# Cong seeks law for SC, ST & OBC quota in private, non-minority educational institutions

Congress on Monday demanded that the government bring in a legislation for SC, ST and OBC quota in private, non-minority educational institutions in the country.

In a statement, Congress general secretary, communications, Jairam Ramesh noted that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth, and Sports had recommended a new legislation to implement Article 15(5).

Article 15(5) allows the state to make special provisions by law for the advancement of socially and private, except for minority educational in-

tions.

"In its 364th Report on the Demand for Grants for the Department of Higher Education, the Parliamen-

RETURN TO THE LORD

-: DAGWAL - RAIA :-

Born: 11.10.1946 - Died: 31.03.2025 Husband of late Filomena Fernandes.

Father / father-in-law of John / Alice.

JOSE

DIAS

Born: 04/12/1965 Died: 30/03/2025

(Odguim, Nuvem)

Cristina / Glen, Valency / Simon Fernandes. Grandfather of Gail

Angel, Snow Ann, Floyd.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st

April 2025 at Our Lady of Snows Church, Raia, for Eucharistic

celebration, followed by burial.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

RETURNED TO THE LORD

Loving husband of Fiola Soares,

affectionate father/father-in-law of Glane/Fiona, Myron,

Manisha/Deleto and caring grandfather of Glenfia

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 1st April 2025 (Today)

at 9:45am to Jesus Mary Joseph Church, Nuvem.

for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

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ates this demand," Ramesh

The Constitution (Ninety-third Amendment) Act, 2005 took effect from January 20, 2006 and this amendment introduced Article 15(5) in the Constitution.

"Nothing in this article or sub-clause (g) of clause (1) of Article 19 shall prevent any special provision, by law, for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes

30," it reads. Explaining the chro-

cided in the appropriate course.

In the IMA versus Union

Citing another case, Ramesh said, "Pramati explicitly.

# Eight months on, landslide-

PTI, WAYANAD: Suhara Joseph, 56, was taking a respite from the scorching heat under the shade of a shop in Chooralmala in Wayanad district, blankly looking across the Bailey bridge at the rubble where

She reluctantly returned to the shade, as she was alone and afraid of fainting

"I am least concerned

can't get over the fact that the people who were so close to us are all gone," Suhara told PTI, choking with emotion as tears rolled down her cheeks.

she was at a hospital for her husband's treatment. All the neighbours who had visited them at the hospital the previous night perished.

## hit Mundakkai, Chooralmala remain ghost towns

her house once stood. She had just returned from the spot where her home had been completely wiped away, with not even a trace left, as huge boulders swept it away on July 30 last year in the worst landslide Kerala has ever witnessed.

in the scorching sun.

about the house and the properties we lost, but I

> The formation of the NTF follows growing concerns over student mental health in India, with increasing reports of distress, depression, and suicides among students in higher education institutions.

By involving a wide range of stakeholders and fostering an open dialogue, the Task Force seeks to ensure that the voices of those affected are central to the decision-making process, with the ultimate goal of creating a safer and more supportive environ-

Suhara survived because

Eight months after the disaster, the Mundakkai and Chooralmala regions resemble a ghost town, with an eerie silence surrounding them.

Once a bustling hub of tourist activity, this beautiful valley in Meppadi, Wayanad, is now devoid of residents or visiting

#### during search for terrorists, night cordon laid PTI, JAMMU: A police team will persevere in its mission. Our force is dedicated

**Gunshots fired in Kathua** 

came under fire from terrorists in a combing operation in Kathua district Monday night, sources said. The operation was underway in the Panjtirthi area of the Ramkote belt. In the wake of the violent encounter, a night cordon has been laid to ensure that the three terrorists trapped in the forest do not escape, sources said.

Earlier in the day, Deputy Inspector General Shiv Kumar Sharma said the operation will continue until the last terrorist is neutralised, as he urged the people living near the border to report any suspicious activities.

