

EDITORIAL

A travesty of justice: On Jayalalithaa death probe panel

An investigation report is not a clean slate on which the investigator can record his whimsy that flies in the face of facts. Did the Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry's final report clarify the circumstances that led to the death of former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, as mandated by the terms of reference or did it rest with a conclusion that followed a preset diabolical script, accentuating conspiracy theories hatched within a context of political opportunism? The report that was submitted in the Tamil Nadu Assembly on Tuesday found fault with Jayalalithaa's aide V.K. Sasikala, former Health Minister C. Vijayabaskar, two IAS officers, and three doctors, and recommended further investigation against them. However, it falls perplexingly short of explaining where the fault lay with those it found culpable, or tracing a damning trail of evidence to their doorstep. Justice Arumughaswamy, trained as a lawyer and not in medicine, makes post-fact judgments about the medical procedures (angio/surgery for a heart condition) that must have been followed in treating Jayalalithaa during her 75-day stint at Apollo hospital, and goes further out of line to make allegations against qualified medical professionals in charge of treatment, based on these conjectures. In a glaring lapse, he completely sidesteps the AIIMS medical experts' committee's (constituted by the Supreme Court of India) report released earlier, agreeing with the treatment course, and the final diagnosis by the hospital. The report cherry picks elements from the range of options provided by a panel of doctors, and part-phrases from depositions that suit a seemingly pre-determined narrative to arrive at conclusions. Worse, it peddles lies to heap calumny on respondents witnesses, particularly obvious when it asks why Jayalalithaa was not taken abroad for treatment after she had agreed to it, ignoring documentation enclosed as part of the report recording that she categorically refused to be shifted out of the country for treatment. The report itself encloses elaborate documentation on treatment from the hospital and yet, unfathomably, accuses it of not providing contra-evidence or documentation (on the surgery aspect). Coming five years after the commission of inquiry was constituted, and nearly six years after the death of Jayalalithaa, the report makes no attempt to render any justice, but steps out of line in making unqualified claims on medicine, and reeks of malfeasance. The Tamil Nadu government has done its duty by presenting the report in the Assembly, and seeking legal opinion on it. It is now obligated to provide true justice in the matter by ensuring that this long-drawn-out issue is well and truly buried, along with the report. An investigation report is not a clean slate on which the investigator can record his whimsy that flies in the face of facts. Did the Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry's final report clarify the circumstances that led to the death of former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, as mandated by the terms of reference or did it rest with a conclusion that followed a preset diabolical script, accentuating conspiracy theories hatched within a context of political opportunism? The report that was submitted in the Tamil Nadu Assembly on Tuesday found fault with Jayalalithaa's aide V.K. Sasikala, former Health Minister C. Vijayabaskar, two IAS officers, and three doctors, and recommended further investigation against them.

Meta supports FICCI's XR Open Source Fellowship Program



Ahmedabad, Building on its commitment to accelerate India's contribution in developing XR technologies, Meta is supporting Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) with \$1 million for the XR Open Source (XROS) fellowship program. Run by FICCI, XROS will support 100 Indian developers working on XR (extended reality) technologies by providing them with fellowships which includes stipend and mentoring. The National e-Governance Division, an initiative of the Ministry of

Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), will be the technical partner to the program. The program will support developers to make contributions to open source projects related to XR technology and will further lay the foundation for India specific solutions that are affordable, appropriate and localized to Indian languages. The XROS program is part of Meta's global XR Programs and Research Fund under which the company announced a \$2 million fund for the XR Startup program with MeitY Startup Hub earlier this year. XROS further aims to provide developers with the resources they need to create digital public goods and generate potential employment opportunities in the field of XR technologies. (20-4)

Marwadi University hosts global conference on Smart Computing and Information Security



Ahmedabad, Marwadi University (MU) – the youngest institution to be recognized as a Centre of Excellence by the Government of Gujarat – hosted its first International Conference on Advancements in Smart Computing and Information Security (ASCIS 2022) in collaboration with Springer, CCIS, GJCOST & DST. The global conference, with participation from internationally renowned universities and eminent Indian institutions, brought forth fresh insights from

academicians, researchers, and industry practitioners across multiple industry verticals. Out of a total of 206 research papers received, 130 were selected for conference proceedings on the tracks of AI and ML, smart computing, cyber security, and industry 4.0. Of these, 10 percent of papers were received from outside India. Papers spanned a diverse range of applicability domains including healthcare, agriculture, automobile, civil and mechanical engineering, pharma, cybercrime and sports. (22-2)

Indira and Himachal: Why Priyanka played the legacy card at Solan rally



On a sunny Friday afternoon in Solan, long queues of people moved across a narrow sloping road towards the Thodo Ground. Dotted with Congress flags and sloganeering going on in the background, the ground soon filled up as many found places to sit on the steps at a distance from the stage. All eyes were on All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary Priyanka Gandhi who was about to kick

off the party's Himachal Pradesh Assembly election campaign. Priyanka arrived slightly later than scheduled and apologised to the crowd, which had been waiting for her in the sun. She then began her speech by mentioning her grandmother Indira Gandhi and how she had given Himachal Pradesh an identity in the form of statehood.

