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Judges Must Sit During Vacations To Reduce Pendency: CJI, PM Offers Support To Judiciary

During the celebration of 150 years of the Allahabad High Court, Chief Justice J S Khehar today raised the issue of pendency of cases in courts, including in the Supreme Court, and the shortage of judges, and said he was taking steps to reduce the burden of court. The CJI asked the judges to consider sitting in courts for five days during vacation to clear at least 10 cases each day and bring down the pendency.

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Media briefing policy: Supreme Court tasks Centre with preparing guidelines

A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled, "the government should finalize the draft media guidelines to protect the rights of both the accused as well as the victims of crime". Staying silent on whether the media should sniff around for information in criminal cases, the centre was directed to formulate a fresh media briefing policy for investigating agencies in six weeks.

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House Republicans finalise controversial internet privacy law letting US companies sell browsing history

Internet users in the US could soon see their browsing history, geo-localisation data, health information and the content of their communications being sold to third parties without their consent. The US House of Representatives has repealed a law which forced internet service providers to ask users permission before sharing sensitive and personal information with advertisers.

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Can the Ganga have human rights?

can a river have human rights? If the most fundamental human right is that to life, what does it mean for a river? An obvious implication is that it should not be irretrievably polluted. But what about dams? Can a river be blocked? Can it be diverted to a point where there is virtually no water flowing in long stretches of the river, as is the case with the Ganga? And what about creatures like that Gangetic dolphin, a rare glimpse of which we got on our boat trip near Bhagalpur—do they have rights as part of the river ecosystem?

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Motor Vehicles Act made more stringent: Five-fold increase in drunk driving fine, jail up to 10 years for causing death

The penalty for drunk driving is being raised five times to Rs 10,000 and if such driving results in the death of another person, the driver can be booked for a non-bailable offence with imprisonment up to 10 years. Changes to the Motor Vehicles Act, approved by the Cabinet Friday, show that the Ministry of Road Transport has sought “appropriate action” from the Ministry of Home Affairs to hold such drivers responsible for culpable homicide under Section 299 of the Indian Penal Code.

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