Nun sexual assault case: Police to visit Jalandhar to quiz priest

KOTTAYAM, JULY 31 /--/ The police probing the alleged rape of a nun by a Jalandhar-based Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church would leave for that city this week to interrogate the top priest, police said.

State police Chief Loknath Behera would meet the investigation team ahead of their visit to interrogate Bishop Franco Mulakkal of Jalandhar diocese in connection with the rape case. A team headed by Vaikom deputy superintendent of police K Subhash would leave for Jalandhar on Friday, the police said. During their visit, the police will also try to gather more evidences from those connected with the case. The decision to interrogate Mulakkal came as the team completed a detailed probe in Kerala regarding the allegations levelled against him. The police had earlier said that it would take action in the case "after they are fully convinced". Meanwhile, Kuravilangadu police have registered a case against a Catholic priest for allegedly trying to influence a key witness in the case.

The police registered the case on Monday against Fr James Erthayil of the Congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), an indigenous religious congregation in the Catholic Church of India, after an audio clip of his conversation with a colleague nun of the victim's congregation surfaced. In the audio clip, Erthayil, who was serving in an ashram in Kurianad in the district, was heard trying to influence the nun belonging to the Missionaries of Jesus by offering 10 acres of land and a separate convent, if the complaint against Mulakkal was withdrawn. Meanwhile, the CMI congregation transferred the priest to another ashram in Idukki district. In her complaint to the Kottayam district police chief, the nun had accused Mulakkal of raping her and having unnatural sex multiple times at a small town near Kottayam between 2014 and 2016.

However, Mulakkal has claimed that he was innocent and said the truth would come out in the investigation. Clergymen supporting Mulakkal had said that the nun had filed the complaint against him after a priest, also an official of the Jalandhar diocese, filed one against her relatives for allegedly threatening the bishop.

Haryana Oppn angry with 'Compulsory attendance' at spiritual leader's lecture

BHIWANI, JULY 31 /--/ Haryana's main opposition party has demanded action against a Bhiwani district officer for asking all sarpanches to attend a lecture by a religious leader, calling the move a "gross misuse of official machinery"

The district development and panchayat officer (DDPO) of Bhiwani, Ram Singh, had asked all sarpanches and secretaries of panchayats in the district to compulsorily attend a lecture delivered by Swami Gyananand, the head of Kurukshetra-based Global Inspiration and Enlightenment Organisation of Bhagavad Gita. The DDPO sent an official communication on July 25 to the block development and panchayat officers (BDPOs), asking them to ensure the presence of all the sarpanches or village heads, and the gram sachivs at the event organised here on Monday by the Haryana Sanskrit Academy.

In the communication, the DDPO mentioned that the Haryana Sanskrit Academy, Panchkula, was organising the event for making the villages "ideal, cultured and stress-free", for which a lecture would be delivered by Swami Gyananand ji Maharaj.

While the DDPO could not be contacted, deputy commissioner Anshaj Singh said he was not aware about any such communication. "I am not aware about any such official communication. I will find out (about it). The event was not organised by the district administration," he said over phone today. The order has evoked sharp reaction from the INLD which has demanded an immediate action against the DDPO." In an event where religious leader is to deliver a lecture, calling an official meeting or issuing instructions officially cannot be given. This is a gross misuse of official machinery," INLD leader R S Chaudhary said.

Gehlot downplays controversy over Rajasthan CM candidature

JAIPUR, JULY 31 /--/ Former Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot today downplayed the controversy triggered by another party leader's suggestion that he should be the chief ministerial candidate in the upcoming assembly elections, saying that it was up to the party to take the decision. Gehlot was reacting to a recent statement by party leader Lalchand Kataria wherein the latter demanded that he should be projected as the chief ministerial candidate to save the Congress in the state. In a veiled attack on the BJP, he said the entire controversy was the ruling government's campaign run by a section of media. "BJP's fascist face has been exposed in the country," Gehlot told newspersons at the party's state office here. "There is no dispute here. In the Congress' tradition, party high command takes the call on the basis of what legislators and workers thinks," the former Rajasthan chief minister said. AICC general secretary and party affairs in-charge for Rajasthan, Avinash Pande, on Monday warned Congressmen against making unwarranted statements ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections.

