost. But that was the whole idea, says the film's director Anshai Lal, who is making his feature film debut.

"The idea was to leave it ambiguous. There's a lot of freshness in the movie -- people have appreciated Diljit-Anushka's pairing in the film, the VFX is being appreciated a lot in the trailer. Basically, what we wanted out of the trailer, we have got it," Lal said.

Written by Anvita Dutt, "Phillauri", releasing on March 24, is produced by Fox Star Studios and Clean Slate Films.



bore ho gayi (Got bored playing a human). But... this ghost is different and fun."

Gradually, the trailer gives out that the ghost has a backstory of unrequited

played by the multi-talented Diljit Dosanjh, who is happy to be a part of this "different" story.

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"This film's story

the movie. It was wonderful to be in this film. Punjab is looking very beautiful in 'Phillauri," Diljit told IANS, when asked about the picturesque hinter-

Lisa Haydon's pregnancy is keeping her in a happy holiday mood, see pics



Model-turned-actor Lisa Haydon is holidaying with her friends. Lisa is expecting and can't hide her happiness at the moment. The actor shared some lovely pictures from her recent getaway on Instagram. We must say, these pictures are overloaded with hotness. A few days ago,

the leggy beauty revealed about her pregnancy by sharing a picture in a swimsuit, looking at her baby bump. She wrote with the image, "Humble beginnings ??????" Now, this is what we call sharing the news with style." Alia Bhatt, Varun Dhawan, Starrer Badrinath Ki

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The actor got married to beau Dino Lalvani in a hush-hush ceremony in October 2016. Even then, she had taken to social media to share the happy news. Dino is the son of Pakistan-born British entrepreneur Gullu Lalvani. Just a few days ago,

we saw Lisa posing on a magazine cover with Hrithik Roshan and it was hard to decide who looked hotter and fitter. Even in the Instagram image, announcing her pregnancy, Lisa looked is looking extremely fit and the telltale bump is the only giveaway. The Chennai-born actress has

stayed abroad most of her life. She had lived in Australia and the US before coming down to Mumbai to build a career in modelling, which then translated into Bollywood. She won accolades for her role in Queen and was last seen in a cameo in Karan Johar's Ae Dil Hai Mushkil. Lisa re-

cently turned 30. Lisa is currently seen in a web series by Bindaas channel titled - The Trip. The show is about a bride, played by Masana fame actor Shweta Tripathi, who goes on a road trip with her best friends played by Lisa, Mallika Dua and Sapna Pabbi. Lisa is on a break from films at present.

Tata Sons remove former chairman Cyrus Mistry from board

MUMBAI(KCN): Indian salt-to-steel giant Tata completed its purge of former chairman Cyrus Mistry on Monday by removing him from the board of the conglomerate's holding company.

Mistry was axed as chairman of the holding company Tata Sons in October and then forced out of its operating companies as group patriarch Ratan Tata set about eradicating his influence in the 150-year-old conglomerate.

Mistry's dismissal from the Tata Sons board at a special meeting in Mumbai on Monday saw him stripped of his last official position in the group, which has annual revenue of \$103 billion.

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"The shareholders of Tata Sons Limited, at the extraordinary general meeting held today, passed, with the requisite majority, a resolution to remove Mr. Cyrus P. Mistry as a Director of Tata Sons Limited," Tata said in a statement.

Mistry became a Tata Sons director in 2006 and succeeded Ratan Tata as chairman in 2012. But their relationship quickly deteriorated, with the 79-year-old Tata said to be unhappy at the direction Mistry was taking the group.

Tata took interim

charge following



Mistry's dismissal in October as the pair engaged in bitter public mudslinging, in-

cluding accusations of corporate malfeasance.

Mistry also

dragged Tata Sons to India's National Company Law Tribunal, claiming that he

was unfairly sacked as the world-renowned group descended into turmoil

and its global reputation took a hit.

Mistry had asked the tribunal to halt

Monday's meeting but it refused. The next hearing is due to be held on February 13.

