

'STATE AT LIBERTY TO BRING IN LAW TO CURB FORCED BEGGING RACKETS'

Begging decriminalised, HC says state has failed to provide for them

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THE DELHI High Court Wednesday struck down the legal provision criminalising begging in the capital, and observed that "people beg on the streets not because they wish to, but because they need to".

"Begging is their last resort to subsistence; they have no other means to survive," a bench of Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice C Hari Shankar said,

declaring 25 sections of the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, which have been extended to Delhi, as "unconstitutional".

The court added that the state is at liberty to bring in an alternative legislation to curb rackets of forced begging, after undertaking an empirical examination on the sociological and economic aspects of the matter.

The Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 functions as the derivative figure for all state anti-begging laws. Several beggars have been thrown into jail

in the capital under the law.

The HC held that "begging is a symptom of a disease, of the fact that the person has fallen through the socially created net. The government has the mandate to provide social security for everyone, to ensure that all citizens have basic facilities, and the presence of beggars is evidence that the state has not managed to provide these to all its citizens".

"Criminalising begging violates the most fundamental rights of some of the most vulnerable people in our society. People in

this stratum do not have access to basic necessities such as food, shelter and health, and in addition, criminalising them denies them the basic fundamental right to communicate and seek to deal with their plight," the bench said.

The court's order came on PILs by social activist Harsh Mander; Karnika Sawhney, who had sought decriminalisation of begging in the capital; and a beggar. The PILs had argued that poverty can never be a crime. "If a person is destitute and begs for a living, such a person cannot be treated

as a criminal. He cannot be arrested or sentenced," the plea said.

The pleas also challenged provisions of the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959. The Central government had said it cannot decriminalise begging and there were sufficient checks and balances in the Act.

The HC, however, ruled that the state simply cannot fail to do its duty to provide a decent life to its citizens and add insult to injury by arresting, detaining and, imprisoning such persons, who beg for bare survival.

BRIEFLY



Justice Gita Mittal

Acting Chief Justice of Delhi HC bids adieu

New Delhi: Bidding goodbye to the Delhi HC after her elevation as the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir HC, Justice Gita Mittal Wednesday said that the "glass ceiling" was not broken by attaining a position but by making a difference for others, especially the downtrodden. "The glass ceiling is broken when you make a difference to someone below you, when you uplift someone so that they can walk ahead of you. I have not done that and I have miles to go before I sleep," she said.

HOPING FOR RAIN

The capital saw a sultry morning Wednesday, with the weatherman predicting light rain towards the evening. "The minimum temperature at 8.30 am was 26.5°Celsius," a MeT official said. *Praveen Khanna*

Boy 'molested': Weeks after 'sexual assault', probe panel flags CCTV gaps at Greater Noida school

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THREE STUDENTS of a private school were apprehended for allegedly molesting a nine-year-old schoolmate inside their school bus on three different occasions, in Shahdara. The arrest was made two days after the nine-year-old's mother approached police.

DCP (Shahdara) Meghna Yadav said they have apprehended all three students and will produce them before a juvenile justice board (JJB) on Thursday. Further investigations are underway, said Yadav.

The nine-year-old had alleged that the first incident took place in the last week of July. According to police, the boy claims that he complained to the teacher but she did not act. The teacher has also been summoned, and police are set to record the statement of other students on the bus. All three boys have been booked under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

CLOSE TO a month after a three-year-old child was allegedly sexually assaulted in a prominent Greater Noida school, the panel which conducted a magisterial enquiry of the school premises has pointed to gaps in the CCTV system, and stated that CBSE's safety instructions are not being followed completely. It has also drawn a list of 12 suggestions to improve security at the school.

On July 14, a helper at the school's swimming pool was arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a nursery student, following which the District Magistrate formed a committee to look into whether the school followed standard safety procedures.

The panel has reported that there is only one CCTV camera in the vicinity of the swimming pool, and it points towards the pool and not the entry to changing rooms. It also pointed out that certain parts of the school are not covered by cameras, and the school lacks a system for monitoring the feed.

