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CJI Misra impeachment: SC lawyers object to Sibal appearing as advocate

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Two Supreme Court lawyers on Tuesday raised objections to senior advocate and Congress leader Kapil Sibal appearing for the two Congress MPs whose petition challenging the rejection of the Opposition's notice for the impeachment of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra.

Even as a five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Justice A K Sikri was hearing the plea, advocate R P Luthra objected to Sibal's appearance in the case, saying the senior advocate was also a signatory to the impeachment notice. Advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay also raised an objection, saying Members of Parliament who were signatories to the impeachment notice could not appear as lawyers in the matter. As Luthra referred to a Bar Council of India resolution to back his objection, Justice Sikri said: "That we will see." The petition filed by two Congress MPs challenging the rejection of the Opposition's impeachment notice against Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra by Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu was withdrawn after a 45-minute hearing by a five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court.

The Bench, headed by Justice A K Sikri, declared the petition as dismissed as withdrawn after senior advocate and

Congress leader Kapil Sibal, representing the Congress MPs, decided to withdraw the plea, raising objections to the setting up of the five-judge Constitution Bench. Responding to Sibal's questions, Attorney General K K Venugopal said only two MPs of the Congress had approached the apex court. Venugopal submitted that the six other parties that had given a notice for impeachment did not move the top court. The Attorney General said: "The presumption is that all others have not supported the stand taken by the Congress to challenge the rejection of impeachment notice by Naidu," reported PTI.

Speaking at a press conference, Sibal said the Congress party wanted to protect the independence of the judiciary. We want to protect the dignity of the court. At the same time, we want to ensure that the processes of the court are not polluted. This is not a political issue. "We filed petition in the Supreme Court yesterday and was to be heard today. But we were informed last evening that our petition would be heard by five judges. Who gave these orders and what were the orders, asked Sibal. Supreme Court refused to provide the copy of order constituting the bench. The Constitution bench declined to share with the petitioners the details of the administrative order which was passed to constitute the

bench. During the hearing, the Supreme Court bench had asked Kapil Sibal to argue on merits. Sibal had requested to receive the details of the order that formed the bench so that the petitioners could decide whether to challenge it or not. A five-judge Supreme Court Bench was hearing the petition of two Congress members of Parliament challenging the decision of M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President of India and chairman of the Rajya Sabha, to reject the Opposition's notice for an impeachment motion against Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra. While Justice Chelameswar, the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court was present during the hearing — Senior Congress leader and advocate Kapil Sibal had requested for his presence on Monday — Attorney General K K Venugopal was reportedly present in the courtroom during the Constitution

Bench hearing, instead of the Cauvery water dispute, according to an *India Today* report.

Two Rajya Sabha members of the Congress party on Monday had moved the Supreme Court challenging the rejection of their impeachment notice against Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra, a five-judge Bench comprising Justices A K Sikri, S A Bobde, N V Ramana, Arun Mishra and A K Goel will on Tuesday hear their petition. The MPs have questioned the rejection of their impeachment notice against Chief Justice of India M Venkaiah Naidu's decision to reject the party's notice for an impeachment motion against the CJI.

The Bar Association of India, a voluntary organisation of lawyers stated that "the notice for the impeachment of Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra was "unwarranted" and an assault on the judiciary". Senior advocate Kapil Sibal,

also one of the signatories of the impeachment notice, mentioned the petition filed by two Members of Parliament — Partap Singh Bajwa and Ameer Yajnik — for an urgent listing before a Bench headed by Justice J Chelameswar. Sibal said Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu could not summarily reject the notice bearing signatures of 64 MPs and seven former members who had recently retired, on the ground that there was "no proved misbehaviour".

The SC Bench asked Sibal and advocate Prashant Bhushan to mention the matter before the Chief Justice of India for an urgent listing by citing a constitution Bench judgment on the powers of a "master of roster".

Impeachment notice's rejection raised "serious constitutional issues" and involved interpretation of constitutional provisions, said Sibal.

Cong MPs withdraw plea challenging rejection of impeachment notice against CJI

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The two Congress MPs who challenged in the Supreme Court the rejection of notice on impeachment against Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra by Rajya Sabha chairman M Venkaiah Naidu

withdrew their plea today. They have questioned listing of their plea before a five-judge bench of the apex court. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the MPs, asked who passed the order for setting up the bench to hear the matter. Sibal said the matter was listed

before the bench through an administrative order. He said the Chief Justice of India cannot pass such orders in this matter. After a 45-minute hearing, the five-judge bench headed by Justice A K Sikri declared the petition as dismissed as it has been withdrawn.

