

Senior IPS officer's wife killed in elephant attack in Kodagu

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THE wife of a senior IPS officer, who was visiting her estate on Friday morning, was trampled to death by a wild elephant at Konanakatte in Thirthathi limits of South Kodagu.



Sandhya Achaiah

The victim, Sandhya Achaiah (51), wife of senior IPS officer Analamada Sunil Achaiah, and workers were going around the estate when she was attacked by a lone tusker. Hailling from Konanakatte, Sandhya was staying in New Delhi, where her husband is posted in a senior position, sources said. Sandhya arrived in Kodagu three days ago to attend a family wedding. She, her sister-in-law Sapna, estate managers and workers, including Dinesh, Lakshmana and Anand, were visiting the estate. Around 8.45 am, the tusker charged towards them. While others ran for their lives and escaped with minor injuries, Sandhya was caught under the legs of the pachyderm and was trampled to death.

Even as the elephant was attacking Sandhya, Anand ran towards the road and flagged a jeep passing by. The jeep owner, M Praveen, and Anand rode the vehicle towards the elephant, scaring it away. Sandhya, who was severely injured, was put into the jeep and was rushed to a hospital, but she died before being treated.

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SAYING he had neither a star value nor a legacy party handed over to him, Annamalai urged his supporters to be patient while the movement built a strong organisational foundation.

Speaking about his future relationship with the BJP, Annamalai said he would view it like any other political party. "We will not oppose BJP for the sake of opposing. We will oppose

it only when it is against the interests of Tamil Nadu," he said. Annamalai said he had informed the BJP leadership of his decision to leave the party in December last year.

Clarifying speculation that actor Rajinikanth was backing him, Annamalai said the superstar had spoken to him before he joined the BJP in August 2020 and reiterated his respect for him. Calling his social media supporters "agents of change", he urged them to practise civil

Kerala HC allows ED probe into CMRL payments to Pinarayi daughter's IT firm

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THE Kerala High Court on Friday cleared the way for the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to continue its investigation into alleged illegal payments made by Cochin Minerals and Rutile Limited (CMRL) to Exalogic Solutions, the IT firm owned by T Veena, daughter of former chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Dismissing the appeals filed by CMRL and its officials challenging the ED probe, a division bench comprising Justices Raja Vijayaraghavan V and K V Jayakumar upheld an earlier single-judge ruling that permitted the investigation to proceed.

The CMRL argued that the registration of an Enforcement

Case Information Report (ECIR), in the absence of a crime or complaint registered by a competent jurisdictional authority, was legally unsustainable.

The court held that the absence of an FIR or a complaint related to a scheduled offence does not prevent the ED from initiating civil proceedings under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Rejecting the plea to quash the ECIR, the bench observed that the ECIR is not a statutory document and that even its non-registration would not hinder the commencement of civil proceedings under the PMLA. Consequently,



T Veena

the court found no grounds to interfere with the earlier judgment dismissing CMRL's petition. Following the verdict, counsel for CMRL sought two weeks of protection from coercive action to enable the company to approach the Supreme Court. The bench, however, declined the request, stating that such relief could not be granted. The ED had earlier issued summons to CMRL officials under provisions of the PMLA.

In their appeal, the company and its officers argued that the agency lacked jurisdiction because no FIR or complaint relating to a scheduled offence ex-

isted when the ECIR was registered. They also contended that the single-judge bench had improperly relied on subsequent developments, including a complaint filed by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) alleging offences under the Companies Act, to justify the investigation.

The court said the request to quash the summons issued under Section 50 cannot be granted. The recipient of the notice is not an accused as there is no formal accusation against the person concerned at that stage.

The summons is therefore legally valid and does not require to be preceded by the registration of a crime involving a scheduled offence, it said.

Ex-MLA held in ₹1,000-crore land fraud case

HYDERABAD: A day after the Telangana HC refused to grant him interim protection from arrest, former Vinukonda YSRCP MLA Bolla Brahma Naidu was arrested by Cyberabad police in Kanchipuram, TN, on Friday in connection with an alleged attempt to grab 10 acres of government land worth around ₹1,000 crore in Gandipet village using fake GOs and forged records. Five other accused have already been arrested. The case was registered at Narsingi police station on May 23 based on a complaint by Gandipet tahsildar Srinivas Reddy, who alleged that five fabricated GOs were created to show that government land in Survey No. 18 had been regularised in favour of private individuals. ENS

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THE petitioner later filed a contempt petition seeking action against the Director (in-charge) of DVAC AT Duraimuram for disobeying the orders of the court.

Meanwhile, review petitions were filed by the state and Nehru seeking a review of the court's order and certain law points including the necessity to obtain prior sanction from the government before registering the FIR under section 17 A of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

When the matters came up for hearing on April 28, 2026, the court adjourned the hearing to June 23, 2026, following an assurance by the counsel for the contempt petitioner that he would not precipitate the matter till then. The then Advocate Gen-

eral PS Raman also gave an undertaking that the state will not take any coercive action.

When the bench questioned as to why the DVAC proceeded to register the FIR despite the assurance of then AG, sitting AG Vijay Narayan submitted that he was aware of the statement made by the then AG and the FIR was registered "only based on the orders passed by the court".

He added the state proceeded further since there was no stay of further proceedings and informed that the state is withdrawing the review petition.

The bench said, "Since the hearing is already fixed on June 23, no harm would be caused to the state if further proceedings are kept in abeyance till then." It posted the matters on June 23 for hearing.

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