

WHISTLEBLOWER CLAIMS

Musk wants longer Twitter trial delay

JEF FEELEY August 31

ELON MUSK IS planning to seek a delay in the trial over his \$44 billion proposed buyout of Twitter until as late as December...



SEEKING MORE TIME

After Tuesday, people in the know said Musk is preparing ask Delaware Chancery Court Judge Kathleen St. J. McCormick for delay until early December.

He wants more time to properly assess the claims former Twitter computer security head Peiter Zatkos made last week in a whistleblower complaint to regulators and Congress.

amend his counterclaims, which was filed under seal Tuesday in Delaware Chancery Court. According to the people, Musk wants to add Zatkos's allegation that Twitter had "egregious deficiencies" in protecting users' accounts from hackers as further justification of his decision to nix the deal.

A December trial would get Musk closer to the February date he originally suggested shortly after Twitter filed the case in July. McCormick fast-tracked the case over his objection.

Musk proposed a November trial as part of his request to

Odisha CM Patnaik meets envoys of 30 countries, biz leaders for investments

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Bhubaneswar, August 31

ODISHA CHIEF MINISTER Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday met envoys of over 30 countries and more than 500 business delegates to draw investments to his state.

The meeting was held in New Delhi as a curtain raiser for the Make in Odisha Conclave and Investors' Meet, a statement said.

"Odisha is one of the fastest growing economies in India and has consistently grown above the national average in the last decade and a half. We are fast emerging as a major industrial destination in eastern India because of our natural resource advantage and strategic location," he told the gathering.

In the last two decades, Patnaik noted that his government has focused on leveraging the state's natural advantages through progressive policy, efficient administration and technological interventions.

"The Make in Odisha Conclave will be held in Bhubaneswar from November 30 to December 4, and I invite you to participate in the event as a partner country of Odisha," he said.

At the programme, Chief Secretary SC Mohapatra said Odisha is the largest producer of steel, stainless steel, and aluminium in India.

Only 16% of human trafficking cases in 2021 saw convictions: NCRB

ESHA ROY New Delhi, August 31

THE CONVICTION RATE in human trafficking cases across the country continues to be low, according to the latest report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). While police filed chargesheets in 84.7% of the 2,189 cases registered under the Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) across the country in 2021, only 16% of the cases saw convictions.

While the data on convictions was not available for 11 states, as many as eight states and three Union territories saw no convictions at all. The top performer was Jharkhand, which saw convictions in 84.2% of the 92 cases that were registered in 2021.

In 2020, police filed chargesheets in 85.2% of the 1,714 trafficking cases that were registered, but only 10.6% of the total cases saw convictions. Seven states reported no convictions while two reported a conviction rate of less than 2%.

In 2019, a total of 2,260 human trafficking cases were registered, of which police filed chargesheets in 83.7%, while there were convictions in 22%. Four states reported no convictions at all. The states and Union territories which reported zero convictions in 2021 are: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Telangana, Delhi, Chandigarh and Jammu and Kashmir. Of these, police had filed final chargesheets in



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Over the last three years, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have seen the highest number of human trafficking cases, followed by Assam, Jharkhand, Kerala, Odisha and Rajasthan. Barring Telangana, all states saw a dip in cases in 2020, the first year of the pandemic which saw lockdowns.

According to the NCRB data, of the 6,533 victims of human trafficking in the 2,189 cases filed last year under the 768 AHTUs across the country, 4,062 were female. As many as 2,877 victims were minors: 1,570 boys and 1,307 girls.

Police filed final chargesheets in over 90% of the cases in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh; and in over 80% of the cases in Punjab, Kerala, Haryana, Goa and Bihar.

The gap between the chargesheets and the conviction rate shows that the police investigation in these cases was not robust. The lack of evidence is commensurate with the lack of conviction. Often, in order to close a case, police go for the low hanging fruit, apprehending persons who are not directly involved in the trafficking, leading to a large number of acquittals," said criminal lawyer Kaushik Gupta, who deals in human trafficking cases.

This disparity, between the chargesheets filed and convictions obtained, is evident in

police filed chargesheets in 82% of the rape cases that were registered, while only 28.6% of the total cases saw convictions. In 2020, chargesheets were filed in 82.2 per cent of the cases, while convictions were obtained in 39.3%. In 2019, chargesheets were filed in 81.5% of the cases, while convictions were obtained in 27.8%.

