

Venkaiah Naidu rejects Opposition notice for removal of chief justice Dipak Misra

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Rajya Sabha chairman Venkaiah Naidu today rejected the Congress-led opposition parties' notice to remove the chief justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra saying it lacked substantial merit.

"Having considered the material contained in the notice of motion and reflected upon the inputs received in my interaction with legal luminaries and constitutional experts, I am of the firm opinion that the notice of the motion does not deserve to be admitted. Accordingly I refuse to admit notice of motion," said Naidu.

"I have applied my mind to all five charges made out in impeachment motion and examined all annexed documents. All facts as stated in motion don't make out a case which can lead any reasonable mind to conclude that CJI on these facts can be ever held guilty of misbehavior," said Naidu further, reported ANI.

Congress leader PL Punia said immediately after the news of Naidu's rejection that it and other opposition parties will talk to some legal experts and take the next step. Congress leaders said over the weekend that the party is considering moving the Supreme Court if the notice to remove is rejected.

Another Congress leader, Tehseen Poonawalla said everybody knew the notice would be rejected by Naidu.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, called the rejection a victory of democracy.

"Politically Biased Impeachment Motion Against Chief Justice Of India Rejected By Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu. This Is Victory Of Our Democracy," he said.

On Friday, as many as 64 Parliamentarians (MPs) belonging to seven political parties signed the notice for removal proceedings against the CJI. They include MPs from the Congress, the NCP, CPM, the CPI, the SP, the BSP and the Muslim League.

Article 124(4) of the Constitution lays down the procedure for removal of a judge of the Supreme Court, including the CJI, who can be impeached on grounds of "misbehaviour or incapacity". A removal motion signed by 100 members of Lok Sabha or 50

members of Rajya Sabha has to be submitted to the Speaker of the Lower House or Chairperson (ie Vice President) of the Upper House. This can be in either of the Houses of Parliament. The Speaker/Chairperson can then either accept or reject the motion.

Vice president Naidu, to whom the notice was submitted owing to his position as Rajya Sabha Chairman, yesterday set in motion the process of consultation on the notice against the CJI and held discussions with a number of constitutional and legal experts, including Attorney General KK Venugopal, and former top law officer K Parasaran.

Officials told news agency that Naidu spoke to former Lok Sabha secretary general Subhash Kashyap, ex-law secretary P K Malhotra and former legislative secretary Sanjay Singh as well about the issue. He also held deliberations with senior officials of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, they said, adding that Naidu also spoke to former Supreme Court judge B Sudarshan Reddy.

The officials said the vice president also spoke to the attorney general on the issue. Naidu continued with the deliberations till late in the evening and also spoke to K Parasaran, who was the attorney general during the Congress governments led by Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi and was also a member to the Upper House nominated by the party.

Senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal said on Friday the notice mentions five grounds of misbehaviour for the CJI's removal.

The grounds are:

1. "Conspiracy to pay illegal gratification" in the Prasad Education Trust case and the denial of permission to proceed against a retired high court judge in the same matter. 2. The CJI allegedly listed the petition against the Prasad Education Trust before himself, even when he was heading the Constitution bench, which is against the convention. 3. "Antedating" (backdating) of an order for listing of a petition related to the investigation against the Prasad Education Trust in the Supreme Court. 4. Misra allegedly acquired a piece of land by giving a "false

affidavit" while he was an advocate. The plot was surrendered in 2012 when he was elevated to the Supreme Court, even though orders cancelling the allotment were given in 1985. 5. Abuse of exercise of power by the Chief Justice in choosing to send sensitive matters to particular benches by misusing his authority as Master of the Roster with the likely intent to influence the outcome.

"Since CJI Dipak Mishra come, questions have been raised about his conduct. It showed in the January 12 press conference of four

judges of Supreme Court. One concern of the four judges was memorandum of procedure was being unsettled," said Sibal after the parties submitted the removal notice to Naidu.

Sibal was referring to an extraordinary press conference called in January by four most senior SC judges.

The Congress is also trying to build up "moral pressure" on the Chief Justice of India in the hope that he would step aside from judicial duty if a removal motion was moved against him.

Delhi Police traces about 3,000 missing children in just 4 days

Courtesy - AIR
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Delhi Police has traced about 3,000 missing children in just four days by using facial recognition system (FRS). Delhi Police has started using the FRS software on a trial basis to track down the missing children. This was stated by the Women and Child Development Ministry in an affidavit to the Delhi High Court.

The ministry said, the identities of nearly 3000 missing children have been established and efforts are on to help them reunite with their

families. It said, Delhi Police used the facial recognition system on 45,000 children living in different children's homes. Of them, 2,930 children could be recognised between April 6 and April 10. Delhi Police took help of the FRS software after the High Court asked it to test run the FRS which can help trace and rescue missing children. The FRS software stores the facial features of any child and matches them with photographs and database available with the Track Child portal as a result of which the identity of the child is instantly established.



