

## Decoding The Hindu Article

# Court rejects artiste's plea on govt. accommodation

Wanted more time to vacate allotted residence

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NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday declined to grant more time to Indian classical artiste **Rita Ganguly**, who was asked to vacate her government allotted residence in the Capital by April-end.

A Bench of Acting Chief Justice **Vipin Sanghi and Justice Navin Chawla** noted that the single-judge Bench of the High Court "was more than **benevolent**" while granting her two months' time to vacate the accommodation allotted to her by the government.

Eighty one-year-old Ganguly had challenged the order of the single-judge Bench of the High Court that had dismissed a batch of pleas by several Indian classical artistes challenging the **eviction** notices issued to them by the Centre. The single-judge Bench had directed the artistes, including Ms. Ganguly, to vacate their government allotted residences here within two months.

The High Court had, in its February 25 order, said that to enable all the petitioner artistes to make arrangements and to allow them to exit the premises with dignity, it was granting them a two-month grace period.

Ms. Ganguly had, in her plea, urged the High Court to grant her a few more months to vacate the

premises.

The High Court rejected it saying, "We are putting you on caution. Be mindful that the order will come with heavy costs. The single judge has already granted you two months. The single judge was more than benevolent".

In October 2020, 27 eminent personalities, including artistes, dancers, and musicians, were sent notices by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, to vacate their government allotted accommodations across Delhi by December 31, 2020, "failing which eviction proceeding will be initiated as per **Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act**".

The single-judge Bench had delivered its verdict on the pleas by several artistes including Mohiniyattam dancer **Bharati Shivaji**, **Mayadhar Raut**, **Dhrupad singer Ustad F Wasifuddin Dagar**, **Kathak expert Geetanjali Lal**, **Kamal Sabri**, artist **Jatin Das**, **Pt. Bhajan Sopori** and **Ganguly**.

The High Court had said it was an undisputed fact that all the petitioners have remained in possession of public premises for decades together and neither the 1985 nor the 2008 policies of the government had guaranteed or held out any promise of extension beyond the maximum period prescribed.

## Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Benevolent	(Adjective): well-meaning and kindly.	उदार
Eviction	(Noun): the action of expelling someone from a property; expulsion.	निष्कासन

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Rita Ganguly is an exponent in the Indian classical arts. An accomplished dancer, musician and vocalist, she was honoured with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2000 and with the Padma Shri in 2003.

Justice Vipin Sanghi was appointed as the acting chief justice of the Delhi High Court upon the retirement of Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel. Sanghi was confirmed as a permanent judge on February 11, 2008.

The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1958 was enacted to provide for a speedy machinery for the eviction of unauthorised occupants of public premises. Section 5 of the Act provides for taking possession of the public premises which are in unauthorised occupation of

## Grammar

Generally, articles (a, an or the) are not used with material nouns when they are uncountable such as:

Honey is wholesome food and beneficial to health.

Water boils only at 100°C temperature.



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# Jagan inaugurates 13 new districts of Andhra Pradesh

Move aimed at more efficient administration, says CM

STAFF REPORTER  
VIJAYAWADA

While inaugurating 13 new districts of Andhra Pradesh in the virtual mode on Monday, Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy reiterated that decentralisation from the village level to the proposed three capitals was a right policy decision of his government that would do good to people.

The primary objective of the new districts was to take a substantial leap in the efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), he said.

"The performance of all Collectors will be assessed on that basis and the same



Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy releasing a District Handbook of Statistics on Monday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

will go into their service records. To help them in the endeavour, necessary tools and SOPs are being provided," he said.

On the formation of new districts, Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy said hitherto the aver-

age population of districts was 38.15 lakh as per the 2011 Census, which was the highest in the country. "With 26 districts, it will come down to 19.07 lakh. This will make administration a lot easier."

### Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Reiterated	(Verb): say something again or a number of times, typically for emphasis or clarity.	दोहराया
Hitherto	(Adverb): until now or until the point in time under discussion.	अब तक

### Static News

under The Andhra Pradesh Districts (Formation) Act, 1974, boundaries of existing districts have been redrawn to double the number of districts or revenue divisions to 26 on 04<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. Chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched 13 new districts via video conferencing at Tadepalli, in Guntur district.

Thane, Maharashtra is the district with highest population as per census of 2011. Prior to 04<sup>th</sup> April, Andhra Pradesh was the state with highest population per district.

### Grammar

Adverbs can always be used to modify verbs. Notice that the second of these two sentences is much more interesting simply because it contains an adverb:

The dog ran. (You can picture a dog running, but you don't really know much more about the scene.)

The dog ran excitedly. (You can picture a dog running, wagging its tail, panting happily, and looking glad to see its owner. You can paint a much more interesting picture in your head when you know how or why the dog is running.)



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# 'No need for laws to enforce duties on citizens'

Attorney-General says Supreme Court cannot issue mandamus to Parliament to make such laws

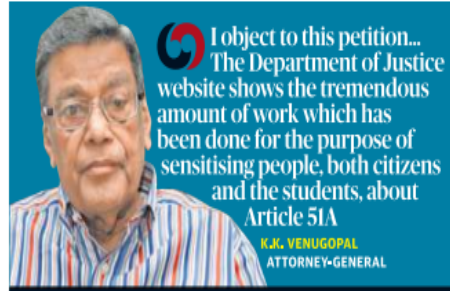
KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL  
NEW DELHI

Attorney-General K.K. Venugopal on Monday said there was no need to enact specific laws to "enforce" fundamental duties on citizens.

Mr. Venugopal, in his capacity as a constitutional officer, said the Supreme Court cannot issue **mandamus** to Parliament to make such laws.

### Lawyer's petition

A Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said the court had been very **circumspect** in entertaining a public interest litigation (PIL) petition filed by lawyer Durga Dutt to enforce the fundamental duties of citizens, including patriotism and unity of nation,



through "comprehensive, well-defined laws".

Mr. Venugopal took objection to the petitioner's lack of research, saying had he cared to look, the Ministry of Law and Justice website would have shown him detailed accounts of the "tremendous work" done by the government to create aware-

ness among the public of their fundamental duties.

Mr. Dutt had wanted to know what the government had done to comply with the Supreme Court's direction in the Ranganath Mishra judgment of 2003 regarding the implementation of the Justice J.S. Verma Committee's **report** on the "operationali-

sation of fundamental duties". The committee's work was a part of a report of the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution. The report had urged the government to sensitise people to, and create general awareness of, their duties and the protection of minorities and freedom of religion.

The Supreme Court, on February 21, issued notice to the Centre and the States on this question.

"I object to this petition... The Department of Justice website shows the tremendous amount of work which has been done for the purpose of sensitising people, both citizens and the students, about Article 51A. The

duties are part of the school curriculum... The President and the Prime Minister have addressed this aspect from time to time. A one-year awareness drive was launched," Mr. Venugopal, who was called in to assist the court, submitted.

### 'Govt. could file affidavit'

However, the court said the government could very well file an affidavit, based on which the Bench could deal with the petition.

Counsel appearing for the Solicitor-General's office, representing the government, agreed to file the response in four weeks.

The court listed the case in July, after the summer vacations.



## Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Mandamus	(Noun): a judicial writ issued as a command to an inferior court or ordering a person to perform a public or statutory duty.	परमादेश
Circumspect	(Adjective): wary and unwilling to take risks.	चौकस

## Static News

Kottayan Katankot Venugopal is an Indian constitutional lawyer and a senior advocate in the Supreme Court of India. On 1 July 2017, he was appointed as the Attorney General of India. He is Patron of SAARCLAW and earlier has been its President.

Justice Verma Committee was constituted to recommend amendments to the Criminal Law so as to provide for quicker trial and enhanced punishment for criminals accused of committing sexual assault against women. The Committee submitted its report on January 23, 2013.