Ratan Tata eased fears about the group's future recently by announcing that company veteran Natarajan Chandrasekaran, the respected chief of software giant Tata Consultancy Services, would become Tata's new chairman.

He will take up his role later in the month.

Tata, which was founded under British colonial rule, operates in more than 100 countries. It owns Britain's Tetley Tea and Jaguar Land Rover, and the Anglo-Dutch steel firm Corus.

Toyota, Suzuki partnership talks intensify

TOKYO(KCN): Toyota Motor Corp and Suzuki Motor Corp on Monday said they have agreed to begin formal talks aimed at forging a partnership in shared procurement, green vehicles, IT and safety technologies.

The agreement takes the two Japanese automakers a step closer to a tie-up that could give Suzuki, a maker of affordable mini-vehicles and compact cars, access to Toyota's technology. The world's second-biggest car maker in return would benefit from Suzuki's strong market position in India.

"Toyota and Suzuki have agreed to work toward the early realization of a business partnership," they said in a joint press release.

The companies in October said they were exploring a partnership, citing technological challenges facing automakers and the need to keep up with consolidation in the global auto industry.

Suzuki, Japan's fourth-largest automaker, has said it

has been struggling to keep pace with the speed of research and

agreeing a diesel engine deal with Fiat.

For Toyota, ac-

porters at a briefing in Tokyo after Suzuki released its earnings



development (R&D) in the industry, a technology race that Toyota, with its greater financial clout, is better able to cope with.

Toyota invests heavily in R&D in areas including automated driving, artificial intelligence and lower-emission cars.

Suzuki has long sought a bigger partner. A tie-up with Volkswagen AG ended on a sour note in 2015, after the German carmaker accused Suzuki of violating their pact by

cess to Suzuki's tightly knit supply chain network in India, which the automaker has cultivated since the 1980s, could help it develop and sell more mainstream cars tailored for the local market.

"We would be happy to share lessons we learned from our experience in India and emerging markets with Toyota if they wish, to make this a win-win partnership for both parties," Suzuki Vice Chairman Yasuhito Harayama told re-

sults for the three months through Dec. 31.

Suzuki dominates the Indian market through its majority stake in Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, which sells roughly half of all cars sold in the country, whereas Toyota, despite years of trying, is still struggling to gain significant share in a country expected to be the world's third-largest car market by 2020.

Toyota aims to double its share of India's passenger ve-

hicle market to 10 percent by 2025 and entry-level, no-frills cars built by small car affiliate Daihatsu will be key to achieving this goal, a company executive told Reuters earlier. Toyota last year decided to buy the remaining stake in its small car affiliate Daihatsu.

Fujio Ando, an adviser at Chibagin Securities, noted before Monday's announcement that except for compact cars, the two automakers had little overlap in their production lineup, adding that Suzuki was already buying hybrid technology from Toyota.

"One question will be how much Toyota will open up to Suzuki given its relations with Daihatsu," he added, referring to Toyota's own minivehicle specialist firm.

Shares in Toyota closed up 0.7 percent in Tokyo while Suzuki stock ended up 0.4 percent. The benchmark Nikkei index closed up 0.3 percent.

Samsung Group to disband corporate strategy office after South Korea graft probe ends

SEOUL(KCN): Samsung Group said it will disband its corporate strategy office after a special prosecution probe ends, setting a timeline on a pledge to wind up a power centre that has been criticised for its role in South Korea's graft scandal.

The strategy office, comprised of some 200 elite staff hand-picked from affiliates of the nation's top conglomerate, is the vehicle through which the founding Lee family makes key decisions such as restructuring and investments for new businesses, insiders and analysts say.

It has been under intense scrutiny as the South Korean special prosecutor's office probed the smartphones-to-biopharmaceuticals business empire as part of a wider investigation into the scandal that threatens to permanently unseat President Park Geun-hye.

