Protection meant for journos not for reel-makers: Cops to SC

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Drawing a distinction between journalists and reel-makers, the Delhi Police have told the Supreme Court that the latter could not be given protections available to mediapersons.

In an affidavit filed before the Supreme Court, Joint Commissioner of Police Surender Kumar defended the police action during protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar at Jantar Mantar here last month.

The affidavit was filed in response to petitions by the Network of Women in Media, Free Speech Collective, Delhi Union of Journalists, and some other media organisations alleging police excesses against mediapersons during the Jantar Mantar protests.

Some participants in the protests, which the police described as "illegal", were content creators producing YouTube reels while carrying cameras and microphones, making it difficult for personnel to distinguish them from journalists, the affidavit said.

LAW NOT INTENDED TO PROTECT INFLUENCERS

"The SC's earlier direction protects journalists in the discharge of their duties and does not, and was not intended to, exempt the so-called reel-makers, influencers or unruly elements from compliance with directions of enforcement agencies at a site where assembly is prohibited. Delhi Police

Kumar said police personnel did not intend to obstruct content creators and that the guidelines for covering protests were aimed at distinguishing professional journalists from those using cameras and microphones for commercial content creation.

Maintaining that they "fully respect the role of the press", the police said journalists "constituted a distinct category" from social media content creators producing reels for commercial gain.

Social media content creators could not automatically claim the protections given to the press while covering protests, the police submitted.

It had to be determined if reel-makers could be "elevated to the status of journalists or reporters", the police said, noting that the distinction was highlighted only to explain the practical difficulties faced by police personnel in managing protests.

However, the affidavit said the police had "at no point sought to obstruct, impede or interfere with the bona fide discharge of journalistic duties, whether during the protests in question or otherwise".

Referring to an earlier direction by the top court, the police said, "It protects journalists in the discharge of their professional duties and does not, and was not intended to, exempt the so-called reel-makers and social media influencers or unruly elements from the operation of the general law or from compliance with the lawful directions of the law enforcement agencies at the site of a prohibited assembly."

Denying seizing any equipment belonging to journalists and causing deliberate obstruction, the police said no concerted action was taken to prevent them from discharging their professional duties.

Satish Gujral's Shastri Bhawan murals likely to find new home near NDMC HQ

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Two monumental murals by eminent artist Satish Gujral, currently being dismantled from Shastri Bhawan in process of the building's demolition under the Central Vista redevelopment plan, are likely to be relocated near the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) headquarters at Palika Kendra on Sansad Marg, bringing an end to uncertainty over their fate.


Murals at Shastri Bhawan being dismantled as part of the building's demolition under the Central Vista redevelopment plan. FILE

The proposal, moved by the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) on behalf of the Union Ministry of Culture, has been accepted by the civic body, sources told *The Tribune*.

Created in 1968, the ceramic tile murals measure 71 feet in height and 11 feet in width. They will be restored and reinstalled by a team led by the NGMA, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, in coordination with the MoHUA and other agencies.

A senior NGMA official involved in the process said several rounds of correspondence had taken place between the gallery and the Satish Gujral Foundation to identify a suitable location. One of the proposed sites is near the entrance to Palika Kendra, close to Jantar Mantar.

The official said efforts would be made to house the artworks within building complexes rather than in open public spaces to protect them from weather-related damage and wear and tear.

The Tribune had first reported about the matter and that attempts to identify a suitable location had failed largely because of the murals' considerable height. The School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) had emerged as a likely destination, but stricter norms ruled out its selection.

The relocation process gathered momentum after the NDMC wrote to the NGMA in June seeking suitable sites.

Officials subsequently inspected the murals at Shastri Bhawan to assess their dimensions and identify locations based on structural feasibility, architectural integration, public accessibility and cultural significance.

In October, the NGMA sought the NDMC's in-principle approval to install the restored artworks as a monumental totem wall at Nehru Park.

In a letter dated October 21, NGMA director general Sanjeev Kishor Gautam said the gallery had been designated the nodal institution for their restoration, conservation, documentation and relocation. The proposal was suggested by Gujral's son and foundation co-founder Mohit Gujral during an October 06 meeting.

