

# Russia may target polls in India: Oxford expert

Washington: Russia may target the media in countries such as India and Brazil to interfere in their elections, an Oxford University social media expert has alleged before US lawmakers.

The remarks by Philip N Howard, a statutory professor of internet studies at the Oxford Internet Institute and Balliol College at the University of Oxford, came during a hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee on foreign influence on social media platforms. Howard, however, did not elaborate about his allegations.

The situation could be more dangerous in those countries where media is not as professional as that of the US, he said. Howard's mention of likely Russian interference in the Indian and Brazilian elections through their media, without any

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further explanation, came in response to a question from Senator Susan Collins after he gave some examples of such interference in the Hungarian media.

"The United States actually has the most professionalised media in the world. It's learned certainly to evaluate their sources and no longer report tweets as is given," Howard said.

"I would say that the greater concern would be amongst the media institu-

tions in our democratic allies. I believe that the Russians have moved from targeting us, in particular, to Brazil and India; other enormous democracies that will be running elections in the next few years," he added.

"While we still see significant Russian activity, those countries have the media institutions that need to learn, need to develop," Howard said. There were no follow-up questions from lawmakers on these countries.

The powerful senate committee held the hearing on foreign influence on social media platforms with focus on alleged Russian interference in the 2016 US presidential elections. In a January 2017 assessment, top US intelligence agencies concluded that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election. ❧

## Choksi is in our country, says Antigua

New Delhi: Antiguan authorities have confirmed that Mehul Choksi, the alleged mastermind of the \$2 billion scam and uncle of Nirav Modi, is in their country, officials here said on Thursday, adding that a move to extradite him will be initiated soon.

The communication was received by CBI in response to its queries seeking whereabouts of Choksi after news of his presence in Antigua surfaced.

The investigating agency in its communication sent to Antiguan authorities last week cited a diffusion notice issued by Interpol against the fugitive businessman and sought details of his movement and his present location, the officials said.

Choksi had taken citizenship of Antigua in November 2017 and oath of allegiance on January 15 this year, the officials said. ❧

# Major named in Manipur case

## CBI FIR First To Mention An Officer In Fake-Kills

**TIMES NEWS NETWORK**

New Delhi: The CBI registered two fresh cases in the Manipur encounters on Tuesday, with an Army Major named in one of the FIRs for killing a 12-year-old boy, Azad Khan, in an encounter on March 4, 2009.

This is the first of 29 FIRs registered by CBI so far, in which an Army officer has been named as an accused. Major Vijay Singh Balhara, then attached with Assam Rifles, along with seven other uniformed personnel has been named as accused in the killing of Azad



Azad's case was termed a "fake encounter" by the Supreme Court-appointed commission led by Justice (retired) Justice Santosh Hegde. Azad, a student of class VII in Phoubakchao high school with no criminal antecedents, was allegedly picked up from his home before being killed, the commission had stated.

An FIR was filed nearly two months before the alleged encounter under sections of attempt to murder, Arms Act

and other stringent charges. "According to the security forces' evidence, the deceased was suspected to be a member of the Peoples United Liberation Front (PULF)," it said and added that PULF was not a banned organisation, according to Manipur government.

Azad's family had said he and his friend Kiyam Ananda Singh, who was a neighbour and studied in the same school, was reading the newspaper in the verandah of his home where his parents and relatives were present. At 11.50am, about 30 security personnel came to the house and dragged Azad to a nearby field where he was severely beaten up amid protests from parents, the commission added.

Azad's parents, relatives and friends were locked in a room by the security forces but they could see through the window that after being be-

aten up, he was shot by one of the commandos and a pistol was thrown near the body, it said. The version of family members was supported by relatives, the commission added.

Police had claimed it got input of terrorists' movement in Azad's village to extort money from people. When they reached the spot, they found two persons running through bamboo groves firing at them. An encounter ensued for five minutes after which body of the boy was found and a 9mm Smith and Wesson pistol was recovered, it said.

After hearing the deposition of Major Balhara, who led the operation, the commission noted that there was "serious contradiction" in his statement with that of other witnesses.

In the second FIR registered on Tuesday, CBI has named some police officers.

## 'Nothing amiss in U-turns on Joseph name'

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Justice K M Joseph's name was recommended for appointment as an SC judge by the collegium headed by Justice Dipak Misra on January 10, and was followed two days later by an unprecedented rebellion within the top judiciary.

On January 12, the four other members of the collegium — Justices J Chelameswar, Ranjan Gogoi, Madan B Lokur and Kurian Joseph — addressed a press conference to criticise the CJT's manner of working.

Sources said there was nothing amiss in sending back Justice Joseph's name, its reiteration and subsequent acceptance by the government, as all three components were part of the process laid down by the SC in its two judgments, which in the 1990s created the collegium system for selection of judges of constitutional courts.

They also said the government sought recommendations on the ground that seniority as a criterion should be factored in for appointment of apex court judges and that the claims of chief justices of other high courts who were senior to Justice Joseph should not be overlooked.

## Hotel restored to Gayatri grandkids

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**Devi.** The NCLT order has restored the original position of shareholding as well as the board of directors, thereby making Devraj and Lalitya Kumari the hotel's majority shareholders, said Abhishek Kumar Rao, the counsel for the petitioner.

**Jaipur:** The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Wednesday decided the shareholding dispute in the heritage hotel — Jai Mahal Hotel Pvt Ltd — in favour of the grandchildren of Maharani Gayatri



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**Member Secretary MPRNL Project**  
For & on behalf of Dept. of Agriculture Co-operation & Farmers Welfare Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Govt. of India

**BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS NEW DELHI**

File No. 24/3/2018 - CL - III

IN THE MATTER OF the Companies Act, 2013.

