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# SC asks for normalcy in J&K; CJI says may visit

**PETITIONS** Keep national interest in mind while lifting restrictions, court tells govt

Ashok Bagriya

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday asked the government to restore normal cv in the Vallev as early as possible while keeping in mind national interest even as the Centre claimed the best possible steps were taken to prevent loss of life and property after the region was stripped of special status 43 days ago.

During a hearing of nine petitions filed over the ongoing restrictions in the Valley, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi said that allegations that people were finding it difficult to approach the Jammu & Kashmir high court as "very, very serious" and said he would visit Srinagar if required.

"If access to high court is seriously affected, we will seek reply from the chief justice of the high court in the matter. If required, I will go to the high court of Jammu & Kashmir. If people cannot approach the high court, we have to do something," Gogoi said, while warning of severe consequences if the information placed before the top court was found to be inaccurate.

The order came after senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for two child rights activists, argued that children and teenagers were facing serious hardship and that the high court was not functioning properly due to the restrictions.

The three-judge bench hear-CONTINUED ON P6

#### **BEST POSSIBLE STEPS TAKEN, SAYS CENTRE**

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# Faroog's arrest under tough law, house a jail

**HT Correspondent** 

NEWDELHI: The Jammu & Kashmir administration issued an order on Monday notifying that Srinagar MP Farooq Abdullah had been detained under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA). hours before the Supreme Court asked the Centre and J&K administration to respond to a petition by Rajva Sabha MP Vajko demanding the former CM be produced before the court.

any loss of life..

Officials told PTI that Abdullah was served the PSA notice at 1am on Monday and his Gupkar Road house declared a subsidiary jail. He was booked in the "public order" provision of the Act, under which a person can be kept in jail for 3-6 months without a trial.

The National Conference described the action against Farooq Abdullah as unfortunate and said it will mount a legal chal-

## SC allows Azad to visit Kashmir; CPM leader can go home

**NEWDELHI:** The Supreme Court on rally there. The court also him to do so.

Monday allowed Congress leader and former Jammu & Kashmir chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad to travel to Kashmir but barred him from holding any political allowed CPI(M) leader Mohd Yousuf Tarigami, who is currently in Delhi, to go back to Srinagar as and when he feels that his health condition would enable

# **PRICES SURGE ON**

NEW DELHI/LONDON: With drone attacks on Saudi Aramco's facilities causing a massive disruption in global oil supply, India prepared to stem the price surge even as Saudi Aramco assured India that it will honour its supply contracts despite the production cuts, Indian officials said.

Oil prices initially surged more than 20%, with Brent crude posting its biggest intraday gain since the 1990-1991 Gulf crisis, before pulling back as various nations, led by US President Donald Trump, said they would  $tap\,emergency\,supplies.\,Trump$ said that the US was "locked and loaded" for a potential response.

India meanwhile condemned the attacks. "We reiterate our resolve to oppose terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," a government statement said » P17 THREAT TO CURRENT ACCOUNT IF SURGE CONTINUES: RBI >> P17

# Delighted, says Modi as Trump to join US event

**WASHINGTON:** President Donald Trump will join Prime Minister Narendra Modi's September 22 diaspora outreach event in Houston called "Howdy, Modi!", the White House confirmed early on Monday — a move seen as a boost to India-US relations and a nod to the growing personal equation between the leaders.

Trump will not only attend but also address the event at NRG Stadium for which more than 50,000 people have registered in three weeks, people familiar with arrangements for the programme said. Modi is visiting the US from September 21-27 for events in Houston and to address the UN General Assembly in New York.

While Trump attended factory openings and other ceremonies with foreign leaders, his President @realDonaldTrump to join us in Houston highlights the strength of the

PM LAUDS 'SPECIAL GESTURE'

The special gesture of

relationship and recognition of the contribution of the Indian community to American society and economy. #HowdyModi NARENDRA MODI.

address at a diaspora outreach event alongside a visiting foreign

leader is a rare occurrence Trump's presence will send out a strong signal at a time when Pakistan is planning to bring up the Kashmir issue at the UN General Assembly, and several American lawmakers have expressed concern about the

security lockdown in Jammu & Kashmir.

