

WHY THE HOSTILITY, AAP’S SANJAY SINGH ASKS CENTRE

No clearance to travel, Kejriwal skips mayors’ summit at Copenhagen

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WITH THE Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) not granting the mandatory travel clearance, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Tuesday was forced to call off his trip at the last minute to Copenhagen for the C40 World Mayors Summit. Kejriwal was scheduled to fly at 2 pm and address the summit Wednesday on Delhi’s fight against pollution. The Delhi government did not issue an official statement but Sanjay Singh, Rajya Sabha MP of the ruling AAP, lashed out at what he called the BJP-led Centre’s “hostility.”

“This is unfortunate and beyond my understanding. Why is (Narendra) Modi’s government working with such hostility towards us? He (Kejriwal) wasn’t going on a vacation but to hold discussions with mayors of 100 cities of Asia and present a better picture of our country on efforts to abate pollution. We ap-



CM Arvind Kejriwal at a Dussehra event near Red Fort Tuesday. He said Delhiites have slayed dengue and managed to bring pollution levels under control, and urged people to defeat ‘Ravana-like forces’ in society. Prem Nath Pandey

plied a month ago but couldn’t get clearance,” he said. The MEA refused to com-

ment on the issue beyond what it had said last Friday, but sources in the government pointed out

that the conference is a gathering of mayors. Responding to questions

Friday, MEA’s official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar had said: “It is very simple that if there is an event taking place abroad where you have representation from other countries which is at a very lower level, in that case, we do advise the person concerned that this event is not fit to be attended by a minister or this does not warrant the presence of a minister. So this is the process that is involved.” Kumar had said the “overall objective is to ensure the prestige of the country is not compromised”.

Apart from speaking on pollution, Kejriwal was to address a joint press conference in Copenhagen to launch ‘Clean Air Cities Declaration’ with the mayors of Paris, Los Angeles, Copenhagen, Portland, Jakarta and Barcelona.

Sources in the Delhi government said the CM’s office “waited till the last minute for clearance and checked with the MEA several times” but did not get a response.

Worker dies after falling on iron rods at Lady Hardinge

Victim’s family claims not given safety gear, case filed

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A 23-YEAR-OLD labourer died after he fell on two iron rods while working at an under-construction unit in Lady Hardinge Hospital Sunday.

Police said the man, Shyam Kumar, was not equipped with safety belts and tools while on the job. He died as iron rods pierced through his abdomen and because of head injuries sustained in the fall.

Hailing from Uttar Pradesh’s Auriya, Shyam came to Delhi two months ago to work with his cousin Ravinder (30) and earn for the family.

In his complaint filed at Mandir Marg police station, Ravinder alleged he had been working at Lady Hardinge for a year, and had complained about the lack of safety equipment to the supervising engineer, who threatened the workers and told them to quit if they had problems.

On the day of the incident, Ravinder and Shyam were working near the septic tank at the unit.

Police said other workers had to cut parts of the wall to remove the iron rods and later pulled the rods from the victim’s abdomen. No arrests have been made so far

Ravinder claimed, “Cement shuttering was being done and Shyam was working near the septic tank. He asked for a belt and ropes as he was working at a height and there was a fear of falling into the tank or on the ground. Also, there were several rods on the wall. The supervising engineer told him the other workers didn’t need belts, and Shyam had to work without them. We then requested him for a safety net across the wall to prevent any accident, but he refused. Around 5 pm, When Shyam was cutting extra parts of the rods on the wall, his blade broke. He lost balance and fell on the wall. Two iron rods pierced through his stomach, and he fell

on the ground.”

Police said other workers had to cut parts of the wall to remove the iron rods and later pulled the rods from the victim’s abdomen. No arrests have been made so far.

“We received a call around 5.15 pm about the incident. The man was immediately taken to the hospital for treatment, but died later that night due to his injuries. We have recorded his cousin’s statement, who was also at the site and have registered a case against the company. We are verifying all claims made by the workers and are further investigating the matter,” Eish Singhal, DCP (New Delhi), said.

Police said a company called Deepak Builders has been named in the FIR. When *The Indian Express* contacted the firm, a person picked up and said he was not aware of the incident.

Ravinder said, “We were looking for other jobs to earn more money. We lived in a room inside a quarter near the site, where other labourers lived temporarily. Shyam sent Rs 4,000 every month to his family. He was planning to take leave during Diwali and visit his parents.”