According to the report, there are four screens in the principal's office which can switch between footage from four cameras, while the designated monitoring office has only one screen which can display footage from one camera. The report states this is sufficient for random checks but not for continuous monitoring.

It also stated that the school does not have a formal record of its outsourced staff members and that it has not appointed a security or vigilance officer.

Suggestions by the committee include: the school should have dedicated staff to monitor CCTV feed; only female staff should be present in places like toilets and swimming pool; every staff member should have police verification; clear and honest communication between the school management and guardians is necessary.

Distressed by Mamata event cancellation: Stephen's staff body



The event was scheduled on August 1. *Archive*

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A WEEK after the scheduled talk of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was cancelled, allegedly by the St Stephen's College's principal citing inadequate permission and infrastructure, the Staff Association of the college Wednesday said there was an "unprecedented violation of protocol and tradition" by the administration in doing so.

The Trinamool Congress had alleged that the talk was cancelled because of "pressure from a Union Minister". Banerjee was due to speak on August 1 on the 'Idea of India'. The talk was organised by the Planning Forum — a student body of the college.

Sources said the principal cancelled at the last moment, saying that he "wasn't kept in the loop" and that proper procedure to seek permission was not followed.

In its meeting held on August 6, the Staff Association said it was "distressed" by the event's last-minute cancellation. "The Staff Association is deeply troubled by the unprecedented violation of protocol and tradition, on the part of the administration. Never before in the living memory of the College, if not in its entire history, has the College ever demonstrated such a grave breach of etiquette towards a visiting dignitary and constitutional functionary," it said in its resolution.

Staff Association President Nandita Narain said the resolution could not be passed earlier as the teachers did not have adequate information on the issue. "We learnt of the matter through media reports, so it took us time to collect enough information to be able to hold a meeting on it. We haven't spoken to the principal yet on the matter as he's not very accessible. However, we have an appointment with him tomorrow for some other issue," she said.

College Principal John Varghese did not respond to calls and texts by *The Indian Express*.

Teacher held for hitting student

New Delhi: A teacher of a government school was arrested Wednesday, for allegedly slapping a Class X student on July 26.

Woman's body found in drain

New Delhi: The body of a 23-year-old woman was found inside a drain in Najafgarh. The victim, Sonika, was last spotted with her six-year-old daughter, who has been reported missing, said police.

Man booked for partner suicide

New Delhi: Four months after a 30-year-old woman committed suicide, police have registered a case against her live-in partner at Dabri police station.

Prostitution racket: 3 held

New Delhi: Three persons, including a couple, have been arrested from east Delhi's Ghazipur for allegedly running prostitution racket. The accused were arrested Tuesday night after police lodged a missing case of a minor girl on July 31.

Somnath moves court

New Delhi: AAP leader Somnath Bharti, facing a domestic violence case, Wednesday moved the Delhi High Court seeking quashing of an FIR lodged against him and others in connection with attempt to kill and his estranged wife. He said he has settled the marital dispute with his wife through mediation and wants to lead their "peaceful life". **ENS**

FIR against man posing as PM's spiritual guru

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 8

DELHI POLICE have registered an FIR against one Pulkit Maharaj for allegedly seeking favours by posing as the Prime Minister's "spiritual guru". No arrest has been made so far, though police said they will summon him for questioning. A senior officer said the incident came to light after an assistant director posted with the PMO approached Delhi Police chief Amulya Patnaik.

"In his complaint dated July 20, he told police that Acharya Pulkit Maharaj alias Pulkit Mishra was posing as the PM's spiritual guru," the officer said.

The incident came to light after the PMO recently discovered that a fraudulent letter was issued to the District Magistrate of Uttar Pradesh's Sitapur in the name of a person claiming to be the secretary, Ministry of Arts and Culture, seeking security and accommodation for Pulkit.

The PMO official alleged in his complaint that this was a case of misusing the PM's name, and requested Patnaik to investigate. "The matter was forwarded to the special operation squad of the Crime Branch. Police substantiated the allegations and an FIR was lodged," the officer said. A team led by inspector Satyawan Lathwal has started the probe.

