

Naini drops murder bombshell, demands PD Act against former MLA



Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy addressing the media outside the Warangal Police Commissionerate on Monday

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WARANGAL West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy on Monday made sensational allegations against former MLA Dasayam Vinay Bhaskar, accusing him of orchestrating the murder of former BRS corporator Anishetty Murali, Vaddepalli Pasha, Goud and four others in the Warangal West constituency.

The MLA alleged that a series of violent attacks on Congress workers had been carried out at the behest of the former MLA.

Accompanied by senior leaders, Naini met Warangal Police Commissioner Sun Preet Singh at the Commissionerate and submitted a detailed complaint seeking

immediate action.

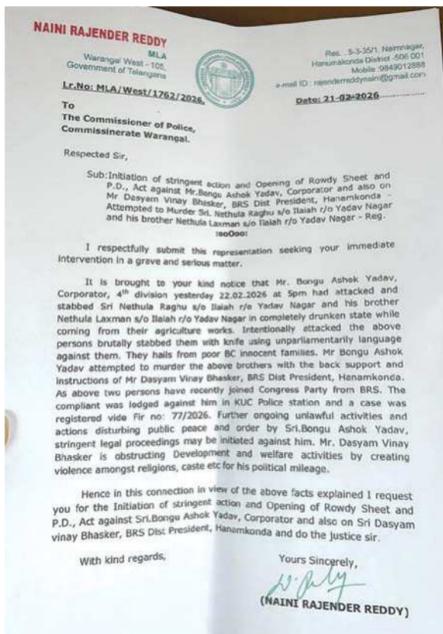
He stated that on Sunday, the 22nd of this month, local BRS corporator Bongu Ashok Yadav and his associates, allegedly under the influence of alcohol, attacked Congress worker Netula Raghu of the 4th Division and attempted to murder him. He further recalled that earlier, followers of Vinay Bhaskar had attacked Congress worker Thota Pawan at Hanumakonda Chowrasta in an alleged attempt to kill him.

Citing repeated attacks on Congress activists, Naini demanded a comprehensive investigation against Vinay Bhaskar within a week. He urged the police to invoke the Preventive Detention (PD) Act against the former MLA and to initiate city external

- Naini alleges former MLA masterminds murders and attacks on Congress workers
- Demand raised for PD Act, city externment and rowdy sheets against accused
- Warning issued of strong action if police fail to act within a week

ment proceedings. He also demanded that rowdy sheets be opened against those involved in the attack on Netula Raghu.

Speaking to the media outside the Warangal Police Commissionerate, the MLA accused certain BRS leaders of behaving like goondas and indulging in violence-driven politics. He alleged that such



behaviour had been consistent even during the Telangana agitation period and criticised what he described as attempts to intimidate political opponents through force.

Clarifying that the Congress government was focused on development and not violence, Naini said they had exercised patience despite provocation. However, he warned that continued attacks on party workers would not be tolerated. "If you touch our party workers, we will not

spare you," he asserted, adding that if the police failed to act within a week, they would not be responsible for the consequences.

He further warned that if such incidents persisted, he would personally confront the former MLA at his residence.

He also alleged that efforts to exploit religious or caste sentiments and misuse Telangana sentiment for political gain would not succeed in the constituency.



Follow ideals of Sant Sevalal Maharaj: DC HANS NEWS SERVICE NALGONDA

DISTRICT Collector B Chandrasekhar called upon people to follow the path of truth, honesty, and righteousness preached by Sant Sevalal Maharaj. He was the chief guest at the 287th birth anniversary celebrations held at Clock Tower Chowrasta in Nalgonda on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said Sant Sevalal Maharaj worked to eradicate superstitions among the Lambada and tribal communities and strived for their upliftment. Inspired by his ideals, the government is committed to delivering constitutional rights and welfare schemes to the poor and marginalized sections. He urged people to carry forward the saint's teachings of justice and dharma. The Jayanti celebrations are being organized across all constituencies and mandals in the district. Nalgonda Mayor Burri Chaitanya Srinivas Reddy described Sant Sevalal Maharaj as a spiritual guide who preached service, righteousness, and equality, guiding society through satyans. The meeting, chaired by Praveen Naik, was attended by tribal welfare officials, community leaders, Additional SP Ramesh, Deputy Mayor Ashraf Ali, and others. District officials garlanded the saint's portrait and paid rich tributes.

