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States can sub classify SCs for quotas ; top court

A seven Judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court headed by CJI D.Y Chandrachud held that states have a right to subclassify Scheduled Castes (SC) notified in the presidential list to provide them with more preferential treatment in public employment and education .

“ The principle of sub classification will be applicable to scheduled castes if the social position of the constituents among the caste group is not comparable ...sub categorisation within a caste is a constitutional requirement to secure substantive equality . ” CJI DY Chandrachud said .

The salient points of SC judgement are :

- Scheduled Castes are not an “ indivisible monolith “ .
- They are a heterogeneous group of caste with varying degree of backwardness .
- The states can further classify them , if there is a rational principle that has a nexus with the purpose of sub classification .
- States have to produce data to support their claim that a sub caste required more beneficial treatment .

Evolve policy to remove quota for SCs , STs in creamy layer , say Judges

Four of the seven judges separately said that the states should extend the “ creamy layer principle “ to scheduled caste and scheduled tribe , as in the case of the OBC category .

It was necessary to exclude affluent individuals and families from the benefit of reservation to make room for the underprivileged under these classes , they said .

They called states to evolve a “ different “ set of criteria to exclude ‘ creamy layer ‘ from the benefit of SC and ST reservations .

No one left alive in Wayanad disaster zone , Army informs Chief minister

The teams engaged in search and rescue operations in landslide hit Chooralmala have recovered 189 bodies – 85 men , 76 women and 27 children . 100 body parts from different locations are yet to be identified .

Unconfirmed reports put the death toll at 295 . About 1800 teams of NDRF , SDRF , Army , Navy , coast guard disaster relief team are active in rescue operations .

The Army completed the construction of a Bailey bridge linking Muddakai and Chooralmala . CM Pinyari Vijayan visited the site . Army informed the government that odds were that no one was alive in the disaster zone .

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadera visited the landslide affected zone .

Prime Minister takes a dig at China , says India does not believes in expansionism

Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh is on India’s visit .

PM Narendra Modi and Vietnamese PM held bilateral talks . Indirectly referring to Chinese activities in the South China sea , PM Modi said that India does not support expansionism .

“ We support development , not expansionism in the region . We believe in free open and rule based indo pacific. “ PM Modi said .

The Vietnamese PM sought greater cooperation between the two sides in energy , defence and culture .

He described India as a force of “ stability and prosperity in the Indo Pacific region “ .

The two sides redoubled the importance of ensuring peace , stability , security , safety and freedom of navigation over east China sea and South China sea and a peaceful settlement of disputes based on respecting international law , especially UNCLOS 1982 .” He said,



China and Vietnam have been in dispute over jurisdiction of Sparty Island and Paracel Island in South China Sea .

China claims the entire South China sea as its territory , which has been denied by a previous judgement at the International Court .



China and Taiwan Malaysia Vietnam Brunei Philippines

TamilNadu fisherman dies in bid to evade arrest by Srilankan Navy

An Indian and Srilankan fisherman from TamilNadu died early on Thursday , after his fishing boat capsized in Srilankan waters ,while resisting arrest by Srilankan Navy patrol vessel .

Two have been arrested by Srilankan Navy . Search is on for the other fisherman .

India summoned senior Srilankan diplomat I. New Delhi and registered its “ strong protest “ over the incident .

Srilankan Navy in a statement said that the Indian boats resorted to “ aggressive manoeuvres' ' in South China sea .

4 dead as cloudburst wreck havoc in Himachal Pradesh

Four persons were killed and forty nine went missing following a cloudburst in Shimla , Mandi , and Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh , where torrential rain left many has left several rivers in a spate .

33 persons went missing after a cloudburst laid to flash flood in Samrej area of Shimla , Seven died near Tikka Taluka village in Mandi , nine persons went missing in flash flood at Malana village in Kullu. Search and rescue operation is on with the help of NDRF , SDRF . State has called for help from the Army and Air force .

The state is expected to see heavy rainfall in the next 36 hours . CM Sukhvinder singh Sukhu has appealed to people to stay away from rivers and rivulets . PM Modi is monitoring the situation and has asked officials to avail all possible help .