Another man ends life; 5th suicide over Maratha quota demand

MUMBAI, JULY 31 /--/ A 35-year-old man allegedly ended his life today in Maharashtra's Beed district, the latest in a spate of suicides over the Maratha quota demand, police said.

Abhijeet Deshmukh, a resident of Veeda village in Kej tehsil, hanged himself from a tree near his house, police said. "We found a suicide note in which he mentioned that he is taking this extreme step in support of Maratha reservation demand," Beed SP G Shridhar told news agency PTI. The note also mentioned other reasons for his suicide, like unemployment and unpaid bank loan, another police official said. This is the fifth suicide in the state over Maratha reservation issue.

A 38-year-old man allegedly committed suicide on July 29 in Nanded district over the Maratha quota demand, police said. Kacharu Kalyane hanged himself from the ceiling at his home in Dhabad village of Nanded, aound 570 km from Mumbai, when his family members were out for some work.

His suicide note mentioned that he was ending his life over the Maratha community's demand for reservation, a police official said. A 35-year-old man had allegedly committed suicide by jumping in front of a moving train in Aurangabad on July 29 over the Maratha quota demand, police said.

Last week, two men in Aurangabad district committed suicide over demand for the quota, while another protester, injured in the Maratha stir violence in Navi Mumbai, died at a Mumbai hospital on July 26. The politically influential Maratha community, constituting around 30 per cent of the state's population, has been agitating to press its demand for reservation in jobs and education. The community had earlier taken out silent marches across the state to highlight their demands, prominently for reservation.

However, their latest round of agitation has taken a violent turn. Protesters resorted to violence and arson at separate places in Maharashtra on Monday. Four police officials were injured in stone pelting, while nearly 70 vehicles, including state and civic-run buses and those of police, were damaged or torched during the violence in Chakan near Pune. Amid the continuing agitation, the Opposition Congress and the NCP on Monday approached state Governor Vidyasagar Rao, requesting him to direct the Devendra Fadnavis government to announce a decision on the reservation issue immediately. (PTI)

Vehicle negitiating a flooded road as many low-lying areas are flooded as heavy rains continued to lash the city in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday.

Puducherry Assembly to reconvene today amid standoff over nominated MLAs

PUDUCHERRY, JULY 31 /--/ The Puducherry Assembly has been reconvened to meet on Wednesday when it is expected to pass the crucial Appropriation Bill 2018, which has been cleared by Lt Governor Kiran Bedi with a condition that three nominated MLAs be allowed to attend the House proceedings. A release from secretary to the Assembly A Vincent Rayar said the House has been reconvened to meet at 9.30 am on Wednesday. Although the release does not mention the agenda, official sources told news agency PTI that the House was expected to adopt the Appropriation Bill, marking completion of the budget process. It is to be seen whether the three MLAs would be allowed to attend the proceedings, which has become a bone of contention between the Congress government and the Centre. The assembly was adjourned sine die on July 19 after a 13-day budget session with the government unable to introduce the Appropriation Bill, which authorises withdrawal from the Consolidated Fund to meet expenditure of various departments, for want of clearance from Bedi then. Chief minister V Narayanasamy had then accused the Lt Governor of deliberately withholding approval for the bill.

However, Bedi cleared the bill on July 21 with a rider that the three nominated MLAs, whose appointment has been challenged by Congress leaders in Supreme Court, be allowed to attend the assembly proceedings as per an interim order of the apex court. The Congress government has opposed the appointment of the three BJP functionaries as MLAs by the Centre on the ground it was not consulted. Though Bedi had inducted them as MLAs on July 4 last year in the Raj Nivas, Assembly Speaker V Vaithilingam has refused to recognise them as legislators, saying they were not nominated by the competent authority. After the House adjourned sine die without adopting the appropriation billapprehension surfaced among government staff and pensioners on whether they would be able to get July salary and pension as usual on the last working day of the month.

