

Nirmala Sitharaman on EY employee death, Congress reacts

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday called on colleges and universities to impart stress management lessons to students. Her rationale was that this will help in increasing the students' inner strengths. Sitharaman's comment came in the wake of death of a 26-year-old CA professional employed with Ernst & Young (EY), a Big 4 accounting firm. Anna Sebastian Perayil, the 26-year-old CA, passed her Chartered Accountancy exams in 2023 and worked at the EY Pune office for four months died in July. In a letter to EY India chairman Rajiv Memani, Perayil's mother attributed her daughter's death to excessive workload, which drained her "physically, emotionally and mentally." While addressing an event at a private medical college, she alluded to the death of the young CA, without naming the victim or the

company. Was discussing about an issue that is on newspapers for the past two days. Our children go to colleges and universities for education and come out in flying colours. A company, without mentioning its name, its a partnership. There, a woman who had studied CA well, unable to cope with the work pressure, 2-3 days ago, we received a news -- she died unable to cope with the pressure," Sitharaman said. She added that even if educational institutions impart good education and ensure jobs to students via campus recruitments, they should teach certain things, along with that, which are taught in the family. "What should families teach -- whatever you study and the job you do, you should have the inner strength to handle that pressure and this can be achieved through divinity only," she said. "Believe in God, we need to have God's grace.



Seek God, learn good discipline. Your Atma shakthi will grow only from this. The inner strength will come only with growing Atma shakti," the Finance Minister said. FM Sitharaman added that educational institutions should bring in divinity and spirituality, then only will children get the inner strength. The central government stepped into the matter and said that it will investigate the work environment at the Big 4 accounting firm. Senior Congress leader KC Venugopal attacked Sitharaman, describing her remarks as "outright cruel" and accused the Union Minis-

ter of blaming the victim. Venugopal said in a post on X that the ruling regime and Sitharaman can only see the pain of corporate giants like Adani and Ambani. He also said that the current government is unable to see the pain of hardworking and toiling young generation where freshers like Anna are exploited by the greedy corporate system, if they even succeed in getting a job in this era of historic joblessness. "It is downright cruel on part of the finance minister to blame Anna and her family for suggesting that she should have learnt stress management at home. This kind of victim blaming is despicable and no words can convey the anger and disgust one feels because of such statements," he said in a post on 'X.' He also questioned how the government could be so 'heartless' and whether they have lost all sense of compassion.

100 days of welfare in crisis: MLA MS RAJU, MP BK



AMARAPURAM Royal Journalism September 23: Madakasira MLA MM Raju and Hindupuram Member of Parliament BK Parthasarathy were present as chief guests at this Good Government program under the leadership of Nandu Sarpanch Radhamma Lokesh of Nidra Gatta village under Mandal. Nidra Gatta Sarpanch Radhamma Lokesh brought to the attention of the MLA MP about the problem of link road from Nidra Gatta under Gram Panchayat to kenkera to Amarapuram mandal center and road repair problems from Nidra Gatta Bus Stand to Border Patrol Station. Later, the MLA took the attention of the problem of drinking water in the villages and how to use the funds of the Gram Panchayat for sanitation. Later, the MLA said that he will show a solution to the problems presented by your Gram Panchayat as soon as possible. He said that Gram Panchayat funds of six lakh and sixty thousand rupees are already in the account and those funds can be used for many problems. The headline published in the Sakshi magazine called Rajugari Jami Galiki was furious. He made harsh comments that it would be possible to complete the government within 100 days of the formation of the things promised before the 2024 general elections. He said that only CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu has the honor of giving pension beneficiaries from 7000 to 15000 including 4000 including 4000 of the pension amount which was increased at the rate of 1000 rupees for three months before the election. He reminded that it was Nara Chandrababu Naidu who supported the state of Andhra Pradesh in difficult times when the former Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy ran into a debt of 14 lakh crores when the coalition government was formed. MP BK Parthasarathy and MLA MMS Raju suggested that people should be happy that 34 lakh rupees have been allocated to the entire Gram Panchayat. The leaders claimed that there is no message in it that new pensions for the homeless poor will be replaced by war on the water issue. TDP State Secretary Srinivas Murthy, Mandal Convenor Ganesh, Ex-ZPTC K Narasimhamurthy, Ex-MPP Krishnamurthy, Ex-Mandal Convenor Siva Rudrappa, Okliga Sadhikar a Samiti Convenor Pandurangappa, Prasad, Jaya Kumar, MPDO Bhaskar, Velugu AC Nagaraju and others participated in this event.