BRIEFLY

Murder of gold firm manager: Cousin among 2 arrested

Noida: A cousin of the Ghaziabad-based manager of Muthoot Finance Limited is among two persons held for allegedly killing him four months ago, Noida Police said Tuesday. The killing resulted from a failed conspiracy to rob the company’s gold in its vault in its Ghaziabad branch, police said. **PTI**

Eco-friendly Dussehra at IIT-Delhi

New Delhi: On the occasion of Dussehra on Tuesday, IIT-Delhi tried to remain as eco-friendly as possible by distributing nasal filters to nearly 2,000 people who came to watch the burning of the effigies, as well as reducing the number of crackers fit into the effigy. The filters were designed to reduce PM 10 particles by 100%, and PM 2.5 particles by 95%, said Prateek Sharma of Nasofilters, an IIT-incubated start-up.

Teen found hanging

New Delhi: A 16-year-old boy allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a branch in South East Delhi’s Jasola Tuesday. Police said the boy sustained an injury on his left foot on Monday night and fought with his parents about it. He left home on Tuesday on the pretext of going to the hospital and was later found hanging, said police.

Woman’s phone stolen from car

New Delhi: A woman journalist’s phone was stolen from her car in West Delhi’s Inderpuri Tuesday morning. The woman said she had parked her car outside PUSA campus and had gone for a walk in a park nearby. When she returned, she saw that the side window of the car was broken and her phone missing. Police said the woman filed an e-FIR and a case of theft was registered against unknown persons.

Man shot at

New Delhi: A 28-year-old man was allegedly shot at by four men outside his shop in Outer North Delhi’s Bhalswa Dairy Monday. **ENS**

Kerala, Delhi police spin net for gangster facing 70 cases

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL & SHAJU PHILIP
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SATYAPRAKASH ALIAS Sattu (41) was last on the Delhi Police radar after he killed his rival Sonu Chikhna and declared his intention to kill a sub-inspector, who had arrested him in 2009 after a shootout at Green Park.

A gangster suspected to be involved in around 70 criminal cases, including murder, extortion and dacoity, Satyaprakash was arrested last week from Shahdara by the Kerala Police, who had the assistance of Delhi Police.

Hailing from Uttar Pradesh’s Badaun, Satyaprakash got out on bail in January and started operating a gambling racket in several areas of Shahdara.

His name also surfaced when he and his gang members allegedly committed seven robberies at Kollam, Kerala, within four hours on September 28. During investigation, police found that two bike-borne persons wearing helmets had threatened victims at gunpoint and forced them to hand over gold ornaments.

“Before robbing people, the gang stole a two-wheeler from the premises of a railway station. They then removed the number plate. Although it was initially believed the gang used a pistol to threaten people, police later found that they only carried a battery-operated drilling machine. Using CCTV footage, police found that the robbers got into a Scorpio registered in Satyaprakash’s name,” a senior officer said.

On October 4, Kerala Police



Satyaprakash was arrested last week from Shahdara

reached Shahdara and, with help from Delhi Police, laid a trap in a workshop from where Satyaprakash was arrested and the Scorpio recovered.

“We have arrested him under the Arms Act after we recovered an illegal weapon from his possession. Kerala Police later applied for his transit remand and took him into their custody,” said DCP (Shahdara) Amit Sharma. Satyaprakash’s criminal dossier, accessed by *The Indian Express*, shows that he entered the world of crime when he was a juvenile and started pickpocketing. His father, who suffers from leprosy, ran a grocery store in Nand Nagri and lived at the leprosy colony at Tahirpur village. He dropped out of school in class II.

“In 1998, he was arrested for the first time from IP Estate area on charges of robbery and was sent to Tihar Jail. After coming out, he formed his gang and committed several robberies in Delhi and Ghaziabad,” an officer said.

Till date, 70 cases of murder, robbery, dacoity and attempt to murder have been registered against him at police stations in Delhi-NCR.

“He became more active after his rival gangster Dinesh Giri was killed by Noida Police in an encounter in 2006. He started taking protection money after Giri’s death from petty criminals, giving them shelter in return. His gang also started targeting cash vans and banks,” an officer said.

Satyaprakash’s gang had more than 25 members, mostly from Western UP. Most are hardened criminals who carry sophisticated weapons, including foreign-made pistols.

“On January 19, 2009, he and his associates were stopped by the South district police in Green Park when they were coming from Rajasthan. A shootout ensued in broad daylight and he, along with three of his associates, were injured. Three police personnel also sustained injuries. He was in jail and become close friends with notorious criminal Sunil Rath, who killed Munna Bajrangi in Baghpat Jail last year. He was in jail for around seven years and came on bail in May 2015,” the officer said, adding that he then allegedly executed a series of robberies followed by the murder of a friend-turned-foe Sonu Chikhna in Nand Nagri in 2015.