Neighbour held for raping 16-yr-old

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, AUGUST 8

A 21-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested by Gurgaon Police for sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl, who lived in his neighbourhood, last year. The incident came to light earlier this month, when the teenager consulted a doctor after she developed "severe stomach ache", only to discover that she was pregnant.

She gave birth to a baby girl at Fortis hospital in Gurgaon on Sunday night.

In the FIR registered at Sector 14 police station, the victim has alleged that the crime took place in "November-December, 2017", after he found her alone at home and coaxed her to come to his apartment.

After she had entered the apartment, he allegedly locked the door.

"When I protested against him locking the door, he threatened to kill me. He started saying that he would also kill my father, mother, and younger brother," the girl said in her complaint, adding that he then sexually assaulted her.

"After that, he threatened me and called me to his room four-five times more and repeated the assault. He vacated his room some months ago and went away," she said.

Police say the matter came to light last week, when the teenager went for a consultation to Fortis Hospital.

"She complained of a stomach ache, and her parents took her to the hospital, where they discovered she was pregnant. She delivered a baby girl on Sunday night," said Subhash Boken, PRO of Gurgaon police.

"A case was registered under IPC section 506 and Section 6 of the POCSO Act," he said.

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GUEST LECTURE (AMITY)
As part of Amity Humans Quarter celebrations, Amity Institute of Travel and Tourism organized a guest lecture of Ms. Nupur Tewari, Ambassador of Tourism in Kyushu region of Japan, at University campus, Sector 125, Noida. Addressing the gathering, Ms. Nupur Tewari, Yoga Trainer and Healer, said that yoga promotes the belief that humans are the best creation of the universe with a power to achieve everything. She shared that yoga is culture, philosophy, humanity and most importantly, beyond religion. Yoga is not only about asanas but about 'self-realization'.



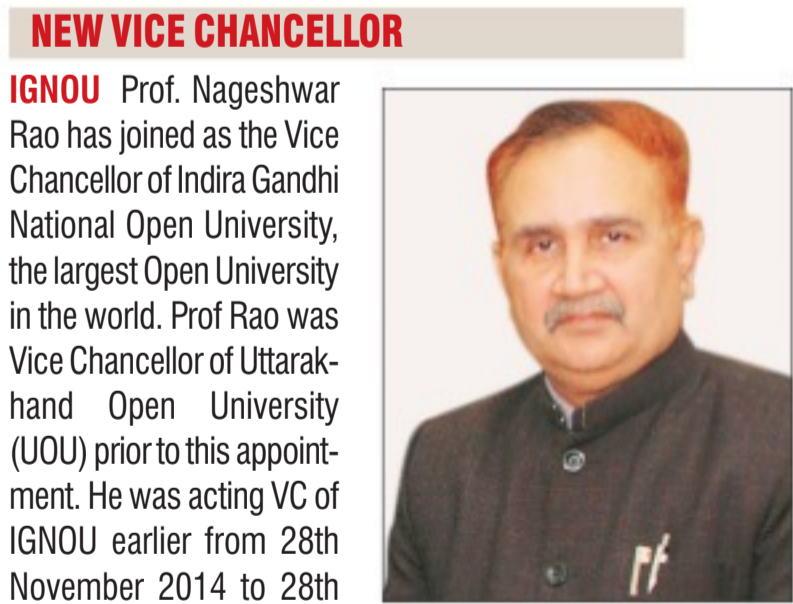
ORIENTATION PROGRAM (I.T.S ENGINEERING)
Applied Sciences and Humanities Department of I.T.S Engineering College, Greater Noida has organized its XIII Orientation Programme for B.Tech and MBA first year students with great vim and vigor. On day 1 of the Orientation Programme, students along with their parents/guardians were welcomed with "Tilak Ceremony". The occasion was graced by the honourable dignitaries- Prof. Vikas Singh- Executive Director, Dr. Gagan Deep Arora- Dean Academic Administration; Dr. Sanjay Yadav- Dean Student Welfare, Head of the Departments -Dr. O. P. Chaudhary, Dr. Ashish Gupta, Prof. Dinesh Chandra and Dr. Monika Jain.



