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'2,500 constables to be recruited in Amaravati'

VIJAYAWADA Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday directed DGP R.P. Thakur to visit each district and release a bulletin on law and order every month. To ease the burden on the police force, 2,500 police constables would be recruited in Amaravati and the government would take measures for providing housing and other facilities to the personnel, he said at a Police Commemoration Day programme here.

All set for Vizag Fintech Fest today

VISAKHAPATNAM The Port City is all set to become a beehive of activity for domain experts, investors and CEOs of various companies involved in financial technology as the Vizag Fintech Festival will begin here on Monday. The highlight of the festival is the '\$1 Million Startup Challenge', an address followed by a brief interaction by world's first humanoid robot Sophia and a cultural performance by artists from the United States.

Major sandalwood haul in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM The police on Sunday landed a major haul of sandalwood that was being transported from deep forests near Kallar in the district. Five persons were arrested and sandalwood weighing close to 50 kg, packed into three sacks, were seized from them. The accused have been identified as Manikuttan. Bhagavan Kani and Madhavan Kani from Kallar, and Shani and Rajesh from Vithura. They they were carrying the sandalwood in an autorickshaw.

Parties dilly-dally on Sabarimala row

State units in Kerala had a tough time in explaining the divergent stances of national leaderships

N.J. NAIR THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

As Sabarimala continued to be on the boil over the Supreme Court verdict granting unrestricted entry to women into the temple, the stance adopted by key players, the Congress, the BJP and the CPI(M), presents an interesting scenario.

The Left Democratic Front constituents, mainly the CPI(M) and the CPI, continue to stand pat on their stated position that the Kerala government is constitutionally obliged to honour the verdict and provide protection to all believers arriving for a darshan.

The Congress and the BJP may have dithered initially but have shifted their position subsequently by declaring solidarity with the faithful, sensing the political setback they would have suffered otherwise.

The Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) that manages the temple too has reneged from its tough position and offered to go



Pilgrims' progress: After days of violent protest, Sabarimala temple once again saw a surge in crowds on Sunday. •н. viвнu

the extra mile to end the impasse.

Difficult time

The Congress and the BJP believers. have had a difficult time articulating their views after their national leaderships had hailed the verdict as protional leaders. gressive and one that ensures gender equality.

Leader of the Opposition Ramesh Chennithala and BIP State president P.S. Sreedharan Pillai were at a loss ex-

by the LDF had implemented plaining the apparent contradiction in the stance the High Court verdict banadopted nationally while the ning women's entry to the temple. State units aligned with the **Congress focus**

In due course, the latter Congress publicity cell conmanaged to win the grudging endorsement of their navener K. Muraleedharan says the party stands by the affidavit the State government filed in 2016 seeking to stick

CPI(M) stance

CPI(M) State committee member Anathalavattom But he admits that the na-Anandan recalls how succestional leadership's direction sive State governments led to Congress activists to join

"We are aware of this reality. Hence, the focus of our agitation would be on the de-

mand to promulgate an ordinance while supporting the demand of the faithful to protect the rituals of the temple," he says.

the protests without party

flag would prove costly.

BJP State spokesperson M.S. Kumar admits that there was initial dithering on the party stance, especially in the wake of RSS general secretary Suresh Joshi welcoming the verdict. "That might be due to a minor lapse in comprehending the traditions of the temple. Now the national leaders of the RSS and the BJP reiterate the need to protect the temple's tradition. The State government can now seek opinion from eminent jurists to settle the issue," he says.

But who will ultimately benefit from the no-holdsbarred campaign to gain political mileage from the issue is something that exercises the minds of leaders and observers alike.

'Seek Centre's

intervention'

Temple impasse may hit TDB finances

Fall in income may affect the conduct of routine rituals and pujas in 1,188 shrines

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Protests triggered by the Supreme Court verdict granting entry for women of all ages to Sabarimala temple are feared to rock the financial base of the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) and affect the functioning of 1,188 temples managed by it.

As many as 1,249 temples from Parassala in the capital to Perumanam in Thrissur come under the board. TDB commissioner N. Vasu told The Hindu here that only about 61 temples, including



As many as 1,249 temples come under the TDB.

Sabarimala, were self-sufficient and the rest were heavily reliant on the income earned from other temples for their sustenance.

That means any dip in infrom Sabarimala come would debilitate the functioning of 1,118 temples extending from the Mahadeva temple at Parassala to the Sankaranarayana temple at Perumanam.

Salary revision

The monthly salary and pension bills of the board have been estimated at ₹500 crore. It has about 5,000 employees and 4,000 pensioners. The present board had revised the salary and other benefits of employees and

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this would add to its financial burden.

to the rituals of the temple.

A major dip in returns may even affect the conduct of routine rituals and pujas in temples In addition to these are a

slew of maintenance, construction and other civil works that have been commissioned and tendered in

sioned.

STAFF REPORTER KOZHIKODE

State president P.S. Sreedharan Pillai has urged the Kerala government to get a resolution passed by the Assembly, seeking the Central government's intervention in the Sabarimala issue.

pilgrimage was a subject on the State List of the Constitution, he told the media here on Sunday that the Centre could bring in an Ordinance on the issue only if the State Assembly sought it.



Probe initiated against Chandy

Saritha accused him of sexual abuse

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM The Crime Branch (CB) police have opened a criminal investigation against former Kerala Chief Minister Oommen Chandy on suspicion of having abused solar energy investment fraud case accused Saritha S. Nair sexually at his official residence here in 2013.

The agency told a magis-

trate court here last week

that it was investigating Mr.

Chandy on the suspicion of

having committed a sexual

act on Ms. Nair in return for

using his high office to pro-

The CB had also booked

K.C. Venugopal, MP, on the

charge of having raped Ms.

Nair when she went to meet

a lawmaker at the official re-

sidence of then Tourism Mi-

Meanwhile, CB officers said

on Sunday that Ms. Nair had

lodged specific complaints

against six more United De-

mocratic Front (UDF) lead-

ers. She had expressed wil-

lingness to give sworn

statements against her al-

leged exploiters in-camera

The sex scandal had re-

surfaced to haunt the UDF

to a magistrate.

nister A.P. Anil Kumar.

Sworn statements

mote her business.



Oommen Chandy

after a hiatus of one year and at a time when it was laying the groundwork for the Parliamentary election in 2019.

The Sivarajan Commission that probed the socalled solar scam had opened a Pandora's box of sexual allegations against a galaxy of UDF leaders when it submitted its findings to the Pinarayi Vijayan government in September 2017.

The Cabinet had accept ed the commission's recommendation to charge those who had sought and received sexual favours from Ms. Nair as an illegal gratification to back her investment schemes.

Mr. Chandy countered the government's move by convincing the Kerala High Court in May 2018 to expunge the commission's findings and observations against him.

Scribe's wishes to Dileep provoke angry comments

STAFF REPORTER THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

an actor. A single tweet from film journalist Sridevi Sridhar, wishing actor Dileep and his family, provoked angry reactions from women actors, who were all offended at the praise for someone accused of masterminding

Ms. Sridhar had on Friday tweeted a wish to Dileep and Kavya on the birth of their baby girl. Actors Lakshmi Manchu, Tapsee Pannu, Rakul Preet Singh were among those who reacted.

the abduction and assault of





various temples. The board would be forced to defer works that have not yet commenced and put a halt to those that have already been commis-

Bharatiya Janata Party

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