

Rahul pulls up K'taka ministers for Congress' 'dismal' show in LS polls

Dissatisfied over candidates' failure to get good lead, leader seeks report from CM, DyCM

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CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday expressed dissatisfaction over the party's "dismal" performance in the LS elections in Karnataka and sought a report from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DyCM K Shivakumar, according to sources.

Action against the ministers, who failed in ensuring the victory of the party candidates, is likely soon. Rahul also expressed his discontent over a dozen ministers' failure to ensure good leads for the party candidates in their respective assembly constituencies, the sources said.

Rahul interacted with the newly-elected party MPs and defeated candidates at the KPCC office. Later, he met the ministers and took those, who failed in ensuring the victory of the party candidates, to task.

Rahul granted bail in defamation case filed by BJP

Bengaluru : Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday was granted bail by a special court here in connection with a case filed by the BJP's Karnataka unit for issuing "defamatory" advertisements in mainstream newspapers. The advertisement ahead of the assembly polls last year accused the then BJP government in the state of indulging in large-scale corruption during its 2019-2023 rule.



A report on the party's defeat in Chitradurga, Kolar, Tumakuru and Bagalkot constituencies because of internal bickering was with Rahul. AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala had acted upon it, according to a source.

"Rahul discussed this with all ministers. The high command has sought a report on

the election results. We will discuss with all our leaders and submit it," Shivakumar told reporters.

He said Rahul expected 5-6 seats more for the party in the state. He along with Siddaramaiah will take part in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. After returning, they will prepare an action

plan to resolve all issues within the party, he added. Shivakumar, however, clarified that the impact of five guarantees on the party's performance did not come up for discussion.

Rahul asked the newly-elected MPs to raise issues related to Karnataka, especially the "step-motherly" treatment by the Centre, in the Lok Sabha. "Congress has improved its tally to 99 and with the support of an independent, the party MPs should make the most of it in the Parliament," Shivakumar said quoting Rahul.

Home Minister Dr Parameshwara, a senior leader and party loyalist, despite being in Bengaluru did not attend the meeting. He must be upset over the party's defeat in his home district of Tumakuru. But there was no formal invitation to the ministers and this may be the reason for many of them not attending it, a Congress leader said.

Vigilance identifies 83 govt doctors engaged in illegal private practice

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THE state Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB) in a state-wide raid has identified 83 government doctors who were offering private consultations flouting government norms.

The raids were conducted by 70 Vigilance teams during which it was found that 19 doctors employed in Government Medical College Hospitals, who were receiving non-practice allowance that comes to about one-fourth of their basic pay, were doing private practice. Also, 64 doctors working in other government hospitals were found to be engaged in private practices without following government stipulations.

During the special drive 'Operation Private Practice', eight Medical College hospital doctors from Kozhikode, three from Alappuzha, two from Thrissur, and one each from Thiruvananthapuram, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Malappuram, Wayanad and Kannur were nabbed while conducting private practice. The state government has put a blanket ban on private consultation of government MCH doctors and provided 25 per cent of their basic pay as a non-practice allowance to dissuade them from taking up private consultations.

However, there have been certain relaxations to the government doctors working under the Directorate of Health Service

Pvt consultation norms

- Government Medical College Hospital doctors cannot do private practice
Other government doctors can offer private practice at their residences
They however cannot employ nurses and technicians
They also cannot do private consultations on commercial properties

KGMOA condemns vigilance raid

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THE Kerala Government Medical Officers Association (KGMOA) has criticised the state-wide vigilance inspections conducted at the residence of government doctors.

As part of the raids, the officials entered the homes of doctors and checked their mobile phones. This led to patients and others perceiving these doctors in a bad light, said the association. Such actions are an intrusion into privacy, said the association.

The association pointed out that, unlike Government Medical College doctors, those doctors under the health department are allowed to practice outside duty hours as they are not granted a non-practising allowance.

"KGMOA have welcomed actions against corruption and illegal activities. Such actions should be based on clear complaints. However, this action by the vigilance invading into privacy and disparaging doctors is condemned," said KGMOA.

Show empathy towards people, HC tells public servants

Kochi: The Kerala High Court has observed that many times, people who approach public servants feel harassed because of lack of communication and indifference they face. "It is a feeling of their dignity being violated and the frustration, helplessness and despondency that throws out of it, which forces people to take extreme step. If the officers in charge understand this and engage with the service requesters with empathy, most of these issues can be taken care of," said Justice Devan Ramachandran. The court made the remarks when a plea filed by D Mohanan, general secretary of Provident Fund Pensioners Association, Kozhikode, came up for hearing. The petitioner said a person died by suicide recently as he faced severe indifference at the hands of the officers and was unable to get the money in his Provident Fund account.

Justice Mary Joseph writing judgments after retirement, alleges HC Advocates Assn prez

Kochi: Advocate Yeshwanth Shenoy, the president of the Kerala High Court Advocates Association, has written a letter to the chief justice of the High Court against the continuance of retired Justice Mary Joseph's access to case files and non-deactivation of security login given to her and her staff in the IT systems of the court. Justice Mary Joseph retired from service on June 2. In the letter, the advocate also requested the chief justice to order the IT Registrar to immediately deactivate access given to Justice Mary Joseph and her staff and call for a report of all activities, including uploading of judgments carried out after June 2, 2024. He also cited a judgment of the Supreme Court which stated that retaining the file of a case for a period of five months after demitting the office is an act of gross impropriety on the part of the judge. The SC also quashed the judgment of the Madras High Court.

HC raps MVD, directs it to act against vloggers violating rules

Kochi: Expressing displeasure with enforcement officers of the motor vehicles department (MVD) for not taking strict action against people driving vehicles that violate prescribed road safety rules, the Kerala High Court directed them to act against vloggers uploading videos of extensively modified and altered vehicles on online video platforms like YouTube. A Division Bench comprising Justice Anil K Narendran and Justice Harishankar V Menon issued the directive on a suo motu case registered in connection with motor vehicle rules violations. It observed that the officers had chosen to adopt a lenient attitude towards such violators.



FROM THE HIGH COURT

EXPRESS READ

Prajwal's mother appears before SIT

Bengaluru: Bhavani Revanna, mother of former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, on Friday appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in connection with an abduction case following a directive from the Karnataka High Court, which granted her interim anticipatory bail earlier in the day. Bhavani is facing charges of kidnapping a woman, allegedly to help her son who is accused of sexually abusing several women, and is currently in SIT custody.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. SR-TVC-GSU-SNT/24-25/01 dated 06.06.2024. Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram Division, Thiruvananthapuram-14 for and on behalf of The President of India invites e-tenders for the following work.

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