Pakistan had sought to leverage Trump's request for help in the Afghan peace talks by seek ing his mediation on Kashmir. Trump agreed and repeated his offer three times, before backing off in the face of an unambiguous CONTINUED ON P6

Parliament to unveil

rare book on Atal's

speeches, photos

# 20-year-old Dalit man beaten up in captivity, set afire in hate crime

**HT Correspondent** 

**LUCKNOW:** Police arrested three people, including two women, on Monday for allegedly setting ablaze a 20-vear-old Dalit man after locking him up inside a room and thrashing him in Uttar Pradesh's Hardoi district.

The man, identified only as Abhishek, was burnt to death on Saturday night in a possible hate crime over his relationship with a 19-year-old woman from a

"higher caste". The woman was one of the three people arrested. the other two being her uncle and aunt.

A senior police official said Abhishek was in a relationship with the woman for six years but the victim's uncle, identified only by his first name Raju, said the crime was to avenge an old family enmity.

Raju told police that the news of Abhishek's death led to his 60-year-old mother's demise from shock. The mother, Rambeti, was admitted to a local hospital for the past few days. Saubhadra Chatterji According to a complaint filed by the victim's uncle, on Satur-

day evening, Abhishek was
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A 25-year-old in Lucknow

throat police said

allegedly raped and tortured

the minor before slitting her

**NEWDELHI:** A vear after former PM

Atal Bihari Vajpayee died, Par liament will publish a book on the legendary statesman that will contain his select speeches and rare photographs in a move that several senior officials described as rare. The research wing of Lok Sabha is compiling the book likely to be published on December 25, Vajpayee's birthday.» P11

# Do not need NSG protection: Shah

**NEW DELHI:** Home minister Amit Shah continues to be protected by the Central Reserve Police Force his insistence government officials said. At the meeting of the VIP security assessment committee at the ministry of home affairs. Shah was asked about his choice between the National Security Guards commandos and CRPF. He said he was content with CRPF, an official said, »P11

## Raj may seek 75% pvt jobs for locals

JAIPUR: Rajasthan is considering a proposal to provide 75% reservation in private sector jobs for local residents on the lines of a similar quota implemented in Andhra Pradesh this year, according to officials aware of the development. A government official said CM Ashok Gehlot has approved the proposal and has asked the Rajasthan Skill and Livelihood Development Corporation to hold discussions on this. »P15

# HC stays UP move to expand SC list

PRAYAGRAJ: The Allahabad high court on Monday stayed a notification issued by the Yogi Adityanath government in June this vear to include 17 other backward class (OBC) groups in the scheduled caste (SC) category.

The court also directed the Uttar Pradesh government to file its reply within three weeks and said that the case will be listed thereafter.

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# 2 Ayodhya parties request resumption of mediation in case row on Hindi push

**HT Correspondent** 

**NEW DELHI:** The three-member Ayodhya mediation panel on Monday told the Supreme Court that two of the 16 parties to the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case want the mediation effort to be resumed in the decades-old land dispute even as a Constitution bench of the top court is holding daily hearings in the matter.

In an application, the panel told the court that it has received written requests from two parties — one from the Hindu side. Nirvani Akhara: the second from the Muslim side, Sunni WaqfBoard—for a resumption of the mediation process that ended in August with the issue

THE REQUEST BY THE

NIRVANI AKHARA AND SUNNI WAQF BOARD, HOWEVER, DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ANY OF THE OTHER MAIN PARTIES

still unresolved.

