

Boy's body floats to India from PoK, borders melt as soldiers, officials cross minefield for handover

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SRINAGAR, JULY 11

THE BODY of a seven-year-old boy floats down a river from Pakistan to a village in India. There, it is preserved with ice blocks carved out from the mountainside. Finally, an Indian team carries the dead child through a minefield maze to the Line of Control (LoC).

Over the last three days, past many twists and turns, a rare story of heart and heartbreak played out in Achoora village in Gurez valley along the LoC in North Kashmir. On Thursday, the body of Aabid Sheikh was handed over to the Pakistan Army.

"I am seeing such an exchange for the first time in my life," said Nazir Ahmad Gurezi, a former MLA from Gurez, where the body was handed over.

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An Indian team hands over the body of 7-year-old Aabid Sheikh to the Pakistan Army at the LoC in Gurez sector. Express

Lifting 271 mn out of poverty in 10 yrs, India fastest, Jharkhand No. 1 area: UN

SHALINI NAIR
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

INDIA HAS registered the fastest absolute reduction in the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) value among ten countries, spanning every developing region, whose combined population is two billion people. And Jharkhand is among the poorest regions in the world improving the fastest.

According to the global MPI 2019 report released Thursday, between 2005-06 and 2015-16, India, lifted 271 million out of poverty, significantly reducing deprivations in many of the ten indicators, particularly in "assets, cooking fuel, sanitation and nutrition".

The MPI captures both the incidence and intensity of poverty. The global MPI tracks 101 countries on deprivations across ten indicators in health, education,

and standard of living. Developed in 2010 by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), it looks beyond income poverty and tracks poverty in terms of the deprivation faced by people in their daily lives.

The report stated: "Among selected countries with a significant reduction in MPI value,

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Ayodhya: Daily hearing from July 25 if mediation fails, says SC

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

CALLING FOR the report of the mediators it had appointed to find an amicable solution to the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, the Supreme Court Thursday said daily hearing on appeals challenging the Allahabad High Court verdict in the Ayodhya matter will likely commence July 25 if mediation efforts are not making progress and have to be concluded.

A five-judge Constitution Bench, comprising Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Justices SA Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and Abdul Nazeer, asked the mediation committee — headed by retired Supreme Court Justice F M Ibrahim Kalifullah, it also includes spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar,

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7 yrs to life in jail: UP panel drafts tough law on mob lynching, onus on officers

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, JULY 11

RECOMMENDING JAIL terms ranging from seven years to life imprisonment for assailants and up to three years for dereliction of duty by a police officer or district magistrate, the Uttar Pradesh State Law Commission has drawn up a stringent law to deal with rising incidents of mob lynching.

In a report that contains the draft Uttar Pradesh Combating of Mob Lynching Bill, 2019 — it has been submitted to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath by commission chairman Justice (ret'd) Aditya Nath Mittal — the state law panel, while taking suo motu cognizance of incidents of mob lynching, has said the existing law is not sufficient and there is need to not just punish the

wrongdoers but also hold authorities responsible for dereliction of duty if such incidents take place under their watch.

Underlining that mob lynching be made a separate offence to inculcate fear among miscreants, the commission's draft law recommends stringent punishment:

■ Imprisonment up to 7 years and fine up to Rs 1 lakh if the victim is injured.

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COALITION NEAR COLLAPSE

Karnataka: SC tells Speaker to decide, he says will go by rules

He meets rebel MLAs, says people are acting as if an earthquake happened

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BENGALURU, NEW DELHI, JULY 11

HOURS AFTER the Supreme Court Thursday asked Karnataka Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar to take a decision on the resignations of 10 rebel Congress and JD(S) MLAs before the day ended, the Speaker told the court that the process would take time and he won't be able to complete it the same day.

In Bengaluru later in the evening, the rebel MLAs met the Speaker, who ruled out an immediate decision citing rules and parliamentary procedure, and said: "There is no date to decide the acceptance of the resignations. If I am satisfied, I will accept and if I am not satisfied the consequences are known. I will go by procedures."

The rebel legislators had moved the SC against the delay by the Speaker in accepting their resignations, submitted on July 6. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose Thursday morning "permitted" the MLAs

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All eyes on what SC does next

IF THE resignations of 16 rebel MLAs are accepted by the Speaker, it is curtains for the ruling Congress-JD(S) coalition. The BJP, which wants to stake claim, has indicated it will wait for word from the Supreme Court Friday.

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to appear before the Speaker at 6 pm. But the Speaker, in an

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Sakshi and Ajitesh got married on July 4

Hounded for marrying Dalit, woman tells UP MLA: Papa, stop your dogs

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, JULY 11

"THROUGH THIS video, I want to say that in future if something happens to me or Abhi or any of his family members, then my father, Vicky Bhartaul, and Rajeev Rana would be responsible for it, especially Rajeev Rana who has arrived with his entire team and is chasing me. I will die, but I will wipe out his entire family."

These chilling lines are from one of two videos that went viral Wednesday on social media, which features Sakshi Mishra, the 23-year-old daughter of UP BJP MLA Rajesh Mishra alias Pappu Bhartaul.

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Jaising at her New Delhi home Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

CBI searches Grover-Jaising home & NGO offices, Oppn says coercion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 11

A MONTH after it registered an FIR against the Lawyers Collective, a rights issue NGO run by senior lawyers Indira Jaising and Anand Grover, for alleged violation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) and offences under sections of the Indian Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Act, the CBI Thursday said it had "conducted searches at five locations in Mumbai and Delhi at the premises including office and residence of accused".

A CBI statement claimed "certain incriminating documents have been recovered" during the searches and its investigation is continuing.

Jaising told reporters: "Mr Grover and I are being targeted for the human rights work that we have done over the years."

Condemning the searches, a group of Opposition MPs, in a letter to the Prime Minister, called the CBI action the "latest in a long line of coercion and intimidation of Jaising and Grover"

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