

Siddu rules out CBI probe into Hassan sex scandal

Says his government has full faith & confidence in Karnataka police

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday ruled out a CBI probe into Hassan sex scandal, stating that his government has full faith and confidence in Karnataka police.

Brushing aside opposition parties' demand for the CBI probe, he told reporters here that there is no international angle to the case. The BJP is projecting the case that way to press for the central agency's investigation, he alleged.

He said, "The opposition parties should have faith in Karnataka police. If they don't have confidence in SIT, then who would they trust?" He said the BJP and former PM HD Deve Gowda, who spoke against CBI some time ago, have developed a sudden love for the central agency.

Siddaramaiah said during his previous tenure as CM, he referred the DK Ravi, KJ George and Paresh Mesta cases to CBI. But they yielded no results. The BJP, which is now demanding the CBI probe, did not order the central agency's probe into many corruption cases during its rule, he alleged.

Asked if JDS leader HD Revanna was arrested on a false FIR, he said if the Holenarasipur MLA did not make any mistake why has he applied for anticipatory bail? Why did the court reject his bail plea?

Third FIR filed against MP Prajwal Revanna

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ONE more rape case has been registered against JD(S) MP and Lok Sabha poll candidate from Hassan, Prajwal Revanna, taking the number of cases pertaining to the alleged sexual abuse of several women to three, police sources said.

The FIR was registered against Prajwal on May 8 in Bengaluru, according to sources in the Special Investigation Team which was constituted for a probe after a huge cache of explicit videos allegedly showing Prajwal sexually abusing several women became public.

A case has been registered under IPC 376(2)(N), 376(2)(K), 354(A), 354(B), 354(C) and 506 of the IPC was registered. These cases pertain to repeated rape, voyeurism, filming, demand for sexual favours, dragging by clothes, molestation and threatening.

The details of the victim have not been shared by the SIT sources.

Prajwal is the grandson of former prime minister and

JD(S) supremo H D Deve Gowda and stood for the April 26 Lok Sabha election in Hassan as the NDA candidate. His party had formed an alliance with the BJP in 2023.

Just before the election, the videos went viral on social media.

The first FIR pertains to molestation of his cook in Holenarasipura in Hassan. Prajwal's father and Holenarasipura MLA H D Revanna is also accused in the case. The second case pertains to raping a JD(S) worker at gunpoint.

H D Revanna is already lodged in the Central Jail at Parappara Agrahara under judicial custody after a 20-year-old youth alleged that Revanna and his aide kidnapped his mother. The youth said his mother had figured in one of the videos where she was allegedly tied and raped by Prajwal.

The Hassan MP is at large and is believed to be hiding abroad. A Blue Corner notice of the Interpol seeking information on his whereabouts has been issued against Prajwal.



MVD to conduct tests for individual candidates

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THE Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) has decided to conduct driving tests for candidates appearing directly with their private vehicles starting from Monday, following an order from the transport minister's office asking the regional transport officers (RTOs) to seek police assistance in case of "external interference".

"We have decided to encourage applicants to apply directly and appear for tests in their private vehicles as the driving schools are not sending their candidates or submitting new applications, despite the department relaxing some of the modified rules. We have also identified alternative grounds to conduct the test in case the protestors refuse to give the usual test grounds," said a senior officer.

The department owns five grounds, out of the 86 centres across the state where the tests are held. If certain candidates fail to appear at the allocated slot on a particular day, then those who have been allotted slots in the next couple of days can appear on that day itself, if they are willing. "We'll prepare a waiting list by including the willing candidates who can then attend the test even before the dates allotted to them," the officer added.

Hundreds of candidates have been affected after the driving tests were disrupted for the 10th day on Friday. While nearly 10 lakh applications are pending across the state, around 10,000 applicants are yet to get a test date in the Ernakulam region alone.

