



JD(S) leaders should be ready': Nikhil Kumaraswamy on assembly polls

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Indicating 'lack of trust' between the coalition partners, Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil Kumaraswamy, in a viral video, is purportedly seen asking JD(S) workers to prepare themselves for the assembly polls. In the video that has gone viral on social media, he is heard telling his party men that the elections may come anytime, be it next year or after two or three years. "We need to start now only. We



should not say we will do it later. We have to prepare from the next month onwards. We do not know when it (election) comes, next year, after two years or three years. JD(S) leaders should be ready," Nikhil says in the video. Nikhil, who lost the recent Lok Sabha poll from Mandya to BJP-backed independent candidate Sumalatha Ambareesh in a

fiercely fought contest, however, said there was no threat to the government and his father will complete the tenure. "There is no problem to the government. It will complete (its tenure). You get tensed due to reports in media. It is not like that. We know what is there inside (the government). Kumaranna (Kumaraswamy) will run (the government) for the next four years too," he said. The video of Nikhil speaking to Janata Dal (Secular) workers in Mandya two days ago was first shared by party worker Sunil Gowda Dandiganahalli. Nikhil's statement comes close on the heels of A H Vishwanath's resignation as state JD(S) chief after owning "moral responsibility" for the party's debacle in the Lok Sabha polls and flaying the functioning of the coalition government. The Congress is also in turmoil with missed "sidelined" senior leaders openly slamming the party's state leadership over the poll debacle and functioning of the coalition. The coalition partners could win only one seat each from Bengaluru Rural and Hassan, with BJP capturing 25 of the 28 seats in the state.

Assam Rifles Celebrates Eid-Ul-Fitr

IGAR (South) Imphal June 7,

Keithelmanbi and Thoubal Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) celebrated Eid-Ul-Fitr at various places in Manipur. With an aim to create a harmonious atmosphere, connect with local populace and spread the message of unity, universal brotherhood,

peace and harmony, troops Keithelmanbi Battalion celebrated Eid-Ul-Fitr with the locals at Jame Masjid, Lilong and Thoubal Battalion celebrated Eid-Ul-Fitr with the locals at Changanabhidigh, Yairipok. As part of the celebrations troops interacted with the locals and exchanged good wishes on the occasion.

The event witnessed attendance people from all walks of life including Maulvis of nearby mosques, ward members, councilors and various other civil dignitaries. The event concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees. The event provided an opportunity to develop bonding among people and sharing of cultural and traditional values.

8 Indians among 17 killed in Oman-Dubai bus accident



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Eight Indians were among at least 17 people who were killed when a bus from Oman crashed into a road sign in the United Arab Emirates, the Indian consulate in Dubai said

on Friday. The consulate had initially put the number of dead at six in the accident on Thursday evening but updated the toll later. "We are sorry to inform that as per local authorities and relatives it is so far confirmed

that 8 Indians have passed away in Dubai bus accident. Consulate is in touch with relatives of some of the deceased & awaits further details for others to inform their families," the consulate said on Twitter. The dead include

Rajagopalan, Feroz Khan Pathan, Reshma Feroz Khan Pathan, Deepak Kumar, Jamaludeen Arakkaveetil, Kiran Johnny, Vasudev and Tilakram Jawahar Thakur, it tweeted. "4 Indians were discharged after first aid and three are receiving treatment in Rashid hospital," the consulate had tweeted earlier. Police in Dubai announced the death toll in tweets early on Friday. Reports said that Mwasalat, a government-owned bus company in Oman, said the crash involving its Muscat-to-Dubai route happened at 6pm on Thursday on Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Road. The bus company has said it would suspend the service for the immediate future, according to agencies.