ONE DEAD, SEVERAL INJURED IN FREAK COLLISION ON HIGHWAY

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KODAD (SURYAPET): A tragic road accident occurred on the national highway near Dorakunta village in Kodad mandal of Suryapet district. A car traveling from Vijayawada towards Kodad suffered a sudden tyre burst, causing the driver to lose control. The vehicle overturned and was flung onto the opposite lane, where it violently collided with another car heading from Kodad to Vijayawada.

Cabinet finalises Budget session, Metro takeover

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If any official during their service dies of natural death, Rs 10 lakh additional apart from the regular benefits would be given. Cashless employees' health scheme would also be introduced covering 3.56 lakh regular employees, 2.88 lakh pensioners and their families. As many as 652 empanelled private hospitals will provide treatment for 1998 diseases through digital health employee cards. For this scheme, the government and employees will make an equal contribution to the trust which will be established with Rs 1,000 crore.

Cabinet also decided to allocate land to Congress in all district headquarters for the

construction of its offices. It also allotted 70 acres of land for JNTU college in Gummadur village in Mahabubabad district. The Cabinet also allocated 20 acres to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) in Khammam.

It also allotted land for a hi-tech fruit market and new 21 integrated international schools. Further, the Cabinet allotted 120 acres as compensation for acquiring 42 acres of defence land for road widening. The green energy policy up to 300 MW power generation was also approved.

The Cabinet also discussed ZPTC and MPTC polls. The government has no plans to scrap these elections as of now, it is said.

Tamil Nadu SIR complete

Names of 97 lakh voters deleted in draft list

CHENNAI: The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Tamil Nadu has been completed with the state now having a total of 5,67,07,380 voters, comprising 2,77,38,925 male and 2,89,60,838 female and 7,617 third gender voters.

Chief Electoral Officer of Tamil Nadu, Archana Patnaik, released the final electoral roll.

Post the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), the state saw 97.37 lakh voter deletions, with urban constituencies accounting for the bulk of deletions. The total electorate then stood at 5.43 crore, a drop from the previous 6.41 crore. However, after SIR, 34,75,717 applications were received both offline and online, including for inclusion. As many as 27.53 lakh eligible electors were added and 4.23 lakh ineligible electors were deleted during the period for filing of claims and objections from Dec 19 in 2025 to Jan 30.

As per the final electoral roll, the Assembly constituency with the highest number of electors is Shozhinganallur in Chengalpet district, with 5,36,991 electors — 2,62,621 men, 2,74,254 women, and 116 from the third gender. The Assembly constituency with the lowest number of electors is Harbour in Chennai district, with 1,16,896 electors — 58,221 men, 58,620 women, and 55 from the third gender.



The number of electors in the 18-19 years age group stands at 12.51 lakh, of which 7.40 lakh were enrolled during the special drive under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), according to the Chief Electoral Officer of Tamil Nadu. The total number of electors in the state has dropped by 11.5%.

Jeevan Reddy's political future in limbo amid exit buzz

- Internal rift with Jagtial MLA fuels exit speculation
- BJP and BRS reportedly reach out amid Rajya Sabha suspense
- Final decision likely after consultations with supporters



T. Jeevan Reddy

TIRUNAGIRI
VENKATESHWARA SWAMY
KARIMNAGAR

SENIOR Congress leader T. Jeevan Reddy's political future has become a subject of intense debate amid reports of growing differences within the party and invitations from opposition outfits.

A multiple-time MLA and former minister in the government led by Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Jeevan Reddy has long been regarded as a loyalist who

stood firmly with the Congress even during its difficult phases in the State. He consistently criticised the previous government when the party was out of power and worked to strengthen the cadre in the Jagtial constituency.

