

'Case on son fake; cops free to act against grandson'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BREAKING his silence on the sexual abuse charges against his grandson and Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, JDS supremo and former PM H D Deve Gowda on Saturday clarified that he has no objection to the legal action initiated against Prajwal. However, he alleged that Congress has "created" a case against his son and Holenarasipura MLA A H D Revanna.

Prajwal fled the country after casting his vote in Hassan on April 26. After this, the Karnataka government set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) based on the state women's commission's recommendation, to probe the Hassan sex scandal. An Interpol Blue Corner Notice has been issued against Prajwal.

Meanwhile, the SIT arrested Revanna on May 4 in connection with the alleged abduction of a victim of the alleged sexual abuse. Revanna got bail and was released on May 14. But he is facing another case of alleged sexual abuse and hearing will be held on Monday.

The JDS supremo made his last public appearance on April 26 when he cast his vote at Paduvalahippe village in Hassan district along with his wife Channamma and family members. He did not step out of his Padmanabha Nagar house in Bengaluru after the scandal came to light. On Saturday, he turned 92 and visited Sri Tirumalagiri Venkataramanaswamy Temple at J P Nagar as he does on his birthday every year and chose to speak to the media on the occasion.



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Replying to a query, Gowda said "it's true" that his detractors are trying to tarnish the image of his family. On BJP leader and lawyer Devaraj Gowda's allegation that Deputy CM D K Shivakumar is behind the "conspiracy", the former PM clarified that Kumaraswamy has spoken about all matters related to it.

"As JDS state chief, Kumaraswamy has been handling various issues related to the party. He has even clarified that action should be taken against all those, including Prajwal, involved in the circulation of obscene pen drives," he said.

He said he will not comment on it as his son and former CM H D Kumaraswamy has spoken elaborately on behalf of his (Gowda's) family. "I will not take the names of those involved, but action should be taken against all of them, including Prajwal," he said.

Families of caste atrocity victims come together, seek action, want justice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

AGGRIEVED family members of several victims of alleged caste atrocities in the state gathered at Sterling V Grand Hotel in Madurai on Saturday, and submitted petitions to Evidence Executive Director A Kathir seeking action and justice. The rendezvous was called 'Caste Atrocities in Tamil Nadu', where around 30 cases were discussed in the presence of panel members Kathir, Advocate B B Mohan and Jayana Kothari, HC Advocate Ezhil Caroline, Director of Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation Edwin, LAAS Director Advocate A Sandhanam, and Loyola College Professor Semmalar.

The cases discussed included that of Ajithkumar, from SC community, who studied in Thanjavur Medical College. Ajithkumar was allegedly killed in 2017. His parents said their son had taken part in a protest against the death of Anitha, which they claimed, backfired. The victim's mother said, "The warden did not let my son eat or sleep inside, and passed derogatory remarks based on our caste. On March 16, I received a call saying that my son had died of stomachache, but the autopsy report concluded heart attack." The panel members alleged that the police had failed to file a complaint, and is liable to face legal action.

One of the victims of the Vengaiyaval case, in which human faeces was allegedly mixed in a water tank that supplied drinking water to the SC community in Vengaiyaval, Pudukkottai, by caste hindus in 2023, said that despite an FIR being

filed, no action was taken. He further alleged that the police diverted the case against the victims. Kathir called it a 'political and caste game'. Advocate BB Mohan said, "The evidence has been destroyed by the police." Later, the victim also revealed that he had not received any compensation.

In a case of alleged honor killing from 2023, a pregnant woman named Ramya was killed by her husband's family after she refused to abort her foetus. Ramya's father from Theni, said she had a love marriage with an ambulance driver, a caste hindu, despite her family's opposition. Her parents said that they had asked her to return when she alleged torture at the hands of her in laws, but she concealed that she was pregnant. Based on Ramya's father's complaint, the accused was arrested. "The government also provided us a compensation of ₹10 lakh, pension, and a government job," said the panel.

The next case brought up was about Rajesh (26), who was allegedly killed by Mariyappan and Mandhira Murthi at Viswanathapuram village in Tenkasi, this year. Rajesh's father said that Mariyappan and Murthi had engaged in a fight with two of Rajesh's friends. Rajesh got involved after he was called to the spot where the groups were fighting. Although his father had pacified both groups at the time, he said, Rajesh was murdered three months later.

Panel member Edwin said as per government norms, victims should be given a home, pension, job, an agricultural land, emergency relief, and free residential education to the children in their family.

'Petitioner's suspicion is reasonable'

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THE petitioner had said that her husband, employed in a canteen, was forcibly taken to the police station on April 10 and subjected to custodial torture leading to the death.

Human rights activist and advocate Henri Tiphane, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the prisoner's search register showed that Raja was released on 'station bail' as he was feeling 'unwell and dizzy'. If he was feeling unwell when he was under police custody, they themselves should have taken him to the hospital, but it was not done. This created serious suspicion around the death, he argued.

Referring to the arguments, the judge observed that suspicion of the petitioner that her husband died of custodial torture is reasonable and cannot be brushed aside easily. Hence, an inquiry under Section 176 of CRPC is essential to unearth the truth, the judge said.

Government advocate S Udayakumar, representing the police, submitted that the deceased was picked up by a police team during vehicle check as he was holding liquor bottles intended for illegal sale. After registering a case, he was allowed to go on station bail in the presence of his employer and a co-worker. The cause of death, as per postmortem report, was combined effects of aspiration and pre-existing coronary atherosclerosis, Udayakumar said.