The mediation panel—led by former Supreme Court judge FMI Kalifulla and also comprising lawyer Sriram Panchu and Art of Living founder Ravi Shankar — asked the Supreme Court for a decision on the two requests, stressing that the dayto-day proceedings would not have to be stopped to give out-of-



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# **HER OWN TERMS**

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# on Kannada, says Yediyurappa after

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In a tweet, Yediyurappa said all official languages in the country are equal but added Kannada mitted to promote Kannada and

Meanwhile, actor-politician Kamal Hassan released a video warning that any attempt to impose Hindi could trigger an agitation "far bigger" than the 2017 protest against the Supreme

On Saturday, Shah said "unity in diversity" is India's defining trait, but added the country needed a language that it could be identified with globally.

# Won't compromise

**HT Correspondent** 

ister BS Yediyurappa on Monday underlined Kannada is the state's principal language and promised importance", two days after his party leader and Union home minister Amit Shah spoke of Hindi as India's unifying lancriticism from politicians in south India, where DMK threat-Nadu on September 20.

is Karnataka's principal language. "We will never compromise its importance and are comour state's culture," he tweeted.

Court's order to ban the Tamil bull-taming sport, Jallikattu.

# **GLOBAL WARMING** Hottest summer takes 1,453 lives in France; India's heatwave toll 94

Chetan Chauhan

**NEW DELHI:** Two heatwaves with maximum tempera-

tures of about 46 degree Celsius claimed 1.453 lives in France this year, the country's health minister Agnes Buzyn said on Friday. In comparison, in India, where peak temperatures this summer touched 50.8 degrees, 94 people died from four heatwaves spanning May and June, according to the home minis try's records.

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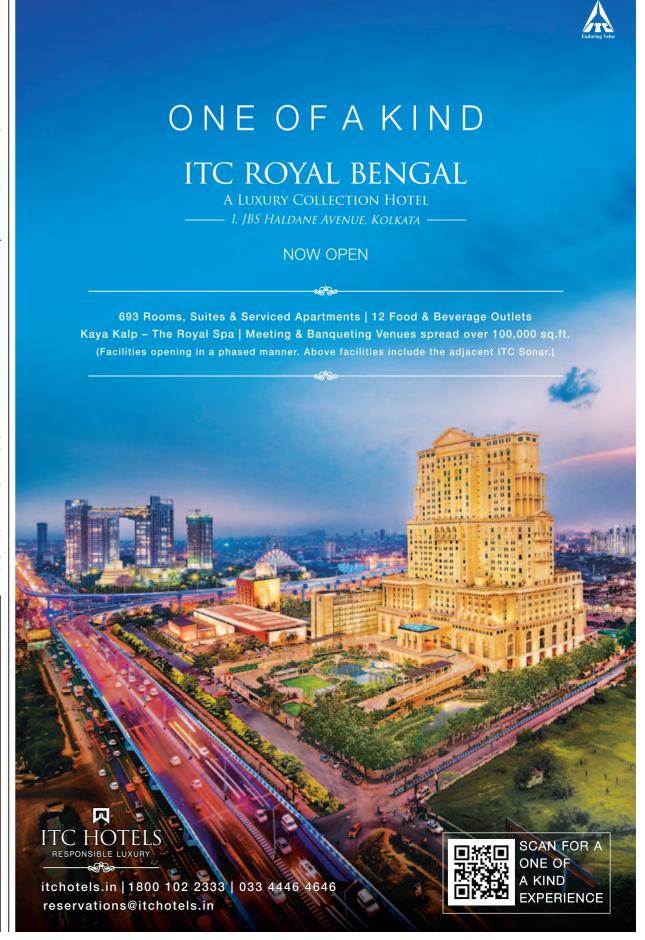
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with record melting of Arctic Ice and record numbers of heatwaves across the world. According to the World Mete orological Organisation (WMO), the five warmest vears in recorded history have been the last five, and 18 of the 19 warmest years have

occurred since 2001 To be sure, not all heat-

wave deaths get reported in India where such data is collected by the health ministry under Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme. which officials admit, may not be recording deaths that take places outside the health monitoring system.