"No Guarantee For Our 4th Term, But...": Nitin Gadkari Jokes In Nagpur

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Sunday teased his cabinet colleague Ramdas Athawale over his ability to hold onto his cabinet spot across multiple governments. "It may not be guaranteed that our government will return for a fourth term, but what is definitely guaranteed is that Ramdas Athawale will become a minister," he remarked at an event in Maharashtra's Nagpur. The playful jibe, with Mr Athawale present on stage, was followed by Mr Gadkari clarifying that he was "just joking." Mr Athawale, leader of the Republican Party of India (RPI), has served as a minister three times and expressed confidence in continuing his streak if the BJP returns to power. Mr Athawale on Sunday said his party RPI (A), an ally in the ruling Mahayuti government in Maharashtra, should get to contest on at least 10 to 12 seats in the upcoming assembly elections. Addressing a press conference in Nagpur, Mr

Athawale said the RPI-A will contest the election on its party symbol and ask for three to four seats in Vidarbha, including north Nagpur, Umred (Nagpur), Umarkhed in Yavatmal and Washim. Mr Athawale's party is part of the Mahayuti alliance, comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar's NCP. The Union minister said, "The RPI-A has made a list of 18 probable seats, which it will be sharing with the Mahayuti partners in a few days and expects to get at least 10 to 12 seats in the seat-sharing pact." He said the BJP, Shiv Sena and NCP should give four seats each from their quota for his party. In Palghar earlier this week, Mr Athawale claimed that due to the inclusion of the Ajit Pawar-led NCP in the Mahayuti government, the RPI (A) did not get any ministerial berth in the state despite a promise. He claimed that the party was promised



cabinet positions, chairmanship of two corporations, and roles in district-level committees, but all this could not happen because of Pawar's inclusion. The elections to 288 assembly seats in Maharashtra are likely to be held in November. In the current assembly, the BJP is the single largest party with 103 MLAs, followed by Shiv Sena 40, NCP 41, Congress 40, Shiv Sena (UBT) 15, NCP (SP) 13 and others 29. Some seats are vacant.

Was Mahalakshmi's Erratic Behavior Led To Her Tragic End?

In Bengaluru, a shocking case has emerged involving the murder of 29-year-old Mahalakshmi, whose dismembered body was discovered inside a refrigerator in her Vyalikaval residence. The police have ruled out her husband's involvement and identified a suspect, a man from an eastern state who was among Mahalakshmi's acquaintances. This individual, currently believed to be hiding in West Bengal, has reportedly admitted to a family member that he was responsible for the killing. Authorities are actively pursuing him, having sent a team to apprehend him. The investigation into this gruesome act has unveiled that the killer meticulously chopped Mahalakshmi's body into nearly 50 pieces. It appears the act of dismemberment took place elsewhere before the remains were transported to her home and concealed within the fridge. The absence of bloodstains across the apartment, including the toilet, bedroom, and hall, suggests the body was not dismembered on-site. Officers ob-



served, "There are no traces of the suspect washing the floor bathroom," highlighting the premeditation behind the crime's execution. Contrary to the brutal end Mahalakshmi met, her life was marked by tumultuous relationships, particularly with her estranged husband, Hemanth Das. Das recalled a confrontation in February, where Mahalakshmi assaulted him after he refused her monetary demands, resulting in a non-cognisable register (NCR) case filed against her. Their marital strife was further complicated by allegations of infidelity,

leading to their separation. The couple's daughter has since been living with Das. Mahalakshmi's family became alarmed after they were alerted to a foul odor emanating from her rented home. Meena Rana, Mahalakshmi's mother, recounted how they entered the house with a spare key, only to discover the horrifying scene. This tragic incident brings to light the darker undercurrents of personal relationships and the extremities of violence they can precipitate. The circumstances surrounding Mahalakshmi's murder, from the methodical disassembly of her body to the suspect's evasion, underscore the chilling deliberation and efforts to obscure the crime. Police are piecing together the sequence of events, including examining whether the perpetrator attempted to conceal the body in a suitcase found adjacent to her sleeping mat. This case has not only gripped Bengaluru but has also raised questions about the safety and complexities of personal associations.

