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UP Lakhimpur Kheri violence: Enquiry commission ordered

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BENGALURU: Allahabad High Court retired judge Pradeep Kumar Srivastava was appointed on Thursday as the single-member commission of enquiry by Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel to investigate Lakhimpur Kheri violence.

The Governor issued a notification regarding the same and ordered the commission to complete the investigation within a period of two months.

A total of eight people lost their lives on October 3. The notification was passed as per the order of Additional Chief Secretary Awanish Kumar Awasthi.

The Supreme Court of India took a suo moto cognizance of the violence on October 6. Four of the eight people were mowed down by a vehicle. A video of a car mowing a farmer was circulated on social media.

Twitteratis criticized the Supreme Court for the delay in establishing the commission of enquiry. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also criticized for meeting Rakesh Jhunjhunwala and not meeting the family of the deceased.

1.3bn people live in poverty: UNDP report

Nandita Narayanan and Abhimanyu Sharma

BENGALURU: A total of 1.3 billion people across 109 countries are reportedly multidimensionally poor, with the majority of them living in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. This data was a part of a report published after the research was conducted by UNDP and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.

The report in reference to the Multidimensional Poverty Index measures various indicators of poverty including poor health, insufficient education, and a low standard of living. The report states that multidimensional poverty has



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different meanings that affect everyone differently. For instance, one billion people have ailments due to solid cooking fuels, inadequate

sanitation, and poor living conditions.

In one of the major findings, the report stated that two-thirds of multidimensionally

poor people live in households where no woman or girl has completed at least six years of schooling. It was also mentioned that around

215 million people in this situation are from households where one man has completed at least six years of schooling.

Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator said, "this is a reminder of the need for a complete picture of how people are being affected by poverty, who they are, and where they live." An infographic from the report presents a grim reality of poverty extremely prevalent all around the world including eight out of nine South Asian countries.

There seems to be light at the end of the tunnel as it was mentioned that many of the countries were able to reduce their poverty index with the fastest changes being in Sierra Leone and Togo.

Reliance launches 7-eleven in India

Pranav Shriram

BENGALURU: American retail giant 7-eleven (SEI) is set to enter the Indian market as a Reliance Retail Ventures Limited subsidiary (RRVL), with its first store opening in Andheri East, Mumbai on October 9. RRVL issued a statement on Thursday, announcing the launch.

"This will be followed by a rapid rollout in key neighborhoods and commercial areas, across the Greater Mumbai cluster to start with," said Manish Bhatia of RRVL in the



Logo of 7-eleven Wikimedia Commons

statement. Bhatia said this will boost the Indian stores by localising the retail business model. Additionally, he said that the company expects to become

a significant contributor to local employment as well.

SEI President and Chief Executive Officer Joe DePinto said, "Our strategic relationship with Reliance Retail Ventures will bring 7-Eleven's brand of convenient products and services to millions of Indian consumers starting in the city of Mumbai."

RRVL Director, Isha Ambani said that their association with SEI "will offer Indian customers greater convenience and choices within their own neighborhoods."

Sex-ed in schools: boon or bane?

Riya Joseph

BENGALURU: Kerala Women's Commission chairperson P Sathidevi's suggestion to include sex education in school syllabus garners a mixed reaction with some approving the move while others expressing a critical view of how this would bear on young students.

All India Save Education Committee (AISEC), member Aishwarya CM says teaching sex education in schools won't curb crimes against girls. "National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences and other research shows that crimes on young girls are a result of boys being exposed to pornographic, sexual and violent content. We need to bring in an environment where boys and girls treat

each other equally and remove content that could be considered harmful to students," she said.

Agatha Stephen L, a higher secondary teacher from Kerala says sex education at the higher secondary level is essential as it is during this period that students develop a curiosity for the subject. "They are also in danger of sexually transmitted diseases. To prevent this, I believe it is extremely good to have sex education in the school syllabus."

Chanchana Jacob V, an independent psychologist from Kerala also shares similar sentiments. She said, "Sex education is necessary for students at the high school level. What we intend through teaching this is to give knowledge about the human body and help them to be aware of their rights."

Former K'taka CM inaugurates Mysore Dasara

Suhas S Kashyap

Former Chief Minister of Karnataka, S M Krishna inaugurated the Mysore Dasara Events on Thursday at Chamundi Temple, Mysore where the ceremony was held. The event was live-streamed on the official website as well as on Facebook and YouTube.

The Dasara event is a 9-day long festival celebrated in Mysore. The event was attended by the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Basavaraja Bommai, Minister of Co-operation and Incharge minister- Mysore S T Somashekar, and various



From the inauguration ceremony

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other ministers and officers were present at the inaugural event.

The Mysore Dasara celebration this year will be a low-key event with Covid-19

guidelines in place. The usual events such as the famous Jamboo Savari (Elephant Parade) will take place on 15 October. This year, only eight elephants will be participating in the parade, unlike the usual twelve elephants. The golden howdah (Ambari) will be carried by an elephant named Abhimanyu in the parade. Events such as Yuva Dasara, Food Mela, Sports Mela, and other cultural events will not be held.

The former CM from the congress party who joined BJP later also showered praises on the PM in his speech.



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