Meteorological departments declare heatwaves when the temperature is five degrees above normal for between three to five consecutive days. France recorded its highest ever temperature CONTINUED ON P6



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#### Modi

push back from India.

Trump will also have his eves on garnering support from the Indian-American community ahead of his re-election bid in 2020. "Howdy, Modi!" will be attended by a bipartisan delegation of US governors, members of Congress, mayors and other officials.

However, the venue of bilateral talks between Trump and Modi is yet to be firmed up, the people quoted above said. Both leaders will have a tight schedule in Houston and it is expected they will hold talks, either oneon-one or with delegations, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly

This will be the third meeting between the two leaders this year. They earlier met on the margins of the G20 Summit in Japan and the G7 Summit in France.

Announcing Trump's participation in the Houston event on Sunday, the White House said it will be a "great opportunity to emphasise the strong ties' between the people of the two countries and to "reaffirm the strategic partnership between the world's oldest and largest democracies, and to discuss ways to deepen their energy and trade relationship"

In a set of tweets, Modi described Trump's participation in "Howdy, Modi!" as a "special gesture", signifying the special friendship between the two countries. "Delighted that President @realDonaldTrump will ioin the community programme in Houston... Looking forward to ioining the Indian-origin community in welcoming him at the programme," he said.

Trump's presence also "highlights the strength of the relationship and recognition of the contribution of the Indian community to American society and economy". Modi added.

Harsh Vardhan Shringla, the Indian ambassador to the US. said the two leaders addressing the event jointly is "unprecedented and historic". He added that it reflected "not only closeness and comfort levels in the

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Vijai Chauthaiwale, who is

in-charge of the Bharativa Janata Party's foreign affairs department, said: "There is a lot of excitement among the diaspora to hear Prime Minister Modi and now with President Trump joining in, there is added excitement. We are booked to capacity and there is another 5,000 people on the waiting list. because Modi is a phenomenon.'

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between Modi and Trump.

The event will be managed by more than 1.000 volunteers and feature a 90-minute cultural programme, "Woven: The Indian-American Story", a music, dance and multimedia show with nearly 400 artists. The event. Chauthaiwale said, is an attempt to create a bipartisan interaction with the Indian disapora.

Trump will leave Houston on September 22 for another event with visiting Australian premier Scott Morrison in Wapakoneta. Ohio. The White House said the ioint appearances "underscore the important partnerships between the US and India and Australia".

The three countries are also members, along with Japan, of an informal grouping called the Quad, which has had meetings of officials with growing frequency in the past year.

Trump's address to the Houston gathering will not be his first to Indian-Americans, who will be packing the venue, coming in from all across the country. His first was in October 2016, when he spoke to them in Edison, New Jersey, as the Republican nominee for the White House.

The Houston event will be Modi's third diaspora outreach in the US, which he has transformed from small community gatherings, favoured by previous prime ministers, to gigantic events filling massive sports and concert venues, starting with the Madison Square Garden in September 2014, during Modi's first visit after assuming office. In 2015, it was the SAP Center in San Jose, California.

The NRG Stadium has a capacity of more than 70,000 people, the largest yet for an event by Modi.

That should impress Trump, who often mentions the size of his political rallies, comparing them to those recorded by one of his favourite musicians. Elton John. The White House is eveballing the numbers in anticipation of the outreach. "The



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event... is expected to draw tens of thousands of people," it said in its statement.

Milan Vaishnav, a South Asia expert at Carnegie, a think tank, called Trump's planned presence at the event "a double-edged sword". "On the one hand, the sight of a US president and an Indian prime minister on stage at a rally organised for the latter is a coup for Indian diplomacy. And it speaks to the strategic importance of the US-India relationship," he said.

"On the other hand, it is also an event laden with risk. The president is nothing, if not unpredictable. It is virtually impossible for him to stay on script—as we have seen with his recent remarks on 'mediating' the Kashmir dispute.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan will be watching closely. He became the first Pakistani leader to address a similar outreach for Pakistanis, at a sporting venue in Washington in July, the night before his meeting with Trump

Khan packed the 20,000-seat venue, though the absence of US lawmakers and officials stood out in contrast to Modi's events that have reflected bipartisan support from US political leaders such as governors, lawmakers and mayors. Nearly 40 senators and House representatives attended the 2014 event.

