

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

South African jurist...

She spent decades defend- ing anti-apartheid activists and highlighting the treatment of political detainees.

In 1973, she helped secure the right of political prisoners to access legal counsel, accord- ing to South African History Online.

She also represented anti- apartheid activists and drew attention to the use of torture and solitary confinement against detainees.

Pillay was involved in efforts to enshrine equality in South Africa's Constitution. As a member of the Women's National Coalition, she con- tributed to the campaign that helped secure a constitution- al equality clause prohibiting discrimination.

In an interview with South African History Online, she described how women from different political, racial and religious backgrounds worked together to advance equality and protect women's rights.

Her career later took her to South Africa's High Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Criminal Court. She served as a judge and pres- ident of the Rwanda tribunal and as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2008 to 2014.

India slams US Green card...

they equal only one per cent of the US workforce.

"They are not new arrivals to our country," Microsoft said.

Microsoft only files H-1B petitions for those who meet the rigorous standards of this visa category, the company said. New Delhi also took strong objection to Vance's remarks on foreign professionals serv- ing in the US.

"We have also seen some comments in this context by the US Vice President. We believe that such descriptions are unwarranted and ignore the fact that Indian profes- sionals in the US are highly educated and skilled contri- butors to its economy and inno- vation ecosystem," it said.

"Indeed, the history of the United States itself has been shaped by generations of immi- grants whose labour, enterprise and innovation have con- tributed to its growth and pros- perity," the MEA said in a state- ment.

Cannot bring everything...

"In terms of that assurance, we make it clear that there shall be no complete prohibition on the movement of metro trains," the CJI ordered after hearing a battery of senior lawyers led by senior advocate Kapil Sibal in a packed courtroom. The CJI said the restrictions must go no further than necessary to address the anticipated threat.

"You have to prevent certain things. Take measures only to the extent necessary to prevent them," he said, adding that pre- ventive action should not bring all movement to a halt.

The Bench directed the Centre to give due publicity to the decision taken by the authorities regarding the move- ment of metro trains and oth- er railway services. It asked the Centre to take appropriate decisions in "a suitably regu- lated manner" to ensure that the "inconvenience to the pub- lic at large is minimised".

RAILWAYS CANCELS TRAINS: IN A rare move, the Railway Board on Friday can- celled dozens of trains sched- uled to arrive at New Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin railway stations between 4 am and 2 pm on October 10, ahead of CJP protest. The board cancelled all passenger trains departing from their originating stations after 2 pm on October 9, and arriving at New Delhi or Hazrat Nizamuddin railway stations between 4 am and 2 pm on October 10. The Northern Railway claimed that of the 165 trains scheduled to arrive at two stations during the spec- ified period, only 38 had been cancelled, while all other trains would operate as usual.

Police deny nod for CJP...

Party. The application is regard- ing an intimation for a protest on October 10 at Jantar Mantar," she said.

The protest is regarding demanding accountability from the chief election com- missioner (CEC). This intima- tion was considered and it was found that it was given at very short notice, she said.

Government for cancelling sev- eral Mail and Express trains scheduled to arrive at New Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin stations on October 10 between 4:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Dipke said that the BJP-led Centre was afraid of Gen Z, and dared the Government to arrest him.

By-poll results largely...

electoral battles in 2021 when Adhikari defeated Banerjee.

In Puducherry, the ruling AINRC emerged victorious in the by-poll to Thattanchavady, retaining the Assembly seg- ment considered party founder and Chief Minister N Rangasamy's pocket borough and vacated by him post April 9 elections in the Union Territory.

In the process, the AINRC, which leads the NDA coalition Government, passed its first test of popularity with flying colours. Party candidate Ashok Anand defeated his nearest Congress rival E Vinayagam by over 8,400 votes. The victory was seen as a "foregone" one.

In a shot in the arm for the minority Government in Tamil Nadu, led by Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay, in its maiden fight in the by-elections held on October 6, the ruling TVK on Friday won the by-polls to Madurantakam and Dharapuram Assembly con- stituencies.

In Madurantakam, TVK can- didate Maragatham Kumaravel maintained a lead from the beginning and the difference

Researchers identify 5 actions for countries to prepare for El Nino

NEW DELHI, Oct 9 (PTI)

AMIDST predictions of a strongest-on-record El Nino lat- er this year, researchers have put forth five actions through which people around the world could be better prepared for the event, potentially reducing its toll on human health.

The actions are aimed at gain- ing a comprehensive risk overview, which holds the key to being able to tackle and min- imise the likely consequences, including the spread of infec- tious diseases, malnutrition and various heat-related conditions such as dehydration and heat- stroke, the team, led by the UK's University of Bristol, said.

Published as a correspondence article in 'The Lancet' journal, the recommendations call for the

United Nations and other inter- national bodies to address the urgent need to protect health and prevent disease when El Nino is officially declared. Researchers said that as the El Nino cycle can be forecast months in advance, preparatory measures should be put in place to mitigate the impact, especially in countries most vulnerable.

In early September 2026, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said in an update, "El Nino is firmly estab- lished and is expected to strengthen further."

"Since the current El Nino pushes many regions into more extreme climates, there's a press- ing and unprecedented need to better understand, measure and pinpoint the different dangers for individual countries and

places," lead author Ruby Lieber, senior research associate in cli- mate science at the University of Bristol, said. Although it is wide- ly-acknowledged that El Nino exacerbates wide-ranging health risks posed by climate change, the additional threats presented remain largely unquantified, the researchers added.

The team recommended that National Governments should be supported to assess the effects of El Nino on population health and to implement necessary pre- cautions, including early-warn- ing systems.