Olympian Aslam Sher Khan offers to be super-sub for Rahul Gandhi

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Former union minister and hockey Olympian Aslam Sher Khan has offered to step into Rahul Gandhi's shoes as the Congress president for a period of two years in a letter that not too many senior Congressmen are taking seriously. Khan is the first leader to stake claim to the post after Gandhi offered his resignation at the Congress Working Committee meeting in Delhi on May 25 following the debacle in general elections. The party's highest decision-making body unanimously rejected the offer and passed a resolution, authorising Gandhi to revamp the organisation. A large number of Congress leaders from across the country and heads of alliance parties have urged Gandhi to reconsider his decision. In a letter to the

Congress president on May 27, Khan wrote: "...I would like to offer my services to the party and take responsibility as a provisional Congress president for a time-bound period of two years only." Khan, who was a member of the Indian hockey team that won the 1975 world cup at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, said he made the offer on the basis of his experience both as an international player and as a politician. "As a hockey player, I have proven my capability to perform in such situations. When India was trailing 2-1 in the semi-final match of the 1975 world cup, I was given an opportunity to come on as a substitute in the dying moments of the game and used my resolve and self-belief to successfully score an equaliser for the Indian team. As history goes, Indian won the match and went on to lift the world cup trophy which is the only one till date," he wrote.

The 65-year-old former Olympian — he participated in the 1972 Munich Olympics — who has occasionally been in the news with his critical remarks against a section in the Congress party seems to think he can be a super-sub again. In 2017, his statement against the then Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Arun Yadav prompted the state unit to announce that Khan was no longer associated with the party. In 2017, his statement against the then Madhya Pradesh Congress chief Arun Yadav prompted the state unit to announce that Khan was no longer associated with the party. He had also praised current chief minister Kamal Nath and senior leader Jyotiraditya Scindia and maintained that only these two could bring the Congress back to power in Madhya Pradesh in the 2018 assembly elections. With Nath as the state Congress chief and Scindia

as the campaign committee chairperson, the party defeated the BJP in 2018 and regained power after 15 years. A Madhya Pradesh Congress spokesperson KK Mishra claimed that Khan had submitted his resignation letter to the then party chief Sonia Gandhi on September 5, 2016 and the same was accepted on September 13, 2016, a claim rubbished by the Olympian. In his letter to Gandhi, Khan, a two-term Lok Sabha member from Madhya Pradesh, wrote how he helped the Congress win 140 seats in the 1996 Lok Sabha elections barely months after he was appointed a minister in the Prime Minister's Office. "If you decide to place your trust and confidence in me then I assure you that I will leave no stone unturned and make sure that the party scores that equaliser in two years' time... But you are the best judge," he wrote to Gandhi.

New Hope for Breast Cancer Patients



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According to GLOBOCAN 2018, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer and is a common cause of cancer-related death in women in India. Mortality rates are influenced by the occurrence of the disease and the availability of screening programs and appropriate treatment. Despite lower breast cancer incidence, breast cancer mortality rates are higher in many low income countries because of later stage at diagnosis, suboptimal access to treatment, more aggressive biological subtypes, and younger age at diagnosis. Advanced breast cancer is an area where the existing drugs are not improving longevity or quality of life of patients. Thus, extensive drug research has focused on this niche area in the past few years and newer targets have come into light. Discussed here are some of the newer therapies that have

shown promise for treatment of advanced and metastatic breast cancer.

Targeted Therapy:

Targeted therapies target the cancer's specific genes, proteins, or the tissue environment that contributes to cancer growth and survival. When it comes to breast cancers some subtypes have too much of a protein called human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2, pronounced her-too). This protein makes tumor cells grow. The Drug "Trastuzumab" is an example of targeted therapy and acts by disabling HER2 receptor on breast cancer cell.

Cancer Vaccines:

Cancer cells produce proteins and cells that are capable of eliciting an immune response. These cells are engineered in to vaccines to elicit an immune response against tumor-specific or tumor-associated antigens. Thus, the immune system is enabled to attack cancer cells bearing these antigens.

Adoptive Cell Therapy:

Adoptive cell therapy takes a patient's own immune cells, modifies them, and then reintroduces them to the patient, where they can seek out and eliminate cancer cells. In CAR T cell therapy, T cells are modified and equipped with chimeric antigen receptors (CARs) that enable superior anti-cancer activity. Immunomodulators:

Immunomodulators manipulate the "brakes" and "gas pedals" of the immune system. The immune system is guarded by checkpoints to self-regulate itself. Checkpoint inhibitors modify the immune responses against cancer cells.

