

**17<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana launches 'FASTER' ('Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records') to instantly transmit bail and other orders to jail authorities**

The Supreme Court Friday announced a plan to set up a system for swift and secure electronic transmission of its rulings to jail authorities so that prisoners who have been granted relief are not left waiting for a certified order copy in order to be released.

A bench headed by him had taken suo motu cognizance of the delay in the release of 13 prisoners from Agra Central Jail despite the court granting them bail on July 8.

The bench, also comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao and A S Bopanna, said it is contemplating a system — 'FASTER' — to address the issue.

"We are in times of use of technology. We are under contemplation of a scheme called FASTER: Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records. It is meant to communicate all orders to concerned jail authorities without waiting", the CJI said.

Attorney General K K Venugopal welcomed the announcement.

**Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui, whose images riveted the world, killed on assignment in Afghanistan**

Danish Siddiqui, a Pulitzer Prize-winning Indian photojournalist for news agency Reuters, was killed on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 while covering clashes between Afghan security forces and the Taliban in the Spin Boldak district of Kandahar province, near Afghanistan's border with Pakistan.

India's first redeveloped railway station

Inaugurating India's first redeveloped railway station in Gandhinagar on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the assets of the Indian Railways can be used to turn it into a centre for economic activity.

**3-time National Award winner Surekha Sikri dies of cardiac arrest**

Surekha Sikri, who had a stellar career spanning more than five decades, died of cardiac arrest on Friday. She was 75. She was three-time national award winner.

Her filmography included many milestone titles, films that shaped the way people look at independent Hindi cinema. Her roles in Tamas (1986), Mammo (1995) and Badhaai Ho (2018) earned her the National Award for Best Supporting Actress three times. Her other notable films included Salim Langde Pe Mat Ro (1989), Sardari Begum (1996) and Zubeidaa (2001).

## **Union Education Minister to launch Innovation Ambassador- Online Training Programme for CBSE Teachers on July 16**

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank will launch the Innovation Ambassador-Online Training Programme for CBSE Teachers on 16th of this month. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) had announced that the Board in collaboration with Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) will impart training to 50 thousand teachers as Innovation Ambassadors.

The CBSE schools can nominate maximum five teachers each for the programme and training will be provided on first come, first-served basis. CBSE schools can register their teachers for this programme till 10th of July. The first batch of this programme will start from 20th of July.

## **Government launches digital platform Kisan Sarathi**

Government today launched digital platform Kisan Sarathi to facilitate farmers to get right information at right time in their desired language.

The platform Kisan Sarathi was jointly launched by Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw through video conference on the occasion of 93rd ICAR Foundation Day.