"Indira Gandhi wanted her ashes to be placed in the

Himalayas as well. When you look around the snow-clad peaks, you will realise that Indira Gandhi is also a part of it." Priyanka Gandhi said as loud applause echoed across the stadium in response. The Congress leader went on to mention a particular speech her grandmother had given amid bad weather. Such was the effect of the speech that people did not leave the ground until she finished

speaking. This anecdote led to another round of clapping and cheering.

This was Indira Gandhi's iconic public address on January 25, 1971, at Shimla Ridge. On December 18, 1970, Parliament passed the State of Himachal Pradesh Act and the new state, then the Union of India's 18th, came into being the day Gandhi arrived in Shimla. The hill state's first Chief Minister, YS Parmar, accompanied the prime minister. As Indira was speaking, it began to snow and there was not enough cover to shield the large crowd. "Priyanka Gandhi recalled, "Neither did Indira Gandhi budge, nor the people." The prime minister then walked the Ridge, waving and greeting people, and the visit was hailed as historic.

Priyanka Gandhi went on to say that her family's connection to Himachal prompted her to build a house in Mashobra.

The mention of Indira Gandhi has an important political context. In Himachal specifically, her legacy is crucial for the Congress. Since

the time Himachal Pradesh became a province post-Independence, the Congress has had more terms in power in the hill state than the BJP. The trend only changed in the 1980s following which no party has been able to repeat its victory. YS Parmar was known for carrying out several developmental projects and laying the party's foundation. Six-time CM Virbhadra Singh, fondly remembered as "Raja Sahab", is popular for setting a base for quality educational institutions and infrastructure. The Congress has time and again slammed the BJP for appropriating the work carried out during its tenure.

Indira Gandhi had a long-standing association with the state. Indira was a patron of Russian painter and thinker Nicholas Roerich, settled in Kululu, and also visited his tomb. She was a close friend of Jawaharlal Nehru did. The largest government hospital in Shimla is named after Gandhi.

The most important aspect of the association, as mentioned by Priyanka, is the credit Indira is given for respecting Himachali culture

and granting statehood. At a time the Congress state unit is dealing with internal squabbles and divisions, mentioning the party's past and Indira's achievements is important timing.

"We do not look at Priyanka Gandhi as an outsider. She has a home here and it was the Congress that gave us our state in the real sense. Virbhadra Singh worked very hard for the state and built it. The Himachalis have respect for the Gandhi family. Factors like price rise and unemployment have only made us go back to our roots," said Prakash Sharma who travelled from Pantnagar, nearly four hours away, to listen to the Congress leader.

With Rahul Gandhi unlikely to visit the state due to the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra, Priyanka will address multiple rallies in the coming weeks to the elections on November 12. While the BJP is heavily relying on the Narendra Modi factor for its campaign, it appears that the Congress will be looking to invoke the legacy card in campaigning in the days to come.

Two lives in Kerala 'human sacrifice': One left trail of tears, other of hope

IT WAS A June night. Inside a solitary house surrounded by wild shrubs and the shadows of trees, a horrific scene was taking place. A woman lay fastened to a cot, her limbs tied, mouth plastered shut. What followed next was what no one really wants to speak about. But at the end of it all – the police described it as extreme torture and mutilation in the name of rituals – the story of Rosli came to an abrupt end.

The 40-year-old from Kalamy in Ernakulam was one of the two victims of "human sacrifice" that took place at the home of a traditional healer in Elnanthor village of Pathanamthitta district.

Padmam's end on that cot, on September 26, severed a dream midway – having settled the loan taken for her elder son's marriage, she was working hard to ensure that her second son could marry without having to borrow money from anyone.

"In March, she took a

break and came to stay with my elder brother, who is a school teacher in Arcot (Tamil Nadu). But she decided to start working again in June to earn for my marriage. She also wanted to build a second floor at our house," says Selvaraj, Padmam's second son who works in a low-end job at an IT company in Chennai. Police sniffer dogs were brought in following suspicion that there could be more victims.

Rosli was missing in the first week of June. Her partner, Sajesh, told police that she had been living with him for the past seven years at a rented house in Kalamy in Ernakulam. He also said that she had gone to meet her relatives in Kottayam.

It was on July 26 that Rosli's daughter Manju, who had moved to Thrissur with her second husband and son in March, went to the Kalamy police station with Sajesh and complained that her mother was missing. The police were able to crack the case while tracking Padmam's trail to that remote house in Elnanthor.