Oncolytic virus therapy:

Viruses like adenovirus, herpes simplex virus, Maraba virus, etc are known to causes various diseases in human beings. These viruses can be modified and used to infect tumor cells and cause them to self-destruct. This can attract the attention of immune cells to eliminate the main tumor and potentially other tumors throughout the body.

Chemotherapy and endocrine therapy are still the basic treatments, although optimization of dosage remains an unmet need. Depending on the receptor status, patients' demand and physicians preference the drug therapy for advanced and metastatic breast cancer varies from patient to patient. For breast cancer when conventional treatments fail, alternative modes of treatment can be helpful to prolong life, especially when combined with chemotherapy. None the less, these therapies are a "New Hope for Breast Cancer Patients!"

Outrage over 3-year-old's shocking murder in UP's Aligarh; 5 cops suspended

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Five policemen have been suspended for neglecting their

Four terrorists gunned down in Pulwama district of J&K

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Four terrorists were killed in Panjran Lassipora counter terrorist operation in South Kashmir's Pulwama district. One terrorist was killed in the initial phase of the gunfight raged late last night while three others were killed in the morning. Arms and ammunition were also recovered from the encounter site. Security sources said, the identity and group affiliation of the slain terrorists is being ascertained. The operation has been concluded while post encounter search and sanitization process is underway.

duty after the murder of a three-year-old girl with her body mutilated and eyes gouged in Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh, a senior official said on Friday. The shocking incident has sparked widespread condemnation and protests in the area. One inspector, three sub-inspectors and one constable have been suspended after the girl was found dead in Tappal, around 50km from Aligarh, on June 2, said Aligarh's senior superintendent of police Aakash Kulhari.

Two men - Zahid and Aslam - have been arrested in connection with the crime against the child, whose body was found from a garbage dump near her house three days after she went missing from Tappal on May 31. The girl's father said other family members of the accused should also be arrested as the crime could not have been carried out without their knowledge. He claimed he had borrowed

Rs 40,000 from Zahid. Of the total amount, he had returned Rs 35,000 but was threatened by him when he sought more time to pay the remaining Rs 5,000.

The distraught father of the 3-year-old victim threatened he would start a fast-unto death if no further arrests were made. Aligarh Police said post-mortem examination has not found any sign of sexual assault but a slide has been prepared and sent to the forensic laboratory in Agra. The lab might take about a week to give its report whether the child was raped before the killing, Kulhari said. The family of the girl has been demanding an inquiry by a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the matter. Police have said they will recommend that the two men arrested should be booked under the National Security Act (NSA). A person can be imprisoned for up to a year without being charged under the NSA.

Not satisfied with treatment, Indore man kills doctor's wife

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Irritated that a doctor, who wasn't able to cure his itch for six months, was away in Delhi, an Indore man stabbed to death the doctor's wife and injured her son. According to the police, the incident happened at the clinic of Dr Ramakrishna Verma in the Malwa Mills area of Indore, on Thursday morning. The doctor ran his practice from home. Tukoganji city superintendent of police (CSP), BPS Parihar said, "The accused Rafiq Rasheed (45) was suffering

from an itchy skin disease for which he was getting treatment from Dr Ramakrishna Verma for the past six months, but without any results. When he went to the clinic at about 11 a.m., Verma's wife Lata informed him that her husband was in Delhi. This apparently angered Rafiq who got into an altercation with Lata (50) and stabbed her repeatedly with a knife he was carrying. As Lata screamed for help, her son Abhishek (19) came out and Rafiq stabbed him too and ran away. However, some people who came hearing the screams

managed to nab Rafiq and handed him over to the police." The locals took both mother and son to a nearby private hospital where Lata was declared brought dead. Abhishek's condition is said to be critical, police said. Parihar added that the police is also checking whether Rasheed tried to molest Lata when he realised the doctor was out. "Rafiq was involved in a murder case in 2015 and spent some time in jail and was out on bail. He apparently always carried a knife with him." HT couldn't immediately reach Dr Verma.