#### Kashmir

ing the petitions also issued notices to the Centre and the Jammu & Kashmir administration, and said people should have access to health care facilities, schools, colleges and public transport as soon as possible

"The state of Jammu & Kash mir, keeping in mind the national interest and internal security, shall make all endeavours to ensure that normal life is restored in Kashmir," said the bench, which also comprised justices SA Bobde and SA Nazeer. "All forms of communication.

subject to overriding consideration of national security, shall be normalised, if required on a selective basis, particularly for health care facilities," the order read. The notice came on a petition

by Kashmir Times editor Anuradha Bhasin, who approached the court complaining about "restrictions" on media. The government argued that

if restrictions on assembly, movement and communications not been clamped on August 5. the day Article 370 was effectively revoked, loss of life and property would have been inevi-In a note placed before the

apex court, the administration argued that the restrictions were temporary, and were gradually being relaxed. "We are approaching a stage when no sary," read the note, excerpts of which were read out by attorney general KK Venugopal, appearing for the Centre, and solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for Jammu & Kashmir

Venugopal said the government had to respond to a threepronged attack: One by Kashmiri separatists funding stone pelters and protesters, the second from Pakistan that spon-

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sored terrorists, and the third by businessmen who funded local militant groups

Justice Bobde responded to the attorney general's outline of the situation in Kashmir, "These are formidable reasons. A terrible state of affairs. We trust you will endeavour to restore the situation in Kashmir," the judge added, asking the government to file an affidavit within two weeks.

The government moved to remove Article 370, which bestowed special status to J&K. on August 5 and bifurcated the erstwhile state into two Union Territories, Hours before Union home minister Amit Shah moved the resolution in Parliament, the administration suspended phone and internet connections and imposed restrictions on movement and assembly of peo-

These measures have been gradually relaxed, with the government saving all landlines are currently functioning and restrictions removed in roughly 90% of the police stations in the Valley. "It is to the credit of the gov-

ernment that these measures have succeeded in full, as not a single bullet has been fired till date and there has not been any loss of life on account of any police firing," the note said. When the top court was told

about the "shutdown" of mobile and Internet services in the Vallev, the bench said these issues could be dealt with by the J&K high court. During his arguments on

Monday, Venugopal rejected Bhasin's contention that claimed curbs on media had been imposed in Kashmir, "Various newspapers are regularly being published from Srinagar," the note read. Hours after the court proceed-

ings, Pakistan foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi claimed the top court's order was an affirmation of Islamabad's stance. "Restoring normalcy means that the curfew should be lifted and communications to the Valley restored." the minister told a television news channel. Over the past three weeks. Pakistan has tried to internationalise the issue but with little success

The nine petitions were filed by politicians Vaiko, Sitaram Yechury and Ghulam Nabi Azad. iournalists Anuradha Bhasin and Prem Shankar Jha, activists Enakshi Ganguly, Shanta Sinha and Padi Richo. The Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference and a Kashmiri law student. (with agency inputs)

#### Weather

of 45.9 degree Celsius on June 28 in the southern town of Gallargues-le-Montueux. The maximum temperature recorded in India was 50.8 degree Celsius in Churu Raiasthan on June 2

Buzyn said on Friday that the two heatwaves --- June 24 to July 7 and July 21 to July 27 --- claimed 1,453 lives, significantly lower than the disastrous summer of 2003, when an estimated 15,000 died in an August heatwave.

According to data provided in Lok Sabha on June 16, 94 people died because of four heatwayes in India. starting from mid-April till first week of June. "With the

efforts of the Central Government and State Government, number of deaths due to heatwaves has declined significantly during 2016-2018," home minister Amit

Shah said in a written reply.