14 killed in Uttarakhand rain

14 people died and 10 were injured in heavy overnight rain that triggered floods in Uttarakhand . Kedarnath Yatra has been suspended

Himachal Pradesh Cloudburst: Affected Areas



Graphic: Godhashri S



Railways will soon add 2500 general coaches says minister

Taking part in discussion on grants for railways in the budget , Railway minister Ashwani Vaishanw said that 2500 general coaches will be added to the railway in coming months .

Apart from this 10,000 additional general coaches would be produced in the foreseeable future , to ensure their smooth availability .

He said that the centre was ready to roll out Kavach on a large scale now .

BCCI , SAI told to curb surrogate advertising for Tobacco , Alcohol

The health Ministry has asked both SAI (Sports Authority of India) and BCCI (Board of Cricket Control in India) to bring measures to prevent surrogate advertisement of Tobacco and Alcohol related products by sportspersons .

Surrogate advertisement is a form of advertising that is used to promote products which are banned or limited from advertising , such as cigarettes , alcohol , Guthka etc .

Sportsperson and Film Stars Promoting Vimal elaichi , which indirectly promoted the Gutkha of brand Vimal is one of the examples of Sabotage advertising



Allahabad HC rejects plea for Shahi Idgah mosque committee

The Allahabad High court on Thursday dismissed the plea filed by Mathura based Shahi Idgah Mosque committee , challenging maintainability of lawsuits about removal of the mosque from the temple area .

The court observed that places of worship act does not define “ religious character “ .And to attack provision under this act religious character must be determined .

Krishna Janmabhoomi - Shahi Idgah mosque dispute remains pending in court , after the Supreme court stayed the survey of the mosque ordered by the High court .

Hindu side claims that Krishna was born on the original site in Mathura . The mosque was built after demolishing the temple , on orders of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb .



World : _____

Calls for revenge echo at Haniyeh ‘ funeral ‘ ; Tehran vows ‘ punishment ‘

Funeral of Hamas political chief Ismail Haineyeh was performed in Tehran .

Thousands of women , mentaking posters of Hainey participated in the funeral ceremony . Iran’s Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khomeini , President Masoud Pezeskian were among the participants .

Hamas Foreign relation chief Khalin Al Hayya vowed during the funeral ceremony that Haniyeh will live and “ we will pursue Israel until it is uprooted from the land of Palestine . “

Iran’s President Masoud Pezeskian said that Iran “ will continue the support with firmer determination on the axis of Resistance .



Hamas chief Hainey was killed in an airstrike in Tehran . He was visiting Tehran from Qatar to take part in the inauguration ceremony of President Masoud Pezeskian .

Israel says Hamas military chief Died killed in July hit

Israel's army chief confirmed on Wednesday that Hamas military chief Mohammad Deif , was killed in an airstrike last month in southern Gaza .
" Mohammad Dief , the Osama Bin Laden of Gaza , was eliminated " on July 13 in an airstrike in Khan Younis , Israeli Defense Minister Yoah Gallant announced .

" Dief initiated , planned and executed the October 7th massacre " the military said .

Russia has freed US reporter in prisoner swap , says Turkiye

The Turkish government announced that in one of the biggest East West Prisoner swap since the cold war , a total 26 people from US , Germany , Poland , Slovenia , Norway , Belarus and Russia were involved in the swap .

Wall Street Journal reporter Ivan Greshkovich was detained in Russia in March 2023 , on spying charges in July .

The swap was carried by Turkey's MIT intelligence service .

Neither the US not Russia has commented on this .

Sports: _____

Swapnil Kusale overcomes jitters to shoot down , India's third bronze medal

Swapnil Kusale won the Bronze medal in 50 m 3 position rifle shooting .

Science : _____

Controlling the Gastronomical diabetes , critical to mother , baby's future

Gestational Diabetes (GDM) is glucose intolerance that develops or is first organised during pregnancy . It has short term and long term and long term implications for maternal and foetal health . It increased the risk of type 2 diabetes in women later in life .

Children face consequences such as obesity , insulin resistance and diabetes .



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