According to Manju,

Rosli's mother Rosamma (Undeep) was a Hindu Christian family in Alappuzha. "My grandmother became pregnant with my mother at the age of 17, before her marriage. Soon after that, she was married off to a person in Idukki. My mother, a little girl then, was left in the care of relatives in Alappuzha and Kottayam. She was abandoned and grew up in the homes of those relatives,

looking after their children and doing household work. She never went to school," says Manju. According to her, Rosli was married at the age of 17 to a farm worker, Sunny Varghese, from Idukki. She was subjected to domestic violence. Sunny was an alcoholic, and did not care for me or my elder brother Sanju. About 20 years ago, my mother walked out. There was no divorce, she just took me and left. We moved to a colony where she worked as a home nurse. I stayed in various hostels, continuing my studies," says Manju.

Rosli worked as a domestic help and home nurse, shuttling from one place to another. She was kept moving from one rented premise to another, depending on the work," says Sajesh. Manju, meanwhile, earned a B.Ed in Computer Science and seven years ago joined a school in UP as a teacher. "I was living near her rented house in Kalamy. That was when we became close," says Sajesh, a mason. Once,

when Rosli was admitted to hospital, Sajesh was the bystander. "She had no one else. Soon, we started living together," he says.

According to Manju, however, Rosli's "troubles" did not end there. She (Sajesh) would not allow her to speak to others, even to me over the phone. He would insist that my mother switch off her mobile phone. My mother complained to local police about his torture. But a compromise was reached every time," she says.

Sajesh admits "there were issues" but claimed "such incidents were common" in a relationship. "On June 8, she left home... A day after, I tried to contact her, but she did not pick up the phone. I did not know any of her relatives in Kottayam, and her daughter refused to talk to me," he says.

Sajesh and Manju claim they did not know about Rosli selling lottery tickets – she had told them that she was "selling home care products at homes". "I was last with her for two months this year... as always, she lamented

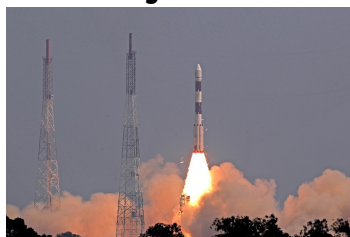
about her life. Just months before she went missing, she told me that if she had a father, her life would have been different," says Manju.

Over 300 km north of Thrissur is Dharmapuri, from where Padmam set out on her 15-year journey for her two sons and husband, a daily wage labourer until age confined him to their home. "My mother started working for a salary of Rs 150 per day," recalls Selvaraj.

She used to stay in a single room at a lodge that housed migrant labourers from Tamil Nadu. Her sister Palani Amma is also a labourer. "My mother started selling lottery tickets in the past six months when there were no sales for the demand for labourers," he says, speaking over the phone from Ernakulam where he has reached with his elder brother Settu and aunt to collect Padmam's remains.

"She used to check on me every day before going to sleep," says Selvaraj. Now, all he wants is for her remains to be handed over. "My father is waiting back home."

The third generation Indian satellite for monitoring the oceans was launched



The third generation Indian satellite for monitoring the oceans, formally named as Ocean Observation Satellite-6 (EOS-6) was launched today by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in partnership with Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) among others, from its First Launch Pad (FLP) at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota.

The ocean observing mission is a follow up to OceanSat-1 or IRS-P4 and OceanSat-2 launched in 1999 and 2009, respectively. The satellite was launched aboard the proven launch vehicle PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle) on its 56th flight (24th flight of the PSLV-XL version). Today's launch, designed as PSLV-C54, also accommodated other small satellites along with OceanSat-3.

The OceanSat-3 was placed in the polar orbit at the height of about 740 kilometers above sea level. While at ~1100 kilograms, it is only

slightly heavier than OceanSat-1, for the first time in this series it houses three ocean observing sensors viz Ocean Color Monitor (OCM-3), Sea Surface Temperature Monitor (SSTM), and Ku-Band scatterometer (SCAT-3). There is also an ARGOS payload, which is a communication payload jointly developed with France and it is used for low-power (energy-efficient) communications including marine robotic floats (Argo floats), fish-tag, drifters, and distress alert devices used for conducting effective search and rescue operations.

The advance 13 channel OCM with 360 m spatial resolution and 1400 km swath will observe the day side of the earth every day and will provide crucial data on distribution of ocean algae which is the base of the food chain within marine ecosystem. The OCM-3 with high signal-to-noise ratio is expected to provide improved accuracy in daily monitoring of phytoplankton having wide range of operational and research applications including fishery resource management, ocean carbon uptake, harmful algal bloom alerts, and climate studies.

The SSTM will provide ocean surface temperature which is a critical ocean parameter to provide various forecasts ranging from fish aggregation to cyclone genesis and movement. Temperature is a key parameter required to monitor health of the coral reefs, and if needed, to provide coral bleaching alert. The Ku-Band Pencil beam scatterometer onboard EOS-6 will provide high resolution wind vector (speed and direction) at the ocean surface, something which any seafarer would like to know or whether its fishermen or shipping company. The data of temperature and wind is also very important for assimilation into ocean and weather models to improve their forecast accuracies. ARGOS is a communication payload jointly developed with France and it is used for low-power (energy-efficient) communications including marine robotic floats (Argo floats), fish-tag, drifters, and distress alert devices used for conducting effective search and rescue operations.

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

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