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International News

Jakarta's Christian Governor found guilty of blasphemy

An Indonesian court found the Christian governor of the country's capital, Jakarta, guilty of blasphemy against Islam on Tuesday, sentencing him to two years in prison in a case widely seen as a test of religious tolerance and free speech. The governor, Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, was defeated last month by Anies Baswedan, a former minister of education and culture, in an election in which the blasphemy case, and religion, was a major issue. Mr. Purnama began his sentence on Tuesday. Deputy Governor Djarot Saiful Hidayat is to serve as acting governor until October, when Mr. Baswedan takes office. Blasphemy is a crime in Indonesia, a secular democracy with the world's largest Muslim population. The sentence was harsher than what prosecutors had asked for. They had recommended a sentence of two years' probation on a lesser charge, which would have spared Mr. Purnama prison time.

Chide

To voice disapproval.

Clandestine

Secret.

Business News

ITC aims for top slots in new FMCG businesses in two years

ITC plans to emerge as one of the top players in the non-cigarette business that it refers to as the 'new FMCG segment' and a market leader in the foods business, which is the main growth-driver in its new business foray.

As per Nielsen's latest report, ITC is the third-largest company in the overall FMCG space (excluding cigarettes) and the third-largest in the foods space. In the fourth quarter of 2016-17, its overall FMCG business grew 9% by value, while the foods business grew by 8.9%. "As per Nielsen, ITC has registered the highest growth-rate among the top FMCG companies", B. Sumant, President and head of ITC's FMCG businesses said. "ITC is well-poised to become the largest player in the foods segment in the next two years and the second-largest player in the overall FMCG segment excluding cigarettes. ITC is the fastest growing FMCG company in India.

Coerce

To make somebody do something by force.

Complacency

Self-satisfied ignorance of danger.

State News

IPL betting racket busted

The crime branch team of UP police has busted a cricket betting racket in Sahibabad area here and arrested five persons in this connection.

The arrests were made from a flat at Vrindavan Green Apartments in Rajendra Nagar around 11.45 p.m. on Monday night, said SP (City) Aakash Tomar.

"Acting on a tip-off, the crime branch team conducted a raid at a flat in Rajendra Nagar and arrested Paras Narang, Anshul Jain, Amrish Mittal, Ashok Kumar and Vipin Goel, while they were engaged in online betting," he said.

The police have recovered a laptop, an LCD TV, a Wi-Fi modem, two calculators, 15 mobile phones, three chargers, 8 note books and Rs. 12,000 in cash.

Debase

To lower the quality or esteem of something.

Decry

To criticize openly.