However, tensions esca-

lated after Jagtial MLA Dr Sanjay joined the Congress. Jeevan Reddy reportedly expressed dissatisfaction over not being informed about Sanjay's induction into the party. The internal rift deepened following disagreements over party meetings and local political affairs.

In the recent municipal elections, Jeevan Reddy's faction contested independently and secured several councillor seats, signalling his continued influence in the region.

Despite repeated interventions by the party leadership, differences between the two leaders remained unresolved. A recent phone call from K. C. Venugopal, All India Congress Committee General Secretary, to Jeevan Reddy further

fuelled speculation over his next move.

During a recent media interaction, Jeevan Reddy indicated that he was no longer interested in continuing with the Congress, intensifying rumours of a possible switch.

While some party circles claimed he had been offered a Rajya Sabha seat to pacify him, reports suggested that he had also received calls from leaders of the BJP and the BRS.

It is learnt that Dharm-

puri Arvind from the BJP reached out to him, with rumours suggesting that discussions even touched upon the possibility of recommending his name for a gubernatorial post after consultations with Narendra Modi. Meanwhile, sources indicated that K. Chandrashekar Rao and K. T. Rama Rao from the BRS also contacted him.

As two Rajya Sabha seats from Telangana are set to fall vacant, suspense continued over whether Jeevan

Reddy would be accommodated by the Congress. Political observers noted that if a Rajya Sabha berth was not offered, the possibility of his shifting allegiance could not be ruled out.

Jeevan Reddy is expected to hold consultations with his supporters in Jagtial district before announcing his decision.

Meanwhile, his followers continued to hope that the party leadership would accord him due recognition and respect.

'Heartbroken with status of West Bengal under Mamata rule'

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Naming Bengal's political and cultural icons such as Swami Vivekananda, Rishi Aurobindo, Subhas Chandra Bose, Rabindranath Tagore and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee at multiple points in his letter, Modi regretted the "darkness of chaos that grips West Bengal" in current times. "The West Bengal visualised by its iconic forefathers, such as Swami Vivekananda and Rishi Aurobindo, is now riddled with vote bank politics, violence and anarchy. The son of the soil of this state, Netaji Sub-

has Chandra Bose, whose call for freedom had once stirred the whole country, that holy land is now blemished with infiltration and torture of women. Fake voters currently dominate Rabindranath Tagore's 'Sonar Bangla.' "The whole country is worried about the darkness of chaos that West Bengal is sinking into," the PM wrote.

Insisting that the time has come to break the shackles of "silent suffering," the PM said that change is now "inevitable" in Bengal. "How long should we continue to suffer in silence? Change is now in-

evitable. The standard of living has remarkably improved in other states. Smiles have returned to the lips of the poor. Ayushman Bharat has provided health cover, new employment is guaranteed for the youth and women's safety is ensured. Bengal too should be part of this growth and development," Modi said. Stating that he "waited eagerly for a chance to serve the people," the PM quoted Tagore's "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high" and promised to bring an end to "corruption and mal-governance." "We

will ensure women's safety, curtail migration for work and restore the state's former glory. Religiously persecuted refugee brothers and sisters who took shelter here would be granted citizenship through CAA and we will establish the rule of law by stopping infiltration," Modi said. The letter coincided with the Bengal BJP's ongoing house-to-house 'Griha Sampark Abhiyan' during which party leaders will distribute the PM's communication to households during their grassroots outreach programme.

MASSIVE BLOW TO TERROR Armed forces eliminate 7 dreaded ultras

SRIANGAR: The Indian Army on Monday said that it dealt a massive blow to the terror network in Jammu & Kashmir, a day after security forces gunned down three members of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), including most wanted terrorist Saifullah, in an encounter in Kishtwar district.

In a post on X, the Army's White Knight Corps said that it conducted a relentless and painstaking high-altitude joint operations over 326 days in the Kishtwar region.

