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EDITORIAL

SC's historic decision

The Supreme Court has taken a historic step by deciding to give alimony to a divorced Muslim woman. Naturally, this decision of the Supreme Court is being called Shahbano 2.0. Actually, the Supreme Court has once again stamped its approval on the right of a divorced Muslim woman to get alimony from her husband under general law. By the court's order, a divorced Muslim woman will get alimony of Rs 4000 per month. The Supreme Court has upheld the family court's order to give alimony to a divorced Muslim wife under Section 125 of the CrPC. The court has quashed the High Court's order to reduce the amount of alimony.

This decision has been given by a bench of Justice BV Nagarathna and Augustine George Masih while dismissing the petition of Mohammed Abdul Samad of Telangana. The Supreme Court, in its judgment, has mentioned women's rights and women's freedom with the changing times and said that now there is no justification for male chauvinistic mentality. In this case, the Supreme Court had rejected the husband's argument that a Muslim woman cannot ask for alimony under Section 125 of the CrPC. The comments made by the learned judges of the Supreme Court while giving the judgment are so important that a booklet of them should be printed and distributed. This comment of the Supreme Court is important that it is the husband's responsibility to maintain the wife. If the husband is capable of earning, then he cannot escape his responsibility by making an excuse of being financially incapable. This comment of the judges of the Supreme Court is also worth noting that the allegation cannot be ignored that the husband took voluntary retirement after the decision of the family court to avoid the responsibility of alimony.

The special thing about this judgment is that both the judges gave separate judgments. However, the opinion of both was the same. The comments made by the Supreme Court while giving the judgment will be recorded in golden

letters in the history of justice. The special bench of judges said that maintenance is not a donation. It is the right of married women. Section 125 of the CrPC gives the right to maintain wife, children and parents. The Supreme Court also said in its comment that now the time has come when men should respect the feelings of women and provide them financial security. Not only this, the court even said that the matter of providing women their rights and justice is above any religion. Therefore, it applies to all married women. Women of every religion can demand this right.

Obviously, in the matter of women's rights and their economic security, the Supreme Court did not consider Muslim Personal Law or Sharia Law in its decision. This decision of the Supreme Court is going to provide unprecedented strength to the natural justice system. Due to this decision, a new debate has started regarding women's rights and their economic security. If women's rights come at the center of feminist discourse, then they should be welcomed. Under the guise of this decision, a section is demanding that now the time has come to implement a uniform code of conduct in the country. The desire for a common civil code was also expressed by our constitution makers.

This is why the issue of common civil code has been included in the Directive Principles. However, the central government will have to keep in mind that the sensitivity of the matter is so high that a uniform code of conduct should not be imposed forcibly. It would be appropriate to build a broad consensus in this matter. Apart from this, the Muslim Personal Law Board should also look within itself instead of criticizing the Supreme Court's decision. The decision given by the Supreme Court is already applicable in most Muslim countries. Obviously, this decision of the Supreme Court is not against Muslim Personal Law but in favor of women. Therefore, this decision should be seen from a social point of view and not from a communal perspective!

Will #PutPeopleFirst mantra drive HIV responses?

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Science has gifted us proven tools to stop the spread of HIV infection, as well as to ensure that all people living with HIV live healthy and fulfilling lives. But we failed to save 630,000 people with HIV who died in 2022.

Science has proven that if people with HIV are on lifesaving antiretroviral therapy and remain virally suppressed, then there is zero risk of any further transmission of HIV from them to anyone else. According to WHO, "people living with HIV who have an undetectable viral load using any WHO-approved test and continue taking medication as prescribed have 'zero risk' of transmitting HIV to their sexual partner(s)."

That is why undetectable equals untransmittable. "If we are to end AIDS, we have to ensure that along with 100-100-100 (100% of people with HIV know their status, 100% of people with HIV are on lifesaving antiretroviral therapy, and 100% of them are virally suppressed), we also have to ensure that no one suffers or dies of TB," said Dr Ishwar Gilada who is part of the upcoming world's largest AIDS conference in Munich, Germany (25th International AIDS Conference or AIDS 2024). Dr Gilada is also on the Governing Council of International AIDS Society (IAS).

As treatment is prevention, it is time for accountability now

Despite knowing #Undetectable Equals Untransmittable or #UequalsU,

1.3 million people got newly infected with HIV in 2022. If we had ensured that all people with HIV are virally suppressed and everyone has access to the full range of HIV combination prevention options, then we could have averted new infections.

#PutPeopleFirst

AIDS 2024 is being organised by International AIDS Society (IAS) along with the government of Germany and

96% of them were on lifesaving antiretroviral therapy treatment, and 96% of those on therapy, were virally suppressed.