"The operation is ongoing, and as long as there is even one terrorist left, the Iammu and Kashmir Police

student suicides in high-

er educational institu-

tions and formed the NTF

to address the mental

health concerns of stu-

dents and prevent such

The top court had also

directed the Delhi Police

to register an FIR on the

complaints of the family

members of two students

Died:

31/03/2025

incidents.

and ensuring the safety of Jammu and Kashmir," Sharma told reporters in Reasi. Security forces have intensified their search for the

to eradicating terrorism

three, bolstered by aerial surveillance and sniffer dogs. Six people were detained after receiving fresh reports of suspected movement involving three individuals believed to be terrorists who had escaped after an encounter in Kathua, officials said.

In a confrontation with the terrorists last Thursday. two terrorists and four policemen were killed, while three others, including a deputy superintendent of police, were injured.

### SC-appointed task force starts work, to seek views on mental health issues of students

RETURNED TO THE LORD **ARMINIO AUGUSTO SOCORRO DORES** RODRIGUES : Old Market, Margao, Goa :-

Born: 08.04.1938 Died: 29.03.2025 Beloved husband of Palmira Clementina Primavera Dias e Rodrigues Loving father / father-in-law of Dr. Ingrid / William Pires. Dr. Astrid

Rodrigues / Clyde Souza, Sheldon Rodrigues, Affectionate Grandfather of Jonathan Pires, Christopher Pires, Jaden Souza, Tristan Souza.

Brother / brother-in-law of late Oswald / Dr. Alina Rodrigues. Nelson / Maria de Graca Rodrigues, Silvia / Olavo Joanes, vonne / Joe Costa Pereira, Dr. Otilia / late Dr. Ricardo Mascarenhas Queenie / Anthony D'Souza. Brother-in-law of John / Theresa Dias, Leonara / Peter Risbert,

Ophelia Dias. Funeral cortege will leave from Ancestral House Number 80, Opposite BPS Club, next to Barbosa Mansion in Pajifond, Margao at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025 for mass at Holy Spirit Church, Margao, at 4:00 p.m. It will be followed by burial at the

Crescencia / Jovencio Da Costa, Susanna / Jawaharlal Godinho,

Margao Cemetery. Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only inti-

Born:

07/04/1974

DEATH

**CHRISTOPHER D'SOUZA** 

Xell, Bastora

Husband of Rita, Father of Sydell Son of Domnick/Conception D'Souza

Brother of Albert/Dana, Tania/Simplicio & Zara/Cedric

Brother-in-law of Cyrilla/Carrie, Fatima/Steve & Diogo/Sheryll

Uncle of Elian, Jessica, Zack, Shanelle, Tasha, Cayenne & Znyda

Funeral cortege will leave the residence at 4.00 pm TODAY,

1st April, 2025, for St. Cajetan's Church, Bastora,

for a Eucharistic Celebration & burial.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Suwho died by suicide while preme Court-appointed studying at the Indian In-National Task Force (NTF) stitute of Technology (IIT), has started its function-Delhi, in 2023.

ing and will seek public The NTF, headed by Jusopinion in preparing its tice S Ravindra Bhat, a former SC judge, comprises reports on tackling mental health issues in educationa distinguished panel of experts, including Dr. Alok al institutions across the Sarin, Prof. Mary E. John, In a landmark judg-Arman Ali, Prof. Rajendra ment on March 24, a Kachroo, Dr. Aqsa Shaikh, bench headed by Justice Dr. Seema Mehrotra, Prof. JB Pardiwala took note Virginius Xaxa, Dr. Nidhi of the recurring cases of Sabharwal, and Ms. Apar-

na Bhat. The Task Force also includes ex-officio members from key government departments, including the Department of Higher Education, the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

In its first meeting held on March 29, 2025, the Task Force outlined its plan to explore the root causes of suicides in higher education institutions and develop a comprehensive report with actionable recommendations.

The NTF aims to assess current policies, review relevant laws, and consult with various stakeholders tions. to create an inclusive approach to improving student welfare.

