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SUPREME COURT ON THE KOLKATA RAPE-MURDER CASE: KEY TAKEAWAYS



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"As more and more women join the workforce,...the nation cannot wait for another rape for things to change on the ground."



"This is not just limited to the incident in Kolkata but raises systemic issues regarding safety of doctors across India. We are deeply concerned about the fact that there is an absence of safe conditions for doctors to work across the country... especially women doctors."



THIS IS A MOMENT FOR NATIONAL CATHARSIS: SC on people's protests in Kolkata

Apex court asks West Bengal govt to deal with peaceful protesters with 'great sensitivity'; Bench led by Chief Justice tells govt: 'Let not the power of the State of WB be unleashed on peaceful protesters'

AGENCIES, NEW DELHI: Amid spiralling nation-wide protests over the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, the Supreme Court, directed the West Bengal government to show 'great sensitivity' towards peaceful protesters.

It categorically asked the West Bengal government not to 'unleash the power of the state' on peaceful protesters.

"Let not the power of the State of West Bengal be unleashed upon peaceful protesters. Let us deal with them with great sensitivity. This is a moment for national catharsis," the apex court said.

The court said, "We expect that West Bengal govern-

ment shall observe necessary restraint in the face of peaceful protests being conducted by any quarter of the society bearing on the issues which form the subject matter of the incident in Kolkata."

The Court, on Tuesday, also constituted a 10-member National Task Force (NTF) to formulate a protocol for ensuring the safety and security of doctors and other health care professionals.

Terming the brutal rape and murder of the 31-year-old intern doctor at the State-run RG Kar Medical college as 'horrific', the apex court excoriated the State government over the delay in filing the FIR and allowing thousands of miscre-

APEX COURT'S DIRECTIVES: SC RAPS WB GOVT OVER DOC'S RAPE & MURDER

» Excoriated govt over the delay in filing the FIR and for allowing miscreants to vandalise the State-run facility

» Directed CBI to submit a status report on the progress made in its investigation into the killing by Aug 22

» Asked State govt to submit a report on the action it has taken against

the vandals

» Expressed deep concern over the name of the victim, her photographs and video clips showing her lifeless body having been splashed all over the media

» Ordered deployment of CISF at the hospital to enable doctors to resume work

In the aftermath of the brutal incident and the demonstrations which followed, the State Government was expected to ensure the deployment of the state machinery to prevent a breach of law and order. It was all the more necessary to do so since investigation of the crime which took place in the precincts of the hospital was under way. We are unable to comprehend how the State was not prepared to deal with the incident of vandalism of the premises of the hospital

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The bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud criticised the ex-principal of RG Kar Medical College Dr Sandip Ghosh for trying to pass off the case as that of suicide and not letting the parents of the deceased to see her body for several hours.

"What was the principal doing? Why was this inaction to first pass this as suicide and not registering an FIR. Body is handed to the parents for cremation late in the night. On the next day, the doctors are on protest and a mob assembles at the hospital. The hospital is invaded and critical facilities are damaged. What was the police doing? A serious offence has taken place and the crime scene is within the hospital. The police should have protected the crime scene. How can the police allow vandals to enter the hospital? After the principal resigned, he is sent to another hospital," the bench said.

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HC stays illegal land filling in low-lying paddy fields at Calangute

Court states it will be constrained to take a serious view of the matter, if any work is carried out in further pursuant to the interim orders; directs Calangute Police & SP North to take appropriate action

Team Herald

PANJIM: The High Court of Bombay at Goa on Tuesday stayed illegal land filling and construction of a road in the low-lying paddy fields falling in the command areas at Calangute.

Hearing the public interest litigation (PIL) writ petition filed by Vinal Diukar of Khobra Vaddo, Calangute, the division bench comprising Justice M S Karnik and

Justice Valmiki Menezes clarified that if any work is carried out in further pursuant to the interim orders of the Court, then the latter will be constrained to take a serious view of the matter.

The Court has also directed the Calangute Police Station and Superintendent of Police (SP) North to look into the interim order and take appropriate action.

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FIELDS OF 'ILLEGALITY'

» Illegal land filling and road construction in command area without obtaining No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Command Area Development Board

» Calangute Police Station and (SP) North, directed to take appropriate action

» Notices to TCP Department, Command Area Development Board, Deputy Collector Administrator of Comunidades North, Calangute VP & Nitin Ganerwal from Telangana and Tarun Gupta from Hyderabad and others

'NO SUCH INSTANCES WHERE ILLEGAL LAND FILLING, HILL CUTTING, ETC, HAS INCREASED,' SAYS GOVT
Unstarred LAQ No. 176 tabled on 01/08/2024 & its reply (3 of the 5 questions selected)

QUESTION

(a) Will the Minister for Town & Country Planning be pleased to state: whereas the department is aware that the illegal land filling, hill cutting, deforestation has been increased in Goa

Reply: (a) Sir, no such instances are brought to the notice of the Department whereby it could be stated that the illegal land filling, hill cutting, deforestation has been increased in Goa

(b) How does such illegal land filling, hill cutting, deforestation will result into environmental and climate change in various parts of Goa, explain in detail?