In India, "79% of the estimated number of people living with HIV knew their status, 86% of them were on the lifesaving therapy, and 93% of those on therapy have achieved viral suppression," said David Bridger, UNAIDS Country Director in India. But Indian data is not uniform across its 36 states and union territories. "New HIV infections globally have

tality in India has dropped by around 70% over the last 10 years. Indian government's National AIDS Control Programme phase-V aims to reduce annual new HIV infections and AIDS-related mortalities by 80% by 2025-2026 from the baseline value of 2010. "We are still well short of that target," said Bridger.

In Tripura, annual new HIV infections in 2022 increased by 300% times vis-à-vis 2010. Similarly, in Arunachal Pradesh, annual new HIV infections increased by around 200%, in Meghalaya by 150% and in Assam, by 75%." Undoubtedly, there is an urgent need to step-up the response in select locations and sub-populations to fast-track progress towards ending AIDS by 2030.

Investing in young people

Younger people are more at risk of getting newly infected with HIV infection. Access to the full range of HIV combination prevention options looks to be sketchy when it comes to the young.

"Since the last 18 months, we have been focusing to rebuild some momentum around investing in young people (in the context of strengthening HIV responses). India has the largest number of young people on the planet. We really need to be genuinely engaging young people if we are to sustain the HIV response and ensure that we have the energy and new ideas to sustain it to 2030 and beyond," shared Bridger.

According to Indian government's Sankalak 2023 report, "while the overall adult prevalence of HIV in India remains low at 0.20%, it continues to be more than 1% in Mizoram and Nagaland states. The annual new infections between 2010 and 2022 have declined by 42% nationally. However, contrary to the national trend, select northeastern States have seen increases in annual HIV infections in 2022 vis-à-vis 2010.

partners. "Germany has a low rate of HIV prevalence. According to the Robert Koch Institute (RKI), as of 2022, an estimated 90,800 people in Germany are living with HIV infection. The number of new HIV infections has been declining, with an estimated 1,900 new HIV infections occurring in the year 2022 - a slight increase from 1800 news cases in 2021," said Ministry of Health Germany in an exclusive interview (over email) with CNS. CNS is an official media partner of AIDS 2024.

In 2022, 90% of people with HIV in Germany knew their HIV positive status,

declined over the last 10 years by 38% which is not enough but at least it is headed in the right direction," says Bridger. He points to the variations in HIV decline rates (or lack of) if we look at regional, sub-regional or national level data. In eastern and southern Africa, rate of new HIV infections has declined by around 60% over the last 10 years whereas this decline in Asia Pacific region is only 14%.

In India, the decline in new HIV infections over the last 10 years has been 42%. This is about half of what India aspires to achieve (80%) by 2026. AIDS related mor-

Young Congress leaders are vocal, but bigwigs are missing from the field

These days a new wind is blowing in the Congress camp of Jabalpur, the biggest district of Mahakoshal. On one hand, while the young leaders are openly attacking the BJP government in the budget meeting in the Municipal Corporation House, on the other hand, the local bigwigs are seen keeping their distance from the protests. The workers are confused as to why the senior leaders are keeping quiet.

It was last week when the Congress was holding a fierce protest alleging scam in competitive examinations. There was a protest in Jabalpur as well, but during this time, those leaders were not seen, around whom the politics of the city Congress is centered and they have a say in almost every decision taken in the party. There is a discussion in Congress circles that due to the senior leaders constantly keeping their distance from the protests, the voices of discontent have started rising in the party. The young leaders of the dissatisfied camp say that the result of sidelining the organization and making their supporters the

leaders of the party is that the party is going downhill. The dissatisfied also say that if the seniors

have a big role in the decision making of the party, then why is their activity not seen in the field...? Why do their few supporters appear to be just playing the role of a formality during dharnas and demonstrations.

At present, the leaders whose role is being questioned include former MLA Vinay Saxena, Babu Vishwamohan, former MLA Nitya Niranjan Khamparia, Nanhe Lal Dhurve, Satyendra Yadav, NSUI President Sachin Rajak and some other leaders. Although the disgruntled workers also believe that most of them have become old and their physical fitness is not such that they can participate in programs like dharnas and demonstrations, but a section of the disgruntled ones believe that if the seniors are not completely fit, then why is their fitness to lobby for tickets visible at the time of elections...? Anyway, there are many questions and arguments,

Mahakaushal's Notes  
Avinash Dixit

but according to the discussions going on inside, there is a strong buzz about radical changes in

the Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee and there are discussions that in the new organizational structure, there are strong possibilities of sending old leaders to the advisory board, so the seniors have already taken to silence. If we talk about the youth Congressmen, then City Congress Committee President Saurav Nati Sharma, Rural President Dr. Nilesh Jain, Lok Sabha candidate Dinesh Yadav, former MLA Sanjay Yadav, former Leader of Opposition Rajesh Sonkar, Abhishek Chouksey Chintu who contested the assembly elections from Kent, former District Panchayat President Rajesh Patel, former state spokesperson Tikaram Koshta, Leader of Opposition in Municipal Corporation Amrish Mishra, Councilor Ayodhya Tiwari and other youth Congress leaders are trying to revive the party. It is a different matter that during the budget meeting in the Municipal

Corporation, the attitude of the Congress councilors was so vocal that they forgot the decorum, dignity and parliamentary language style of the House.

