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US DROPS LARGEST NON-NUCLEAR BOMB IN AFGHANISTAN

The US military dropped America's most powerful non-nuclear bomb on ISIS targets in Afghanistan Thursday, the first time this type of weapon has been used in battle, according to US officials. A GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast Bomb (MOAB), nicknamed the "mother of all bombs," was dropped at 7:32 p.m. local time, according to four US military officials with direct knowledge of the mission. A MOAB is a 30-foot-long, 21,600-pound, GPS-guided munition. President Donald Trump called it "another successful job" later Thursday. The bomb was dropped by an MC-130 aircraft, stationed in Afghanistan and operated by Air Force Special Operations Command, Pentagon spokesman Adam Stump told CNN.

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BUNKED CLASS? EVEN HC WON'T HELP YOU

Four students of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies are set to lose one academic year for defaulting on mandatory 80 per cent attendance, with the Bombay High Court refusing to interfere with the dean's decision. A division bench of Justices S S Kemkar and P D Naik dismissed a petition filed by the students observing, "Although we have all the sympathies to the Petitioners who are young students, we cannot brush aside the fact that the requirement of attendance is one of a necessity and mandatory requirement for continuation as a student for particular semester or for appearing in the examination."

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INDIA URGENTLY NEEDS A DATA SECURITY POLICY: V.C. GOPALRATNAM

Amid the on-going debate over data security and focus on connectivity in the country, V.C. Gopalratnam, senior vice president, IT and CIO–International, Cisco, in an interview shares his perspective on the issues, highlighting that India needs to accelerate the development of a security policy. “In my opinion, it was probably needed yesterday. It is that urgent,” he said.

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SC Forms Constitution Bench To hear The WhatsApp Case.

On Tuesday, April 18, the Supreme Court’s five-Judge Constitution bench will hear from 3 p.m. the appeal against the Delhi High Court verdict in the WhatsApp case, *Karmanya Singh Sareen & Anr v Union of India and Ors.* The bench comprises Justices Dipak Misra, A.K.Sikri, Amitava Roy, A.M.Khanwilkar, and Mohan M.Shantannagoudar. Today, as the bench is likely to spend only an hour to hear the case, it is likely that it will address itself to the preliminary issues to be argued by the counsel, and continue consideration of the substantive issues later.

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