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WINDOWS



Litigant forcibly removed from SC after abusing judges

NEW DELHI: In a dramatic turn of events, a litigant appearing in person was forcibly removed from the Supreme Court on Friday after he allegedly hurled abuses and threw his legal papers during the hearing of his petition challenging an Allahabad High Court order. The incident occurred before a partial working day bench comprising justices K V Viswanathan and Alok Aradhe. At the outset, the litigant adopted an unusually confrontational tone. "Mr judicial servant. I order you to order the registration of an FIR against the ACP Lucknow," the litigant, who was wearing a black coat without a lawyer's band, said while addressing the bench.

HC bars EC from notifying bypolls in five seats in TN

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court on Friday restrained the EC till July 31 from notifying bye-polls to the five constituencies in Tamil Nadu where the winning candidates resigned soon after getting elected in the assembly polls held on April 23 this year. The five segments includes Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay's Tiruchirappalli (East) assembly constituency. The First Bench comprising Chief Justice S A Dharmadhikari and Justice G Arulmurugan passed the interim order and posted to July 31, further hearing of a Public Interest Litigation filed by advocate K Venkatachalapathy. The bench directed Vijay and others to file their comprehensive counter-affidavits with all factual and legal assertions within three weeks.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Our numbers match. Let's sign the treaty

Cong will win 2029 polls with 117 seats: Revanth

- ▶ Says next Assembly polls will be held in 2029, not in 2028
- ▶ TG 'Assembly seats will be increased from 119 to 182'
- ▶ Lok Sabha seats will go up to 26 from 17

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CHIEF Minister Revanth Reddy surmised on Friday that, as the Bharatiya Janata Party is making efforts to pass the Delimitation Bill during the upcoming Parliament session, the state's Assembly elections would not be held in December 2028. He said the number of Assembly constituencies would increase from 119 to 182 and the Lok Sabha seats



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy taking part in a programme on release of Rythu Bharosa funds to farmers at a meeting in Khammam on Friday

from 17 to 26, with the Assembly elections likely to be held in May-June 2029. Revanth Reddy asserted, swearing by Lord Rama of Bhadrachalam, that the Congress would win more than 117 of the 182 Assembly seats. The Chief Minister ap-

pealed to people to ensure the Congress wins 20 of the 26 Lok Sabha seats from Telangana in the next parliamentary elections and urged them to support the party's efforts to make Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister. Revanth Reddy was addressing a public meeting at Jagannadhapuram in the Madhira constituency of Khammam district during the distribution of the final instalment of the 'Rythu Bharosa', investment support for farmers. On the occasion, he launched a sharp attack on former chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), the Bharat Rashtra Samithi and the BJP.

Declaring that Congress workers would not rest until the 'Kalvakuntla family' was driven out of Telangana's political landscape, Revanth Reddy said: "During the last elections, I said that, regardless of BRS' tactics, the Congress would win 65 seats. We secured 64 seats in the Assembly elections and won two more in the by-elections. Continued on Page 7

One Nation, One Election rollout likely by '29: Panel

A parliamentary committee is actively working to establish a mechanism for implementing the 'ONOE' reform

NEW DELHI

THE joint committee of Parliament examining the bills on simultaneous elections is working to create a mechanism that could make the 'One Nation, One Election' reform fully operational by the 2029 general elections, its chairperson said on Friday.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the panel's two-day meeting in Goa, JPC chairperson PP Chaudhary claimed that nearly 99 per cent of civil society stakeholders consulted so far have backed the proposal, which aims to curb an estimated Rs 7 lakh crore economic loss caused by frequent polls. The committee began its deliberations in Goa on the Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill, 2024, with



The reform seeks to prevent an estimated Rs 7 lakh crore economic loss caused by frequent, separate elections across the country

an interaction with Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and members of his cabinet, seeking their views on the challenges involved in implementing simultaneous elections and

ways to address them. "We had an informal interaction with the chief minister and cabinet ministers, who represent the people of Goa. We discussed how 'One Nation, One Election' can be implemented, what challenges exist and how they can be mitigated while maintaining a fine balance acceptable to all," Chaudhary said. Continued on Page 7

Modi lands in New Zealand on final leg of three-nation tour

First visit by an Indian PM in 40 years



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives in New Zealand on Friday

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday arrived in New Zealand on the final leg of his three-nation visit, during which he will hold talks with his counterpart Christopher Luxon and address the Indian diaspora. This is the first visit to New Zealand by an Indian prime minister in 40 years. Modi was received by Luxon at the airport, where the two leaders exchanged a warm hug. "Reached Auckland a short while ago. Thankful to Prime Minister Luxon for the welcome at the airport," Modi said in a post on X. "This visit is historic, being the first Prime Ministerial visit to New Zealand in four decades. I look forward to holding talks with Prime Minister Luxon and discussing the complete range of the India-NZ friendship. Continued on Page 7

Deeply moved by warm welcome from Indian community: PM Narendra Modi

The iconic Sky Tower in Auckland was illuminated in the Indian tricolour

AUCKLAND: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said he was deeply moved by the warm welcome accorded to him by the Indian community in New Zealand. He said that the enthusiasm on display reflected the Indian diaspora's enduring connection with India. Sharing glimpses of the welcome accorded to him, PM Modi posted on X: Continued on Page 7