SUMMIT (FORE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT)
FORE School of Management, New Delhi associated with Confederation of Indian Industry as an Academic Partner in the 4th CII Clean Tech & Mobility Summit 2018 held on 3 August, 2018 in Noida to discuss different aspects of clean energy, the need of the future. The summit brought industry leaders, government representatives, academics, & researchers on an engaging & knowledge-sharing platform. Dr. Jitendra K. Das (Director, FORE School of Management, New Delhi) moderated the session on 'Indian Electric Vehicles (EVs) Market Dynamics'.



COMPUTER FEST (SOMERVILLE SCHOOL, NOIDA)
The Computer Science department of Somerville School Noida participated in CODE 2018, the Annual Computer Fest organised by Apeejay School Noida. The students participated enthusiastically and brought laurels to the school. They won 2nd prize in Web Designing, 1st prize in Quiz, 3rd in C++ , 2nd in Movie Making 1st in Framed Photography, 3rd in Digital Imaging, 3rd in PC LOGO and 1st in Robo Racing. They brought home the coveted Rolling Trophy after defeating more than 30 schools in Delhi NCR.



NEW VICE CHANCELLOR
IGNOU Prof. Nageshwar Rao has joined as the Vice Chancellor of Indra Gandhi National Open University, the largest Open University in the world. Prof Rao was Vice Chancellor of Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) prior to this appointment. He was acting VC of IGNOU earlier from 28th November 2014 to 28th April 2016 and was also Pro Vice Chancellor, Indra Gandhi National Open University New Delhi from December 2013 to November 2014. He is also the chairman of the National Task Force, committee constituted to assess and accredit open universities under NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council). He is the Honorary Vice-Chairman. Rastriya Uchhatar Shiksha Ayog (RUSA), Madhya Pradesh since November 2014.



CONFERENCE (XSEED)
Educator Prof. Howard Gardner of Harvard University, father of the famed Theory of Multiple Intelligences, addressed school leaders at the XSEED Education Conference 2018, at Bengaluru. Prof. Gardner engaged in a discussion with Andrew Gardner (a noted technology educator) as well as Ashish Rajpal (Founder & CEO, XSEED Education) on Role of Technology in School Success-conference theme 2018. Dr. Gardner and Andrew Gardner ideated on this theme with Ashish Rajpal, who shared his insights on need for skill-oriented digital learning curriculums.



INTERACTION (NDIM)
Suresh Narayanan Chairman and MD Nestle India proudly shared the exciting journey of the 150 year old brand Nestle and the stupendous comeback of "Maggi" ruling the taste buds of India for nearly 32 years. CMD Nestle was speaking to the new batch of students of the 23rd batch of PGDM at New Delhi Institute of Management (NDIM). Mr. Narayanan was earlier the MD of Nestle India and has headed its operations at a dozen countries.



CONFLUENCE (LVISMUN)
The 3rd edition of LVISMUN confluence 2018, ACTA NON VERBA was hosted by Lotus Valley International School, Noida. Centred on the theme Salus Populi Suprema Lex Esto - Let the good of the people be the supreme law, event saw 448 delegates representing 20 premier schools from across the country, brainstorming a plethora of socio-political issues such as the International Framework Governing Extraterritorial Policies set for youth to be proactive.



ORIENTATION DAY (IGDTUW)
Indira Gandhi Technical University for Women erstwhile Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology (IGIT), Delhi welcomed its new batch of students. The Chief Guest for the Orientation Day was Devinder Singh, Secretary (TTE/HE), Govt. of NCT of Delhi who congratulated the students for joining the University. This was the sixth year of IGDTUW as a University.

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Last date for submission of RFP Response 3rd September, 2018 up to 14:00 hrs IST

Place: Mumbai
Date: 09-08-2018

Head (Internal Audit)