In India, more than 6,000 people have died because of heatwaves since 2010, according to government data. The maximum number of deaths in the last decade was reported in 2015, when 2040 people died, according to home ministry data. The deaths prompted the National Disaster Management Authority to draft state and district specific plans with the help of the state governments to combat deaths because of heatwayes. Since then, the number of heatwave related deaths have come down with only 25 reported in 2018.

Anup Kumar Shriyastaya, an expert at the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said heatwaves are an annual affair in India, and the country is better prepared to deal with natural calamity. "We have identified heatwave spots across India where preventive action is taken I don't know whether this hap pens in France."

WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas said July temperature has rewritten climate history with dozens of new temperature records at local, national and global level, "The extraordinary heat was accompanied by dramatic ice melt in Greenland, in the Arctic and on European glaciers," he said, terming it a reality of climate change, not "science fiction"

Such heatwayes are consistent with climate scenarios which predict more frequent, drawn out and intense heat events as greenhouse gas concentrations lead to a rise in global temperatures "Every heatwave occurring in Europe today is made more likely and more intense by human-induced climate change," said a study published by scientists at World Weather Attribution on the Human contribution to record-breaking 2019 heatwaye in France, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland.

#### Dalit man

returning from a relative's house in the district after arranging ₹25,000 for his mother's treatment when he was called by the woman and decided to meet her. But her relatives came to

know of it and intercepted him. In the complaint to the police, the uncle claimed Abhishek was beaten, confined to a room and burnt to the death, said superintendent of police, Hardoi, Alok Privadarshi. The uncle also claimed that the money with Abhishek was snatched by the attackers.

Locals who rushed to the spot on hearing the young man's cries took him to a hospital, from know hospital. He succumbed to his injuries on the way to Lucknow on Sunday, Priyadarshi added.

On Monday, police arrested the woman, her uncle and aunt. Two neighbours have also been booked but they are on the run. A murder case hasn't been registered, though. Those arrested have been booked under other sections, including the Sched

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court negotiations another shot. While the Sunni Waqf Board is the principal Muslim party to the matter, the Nirvani Akhara is one of the three Ramadani Akharas involved in the case, the other two being the Nirmohi Akhara and the Digambar

tions would be added after the

Akhara.

Supreme Court is hearing petitions challenging a 2010 Allahabad high court order that trifurthe Nirmohi Akhara, the Sunni Central Wagf Board, and Ram Lalla (the child deity). The bench -Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, and justices SA Bobde. Ashok Bhushan, DY Chandra-

24 days. So far, a number of Hindu parties to the case have completed arguments, and Muslim Parties are arguing their case

chud and S Abdul Nazeer—has

now held day-to-day hearings for

The Supreme Court-appointed mediation panel was asked in February to explore if an amicable solution to the dispute was possible though a structured dialogue with, and between, the parties. The court. while passing the order to initiate mediation, had said that it was giving a chance for to the process in an attempt to "heal relationships'

In August, however, the panel informed the court that a consensus could not be reached.

The application by the Sunni Wagf Board and the Nirvani Akhara is yet to be taken up by the court for consideration When contacted, justice Kalifulla declined to comment on the issue.

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day outrightly ruled out any resumption of the mediation process

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The Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas which spearheads the Ram Tem ple movement, and representatives of Ram Lalla also said they were not in favour of mediation at this stage.

Advocate MR Shamshad, who is representing one of the Mus lim parties, the Sunni Waqf Board, said asking for mediation at this point is "meaningless". "Mediation started with a

Supreme Court order and ended with a Supreme Court order. The Sunni Waqf board is one of the parties, apart from six others. Nobody has the locus to tell the panel to restart the process, Shamshad said.

Supreme Court advocate Viplav Sharma said, "Usually, the role of mediators end the moment they submit their reports. After that the court takes over and decides the case on merits. But in exceptional cases like, Ayodhya, the court can make an exception and if it sees that mediation could yield results it can order resumption of the proceedings"

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