

Banswada clashes: MIM seeks release of minority youth

Delegation meets Minorities Minister Mohd Azharuddin and submits request

- Stay requested on further arrests
- Request also made for disbursement of compensation to affected shop owners

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A delegation of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) legislators met Minister for Minorities Welfare Mohammed Azharuddin and Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Mahesh Bhagwat separately on Monday and submitted a detailed representation regarding the Baswada communal incident.

The AIMIM legislators, including Mohammad Mubeen, Mir Zulfeqar Ali, Ahmed Bin Abdullah Balala, Kausar Mohiuddin, Mirza Rahmat Baig (MLC), and Mirza Riyaz-ul-Hasan Ef-



fendi (MLC) requested the immediate release of minority youth, a stay on further arrests, and the disbursement of adequate compensation to affected shop owners.

They also urged the Minister to ensure a fair and impartial investigation, take stringent action against those responsible, and implement measures to maintain communal harmony and restore peace in the affected area.

During the meeting, the leaders expressed serious concern over the recent

clashes between two religious groups in Banswada, which resulted in minor vandalism and tension in the area. Following the incident, certain right-wing organisations called for a bandh on Saturday, which was observed amid heavy police deployment. The representatives informed the Minister that eight Muslims were arrested in connection with the incident and requested a fair and impartial review of the cases. They urged that innocent individuals should not be har-

assed and appealed for their release after proper legal examination. The leaders also raised the issue of alleged looting and damage to Muslim-owned shops during the violence and requested that adequate compensation be provided to the affected traders.

Reacting to the violence, the Minister called for a thorough and impartial investigation into the incident and demanded strict action against those responsible for disturbing communal har-

mony. He emphasised that maintaining peace and protecting the rights and properties of all citizens is the government's priority. The issue of the reported demolition of Masjid-e-Maulana was also discussed, and concern was expressed over the matter. The Minister assured that the issue would be examined carefully and appropriate steps would be taken as per law.

In addition, the meeting reviewed the preparations for the upcoming holy month of Ramadan. Minister Mohammad Azharuddin directed the concerned officials to ensure that all necessary arrangements are made smoothly and efficiently so that the community does not face any inconvenience. The Minister reiterated his commitment to safeguarding communal harmony, ensuring justice, and providing necessary support to affected families.

Warangal police shine at state games, CP eyes national podium

- Warangal Commissionerate sportspersons excel at State-Level Police Games
- CP Sunpreet Singh urges greater dedication to achieve national-level success
- Commissioner assures full support for police personnel who excel in sports

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Warangal Police Commissioner Sunpreet Singh with players during the felicitation ceremony on Monday

SUNPREET Singh, Commissioner of Police, Warangal, said that with greater dedication and sustained effort in the coming days, sportspersons from the Commissionerate could secure medals at the national level.

He was speaking at a felicitation ceremony held on Monday at the Warangal Police Commissionerate office to honour police personnel who excelled at the State-Level Police Games conducted at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate.

The Commissioner attended the programme as

the chief guest, accompanied by DCPs Dara Kavitha and Ankit Kumar, Trainee IPS Manisha Nehra, Additional DCPs Suresh Kumar, Ravi and Srinivas, ACPs Nagayya, Surrender, Jitender Reddy, Madhusudan and Anthayya, along with RIs Sparjan Raj and others.

On the occasion, the CP personally met and congratulated the medal-winning sportspersons. Hockey players jointly presented a jersey to the Commissioner as a mark of appreciation. In a notable moment, East Zone DCP Ankit Kumar presented a bronze medal to the Commissioner, who had secured third place in table tennis at the State-Level Police Games.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Singh congratulated not only the medal winners but also all participants who represented the Warangal Commissionerate. He expressed satisfaction that the Commissionerate's sportspersons had delivered an impressive performance at the state level, securing more medals than the previous year.

He urged them to sustain their enthusiasm and intensify their training in the coming days to achieve success at the national level. Assuring full support to those excelling in sports, the Commissioner said the department would continue to encourage and promote sporting talent within the force.