However, salary and pension were disbursed today after the Finance Department yesterday directed the Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries to admit pay and pension bills.

Two Maharashtra civic bodies go to polls today; all eyes on BJP

MUMBAI, JULY 31 /--/ Elections to two civic bodies in Maharashtra are being watched with keen interest in political circles as their results are likely to throw up new leadership equations among parties, especially the BJP, at the local level.

Polling for the 78-member Sangli-Miraj-Kupwad Municipal Corporation (SMKMC) and the Jalgaon Municipal Corporation (JMC) will take place on Wednesday and counting is scheduled on August 3. The election to the 75-member JMC is important for the BJP's local leadership. The BJP, under the leadership of Water Resources Minister Girish Mahajan, has joined hands with Shiv Sena leader Sureshdada Jain's local front, the Khandesh Vikas Aghadi (KVA). Till Mahajan became a Cabinet minister in 2014, senior BJP leader and former Revenue Minister Eknath Khadse used to call the shots in politics of Jalgaon, North Maharashtra, and was seen as a key rival of Jain, a local heavyweight.

Jain was a minister in the Shiv Sena-BJP government (1995-99) and his local front KVA currently rules the JMC. After some rounds of meetings, the Shiv Sena and Jain decided to contest the 2018 civic body election on the Shiv Sena's official symbol of "bow and arrow".

State Notes

UP rain toll rises to 92

LUCKNOW, JULY 31 /--/ Twelve persons were killed and seven others injured in rain-related incidents in different parts of Uttar Pradesh during past 24 hours, pushing the toll to 92 since last week, official sources said here today. As per latest reports, three persons were killed in Kanpur dehat, two in Hathras and one each in Chitrakoot, Auraiya, Allahabad, Unnao, Amethi, Jaunpur and Fatehpur, they said. "The toll since last week in such incidents has reached 92 while the total number of those injured is 91," they said. In these incidents, 59 cattle lost their lives and over 600 houses were also damaged. Chief minister Yogi Adityanath has directed senior officials of all the districts to alert people and asked them to undertake extensive tours in the affected areas and identify dilapidated buildings and get them vacated, a government spokesperson said here.

Militants snatch rifle from policeman in Kupwara

SRINAGAR, JULY 31 /--/ Unidentified militants snatched a rifle today from a policeman in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, the police said. The militants snatched an INSAS rifle from constable Mohammad Ishaq at Khurhama area of Lolab in the north Kashmir district, a police official said. He said Ishaq was on duty in connection with the visit of MLA Lolab Abdul Haq Khan, a former minister, in the area when the incident took place. The police have launched a probe into the incident, the official said.

Cong alleges sell of 'plastic eggs' in Goa

Seeks action from state govt to check practice

PANAJI, JULY 31 /--/ The Congress today alleged that "plastic eggs" are being sold in Goa and demanded action from the government to check the practice.

Raising the issue in the Legislative Assembly, Congress MLA Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco displayed three eggs, which he claimed are made up of "plastic". Chief minister Manohar Parrikar (BJP) said these eggs would be tested in laboratories. "I have brought three eggs to show them to you. These are plastic eggs which are being sold in Goa," he said. Lourenco said such artificial eggs are harmful to health of Goans and sought action against the people involved in selling them. The MLA said the department of Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) has failed to act to check the sale of such eggs. In his reply, Parrikar said nobody can manufacture plastic eggs. "I will get the eggs checked in laboratories. We will also send one of the eggs to the Centre (for testing). There cannot be a plastic egg," Parrikar said, and appealed to the Opposition party not to indulge in any speculation over genuineness of the eggs.