Jyoti Tokas, project curator and coordinator for the Ministry of Culture and NGMA, said speaking with The Tribune dismantling had begun, which was verified by The Tribune but the final location was yet to be decided.

SC asks Cong, CJP, AAP to respond to traders' assn plea

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Congress, CJP, AAP and All India Students' Association (AISA) to respond to an amended petition filed by traders' associations seeking to denotify Ramlila Maidan as a designated protest site, contending that repeated agitations adversely affected their right to carry on business, trade and commerce.

PIL seeks denotification of Ramlila Maidan as protest site

Taking note of the amended petition and the submissions of senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi representing traders' bodies, a Bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V Mohana issued notices to the parties.

The Bench also issued notices to the Centre, the Delhi Government and the Delhi Police Commissioner and posted it for hearing on November 27 along with petitions asserting the right to protest.

The associations demanded that there should be curbs on protests at central Delhi's Ramlila Maidan, saying such sites could not be occupied for "all times to come."

Army Capt killed, 3 personnel hurt as truck plunges into Manipur river

IMPHAL, NOVEMBER 18

An Army Captain was killed and three other personnel were seriously injured after a military vehicle carrying troops plunged into a river in Manipur's Imphal East district on Wednesday, officials said.

Injured servicemen under treatment in Imphal

The accident took place around 2 pm when the armoured vehicle carrying troops of the 8th Bihar Regiment plunged into the Itam river at Lamlai Challou.

The deceased has been identified as Hanuman Ram (29).

The injured personnel are Sepoy Mali Jayesh Himmat (24), Sepoy Rakesh Sarpate (37), and Agniveer Akhilesh Kumar Shah (19).

They are undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Imphal. — PTI

Row after Sena leader tears Bal Thackeray pic at protest against Sonia

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 18

A protest by Shiv Sena leaders against Sonia Gandhi's remarks about VD Savarkar in her memoir took a twist on Wednesday when party member Shaina NC inadvertently tore a paper with a photo of the late Sena founder Bal Thackeray.

The Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena had organised a press conference where party leaders including Shaina tore copies of the book "Belonging: A Journey of Love". The party also sought to corner the rival Sena (UBT) which is at present a Congress ally.

Other party leaders also protested against Gandhi, who in her memoir has said Hindutva ideologue Savarkar wrote mercy petitions to the British and RSS members colluded with British authorities as informers.

The Sena leaders tore pages of the memoir. Photos of Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders, including its chief Uddhav Thackeray, were also torn.

Shaina, however, inadvertently tore a paper with a photograph of Bal Thackeray hitting an effigy of former Union minister and Congress veteran Mani Shankar Aiyar.

The Opposition Shiv Sena (UBT), Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) and Congress seized on the incident, protesting against Shaina.

Shaina took to X to defend herself, claiming that she had torn Mani Shankar Aiyar's image, not Bal Thackeray's.

"Show me where I have torn or disrespected Balasaheb Thackeray's photograph. Deliberately twisting an incident to create a false narrative will not be tolerated. Anyone spreading defamatory claims will face legal action," she posted. — PTI

62 students fall ill due to fumes from tar unit in Keralam

KOLLAM, NOVEMBER 18

As many as 62 students of a private school at Kottiyam in this district were hospitalised on Wednesday after complaining of nausea, breathing difficulties and uneasiness, allegedly caused by emissions from a nearby tar-mixing unit, the police said.

The students, from classes up to plus two, were taken to a nearby hospital after reporting the symptoms, a senior police official said.

"Many children complained of nausea and breathing difficulties. None of them has any major health issues. All children are stable as of now," he said.

Around eight ambulances were deployed to transport the students to the hospital, local authorities said.

The incident triggered protests by parents and local residents, who demanded the permanent closure of the plant, alleging violations of environmental norms. — PTI

Islam set to overtake Christianity as largest religion by 2035, says Pew Research Center

Hindu population likely to increase in absolute terms, global share to dip

NEWYORK, NOVEMBER 18

Islam is expected to surpass Christianity as the world's largest religion by 2035, according to detailed projections released on Wednesday by the Pew Research Center.