Special prosecution has classified Jay Y. Lee, third-generation leader of Samsung Group, and head of the corporate strategy office Choi Gee-sung as suspects in its bribery investigation on suspicions that Samsung paid money to organisations linked to Park's confidant, Choi

Soon-sil, to pave the way for a 2015 merger of two affiliates.

Other executives from the strategy office have also been questioned by investigators on suspicions the office was involved in the lobbying process on the merger deal, heaping pressure for its closure.

"Action will be taken following the conclusion of the special prosecutor's investigation," Samsung said in a brief statement, adding that preparations are already underway.

Lee, who assumed leadership of Samsung after his father Lee Kun-hee was incapacitated by a May 2014 heart attack, said in a December parliament hearing over the graft scandal that he plans to disband the office but did not give a specific timeline.

The special prosecution's investigation is currently set to conclude by Feb. 28 but it said separately on Monday it is considering seeking a 30-day extension.

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Known informally as the "control tower", Samsung's corporate strategy office is the nerve center of the \$239 billion business empire since the office was created in December 2010.

The office does not exist as a legal entity and its executives and employees are technically on the payroll of affiliates such as flagship Samsung Electronics Co Ltd.

The corporate strategy office is the latest iteration of a Samsung control tower. Its predecessor, the strategic planning office, was dismantled in 2008 after executives at the office were investigated on allegations of helping Samsung Electronics chairman Lee Kun-hee set up slush funds by using fake accounts.

Samsung on Monday declined to comment on how the conglomerate plans to perform the functions of the strategy office after it is disbanded. Park Juggun, head of corporate analysis firm CEO Score, said the conglomerate still needs a way to coordinate group-level affairs and maximize synergies among Samsung companies. He said Samsung will likely recreate an office similar to the corporate strategy office in the future, albeit with reduced responsibilities in terms of protecting the Lee family's interests. "The control tower can exist if it can operate in a transparent open manner," he said. (\$1 = 1,136.9000 won)

Angry batsman hurls stump during cricket match, kills Bangladesh teen

DHAKA(KCN): A 14-year-old cricketer has died in Bangladesh after he was hit by a stump thrown by an angry batsman during a friendly game between neighbourhood teams, police said Monday. Faisal Hossain was fielding in the south-eastern port city of Chittagong when the batsman was given out, assistant police commissioner Jahangir Alam told AFP.



The batsman was furious when he saw that he was stumped or bowled out. He grabbed a stump and threw it in the air. The stump hit

and was declared dead after he was taken to a hospital."

The batsman has been detained and will be prosecuted for causing unintentional death, police said.

Clashes are common over cricket in Bangladesh, where the sport is taken seriously even at village level. Last May, a batsman wielding a stump allegedly beat a 16-year-old cricketer to death in Dhaka after the teenager taunted the umpire over a no-ball delivery.

part of the neck and head of Faisal who was fielding close to the wicket," he said.

"He collapsed on the ground in pain

Alastair Cook quits as England Test captain: England and Wales Cricket Board

LONDON(KCN): Alastair Cook resigned as England Test captain after a record 59 matches in the role, saying Monday it was "a sad day" but the right decision for the team.

Cook, England's

team over the past five years," Cook, 32, said in a statement.

"Stepping down has been an incredibly hard decision, but I know this is the correct decision for me and at the right time for the team."

tinue playing Test cricket. "It's a sad day personally in many ways, but I want to thank everyone I've captained, all the coaches and support staff and, of course, the England supporters and the Barmy

captain.

England's director of cricket Andrew Strauss said Cook had made a "fantastic contribution" and "deserves to be seen as one of our country's great captains".



leading scorer in Tests with 11,057 runs, became captain in August 2012 and led his country to Ashes glory on home soil in 2013 and 2015 as well as series wins in India and South Africa.

Yorkshire batsman Joe Root is the early favourite to take over with an announcement expected in the next fortnight.

Related Article Joe Root ready to captain England should Cook quit "It's been a huge honour to be England captain and to lead the Test

Cook, who also led England in a record 69 one-day internationals between 2010 and 2014, is the country's most capped Test skipper and has scored more Test centuries than any previous captain.

