

Told K'taka to give TN 5K cusecs: CWMA to SC

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AMIDST the controversy regarding sharing of Cauvery water between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) has informed the Supreme Court that the Authority in its 23rd meeting has directed Karnataka to release 5,000 cusecs of water at Biligundlu for the next 15 days from August 29.

Putting forth Karnataka's stand regarding release of water, CWMA in its affidavit has also said the state government has fulfilled CWMA's direction to release 10,000 cusecs of water from KRS and Kabini reservoirs to be realised at Biligundlu starting from August 12.

The affidavit has been filed in compliance of top court's August 25 order passed while considering TN government's plea of directing Karnataka to release 24,000 cusecs of water. Directing CWMA to submit a report on the status of discharge of water by Karnataka to TN by September 1, a bench

K'taka farmers begin indefinite stir at KRS

Mysuru: With Karnataka releasing water to Tamil Nadu complying with the directives of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA), protests have erupted in the Cauvery heartland in Karnataka. The farmers took to the streets against the release of 5,000 cusecs of water to the neighbouring district across Mandya and also started an indefinite stir at the KRS reservoir. The farmers also staged 'shirtless' protests raising slogans against CM Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, and Agriculture Minister N Chaluvaryaswamy

led by Justices BR Gavai had said, "Authorities consist of experts. We don't have that expertise. How can we pass an order? All of you in one chorus are saying that it is not being complied while Mr Divan is saying that it is being complied

with." TN government, apart from release of water, had alleged Karnataka government did not comply with its order of releasing 10,000 cusecs of water. Highlighting the efforts undertaken by TN government to get its due of water from Karnataka, the plea states that Karnataka is bound to release the water as per the orders passed by the top court. "14,913 lakh acres are dependent on Mettur reservoir for irrigation, which in turn depends on the flows realized at Biligundlu, based on the flows released by Karnataka from KRS and Kabini reservoirs, which gets major portion of inflows during South West Monsoon. During this monsoon period, both kuruvai and samba crops are sown and transplanted in the Cauvery Delta. Hence, the release of water from Mettur during South West Monsoon is crucial. About 4 million farmers and about 10 million labourers both directly and indirectly depend on Mettur water for their livelihood," the affidavit said.

Five addl Madras HC judges likely to be made permanent

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SUPREME Court collegium on Thursday has recommended for appointing five additional Madras HC judges as permanent judges. The judges recommended for permanent judgeship are Justices AA Nakkiran, Nidumolu Mala, S Sounthar, Sunder Mohan, and Kabali Kumareswari Babu.

Their recommendation has been made against the backdrop of Madras HC unanimously recommending their appointment on June 20 pursuant to the same being concurred by TN CM and governor.

"In terms of the Memorandum of Procedure, we have consulted a judge of the Supreme Court conversant with the functioning of the Madras HC with a

view to ascertain the suitability of the above Additional Judges for being appointed as permanent judges. The Committee of two judges of the Supreme Court constituted by the Chief Justice of India in terms of the Resolution dated 26 October 2017 of the Supreme Court Collegium has assessed the judgments of the above-named Additional Judges," the collegium in its resolution said.

Additionally the collegium has also recommended the appointment of two additional judges Anant Ramanath Hegde and Kannan-kuzhyil Sreedharan Hemalekha of the Karnataka HC as permanent judges. However, the collegium has also recommended one year extension of additional judge Justice Sridaiah Rachaiah.

Courts are not playfields of rich and powerful: Judge

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THE DVAC has, unfortunately, become a chameleon. It takes the colours of the party which rules the state," he said, adding there has to be an independent body which has to function away from the government.

Referring to the 2012 verdict in the OPS case, the judge, in his order, said the state government, of which OPS was an integral part, worked at 'break-neck speed' to ensure the case was 'short-circuited'. He noted the new final report of the investigation officer was not filed first before the concerned court but to the government, which obtained legal opinions from the advocate general and the public prosecutor, and placed it before the Speaker. The Speaker revoked the sanction order given by his predecessor, stating he was satisfied with the materials. "The so-called satisfaction expressed by the Speaker is a complete sham," the judge said.