They also called to scale up El Nino-focused climate-health attribution studies and use the findings to inform and shape pol- icy and practice.

Continuously review the health effects of El Nino to gain

a comprehensive picture of its evolving impact and help iden- tify and address any evidence gaps, the team advised.

Assess the cost-effectiveness of climate-health measures taken, such as early warning systems, bolstering health system capac- ity, urban flood protection and food system resilience actions, they said.

Lieber said, "Partnership work- ing is imperative, and such glob- al entities need to urgently call on advances in attribution sci- ence to more accurately assess how much of the repercussions are the result of human-induced climate change and how much are a result of El Nino." "By iso- lating the El Nino-related impacts, we can generate much more targeted and event-specif- ic actions," the lead author said.

IMD issues heatwave warning for MMR, Konkan regions

MUMBAI, Oct 9 (PTI)

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday issued a heatwave warning for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and Maharashtra's coastal belt of Konkan, lasting until October 12.

Heatwave conditions are likely to prevail at isolated pockets in districts of South Konkan. Also, hot and humid conditions are likely to be preva- lent at isolated pockets in districts of North Konkan, the IMD's Regional Meteorological Centre here said.

There will be a gradual rise in maximum temperatures by 2-3 degrees Celsius over some parts of Maharashtra during the next 48 hours and by 1-3 degrees Celsius thereafter, it said.

Central team reviews drought-hit districts in Maharashtra

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR, Oct 9 (PTI)

A CENTRAL Team visited Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and Beed dis- tricts to assess crop damage caused by drought, inspecting ruined fields and interacting with distressed cultivators who sought immediate financial compensa- tion of up to Rs 60,000 per acre.

Led by Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department Joint Secretary Muktanand Agrawal, the team inspected the farm of Vilas Shinde, a cultivator from Demni village, whose soybean crop across more than one hectare was destroyed due to prolonged dry spells.

The delegation included Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre Deputy Director Sunil Kumar, NITI Aayog Advisor Dr Jaspal Singh, Dr Sakshi Bhadoria from the Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Department, Maharashtra Agriculture Secretary Parimal Singh, and District Collector Vinay Gowda G C.

"The team arrived here last night, interacted with the Divisional Commissioner and local officials, and commenced their ground inspection," Collector Gowda told reporters.

"The visits will continue across several locations over the next three to four days, following which they will submit a report," he said. Local farmer Sainath Shinde urged authorities to bypass lengthy formalities and disburse aid quickly, pointing out that crops have suffered extensive damage. "We have lost our entire harvest after spend- ing around Rs 50,000 to Rs 60,000 per acre. While the Government has declared drought, field sur- veys continue. Direct assistance of Rs 60,000 per acre must be released immediately so we can repay our loans," he said.



People lift an idol of Goddess Durga as it is being transported to a community puja pandal ahead of the upcoming Durga Puja festival in Nadia district of West Bengal on Friday. (PTI)

INDIA bloc hands over...

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Gandhi also said the Opposition leaders would meet Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Monday and hand over a memorandum to him as well.

Carrying a big "Save Democracy" banner, INDIA bloc MPs marched from Parliament House to Vijay Chowk where they were stopped by the police which had put up barricades.

After that the delegation, whose names had been sent to Rashtrapati Bhavan, headed to meet President Murmu to hand over a memorandum on the "vote chori" issue. Briefing reporters after the meeting, Kharge said the INDIA bloc leaders sought return to ballot paper instead of EVMs for future polls.

"The President asked for evidence of 'vote chori' which we will provide," he said.

Gandhi said the INDIA bloc's memorandum to the President clearly stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar have "conspired to destroy Indian democracy".

"President in no way denied what we said, she did not question what we said. She accepted our statement and sought proof of 'election chori'," the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha said.

Gandhi said he told the President that proof of 'election chori' is known to country as State after State has been "stolen".

"We will happily take proof of 'election chori' to President when she is ready to accept it," Gandhi said. In her remarks to the press, Banerjee said INDIA bloc is together and is strong and she thought the meeting was positive. Earlier, the INDIA bloc MPs met at the Central Hall of the Samvidhan Sadan and deliberated upon their strategy to take forward their plan for agitation.

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GENERAL MANAGER (MP)

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Herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said Rule's for property given below.
The borrower & public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of LIC Housing Finance Ltd., Bhopal

Sl No.	Name of Borrower	Description of the Property Demand Notice	Date of Demand/ Possession Notice	Amount in Demand Notice
1	PRIMARY APPLICANT: Mr. DEEPAK KUMAR, Add: Flat No F-102 First Floor Aastha Apartment ,Plot No. 143-A Part of Khasra No. 23 Gram Banjarji, Bhopal MP, Flat Area : 745 Sqfeet, Boundaries: East- Staircase & Flat No F-101, West -Plot No.142.A, North- Colony Road, South-Plot No. 154-A	Flat No F-102 First Floor Aastha Apartment, Plot No. 143-A Part of Khasra No. 23, Gram Banjarji, Ward No. 82 Tehsil Huzur, Bhopal MP, Flat Area : 745 Sqfeet, Boundaries: East- Staircase & Flat No F-101, West -Plot No.142.A, North- Colony Road, South-Plot No. 154-A	21.10.2023 05.10.2026 Physical Possession	₹ 24,65,392.45 + Interest & Other Charges

STATUTORY NOTICE: The borrower/guarantor hereby notice to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 Days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the aforesaid property will be auctioned and balance if any will be recovered with interest and cost from you.
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Authorised Officer