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National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has also advocated the use of such software which can help trace the missing children and reunite them with their families.

Sports News

Indian Tigers beat China Dragons 4-1 to register second consecutive victory in WSB

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Mandeep Jangra thumped Haerheng Wulepaer of China Dragons to register his first ever win in the World Series of Boxing format and guided the Indian Tigers to second consecutive victory with a 4-1 score, here at the National Boxing Academy.

The 2014 Commonweath Games silver medalist Mandeep (75 kg) looked in ferocious form as he set off from the word go and looked to finish his opponent off early on. He nonchalantly kept landing his powerful punches as the Chinese tried to step up to his pace.

It was sheer power from the Arjuna Awardee as he dominated the proceedings, whereas, the Chinese had no answers except to lock his arm for which he was even warned. The Indian kept on attacking giving no respite to the Chinese and eventually went on to win 3-0.

Earlier, Mohammed Etash Khan walloped Boxiang Zhu by unanimous decision to hand the Tigers an unassailable 3-1 lead in their encounter China Dragons.

In the high intensity Bantamweight clash, Muhammed Etash Khan lived up to his favourite tag and brushed aside his opponent with rather ease to ensure a second consecutive win for the Tigers.

The 19-year-old pugilist from Manipur who came into the contest with the hosts leading

2-1, moved around the ring intently keeping a near impregnable defense and landing his punches which even made the Chinese taste the dust in the first round.

Etash looked a class apart and connected almost everything that he threw at his opponent to leave him battered and bruised in the middle of the squared ring.

In the WSB opener against the Dragons, three-time King's cup gold medalist Shyam Kumar (49 kg) exuded confidence while entering the ring. However, Shyam didn't have the best of starts as the Chinese landed a few quick jabs on him. But, he tried to take advantage of his reach and tried to bomb Wu with his vicious hooks and uppercuts while keeping a safe distance. With the Chinese Dragons missing a member in the 91 kg category and Qi (64 kg) falling sick before the clash, the Indian Tigers had a comfortable 2-0 lead before even the clash started.

But Wu was up to the task and closed in on the Indian to keep landing his combinations and kept him on his toes. Even after a valiant show inside the ring by Shyam, the Chinese Dragons' Wu landed cleaner punches and won the bout via a split decision.

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Tigers' Etash looked favourite to win the clash as he dropped his lethal combinations and left him battered and bruised. The Indian didn't let the Chinese breathe as he sealed the victory for the Tigers after marching to a win via a split decision. With the Chinese Dragons missing a member in the 91 kg category and Qi (64 kg) falling sick before the clash, the Indian Tigers had a comfortable 2-0 lead before even the clash started.

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The Indian Tigers will take on China Dragons in an away clash on April 27 and if they continue to dazzle as they have, they will cement their place into the play-off rounds.

RESULTS

46-49 kg:	Shyam Kumar Kakara lost to Zhonglin Wu	- 1:2
56 kg:	Mohd. Etash Khan bt Boxiang Zu	- 3:0
64 kg:	Rohit Tokas bt Shengze Qi	- Walkover
75 kg:	Mandeep Jangra bt Haerheng Wulepaer	- 3:0

Maharashtra govt pulls 11 websites down over pirated content

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The Maharashtra government has pulled 11 websites down after receiving complaints from the entertainment industry that pirated content was displayed.

The Maharashtra Cyber Digital Crime Unit, which was launched last August, pulled

down these websites. Brijesh Singh, special Inspector General of Police, Maharashtra cyber cell, said the collective viewership of these websites was over 80 million.

The initiative, the first of its kind in the country, was launched by the Cyber Cell of Maharashtra Police following directions from the Home Department.

Jina among the 10 medals winners of India at 8th South Asian Judo Championship

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Jina Devi Chongtham of Manipur representing the country once more shines with Gold medal at the 8th South Asian Judo Championship being held at Lalitpur, Nepal. Indian women grabbed all 7 gold while men won 3 out of total 7 gold medals in the individual category. Report said that Indian Judoka dominated second day of the championship. Indian women continued their

golden performance on Sunday also. Garima Chaudhary won fifth gold medal for the country. With in a few minutes C. Jina Devi also bagged gold. Tulika Maan grabbed 7th and last gold of the women's section.

Indian men were also not far behind. Divesh won first gold for the country. Vijay Kumar Yadav and Ajay Yadav also got gold medals. Host Nepal and Pakistan bagged two gold each. Indian Judoka expected to excel in the team events scheduled today.

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