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1291	36110 (E)	7000009614	HSM	Upkeep of RHF during campaign repair.	14/08/2018
1292	35442(E)	7000009639	SP	Repair of 02 nos Exhauster casing By Removal of old wear plate liners, supply & fixing of New plate liners.	17/08/2018
1288	36072 (E)	7000009495	DNW	prev. maint of H.T&L.T switchgear equipments.	14/08/2018
1292	36255(E)	7000009656	CR(M)	Repair of material discharge and receiving chutes of conveyer in PSD 4,5, & 6, & Repair of different winches of BFs	07/08/2018
1290	36173 (E)	7000009553	SMS-II	Running Shift maint. jobs in SMS-2	09/08/2018
1290	36154(E)	7000009560	SMS-II	Running maint of steel slag pot & hot metal transfer cars in SMS-2.	09/08/2018
1292	36243 (E)	7000009644	SMS-I	Preparation of spares and sub-assemblies of, mould car and metallizing of mould car and slag car axles in rolling stock in SMS-I	09/08/2018

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1.	36331(E)	7000009763	HSM	Enablng actvts for oprn of RHF in HSM	17/08/2018
2.	36330(E)	7000009762	HSM	Repair of mendrel assembly and dismantling and assly of wrapper rolls and hyd, motors of coiler.	17/08/2018
3.	36070(E)	7000009769	RMP	Upkeep of different areas of LD Shop and peripheral areas of RMP.	17/08/2018
4.	36340(E)	7000009772	CO&BPP	Regular maintenance of BPP electrical equipments.	17/08/2018
5.	36341(E)	7000009771	CO&BPP	Preventive and Running Electrical maintenance of Batt#7 M/cs, CSP-2 Track-4 and auxiliary equipments.	17/08/2018
6.	36327(E)	7000009770	CRM	Repair & Replacement of Motors installed in minus level (-9M) of CRM Z-3 and maintenance of EOT Cranes & Telphers.	17/08/2018
7.	36230(E)	7000009767	PEB	C/R of turbo compressor (1 no.) at TBS.	17/08/2018
8.	36333(E)	7000009764	CR(M)	Changing of swivelling & rocking runner & realment of hot metal laddle in BFs	17/08/2018
9.	36332(E)	7000009765	CR(M)	Changing/repair of flue tunnel of reheating furnace during capital repair of HSM	17/08/2018
10.	36313(E)	7000009766	HM(M)	various maintenance jobs in slabbing mill during capital repair & shutdown.	17/08/2018

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Over 2,600 Attappady tribals appeal for literacy exam

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 31 /--/ Fighting poverty and backwardness, over 2,600 odd tribals, mostly women, of Attappady in Kerala have appeared for a literacy examination aimed at eradicating illiteracy among tribals and bring them to the mainstream of society.

The examination was held in Attappady, one of the largest tribal belts of the state, as part of the second phase of the special literacy-cum-equivalency drive organised by the state-run Kerala State Literacy Mission (KSLM), official sources here said today. The tribals flocked to the respective exam centres, collected answer sheets enthusiastically and wrote the exam on July 29 in Agaly, Sholayur and Puthur - the three village panchayats of Attappady block in Palakkad district. The objective of the programme was to eradicate illiteracy among tribals and bring the backward group to the mainstream of society, the sources said. A total of 2,624 neo-literates, including 2003 women, had appeared for the exam conducted at 138 centres in the three village panchayats, Literacy Mission director P S Sreekala said. While 89-year-old Chelly, a native of Kuravankandi hamlet, was the oldest among those who wrote the exam, Karthi, a 19-year-old woman hailing from Cheramankandi, was the youngest, she said. "The literacy classes were held in 129 hamlets since last December. As many as 275 instructors including 218 tribals had been deployed as instructors for the programme," she said.

The 100-mark exam had three parts-reading, writing and mathematics. The minimum pass mark is 30. The new textbooks, based on which the exam was conducted, had lessons on forest and environment conservation, sanitation and issues related to the lifestyle of tribals. A total of 1,127 tribals, hailing from 63 hamlets, had already become literate in Attappady in the first phase of the literacy programme. The Literacy Mission had recently rolled out three literacy-cum-equivalency programmes in tribal belts across the state especially in Wayanand and Attappadi regions, with focus not just on literacy but also on social security of the inhabitants. Attappady, home to 32,956 tribals, is one of the most backward region of the state.