'Leave Iran by any available means'

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Indians in Iran have also been advised to have their travel and immigration documents, including passports and IDs, readily available with them. They are requested to contact the Indian Embassy for any assistance. The Indian Embassy has also issued emergency numbers and email: +989128109115; +989128109109; +989128109102; +989932179359. Email: cons.tehr@mea.gov.in. Indian nationals in Iran are also asked to register with the Indian Embassy. The advisory comes after new anti-government protests erupted in Iran on Saturday following 40-day memorials for people killed in January during anti-government rallies. According to Iran's state news agency, students protested at five universities in the capital,

Tehran and one in the city of Mashhad on Sunday.

A video geolocated by the news agency AFP of what appeared to be the demonstration at Sharif University showed a large crowd chanting anti-government slogans as they thronged around students waving the flag of the toppled monarchy. The US and Iran will hold their next round of nuclear talks on Thursday in Geneva. Oman's foreign minister, Badr al-Busaidi, confirmed the talks. Oman previously hosted the indirect talks on the Islamic Republic's nuclear program and facilitated the latest round in Geneva last week.

The Trump administration on the other hand has ramped up the movement of military aircraft towards the Middle East, as negotiations deal with Iran remain fragile.

Bill Gates building 'artificial sun' that could replace coal

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The exact model Type One Energy intends to build is known as a stellarator. A stellarator is a device that utilises very strong magnetic fields to keep plasma, which is heated to extreme temperatures, in a confined space.

Plasma is a gas that has been heated to such a high temperature that it becomes a sort of fourth state of matter. In a fusion reactor, the plasma needs to be heated to a temperature of approximately 100 million degrees Celsius.

At such high temperatures, atoms have the ability to fuse. Perhaps you have come across tokamaks, which are basically doughnut-shaped fusion machines being developed by other nations. A stellarator essentially serves the same function as a tokamak but differs in its design.

Instead of a simple ring shape, it makes use of twisted, finely engineered magnetic coils. These are intended to maintain the plasma in a stable state for extended periods of time. Tokamaks can struggle with stability problems. Stellarators aim to reduce those issues, though they are harder to build.

Maha seeks CBI probe into Ajit Pawar plane crash

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The Mahayuti government will ensure that all doubts regarding the plane crash are cleared, Fadnavis said at a press conference on Sunday on the eve of the budget session of the Maharashtra legislature. "I had received a letter from the NCP (an ally of the BJP) seeking a CBI probe into the air crash and spoke with Home Minister Amit Shah. Along with investigations by DGCA and state CID, there will be a probe by the CBI," he added.

Ajit Pawar and four others onboard a chartered plane

were killed when it crashed while attempting to land near Baramati in Pune district on January 28.

The late NCP chief's nephew and NCP (SP) leader Rohit Pawar has raised several allegations regarding the plane crash circumstances and suspected foul play.

On Saturday, Rohit Pawar wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, demanding that Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu be asked to resign till the inquiry into the incident is completed.

CCPA slaps ₹15L penalty on Vajirao & Reddy

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The CCPA highlighted that the specific courses undertaken by successful candidates constitute material information for UPSC aspirants. Concealment of this information misleads prospective students regarding the efficacy and scope of the institute's programs, violating consumer rights under Section 2(9) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

During the investigation, the Authority examined enrolment records and found that 431 forms lacked course details and submission dates, and many others indicated enrolment only in "Inter-

view Guidance Programmes" or mock interviews. This showed that several candidates had cleared the preliminary stages independently and approached the institute solely for final-stage guidance.

The CCPA noted that Vajirao & Reddy Institute had previously been penalised Rs 7 lakh for similar violations related to the UPSC CSE 2022 results. The recurrence of misleading advertisements warranted a higher penalty this time.

The Authority also emphasised the scale of impact, noting that approximately 11 lakh candidates appear for

the UPSC exams annually. Misleading claims can distort expectations, influencing students and parents who invest significant time, effort, and money in competitive exam preparation.

So far, the CCPA has issued 57 notices to coaching institutes for misleading advertisements, imposing penalties totalling Rs 1.24 crore on 29 institutes.

The Authority has directed coaching centres to ensure truthful and transparent disclosure of material information in their advertisements, enabling students to make informed academic decisions.