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Under Modi, India has become an unhappy nation. In 2015 India's global rank in the World Happiness Index was 117. In the latest survey of 2024, India's rank has slipped to 126. There is not a single global development index where India's rank has improved under the Modi regime.

It's CPM vs SDPI in TN's Dindigul

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THE Dindigul constituency in Tamil Nadu will witness an interesting fight between the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) and CPM this Lok Sabha elections.

While SDPI is contesting the polls in alliance with AIADMK, CPM is in the DMK-led front. The CPM has fielded its Dindigul district secretary R Sachidanandam in the seat, which the party took from DMK by offering it the Coimbatore seat.

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happy with the alliance with AIADMK as it will help mainstream the party, the move had raised eyebrows as AIADMK was in the NDA until the last elections. However, SDPI said it went ahead with an alliance with AIADMK only after the latter left the NDA.

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past. Many parties will be in quandary if the past of their allies is dug up. CPM was the ally of the Jan Sangh in the 1977 elections," said SDPI national general secretary Abdul Majeed Faizi. He said SDPI's partnership with AIADMK will make the latter's return to the NDA almost impossible.

"We will be contesting in Dindigul on AIADMK's symbol. It will be more convenient for us as we have no registered symbol," said Faizi.

The party has announced 17 candidates so far: Those for the remaining seats in states, including Kerala, will be declared

within a week. In the 2019 LS polls, SDPI contested in nine seats in Kerala.

Faizi said there was a delay in deciding the party's election strategy in Kerala as they were busy with Jana Munnetta Yatra, which concluded on March 2. "The decision on the seats and candidates is taken by our Kerala unit. We have asked them to expedite the process," said Faizi.

Exploring ways to defeat the BJP has been the SDPI's stance. Hence, SDPI may not contest in seats where BJP has a chance to win, to ensure votes against the latter are not divided.



BREAK FROM HEAT WAVES

On the eve of World Water Day, a Labrador Retriever enjoys a swim with its master on the banks of Karamana river in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday | VINCENT PULICKAL

Suicides among docs: IMA initiates proactive steps

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MORE than 20 doctors, including medical students, ended their life in the state in the past one year alone, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has revealed. In light of the alarming situation, the IMA, recognising the urgent need to address the mental health challenges faced by the medical community, has taken proactive steps to offer them assistance.

The association has announced the launch of free medical counselling and therapy services aimed specifically at providing mental health support to doctors. The initiative seeks to address the unique stressors and pressures that physicians and medical students encounter in their professional and personal lives. On Thursday, the IMA launched a project for emotional wellbeing and suicide prevention, and IMA Helping Hands - a tele helping app.

"We are prioritising the well-being of our members and the broader medical community," said a representative of IMA



Doctors and medical

students who may be struggling with mental health issues are encouraged to take advantage of the free counselling and therapy services offered by the IMA. The tele-helpline facility will function from 8 am till 8 pm on a daily basis. By reaching out for support, individuals can take the first step towards healing and well-being, ensuring that they can continue to serve their patients and communities effectively.

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THE state government on Thursday submitted before the Supreme Court that its borrowings were within the fiscal deficit limits and that the state has not defaulted on repayment. The state challenged the restrictions on borrowings imposed by the Union government terming them unconstitutional.

The Union government countered that sanction cannot be given to the state for additional borrowings since the state overborrowed in previous years and that its revenue deficit indicated an "unsustainable financial situation". The court was hearing the state government's plea for interim relief to overcome the financial crisis.

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Union government did not have the power to overrule the Finance Commission's recommendations and disentitle the state from market borrowings. The Union government's executive order restricting the state from additional borrowing was unconstitutional. He said Kerala's borrowing was sustainable and the state never defaulted on repayment since 1960. The state's administrators were aware of the liabilities. The state could not have sold its bonds in the market if they were deemed unsustainable. The state is entitled to devise

its programme, budget, spending and the quantum of borrowing, he said. After liberalisation, Sibal said, Kerala's

ARGUMENTS

Kerala

- Union government cannot overrule FC recommendations
- Restriction unconstitutional
- Borrowing sustainable
- Never defaulted repayment since 1960

Union government

- Kerala's revenue deficit high
- State overborrowed in previous years
- Macroeconomic stability doubtful
- Similar requests from 9 other states were declined

borrowing from the Union government reduced from 98 percent to 2.9 percent.

Additional Solicitor General N Venkataraman who represented the Union government opposed additional borrowing sanction for the state. He said the state's revenue deficit pointed to an unsustainable financial situation. Kerala resorted to overborrowing in the past years and the state's macroeconomic stability is doubtful. The state had poor financial indicators like high outstanding liabilities as percentage of GSDP at 39%. Its committed expenditure was 82.40% of the revenue. He cited the CAG's finding that the state failed to meet the targets under the Kerala Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2003. The ASG said the Union government had declined 14 requests for overborrowings from nine states in the past and Kerala's request cannot be entertained.

Karandlaje booked for poll code violation

Bengaluru: In the first case of model code violation booked against a key political figure ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, the Election Commission on Thursday filed an FIR against Union Minister and BJP leader Shobha Karandlaje over her recent remarks on the people of Tamil Nadu. The move comes a day after the EC directed the Karnataka chief electoral officer (CEO) to take immediate and appropriate action on the DMK's complaint regarding the violation by Karandlaje, who is BJP's Lok Sabha candidate from the Bangalore North constituency. DMK, the ruling party in Tamil Nadu, had sought action against Karandlaje for alleging that a person from Tamil Nadu was responsible for the IED blast at the Rameshwaram Cafe in Bengaluru on March 1.

Borrowing restrictions unconstitutional: State to SC

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Won't quit BJP, will cleanse it of dynastic politics: DVS

Bengaluru: Former chief minister and senior BJP leader D V Sadananda Gowda on Thursday said the recent developments in the party have hurt him. "I will not quit BJP, but cleanse it of corruption, casteism and dynastic politics," he told reporters. Indirectly hitting out at B Y Vijayendra, BJP state president, he said those who have been given the party's responsibility in the state have become selfish and have restricted it to one family and one caste.

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