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Passport using forged documents: Eight arrested in Tiruchy airport

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruchy

THE Airport police on Friday arrested and remanded in judicial custody eight passengers at Tiruchy international airport found in alleged possession of passports obtained using forged documents. Of the eight, six were about to board flights while the other two were detained by immigration authorities on arrival. All the eight have been remanded to the Central Prison in Tiruchy till May 30.

Based on a complaint lodged by the immigration officials, the Airport police arrested A Arabi Mohammed (53), K Bose (53), K Abdul Rahim (52) and S Ruthira Pasupathy (60) - all of whom hail from Ramanathapuram district, M Mariyappan (48) and N Shakul Ahamed (55) - both from Tiruchy - and A Aro-

kiasamy (43) and S Mohammed (54) of Pudukkottai.

Immigration authorities detained Arabi Mohammed while attempting to board a Sharjah-bound flight with a passport obtained by changing his name and address. Bose, who had landed from Kuala Lumpur, had altered his date of birth and father's name in the documents and obtained a passport.

Mariyappan and Abdul Rahim were intercepted as they were about to board a Kuala Lumpur-bound flight. Arokiyasamy, caught before boarding a Singapore flight, had forged his name and date of birth. Ruthira, Shakul Ahamed and Mohammed possessed passports obtained by providing documents with altered names and address. They were apprehended while attempting to board a Kuala Lumpur flight.

Modi's remarks reveal his anti-poor mindset, says chief minister

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POINTING to Modi's silence on the INDIA bloc's promise to remove the 50% cap on reservations for OBC, SC, and ST communities, Stalin questioned whether Modi has ever supported this move which could benefit the people of Uttar Pradesh. Instead, the PM is promoting hate propaganda, the CM said.

Criticising Modi's comments about free bus travel scheme for women affecting the patronage of metro train services, Stalin said the remarks revealed the PM's anti-poor mindset.

The number of people using Chennai Metro Rail service, which was 3.28 crore in 2019 before the free bus scheme was implemented, has increased to 9.11 crore in 2023 after the introduction of the free bus scheme, the CM pointed out. Stalin also accused Modi of stalling the Chennai Metro Phase II expansion project by not providing the agreed union government funding for the project.

Stalin said he was doubtful if the PM was afraid of women's empowerment since he traced his roots to the regressive, right-wing ideology of the RSS. Stalin said the INDIA bloc was "racing towards victory" and people were witnessing the "Election Commission's silence" on the PM's propaganda of "lies and hatred" with shock and grief.

Son died after taking drug-laced milk, alleges woman, demands probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Erode

A woman from Appakudal approached the Erode district collector's office on Saturday demanding a proper investigation into the death of her 16-year-old son. She alleged an acquaintance had offered the boy a drink laced with ganja and a chemical solution before he took ill.

P Amsa, who is a resident of Gandhi Nagar in Appakudal, filed a complaint over the death of her son Gowtham on May 17. More than 50 people from the area accompanied her as he arrived to submit a petition at the collector's office.

Speaking to reporters, Amsa, a sanitary worker at the Oricheri Purud Village Panchayat, said, "Gowtham passed the current year's Class 10 public examination with 319 marks. On May 10, he went with a construction worker named Rohit, a resident of the same area. After returning home, Gowtham started vomit-

ing and fainted. We admitted him to the Bhavani Government Hospital for treatment. Later he was shifted to the Erode Government Hospital." The boy was referred to the Salem Government Hospital on Friday, May 11, as there was no improvement in his condition. However, Gowtham passed away early on Friday.

Amsa suspects Rohit for Gowtham's death. "Rohit had mixed ganja, banned tobacco products and a paint-mixing solution in Gowtham's milk. I complained about this at the Appakudal police station. But the police did not take appropriate action. So a proper investigation should be conducted into my son's death and action should be taken against Rohit," Amsa demanded.

"Substances like ganja are easily available to the youth in Appakudal. The collector should take appropriate action to prevent this," she said. Amsa's husband is no more. She has a daughter Jeeva, 17.



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS ORIGINAL JURISDICTION In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956. And In the matter of M/s. Achievers Agri India Private Limited (in Provisional Liquidation) Company Application No.348 of 2023 in Company Petition No. 54 of 2015.

SALE NOTICE In pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras dated 25.04.2024 made in C.A. No.348 of 2023 in C.P. No. 54/2015, sealed tenders are invited from the intending purchasers by the undersigned for the purchase of the Achievers Academy Matriculation Higher Secondary School at Hosur belonging to M/s. Achievers Agri India Private Limited (in Provisional Liquidation) situated at the places more fully described in the below schedule on "As is Where is and Whatever there is condition" without warranty on title.

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Date and time of inspection of the site : 05.06.2024, (11.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m) EMD (10% of the upset price) : Rs.2,14,10,000/- Last date for purchase of Tender Form : 11.06.2024 Last date for submission of Tenders : 12.06.2024 Date of opening of Tenders and Auction : 14.06.2024

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Sealed tenders will be opened before the Hon'ble High Court, Madras on 14.06.2024 at 2.30 p.m. and the tenders who remains present will be permitted to increase their offer in the open auction. The sale is subject to confirmation of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras. DATED AT CHENNAI THIS THE 17th DAY OF MAY, 2024

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