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### 150 Afghan schoolgirls poisoned in anti-education attack

KUNDUZ (Afghanistan): they drunk inside their ing, were in critical condi- Haffizullah Safi, head of north, officials said, blam- Mohammad Nabizada, a because a larger tank used cals opposed to female department in northern was not contaminated. education. Since the 2001 Takhar province. Some of "This is not a natural illness. toppling of the Taliban, the 150 girls, who suffered It's an intentional act to poiwhich banned education for from headaches and vomit- son schoolgirls," said women and girls, females have returned to schools, especially in Kabul.But periodic attacks still occur against girls, teachers and their school buildings, usually in the more conservative south and east of the country, from where the Taliban insurgency draws most support. "We are 100 percent sure that the water



About 150 Afghan school- classes was poisoned. tion, while others were able Takhar's public health degirls were poisoned on This is either the work of to go home after treatment partment. None of the offi-Tuesday after drinking con- those who are against girls' in hospital, the officials cials blamed any particular taminated water at a high education or irresponsible said. They said they knew group for the attack, fearing school in the country's armed individuals," said Jan the water had been poisoned retribution from anyone named. The Afghan governing it on conservative radi- spokesman for education to fill the affected water jugs ment said last year that the Taliban, which has been trying to adopt a more moderate face to advance exploratory peace talks, had dropped its opposition to female education. But the insurgency has never stated that explicitly and in the past acid has been thrown in the faces of women and girls by hardline Islamists while walking to school. Education for women was outlawed by the Taliban government from 1996-2001 as un-ls-

# Tantrik sent to 7 years in jail for raping woman to prove cogently and firmly articles from Narain's home



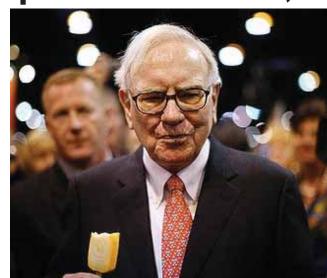
on pretext of solving her problems. Jai Narain, 41, prosecution has been able lice had recovered several cumstances".

all links leading to unerring which included female unconclusion that on May 3, dergarments, 13 photo-2009 at about 3.00 PM ac- graphs of women, 'panjas' cused Jai Narain, at a jhuggi (paws), beak and mouths in Delhi, wrongfully confined of birds and a digital the prosecutrix by closing player. The court senthe jhuggi from inside and tenced Narain to seven after hypnotising her com- years rigorous imprisonmitted rape upon her with- ment for rape and one out her consent and also year for wrongful confinethreatened to kill her and her ment and criminal intimison, if the incident is dis-dation each. It, however, closed to anyone," said Ad- said all sentences will run ditional Sessions Judge concurrently and also Mahesh Chander Gupta.

DELHI: an occultist who was popu- The victim and her minor 5,000 on him. Narain, who Bhawani Baba, a 'tantrik' larly known as Bhawani child had told the court that remained in judicial cusclaiming to have spiritual Baba, had raped the woman a "ceremony" was being tody since his arrest on May powers, has been sen- in May 2009 by locking her performed by Narain for 5, 2009, had denied all tenced to seven years im- inside a jhuggi after making which the child was sent out charges during trial but after prisonment by a Delhi court her smell some substance of the jhuggi and she was conviction he sought lenient for raping a 28-year-old during a "ritual", the court made to smell something for punishment contending that widow by "hypnotising" her concluded in its judgement. being hypnotized. The court he is a poor person, a first "From evidence, was also informed that po-time convict and "victim of cir-