Pew, which has been publishing authoritative reports on religious demography for 25 years, said both Islam and Christianity are growing, but Islam is expanding at a much faster pace. A key reason, it said, is that Muslims tend to have higher fertility rates than other major religious groups.

"It's the babies," said Pew senior demographer Conrad Hackett, explaining that conversion and other forms of religious change play a much smaller role than fertility rates.

During 2020-2025, the fertility rate for Muslims was 3.1 children per woman, followed by Christians at 2.5, according to Pew. The average fertility rate among all other women was 1.6, below the replacement level of 2.1 required for each generation to maintain its population size.

According to Pew's latest estimates, there were 2.27 billion Christians and 2.02 billion Muslims worldwide in 2020. Its new projections suggest there will be 2.57 billion Muslims and 2.52 billion Christians by 2035. By 2070, if current trends continue, there will be more than 3.6 billion Muslims and just under 3 billion Christians globally.

Although Hindus and Jews are projected to grow in absolute numbers, they are expected to decline as a share of the global population. Buddhists, meanwhile, are forecast to decline both in number and as a proportion of the world's population, partly because of anticipated population declines in China, South Korea and Japan. — AP


Samajwadi Party national president Akhilesh Yadav greets people during the party's 'PDA Rath Yatra' in Gorakhpur, UP. PTI

'BJP will get double zero in Gorakhpur': Akhilesh sounds UP poll bugle from CM's turf

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

Taking the political battle straight to UP CM Yogi Adityanath's home turf, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on the BJP during his 'PDA Rath Yatra' in Gorakhpur, claiming that the ruling party was losing public support and predicting a humiliating 'double zero' for it in the region just like Kashi if elections were held today.

The roadshow began at Gorakhpur Airport and proceeded towards Chauri Chaura. Addressing a gathering after the roadshow, the former CM said the enthusiasm among people in Gorakhpur reflected a changing political mood. Drawing a parallel with Kashi, he claimed that voters in Gorakhpur, too, could deliver a major setback to the BJP.

"This is just the beginning of the elections, or rather, the preparations ahead of the elections. The election dates have not been announced yet, but look at the enthusiasm and excitement among the people of Gorakhpur. If voting were held today, Gorakhpur would also give the BJP a double zero, just like Kashi," Yadav said.

Positioning the electoral contest as a fight over the future of the state and the country's democratic institutions, the SP chief urged voters to look beyond the immediate question of winning seats. "I have come to appeal and request the people of Gorakhpur and surrounding areas that this election is not just about winning seats; along with winning seats, this election is about your future. It is about the future of the state. And it is also about whether the democracy of the country will survive or not," he said.

Yogi urges Gen Z to revisit pre-2017 govt terms as BJP sharpens youth outreach

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 18

UP CM Yogi Adityanath's remarks on Wednesday echoed the BJP's wider plan to shape youth perceptions of previous non-BJP governments, placing law and order, identity and development at the centre of its political narrative.

Yogi's appeal to Gen Z and Gen Alpha to understand what the state was like a decade ago was more than an attempt to recall its law-and-order problems. It reflects a broader political effort by the BJP to make the experience of previous governments part of the political consciousness of a generation that has little or no direct memory of that period.

The CM said young people, particularly those aged between 15 and 27, needed to know about the alleged atmosphere of riots, prolonged curfews, criminal intimidation and insecurity for women and traders before the BJP came to power in 2017.

His remarks assume significance against the backdrop of what *The Tribune* had first reported about the BJP's plan to familiarise young people with the ill-record of non-BJP governments. The broader political objective is to make governance under previous dispensations a subject of discussion among first-time and younger voters, rather than allowing their political understanding to be shaped only by their own experiences of the present government.

To reinforce the contrast, he cited the Muzaffarnagar riots, the Jawahar Bagh violence and incidents in Kosi Kalan, Aligarh and Bareilly during the Samajwadi Party's tenure. He also invoked the killing of police officers during the Jawahar Bagh operation.