Sports News

India finishes on top in South Asian Junior Athletics Championships

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India has finished on top in the South Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Colombo. On the final day of the meet yesterday, Indian athletes won nine more Gold medals, ending with a tally of 20 Gold, 22 Silver and 8 Bronze. The Indian junior athletes also registered five new meet records yesterday. In Girls' Triple Jump, Priyadarshini Suresh grabbed the coveted yellow metal with a record of 12.90 metres, while in Girls' Javelin Throw, Sanjana Choudhary bagged the top

honours with a record of 48.08. In Boys Shot Put, Ashish Bhalothia set a new record and won the Gold medal with an effort of 18.53 metres. Triple jumper Kamalraj Kanagaraj also contributed to India's gold medal tally with a record jump of 15.96 metres. Hosts Sri Lanka finished second behind India, while Pakistan was third. Athletes from seven nations took part in the event.

The Indian juniors will next represent the nation at the 18th Asian Junior Athletics Championships to be held in Gifu, Japan from the 7th next month.

Science & Technology

Google Said to Be Expected to Launch New Android Controls to Curb Addiction at I/O 2018

Courtesy: Washington Post Google on Tuesday plans to wade into the debate over whether technology - and the time spent on devices - is harmful to people's health, criticism that it has dodged more than Apple and Facebook. At its annual developer conference, scheduled to kick off in its hometown of Mountain View, California, on Tuesday, Google is set to announce a new set of new controls to its Android operating system, oriented around helping individuals and families manage the time they spend on mobile devices, according to a person familiar with the company's thinking.

In his keynote address on Tuesday, chief executive Sundar Pichai is expected to emphasise the theme of responsibility, the person said. Last year's keynote was more focused on developments in artificial intelligence. The anticipated shift in tone at the event reflects increased public scepticism and scrutiny of the technology industry as it reckons with the negative consequences of how its products are used by billions of people. Some of the criticism centres on the suspected addictive nature of many devices and programs. Two groups of Apple shareholders in January asked the company to design products to combat phone

addiction in children. Apple chief executive Tim Cook has said he would keep children in his life away from social networks, and even Steve Jobs placed strict limitations on his children's screen time. Facebook last year publicly admitted that consuming Facebook passively tends to put people in a worse mood, citing internal research as well as academic reports.

The manipulation of technology for disinformation has also rocked tech giants including Facebook and Google, prompting them to consider the role they play in society. Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg has said the company "didn't take a broad enough view of our responsibility" to society, in areas such as Russian interference and the protection of people's data. Google has been quieter than its counterparts, even as hoax videos have gone viral on YouTube and Google's own search tools have been manipulated. When it comes to family controls, Google is already a step ahead. Google offers Family Link, a suite of tools that allows parents to regulate how much time their children can spend on apps and remotely lock their child's device. Family Link gives parents weekly reports on children's app usage and offers controls to approve the apps kids download.

RSS worker hacked to death after attack on CPI(M) leader in Kerala

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Palloor, May 8,

In an escalation of political violence, an RSS worker was hacked to death at nearby new mahe allegedly by CPI(M) workers in retaliation to the 'fatal attack' on a marxist leader at Palloor in that region, bordering northern Kannur district. The RSS worker, Shemaj, an auto-rickshaw driver, was pulled out of his vehicle and hacked to death last night, police said today. He died on the way to Kozhikode medical college, they said. New Mahe, comes under Kannur police jurisdiction

while Mahe, a former french colony, is located between thalassery in Kannur district and Vadakara in Kozhikode district, and is an enclave of the Union Territory of Puducherry. Shemaj was attacked shortly after the 'fatal attack' on CPI(M) local leader, Babu late last night, police said adding political enmity was the motive for the two killings. Further investigation is on, police said. Meanwhile, both CPI(M) and BJP have called for a hartal in Kannur district and Mahe to protest the killings. Elaborate security arrangements have been made to prevent any untoward incident.

US to send high-level delegation for opening of American embassy in Jerusalem on May 14

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Jerusalem, May 8,

US to send a high-level delegation including President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka and son-in-law Jared Kushner for the opening of the American embassy in the Israeli capital Jerusalem on May 14. President Donald Trump announced in Washington today that the delegation to be led by John J Sullivan, Deputy Secretary of State, will include Treasury

Secretary Steven Mnuchin and David M Friedman, US Ambassador to Israel. Jason D. Greenblatt, Assistant to the President and Special Representative for International Negotiations, would also be part of the presidential delegation, the White House said. The decision by Trump to open the embassy in Jerusalem has been opposed by countries across the world, including some of the close allies and partners of the US.

Syrian rebels, civilians evacuating

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Syria, May 8,

Syrian rebel militants, their relatives and other civilians have begun to leave the country's last major rebel stronghold. Hundreds of fighters are boarding buses along with their families in a pocket of territory lying in central Syria, between Homs and Hama, under an evacuation deal reached with the government. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that 25 buses had so far left rebel-controlled areas north of Homs for the northern province of Aleppo, and it is expected that more vehicles are to join this first convoy.

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