Meanwhile, the driving school owners, except those belonging to the CITU, will continue to protest against the modified rules introduced on May 1. "We will hold a Secretariat march on Monday (May 13), demanding that the order be withdrawn completely. Members of all the trade unions, except the CITU, will attend. We won't cooperate with the tests till all the new rules are withdrawn," said Arun Kumar, regional secretary, All Kerala Driving School Inspectors and Workers Association.

Among others, the new regulations seek to limit the number of driving tests to 30 per day. The driving test ground should have separate tracks for holding tests like angular parking, parallel parking, zigzag driving and gradient test. The driving schools were also asked to relocate vehicles over 15 years old that were being used for the tests immediately.

Giving into the demands, the state government promised to scale down some of the measures like increasing the daily slots to 40 (25 new; 10 retest) and providing at least six months of time for driving schools to replace their old vehicles. The direction with regard to tracks was also made lenient.

Arun Kumar, regional secretary, All Kerala Driving School Inspectors and Workers Association



Fresh directives on tests keep applicants away

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DESPITE elaborate arrangements, the Motor Vehicle Department could not conduct driving tests as the applicants stayed away. Driving school owners also staged protests at test grounds in Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Kozhikode. They accused Transport Minister K B Ganesh Kumar of intimidating the applicants with his directions.

"The minister is telling the applicants to bring their vehicle for testing and warned them against absence. Applicants are scared to attend the test due to the new situation. Vehicles are usually provided by the motor driving schools. It is very difficult for an applicant to clear the ground test using bikes with larger wheelbase," said Nazir Usman, general secretary of Motor

Driving Owners Koottayma.

The minister in a statement on Thursday warned applicants that they would lose the chance to get slots anytime soon if they deliberately stayed away from appearing for the test. Later, his office clarified that applicants failing to appear for the test would not get a chance for the next six months.

Meanwhile, MVD officers are confused about the fresh directions to provide vehicles and prepare grounds.

Out of the 86 test grounds, only 10 are on government land while the rest are with the driving schools.

As the driving schools refused to conduct tests on the land under their control, Ganesh Kumar directed the MVD to find available test grounds, including that of KSRTC, schools and private properties, to restart the tests from Friday.

Vishnupriya murder case: Accused found guilty



(L) Vishnupriya, Shyamjit

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THE Thalassery Additional District Sessions Court on Friday found the accused Shyamjit, 27, guilty in the Vishnupriya murder case. The court will pronounce the sentence on May 13. The motive behind the murder stemmed from Vishnupriya's decision to end her relationship with the accused. Shyamjit was also irritated by the victim's intimacy with her friend Vivin Raj, a native of Ponnani.

The crucial evidence in the case, a 13-second video clip capturing the accused's intrusion into Vishnupriya's residence and the CCTV camera visuals presented by the prosecution depicting Shyamjit purchasing the murder weapon (hammer) solidified the case against him.

The murder was committed on October 22, 2022, at Vallya in Panur. Vishnupriya's family had gone to attend a posthumous ceremony. Vishnupriya was engaged on a video call with her male friend when the accused entered her home. Shyamjit hit Vishnupriya on the head with a hammer and then slit her throat. He also inflicted 29 wounds on her body.

EXPRESS READ

Boy playfully pushes 6-yr-old sister towards gate, killing her

Bengaluru: A six-year-old girl died after sustaining severe head injury, while playing with her brother and friends. The girl's head struck the iron gate of their house, after her elder brother pushed her towards it playfully. The incident occurred in Vajarahalli, on Thursday, while her parents were busy with household work. The deceased is Yellamma. Her parents rushed her to a nearby hospital, where she was declared dead.

8kg silver stolen from jewellery shop near Tambaram

Chennai: Unidentified persons broke open a portion of a wall of a jewellery shop near Tambaram and escaped with at least 8kg of silver articles on Friday. When the shop owner opened the shutter, he saw several articles strewn around. "The miscreants had damaged a wall of an unused washroom in the shop to gain entry to the shop. We are combing CCTV footage to trace the suspects," a senior police officer said.

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