K. Pratap Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of Kakatiya University addressing the media on Monday

KU Vice-Chancellor unveils TG EDSET-2026 exam schedule

- Examination to be held on May 12 in two sessions across 16 centres in Telangana
- Preliminary answer key to be released on May 17 with provision for objections

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K. Pratap Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of Kakatiya University, announced the notification schedule for TG EDSET-2026 at a press conference held on Monday at the Commerce College on the university campus.

He stated that the online application process for TG EDSET-2026 has started from the 23rd of this month.

He advised aspiring candidates to complete and submit their applications within the stipulated timeframe through the official portal.

The application fee has been fixed at Rs 550 for SC, ST and PH candidates, and Rs 750 for BC and OC candidates. The last date for submission of applications without a late fee is April 15. Applications will be accepted with a late fee of Rs 250 from April 22, with a late fee of Rs 500 from April 27, and with a late fee of Rs 1,000 from April 30.

Candidates who wish to make corrections to their submitted applications will be allowed to do so until May 2. The allotment of examination centres will be finalised on May 4.

An additional opportunity will be provided for last-minute applicants from May 8 to May 9 with a penalty fee of Rs 5,000.

Hall tickets can be downloaded from the official website from May 9 onwards. The examination is scheduled to be conducted on May 12 in two sessions — from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon and from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

The preliminary answer key will be released on May 17. Candidates may raise objections within seven working days by paying Rs 500 per question. If the objection is found to be valid, the amount will be refunded. The Vice-Chancellor added that the examination will be conducted at 16 centres across Telangana.

Time-bound action on Praja Vani petitions ordered in Mahabubabad

A total of 131 grievances received as Collector warns officials against delay and negligence

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ADVAIT Kumar Singh, District Collector of Mahabubabad, on Monday directed officials to ensure the prompt and time-bound disposal of petitions received under the Praja Vani programme. The programme was held at the Collectorate conference hall in the presence of Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Lenin Vatsal Toppo. Addressing the officials, the Collector stressed that applications pertaining to land record corrections, inheritance mutations, social pensions, ration cards and other welfare schemes must



be processed without delay.

He further instructed departments to respond immediately to complaints relating to drainage, drinking water supply and electricity, cautioning that any negligence in addressing public griev-

ances would attract strict action. A total of 131 petitions were received during the programme and were forwarded to the respective departments for necessary action. Senior district officials were present at the meeting.

Uttam vows to fast-track Gouravelli irrigation project

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IRRIGATION and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy exuded confidence that environmental clearance for the Gouravelli Irrigation Project would be secured soon, asserting that all legal and administrative hurdles would be cleared on priority.

At a high-level review meeting held at the Secretariat here on Sunday, attended by Transport Minister Ponnambal Prabhakar, the Minister directed the officials to fast-track land acquisition under a time-bound programme. He assured the farmers of fair compensation and speedy payments, making it clear that there would be "zero excuses" in completing the land acquisition process before the June 2 deadline set by Chief Minister A Revanth

Reddy. Part of the Indiramma Flood Flow Canal (IFFC), the reservoir was initially planned with a 1.41 TMC capacity in Siddipet district to irrigate 1.06 lakh acres. The capacity was later enhanced to 8.23 TMC.

Referring to the Supreme Court case coming up for hearing in two days, Uttam Kumar Reddy directed the Telangana Advocate General to be fully prepared with legal strategies. He expressed hope that the long-pending project, stalled for years due to multiple issues, would now move towards completion without further delay. He also asked government advisor (Irrigation) Adityanath Das to resolve bottlenecks and instructed the Collectors of Karimnagar, Jangaon and Siddipet to accord top priority to land acquisition, particularly in areas where urbanisation has driven up land values.

'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. tehran@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 over a potential nuclear 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.

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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 Rammoohan 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.

'Heartbroken with status of West Bengal under Mamata rule'

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"While on the one hand the youth are forced to migrate to other states for lack of employment opportunities, on the other, women of West Bengal are fearful and alarmed due to a lack of security," he added.

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 Subhas Chandra Bose, whose call for freedom had once stirred the whole country, that holy land is now blighted 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".

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.

Tamil Nadu SIR complete

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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 Shozhingalur in Chengalpattu district, with 5,36,991 electors — 2,62,621 men, 2,74,254 women, and 116 from the third gender.