He was named Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 2012 and ICC World Test Captain in 2013.

He tendered his resignation to England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chairman Colin Graves on Sunday, but intends to con-

Army who follow us home and away and have given us unwavering support," Cook added.

"Playing for England really is a privilege and I hope to carry on as a Test player, making a full contribution and helping the next England captain and the team however I can."

Cook's decision to stand down follows England's 4-0 series defeat in India at the end of last year.

The ECB said a "proper process" had started to appoint England's next Test

"We now move on with the process of appointing the right successor," Strauss said.

"There are a number of established players who are playing formal or informal leadership roles and whilst we've rightly not spoken to anyone in relation to the Test captaincy so far, we can now talk fully and openly within the team. "We expect to be able to make an announcement before the team head to the West Indies on 22nd February."

Sindhu, Saina named in India team for Asia Mixed team Championship

NEW DELHI(KCN): Rio Olympics silver medallist PV Sindhu and London Games bronze winner Saina Nehwal have been named in the In-

Besides, there is also Tanvi Lad and Rituparna Das but they are unlikely to get a chance considering that the event will have only one women's singles

will also be a vital cog in the team which will not have the services of Kidambi Srikanth, who has decided to skip the event.

Rio Olympians --

the mixed doubles event, while Sikki will also be pairing up with Ashwini Ponnappa.

The newly-formed duo would take on the more experienced women's doubles combinations during the event. The team will also have the services of K Maneesha.

A total of 13 teams will be fighting for the coveted trophy at the continental mixed team tournament which will also showcase Asian giants -- China, Korea, Japan and Malaysia as the top four seeds.

India have been clubbed in Group D along with Korea and Singapore, while China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong are in Group A, Malaysia, Indonesia and Sri Lanka are in Group B, while Group C consists of Japan, Thailand, Vietnam and Philippines.



dian squad for the inaugural Asia Mixed Team Championships, scheduled to be held in Vietnam from February 14-19.

Sindhu, who clinched the Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold at Lucknow last week and Saina, who begun the new season with a win at Malaysia Masters, will be sharing the responsibility in the women's singles.

match, one men's singles, one men's doubles, one women's doubles and one mixed doubles.

Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold winner Sameer Verma, who has been in rampaging form with a final finish at Hong Kong Super Series last year, will spearhead the Indian challenge in men's singles. Swiss Open champion H S Prannoy

B Sumeeth Reddy and Manu Attri -- world ranked 22nd, and young teenage pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will be featuring in men's doubles event.

Brimming with confidence after winning their maiden Grand Prix Gold title at Lucknow, Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy, will look to give India a win in

India A punish Bangladesh in drawn practice game

HYDERABAD(KCN): Bangladesh

posted 73/2 in their

overnight total 91/1, trailing by 133 runs after Bangladesh on

(100 retired out) and lower order Vijay

Shankar (103 not 141 in 28 overs. In the 15 overs played before the



second innings to draw the two-day practice match against India A here on Monday.

Tamim Iqbal (42 not out) and Mahmudullah (1 not out) were at the crease at stumps at the Gymkhana Ground.

India A playing their first innings resumed from their

Sunday declared their first innings at 224/8.

Playing through the day, India A amassed 461 for 8 before declaring in their first innigs with only 15 overs left in the day.

India A were helped by centuries of opener Priyank Kirit Panchal (103 retired out) and No.3 batsman Shreyas Iyer

out).

Iyer slammed his ton off only 92 balls with 11 fours and four sixes. Shankar was unbeaten on 103 from 81 balls, hitting 14 fours and three sixes.

For the tourists, Subashis Roy and Taijul Islam took three wickets each. Subashis captured 3-57 in 16 overs while Taijul picked up 3-

close, Bangladesh reached 73/2.

Soumya Sarkar was dismissed for 25 by Kuldeep Yadav, who also claimed the wicket of Mominul Haque (0).

Brief scores: Bangladesh: 224/8 declared and 73/2 (15 overs)

India A: 461/8d (90 overs)