Reply: (b) Not applicable in view of answer at (a) above.

(c) Measures planned or identified/suggestions to prevent impacts as per (c) in many parts of Goa?

Reply: (c) Wherever hill cuttings/filling of low lying areas is involved, various guidelines are issued by the Department to undertake the same in planned manner.

23-yr-old Shiroda constable dies by suicide

Team Herald

PONDA: A 23-year-old police constable Vaibhav Ulhas Naik, from Dabolim-Shiroda, allegedly died by suicide at his residence at around 3.30 am on Tuesday.

Vaibhav was attached to Escort Cell, Mapusa (PCB.No 9567A).

Ponda PSI Krishna Gauns, who conducted the panchanama, said that no suicide note was found. The cause of death was determined to be hanging.

Vaibhav, who was the sole breadwinner of his family, is survived by his parents and a younger sister.

His final rites were performed at the local crematorium in the evening.

Docs call off strike after Health Min assures to fulfil demands on health workers' safety

Resident doctors to continue protests in one form or another but routine OPDs will continue like normal; say will have some form of representation till justice is served at national level

Team Herald

PANJIM: Goa Association of Resident Doctors (GARD) called off its five-day strike on Tuesday, following assurances by Health Minister Vishwajit Rane that their demands related to safety of health workers in the State will be fulfilled.

Speaking to O Herald, GARD president Dr Ayush Sharma said, "We have called off the strike, but the protests will continue in one form or another. We will not be disrupting anything, routine OPDs will continue like normal as it used to be before, but we will have some form of representation till justice is served at the national level."

As far as the backlog of work is concerned, we have been doubling up in the emergency because we were taking up some routine cases in an emergency. We have doubled up efforts and everybody is working towards it. So we need not bother about that. Consultants were sitting in the OPDs and conducting OTs

—Dr Ayush Sharma, GARD president

We are totally with the GARD. They have given us a list of several issues pertaining to the type of security which is required. They have demanded appointment of Doctor Relation Officer. So one of the doctors will be identified in the next two days

—Vishwajit Rane, Health Minister

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Goa mein sab chalta hai: Daytime bloody drunken brawl of two tourist siblings, stains Goa's image yet again

Eyewitnesses shocked to see the alcohol-laden Kerala 'brothers' beating each other; one assaulted the other with a brick in the heart of Panjim

Team Herald

PANJIM: A brutal scuffle between two drunken tourists from Kerala outside Garcia de Orta garden in Panjim, left one of them seriously injured.

The locals intervened and called the Panjim Police. The injured tourist was sent to Goa Medical College and Hospital at Bambolim for treatment. The police said, "We found two individuals bleeding, opposite Hindu Pharmacy. Both were brothers."

Indicating the presence of a third 'fighter', one eyewitness said, "Three of them were fighting. They were literally rolling on



Police personnel outside Garcia de Orta garden, Panjim after the brawl the ground and fighting. Then one took a stone and hit the other."

A woman eyewitness said, "A tourist was sleeping, the other came with a brick and hit him on his head."

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Four senior cyclists cover 475 kms in just 3 days to participate in Nagueshi Sarvajani Bhajani Saptah

Starting from Pune on Aug 16, they made stops in Karad, Malkapur, Anushkara Ghat, Kharepatan, Kanakavali, and finally reached Nagueshi on August 19

SHANTANU GARUD

NAGUESHI: Four senior cyclists, aged between 61 and 77, participated in the renowned Nagueshi Sarvajani Bhajani Saptah, which commenced on Tuesday, at Nageshi Maharudra temple, a first in the event's history.

The cyclists - Dr Nirupama Bhav (77), a retired HOD Maths Department, Pune University; Arun Nevase (64), a retired agriculture officer, Maharashtra government; Dattatraya Pot-



dar (61), a retired school teacher from Alibag and now residing in Pune; and Jayashri Jadhav (61), retired from PCMC, Chichwad, Pune- cycled over

475 kilometres in just three days, starting from Pune on August 16 and made first stop at Karad.

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MIN. TEMP 25.3 °C

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It's working well! Keep going until his exams are over