slapped a total fine of Rs

## Warren Buffett diagnosed with prostate cancer, 'not' life-threatening

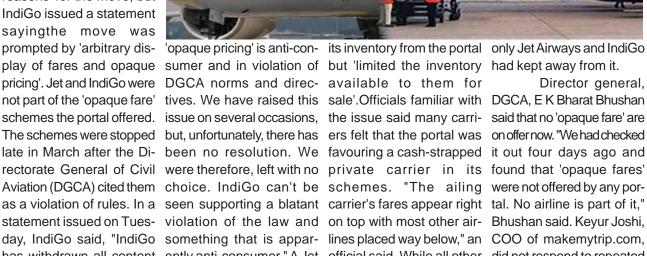


remotely life-threatening Buffett said he will inor even debilitating in any form his shareholders meaningful way," the 81- immediately should year-old investor and phi- his health situation lanthropist, said. Buffett change, adding, "Evensaid he has had several tually, of course, it will; medical tests, including but I believe that day is a CAT scan, bone scan a long way off." He had, and an MRI. The tests for the first time, in Febhave shown no incidence ruary said in his annual of cancer elsewhere in letter to Berkshire his body. The radiation shareholders that he treatment, which will be- had chosen a succesgin in mid-July, would re- sor. Buffett, however, strict his travel during had not named the canthat period, but will not didate. Indian-origin NEW YORK: Legendary Berkshire Hathaway chief change his daily routine. Ajit Jain, head of the investor Warren Buffett said said he has been diag- "I feel great - as if I were company's reinsurance he has been diagnosed with nosed with "Stage I pros- in my normal excellent operations, is said to prostate cancer, but as- tate cancer on Wednes- health - and my energy be one of the leading serted that his condition is day and will begin a two-level is 100 per cent," candidates to succeed not "remotely" life-threaten- month treatment of daily he said. The cancer him. Berkshire shares ing and he feels "great" radiation in July. "The was detected after a rose 1.4 per cent yeswith "100 per cent" en- good news is that I have medical condition terday but were down ergy level. In a letter to been told by my doctors prompted a biopsy, he 1.8 per cent in post-marhis shareholders, the that my condition is not added in the letter, kettrading.

#### IndiGo withdraws and Jet Airways limits inventory from makemytrip.com

day withdrew and Jet Airways limited its inventory on major travel portal makemytrip.com. Jet Airways blamed 'commercial reasons' for the move, but IndiGo issued a statement sayingthe move was has withdrawn all content ently anti-consumer." A Jet official said. While all other did not respond to repeated from Make My Trip. The ar- Airways spokesperson said carriers had participated in calls made by TOI, the

MUMBAI: IndiGo on Mon-



Director general, bitrary display of fares and the airline had not pulled out the 'opaque fare' scheme, sources revealed.

#### To Commemorate the Centenary Year of Indian Cinema,

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and Delzad Hiwale.

down, Jhunku is forced to colorization process. The Legend Films under the confront his self-doubts. As process has consistently collaborative eye of Legend the leaders of the movement been lauded as the highest Films engineers and techare progressively caught or quality color conversion nicians. It lives as the finkilled, Jhunku battles technology in the world and est example of Bollywood against seemingly insur- has been used extensively colorization that exists tomountable odds to win a vic- on Hollywood feature films day. idebar Festival tory of his own. The film is over the past 10 years. Hum Shyam Benegal Retrospeca brilliant, poignant action- Dono Rangeen was one of tive followed by a postdrama, made more so by the latest colorization screening discussion with the fact that it is true. Cast: projects using the technol-director: Mamoo (1994), Manoj Bajpai, Barry John ogy and it is considered Sardari Begum (1996), and light years ahead of Mugal Zubeidaa (2001) - the first Centerpiece Film - e Azam in the quality of its such programming of their teacher, Masterda. Tribute to the Late Great color, artistry and overall Benegal's trilogy based on Called a traitor by his peers, Dev Anand through HUM design. The colorization of scripts by renowned critic, and let down by a man he DONO RANGEEN: Hum Hum Dono Rangeen was journalist, and filmmaker trusts, Jhunku impulsively Dono Rangeen was re- executed by Jagan Mohan Khalid Mohamed. joins the movement. As his stored and colorized using at Goldstone Technologies,

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