"The conclusions in the order of the Speaker leads this Court to ponder as to whether A1 O Panneerselvam was under the impression that the special court at Sivaganga was temporarily functioning out of the Speaker's chamber," he said.

Criticising the way the proceedings took shape to deem the final report becoming infructuous to save OPS, the judge described it as a shame on the criminal justice system.

There is a systemic problem with the function of courts, he said, adding, "As the judge in charge of MP/MLA cases in this state, this court has a constitutional duty to ensure the streams of criminal justice are kept pure and unjustified."

Referring to the delay in taking up suo motu revision, he said mere delay is no ground to throw away a criminal case.

The judge observed that citizens must never get the impression that courts are the 'playfields of the rich and the powerful'.

Operation Gaja: Killer tusker captured in AP

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THE wild tusker, which created a havoc in Gudipala mandal by trampling a couple on Wednesday, was finally captured by the Andhra forest department officials with the help of kumkis on Thursday. The pachyderm, however, killed another woman near Ponnai village in Katpadi of Tamil Nadu on Thursday, before it was captured.

The 16-year-old elephant entered Tamil Nadu through the forest route where it trampled Vasantha (50) and her goat, before being chased away. Subsequently, the elephant sought refuge at Ramapuram village.

As the jumbo was behaving aggressively, AP forest department officials launched "Opera-



The wild tusker, which trampled three individuals, including Vasantha (inset) from Katpadi, was captured on Thursday | S DINESH

tion Gaja" to drive the wild tusker away into the forest with

the support of trained elephants. A team of experts from

the state forest department, aided by two trained elephants, apprehended the rogue tusker.

Over the course of two days, a team of 50 individuals, including forest staff, trackers, veterinarians, and experts, worked tirelessly to capture the elephant. The presence of Kumkis, along with the dedicated staff, played a key role in facilitating the tusker's capture, he said.

Vellore DFO Kalanidhi told TNIE, "The elephant is being transported to SV Zoological Park in Tirupati as per the Andhra forest officials' order and it will be later transferred to a rehabilitation centre." Vellore Collector P Kumaravel Pandian said, "A solatium of ₹5 lakh has been allocated to the family members of Vasantha."

(With inputs from Vellore)

Social justice still an illusion in Kerala, says Sivagiri Mutt head

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ TPuram

ONLY Brahmins are considered for appointment as priests at major Hindu temples like Sabarimala and Guruvayoor, and this discrimination clearly points to the fact that Kerala is yet to achieve social justice, said Swami Satchidananda, head of Sivagiri Mutt and president of the Sree Narayana Dharma Sangham Trust.

He was delivering the presidential address at the 169th birth anniversary celebrations of Sree Narayana Guru at the Sivagiri Mutt on Thursday.

"There is a condition in the appointment process that lim-

its candidates to the Brahmin community. Social justice is still a mirage. Beyond the right to enter temples, people of marginalised communities deserve to be part of their administration," he said.

The mutt head said Guru Nitya Chaitanya Yati's mention of the state secretariat as a "thampurankotta" still holds true. "Successive state governments ignored the mutt's demand to make 'Daiva Dasakam' the official prayer song. They have failed to ensure social justice. The social uplift and renaissance initiated by the Guru ended with his death. Kerala

has made no progress since," he said.

The birth anniversary celebrations were inaugurated by Tourism Minister P A Mohammed Riyas. He said the country

is witnessing several attempts to divide it. "We should nurture the Guru's vision that all religions and their faithful deserve equal respect.

We should also embrace the idea that humans are one, cutting across boundaries of religion and caste. The Guru exhorted us to enrich ourselves through education. He asked people to view and analyse all religions with tolerance," the minister said.

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