Rajpal Yadav to go to jail as court upholds conviction



NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Friday upheld the conviction of Bollywood actor Rajpal Yadav in multiple cheque bounce cases, affirming the trial court's judgment and refusing to extend the benefit of probation in view of his conduct during the proceedings. Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma dismissed Yadav's revision petitions and upheld the sentence awarded by the trial court under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. The High Court directed that the amount of Rs 2.25 crore already deposited before the Court and released to the complainant shall be adjusted while computing the liability payable by Yadav. Continued on Page 7

Mystery strikes hit Iran after US ends attacks

Questions raised over who launched them

DUBAI

A series of mysterious, unclaimed airstrikes that hit Iran after the US said it finished its attacks have again raised questions of who else may be targeting the Islamic Republic. The strikes Thursday, just as Iran prepared to bury the late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, hit areas across southern Iran. The country's theocracy hasn't directly blamed anyone for the strikes, though one lawmaker issued a warning to the United Arab Emirates over allegedly providing support to the United States in its campaign against Iran. Gulf Arab states, which



Iran's theocracy hasn't directly blamed anyone for the strikes repeatedly have been targeted by Iran since the war began February 28, did not immediately respond to requests for comment Friday over the strikes. Continued on Page 7



Iran hatched fresh plot to kill Trump, Israel alerts US

TEL AVIV: Israel has shared fresh intelligence with the United States alleging that Iran recently developed a new plan to assassinate President Donald Trump, according to multiple media reports. The Wall Street Journal reported that Israel passed the intelligence to US officials this week. Continued on Page 7



SC to hear pleas for probe into Ram temple donation row on Monday

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court would hear a batch of pleas seeking a fair and time-bound probe into the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya on July 13. On July 7, an Ayodhya court granted one-day police remand for three of the eight accused -- Anukul Mishra, Lavkush Mishra and Karunesh Pandey -- arrested in connection with the alleged theft of donations at the Ram temple. On June 29, a local court had sent all the eight accused to 14-day judicial custody. According to the Supreme Court website, a bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymyalya Bagchi and V Mohana will hear as many as three petitions filed on the issue when the apex court reopens on Monday.

May be put behind bars or bumped off, says Hasina

Former Bangla PM Sheikh Hasina plans to end Indian exile and return to Dhaka in Dec

NEW DELHI: Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has announced that she, alongside other exiled leaders of the Awami League, intends to return to Bangladesh voluntarily around December, despite facing the stark prospect of arrest or death upon her arrival. In an interview with a



news agency, the 78-year-old leader, who moved to India following a

student-led uprising that unseated her administration in August 2024, stated that she plans to surrender before the judicial courts upon her return. She further clarified that there has been no communication with the current authorities in Dhaka concerning the scheduled homecoming. Continued on Page 7

After Nabin and Nadda, Amit Shah set to visit Telangana



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AFTER BJP chief Nitin Nabin and former party chief JP Nadda's visit to Telangana, Union Home Minister Amit Shah is set to embark on a key visit to Telangana. According to party sources, the visit is likely to take place after the winter session of Parliament, by which time the state party has been tasked with completing the booth-level cadre meetings. "The state party leadership is currently focusing on all the booths where it stood in the second place during the Parliament and the state Assembly elections," said a senior party leader. Besides, the state party is tasked with proactive

- ▶ Shah's visit his significant amid BJP's intensified focus on TG
- ▶ He is likely to focus on BJP's multi-pronged approach

participation in the ongoing SIR process, similar to West Bengal, which played a key role in weeding out ineligible voters. Besides, the booth level committees and agents are being strengthened to ensure the party puts in place a robust organisational structure within the three civic bodies in the GHMC area, he added. The visit of the party chief, Nitin Nabin, focused on outreach to the booth level chiefs. Continued on Page 7

CEO DEFENDS SIR PROCESS

'No submission of enumeration forms, no voting right'

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CHIEF Electoral Officer (CEO) C Sudharshan Reddy said on Thursday that the voters who do not submit their enumeration forms during the SIR process will not get the voting right.

The CEO also clarified that the Rohingyas living in the city would also be given the enumeration forms and issued notices. The EROs will be asked to be extra

- ▶ Rohingyas will receive enumeration forms and notices for review
- ▶ Electors must submit forms by July 26
- ▶ Educated voters can apply online

cautious while dealing with these cases. The CEO made these comments while



Chief Electoral Officer C Sudharshan Reddy participating in the 'Meet the Press' organised by the Press Club in Hyderabad on Friday.

participating in the 'Meet the Press' organised by the Press Club, Hyderabad on Friday. Sudharshan Reddy said awareness about SIR was essential in both urban

and rural areas. Voters who had not received enumeration forms should immediately contact their BLOs. He reiterated that deletion of a voter's name was not an easy process and that it can be done only after following all prescribed parameters, issuing notices, and recording valid reasons. Aggrieved voters can also appeal before the District Collector. SIR is a comprehensive exercise involving the prep-

paration of fresh electoral rolls and is aimed at ensuring a clean and accurate voters' list by removing the names of deceased, shifted, and ineligible voters, and not at deleting the names of genuine electors, he explained. The CEO said that enumeration forms were being distributed to all voters enrolled up to July 26, and acknowledgements were being issued upon submission. Continued on Page 7