And

IN THE MATTER OF Section 230 read with Section 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

And

In the matter of: **WEST BENGAL ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED**, Webel Bhavan, Block EP & GP, Sector - V, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata - 700 091.

... Demerging Company /Transferee Company

And

In the matter of: **WEBEL MEDIATRONICS LIMITED**, P-1, Taratala Road, Kolkata - 700 088.

... Transferor Company 1

And

In the matter of: **WEBEL TECHNOLOGY LIMITED**, Block-BP, Sector - V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091.

... Resulting Company

And

In the matter of: **WEBEL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS LIMITED**, Plot-53, Block DN, Sector - V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091.

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And

In the matter of: **WEBEL CONSUMER ELECTRONICS LIMITED**, Plot-53, Block DN, Sector - V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091.

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In the matter of: **WEBEL INFORMATICS LIMITED**, 225F, A.J.C. Bose Road, Beltala, Kolkata - 700 020.

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And

In the matter of: **WEBEL ELECTRO-OPTICS LIMITED**, Block BP, Sector - V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091.

... Transferor Company 5

... APPLICANTS

**Advertisement of notice of meeting of equity shareholders of Webel Electro-Optics Limited, Transferor Company 5 and certain creditors of West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Limited, Demerging Company/Transferee Company, Webel Mediatronics Limited, Transferor Company 1, Webel Technology Limited, Resulting Company, Webel Electronic Communication Systems Limited, Transferor Company 2, Webel Consumer Electronics Limited, Transferor Company 3 and Webel Informatics Limited, Transferor Company 4.**

Notice is hereby given that by an order dated the 29th June, 2018, Mr. Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary, Government of India has directed meeting to be held of the equity shareholders of Webel Electro-Optics Limited, the Transferor Company No. 5, the secured creditors of Webel Mediatronics Limited, the Transferor Company No. 1, Webel Consumer Electronics Limited, the Transferor Company No. 3 and Webel Technology Limited, the Resulting Company and the unsecured creditors of West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Limited, the Transferee Company, Webel Mediatronics Limited, the Transferor Company No. 1, Webel Electronic Communication Systems Limited, the Transferor Company No. 2, Webel Consumer Electronics Limited, the Transferor Company No. 3, Webel Informatics Limited, the Transferor Company No. 4 and Webel Technology Limited, the Transferor Company, whose debts are of value of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) or more, in case of unsecured creditors, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification, the arrangement proposed to be made between the applicant companies and their respective equity shareholders.

In pursuance of the said order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that a meeting of the secured/unsecured creditors/equity shareholders (as may be applicable) of the applicant companies abovenamed will be held on 04th & 05th September, 2018 at Sisir Mitra Hall, Webel Bhavan, Block - EP & GP Sector - V, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 091, as per the following time-schedule when such secured/unsecured creditors/equity shareholders (as may be applicable) are requested to attend:

Sr. No.	NAME OF THE COMPANY	NATURE OF THE MEETING	DATE OF THE MEETING	TIME OF THE MEETING	PLACE OF THE MEETING
1.	West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Limited	Unsecured Creditors Meeting	04/09/2018	2:00 P.M.	Sisir Mitra Hall (Webel Bhavan, 3rd Floor Block-EP & GP, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091)
2.	Webel Mediatronics Limited	Secured & Unsecured Creditors Meeting	04/09/2018	3:00 P.M.	-Do-
3.	Webel Electronic Communication Systems Limited	Unsecured Creditors Meeting	04/09/2018	4:00 P.M.	-Do-

Sr. No.	NAME OF THE COMPANY	NATURE OF THE MEETING	DATE OF THE MEETING	TIME OF THE MEETING	PLACE OF THE MEETING
1.	Webel Electro-Optics Limited	Shareholders Meeting	05/09/2018	1:00 P.M.	Sisir Mitra Hall (Webel Bhavan, 3rd Floor Block-EP & GP, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091)
2.	Webel Technology Limited	Secured & Unsecured Creditors Meeting	05/09/2018	2:00 P.M.	-Do-
3.	Webel Informatics Limited	Unsecured Creditors Meeting	05/09/2018	3:00 P.M.	-Do-
3.	Webel Consumer Electronics Limited	Secured & Unsecured Creditors Meeting	05/09/2018	4:00 P.M.	-Do-

Copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement and of the statement under section 230 read with section 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 can be obtained free of charge at the respective registered offices of the Transferor Companies Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, the Transferee Company, the Resulting Company, or at the office of their Advocates, M/s. Fox & Mandal, 206, Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Road, 7th Floor, Unit No. 7C, Kolkata 700 017. Persons entitled to attend and vote at the meetings, may vote in person or by proxy, provided that all proxies in the prescribed form are deposited at the registered office of the relevant applicant company not later than 48 hours before the meeting.

Forms of proxy can be obtained from the respective registered offices of the applicant companies abovenamed.

As per the direction of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Debashis Sen, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Information Technology & Electronics vide letter dated 23rd July, 2018 has nominated Shri Samir Kumar Bhattacharya, Additional Secretary, Department of Information Technology & Electronics, Government of West Bengal, as Chairperson of the aforesaid meetings. The above mentioned arrangement, if approved in the meetings, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2018

**SAMIR KUMAR BHATTACHARYA**  
(Chairperson appointed for the aforesaid meetings)  
Additional Secretary,  
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