Mayor's chamber and the game of time

After the change of power in Jabalpur Municipal Corporation, new scenes are being seen more these days. Earlier, when Mayor Jagat Bahadur Singh Annu was in the Congress, the members of his city cabinet used to enter his chamber with a bang. Now the times have changed, the mayor has become saffron-clad. Now BJP councillors are freely coming and going to the Mayor's chamber, while Congress councilors have to first check whether anyone else is sitting in the Mayor's chamber to meet him. Regarding these circumstances, corporation employees and other visitors are heard joking that it is a game of time, the Congress councilors who used to make others wait earlier, now they have to wait to meet the Mayor.

Satire

Bosses are sold in China



day of work.

Friend said to me: According to the South China Morning Post, some of the listings on the website include many "annoying bosses", "terrible jobs", and "hated colleagues", that are up for sale in a price range of ? 4 to ? 9 lakh. I said: One user, who is selling her job for ? 91,000, said it pays ? 33,000 a month

Friend said to me: Needless to say, all jobs include some level of stress. However, a person can feel an added amount of stress if the workplace is toxic and the boss is unsupportive and insensitive. Such an unfair work environment can be a breeding ground for negativity, depression, and conflict. As a result, young professionals in China have adopted unique and amusing coping methods to deal with the stress of their jobs. A viral trend has emerged in the country where employees list their bosses, colleagues, and jobs for sale on second-hand e-commerce platforms.

I said: On Xianyu, Alibaba's second-hand e-commerce platform, many are playfully selling their jobs and colleagues as a way to ease stress from work and wash off the "work smell." In China, "work smell" refers to the feeling of mental and physical exhaustion after a long

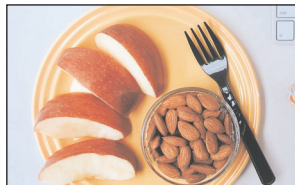
and promised that buyers can regain their investment within three months. Another person wrote, 'Selling a colleague who is very good at being sarcastic for 3,999 yuan (Rs 45,925). I can teach you how to deal with this colleague and offer 10 tips to avoid being the scapegoat at work. A third professional listed his "terrible boss" for 500 yuan (Rs 5,742), claiming that their personalities clashed and that the boss frequently criticized him, causing significant mental stress.

Friend said to me: Notably, all this is done as a joke, so sellers ensure the advertisements do not lead to a real cash transaction. If someone does buy the "product," the seller usually cancels the deal right after the transaction or outright refuses the purchase attempt. People online have reacted with a mix of amusement and concern, worried that the trend may have gone too far.

Science Fact

Top Immunity: Boosting Foods to Beat Flu Season

The monsoon season brings with it a myriad of health challenges such as common colds, digestive issues, and weakened immunity. Dr. Rohini Patil, MBBS and Nutritionist, suggests that incorporating nutrient-rich superfoods like almonds, turmeric, ginger can help bolster your immune system and keep you healthy during this seasonal change. She recommends that monsoon superfoods be packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that can help prevent common illnesses and provide essential nutrients for overall well-being. Let's explore the superfoods that Dr. Rohini recommends incorporating into your regular diet during this weather change.



Almonds: Almonds are rich in 15 essential nutrients such as healthy fats, protein, zinc, magnesium, and vitamin E, which promote heart health and boost energy levels. Incorporating almonds into your daily diet can help boost immunity, maintain good skin health, and manage weight effectively. Overall, it's a beneficial practice to add a handful of almonds to your diet regularly. Turmeric: Turmeric, renowned for its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, enhances immunity and combats infections, making it essential to include in your diet during the monsoon season. Ginger: Ginger supports digestion, reduces inflammation, and possesses potent antibacterial properties, making it ideal for combating common colds and sore throats during seasonal changes.

Garlic: Garlic is rich in compounds like allicin, which enhance immune function and exhibit antimicrobial effects, making it particularly beneficial during the monsoon season.