The Task Force has been

given a timeline of four

months to submit an inter-

im report and eight months for the final report. The process will involve public consultations, interactions with educational institutions, and discus-

sions with mental health professionals, students, and parents. The Task Force is also

set to launch a website and a social media handle to encourage public engagement and receive suggesment for students across the country.

### **FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY** In Loving Memory of

LAWRENCE **D'MELLO Mollar, Corlim** 

There will be Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Lawrence

D'mello on 2nd April 2025 at 8.00 am at St John Facundo

Church, Corlim Ilhas followed by Prayers and Blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful Family.

# 26th Death Anniversary In Loving Memory of



# PASCOAL FARIA

(Cansaulim) Date of Death: - 01-04-1999

"26 Years Have Come and Gone, And we celebrate the life and legacy of our Dad, whose impact on our lives is immeasurable. "Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure you are loved beyond words and missed beyond limits.



Wife: ANTONETA Children's: (late)MICKY, CUSTODIO (CHRIS)/ PINKY, ARMSTRONG, Grandchildren: AUNALEY & VELLAN FARIA

## ONE YEAR WITH THE LORD



"We little know that morning that God was going to call your name in life we loved you clearly, in death we do the same

Memorial Mass offered by her dear family at 8 am on Wednesday, 2nd April at St. Sebastian Church, Calvim followed by blessing at the grave

#### SEVENTH DAY REMEMBRANCE In loving memory of



ROQUE ZEFERINO DA SILVA (JEFFREY)

CANSAULIM / RAJKOT / ASSOLNA

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Dada on 2nd April 2025 at 8:15 am at Regina Martyrum Church, Assolna, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful children Clive, Christina/Werner Rodrigues granddaughter Kiara and family.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only into Rebello Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992



stitutions. Ramesh said the Congress had during the last Lok Sabha polls committed itself to bringing legislation to implement Article 15(5) of the Constitution in private educational institu-

tary Standing Committee

to in clause (1) of Article

ing private educational institutions, whether aided or unaided by the State, other than the minority educational institutions referred

nology of legislation to implement Article 15 (5), Ramesh said the Central Educational Institutions (Reservations in Admission) Act, 2006 was passed in Parliament and reservations for scheduled castes,

scheduled tribes and socially and educationally backward classes of citizens in central educational institutions introduced with effect from January 3,

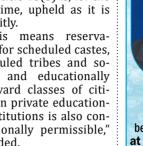
Citing the case of Ashoka Kumar Thakur versus Union of India on April 10, 2008, he said by a 2-0 margin Article 15(5) is held Constitutionally valid only for state-run and state-aided institutions and reservations in private unaided institutions left open to be de-

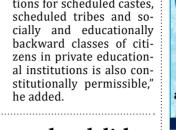
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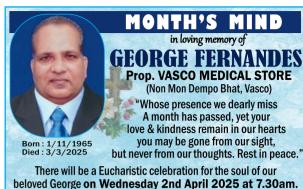
Educational and Cultural Trust versus Union of India Jan 29, 2014. By 5-0 margin Article 15(5) is, for the first time, upheld as it is "This means reserva-

tions for scheduled castes,









A YEAR WITH THE LORD

of our beloved Balbino on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025 at 8:00am at

St. Sebastian Church cemetery, Aquem, followed by prayers &

blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful family.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intim
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In everloving memory of **BALBINO (ABIT) FERNANDES** 

"You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide. Although we cannot see you papa you are always at our side"

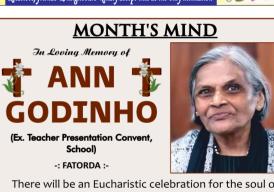
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul



Wife of late Assuncao (Aisao) Bantista. There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Sebastiana at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025 at Mother of God Church, Majorda, followed by

prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by her sorrowful children Relatives neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation





There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of beloved ANN GODINHO at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025 at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Fatorda, followed by prayers at the grave at Holy Spirit Graveyard, offered by her children and grandchildren. Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation. Confident Advig. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194

Ponolem, Calvim, Aldona 30.06.1935 - 02.04.2024

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again