Police said Satyaprakash married twice and both his wives stay with him at Nand Nagri. His second wife was arrested with him for allegedly killing Sonu and she was allegedly operating his gang after coming out on bail.

“After coming out of jail this year, two businessmen had gifted two Scorpio cars to Satyaprakash. He also owns several properties in UP,” the officer added.

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A 62-YEAR-OLD woman and her 38-year-old daughter died and a man sustained severe injuries after a fire broke out following a cylinder blast inside a house in North East Delhi’s Karawal Nagar Tuesday. Police said the 38-year-old woman’s two teenaged boys, who were outside, watched the house get engulfed in fire.

The victims were rushed to GTB Hospital, where the women, Rambiri and her daughter Hemlata, were declared dead on arrival by doctors. The man, Rajesh (42), is undergoing treatment. Police said he was at the house to fix the gas cylinder and was known to Hemlata, as the two worked at a garment factory.

While fire officials claimed the blast took place when the victims were trying to refill two small gas



The incident took place at Karawal Nagar. Amit Mehra

cylinders from a big one, DCP (North East) Ved Prakash Surya said the man was fixing the cylinder and a leakage led to the blast. “When gas is being transferred from one cylinder to another, usually there is leakage as no proper instruments are used nor any precautions taken,” said

Delhi Fire Chief Atul Garg.

He said that after the cooling operation began, firefighters realised that two small cylinders burst, while the big cylinder was intact. “It could have been worse had the big one burst too,” said Garg. Two fire tenders were dis-

HC notice to Delhi, Centre on Assembly election plea

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has sought the Centre’s and Delhi government’s response on a plea seeking directions to the authorities to rotate the reserved and general seats for next year’s assembly polls.

Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva issued notice to the Centre’s ministry concerned, Delhi government, Election Commission of India and the Delimitation Commission on the plea.

The plea also alleged that authorities have “reserved assembly seats in Delhi... in arbitrary, irrational... manner, which is

neither in consonance with the Act nor in consonance with provisions of the Constitution of India”. The plea was filed by Sanjay Gupta and Sandeep Bumra, who claim to be political activists.

Advocate Barun Kumar Sinha, appearing for the petitioners, contended that his clients are members of Sultanpuri Majra (reserved for SC candidates) and Ballimaran (A General Category seat) assembly constituencies and are “aspiring to contest assembly polls... in 2020, from the assembly seats in which they are voters respectively”. **ENS**

DOCTORS KEEPING CLOSE WATCH

77 women picked so far for study on air pollution’s effects on foetus

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 8

A YEAR after the Guru Tegh Bahadur (GTB) Hospital started a study on pregnant women to find the impact of air pollution on the foetus, a total of 77 women have been enrolled in the programme so far.

Funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology’s department of biotechnology (DBT) and Medical Research Centre in the United Kingdom, the study aims to include 600 pregnant women. It will be completed by 2023.

“The process of selection is tedious. Mostly, we are visiting pregnant women who are in the first trimester so that we can follow up on them throughout their pregnancy. After the delivery, we follow their children for 18 months. Women willing to be a part of the study have to sign a consent form,” said Dr Kiran Guleria, principal investi-

EXPLAINED

Similar projects being tried abroad as well

IN APRIL, a study conducted by scientists at the University of Aberdeen in the UK revealed how exposure to air pollution is affecting babies’ growth during pregnancy. Scientists at the University of Aberdeen reviewed over a decade’s worth of research from around the world to establish the extent to which the mother’s exposure to air pollution, diet, alcohol and chemicals affect foetal growth.

gator of the study from GTB Hospital.

Out of the 77 enrolled women, 50 have delivered babies. Doctors are tracking their growth for 18 months.

Foetal growth is tracked through certain parameters — while IIT-Delhi is monitoring the exposure of air pollution, GTB Hospital is tracking the foetal growth by performing ultrasounds, taking samples, etc.

Personal sensors are given to pregnant women, and a team of doctors visits their homes once in three months to assess the level of air pollution.

“We have deployed some extra parameters like foetal biometry to get an idea about foetal growth. Foetal biometry is the measurement taken during a standard ultrasound,” said Dr Guleria.

“We are also trying to see



The study was started by Guru Tegh Bahadur (GTB) Hospital last year

whether air pollution is affecting the growth of the brain. At the moment, a lot of data from abroad is coming up in which scientists are able to link air pollution with foetal growth,” added Dr Guleria.

The research is a part of the study titled “DAPHNE” (Delhi Air Pollution Health And Effects), where the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is also doing a project related to the effect of pollution on children with respiratory problems.



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