Spiritual

Why we're all our brothers' keepers

Recently, a Karnataka judge ruled that the bystanders in a village who witnessed a woman being assaulted and paraded naked, and did nothing to protect her, were as guilty as her attackers by being complicit in the crime, and were held collectively responsible for it. The concept of collective responsibility is based on the precept that for evil to triumph it is enough that good men do nothing to prevent it, a quote often attributed to Edmund Burke, but according to different sources, originally articulated by John Stuart Mill: "Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing." During the British Raj, the charge of collective responsibility earned notoriety for being used to penalise entire communities for any acts of defiance against the colonial regime. More recently, the rubric of collective responsibility has been invoked to deem all the residents of a neighbourhood culpable for damage caused to public and private property during a riot, with compensatory fines imposed on all.



The most sweeping example of collective responsibility was imposed after the end of WWII by the victorious allies against the entire German nation for crimes against humanity committed by the Nazis, including the genocidal Holocaust. The burden of aggregate guilt was carried even by those who hadn't been born at the time these crimes took place, an anomaly all the more marked in that the winners of the war felt no need for public displays of remorse for the atomic horror unleashed on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Going beyond the courts of temporal law to the higher tribunal of moral philosophy, the dictum of collective responsibility can be traced to Emmanuel Kant's explication of what he termed the Categorical Imperative.

Kant opposed the proposition that the 'good' is the foundation of morality and replaced it by the 'right'. What is good for one might not be so for another, but what is right is so for all.

Letter to the Editor

Maradona, Messi and now Yamal

Sir, Lamine Yamal Nasraoui Ebana, a 16-year-old football player, made headlines for being subbed off early in Spain's Euro matches due to Germany's labor laws. He recently passed his school exams and became the youngest player to score in a Euro semi final. Lamine Yamal was born in a poor refugee family on 13 July 2007 in Espulgues de Llobregat, Spain, to waitress Sheila Ebana and building painter Mounir Nasraoui. Time will tell whether Lothar Mattheus is right or wrong when he said "Maradona, Messi and now Yamal." The schoolboy genius is living his dream and the world shared a part of it when he ignited the spark in Munich. But he's already a thrilling, game changing player! Several of his performances against France were worthy of inclusion in what is becoming a dreadful dull Copa. The silky touch, the way he glides past players and an eye for goal. From the moment he touches the ball you can clearly see he's a very special talent. Media and many renowned footballers and coaches said that Lamine Yamal will be the future Messi. What's a coincidence in 2007, as part of an annual charity drive by local newspaper Diario Sport and UNICEF, a 6 month old Lamine Yamal and his mother were paired with Lionel Messi for a photoshoot.

Believe it or not but it's true that at 16 years and 362 days, Yamal's opening goal - his opening golazo - made him the youngest player to score at a Euros or a World Cup; he had beaten football's god Pelé by eight months. Pelé, for goodness' sake. Who else might he beat in the many years that lie ahead? Even his coach had described him as being "touched by God". Lover of the world's beautiful game and mother of all the sport and games are happy that during the fog end of Messi and Rolando another genius is born who ruled the world football. It's great that Spain was willing to risk such a young player into the first team of a semi-final match. It paid off handsomely and put them into the final with England.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

Tech

Motorola Edge 50 Ultra Leaked Teasers Suggests Design, Key Specifications

Motorola Edge 50 Ultra is expected to be unveiled soon. It is likely to launch alongside two other models. While the Motorola Edge 50 Pro is set to launch in India on April 3, a third Motorola Edge 50 Fusion model could also be unveiled soon. The Motorola Edge 50 Ultra design had recently leaked via renders suggesting multiple colour options and hinting at some key features of the handset. Now a tipster has shared short video teasers of the handset that once again suggest the design and key specifications. Tipster Evan Blass (@evleaks) shared a series of small clips on X (formerly Twitter) that show the Motorola Edge 50 Ultra from different angles. The videos also suggest some of the features of the handset. It is seen in a beige colour option in the first clip, where we also get a close-up of the expected triple rear camera unit, the curved display edges, and the textured back panel. In successive clips, we see the Motorola Edge 50 Ultra with speakers placed on both the top and bottom edges, a centred hole-punch cutout for a selfie camera, and a USB Type-C port at the bottom. One of the teasers also hints at a scratch-resistant screen, while another teases a feature that is said to help with accurate portrayal of skin tones, something the Edge 50 Pro is confirmed to offer. The last clip shows the handset being dunked in water, which suggests an IP rating, possibly something as high as an IP68. Samsung Reportedly Working on a Super App for Financial Services An earlier leak suggested that the Motorola Edge 50 Ultra is expected to launch in at least three colour options - Beige, Black, and Peach Fuzz. It is also tipped to launch in China with the moniker Moto X50 Ultra.



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