"Trafficking cases are complex—they span across districts, states and even international borders in many cases. They are therefore inter-jurisdictional, which makes it difficult for the police to probe these cases, catch offenders and gather evidence. The setting-up of anti-human trafficking units, with dedicated police trained to handle trafficking cases, is a step in the right direction, but we need more AHTUs," he said.

"Once the new, very comprehensive, trafficking Bill is tabled and passed, many of these issues will be resolved. Also, keep in mind that the data provided by the NCRB is a huge underestimate, as it only includes cases under the AHTUs and not under the local police. In addition, trafficking cases are deemed as such only when there is evidence. In the absence of evidence, they are treated as either kidnapping or missing persons cases," he said.

According to the NCRB data, there were 1,05,036 abductions in 2019, 84,805 abductions in 2020, and 1,01,707 abductions in 2021. There were 3,89,844 cases of missing persons, and 77,535 cases of missing children registered in 2021.

India to commission first home built carrier, but short of jets on deck

DEVJYOT GHOSHAL New Delhi, August 31



The Vikrant will be commissioned on Friday by Prime Minister Narendra Modi after completing almost a year of sea trials

try, able to accommodate a crew of around 1,600 and operate a fleet of 30 aircraft, including fighter jets and helicopters.

More than 75% of the ship's components are indigenously procured, with half a dozen major industrial firms and over 100 smaller businesses provid-

ing equipment and machinery, according to India's defence ministry. The Vikrant will be commissioned on Friday by Prime Minister Narendra Modi after completing almost a year of sea trials.

"The final proof of the pudding is the ship's performance

during sea trials. While it seems to be behaving pretty well, stability-wise, aircraft operations have yet to commence. One hopes it will be a success story all the way," former Chief of India's Naval Staff Admiral Arun Prakash told Reuters.

—REUTERS

WHO: New Covid cases, deaths keep falling nearly everywhere

ASSOCIATED PRESS Geneva, August 31



The UN health agency said there were 4.5 million new Covid-19 cases reported last week, a 16% drop from the previous week

unimmunised.

"These vaccination gaps pose a risk to all of us," he said. "Please get vaccinated if you are not and a booster if it's recommended that you have one."

In the US, the Food and Drug Administration cleared its first update to Covid-19 vaccines on Wednesday, booster doses that target today's most common omicron strain. Authorities said shots could begin within days. Until now, vaccines have targeted the original coronavirus strain, even as wildly different mutants emerged.

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NAME OF THE WORK: MAJOR UPGRADEMENT OF KORAPUT STATION UNDER JURISDICTION OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER / KORAPUT ON KLINE OF WALTARA DIVISION.

Approx cost of the work (₹) 1,82,63,522.86, EMD (₹) : 2,41,300.00, Completion Period of the work : 08 (Eight) Months.

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Before the Central Government Through the office of the Regional Director, Eastern Region Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Kolkata

And in the matter of SIG Estate Pvt Ltd, having its Registered Office at P-44, IInd Floor, Rabindra Sarani, Kolkata-700 001, West Bengal. ...Applicant Company

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the General Public that SIG Estate Pvt Ltd (the Company) proposes to make an Application to the Central Government through the office of the Regional Director, Eastern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Kolkata under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014, and other applicable provisions, if any, seeking confirmation/approval of alteration of Clause II of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed by the members of the Company in the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to enable the Company to change its registered office from the State of West Bengal to the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of registered office of the Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing Investor Complaint Form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit, stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Eastern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Nizam Place, II MSO Building, 3rd Floor, 23/4A, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata-700020, West Bengal (e-mail id: rd.east@mca.gov.in), within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the Applicant Company at its Registered Office address mentioned above.

Ashuti-I Gram Panchayat (Under Thakurpukur-Maheshthal Dev. Block) Ganneygangadharpur, Vivekanandapur, Kalita-Ashuti, 24 PGS (S) Notice Inviting e-Tender

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INTIMATION FOR 104TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Dear Members, 1. The 104th Annual General Meeting ("AGM/Meeting") of Simplex Infrastructures Limited ("Company") will be held on Wednesday, 28th September, 2022 at 3.00 PM through Video Conference ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder, read with General Circulars dated 8th April, 2020, 13th April, 2020, 5th May, 2020, 13th January, 2021, 14th December, 2021 and 5th May, 2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") read with SEBI Circular dated 13th May, 2022 without physical presence of Members at a common venue.

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