## Grammar

A word can function in more than one way. Therefore, It can be difficult to recognize when a noun is abstract. Examples:

I love my son. [In this sentence, the word love expresses an action and is, therefore, acting as a verb.]

Send them my love. [In this sentence, the word love functions as an abstract noun because it is a thing that exists beyond the five senses.]



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# Punjab asserts supremacy over Kerala

Tamil Nadu women come up with a brilliant performance against Delhi

**NATL. BASKETBALL**

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Punjab defeated Kerala 98-50 in a men's Group-A match of the **senior National basketball championships** here on Monday. Later, Tamil Nadu women came up with a brilliant performance in the fourth quarter to beat Delhi 62-55 for their first win.

Punjab was the favourite to win by a big margin, but Kerala made life difficult, albeit briefly.

**Solid defence**

The first quarter belonged to Kerala as it employed a solid defence and exhibited fine shooting skills to lead 26-22. In the second, too, Kerala was ahead 38-35 after a fine **lay-up** by Antony Johnson.

Immediately, Punjab took a time-out and from that point never looked back as Amjyot Singh and



**Dominant show:** Punjab proved too good for Kerala. •R. RAGU

Amritpal Singh found their **scoring mojo** regularly. The half-time score read 47-42 in Punjab's favour.

Such was the 11-time

champion's dominance that at the end of the third quarter, Kerala's scorecard remained at 42.

**The results: Men: Group-A:**

Punjab 98 (Kanvar Singh 13, Amritpal Singh 29, Amjyot Singh 26) bt Kerala 50 (Antony Johnson 14, Pranav Prince 13).

**Group-B:** Services 100 (Joginder Singh 14, Gaurav Chandel 19, Nikhil Kumar 29, Ajay Singh 20) bt Rajasthan 73 (Tushar Vijay 11, Rajveer Singh 13, Jitendra Sharma 11, Piyush Meena 10); Karnataka 86 (Abhishek Gowda 14, Anil Kumar 18, Pratyanshu Tomar 11, A. Arvind 20) bt Uttar Pradesh 56 (Harsh Dagan 13, Vishal Kumar 10).

**Group-C:** Tamil Nadu 90 (Soorya 22, Lokeshwaran 15, J. Justin Gnanaraj 10) bt Mizoram 50 (Lalrina Rentheil 14, Valthazvala 10); Uttarakhand 82 (Vishesh Bhriyuvanshi 39, Prashant Rawat 16, Riyanshu Negi 17) bt Delhi 80 (Akshay Adhana 20, Jai Prakash 15, Rachit 16, Manik 20).

**Group-D:** Indian Railways 81 (Kamran Khan 15, Palpreet Singh 19, Rakesh 20) bt Haryana 70 (Lalit 13, Siunil Rathhee 15, K. Abhishek 25).

**Women: Group-A:** Indian Railways 83 (Poonam Chaturvedi 16, Nishanthi 10) bt Maharashtra 39 (Sakshi Pandey 12); Tamil Nadu 62 (S. Rajeswari 24, R. Sruthy 14) bt Delhi 55 (Raspreet Sidhu 18, Namarata 13).

### Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Lay - up	(Phrasal Verb): put someone out of action through illness or injury.	कुहनी से हलका धक्का
Scoring Mojo	(Noun): Your mojo is your personal power or influence over other people.	मोजो

### Static News

2019 marked the 70th time, the Indian Senior National Basketball Championship was held. It took place in the Guru Nanak Indoor Stadium. 2022 is the 71<sup>st</sup> edition.

Giannis Antetokounmpo is ranked the number 1 player in world in basketball category. Sim Bhullar holds the unique distinction of being the first-ever player of Indian origin to score a point in the NBA.

### Grammar

An object pronoun is a type of pronoun that is used as an object, either as the direct or indirect object of a verb, or as the object of a preposition. These pronouns always take the objective case, whether they are indirect object pronouns or direct object pronouns.

For example:

\*Krishna saw him.

Him is the direct object of the verb saw.



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