UP CM Yogi Adityanath being felicitated during the inauguration of an NSG training programme in Lucknow on Wednesday. ANI

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Sr. No.	Name of Branch & Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) & Mortgagor(s)	Description of the Movable / Immovable Property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Name of the Contact No. of Authorised Officer
1.	**ZOSARB, CHANDIGARH** **Borrower(s):- (A) M/s Foremost Dairies Private Limited**, through its Director/s. **Corporate Office:-** 65 UGS, Block B, Bhai Gurdass Nagar, G.T. Road, New Amritsar, Punjab - 143006. **Registered Office:-** 419-E, New Generation Apartments, Kalka Shimla Highway, Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Distt. Mohali, Punjab - 140601. **(B) M/s Simran Oil & Chemicals, Address-1:-** Plot No. 16-17, Industrial Complex, Goindwal Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab - 143401. **Address-2:-** 65 UGS, Block B, Bhai Gurdass Nagar, G.T. Road, New Amritsar, Punjab - 143006.	**Property-I:-** Leasehold Industrial property of Plot No 16-17, Industrial Complex, Industrial Focal Point, Goindwal Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran in the name of M/s Simran Oil & Chemicals, Original Lease Deed No. 518 Dated 15.11.1991 and supplementary Lease Deed No. 2018 -19/175/4/10 Dated 10.08.2018 executed between M/s Simran Oil & Chemicals & M/s PSIECL Vide lease deed having total area of 8000 square yards in the name of M/s Simran Oils & Chemicals. **Encumbrance:- Rs. 9.60 Lacs on account of extension fees upto 15.01.2026 towards PSIECL alongwith their future claim i.e. 50% of the unearned increase in the value of the site. BAANKNET PROPERTY ID - BARB767320230004.**	**Rs. 7.59 Crores +** interest and other charges w.e.f. **23.05.2022** (-) Recovery, if any	**23.12.2026 from 11:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs.**	**Rs. 1,06,00,000/-** **Rs. 10,60,000/-** **Rs. 2,00,000/-**	**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**Mr. Hitesh Sehgal Mobile: 96461-03815**
		Property-II:- Flat No. 419, Block E, IV Floor, New Generation Apartments, Dhakoli comprised on property in Khasra No. 188(3-10), 189(3-10), 190(4-10), 198)4-7), 199(3-13), 200(4-0), Kitte 6, Rakba 23 Bigha 10 Biswa, 9/9400 share which is 9 Biswansi at Village Dhakoli, Zirakpur bide sale deed no. 1816 dated 11.06.2009. Property bearing Flat No. 419, 4th Floor, Block E, New Generation Apartment, Village Dhakoli, Tehsil Derabassi, Dist. SAS Nagar, Mohali admeasuring covered 1050 Sq. Feet in the name of Mrs. Sudesh Dureja W/o Late Mr. Harbhajan Singh Dureja. **BAANKNET PROPERTY ID - BARB3775FORDHAKOLI.**		**23.12.2026 from 11:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs.**	**Rs. 56,70,000/-** **Rs. 5,67,000/-** **Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**Mr. Hitesh Sehgal Mobile: 96461-03815**
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		Property-II:- Property having area 2 Biswa 5 Biswansi i.e. 119 Sq. Yards being 1/20 Share out of 2 Biswa - 5 Biswa comprising in Khewat No. 1218 Min Khasra No. 1596/1(2-4), 1596/2(0-1) situated in the taraf insar abadi Bhatia Colony within MC Limits Panipat Joint equal ownership of Mr. Somnath Chhabra & Mr. Deepak Chhabra vide Sale Deed Vasika No. 625 Dated 27.04.2016. **BAANKNET PROPERTY ID - BARB3775SANTPANIPAT.**		**23.12.2026 from 11:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs.**	**Rs. 52,70,000/-** **Rs. 5,27,000/-** **Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION**	**Mr. Hitesh Sehgal Mobile: 96461-03815**

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